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* The first meeting of the Ceylon People's Committee for Solidarity with Cuba in Colombo decided unanimously to launch an island-wide propaganda campaign to organise a hands-off Cuba movement. The Ven. Medagoda Sumanatissa Nayake Thera, the High Priest of the Sunethradevi Pirivena, Pepiliyana, presided. The Ven. Medagoda Sumanatissa Thera said that if a poll is taken of the opinion of the people of Ceylon, it would definitely be in favour of the Cuban people, who are heroically defending their hard-won freedom and who are now engaged in peaceful socialist construction in their motherland.

Dr. Armando Bayo, the Cuban Charge d'Affaires in Ceylon, who addressed the meeting as a guest speaker said that the press by giving wide publicity to the racial riots in Mississippi centred around the admission of a coloured student to an American University, gave indirect support for the cause of the Cuban people, who immediately after the revolution ended racial discrimination forever.

The following office-bearers were elected unanimously:—
President: the Ven Medagoda Sumanatissa Nayaka Thera.
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Administration
Delegates from 13 Unions

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of Government Administrative Officers' representing 670 Administrative Officers met on 1.10.1962 for the first time at the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and decided to take united action for the purpose of achieving their common objectives. At this conference the following two resolutions were passed unanimously: 1. "The Joint Conference of Unions of Administrative Officers' resolve that a Unified Administrative Service be set up immediately and that future recruitment should not be either to the Ceylon Civil Service or to Departmental Administrative posts but to the Unified Administrative Service". 2. "The Joint Conference of Unions of Administrative Officers' condemns the manner in which Junior Civil Servants have been appointed to posts previously scheduled under the Civil Service Minute, despite the deletion of paragraphs 5, 6 and 8 of that Minute, which action has impaired the efficiency of the Administration and has resulted in widespread frustration among over 800 non-Civil Service Administrative Officers.

The ruling of the special Trial-at-Bar Coup Court that it did not have the power to try the detenus, because the nomination of the Judges by the Minister of Justice was bad, has created a situation which calls for united, firm and decisive action by the Government and the progressive forces which cannot stand idly by at a juncture like this. So many mistakes have been made by the Government, particularly in the legal sphere, that it cannot afford to make any more mistakes, and for this reason the widest possible consultation is essential.

However necessary it is to draw the proper inferences from the situation that has arisen regarding persons and the advice tendered by them, it would be unwise to inhibit action with I-told-you-so and therefore do-nothing attitudes, or indulge in a postmortem about how it had all happened.

As we see it, the Government has to go before Parliament to rush through a new amending Bill to which objection cannot be taken on legal grounds, or file a plaint in the Magistrate's Court according

to the ordinary processes of the law. The special circumstances of the coup which had necessitated certain provisions and amendments in the criminal law would not be applicable if the suspects are brought before the Magistrate's Court.

get away scot free on legal or technical objections, or because the existing criminal laws, as they stand, provide certain loopholes which can be utilised by subversive elements who want to destroy governments through coup d'etats.

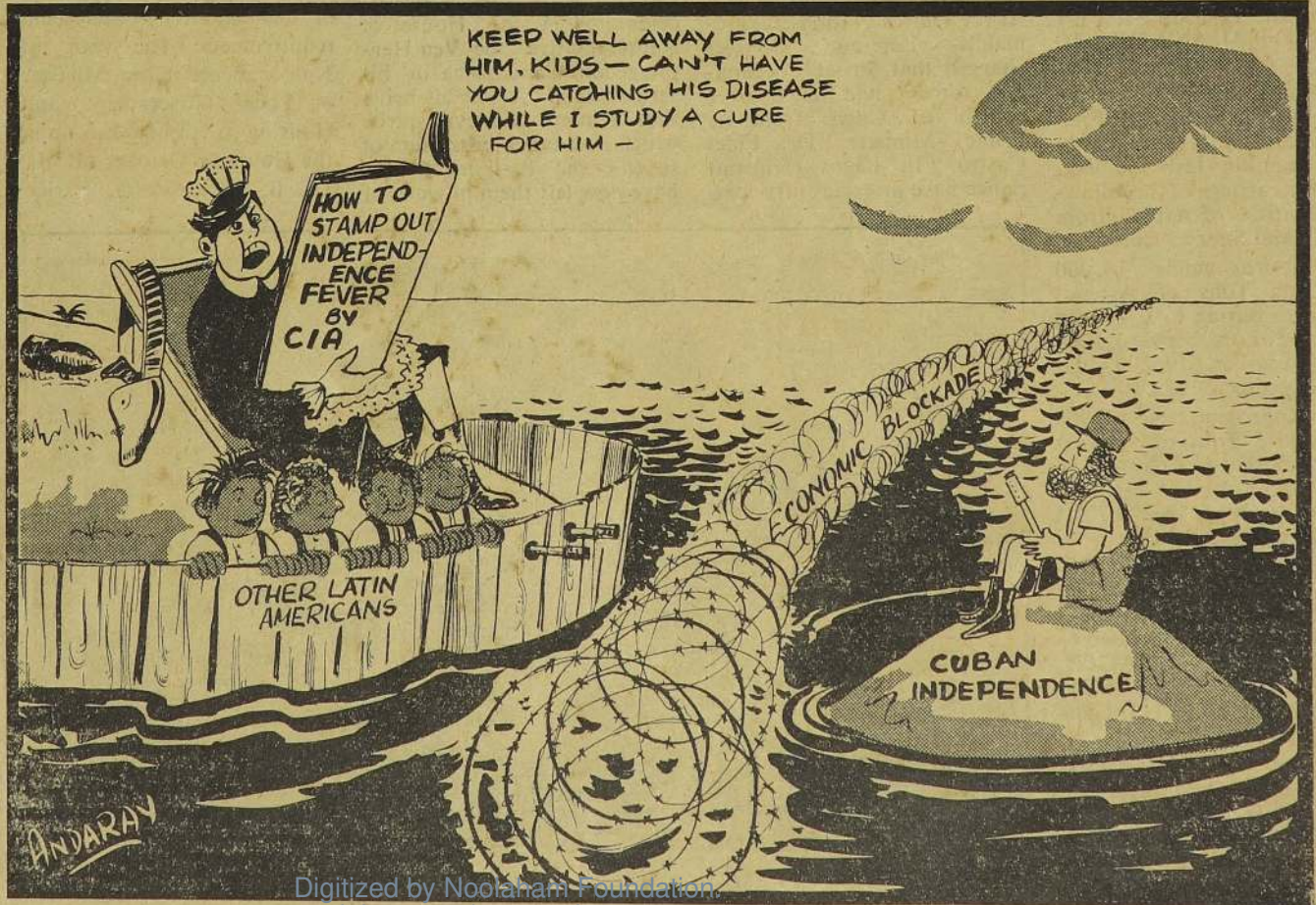
Whilst the legal tussle goes on, the ordinary people are getting impatient that the trial of the coup suspects is getting inordinately delayed. The common people want to know just what the whole thing is about. And people also feel that the sooner the real trial is started the better. If the suspects are guilty, they should be dealt with. If they are innocent, they should be released.

But it must be also stressed that the people as a whole would be furious if the suspects

The result of attempts to save subversive elements and dangerous coup suspects from trial by legal objections has led in other countries to popular insistence on summary trials in People's Courts where the principles of the Anglo-Saxon concept of rule of law were not observed.

In this situation, the people are hoping that the Prime Minister would herself look into the whole matter and act after obtaining the best advice from every possible quarter which is interested in safeguarding the government.

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Headlines of the Week

[A summary of some of the principal items of news in the daily papers in the English language published in Colombo, September 24th to September 30th].

MONDAY, September 24

The speaker Mr. R. S. Pelola has decided to give permission for the holding of a "pirith" ceremony in the House of Representatives. Finance Minister C. P. de Silva is to appoint a new Import Control Policy Committee to advise on the imports into the country. A "Grow More Food" campaign is to be launched by the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Irrigation and Power. Reports from New Delhi state that sporadic firing between Indian and Chinese troops is continuing on the North East frontier. Mr. Nehru has cancelled his visit to Accra at the request of the Ghana Government. President Ayub Khan of Pakistan is to meet President Kennedy of the United States for informal wide-ranging talks—the meeting will take place at Rhode Island. Mr. A. S. Suhrawardy, a former Prime Minister of Pakistan, has received over-

whelming support for his move to form a broad-based National Front to work for a fully democratic constitution for the country. In Cairo President Nasser is expected to announce major changes in government organisation.

TUESDAY, September 25

A Bill to amend the Bribery Act has been tabled in the Senate by Justice Minister Sam P. C. Fernando. In Cairo, President Nasser has announced that Commander Aly Sabry will be the head of an executive council—it is understood that the executive will act as a Cabinet and the W/Com. Sabry will carry out the duties of Prime Minister. In Aden, riots have broken out against Britain's proposal to link Aden with the eleven-state South Arabia Federation. Talks between Presidents Ayub Khan and Kennedy ended with a communique pledging close alliance between Pakistan and the United States. In Argentina, the Argentine Navy has pledged support to President Jose Guido after last week's military and political crisis. West German Foreign Minister Dr. Gerhard Schroeder has said the Common Market countries should give top priority to their negotiations on Britain's application for membership. Switzerland too has applied for membership in the Common Market, on condition she could retain her neutral state. In Ghana more troop reinforcements have been brought into Accra. At the United Nations, Guatemala's Foreign Minister charged that Soviet "occupation forces" had taken over control of Cuba from its Prime Minister Dr. Fidel Castro. In Lagos (Nigeria) police have arrested fifty per-

sons in a bid to suppress a plot to overthrow the Government.

