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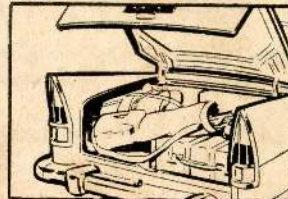


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THE NEW U. S. PRESIDENT

NO event of recent times evoked such universal interest as the election of the President of the United States of America. The reason was partly the record of public service of the two candidates, which pointed to a close contest, as it eventually was. But chiefly it arose from speculation whether the result would have an impact on the rest of the world as would give a new turn to international affairs. The suspense of the past few months called for relief.

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THE narrow victory gained by Senator John Kennedy seems to suggest that the American electorate was more or less equally divided in their choice. Indeed some observers interpret the result as presaging no significant change in policy at home or abroad. A fact that cannot be overlooked, however, is that, unlike Mr. Eisenhower, the new President has the full support of Congress and therefore will be able to act with greater confidence in discharging the responsibilities of his office and proceeding to new lines of action.

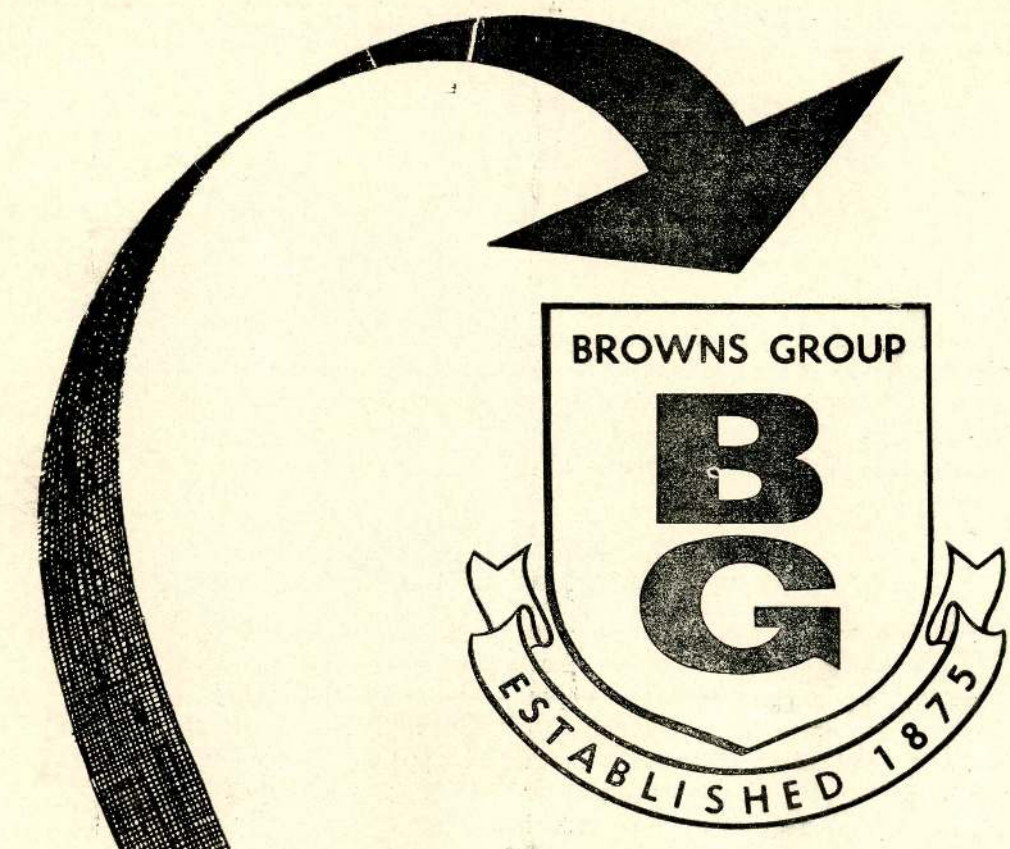
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IT is perhaps as well that Mr. Richard Nixon failed to attain the elevation he sought, although he is to be sympathised with in not having had his experience and resolute approach to issues recognised. He would have had to live down such reverses as the breakdown of the Paris summit meeting following the spy-plane incident and the rebuff America received from Japanese youth. That Mr. Eisenhower's personal backing did not avail him tells its own tale. Mr. Nixon is young enough, however, to make another bid.

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MR. KENNEDY starts with many advantages, not the least of which is that he can count on tried diplomats in formulating foreign policy. It is in this field that much will be expected of him, and probably not in vain considering the breadth of outlook he has displayed in his public utterances. It is to his great credit that the fact that he is a Roman Catholic proved to be no handicap to him, despite early signs to the contrary. The goodwill of all peace loving persons will be with him in exercising the tremendous powers with which the office endows him.

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MATTERS OF MOMENT

—By BRUTUS—

THE first official representative of the British government to come to Ceylon since the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, under the leadership of Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, was returned to power, Mr. C. J. M. Alport, Minister of State for Commonwealth Relations, spent six days in the Island last week. By formal calls he made contact with political leaders and met representatives of various interests at social engagements. He also went up to Kandy and kept a date up-country.

Greeted on his arrival at the airport by Sir Alexander Morley, British High Commissioner, Mr. Alport called first on the Governor-General, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, at Queen's House, and then on the Prime Minister at Temple Trees, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. R. S. Pelpola, and the President of the Senate Sir Cyril de Zoysa. He also met the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Dudley Senanayake, and several ministers. Mrs. Bandaranaike gave a banquet and Sir Alexander a reception in his honour. He was the guest of the Association of British Interests at a lunch and of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association at a dinner.

Mr. Alport also addressed the Institute of World Affairs and the European Association.

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THE American presidential elections were followed with keen interest in Ceylon and the victory of Senator John Kennedy made page-one news in the Press, which also carried feature articles on the new President and his vice, Mr. Lyndon Johnson.

Comment on the defeat of the Republican party was from the point of view of world peace. Although American foreign policy is bi-partisan, it is expected that with the backing of Congress Mr. Kennedy will be able to bring a fresh mind to the issue of disarmament and adopt a course of action which will reduce world tension.

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ON the occasion of your election as President of the United States of America, please accept heartiest congratulations from me

personally and from the Government and the people of Ceylon", said a message from the Prime Minister, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, to Mr. John Kennedy. The message continued: "As President of your great country in this critical moment in world history, you will be called upon to play a vital role in the settlement of those issues on which the future of the world depends, and I am sure that those qualities which gave you victory so convincingly will equally enable you to discharge those tasks successfully. I take this opportunity, and the people of Ceylon join me, to wish you all success in your endeavour and to assure you that



Mr. John Kennedy

New President of the United States of America.

Ceylon looks forward to working in co-operation with you in all the tasks affecting the freedom and welfare of all mankind".

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THE Prime Minister of India, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, declared open at Delhi on November 3rd a Buddhist pilgrims rest built by the Ceylon Government on land donated by the Government of India. The Prime Minister was represented at the ceremony by Mr. Maitripala Senanayake, Minister of Industries, Home Affairs and Cultural Affairs. Buddhist monks from Burma and Tibet as well as from Ceylon were present on the occasion. Mr. Nehru was received by Sir Richard Aluwihare, High Commissioner for Ceylon

Mr. Nehru said that the ties between India and Ceylon were old and enduring and he had no doubt that the strongest bond between them was the message of Buddhism "The message of peace and non-violence of the Buddha is, apart from its other connotations, perhaps something that is most needed in today's world of violence," he added.

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THE part Ceylon and her people play in the Commonwealth as a whole is depicted in an exhibition which has gone to London for three weeks after touring provincial centres in the United Kingdom. Eighteen coloured slides, as well as numerous pictures, show the agriculture, architecture and the way of life of the people.

Two Ceylonese are singled out for special attention. They are Mr. Gamani Goonesena, the cricketer, who is pictured in a section on Commonwealth sportsmen, and Dr. S. Paranavitana, the archaeologist, who is featured in the section on outstanding personalities.

The Ceylon Tea Centre in the U.K. gave a morning tea service painted with a Kandyan drummer as Ceylon's free gift to the exhibition, to be presented to one of the visitors.

The opening of the Commonwealth exhibition in London last week was marked by a luncheon at which the Australian High Commissioner, Sir Eric Harrison, proposed a new Commonwealth body to prepare for the next Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference. Sir Eric said that such a committee could iron out the many and varied problems that faced the conference and which took up so much time.

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BACKED by a heavy television and Press advertising campaign sales of pure Ceylon tea blends are showing a steady increase in Northern Ireland, according to the Ceylon Tea Centre in London. The campaign, promoted by a Belfast tea packing company, is designed to claim for Ceylon a much larger share of the market in Northern Ireland which, like the Irish Republic, is a predominantly Indian market. The company also enlisted the support of the Ceylon Tea Centre to launch a quality pure-Ceylon blend under the trade name "Jasmin".

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The Ceylon Tea Centre provided display material and loaned a demonstration kiosk for an eight-week tour to Northern Irish towns. The kiosk was staffed by one of the Centre's Ceylonese demonstrators, Mrs. Lorna Perera. A spokesman for the tea Centre in London said that so far the pure Ceylon blend was proving increasingly acceptable in Northern Ireland and, if the trend continued, the Centre intended to launch its own television and Press advertising campaign in the area next year.

THE Duke of Edinburgh has sent a personal message of greetings to Holy Emmanuel Church, Moratuwa, on the occasion of its forthcoming centenary in December. The Message was given to Mr. S. C. Fernando, Permanent Secretary of the Home Ministry, who is a member of the parish, in a private audience with the Duke at Buckingham Palace recently.

WITH a view to curbing gambling, the Government contemplates severe restrictions on the publication of racing news. A Bill is in draft, it is reported, permitting the publication and sale of racing news only an hour before a meeting and that only by the club concerned and on the course. The law will apply to the publication of foreign race programmes also.

The proposed legislation is also aimed at illegal "bucket shops", which flourish all over the Island. They deprive the state of revenue from the betting tax, which is levied on only totalisator bets on the race-course.

A census of beggars of Colombo organized by the rehabilitation committee of the Municipal Council produced a surprise to the enumerators. A number of persons approached them with the request that they be also put down as beggars if it would mean that they would get employment.

Professional beggars, on the other hand, resisted inquiry into their circumstances for fear that they might be kept off the streets. The census yielded confirmation that handicapped children are auctioned or hired to professional beggars.

The number of people dependent on public charity for their livelihood was found to be 452, but many of them have dependents. Besides persons able but unwilling to work, those classified as beggars include destitute widows and orphans.

A notable event in the development of indigenous medicine was the publication early this month of a treatise entitled "Charaka Sanhitawa" in Sinhalese. It was translated from the Sanskrit by Mr. R. Buddhadasa, to whom at a ceremony at the Prime Minister's official residence, "Temple Trees",



The Hon. Mr. C. J. M. Alport

a gold medal was presented by the Minister of Health, Mr. A. P. Jayasuriya.

A specially bound copy was presented to the Prime Minister, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, who in turn presented copies to several Buddhist monks, among others.

CLARIFICATION of the role of the private sector in the Government programme of development was sought from the Prime Minister herself by Mr. H. W. Amarasuriya, the Chairman, in his address at the annual general meeting of the Ceylon Merchants Chamber. In the late Mr. Banda-

ranaike's scheme a definite part was assigned to the private sector, he said, but statements made by certain ministers left them with a sense of misgiving as to the future.

Mr. Amarasuriya referred in particular to a statement by the Minister of Trade, Food and Shipping, Mr. T. B. Ilangaratne, that he intended to create broad-based organizations to handle trade and also to convert the Cooperative Wholesale Establishment into a People's Trading Institute and empower it to export tea, rubber and coconut. It was the view of the Chamber, he said, that if the public sector must enter the trade it should compete on even terms with the private sector. Government sponsored undertakings must not get more favoured terms.

Commenting on the Finance Minister's speech in the budget debate, Mr. Amarasuriya said he seemed to regard the introduction of foreign capital with some degree of indifference. This was not the correct attitude for a poor country like Ceylon to take, he contended. We should get as much assistance as possible from well-trying friends, while exploring the possibilities of new sources. He described the tax on nominal capital as iniquitous and diametrically opposed to conceptions of expansion and improvement of business enterprises. He suggested that the tax be removed altogether.

THE Hungarian-born Australian Mr. Stephen Leslie Bradley, who was held in Colombo on remand in connexion with the disappearance and, death of a Sydney schoolboy was expatriated to Australia on an order made by the Colombo Fort Magistrate, Mr. Srimevan Amarasinghe, which was suspended for 15 days to enable him to move the Supreme Court if he so wished.

At the request of Crown Counsel the Magistrate read to Mr. Bradley the charge appearing on the original warrant issued by the court of petty sessions, Sydney, according to which he was accused of having, on July 7th, 1960, at Sydney, New South Wales, feloniously and maliciously murdered Graeme Fredrick Hiltion Thorne. The depositions recorded in Sydney having been submitted

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to the Magistrate, counsel for Mr. Bradley, Mr. D. S. Jayewickrema, Q.C., said: "We find it unreasonable to suggest that the evidence does not present a probable presumption of guilt. To the multiplicity of circumstances that raise that probability, Mr. Bradley has a valid explanation, but this is not the place for it".

THE majority of poor Roman Catholic parents who wanted to enjoy the benefit of free education, claimed the Prime Minister, intervening in the debate in the Senate (which passed it) on the schools take-over Bill. Opposition to it was reminiscent, she said, of the famous remark "if the people have no bread, why don't they eat cake". The criticism of two senators seemed to suggest "if they have no cake, don't give them bread".

Replying to the charge that the take-over of assisted schools was not in the SLFP manifesto, she said that the March elections opened their eyes and in July they declared that the existing system of education did not help solve the economic problems of the country. They had therefore evolved a system more suited to the needs of the country whereby, instead of being divided into religious groups, the children would be brought together.

She refuted the suggestion that the Government's policy was dictated by Marxists. She would not be scared by the Communist bogey, she asserted.

THE Unesco Library Consultant, Mr. H. V. Bonny, who left Ceylon recently after a three months' assignment, has remarked on the great desire among the people in Ceylon for access to books. He has suggested that the various bodies concerned with providing library facilities should confer and pool their resources to plan further development and considered the formation of a Ceylon National Library to house records, archives and books at present dispersed as an urgent necessity. During his stay in the Island, Mr. Bonny attended a session of the seminar on the scope of social service open to university women, which was presided over by the Vice-President of the Ceylon Federation of University Women, Miss Doreen Perera who, comparing Ceylon's illiteracy rate with the U.S.A.'s, said it was a blot on democracy in Ceylon.

REAR-Admiral Royce de Mel, who was on a tour of naval establishments in India, was suddenly taken ill at Bombay last week. He was placed under medical attention

at INS Shivaji, a navy shore establishment.

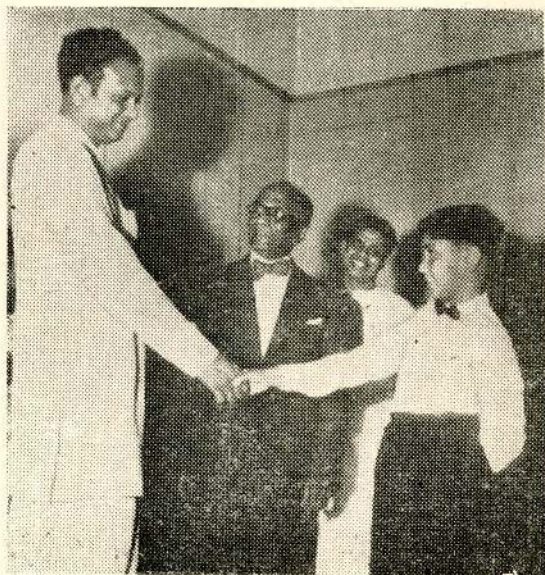
An early message said he was suffering from a strained heart and fatigue. An electro-cardiograph test later revealed that it was a case of coronary thrombosis. He was advised six weeks rest before returning to Ceylon.

In the meantime he and seven other Officers of the Navy have been interdicted by the Prime Minister following a search of two ships which went on an Eastern cruise which took them as far as Japan, on an allegation of smuggling dutiable goods. Admiral de Mel, flew back to Ceylon last Sunday.

BBRITISH lift equipment of the value of Rs. 641,000 will be supplied as part of the largest lift contract ever awarded in Ceylon—for the Ceylon Insurance Company's new building in Colombo Fort.

The contract has been given to Messrs. Walker Sons and Co., Ltd., of Colombo, as agents for Messrs. Otis Elevator Co. Ltd. From the latter's factory in London will come three high-speed gearless passenger lifts, two "dumbwaiters" (small lifts) and three hoists.

The remainder of the contract comprises three escalators—the first to go into operation in Ceylon.



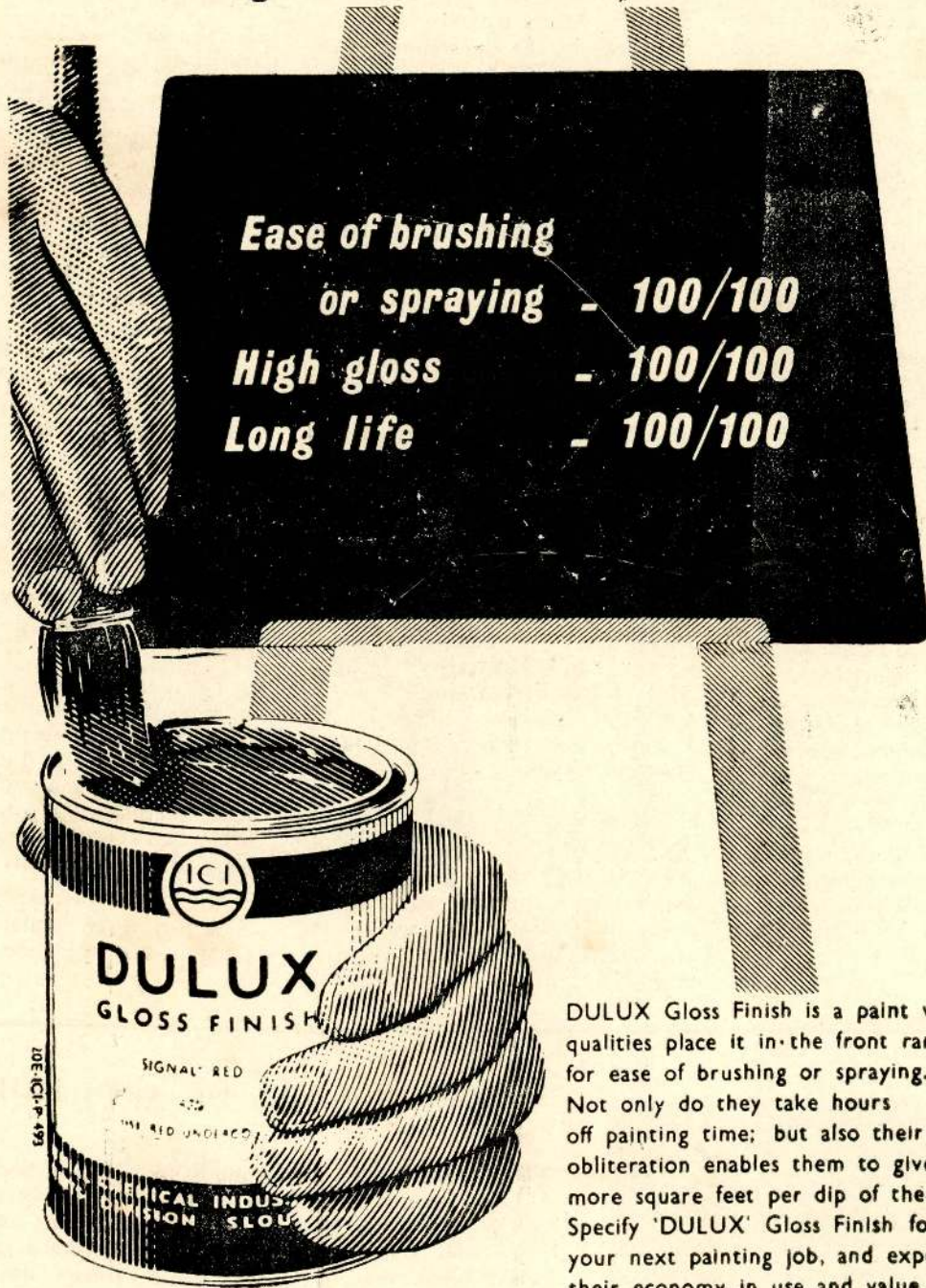
CEYLON SOCIETY OF ARTS EXHIBITION

THE 63rd annual exhibition of the Ceylon Society of Arts was opened on Monday, 14th November at the Art Gallery by Mr. Maitripala Senanayake, Minister of Industries, Home and Cultural Affairs. In our picture is eight-year old Senaka Senanayake, a pupil of Royal Primary, the youngest exhibitor at the Show, being congratulated by the Minister on his three paintings — "The Giraffe", "Snake Charmers" and "Bathers".

In the centre of the picture is 78-year-old Gate Mudaliyar A. C. G. S. Amarasekara, the oldest exhibitor and President of the Society of Arts who was also congratulated on his excellent work, which included portraits of two Prime Ministers—Mr. and Mrs. Bandaranaike. At his age his out-put is astonishing.

In another hall hung the Competitive section which included designs sent in for the "S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike mausoleum". Another important section of the exhibition was on a third hall devoted to photographs of Sculpture by Barbara Hepworth, a distinguished British artist

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GRANDMOTHER OF PARLIAMENTS

— BY ERNEST CHISHOLM THOMSON —

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

As a Londoner, I experienced a peculiar thrill the other day when at the election in Guildford of Sir Bernard Walley-Cohen as the next Lord Mayor of London, it was decided to send a message of greeting and encouragement to Mr. Harold Macmillan, Britain's Prime Minister, then at the United Nations Assembly in New York. The message was to emanate from the City's Common Hall, proudly termed "the Mother of the Mother of Parliaments".