WEDNESDAY, September 26

Bandaranaike Day, marking the third anniversary of the death of the late Mr. S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike. In the Senate, referring to the European Common Market, Justice Minister Sam Fernando said "the Government of Ceylon is of the view that considerable progress has been made towards obtaining the economic safeguards we seek for our primary products." At a meeting of the Socialist Society of the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya, a resolution was unanimously adopted to "send the Peace Corps back to their country. It is a crime to pay them salaries out of public funds." In Algeria, M. Ferhat Abbas was elected President (Speaker) of the country's first national assembly. In Cuba, Prime Minister Fidel Castro said that the Soviet Union planned to build a major port in Cuba to serve as a base for its Atlantic fishing fleet. In Accra police searched Members of Parliament for arms when the Ghana National Assembly met. Edward Heath, Britain's Common Market negotiator, told German leaders that Britain had undertaken no new obligations to the Commonwealth countries at the recent London Prime Ministers' Conference. Peking reports that Indian troops killed three Chinese frontier guards in a battle still continuing on the Indian-Tibetan border.

THURSDAY, September 27

Ex-Civil Servant Ronnie de Mel at a RDS meeting has said "corruption is now rampant. The giving and taking of bribes has become almost a national pastime like playing football or volley ball, ella or gudu". After the "pirith" ceremony in the House of Representatives, the Ven Henpitageera Gnanaseeha in his sermon said: "it was his belief that demons and evil spirits which had taken possession of some of the Parliamentarians have now left them in view of

this dena and pinkama." The MP for Galle Mr. Dabanayake said "I consider this speech a breach of privilege. The dena should never have been allowed." Health Minister Jayasuriya has observed that there are only 1,190 doctors in Ceylon to cater to the health and well-being of a growing population of ten million people. Official sources in New Delhi say that the Indian Government is determined to see that the Chinese intruders are dislodged from Indian territory. America's House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved President Kennedy's "Fight if we must" resolution on Cuba—while the State department announced that a close watch will be kept on Soviet construction of a "Fishing Port" in Havana harbour. Tenku Abdul Rahman, Malayan Prime Minister, has warned Indonesia to keep its hands off the forthcoming formation of Malaya, Singapore and three British Borneo territories into the Federation of Malaysia. And the Philippines are claiming ownership over North Borneo.

In Lagos, Nigeria, Mr. Nehru has said the Commonwealth was a "fluid institution and would probably continue even if Britain joined the European Common Market. Felix Dias Bandaranaike has resigned as Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence and External Affairs.

FRIDAY, September 28

Permanent Secretary Alva-pillai who returned to the Island from Burma has reported that the rice negotiations with the Burmese Government were "very successful". The Ministry of Commerce and Trade anticipated a foreign exchange saving of Rs. 20 million if the Petroleum Corporation imports the total quantity of the country's petroleum requirements. The vote of No-confidence in the Minister of Local Government and Housing is to be taken up in the House on October 11. Mr. U. B. Weerasekera, Parlia-

mentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour and Nationalised Services, has submitted his resignation to the Governor General. The Department of Health and Director Karunaratna have been severely criticised in the House by all parties. The PTI reports that a revolt has broken out in Nepal, and in East Pakistan reports are given of Indian troops entering East Pakistan territory, while reports from New Delhi say that Pakistani Armed Forces have occupied a part of Indian territory. At the United Nations, Britain's Foreign Secretary Lord Home told that General Assembly that everybody knew that India was being subjected to aggression. Yemen's national radio reported that a revolutionary army had "destroyed" the monarchy and proclaimed the desert kingdom a "free republic". In Algeria, Ahmed Ben Bella has accepted a mandate from the Algerian Assembly to form a government and become independent Algeria's first Prime Minister.

SATURDAY, September 29

Government, in keeping with its policy of Ceylonisation, has appointed Group Captain Amerasekera of the Royal Ceylon Air Force to succeed Air Vice-Marshal Barker whose contract expires in November—Group Captain Amerasekera is appointed Air Force Commander. Leader of the House C. P. de Silva has said that reforms have taken place in the army. Government M. P. Wijebahu Wijesinghe caused a *furor* in the House when he championed the cause of the opposition and said that the Emergency must be withdrawn and the Government not rule by emergency laws. Rumours that President Nkrumah had been killed were denied by the Ghana Information Office in New York. The new Yemini Government is to be headed by the former chief of Imam Mohamed's Bodyguard, Colonel Abdullah Ali Sallah. New Delhi reports a lull in the firing between the intruding "Chinese troops and Indian troops in the North East Frontier". In Cairo President Nasser signed decrees appointing the new Presidency and Executive Councils. China has admitted failure in farm policy, this has been publicly admitted in a statement to the Chinese people.

SUNDAY, September 30

Parliament sat through its longest session—from 10 a.m. of Friday throughout the whole of yesterday in a frantic effort to get through 40 items before the end of the financial year, midnight September 30. Rebel held Saana Radio said the Soviet Union had recognised the Yemen's new revolutionary government and had promised to meet "any external aggression whatsoever by any government."

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BUDGET DEFICIT FORUM

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

and foreign exchange

Mr. Felix Dias Bandaranaike said thus in his Budget speech on the 26th July 1962: "The possibilities of further reductions in import outlays have already been severely limited by the drastic restriction of imports of the non-essential or less essential category. There are hardly any items left in this category on which further restrictions for the purpose of saving foreign exchange could be imposed.

The elimination of the deficit in the Balance of Payments must, therefore, depend largely on an increase in export earnings or foreign loans to Ceylon."

The advisers to the Finance Ministry, whether it be the Central Bank, the Import & Export Department, or Treasury, know only to go with the begging-bowl or hit the poor masses. An increase in export earnings in tea & rubber is a mere dream as many countries including Argentina are growing tea, and rubber is being replaced with synthetics.

What could we do then?

In 1961, Ceylon imported Rs.172,248,493/- in textile, yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products and Rs.33,367,174/- in clothing. We have started a textile mill in Veyangoda and in practically every part of the island there are textile-weaving centres. Why cannot we exchange our low country tea for Sudan cotton? I recapitulate the Imports from and Exports to the Republic of India for the past 5 years:-

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| 1957 | Rs.226,068,000/- | Rs.49,817,000/- |
| 1958 | 220,278,000/- | 37,247,000/- |
| 1959 | 246,536,000/- | 53,139,000/- |
| 1960 | 269,405,000/- | 34,727,000/- |
| 1961 | 206,821,000/- | 36,361,000/- |

Rs1168,108,000. Rs211,291,000.

Whereas for 5 years the imports from the Republic of India amounted to Rs. 1168,108,000/-, the exports amounted to only Rs. 211,291,000/- showing a deficit balance of payment of Rs. 956,807,000/-. Is a financial wizard necessary to demonstrate that our trade with India should be only on a reciprocal basis?

All the newspapers of South India including the Magazine "Kalki" are dumped on this country. Should these be not stopped forthwith in order save exchange. Your paper has spotlighted that Radio Ceylon does propaganda for Indian films and whether exchange has been received by this country. Should this matter not be probed and our dues recovered?

Why should all these Indian films be allowed to be dumped on our country? If trade is done with the Republic of India on a reciprocal basis, our Balance of Payments

trouble is solved. Mahatma Gandhi stopped the flow of British textiles by asking the people to dress the home-spun stuff although it was coarse. Why should not we do the same?

A large sum in foreign exchange is involved in the import of the back-issues of newspapers to this country. This trade is wholly in the hands of Nadars and Indians. Why should not the government stop the import of this item?

Ratwatte

In 1961, Machinery other than electric, for Rs. 107,223,283/-, Electric Machinery, apparatus and appliances for Rs. 45,026,253/- and Transport Equipment for Rs. 82,788,355/- were imported. Are all these necessary for a people who cannot afford to buy a measure of rice for -25 cents? For whose benefit are Air-conditioners and such apparatus imported? Surely not for the benefit of the masses in whose name governments are elected. When private people owned buses, they made full use of the bus before they went in for new chassis, thus conserving foreign exchange. What is happening now? Let the government open wide its eyes.

The ex-Minister of Finance together with the entire Cabinet wanted to "hit" the stomach of the masses who elected this government with the help of the Leftists. The Member for Balangoda, Mr. C. S. Ratwatte, explained in plain language which the electors could understand, not in the jargon of the Central Bank economists, how foreign exchange could have been saved in the matter of rice.

He said, "If land had been given, and people have been asking for land for many years, the peasants could have produced the food. People have been asking for land for the last so many years. We backbenchers have been fighting on their behalf, and when they applied for land, the stereotyped reply they got was 'Wait for Land Kachcheries.' When the peasants ask for land we are told that Middle Class Colonisation Schemes will be started. But it is not the Middle Class that can produce food, it is the village peasant".

If the former Minister of Finance and his advisers did not know how to have save foreign exchange, they could have gone to the Member for

Balangoda for advice. This Member further said, "We are concentrating a lot too much on grandiose schemes and waiting with open arms to receive from the World Bank and other organisations and which sometimes may not even come. Instead of that I would advise the Hon. Minister to concentrate more on smaller village irrigation schemes which take less time to construct and yield better results. Some of these schemes have been abandoned. We have been constantly pointing that out at D.A.C. Meetings and so on but they have turned a deaf ear."

He further said, "I would request the Hon. Minister concerned to stop the importation of onions if there is an excess of this commodity in Ceylon. This will help us in two ways, firstly the cultivators will be able to market their produce, secondly, it will conserve foreign exchange, which we are trying to do."

by

D. Alex Silva

Mr. Felix Dias Bandaranaike said, "The Government of Ceylon had every right to make these two borrowings." It is correct that generations yet to be born should be mortgaged to take loans because they have a right. In 1961 and February 1962 Rs. 107.6 million have been taken on a 3 to 5 year payment on an interest of 5½ amounting to Rs. 5,850,000/- per annum. In 5 years, interest alone would amount to Rs. 29.2 million: For whose benefit were these two loans raised from the International Monetary Fund? By no stretch of the imagination for the benefit of the vast millions who live in huts and shanties and under leaking roofs.

IMF

Dr. E. M. V. Naganathan, in analysing the External Assets of Rs. 545.2 million, has shown that only Rs. 100 million or £7½ million remain after deducting for commitments. Why should not the government take the help extended from Socialist countries whose one aim is release from their economic-bondage ex-colonial countries which are even now threatened by a neo-colonialism of Associate Membership of the European Common Market?

The government must be able to distinguish its friends.

This contribution by a reader presents a refreshingly interesting point of view on the problem of the budget deficit and the rice cut. We had published other points of view earlier, and in the coming weeks we shall publish yet other articles on the same subject.

goods because practically all were self-employed and not slaves selling their human capital, while a ½ and 4 cent had a buying value.

Do not expect foreign investment nor allow further foreign investors to have a stranglehold on our economy. The Portuguese came to buy spices and remained to rule the Maritime Provinces. The Dutch followed suit, while the Britishers not only got the Maritime Provinces by the Treaty of Amiens but by fraud, deceit, duplicity and cunning managed to annex the whole country to a Christian Monarch and brought South Indians for their plantations which ruined our paddy cultivation because they imported cheap rice for their South Indian Labour force. The foreigners brought a pittance and have been removing our wealth by capital formation.

What is capital for nation but the negation of its rightful dues to local human capital which is employed to create profits out of which these monopolists start new business, create more profits and export same to their countries? When one section leaves and removes their capital, their successors who have come here

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BLITZ INTERVIEW

SCHROEDER'S DOCTRINE IS RIBBENTROP'S

Blitz

I have asked for this interview, Herr Winzer, in order to acquaint myself with your views on the so-called Schroeder Doctrine about which the Western press is making such an ado.

Herr Winzer

The press department of our Ministry has passed on your request to me. I am pleased to accede to it and have provided myself with some documents which will certainly also be of interest to Indian readers in evaluating the so-called Schroeder Doctrine.

Blitz

Thank you, Herr Winzer. I should like to proceed to my first question. What, in your view, should be understood under the so-called Schroeder Doctrine?

Herr Winzer

The so-called Schroeder Doctrine, named after the Foreign Minister of the West German Federal Republic, is no more nor less than a variation on the Hallstein Doctrine, by means of which the Bonn government takes the liberty of dictating to the Governments of non-imperialist countries the relations they are to entertain with the German Democratic Republic. The Bonn Foreign Minister now announces that a third state which takes part in bringing about a peace treaty with the German Democratic Republic will be committing an "unfriendly act" towards the Federal Republic, which will be treated accordingly. A West German newspaper has labelled the Schroeder Doctrine an attempt "to force friendship with the first".

Blitz

Active opponents of Hitler such as yourself, Herr Winzer, do not number among the confidants of Foreign Minister Schroeder who, as a former SA man, was a fellow-traveller of Hitler. Nevertheless, perhaps you can tell us whether in the case of this so-called Doctrine, more is involved than a passing statement?

Herr Winzer

So far as I am informed, the Bonn Foreign Office has made the so-called Schroeder Doctrine the subject of diplomatic action, especially with the governments of non-aligned countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. In the press organs of Herr Schroeder's party there has been talk in this connection that countries such as Indonesia, Afghanistan, the United Arab Republic, Brazil and Finland had received a "preliminary warning", discreetly and

This is a special interview the Blitz, of Bombay, had with Herr Otto Winzer, Secretary of State of the German Democratic Republic. It is a most revealing interview about a vital aspect of developments in West Germany.

through diplomatic channels, against participating in the signature of a German peace treaty. The "Industriekurier", a paper representing West German monopoly capital, wrote on August 16th 1962 that the Bonn Foreign Office had thought it advisable "to give voice to this warning now, that is at a time when conclusion of a peace treaty is not yet a settled matter". As you see, the gentlemen in Bonn are in a positive panic about the conclusion of a German peace treaty.

Blitz

This diplomatic activity in opposition to a peace treaty, despite the fact that no conference of states to take part in it has even been announced, is indeed surprising. This appears to me to be a curiosity even in the history of diplomacy.

Herr Winzer

The curious fact is that after a war to defeat and eradicate the Hitler regime, fellow-travellers of Hitler again occupy posts in the Government in Bonn and carry on Ribbentrop's practices in foreign policy. The mention of Finland in the CDU party press, that is the press of the Bonn Government party, reminds me of the fact that in March 1943 Hitler's Foreign Minister Ribbentrop uttered the same warning to Mr. Ramsay, the Finnish Foreign Minister at that time, as Adenauer's Foreign Minister has uttered in 1962 to the non-aligned countries.

In 1943 public demands increased in Finland to end the war and reach a Finnish-Soviet peace settlement. Ribbentrop considered it necessary at that time, just as Schroeder does in 1962, to utter a "preliminary warning" to the Government of Finland. According to notes taken down by the special German Ambassador von Rintelen, Ribbentrop stated to Finnish Foreign Minister Ramsay on March 26th 1943 that:

"The Fuehrer is of the opinion that any response by the Finnish Government to the American offer to mediate a peace between Finland and the USSR would be regarded by the German Wehrmacht

as treason to Germany, Finland's comrade in arms... with all the resulting consequences... The Reich Government expects the Finnish Government to make a precise statement to the German Government that it will not conclude an armistice or peace with the USSR without the agreement of Germany."

I have quoted the text of this note, which you will find in this volume of documents of Ribbentrop's Foreign Office, "Geheime Reichssache — Finland", because it clearly indicates that the so-called Schroeder Doctrine is quite definite rooted in the evil spirit of fascist German imperialism. Herr Schroeder takes the liberty of treating the Governments of neutral countries in exactly the same way as Ribbentrop once treated the satellites of the Third Reich.

In addition, "preliminary warnings" and threats of this nature were also uttered against the Governments of Hungary and Rumania at that time by Hitler's diplomats. A Putsch was even carried out in Hungary with active participation of Nazi diplomats for the purpose of preventing an armistice and a peace settlement, for which in 1944 even the "Reich administrator" Horthy and the Hungarian Government of that time under Lakatos were prepared. The present West German Ambassador in Sweden, Herr Werkmeister, was one of the Nazi diplomats who at that time pulled the strings in Ribbentrop's headquarters to instigate the Putsch which obstructed peace. The Bonn Government is obviously making use of his experiences under the Nazi regime to influence the Scandinavian countries against a German peace settlement.

The cat can't give up mousing, as we say in German. I should like to point out that a Nazi does not give up threats and the use of force against other peoples, even if he drapes himself in peaceful and democratic garments, a habit which is considered good form amongst Bonn's Nazis today.

Blitz

Your parallel is certainly suggestive, but should we not also bear in mind that these events took place in the middle of the war?

Herr Winzer

Please do not forget that one of the most influential men in the Bonn Government, War Minister Strauss, holds the view that the Second World War is not yet finished. Another theory in Bonn is that the cold war was a continuation of the Second World War. The Bonn Government wishes to retain the remnants of World War

Two, because it wants to annul the results of it as laid down in the Postdam Agreement signed by the major Allies of the anti-Hitler coalition, because it wants to take revenge. That is why it is taking diplomatic action to prevent a peace treaty.

Blitz

The Government of the West German Federal Republic threatens to cut off all development aid is granted without political strings?

Herr Winzer

Of course this threat only expresses the fact that with its so-called development aid the Bonn Government intends to deprive the neutral countries of their independence and their right of free decision in home and foreign policy. In this respect, too, Herr Schroeder is Ribbentrop's successor. In June 1944 Ribbentrop demanded in Helsinki, in accordance with a telegraphic directive from Hitler, that:

"A clear public statement on Finland's political attitude is to be obtained. If this clear statement (rejection of any peace settlement — O.W.) is not forthcoming, assistance to Finland will cease."