Common Hall is the meeting of the Mayor, Aldermen and Liverymen of this ancient City of London—the famous "square mile" round which Greater London and its 8,000,000 population has grown. The City jealously guards its tradition of having begun a "parliamentary" or representative form of government hundreds of years before the "Mother of Parliaments" at Westminster took anything like its present shape.

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COLOURFUL PAGEANTRY

THE fact that a new metropolis is rising from the bomb-damage of World War II, with vast "skyscraper" office blocks transforming it into one of the world's modern cities, throws into sharper relief the historic and colourful pageantry which still encrusts the City's administration of affairs and especially the installation of a Lord Mayor.

While, the other morning, the City pulsed as usual with transactions of world-wide financial and commercial significance, the Lord Mayor and Aldermen were entering Guildhall in procession, carrying posies of flowers, to preside over a "Common Hall" of liverymen of various guilds.

These "Liverymen", so-called from the costumes which distinguished their trades or crafts centuries ago, constituted the elective assembly. Their votes elect the next Lord Mayor to office, thus vindicating the democratic principle which has been the City's pride down the ages

I have been looking into the records of some of the City's 81 livery companies. That oldest are the Weavers, dating back to the year 1184. Then come the Saddlers (1272), Bakers (1307), and the Goldsmiths and Skinners (1327). In recent times we have had newcomers like the Master Mariners in 1927, the Farmers in 1952 and, striking an ultra-modern note, the Air Pilots and Navigators in 1955. Now the Tobacco Pipe Makers, who ceased to exist as a livery company in the early 1860s, have asked to be gathered into the fold again. They were originally established in the year 1619.



Sir Paul Gore-Booth

Sir Paul Gore-Booth, K. C. M. G., the new High Commissioner for the U. K. in India, who arrived in New Delhi this month to succeed the Rt. Hon. Malcolm Macdonald, whose term of office ended in the middle of October.

LIVERY OF A SALESMAN?

IT may surprise many that the City of London, despite its enormous home and export trade, has never had a livery company of Salesmen. What sort of garb would have suited such a craft or trade might puzzle the most ingenious costume designer. Some-

thing rather flamboyant, I imagine, if we are to go by the description of the "perfect salesman" in a new book, "Selling Overseas," which has created something of a stir in United Kingdom business circles.

According to the author, Mr. Henry Deschampsneufs, executive of a London advertising firm, the ideal salesman should get on happily with people of all races and creeds.

Besides good health and the toughest stamina, he should possess the ability to withstand the temptation of too much food and drink. That such exponents of perfect salesmanship are roaming the world now I do not doubt for an instant.

Meanwhile, one of our most vigorous "salesmen" at home is Mr. Reginald Bevins, the Postmaster-General. He is going all out to "sell" the telephone habit. Presenting Britain's 8,000,000th telephone the other day to a Liverpool church, Mr. Bevins said he wanted more housewives to do their shopping by telephone. He thought that Britain ought to be as telephone-minded as it is television-minded.

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GROWTH OF TELEVISION

TELEVISION-minded they certainly are, to good purpose. According to the latest survey by the British Broadcasting Corporation, television is strengthening family life. After 13 years, says the report, the proportion of homes in Britain with television sets has risen from a fraction of one per cent. to 75 per cent. From questionnaires conducted among a cross-section of 8,200 viewers and non-viewers, it is obvious that television encourages families to stay together at home during the evening. It is said to make for sociability, too. There has been a major increase of visitors in homes with television sets—33 per cent. extra in Birmingham and as much as 37 per cent. in London.

My own experience as a viewer since 1936, when Britain opened the world's first television service, is that there are fewer social callers in the evening as more and more people get television sets of their own. In the early days my sitting-room was thronged with neighbours who could not take their eyes off the magic screen.

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A POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

—BY CROSS-BENCHER—

IT is four months since the general election and there is no sign yet of the Prime Minister arranging to take her seat in the House of Representatives. The matter was bound to be raised some time in Parliament, and it was done most appropriately when the House went into committee to consider the budget. The ball was set rolling by Mr. Philip Gunewardena, leader of the MEP, who said that this was the first time they had an empty chair for the Prime Minister in the House. He went on to question the legality of Mrs. Bandaranaike having been appointed Prime Minister by the Governor-General even before she was appointed to the Senate. He twitted the LSSP for being silent on the point; perhaps, he suggested, it was in order to negotiate with "the other side."

Mr. Dudley Senanayake, Leader of the Opposition, said he did not think there was a difference of opinion in the Opposition on the position of the Prime Minister. He recalled that during the debate on the Speech from the Throne he had observed that the Governor-General probably had constitutional precedent for calling upon Mrs. Bandaranaike to form a government, but the Constitution also required her to become a member of the legislature within four months.

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MR. W. DAHANAYAKE said it was to be understood, from the fact that the Prime Minister's seat was kept vacant, that she would take the earliest opportunity to become a member of the House. She might have even chosen to be a nominated member of the House instead of the Senate. She was in charge of a number of important subjects, like foreign affairs, immigration, the Police and the armed services, and questions were asked from time to time affecting those departments of which she should be aware without delay. He asked whether the Prime Minister would seek election to the House.

While holding that it would not be proper for the Prime Minister to be appointed a member of the Lower House, Mr. Pieter Keuneman

said it was not fair by the House that she should not be a member of it. He went on to compliment her on the courage and dignity with which she had endeavoured to carry out the policies of her husband.

Dr. N. M. Perera, leader of the LSSP, was of the view that while it was not strictly unconstitutional for the Prime Minister to be in the Senate, it was legal. The Government party, however, should follow parliamentary procedure and see to it that the Prime Minister was elected to a seat in the House. She should be there to feel the pulse of the country through the House.

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THE discussion closed on an inconclusive note. Speaking for the Government, Mr. Felix Dias Bandaranaike, Finance Minister and Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister as Minister of Defence and External Affairs, said he was sure the parliamentary party would agree that the Prime Minister should sit in the Senate, if she so desired. As for her election to the House of Representatives, he gallantly declared that his seat would be available to her at any moment she wanted it. Most of the other members too would be willing to offer her their seats, he suggested. It was for her to decide whether she wanted to come to the Lower House, and when. At the same time, he asked, could any one say that the Government had discharged its duties inefficiently because the Prime Minister was not in her seat. He asserted that the work of the House had not been hampered or hindered by the absence of the Prime Minister. He also gave the assurance that she followed the proceedings of the House through Hansard and kept in close touch with her ministers.

The discussion was memorable for an extraordinary incident. There was an exchange of names between Dr. N. M. Perera and Mr. Robert Gunewardena, who at one stage took off a shoe and advanced towards his former leader and was held back by members sitting beside him. The speaker named him and he was suspended for a week.

ALTHOUGH the schools take-over Bill had been passed in the House of Representatives, it was the subject of further debate when the education vote was considered in committee. Opposition was also expressed to a suggestion made by the Minister of Education, Mr. Badiuddin Mahmud, some time ago that the age of admission to school might be raised from the present four years and nine months to six or five years and nine months. The controversy was abated by an assurance given by the Minister that the question would also be referred to the proposed committee on the content of education.

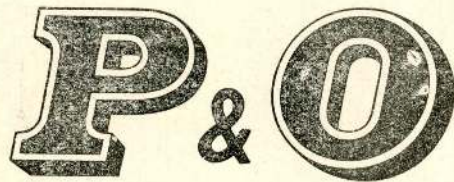
The schools take-over issue was also the subject of a demonstration by women before the official residence of the Prime Minister, Temple Trees. Several thousand women of all communities, but predominantly Roman Catholic, claiming to represent mothers of children, sought an interview with Mrs. Bandaranaike in her capacity of a mother. She however declined to receive a deputation chosen by them. In a statement she subsequently issued, she said: "...I wish to make it quite clear that I am not prepared to grant interviews merely because of ill-conceived and irresponsible demonstrations of this nature. An unfortunate idea seems to have gained ground in this country that established government must yield to pressure moves such as this. I do not propose to encourage irresponsible demonstrations."

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A detente between the Federal Party and the Government is pre-
saged by a meeting which took place on November 4th between representatives of the party and the Prime Minister and several of her ministers. The meeting lasted three hours, and the following day a statement was issued by Mr. Felix Dias Bandaranaike in these terms:

"Representatives of the Federal Party led by Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayagam met the Hon. Prime Minister and some members of the Cabinet at Temple Trees. The Federal Party representatives brought to the notice of the Hon. Prime Minister some of the practical problems that would arise in the near future in the implementation of the language laws. The Hon. Prime Minister felt confident that these difficulties could be solved with fairness and justice to all."

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“QUICK, THY TABLETS MEMORY”

—By L. J. SOERTSZ—

(Fortnightly Review Special)

THE memory of man is a very elastic container with a vast potential intake; but it also has a persistent seepage, which accounts for the fact that often many things that get into one's memory find their way out. To make up for this seepage, many readers, especially desultory readers, make it a practice to keep a note-book handy to jot down interesting passages, like witty sayings and anecdotes, which they come across in the course of their reading. The following sayings and anecdotes are therefore lifted partly from the tablets of my memory and partly from a book of jottings:

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TO begin with, here is what Socrates, one of the greatest philosophers the world has known, has to say about one of the most accentuated tendencies of mankind, namely to get hitched to a life-partner. Sociates himself could not resist this tendency. But his conjugal alliance was a far from happy one. His marital difficulties are well known, and it is these difficulties that made him give the world this bit of sage advice: “By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you will become very happy; if you get a bad one, you will become a philosopher.” This is certainly better than the monosyllabic and drastic advice of *Punch* to those who contemplate matrimony, “Don't”.

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IN the past marriage used to be just an episode in a man's life; but it was the entire history of a woman's life. But it is feared by many in our modern world that soon there may be a women's revolt against love and matrimony. George Bernard Shaw has said that it is a woman's business to get married as soon as possible and a man's to keep unmarried as long as he can. But this sensible process now threatens to change. It is said that the sanctity attached to marriage is in jeopardy and women are refusing to accept that it is holy to be married. But the conservative-minded—and they are in a majority—firmly believe that matrimony will

stay put till the world lasts. The following lines by a wag, however, are interesting:

Cries Sylvia to a reverend Dean,
What reason can be given,
Since marriage is a holy thing,
That there is none in heaven?
There are no women he replied.
She quick turns the jest:
Women there are, but I am afraid
They cannot find a priest.

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MARK Twain's recipe for insomnia is a fine blend of wit and a play on words: “If you can't sleep, try lying on the end of the bed—then you might drop off.”