The same people continue to use the same methods. The same anti-peace aims are to be achieved by means of the same threats. But even Hitler's and Ribbentrop's threats could not delay the final military defeat of the fascist German imperialists. No better prospect face the anti-peace policy of the Bonn Government. It is bankrupt and can no longer delay the conclusion of a German peace treaty. The German De-

mocratic Republic will conclude it in any case.

If the non-aligned countries give in to the threats of the Bonn Foreign Minister they will also be placing themselves, quite unnecessarily, in danger of again losing their national independence, in most cases achieved with heavy sacrifices. This would be the first step towards renewed, neo colonialist dependence. Before permitting themselves to be frightened by the Bonn Government's threats they should recall that the West German economy cannot possibly renounce its foreign sources of raw materials and its markets abroad.

The so-called development aid is developing more and more into a weapon in the struggle by the imperialist powers for a share in what remains to them of the capitalist world market. The present economic and political situation in the world is such that West German imperialism can no longer afford to isolate itself through rigid adherence to the Schroeder-Ribbentrop Doctrine. It will all the less be able to do this the more numerous the states are which support a German peace treaty and take the road to normalisation of their relations to the German Democratic Republic.


Blitz

It is claimed in connection with the Schroeder Doctrine that conclusion of a peace treaty with the German Democratic Republic would be a violation of the German people's right to self-determination.

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Today, under the protective umbrella of the Federal Republic of Germany, the monopolies, battered in the war, are slowly gathering strength. And what of the militarists? Have they any feeling of remorse or regret for what they have done to the world? None whatsoever! In fact, they are securely in the saddle, and, instead of feeling and repentance for their barbarity, are rather trying to find out the 'mistakes' that led to their 'failure'. They are preparing rather energetically to bring in the doomsday, of course, but it remains to be seen, for whom?

Its Fascist Outlook

A striking fact about the West German General Staff today is its unrepented Hitlerite past. As many as 81 out of 140 Generals of present day West Germany were on the German General Staff at the conclusion of the War. Heusinger, former Operations Chief of the General Staff, is the principle architect of the West German army today. Spiedel, who was the Chief of the Western Armies Division in Hitler's days, now occupies the most influential position in the military organisation of West Germany.

As early as 1944, when the defeat of German arms was imminent, Von Stulpnagel, then Commander-in-Chief of the German forces in France, wrote a memorandum which, *inter alia*, said:

"No defeat is ultimate. Defeat is a lesson that must be learnt while preparing the next more powerful blow.

"Our defeat in the present war must be regarded merely as an unfortunate incident in Germany's victorious advance towards conquest of the world".

Indeed, an appropriate philosophy for the agents of death! This, preparing for the "next powerful blow", was indeed a worthy ideal; as if the world had not had enough of war butchery and destruction. But the mad dream of capturing the world knows no limit!

More recently, in 1958, a book titled "Germany's Trump Cards" was published in West Germany. The author painted a lurid picture of a "victorious campaign in the East". How will this fascist army behave?

prepares for war

Says the author: "Acting as a fearful force, the army will break a road for itself through chaos, cries of horror and seas of blood". In a moment of delirium, the author fails to remember the long sad trek back of the armies from the East involving suffering and deaths to the German soldiers.

But the war-like intentions are transparent. And how was the book received in official circles? The Radio thought it was "the most significant publication". The West German Minister of Defence told that he had read the hate-song with "tremendous attention".

Theory of Quick, Decisive Nuclear Attack

But still more recently, in July 1960, Colonel J. Krumpelt (a former member of Hitler's General Staff) wrote an article in the semi-official journal, *Die Wehrkunde*, in which he stated: The main job is to launch "an atomic assault on the enemy at the right moment". And: "In general, the first use of the atomic weapons is decisive. If the blow is dealt at decisive targets in the enemy camp, he will have no opportunity to reply at that stage of the battle with either atomic or conventional weapons".

The German Generals make no secret of the fact that they have in mind the Soviet Union, the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia, Poland for attack. But they are not averse to fighting with the other European nations. The General Staff is extremely keen to avoid a "war on two fronts", the 'mistake' which cost Hitler the war and his life. But a strong Germany, out to enslave Europe, cannot escape a military combat with the Western nations. In fact, despite Hitler's raving campaign against the Soviets for years, his activities touched off a war with his reluctant Western enemies first; it was only later that he marched his troops into the Soviet Union. The German top brass has no love for any nation, Western or Eastern. It is interested in world domination. It uses anti-Communist cover to hoodwink some Western politicians, who, it may be said, are too ready to be cheated.

In developing the theory of quick and decisive attacks, Hitler's successors are only sharpening his theory of Blitzkrieg. Today the Soviets have more powerful atomic and nuclear weapons which can deliver instantaneous blow to any enemy. How will a 'quick, decisive' atomic blow by the Soviets affect the German Generals? Secondly, how did Hitler's own theory of Blitz-

krieg end in the simpler world of 1939-40? Did it give him success? But these German Generals are not concerned with the past or future; they want to live in their own paradise. And when their paradise is destroyed, they set about reconstructing it with ever greater cruelty and aggressiveness.

It is of interest to note the many steps the West German fascists are taking to give shape to their philosophy of aggression and war.

Concrete Plan for War of Conquest

The fascist top brass of West Germany has kept before itself five principal aims and is assiduously working to achieve them. The aims may be put in a capsule form as follows:

*To organise the strongest army in Western Europe.

*To supply the gendarmes of that army with latest weapons capable of mass-murder.

*To follow political and military policies, so as to reduce Western Europe and Africa as its sources of supply.

*To establish German supremacy in the NATO organisation and take it over from American hands.

*To prepare and execute concrete aggressive plans for the final adventure of world domination.

With these aims the West German army is being reorganised and remodelled. Even Hitler may learn a lesson from his smart boys!

The army in West Germany is being built at a tremendous rate. Its present size of 350,000 is only a temporary phase. It can be expanded at the shortest notice. A simple indication of this is that while Hitler had only 4000 officers, West German army will soon have 22,000! The nucleus is already strong and solid, the superstructure can be built in no time.

But a merely large army is not enough. It must be armed with nuclear weapons. It is already equipped with simple, American-supplied guided missiles. But it shortly plans to have from America the Polaris rockets with nuclear warheads.

The West German leaders are silently preparing to have an atom bomb of their own shortly. Consistent with this aim, atomic and rocket industries are receiving the most favoured treatment in West Germany. Thus within a short time the West German army threatens to be the best equipped atomic force at least in Western Europe.

German Troops 43 per cent of NATO Forces

The design of taking over control of NATO is not so woolly. Already West Germany supplies 43 per cent of NATO land forces. That is an enormous power inside the NATO. More recently, Heusinger was appointed Chairman of the NATO Permanent Military Committee in Washington. This gives him control over all NATO military planning. This is, needless to say, a coveted top post and its capture by the fascist forces shows their strength in NATO circles. No wonder, they are banking on the fact that with effective control of NATO, its nuclear armaments stationed in Europe will naturally fall into their hands without much noise.

Thus slowly and silently they are working their way to get nuclear weapons and control of NATO.

West German military influence is not restricted to the German borders alone. The ambitious Generals of the twice-defeated army are slowly and silently arranging to get war-bases beyond their own country. And there are some old 'friends' who will help. The fascist regimes are there. The West German authorities were having talks with the Spanish Government for use of air and rocket bases. Similarly, Switzerland was sounded on identical lines.

Portugal still has colonies in Africa. Portugal is ruled by dictator Salazar who makes no secret of his pro-fascist leanings. The West German leaders can naturally find no better ally who will offer 'military co-operation' both in Portugal and on African territory.

The West German authorities have already secured permission to build bases in Sardinia through the good offices of the Italian Government. Similar talks with Greek authorities are also started, and not without hope.

Besides, France, Norway, and England have agreed to give necessary facilities to the fascist rulers of West Germany.

These bases and 'military co-operation', believe the West German fascists, will enable them to establish firm control over Europe within a short time.

Further, German Navy is being refashioned on modern lines for aggressive purposes. Heusinger has given the command as early as on January 25, 1957. "The West German Navy must be built up as an offensive force. The fleet must attack and deliver its blow in the Baltic Sea."

The submarine fleet is being strengthened and so remodel-

This article is reprinted by courtesy of the Socialist Congressman, (June 20 1962), published in New Delhi. This journal, published fortnightly, is an influential paper in left-wing Congress circles in India. The article not only reflects the anti-fascist traditions of India's nationalist movement, but also the growing awareness of the danger presented by West German militarism.

ed as to equip it with Polaris rockets carrying Hydrogen warheads.

Policies dictated by Spirit of Revenge

Such are the military preparations the mad Generals in

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Dear Sir,

We are delighted to enclose the first lesson in our correspondence course for Western journalists. You will note that our infallible method is based upon the experiences of the very best West German reporters. Success is guaranteed. The situation today is that although the GDR does not exist, it is, after all, there. As a result you might find yourself in the unfortunate position of having to visit this non-existent area to report on your experiences. The money which you spend on this correspondence course will certainly not be wasted.