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THE modern world is a dangerous world, we all know it, and we do not need the authority of a philosopher to be convinced that it is so. But Bertrand Russell's advice on how to preserve our sanity in such a world is worth noting. He says: “Every isolated passion is, in isolation, insane; sanity may be defined as a synthesis of insanities. Every dominant passion generates a dominant fear, the fear of its non-fulfilment.. The man who wishes to preserve sanity in a dangerous world should summon in his own mind a Parliament of Fears, in which each in turn is voted absurd by all the others.”

Andre Maurois is an author well known as a dispenser of wisdom in tabloid form. His defence of Goethe shows him at his best: “People accused the great Goethe of being inhuman because he refused to squander his dear time. Perhaps. Yet only such inhumanity made it possible for him to give *Faust* to humanity.”

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EMIL Ludwig, the well known German author, in his book “Gifts of Life”, gives this fascinating description of a former British Prime Minister's wife: “She moved

as nimbly as she wrote, and her small feet might have belonged to a girl of twenty. Known in London as Lady Oxford, to the world as Margot Asquith, she was proud of being a grandmother; and when we talked of faces, she remarked: ‘I have no face at all. It's only two profiles pasted together.’”

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BERNARD SHAW seldom gave any one a chance to get the better of him in verbal exchanges, but Winston Churchill once gave the great Irish cynic a beautiful knockout, when Shaw wrote to Churchill as follows: “Dear Winston: I have just completed a new play which I think is one of my best. We are having the premiere showing of it in London next Monday night. I think it would be a wonderful thing if you will attend, and therefore I am enclosing a complimentary ticket herewith. As a matter of fact, Winston, I am enclosing two complimentary tickets so you can bring along a friend if you have one left in London.”

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CHURCHILL, a master of repartee like Shaw, answered the letter in kind and wrote: “Dear George: I have received your very thoughtful invitation asking me to attend the opening show of your performance in London next Monday night, and regret exceedingly that due to a previous commitment (that's an old parliamentary gag) it is going to be impossible to attend. However, I am retaining the complimentary tickets and assure you I shall be mighty glad to attend the second performance if there is one.”

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THE great Napoleon once belittled the achievements of the world's great empire builders, including himself in the following memorable words: “Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I myself have founded empires; but upon what do these creations of our genius depend? upon force. Jesus alone founded His empire upon love; and to this very day millions would die for him!”

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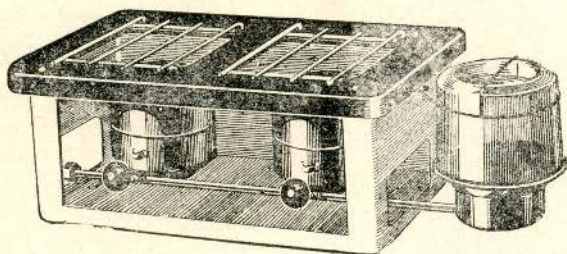
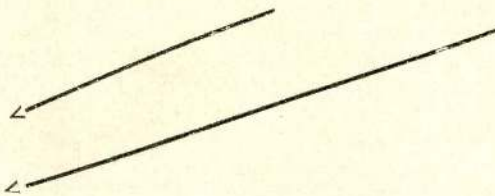


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LETTER FROM MR. RAY DE ZYLVA

Writing from 27 Duke Street, Feilding, New Zealand, on November 6th, 1960, Mr. Ray de Zylva, former acting Director of the Fisheries Department, says:—

“WE have been fortunate to receive a copy of your interesting journal every fortnight since the beginning of this year, as a Christmas gift from relatives in Colombo—and what an excellent way to give a Christmas gift! I feel sure that it must be a boon to all erstwhile residents of the Country to receive the *Fortnightly Review*, as we have really begun to look forward to its arrival, with all the little snippets of news of our former homeland. I say our former ‘homeland’ as we are New Zealanders now, having been registered as such after Ceylon applied the *coup de grace* on our departure by making us sign a declaration that we would not return to the country unless we brought a proportionate part of the assets we took with us on our departure. No room for the prodigal son, it would seem, in Sri Lanka’s household! However, it will be most unlikely that we shall be placed in that invidious position, with all the opportunities and friendliness of this delightful land and its charming people, who have welcomed us into their family circle.

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“I wish particularly to thank you for the valuable information I have been able to glean from your pages on the contemporary scene in Ceylon. Recently I was invited to address the Annual Conference of the National Council of Women, which was meeting for three days in the neighbouring city of Palmerston North, and the subject, they wished me to speak on was ‘The Emergence of Women in Ceylon’. Apart from the background of the times I have lived through, which I did not feel would adequately cover the subject, I had little I could draw upon other than your up-to-date snippets of information on women’s activities; and the article on ‘Women and the Social Change in Asia’ by L. J. Soertz I found particularly useful. People are not extremely helpful, even when you write to them for information you think will be of interest to an audi-

ence here, as well as beneficial in some unpredictable manner to the activity you are talking about. For instance when I had to address the Regional Conference of Y.W.C.A.’s on the work of the Y.W. in Ceylon my letter to a friend in which I asked for some data on their activities wasn’t even acknowledged! However, I think I gave the Conference something to think about.

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MY wife and I join in sending you our best wishes for Christmas and may the New Year see your *Fortnightly Review* going from strength to strength, ‘like a giant refreshed, as dear old J. L. C. R. used to say to us when bidding us godspeed at the end of every term at Brodie House, of which he was Warden—24 years ago.

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The following letter was received by Mr. de Zylva, from the Dominion Secretary, Mrs. R. R. Hayman, of The National Council of Women of New Zealand (Inc.)

Dear Mr. de Zylva,

On behalf of our members I convey to you very sincere thanks for your contribution to the International Day programme of our Dominion Conference held at Palmerston North last September.

Your address was an inspiration to all who were privileged to hear it, for it gave us an insight into the life and achievements of the women of Ceylon; we were proud indeed to learn of the part the women of your country has played both in the national and international field, since their emancipation only a short while ago.

This letter of thanks and appreciation is somewhat belated owing to the pressure of post-Conference work, but we assure you that it is nonetheless sincere.

MATTERS OF MOMENT

THE Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawhral Nehru, who was 71 on the 14th November, was warmly felicitated by hundreds of children at his home in new Delhi. Mr. Nehru spent over half an hour with the children who, standing in row upon row on the lawns, wished him a happy birthday. Several children presented him with sweets, toys, pictures and books.

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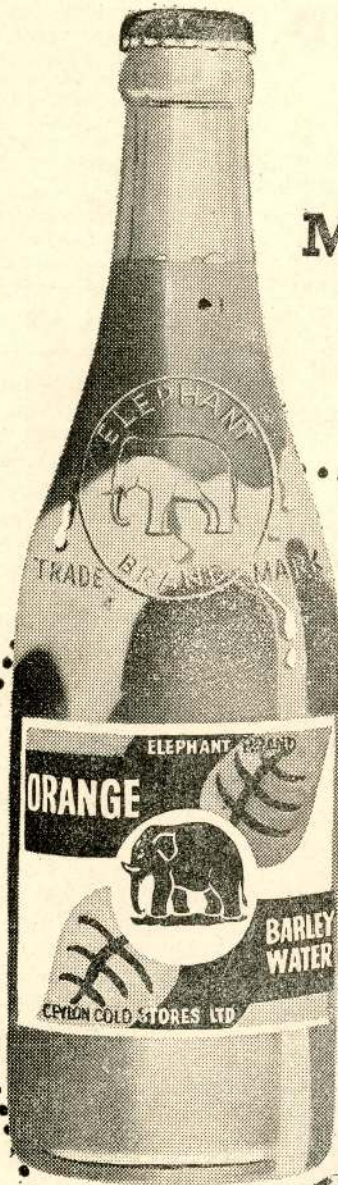
A PWD Research Institute has been set up in Ratmalana with assistance from the United States Operations Mission in Ceylon.

In declaring the institute open, the Minister of Works, Mr. P.G.B. Kalugalla, thanked the United States government for its aid in building the centre and for the equipment and machinery donated to it. He said that the institute would go a long way towards development of rural areas, which had long been neglected.

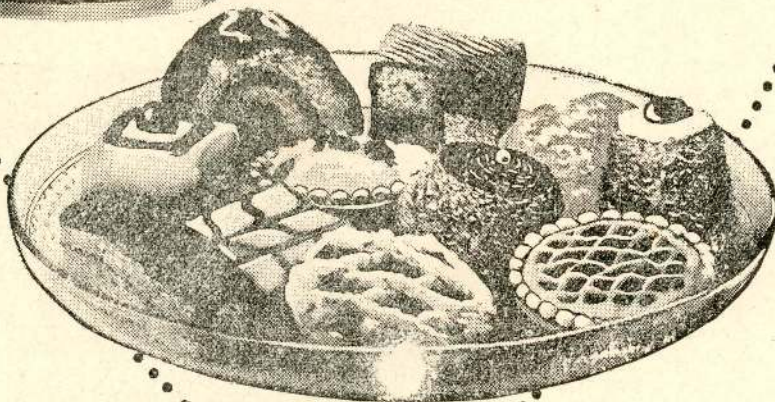


Looking into the future, but not trying to tell her fortune, Miss Vivienne Minchen is seen here with an imaginative design of a three-dimensional television set which could be in use fifty years from now. It was one of many exhibits which the British Pye Group put on view at its own radio, television and electronics show in London, recently.

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A LETTER FROM MR. W. T. GRESWELL

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

Taunton, October 20th

THE terms of the arrangement first suggested by the Australian Board of Control and now agreed by M.C.C. and the Counties were disclosed simultaneously last week at Lord's and in Melbourne. For lack of any more definite step in support of law 26 this arrangement, which has had a rather tepid reception in England, must be considered the next best thing in a situation which was shaping to be tense and may still be so when the "truce" (an ugly word) is ended and next season's First Test match starts.

What it would appear to amount to is that Australia will not allow a repetition of the Griffin incident as far as their suspect bowlers are concerned. Umpires will study these bowlers in all the Australian county matches preceding the First Test and in case of a doubtful action will make a confidential report to the Australian manager. But no bowler will be "called" for throwing until the First Test, when the truce is ended and umpires are free to do their duty by Law 26.

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THIS agreement is obviously a concession to our guests of next Summer, for the opinion must be held in Australia that they have no suspect bowlers. There is good reason for this. It is reported that Meckiff, in our eyes a flagrant offender, has never been no-balled in his life and, in five different countries, some seventy first class umpires have let him pass! The arrangement for next year is therefore fair enough in so far as it gives our umpires ample time for scrutiny and even an opportunity on comparing views. There need be no snap decisions based on hearsay and prejudice, or what is worse, disagreement between umpires themselves.

However, there are many who feel that a Law is a Law and it makes nonsense of it to allow a player to infringe it for several matches before calling him to order. But here again a trouble arises which has no right to intrude itself at all, for it concerns an all too wide or lax interpretation of the throwing Law 26. There should be no scope allowed for latitude.

UMPIRES of first class standing of all countries should be in full agreement as to the definition of a "throw" and should apply the Law with conviction and without hesitation. If the wording of the Law permits evasion of it, M.C.C. must remedy the matter. Umpires must know where they stand and must receive every possible support and encouragement.

This matter which will be such a big feature in our cricket next Summer has only one saving grace. It is sure to put up gate receipts and money is badly needed. Picture the first Test match and Australia including in their side Meckiff or one such, who has failed to satisfy our umpires previously. The public is sure to be aware of this in spite of the umpires confidential reports, for the press will be judge and jury before the coin is tossed.

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LOVERS of cricket must be unhappy in the realisation that this wrangle has crept in and threatens wholesome relationship on the field of play and off it between the two greatest Test countries.

In the meantime a report from South Africa states that the exuberant Griffin was no-balled six times in one match, not for throwing but for dragging his foot over the crease! He has now left S. Africa and gone to Rhodesia to settle down and escape it all. This happy and irrepressible young man has our sympathy. Good luck to him!

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CRICKET has perforce been very far from our thoughts in the past few weeks. If 4 inches of rain falls in the month of October it is considered very heavy if not phenomenal here in England. October 1960 will be remembered for all time, for just under 12 inches fell, a quarter of this in one period of 24 hours on a countryside already saturated and unable to hold any more water. There were in fact two flood periods in the month, the first on Oct. 5th and the second on the 25th. The damage and misery caused to luckless householders is very great, particularly

those living near small streams which in a moment of time became raging torrents sweeping through houses, undermining walls and washing away gardens. The floods spread across the South from Devon to Kent. As this is mainly a cricket letter it must be reported that the County ground at Taunton was at one time two feet deep in water, the result of the River Tone bursting its banks and flooding half the town.

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SINCE I wrote my last letter the annual West of England and Ceylon Luncheon took place at Taunton and was well attended by some 70 or 80 in answer to some good "spade work" by Mr. and Mrs. Groves, who this year acted as Lunch secretaries in place of Mr. Gibson, who has left the Taunton district for the London area. Because time passes and faces change there did not seem to be many whom I knew, but my immediate neighbours were Mr. & Mrs. Sentance Smith, once of Telbedde and Mrs. A. M. Clarke of El Teb, Passara, and my old friend Frank Creasy now grey haired himself! Amongst many of us old ones A.E. Blair seemed enviously young and in good heart.

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THIS letter leaves me on a day which may be important in World history and pregnant with possibilities. The result of the American Presidential election was made known this morning, crowning hours being covered by the B.B.C. in Television and sound. Kennedy for world good or ill, takes his place in the World, unless the U.S.S.R. be reckoned as such. And who would dare to prophesy the course of events in the four years of Kennedy's presidency? Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown.

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H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh, recently presented awards and diplomas to students representing 50 countries, including Ceylon, at the College of Aeronautical and Automobile Engineering, London. The ceremony was attended by officials from several embassies and High Commissions who received awards on behalf of students who have returned home. From Ceylon, Mr. M. A. A. Hadhi gained an automobile engineering diploma, second class.



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THE PASSING SCENE

—By SPHINX—

WHAT makes a murderer? If you could find the answer, you'd be worth your weight in gold to any police force in the world. But there is no particular "type". Nothing however, prevents various people from trying to come up with an answer. In Ceylon, recently, the prison authorities analysed the case histories of 150 prisoners convicted of murder who, but for the suspension of the death penalty between 1956-58, would have been hanged. Instead, their sentences were commuted to life imprisonment.

The authorities found that of the 150 persons 131 came from rural areas, ten from estates, seven from urban areas and two had no fixed abode. Thirty-five came from the Colombo district, 20 each from Kurunegala and Galle districts, 14 from Matara, 13 from Kalutara, 13 from Ratnapura, six from Chilaw-Puttalam and five from Jaffna. The survey observed that the "area of intensity" was restricted to the western and southern parts of the island and "one cannot help but note that this is probably the area where social and economic upheaval has been intense during the last decade or two and there has been considerable migration to urban from rural areas".

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CLASSIFIED according to age, 75 were between 22 and 30, 39 between 31 and 40, 17 between 41 and 50 and five between 17 and 21. Eighty-four per cent. of them did not have a criminal record of any kind and only 12 per cent. could be said to have had some type of record. Twelve out of the 150 were white-collar workers, 34 were trained workmen, 44 cultivators, 24 were labourers and only eight were not gainfully employed; 23 of them had incomes over Rs. 200 a month, 55 earned between Rs. 100 and 200, and 24 under Rs. 60 a month.

Twenty-four of them were totally illiterate, 55 had "studied" up to less than Std. 3, 52 up to Std. 7, and 19 up to Std. 8 and higher. By religion, 121 were Buddhists, 15 Hindus, 6 Muslims and 8 Roman Catholics. Sixty-five were legally married and 60 unmarried; 134 had their own homes and eight lived on

rented premises. Sixty-two of them admitted to being hard and regular drinkers, 37 drank occasionally and 51 said they did not drink at all. None of them had any record of treatment for mental diseases and, as far as observation by lay prison staff or prison medical officers (not psychiatrists) could see, 136 had no apparent mental abnormality and only 14 seemed "slightly abnormal or defective".

Well what do you make of it, if anything?

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BIDE a while longer in our prisons (figuratively speaking). Let us look at a few inmates as probation officers see them. There is N., a young woman, 22 years old, who had stabbed her aunt from behind with a betel knife. Except for a quick temper she appeared to be an "average village type" who, it seemed gained the impression from her father and brother that one could flout the law with impunity.

R. (46) wears a walrus moustache and a rough exterior but is a very sensitive and soft type who tended to break down when interviewed, and very sorry he had shot a man who, in his presence, had asked his wife to live with him.

C. attended a village school up to Std. 4, came to Colombo and set himself up as a pavement hawker, earned about Rs. 90 a month and lived in a rented room. A mature and sophisticated type, he drank frequently, went to the cinema once a fortnight and generally enjoyed himself after "working hours", was affectionate towards his family who stood by him throughout the case. Verdict, it was doubtful if he would have struck his brother-in-law with an adze from behind had he not been well "under the influence".

And so on. But that should be enough of crimes and criminals, I should think.

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ON board a P. & O. liner in Colombo last week were two unhappy young men who have travelled 40,000 miles in search of a country which will have them.

For over a year now they have been on board P. & O. liners, whose permanent guests they seem to have become. The men are Joseph Vaz (20) and Samuel Abdulla (24) and claim that India is their mother country, but India will not allow them to land on her territory. They would have liked to live in England but England won't have them, either.

In a word, the men are "stateless." Abdulla is stated to have been born in the Punjab, from where he fled when he was eleven years old, on seeing his parents killed. He spent the next six years in Fiji and then stowed away in a Norwegian ship which put him ashore in Japan, where he stowed away again in a Swedish ship. In 1956 he landed in Singapore, and a year and a half later he stowed away to Indonesia. In 1958 he smuggled himself to Colombo, where he met Vaz, who had left his home in Amristar at the age of 7 and made his way to the Persian Gulf, from where at 17 he stowed away in a Norwegian ship and disembarked unnoticed in Colombo. In September last year the two men were discovered on the "Strathmore" after the vessel had left Aden. Put on board another ship, Vaz escaped from it was found and put on board again.

In Colombo last week Vaz carried a newspaper cutting which stated that the Italian Government had agreed to adopt them, but the Chief Officer had no instructions to land the stowaways in any port. Meanwhile, whenever the Strathnaver enters port, the men are locked up to prevent them from going ashore.

BRITAIN'S Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, replying in the House of Commons on November 15th to a suggestion that he arrange to visit the Far East at an early date, said that he was grateful for the suggestion. He added that he very much hoped to make a visit to Malaya, because then he would have succeeded, as Prime Minister, in visiting every Commonwealth country. If, as he hoped, he could fit time in, it would give him an opportunity of going to other Far East countries.

PEOPLE

SIR Henry Moore, Ceylon's first Governor-General, who as reported in a recent issue, had been in and out of hospital for some months, writing to us from his new home in Grosvenor Square, Rondobosch, in Cape Town, on November 4th, says: "I am glad to tell you that I am now much better, though I cannot get about as I used to do. My wife, too, has made a good recovery from her eye operations, but is very tired after moving into our new quarters, where we should be more comfortable now that I cannot walk very far".

Their friends out here will receive this news with considerable satisfaction.

WE were sorry to hear that Lady Howard, wife of our former Chief Justice, had been seriously ill last month. Latest news to hand assures us that she is now getting on well. Her many friends in the Island will wish her a speedy recovery.

THE Honourable Philip Crowe, presently Ambassador to the Union of South Africa, was recently presented with the Yun Hui decoration by the Republic of China for his war service in China. Known as the Cloud Banner, the Yun Hui is Nationalist China's highest military decoration.

As Ambassador for the United States of America in Ceylon, Philip Crowe proved extremely

popular and will be remembered for all he did for the welfare of the Island. He made friends wherever he went and his love of the Ceylon Jungle showed him to be a very good mixer.

THE death occurred on November 6th in Colombo of Mr. T. D. Jayasuriya, former Director of Education. Mr. Jayasuriya joined the inspectorate of the Department of Education from Royal College, where he was assistant master. He retired in 1956.



Mr. Ernest Marples

Mr. Ernest Marples, Minister of Transport, was the former Postmaster-General. Before that he was Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government from 1951—54.

THE death is reported at his home in Hungerford, Berkshire, of Mr. Basil F. W. Barr Hamilton, former Manager of Cargills, Kandy. He was 57.

WE had interesting news last week of two good friends of this journal, Mr. & Mrs. D. H. Lewes, who spent many years on Duckwari Group, Rangala. They say: "Living in one's motherland definitely has advantages, but O! what cold and wet comfort the 'maternal' bosom bestows! The occasional dry patches we revelled in during the Spring and Summer are forgotten, and we can only find comfort in the knowledge that Littlehampton's climate is better than in most places in England! We are just wondering about the Winter, whether to spend it in Spain again or not. It is not and we must find comfort in our nostalgic memories of our eight delicious months there last year.

"The Waddells (late C.P.S. Secretary and his wife) are already established in Torremolinos, and that delectable spot will be charming several visitors from Ceylon during the Winter, including the Dick Beans, and the Dimolines. I am surprised that so few Ceylonese seem to break their journey at Gibraltar to take a look at the 'sunny coast' of Spain.

BECAUSE of so much extraneous doings we have not been about much, apart from local visiting, including calls on Bill and Enid Donaldson, and Olive and Stewart Wilson, who live nearby. Last Sunday we enjoyed a curry lunch at the Willow Cottage Restaurant run by the Greenhows (they retired from planting eight years ago,) at Pulbrough. It was grand.

"On one of my visits to London I sat next to a Ceylonese girl wearing a sari, in a Tube train. We chatted and I discovered that she was Cissie Perera from Ratmalana. We had met in Ceylon years ago. How happy one feels to talk to someone from Ceylon! In a way we are exiles here just as we were in Ceylon, as no-one in England who has not been to Ceylon can speak the same language.