Yours truly,

EASTERN VIEW Ltd.,
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Paragraph 1

a) Do not embark upon your excursion as though you had to make a picture for yourself; take the view that all that is necessary is to confirm the picture which you already have, based mainly upon articles which have already appeared in your own paper.

b) The following basic points must be included in the picture which you present, although

you may, of course, vary the details:

I) A vast darkness lies over all those in the East.

II) There is no Coca Cola there but only Vita Cola, which tastes just the same but is not the same thing; it is therefore impossible to speak of culture.

III) Ladies' fashions in the East are not the same in every detail as those in the West; therefore there are no fashions in the East.

IV) Nobody can buy stocks and shares in the East; this means they are unfree.

c) If you pay strict attention to the points outlined above you will find it easy to interpret all objective observations in accordance with your subjective prejudices, or those of your boss.

To make our method clear we give you here some examples:

Observation:

A young lady in summer without stockings.

Interpretation:

Many young ladies cannot afford stockings.

Observation:

A young lady in summer with stockings.

Interpretation:

In view of the poor nourishment provided, many young ladies suffer from cold feet and therefore have to wear stockings, even in summer.

Observation:

A butcher's shop full of people.

Interpretation:

Meat is so rare that people riot when they see it.

Observation:

An empty butcher shop.

Interpretation:

Meat is so dear that nobody can buy it.

Observation:

The ruin of a church is being cleared away.

Interpretation:

The Communist regime is tearing down the last churches.

Observation:

A church is being renovated.

Interpretation:

One single church is being built in order to strew sand in the eyes of Western observers.

Paragraph 2

a) Always assume that all citizens of the GDR regard the Bonn Government, which they did not elect, as their real elected representatives.

by

Lothar Kusche

b) Always assume that everything done in West Germany is the highest form of human activity.

c) Always assume that everybody should regard 13 as an unlucky number since you do yourself; this means that people who do not regard 13 as an unlucky number must be liberated. (Other examples can of course be chosen.)

Paragraph 3

Always present some touching individuals in your report. These can best be invented before you embark upon your journey. The following types have always proved very serviceable:

a) The shabby man with something of hidden pain in his glance; he does not name origin of this pain because he is afraid of something, which he does not name so that he should not have unspecified difficulties with some unspecified person or persons.

term apparent recovery immediately before they die.

Paragraph 6

If somebody should look at your car, and at you, be sure to note the sadness and envy in his eyes. Conclude from this incident that such people have never seen a car (except in their dreams) and have certainly never seen a journalist like you (even in their dreams).

Paragraph 7

If you see an empty pram this proves that in the GDR no-one has time for love.

Paragraph 8

Put your ear close to the foundations of the GDR so that you can hear the rats gnawing. If necessary gnaw a little bit yourself.

Paragraph 9

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RECOGNITION AN URGENT QUESTION

CEYLON & G.D.R.

An year ago today the writer had the privilege of publishing in the columns of the "Tribune" an account of the German Democratic Republic and its relations with Ceylon. Much has happened since, both in the German Democratic Republic and Ceylon, and in the world outside.

But the main question that was raised a year ago remains still unanswered. It has become necessary again to enquire why in the face of all the statements and pronouncements made by several responsible members of the Government, in the face of the undoubted declared views and intentions of the late Prime Minister S. W. R. Dias Bandaranaike himself, in the face of the acclaimed policy of the Government to pursue the Bandaranaike line, Ceylon has still not recognised the German Democratic Republic.

Almost two years ago, in November 1960, the former Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs, Felix Dias Bandaranaike, replying to Pieter Keuneman had stated in Parliament as follows: "The problem of West Germany and East Germany has also been raised by the Hon. the Second Member for Colombo Central, and he made the point that if you are following a principle of non-

alignment, indeed you ought to recognise the de facto existence of these German Republics. I should like to indicate here and now that there is no objection in the mind of the Government of Ceylon to such a recognition". What has happened to the "mind of the Government of Ceylon" since? Has it remained static for two long years?

Decisive

This is not a matter where one could suppose that somebody is trying to fool the German Democratic Republic. It is the people of Ceylon who are beginning to feel that they are being fooled. It is time for the Government of Ceylon to make a decisive move in the direction of implementing its own declared resolutions.

What or who is obstructing the Government fulfilling its own pledges? This is the question that is now causing anxiety among the friends and supporters of the present Government. During the course of the recent debate on the Budget, the Parliamentary Sec-



Speaker Pelpola of Ceylon with Chairman Walter Ulbricht of the G.D.R

retary to the Minister of Defence and External Affairs has denied that the Federal Republic of Germany is placing any pressure on the Government to

and lasting bond of friendship with the developing nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America on a basis of equality and reciprocity.

At the great Leipzig Fair in the German Democratic Republic in March 1962, Ceylon was represented for the first time, and the results achieved at this Fair had exceeded all expectations. A State Trading Enterprise in the German Democratic Republic had purchased on the spot, at this Fair, Ceylon Coconut Oil to the value of several million rupees, and from that time onwards there has been a steady flow of Ceylonese coconut products into the German Democratic Republic. On this score alone the Ceylon Government should hasten to accord non-discriminatory and equal political and diplomatic treatment to the German Democratic Republic as it is presently offering to the Federal Republic of Germany, whose purchases from Ceylon has progressively decreased possibly because of commitments in the European Common Market.

During the end of 1961 Max Sefrin, Deputy Prime Minister of the German Democratic Republic and its Minister of Health, led a Delegation to this country with a view to bringing about a closer relationship between Ceylon and the German Democratic Republic. Max Sefrin was cordially received by our Prime Minister in the same way as her husband Solomon Dias Bandaranaike had received the Parliamentary Delegation of the German Democratic Republic led by Johannes Dieckmann some time before Bandaranaike's tragic death. Max Sefrin tendered a special message from his Government and had hoped that before long, Ceylon would accord recognition to the German Democratic Republic. But this is still being delayed for no apparently accountable reason.

N. Q. Dias

In view of the unambiguous policy pronouncements made by the Government from time to time indicating a readiness

desist from recognising the German Democratic Republic. This is most reassuring news, although one finds it very hard to believe it knowing full well the ways and machinations of the present regime of the Federal Republic of Germany.

In April 1961 Gerhard Weiss, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade in the German Democratic Republic, visited this country, and soon afterwards a Trade and Payments Agreement was signed between the German Democratic Republic and Ceylon. A careful study of the Customs Returns since April 1961 would show a rapid and amazing increase in the volume and variety of trade between the two countries. It had developed on a reciprocal basis, although at the time of writing the balance of trade stands very much in Ceylon's favour.

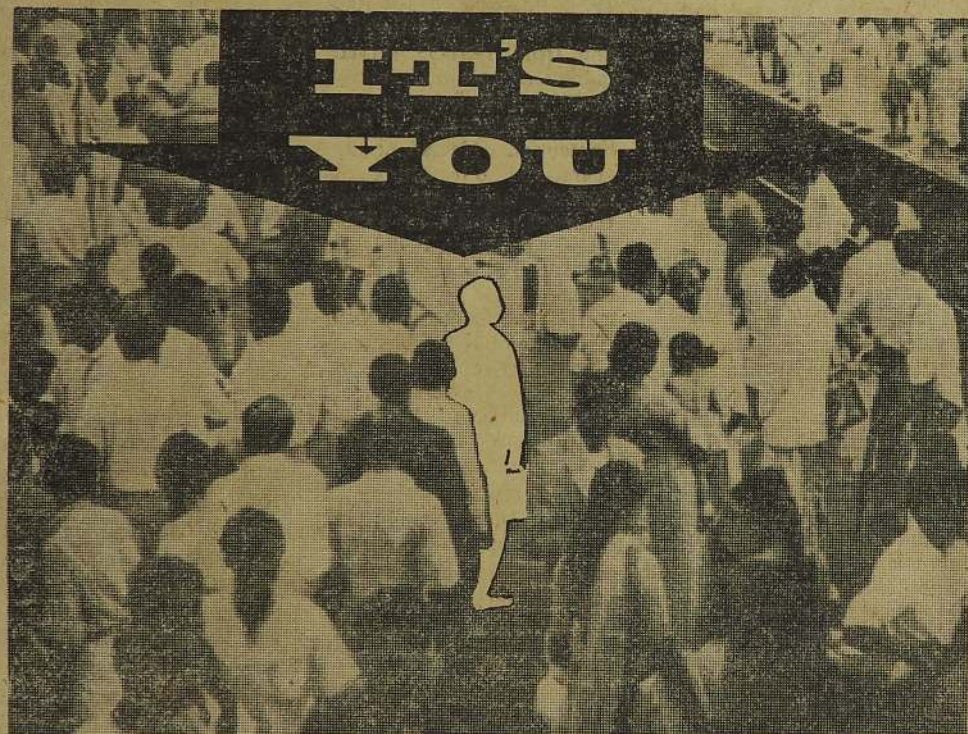
Coconut

At a critical time like this when we are doing our utmost to conserve our foreign exchange, it is heartening to note that a country such as the German Democratic Republic has really come to our aid by being one of the largest purchasers of our Coconut Produce. Far from going with a begging bowl we have entered into a straight forward business relationship with the German Democratic Republic, and with our national self-respect and political independence unimpaired we can proudly acknowledge that this relationship is presently making a notable contribution to our national effort for economic recovery.