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FORMER Managing Director of Keell & Waldock, Ltd., Mr. N. D. G. Greene, who left Ceylon on retirement some months ago, has now made his home at Tall Timbers, Horney Common, Maresfield, Sussex. He is likely to get all the golf he desires in this part of Sussex.

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PEOPLE

MAJOR J. H. Hoare, R.E. (Retd), who has been Managing Director of Messrs Hoares (Ceylon) Ltd., for many years, will be leaving the Island by "Worcestershire" about the 13th January, and plans to be in the U.K. for a while and travel abroad very probably later.

Major Hoare is a son of Mr. H. J. Hoare, who founded the firm of Hoare & Co., in the early years of this century and was known to old timers as an exceptionally keen sportsman, and a standout Soccer half-back.

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THE death of Gate Mudaliyar Vincent de Silva of "Wasala Walauwa", Mattakuliya, on Thursday, 17th November, removes from the scene a sportsman, philanthropist and social worker who was known throughout the length and breadth of the Island. He was ninety-four years old and the last survivor of the historic nine-run match of 1885 in which he opened the innings for Royal against St. Thomas' and scored one run.

A most popular and loveable citizen of Mattakuliya all his life his death creates a great void and removes a vital link between past and present. A founder member of the Sinhalese Sports Club, and the senior Vice-President, he was its most regular habitue till a year ago when his health prevented him from leaving his residence. He lavishly entertained members of the Club on his birthday at the Club pavilion, but last year the members were hosts and few thought that would be his last visit. He will be sadly missed. The funeral at the General Cemetery was very argely attended.

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MR. P. Sri Skanda Rajah, the newly appointed Commissioner of Assize took his oaths on Monday, 14th November, before Mr. Justice Sansoni.

Mr. Sri Skanda Rajah, who was District Judge of Jaffna has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Mr. L. B. de Silva, who succeeded Mr. Justice Mr. M. F. S. Pulle last month.

MR. Asa Bafagih has assumed duties as Ambassador for Indonesia in Ceylon. He succeeds Mr. Soerianata Djoemena.

Mr. Bafagih was formerly a journalist.

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MR. Shelton Padmasiri Wijayaratna, assistant architect in the Public Works Department Colombo, is among architects from all over the Middle and Far East now attending a nine-month course in tropical architecture at the British Architectural Association's School in London.

In Ceylon Mr. Wijayaratna was working under the Chief Architect on new and improved types of residential quarters as part of the Government's scheme for raising architectural standards. He also designed improvements to the rest houses at Polonnaruwa and Kitulgala.

MR. R. W. B. Carter, Economic Adviser to the United Kingdom High Commissioner and Trade Commissioner-in-charge in Ceylon, has been appointed Economic Adviser to the United Kingdom High Commissioner and Senior Trade Commissioner in Pakistan. Mr. Carter will be succeeded at Colombo by Mr. J. F. Saunders, at present serving as United Kingdom Trade Commissioner at Hong Kong.

Mr. Saunders was a member of the Indian Civil Service from 1934 to 1947. He joined the Board of Trade in 1948, since when he has served in Pakistan, Canada and Hong Kong. Mr. Carter will return to Ceylon after completing his present leave and will take up duty in Karachi in February, 1961, when, also, Mr. Saunders will arrive in Colombo.

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THE TEACHING OF THE CLASSICS

—BY L. W. DE SILVA—

(Fortnightly Review Special)

ONE of the objects of the Classical Association of Ceylon is to improve the practice of classical teaching by free discussion of its scope and method. Teachers of the classics do not appear to realize, presumably because they have not given thought to the problem, that the ultimate aim of the classics is not the classics but the resulting influence which a classical education imparts. The self-reliance and plasticity which enable the classically educated person to adapt himself to the environment in which he has to work are by no means certain of attainment unless Greek and Latin are taught in our schools in a cultural setting. The pupil

does not know, because he is not told, why he should study Greek or Latin or both. He does not know who the Greeks and the Romans were, and why it is necessary to know something of what they have left behind. If the ancients are introduced to the pupils in a social atmosphere during the first part of the lesson from time to time, the learning of the languages should not be the trouble it is to many.

THE time spent in trying to make beginners remember, for instance, the ablative plural of *filia*, meaning a daughter, could

be put to better use because the ablative plural of this word occurs probably only twice in the Latin language. The important thing is to teach what is common because what is common is essential. The manner of making the pupil commit to memory a large mass of the accidence without some practice in the use of the words learned makes no impression at all on the learner. It is not only a waste of time but breeds disgust. The study of grammar is of no use if it is divorced from the study of speech.

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IT is the method of teaching which has bred the idea that learning Greek and Latin is a waste of time. The teacher should put on the blackboard periodically some notable line or phrase in Greek and Latin to give some idea of what is waiting for the pupil as his knowledge grows. This is one of the surest ways of creating an interest in the subject and of introducing vocabulary, grammar and syntax at the same time.

The method of teaching Greek and Latin should be designed to ensure that the matter which the student reads is intelligent and interesting so as to bring him into close touch with the background of the ancient world and acquaint him from an early age with its character and atmosphere and its relation to modern times. The teacher should make it a point to devote a few minutes of the period to making a few observations on some subject suggested by the lesson, and it is important to discover on some later occasion what impression such observations had made on the pupil.


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IT is essential that pronunciation should adhere to quantities. Poetry should never be read as though it were prose. Without logical reading, logical writing cannot be attained. Grammar should be a means to an end. Continuous use of it in the class, oral and written, is essential. One knows too well the practice of the teacher who leaves it to the pupil to learn vocabularies and hopes that the pupil learns them somehow.

Even if he does, a mechanical mastery of bewildering vocabularies is like dead weight in a congregation of vapours. Voca-

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bularies should be related to realities by association and repetition, which have a great value and which relieve the growing burdens on the memory. It is well known that students going to our University are

“Those who are dull and unteachable are but few in number. A proof of what I say is to be found in the fact that boys commonly show promise of many accomplishments, and when such promise dies away as they grow up, this is plainly due not to the failure of natural gifts but to the lack of the requisite care.”

The manner of teaching the Classics must be gradually and systematically designed to teach literature. A sense of awareness cannot be instilled into the pupils unless the subject matter is read aloud correctly and understood by them. The mere translation of authors is not sufficient. The teachers and the taught must be conscious of the fact that there were such people as the Greeks and the Romans, who had their own languages as well as human feelings.

The understanding and enjoyment of their languages and literatures can be made to be good companions. If these are combined, facility in translation becomes simple.

The use of visual aids, apart from the blackboard, has made the teaching and the learning of the Classics in other countries such as England very effective. Visual aids do not mean only films and film-strips. Photographs, small maps and charts, drawings, newspaper cuttings and the like are also included. Such aids are specially valuable if made and arranged suitably by the pupils themselves. Some editions of school texts are well illustrated with pictures in colour or black and white. These are not for mere passive gazing. The teacher should fill the pupils' mind with the painted show. Attention to detail should be carefully drawn by the teacher who should follow up the work by oral and written work, remembering always that visual aids are only aids to, and not substitutes for teaching.

Much can be achieved if pupils are required to make phrase-books. These should be based on the authors read in class and the translations of English passages into Latin or Greek.

This practice in composition coordinates the eye and the mind and enables the student to appreciate to once the differences in idiom in the languages used. Such signposts on the way to appreciation are guides to the creative element which ultimately helps to produce a convincing style in composition. The process of teaching as well as of learning Greek and Latin involves considerable trouble. The material used consisting of grammars, dictionaries and the like is more elaborate than what is necessary for mastering a modern language. All this means that the obstacles are many, but the toil of getting at intellectual truth and the enjoyment of it are inseparable, for there is no definition of boundaries in such labours. The purpose of all teaching must be to lead the students to make their own discoveries.

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THESE AIRCRAFT SERVE THE WORLD

— By ALAN TOMKINS —

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

YEAR by year, at an ever-increasing pace, the aeroplane takes a more important role in the economic life of a community. Not so long ago it was only possible to open up certain interior areas of a country after months or years of road-making, railroad laying or river dredging. Today, a rough landing strip can often be prepared in a matter of days and an airport is born.

Air transport today is speedy, safe and economic, and in this report from London, air correspondent Alan Tomkins talks about some of the all-purpose machines and equipment available to the world's airlines:

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TO my mind, one of the ugliest aircraft ever made was the Bristol Freighter. But it was also one of the safest—and one of the world's most successful. It's about fourteen years ago now since a former Canadian bush pilot—Tim Sims was his name—carried out a fourty-thousand mile tour of the North and South American continents. He took the freighter across the Atlantic from Britain with his first load—a collection of fashions for Montreal. Then he carried trucks for the Canadian Army, took supplies to a remote mine in the Yukon. Turning south, he carried bags of cement from Caracas in South America to an inland town. Carcasses of beef was the return load. In five months he picked up freight in a hundred-and-fifty towns. Other freighters toured Australia, India, Africa..... These tours resulted in more than two hundred sales—and so fewer than a hundred-and-fifty of these freighters are still doing a hard, daily job of work!

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MY mind went back to those days when I contacted some of Britain's major companies on their output and sales programmes for the many new helicopters and air transport machines they have developed for the tough, slogging work that's called for in the back lands where airfields are rough affairs or even non-existent.

The Westland Aircraft concern was one of them. They are one of the three huge groups formed in the recent mergers, and they make helicopters—not only their own, but those of their allied firms of Saunders-Roe, Fairey and Bristol. They've got no fewer than eight types of these whirling-blade machines on the production lines. This is rather a lot of models, though all have special features. I expect that demonstration tours of Africa, South America and Australia and New Zealand will help to decide which types are to be continued. Prospects are bright where there are mines, oil wells, dams and bridges bridges to be built in wild areas not yet served by good roads, rail or airports.

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RECENTLY there have been, the wonderful round-the-world demonstrations of the Comet jet aircraft. About sixty of the Comet mark fours have been delivered or are on order. The customers are airlines in Argentina, Mexico, Greece and the Middle East.

In the last two years Handley Page turbo-prop Heralds have flown more than a hundred and seventy thousand miles on world demonstration flights. The first machine toured the Brazilian jungles, the Australian outback, Pakistani mountain areas and the New Zealand southlands. They carried well over four thousand passengers and made nearly four hundred and thirty landings—some of them on very rough ground, indeed.

Another Herald, touring Brazil this year, broke its tour to help in the relief work in flood devastated areas in the north-west. On one flight alone, seven tons of supplies were carried to the stricken area.

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TURNING for a moment to another aircraft, I would have thought that the brilliantly successful de Havilland Dove, of which five-hundred have been sold since the end of World War Two, had about come near the end of its career. But, no, a new model, the

Mark Eight gives it a new lease. It is normally an eight-seater, but there are alternatives designed for office equipment or fewer seats with great luxury. A new canopy gives more room in the cockpit. New instruments and radio make it a truly all-weather machine. American customers already own a hundred of the earlier Doves. Now they can order interior furnishing to their own design.

Two Ambassador airliners have been bought from British European Airways by the Shell company to carry oil executives to the Continent and the Near East. They used to carry forty-seven passengers. Now they have been converted to a three-cabin lay-out, and carry only ten passengers—but in what a regal style.

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THESE are but a few pointers to the trend in everyday aircraft for the world's airlines. Just as the de Havilland Dove, which I mentioned, has become a sort of "flying office", so other aircraft are being developed or adapted, not for occasional flight for those with enough money, but to make for faster, more economical everyday transport...the carrying of cargo as well as people...safe, speedy, cheap transport in rough or hitherto almost inaccessible territory. The aeroplane will not replace road and rail transport but—and this is especially true of the helicopter—it will open out territory at a tremendously increased pace. It now plays an important part in the economic development of a country.

COMMISSIONER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MR. W. D. V. Mahatantila has been appointed to act as Commissioner of Local Government. He relieves Mr. V. C. Jayasuriya, who is also Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government.

Mr. Mahatantila joined the service as an assistant commissioner in 1945. He has been senior assistant commissioner at headquarters since 1948.

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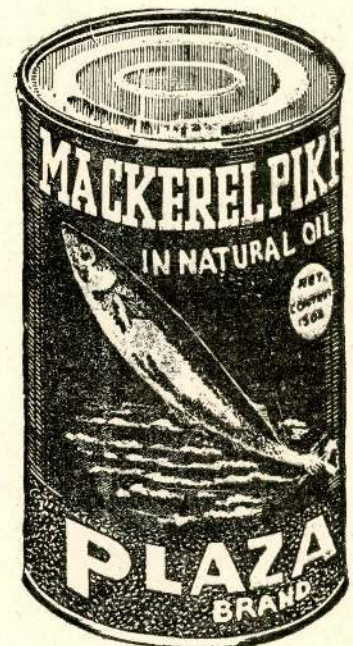


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MAHSIR MADNESS

By DOUGLAS RAFFEL

(Fortnightly Review Special)

FEW sportsmen have that priceless book "The Rod in India" by H. S. Thomas, F.L.S., F.Z.S., of the Indian Civil Service in the days of the British Raj, and a confirmed "brother of the angel". In this book you can read of the patience, optimism and cleverness of an angler who has lured out of the depths of silent pools a fish which he describes as being a greater fighter than the "lordly salmon". It is the Mahsir (big mouth) which Thomas rightly calls "a son of a rogue" and "the mother of all rogues". Even those of you who have never angled for any kind of fish (poor fish, you!) will thrill to read in Thomas' book of how a certain Lt. Colonel, of the Indian Army, obtained a 126 lb. record mahsir after a seven and a half hour fight on an 18-lb line by a jungle pool (years later to run with the blood of valiant Chindits) and ending at 2 o'clock in the morning.

In Ceylon, we too have the mahsir. Its Sinhalese name, according to the locality it is found in, is "laylu" or "horapolaya". In certain streams and rivers flowing through mid-country estate and jungles, mahsir may be found and secured, ranging from bonny fighting two pounders to as much as—well, one I got tied up with one day and whom I eventually lost was a six footer—or so he looked to me. He broke a best silk 24-lb line as though it were mere thread.

I had been an angler for some years before I decided to try for mahsir. In this time I had come to know of several places where these "sons of rogues" could be lured to take a bait by a patient angler. So one Saturday I set out with great enthusiasm for a certain Rest House, some distance away from which were some very good mahsir pools. After a break-neck motorcycle ride I got there about 3 p.m. changed, had tea, and set out for the pools, all aquiver with enthusiasm. I was to use a salmon rod and line and was armed with spoons from 2" to 4" in approved mahsir style.

Now, in most fishing for game fish, it is essential that the monarchs of the pools and runs be angled for

in what is called "gin clear" water. To my great disappointment I found these pools muddied by rain higher up in the Peak Wilderness. So of mahsir I saw none and after an hour and a half a unsuccessful spinning, I tried other tactics and landed three eels! On the Sunday morning overnight rain had made the pools even muddier, so after a noggin of Beck's I rode back home.

THE following Saturday I was out again. And for some reason which I have never been able to explain satisfactorily to myself, I took a light trout outfit with me. I found the river low and "gin clear" and in great glee cast my lure in. After about the 10th cast I was brought up with a jerk. Something had taken my lure and dashed off with it at such speed that in a flash I lost about 50 yards of line and lure and fish! I sat back a sadder man. But I was to grow wiser too.

After another half an hour's unsuccessful fishing, I allowed myself the relaxation of a pipe load of "Four Square." While I was lighting my Orlik, there was a tremendous tug on my line, and I saw my best Hardy split cane complete with reel, which I had placed on the rock by my side, go into the drink at the head of the pool. In opening my mouth to say "Damn" I lost my pipe as well. Here indeed was a sorry mess! I retrieved a badly broken rod, quite useless thereafter, from the bottom of the pool. I walked back to the Rest House feeling intensely foolish. I sank a quick one and dashed back home, where my little daughter asked "Daddy, where is your rod"? Of one thing I was certain. That was no two-pounder that had taken my outfit for a joy ride.

TWO Saturdays passed ere I returned to the attack armed with two rods and two reels of 18 lb and 24 lb line and all the other paraphernalia that anglers burden themselves with and still smile. The water was not too clear though, and for an hour and more I tried all the spoons and spinners I had brought, with no luck. Then a little village

from a distance suggested I try as bait a kind of small fruit, like a wild cherry, which he got from a tree close by. I put on a thin steel trace and a good stout one-inch hook on to which I threaded the fruit he gave me, and adding a lead weight, also on his advice, I slung the caboodle into the drink, saying to myself "out of the mouths of babes and sucklings". The effect was magical.

As my bait sank into the depths of the pool, something took it with a very determined pull and 60 yards of line went out with a shriek. The boy and I were electrified into action. I played the fish into the lower pool carefully, because it was large, and though I gave him a certain amount of brake, I let him run up and down this pool for quite a bit before I thought of landing him. But at the bare thought, conveyed to him by my tightening the brake, he went off at a dash again. I had to release the brake somewhat and nearly lost him amongst some rocks and a fallen tree. Twenty minutes passed before I had him well and truly gaffed by the boy, who proudly held up a 17-lb mahsir for me to feast my eyes on.

THE mahsir is a carp with a deal of green and gold and silver in him. A pretty fish, with a large head, large mouth and large scales. He has no teeth but makes up for it by having hardened gums with which he can chew on a heavy 6" brass and nickel spoon and twist it into a shape you will never straighten out again in any factory! He tastes of the purest mud, so I have no time for one tter I have landed him! After my optical feast it was too late for any more fishing, so I trundled back to the Rest House, the boy carrying the fish. He went away richer by Rs. 2/. There was rain overnight, and the river was very muddy so I returned to Colombo, taking the fish to show my daughter—and just to convince myself that I had caught a mahsir at last.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE first Ceylon rucker team to go further abroad than India and the first Ceylonese rucker team to have gone abroad, the C.R. & F.C., recently returned from an unsuccessful three-match tour of Thailand.

Ceylon's rucker tradition may be long, her knowledge of the game great, but it is to the credit of the C.R. that they returned saying they learned much from players who have been at the game only four or five years.

The smaller Thais, fitter and faster, played a bustling game, revelling in the heat and the bone hard ground before vast home crowds. The result was inevitable, yet in the second match, against the Navy, the local club champions, the C.R. almost pulled off a surprise.

The Navy team contained 12 all-Thailand players who had just

returned from a tour of Malaya, where they had beaten Singapore, Penang, a Malayan XV, and the Malaya Asians and, after having most of the game, drawing against All-Malaya for the King of Thailand Cup, which they have held since 1956.

Against this side the C.R. took the breather 3-3 after missing a couple of easy penalties and losing scrum-half Muttiah. Then they led 8-3 and lost pack-leader Weinman Two losses and the race began to tell and in the closing minute Thai breakaways earned them a 16-8 victory, though even throughout this period the C.R. looked more dangerous.

In the first match the C.R. met the local inter varsity and Junior club's champions, the Naval Academy, who had in an exhibition match beaten the club champions. Averaging 21 years, the bustling youngsters forced the C.R. into

repeated blunders, then capitalised on them to win 26-3 as their defence was impregnable.

The final game against Bangkok XV, virtually an all-Thailand team, resulted in the visitors being routed 45-0.

Right throughout the tour the C.R. forwards were brilliant and had the edge over the home teams but there was just no supporting thrust in the back division and the defence was suspect.

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HOCKEY

ANOTHER Ceylon team that has gone abroad has been the All-Ceylon Women's Hockey team, the first Ceylonese Hockey team to tour India 'Officially'. They are scheduled to play five 'Tests' and some exhibition matches.

Going abroad with limited practice and less team-work, they began their tour in auspicious and surprising manner, beating India 2-1 in the first Test at Trivandrum...

The Indians had much the better of the game but poor finishing and some good goal keeping deprived them of victory, while Shirley Starup made no mistake with two chances that came her way. The Indians scored once.

In their second match, the Ceylon girls continued their winning ways as Shirley Starup once again scored twice. In the scoreless first half the local team had the better of the exchanges, but in the second the repeated raids of the Shirley Starup - Rosemary MacCartney proved too much for them.

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CEYLON WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM IN INDIA

AFTER a run of successes in the first half of their tour in India, the Ceylon Women's Hockey team gained victory by a narrow margin—1-0—in their first Test against India. In the second Test, however, Ceylon lost by 2 to 1 and in the Third Test played early last week at the Central Sports Stadium, Lucknow, Ceylon were decisively beaten by 4 goals to nil. Ceylon also lost fourth test.

India owed her victory mainly to their two outstanding wingers, Stephie de Souza and Rita Britto, whose speed and centring were too good for the Ceylon defence.



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CRICKET

THE young Varsity XI remained undefeated in the P. Sara Trophy tournament Senior division beating last year's Champions, the SSC in a low scoring match. Poor SSC fielding enabled the Varsity to lead on the first innings. Then the SSC declared their second innings with none too big a total and when the match ended the Varsity needed 25 runs with 4 wickets left and the SSC were in full cry.

The Colts scored their first win of the 8-weeks old season when they beat the Moors convincingly with a sound batting display.

In the second division Negombo pulled off a big surprise, routing the unbeaten B.R.C. and gaining an innings victory. With C.M. Joseph brilliantly taking 7 for 21 for the hosts, the B.R.C. collapsed for 33. Then in the follow-on when they looked like saving the game their last six batsmen failed to score as Athulathmudali took 6 for 42 and Negombo were home and dry.

The Tamil Union 'A' in the same division, maintained their unbeaten record, beating the Catamarans by an innings in a match in which veterans played a big part—M. Sathasivam, in his first "Sara" match on his return from Malaya, showed his old form while scoring 84 while Tamils' skipper Schaffter took 6 for 28. H. C. Caldera took 6 for 58 for the losers.