From the writer's own personal experience, it can be said that there is a genuine desire in the German Democratic Republic to build a permanent

by
James T. Rutnam

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Comments

❖ SARAH
❖ WOLVES
❖ LAKE HOUSE

* THE LAKE HOUSE PRESS has compelled us to comment editorially on a topic which is fit only for the gossip columns that deal with matters on the fringe. It is the story of Sarah de Vloo as presented by Lake House. On Sunday last, (30/9) Lake House's top circulation (ABC) English week-end paper, the *Sunday Observer*, had a front-page sensation about a Canadian girl, Sarah de Vloo. Her story was that she had "snubbed" bigshot Ceylonese wolves, and that her visa had therefore been cancelled and that she was being packed off like a "criminal". What was even worse was that the *Sunday Observer* listed five of such wolves, who had invited her (indirectly) to bed, but whom she had "snubbed". What was significant about the items listed (persons) was that knowledgeable circles were able to identify the persons slandered immediately, and others who were not so well informed were provided with "confidential news" in a blitzkrieg whisper campaign about who the persons were by the Lake House reporter who claimed to have secured this scoop for the paper. If Lake House were so certain of the facts and its capacity to prove them, it should have named the persons (although many journalists rightly believed that the story was prompted by a desire to force an investigation and thereby enable Sarah de Vloo to stay on longer in the island to help in the investigations). The comments of Sarah de Vloo, as reported by the *Sunday Observer*, about the kind of "cads" Ceylonese middle-aged men were, the less said the better. The owners, directors, and the entire staff of Lake House (most of them middle-aged) should hang down their heads in shame for having carried on the front page of their paper this "interview" with a woman who should have been investigated by a Vigilance Society (even Balendra's, which foolishly following the Lake House lead wanted the "wolves" investigated). Sarah de Vloo's complaint was that she was being turned out of the island because she would not "co-operate" with middle-aged Ceylonese bigshots. Did the *Sunday Observer* reporter, or the editorial chieftain who had interviewed her in the holy of holies, investigate whether there were Ceylonese, middle-aged and otherwise, whom she did not snub. Sarah de Vloo's activities and habits are not as material as the journalistic ethics of Lake House. This monopoly press was prepared to slander a whole nation in a last desperate attempt to keep this bundle of notoriety in Ceylon for sometime longer.

* Lake House, however, was not satisfied with this Sunday morning outburst. On Monday morning, the pretentiously staid *Daily News* not only repeated the *Sunday Observer* story on the front page but delivered itself of an editorial about "Wolves in Office" calling for an investigation into the complaint of Sarah de Vloo. If the *Daily News* were really serious about such investigations to cleanse public life of "wolves", then it should start by cleansing such life nearer home. The wolves in the newspaper offices of Lake House—what with massage clinics and market surveys?—are as much a part of the public life of this country as a Govt. M.P., an ex-police officer with a guest house out of Colombo, an officer in the C.I.D., a private investigator, and a senior civil servant. The only difference is that whilst the wolves in Lake House have national dailies to espouse the cause Sarah de Vloos', the wolves outside have no newspapers to carry on similar campaigns espousing the cause of females who are caught in the Lake House net through beauty contests, jobs and the like, by the wolves and cubs in Lake House.

* This disgraceful Lake House saga does not end with the *Daily News*. The *Observer* on Monday afternoon, 1/10/62, had a cheesecake shot of Sarah de Vloo on her bed "relaxing at home", on the front page with a story "I worked to pay my way". This interview knocked the bottom out of the entire Lake House story. She and her friend Alice Solochen, who had kept very much in the background and who had quietly slipped out when the visa was cancelled, had arrived in Ceylon as "tourists" and had extended their visas on the ground of "absorbing the culture and life of Ceylon" on money which they were getting from abroad. But both of them had secured employment to "work their way", and which was consistent with the "stranded in Ceylon as hitch-hikers story" which had been first put out in the newspapers in Ceylon. Many had thought that this "stranded" story was only a public invitation to the "wolves" in this country in the newspapers, in the public services and in political life. In her Monday interview, Sarah de Vloo had said that she had worked at office of the Pakistan International Airways. The local boss of PIA, Haji Omar (the well-known), had sought to wriggle out of this employment business. A proper investigation, however, would show that the places where these "teachers" had worked whilst in Ceylon are in the orbit of political influences of a particular kind. The fact is that the activities of these "stranded globe-trotters" had created such a stink in political circles for the last two months that the Immigration & Emigration Department would have been arraigned if it had not taken prompt action to throw them out of the country as "undesirables". It was not because a few wolves were turned down by Sarah de Vloo that the Immigration chief had acted belatedly. The communique issued

ON OCTOBER 3

PEACE CORPS

calls on *Tribune*

TRIBUNE had an unexpected visitor on Wednesday October 3. It was no less a person than Dr. Joseph E. Schwartzberg, Program Training Director of the Peace Corps, Ceylon Project.

The Ceylon Co-ordinator of the Programme, D. A. Abeysekere, contacted the *Tribune* and inquired whether the Peace Corps training director could meet the editor that afternoon as Dr. Schwartzberg was leaving the island the next day.

The immediate provocation for the visit, it appeared, was that *Tribune* had mentioned in an article last week that the document entitled PEACE CORPS, CEYLON PROJECT, TRAINING PROGRAM JUNE 4—AUGUST 24, 1962 should be tabled as a public document. (This was the document which the Communist weekly *Forward* had referred to in its issue of September 7 together with a few extracts.)

Real American

Said Abeysekere that the Program Director would like to present a copy of this document to *Tribune*. Could they come along?

And undoubtedly for the first time since *Tribune* was established, an American, a real full-blood U.S. American called upon *Tribune*. The editor told the Program Director that *Tribune* had been on the horror list of the local American world because *Tribune* had definite non-aligned views about the foreign policy of the Cadillac Cabinet and the Wall Street moneybags who controlled US policy. This was something local Yankee-dom refused to understand. The UGLY AMERICAN all over.

The Peace Corps was different, said Dr. Joseph E. Schwartzberg. And he assured

Tribune that the Peace Corps volunteers he left behind would be different.

Biography

There has not been enough time up the time of giving to press to examine the Project Program, (a 44-page document) but attention must be drawn to the biographical note about Dr. Joseph E. Schwartzberg found in the booklet.

"Dr. Schwartzberg received his Ph.D. in geography from the University of Wisconsin in 1960, writing his dissertation on *Occupational Structure and Level of Economic Development in India: A Regional Analysis*. From 1949 to 1951 he worked for the U.S. Army Map Service and from 1951-53 served in the U.S. and in Germany in the Corps of Engineers, with the final rank of first lieutenant. He spent the years 1953-56 travelling in Europe and Asia and returned to India in 1958-59 as a Research Fellow of the Social Science Research Council. He joined the staff of the Depts. of South Asia Regional Studies and Geography and Industry of the University of Pennsylvania in 1960, with the rank of assistant professor."

That is the whole of the note. Dr. Joseph E. Schwartzberg had pointed out that the *Forward* in referring to him had only stressed his two-year connections with the U.S. Army Map Service way back in the 1949-51 period.

Dr. Schwartzberg was leaving for Delhi on October 4 to continue his research studies,

and D. A. Abeysekere informed *Tribune* that the resident chief of the Peace Corps, Moore would also be happy to meet the *Tribune*.

Honour

Such great honour has not yet been done to the *Tribune* by the Almighty Dollar so far.

The meeting with Dr. Schwartzberg was of too short a duration for us to tell him that what Ceylon needed were not "teachers". But undoubtedly the mistake was not made by the Peace Corps, but by our Ministry of Education — Minister Mahmud. and his little czar Ananda Guruge.

Why did these officials not insist that if the Peace Corps was willing to help Ceylon what we needed was technicians, or persons who could train technicians. Ceylon had a surfeit of teachers. There was unemployment among teachers. And for this reason the presence of the present lot of Peace Corps volunteers would be resented. Particularly because the manner of their arrival — even before an agreement was signed — had created legitimate suspicions and doubts in the public mind.

But though there had not been time to discuss this aspect of the matter with Schwartzberg, it is hoped that Moore would be willing to hear *Tribune*'s point of view about the Peace Corps without losing his shirt as so many of his countrymen do when they are told a few hard facts about the UGLY AMERICAN by persons belonging to poor small nations. Of course, there are people in Ceylon who would turn somersaults in order to tell the Americans what they like to hear, but *Tribune* is different in that it insists on its own Ceylonese point of view, and repeats them to all who are willing to listen. And *Tribune* is also willing to listen.