In the final second division match, a match bag of 12 for 80 by M. Ismail enabled the Saracens 'B' to gain an outright win over the Tamils 'B.'

On a bowlers week-end, the best performance turned in was, however,

in a 'Daily News' Trophy match in which M. Wickremasinghe of Panadura took all ten Matara second innings wickets for 23 runs. In the first innings he took 5 for 23. But his magnificent effort was in vain, Matara winning on the first innings.

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ROWING

THE Henley of the East, with associations going to 1880 will be held in Colombo from December 10th.

This annual regatta of the Amateur Rowing Association of the East will be held in Ceylon for the third time and besides local teams, club teams from India, Pakistan, Burma and Malaya are expected and a high standard of rowing is assured.

The main events will be the Willingdon Fours, Venables Pairs and Maklin Sculls.

CEYLON GOLFERS MAY VISIT MALAYA

IT is more than likely that Ceylon golfers may participate in the next Singapore Championship, hitherto closed to foreign competitors. It is also learnt that Singapore in conjunction with Hongkong and the Phillipines intend staging a meet open to amateurs and professionals in Singapore.

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SOCCER—England beat Scotland

ENGLAND won the Cargills Cup for the fifth consecutive year by 4 goals to one in the annual charity soccer international, played on November 19th in Longden Place. The half-time score was 3—0.

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A WOMAN'S DIARY

THERE has been a tremendous re-awakening of interest in the last two decades or so in one branch of housewifery which was rather under an eclipse before. I refer to the art of cooking. Today, you can hardly pick up any magazine or paper which deals with women's interests without finding a good part of it devoted to the preparation and serving of food. Numbers of tempting recipes are given, usually accompanied by photographs which make our mouths water, or articles on how to buy food, how to plan diets, how to plan kitchens and get the most out of equipment, all showing how absolutely taken for granted it is now that much of a woman's time is taken up with work in the kitchen.

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BUT this was not always so, especially in this homeland of ours, where, with easy availability of domestic help in the past, it was considered rather *infra dig* for the lady of the house to dirty her fingers by meddling with raw food-stuffs and with pots and pans and kitchen fires. Her duty was to decide on the menu for the day and then give the cook (or the more humble "cookie") the necessary instructions, and now and then, perhaps, for some special occasion, superintend the preparation of some unaccustomed dish.

I cannot forget being told by an old lady of my acquaintance, when she was recalling scenes from her childhood, of how her father disliked her mother having anything to do in the kitchen. "There are servants to do all that", he would say, "I don't want my wife smelling of kitchen smoke!" Then there was an old cookery book I came across once, written specially for wives of planters newly come out to work in the Island, which the author explains was written in order that they should be able to show their cook appus that they were not entirely ignorant, and thus save them from being too blatantly robbed!

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I should imagine that the war, more than any other factor, was responsible for this change in attitude. Of course, there always were women who were interested

in cooking, and who strove to awaken a like interest in their sisters, but by and large the great majority preferred the less onerous task of superintending the servants' work!

I know of one person who was very proud of her culinary skill, whose activities consisted of having her servant arrange before her all the necessary ingredients, washed and cut up or otherwise prepared, indicating in what proportions they should be put into the chatty, tasting the concoction once or twice on the fire, and then telling the servant when to take it off the fire! But when,

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H. R. H. Princess Alexandra, who represented Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Nigerian independent celebrations did an extensive tour of the three regions of the Federation. The Princess is seen here speaking on the telephone to Sir Adesogi Aderanie, Governor of the Western Region in Ibadan 90 miles away, to inaugurate the trunk dialling system at the Central Post Office in Lagos.

during the war, foodstuffs became difficult to obtain, more and more women found that doing their own marketing was the only way of ensuring that they got anything to eat at all, and, with the multiplication of better paid jobs, servants also became more and more difficult to obtain. The result was that ever increasing numbers of people discovered the pleasure of doing their own cooking, and so, by necessity, the ability to prepare and serve a palatable meal became, once again, to be considered no mean female achievement.

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THE growing interest in cooking was reflected in the growing number of "schools" and classes set up to instruct those willing to learn the secrets of meal production from the simplest dishes to the most elaborate. Cookery books appeared in schools, and interest was kindled not only in recipes from our own land but from countries all over the world. Some people showed a tendency to specialise, but most people wanted to learn how to prepare all the necessary food for their families, and took great pains to gain efficiency. And now we find an ever increasing interest in most homes in the cooking of food—women who, before would have been anxious to exchange things like embroidery patterns are now much keener to exchange recipes!

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I for one, am very glad that this is so. After all, what more proper pride can a housewife have, when looking over her family, than pride in the fact that her labours keep her family in good health? A well cooked meal ensures the enjoyment of all those dear to her and, even if they forget to say thank you, their well cleaned plates will bear eloquent if mute testimony to their appreciation! A nation can only be as strong as the individuals which compose it.

If, therefore all housewives faithfully perform their duty in keeping up the health and strength of their families through the well chosen and well cooked meals they provide, how strong and how vigorous our nation will become! And if, as they say, the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, surely no woman will neglect to develop a skill which will give into her power the male heart (be it that of husband, brother, or son) of which she would fain be mistress.

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THE 84th birthday on November 3rd, of Mr. George E. Pereira, former Accountant of the Surveyor-General's Office, now living with his wife and several members of his family in Perth, Western Australia, recalls to mind the fact that at one time the Audit Office formed the chief recruiting ground for promotion to the higher service. When the Fifth Class of the Civil Service was inaugurated the first two appointments were those of A. W. Metzeling and W. E. Grenier, both of the Audit Office. Then followed others as vacancies occurred, among them being T. W. Goonewardene, one of the best products of Royal College in his day, B. V. Caspersz, S. E. Muller and J. R. Toussaint. When the Accountant's branch was thrown open to the Clerical Service, a similar procedure was adopted, the new recruits being naturally found in the ranks of the Audit Office. Among these were the brothers W. H. D. and George Pereira.

ANOTHER one-time member of the Audit Office who rose to Accountant's rank is H.E. Grenier, brother of W. E. Grenier referred to above. After a distinguished career at Wesley College, with the late Sir Baron Jayatilaka as one of his contemporaries, H. E. Grenier joined the ranks of the Clerical Service which at that time was the principal avenue of employment for educated youths and in course of time rose to be Accountant of the Medical Department.

In later years the Audit Office had the proud distinction of being able to fill the important post of Auditor-General from among its own ranks. Both Mr. J. J. Jacob and Mr. K. Kanagaratnam rose from the lowest rung with credit in this office.

AS shewing the intellectual attainments of the Audit Office clerks in those days, it may be mentioned that O. C. Tillekeratne was appointed Second Sinhalese Member of the Legislative Council; Oscar Joseph proceeded to America and secured high theological dis-

tinctions; his brother Lloyd became a Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church and George Wille, in addition to being a Proctor, represented the Burghers in the Legislative Council and later was an Appointed Member of the State Council.

MR. Reginald Wynne-Roberts, a planter for nearly thirty years in Ceylon, died at his home in Daventry, Northampton, on November 3rd. He arrived in the Island in the nineteen-twenties and was Superintendent of Silverkandy Estate, Halgranoya, and Binoya Estate, Rozelle. He left Ceylon about six years ago.

FIVE former dons of the University have had the title of Professor Emeritus conferred on them. They are Dr. G. P. Malalasekera, Professor of Pali and Buddhist Civilisation, Dr. E. F. C. Ludowyk, Professor of English, Mr. J. L. C. Rodrigo, Professor of Western Classics, Dr. R. B. Fernando Professor of Medicine, and Dr. P. K. Chanmugam, Professor of Anatomy.



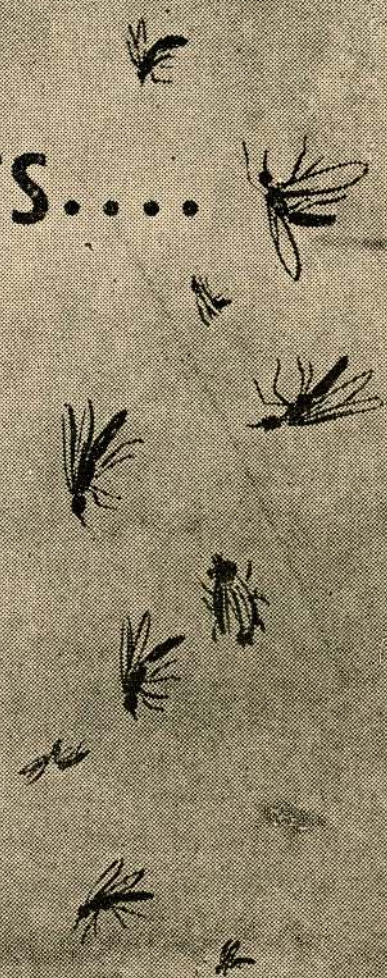
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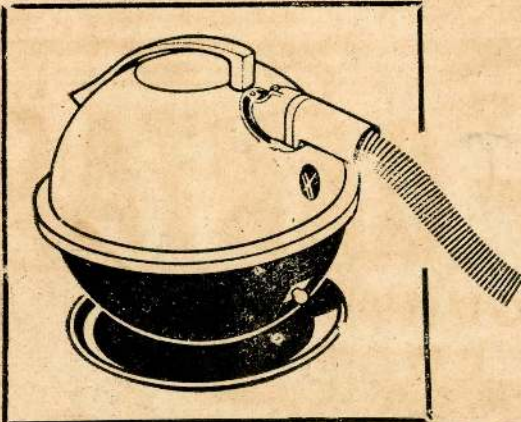
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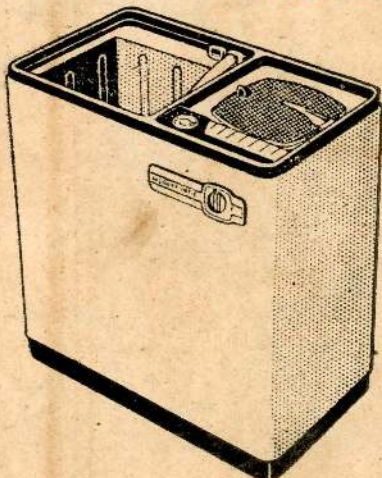
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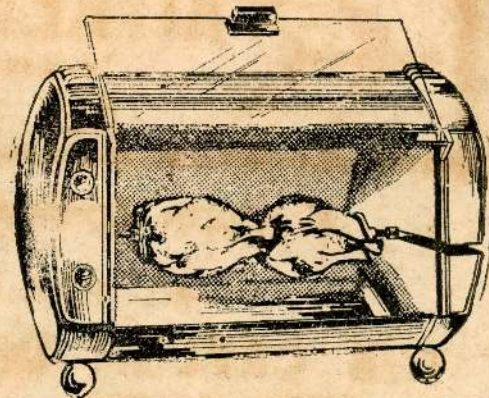
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