And so, more about the Peace Corps and *Tribune* in the coming weeks.

by the Controller of Immigration & Emigration on Tuesday, 2/10/62, showed the total hollowness of the Lake House story and the desperate bid it had made to keep Sarah de Vloo in Ceylon. It is also believed that part of the calculation of Lake House editorial hierarchy was that a sensational story like this would drive the new Minister of Finance to stampede the government to reverse earlier decisions. If this Sarah de Vloo goondu was an attempt to show the new strength of Lake House in the current context of the shifts and turns in politics, then it has proved to be a damp squib: and, if we may be permitted to mix our metaphors, Sarah de Vloo has turned out to be a boomerang so far as Lake House is concerned. Moreover, if Lake House wishes to test its strength in the new political situation that is growing up, it should pick on the cause of somebody more worthy than Sarah de Vloo for such attention.

TOWARDS SOCIALISM

G. D. R. FORGES AHEAD

by
H. Schnittke

The German Democratic Republic is now engaged in a battle to reinforce the economic foundations of the state, to accelerate technical progress and a general advance.

It is difficult to overestimate the achievements of the people in the German Democratic Republic who in a brief period have advanced their country to eighth place in the world for industrial output and simultaneously reorganized agriculture along socialist lines. This would not have been an easy task even if the German Democratic Republic had the necessary raw material resources.

As it is, the work of industry and the supply of the population largely depend on imports. In 1960, the G.D.R. imported almost three-fourths of the coal and 40 per cent of the iron ore it needs, all the cotton, large quantities of wool, timber, cellulose and foodstuffs.

To cover the imports, the republic has to increase its exports. For this reason the latest metalworking machine tools and other equipment were at times exported instead of being used to replace obsolescent equipment. Delay in the renewal of plant naturally restricted the rise of labour productivity and production growth rates.

Moreover, prior to August 13, 1961, when the border with the capitalist world was open, the country was actually robbed by the West-German monopolies. Taking advantage of the artificially lowered rate in exchanging marks of the Democratic Republic for marks of the Federal Republic, their agents bought up high-quality manufactured goods and foodstuffs, carried these goods across the open border to West Germany at a huge profit. By all kinds of ruses, not excluding outright blackmail, they lured to West Germany specialists and skilled workers, on whose training the German Democratic Republic spent huge sums.

The damage thus inflicted on the economy of the German Democratic Republic amounted to at least 30,000 million marks. Had this sum been additionally invested in industry during the last 10 years, it would have been enough to renew its plant and make it highly efficient.

Swiftly

The reorganization now under way aims to introduce new technology as swiftly as possible, above all in key industries such as coal, iron and steel chemical, electrical equipment and general engineering. The next stage will be a similar re-equipment of the textile and other industries which directly satisfy the needs of the people.

But this involves another problem: the need to increase accumulations in industry. Bigger investments have to be made. In recent years when the open border impeded economic development the targets of the seven-year plan were not fully met. Instead of the planned increase in capital investments of 6,500 million marks in the first three years of the seven-year period, the actual increase was only 3,700 million.

To raise the share of the national income assigned for capital investments, even if it meant slowing up growth of the share going for consumption for a time, became an urgent task. Consumption of foodstuffs by the population in the G.D.R. is now approximately equal to that in the G.F.R. (and much more evenly distributed than in the G.F.R.). The consumption of manufactured goods has risen substantially in recent years. Consequently, a redistribution of the national income would not spell excessive "burdens" for the population, as claimed by the reactionary West-German press.

Re-equipment

The plan for 1962, approved by the People's Chamber in March, is fully in line with the task of consolidating the economic foundations of the G.D.R. Industrial production will rise by 5.8 per cent on the average and much higher in key branches. For example, the electrical industry will register an increase of 14.6 per cent and the engineering and building materials industries, 9.3 per cent. Such proportions will make it possible to under-

Many more modern machines manufactured in the G.D.R. will go for the renewal of plant in industry. Karl Mewis, Chairman of the State Planning Commission, pointed out in his report made in the People's Chamber on March 28 that this year, for example, 162 automatic circular multi-purpose machines will be manufactured, as against 128 in 1961; 49 of them will be installed at plants in the republic. The output of automatic metalworking machine tools will be increased by 23 per cent. More than 4,000 new items and technological processes will be mastered this year. All this means the transition of industry to a qualitatively higher stage.

To accelerate scientific and technical progress, the large sum of 1,200 million marks is assigned for research work.

Light industry will increase output by 5.5 per cent. So far the renewal of fixed assets cannot be undertaken here and these branches continue to depend on raw material imports. Nevertheless, the output of consumer goods in big demand will rise considerably. For example, the production of women's and children's apparel will grow 10 per cent as compared with last year; refrigerators, 22 per cent; furniture, 9 per cent, etc.

On the whole, the stocks of consumer goods available for sale will increase by more than 1,000 million marks and amount to 49,000 million marks. The population will get 90,000 new flats this year.

Production

One specific feature of economic development this year is that the bigger production plan will be fulfilled without increasing the number of people engaged in the economy. This brings to the fore the task of raising labour productivity. In recent years the growth of labour productivity at times lagged behind the rise in wages. The proper proportions have to be restored. This year the plan calls for a 6.4 per cent increase in labour productivity with almost no change in the total wages bill. This will make it possible to reduce

Other socialist countries, the Soviet Union in the first place, are rendering considerable assistance to the republic. The credits of 1,300 million marks given by the Soviet Union this year represent, as Walter Ulbricht said, a good initial position for further consolidating the economic foundations of the republic. Cooperation with other member countries of the Council of Mutual Economic Assistance, participation in the specialization of production — all this facilitates the accomplishment of the tasks confronting the republic. But "everything else," Walter Ulbricht said, "depends on ourselves, our own efforts and an increase of our production."

Party and public organizations in the republic are now conducting an explanatory campaign among the masses to stimulate their initiative in bringing to light production reserves, making the best use of available new technology and introducing new, technically justified quotas.

Thus, a movement is developing not only for higher output indices and the reorganization of industry, but also for a creative attitude by each worker to his job, for stimulating initiative and developing the new, socialist consciousness. A production mobilization (Produktionsaufgebot) movement arose in the republic last September on the initiative of the workers of the Elektrokohle Factory in Berlin. The slogan of this movement is: "to produce more in the same time and for the same money." The personnel of the May 8 Engineering Works in Karl-Marx-Stadt supplemented it by the motto: "Think more profoundly, be economical, improve technology, work conscientiously."

This article briefly sums up the progress made by the G.D.R. in the economic field. A peaceful democratic socialist German state is perhaps the greatest obstacle in the way of the revival of Prussian militarism and the outbreak of a European war which will engulf the world in nuclear destruction.

Press

The press keeps the people constantly informed about the progress of the production mobilization movement. Here are some facts. Workers of 20 of the biggest industrial enterprises in Dessau succeeded in reducing by more than one million hours the working time called for by the production programme in the period from January 1 to May 20. Since the beginning of the year 1,838 workers' suggestions have been applied and they yield an annual saving of nearly three million marks. Miners and metallurgical workers in the Mansfeld nonferrous metals area topped the plan for labour productivity by 2.9 per cent in the first four months of this year, saved 0.3 per cent of the total wages bill and produced considerable quantities of copper, lead and sulphuric acid above plan.

Workers and engineers are striving to improve technology. Here are some examples. At the Treptow Electrical Instrument Plant one woman worker painted 30 scales on measuring instruments in one shift. Designer Sielder and engineer Salewski proposed a method of printing the scales, sending up productivity to 1,000 scales

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An Interview with HITLER

When the full moon plays upon the white nights of Berlin in summer time the macabre ruins of the Third Reich around the Brandenburg Gate and the Chancellery that was Hitler's become grotesquely alive. Here indeed is a setting Wagner could have conceived for his great NIBELUNGEN-LIED operas. Here stands the climax of his nostalgic GOTTERDAEMMRUNG, the twilight of those barbaric pagan gods of German mythology, transmuted into a terrible and terrifying reality. Here rises his Valhalla put to fire and ashes by Wotan in a typical Teutonic orgy of pre-determined self-ambition.

On a night such as this, West Berliners say, Hitler returns to his fata! Brandenburg bunker, where in 1945 the madman emulated Wotan and took Germany down in blood and flames with him; and plans with his dead Cabinet a Fourth Reich to reunite all German peoples in a greater Germany and reconquer the lost territories of the East for the master race.

And it was on a night such as this that, while returning from a visit to the Berlin Wall into which a hole had been blasted by a midnight explosion, I crossed the bunker of the Nazi GOTTERDAEMMERUNG. It was a beautiful white night and the moon had focussed its fantasy upon the scene.

Ghost?

In the grass, behind the barbed wires surrounding the bunker, I saw something moving. Suspecting it could be the saboteur who had dynamited the wall, I called:

"Hi, there!"

"Heil Hitler!" answered a ghostly voice; and from behind a thicket emerged a strange figure looking like a cross between Charlie Chaplin, Ayub Khan and Mino Masani.

"Sorry, I am not Hitler," I protested.

"But I am!" he insisted.

"Glad to meet you, Mr. Hitler," I laughed, "my name's Napoleon!"

"Now look here," he reported angrily, "this is no matter for joking!"

I looked—and Godamit, he was Hitler, every bit of him! Somehow "the spirit of the Nibelungen" overcame me and I found myself talking to the ghost of Adolf Hitler. Here is a record of that fantastic midnight interview.

K: Well, Herr Hitler what the hell are you up to again? I mean, HELL!

H: If that is not meant to be a rude question, young man, my answer is: CONTINUING MY WORK, COMPLETING THE GLORIOUS DESTINY OF GERMAN, PLANNING THE FOURTH AND FINAL REICH.

K: But aren't you supposed to be dead and gone?

H: What a stupid question! But I suppose one must expect such imbecility from an inferior race like yours. It is difficult to explain to a blockhead that I, the Fuehrer of Germany, am not a mortal being whom death can destroy. I am the German nation, the Germanic spirit and culture. I was Fredrick the Great. I was also Bismarck, Kaiser and Hitler of course. Fichte and Hegel, Trietschke, Nietzsche and Wagner dwell in me. I am Siegfried and Kriemhild, Brunhild and Hagen, Wotan...

K: To cut it short, Mr. Hitler, you are simply a primitive Germanic myth!

H: Oh, you utter fool! Myth, you say? Don't you know that in mythology rest both the source and the destiny of a people?

Myth?

K: That I can see all around in the destruction wrought by your mad fixation with Wotan and Wagner. You all but annihilated Germany. Was that the purpose and destiny of the Third Reich?

H: The purpose of the Third as indeed the First and Second Reich was to make Germany strong, united, dominant and aggressive—

THE SUPER-NATION OF THE MASTER RACE! And inspite of all your crazy old wives' tales of "destruction" and "annihilation," each succeeding Reich has brought the German people nearer that goal. It is only out of their baptism of blood and trials by fire that the German race shall emerge hard as steel and strong as granite to fulfill its godlike destiny.

K: By God, Sir, this is the most extraordinary explanation I have heard of two most humiliating German defeats in two successive wars!

by

R. K. Karanjia

H: "Defeats," "humiliations"—you dare call them! Have you been round Germany recently? Where is the "defeat"? Where the "humiliation"? The Western Allies, the so-called "Victors," are still paying reparations to us for fighting on the wrong side in the last war. They are arming us, bribing us, helping us in every way to resume our unfinished drive eastwards to the Communist Sector of Germany first, and Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria and Russia, finally.

AND SO FROM THE CRUCIFIXION OF 1945, AS OF 1918, HAS BEEN RESURRECTED A GREATER, MORE UNITED AND MORE POWERFUL GERMANY, PLEDGED TO CLEANSE THE STAINS OF HER BETRAYAL IN TWO WARS, WITH THE INEVITABLE VICTORY IN THE COMING THIRD.

K: The coming third! What makes you so sure it's coming?

H: How can you ask such a foolish question standing upon this crucial battleground between East and West Berlin and the two contradictory worlds of the East and the West?

Adenauer

K: But is it not a fact, that even the West German Government of Herr De-

tor Adenauer has repudiated war, expansionism and revanchism for all time?

H: Ha! HA!! HA!!! Adenauer reminds me of my old senile friend Hindenburg of the un-Germanic Weimar Republic! I settled Hindenburg and I propose to settle Adenauer likewise. Whatever they may say or do, the imperatives of German history and destiny remain inviolate and inviolable. And even the Adenauer Government repudiates and rejects totally the post-war boundaries imposed on Germany. If this does not involve revanchism, expansionism and war in truly patriotic and national interests what else can it mean?

K: Is this the official attitude of the West German Federal Government or simply another myth of years?

H: Here is an OFFICIAL man publication called "TATSACHEN UBER DEUTSCH-LAND." Read it, if you can. Or, at least study the maps on the cover and the inside pages. You will see that Deutsch-

land is very clearly mapped to include German territories taken by Poland, Czechoslovakia and Russia after we were stabbed in the back during the last war.

K: Thank you for the book, Hitler. All this certainly makes the issue intriguing! Now tell me, please, why do you always refer to the German defeat in the last war as a "betrayal" and a "stab in the back."

H: What else was it? We went to war only to further Germany's mission to civilise the world, reunite Europe and save European culture from being destroyed by the Bolsheviks and the Jews. We expected — and were promised European, British and even American support in our just crusade. But what happened? They betrayed us and stabbed us in the back when we overran Poland. The Jews and the Communist in the Western countries got the better of us last time — damn them! But it won't happen again. I can tell you that.

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K: Why?

H: For several reasons. FIRST, Western countries today realise that they fought

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BERLIN

Four-Power Administration destroyed by the West

In their statement of August 23, 1962, the three Western Powers maintain that the abolition of the Commandatura of the garrison of the Soviet troops in Berlin allegedly violates the 4-Power statute of Berlin. In regard to this, Dr. Michael Kohl, head of the Department for Legal and Treaty Affairs at the GDR Ministry for Foreign Affairs, made the following statement:

A false assertion does not become true or more convincing by being repeated to satiety. The fact is that the latest statements on this question of the city commandants in the GDR, represents a necessary conclusion to the development in Germany and Berlin. The remilitarisation of West Germany and the incorporation of this state into NATO went on parallel to the development of West Berlin into an outpost of this aggressive pact. Due to their unilateral breach of the anti-militarist directives of Yalta and Potsdam, the Western Powers lost all rights to refer to any subsidiary treaties of these basic agreements of the Anti-Hitler Coalition.

The Commandatura was controlled by the Allied Control Council

As an institution of the Allied Control Council the former 4-Power Commandatura was established for the joint administration of Berlin. This is clearly proved by the respective agreements of the former Allied Powers. Article 3, paragraph 4 of the agreement on the control institutions in Germany says, in the version of May 1, 1945, that "the administration of Greater Berlin with the help of the organs set up for this purpose" is the task of the Allied Control Council. To which organs this refers to was laid down in article 7 of the same agreement:

"An inter-allied government authority (in Russian: Komendatura) will be established. The inter-allied government authority works under the general direction of the Control Council and receives orders from the Coordinating Committee."

In 1958

The fact the Allied commandatura was created as an institution of the Allied Control Council and was only authorized to coordinate the occupation policy in all of Germany in connection with Control Council activities, is stressed in the communique on a conference of representatives of the Allied Supreme Command on July 10, 1945. This says in part:

"The Commandatura works under the general supervision of the Allied Control Council for Germany."

United administration destroyed already in 1958

The Western Powers underlined in their declaration of August 23, 1962, that the former Commandatura was "part of the administrative machinery for Berlin". The major, leading part of this machinery was already destroyed in 1948 as the Western Powers sabotaged the Allied Control Council by disregarding existing treaties. Thereby the Allied Commandatura for Berlin, which was dependent on the Allied Control Council to remain effective, lost all legal basis for existence and all effectiveness by and through the economic and political policies of division followed by the Western Powers...

The Western Powers' attempt to justify their illegal occupation regime, created by their unilateral arbitrary measures in West Berlin, by placing it under the jurisdiction of the Ambassadors of the three Western Powers to Bonn, has nothing whatsoever to do with the decisions of the 4-Powers on all Germany and cannot justify any right or competence in regard to the German Democratic Republic including its capital.

Three Power Occupation Statute

The Western Powers themselves have formally and judicially confirmed the end of the 4-Power statute on Berlin which they brought about themselves. On December 21, 1948, they established a separate commandatura for West Berlin and on May 14, 1949, they passed arbitrarily a so-called Three Power Statute for that part of the city they occupy in contradiction to international law. In the before-mentioned statement by the Western Occupation Powers of December 21, 1948, it was also acknowledged explicitly that the newly created authority, which was further illegally called "Allied Commandatura". "would only be able to carry out its decisions in the Western sectors". Therefore, even according to the wording of the former statements by the three Western Powers, it is not at all sure when, in their statement of August 23, 1962, the Western Powers maintain that the occupation troops in West Berlin would have the possibility to refer to the 4-Power statute of the first pre-war years.

The occupation regime which the Western Powers

arbitrarily created in West Berlin has nothing to do with the occupation machinery, formerly planned, not to speak of the occupation provisions set up at Yalta and Potsdam. **Peace Treaty - Only possible Way**

The former 4 Power Commandatura in Berlin, which was to serve the implementation of the democratic, anti-militarist and anti-nazi directives of the Potsdam Agree-

ment under the supervision of the Allied Control Council, and the 3-Power Commandatura in West Berlin, practically developed by the Western Powers into an institution of NATO, represent an unsurmountable contradiction. With full right the Government of the GDR emphasized in its statement on the abolition of the Commandatura of the garrison of the Soviet troops in Berlin:

"Nobody can say that the aim of the anti-militarist and peace securing directives of Yalta and Potsdam was to create a stronghold of NATO in West Berlin which serves the West German and West Berlin extremists as a platform for their revanchist policy."

The USSR and the GDR acted in full accordance with the goals of the Potsdam Agreement when they rejected every attempt to use the remnants of World War II in the service of the imperialist policy of power and by clarifying the facts concerning the legal situation, they have opened the way for the conclusion of a German peace treaty and the peaceful solution of the West Berlin problem.



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the wrong war; that's why they are fighting communism and helping Germany today. **SECONDLY**, we Germans, too, stand forewarned and forearmed; we are taking no more chances: you can see this from the way even the Adenauer Government is chaining Europe and America to the German military-industrial machine through the NATO alliance and the European Common Market. **FINALLY**, the weapons with which we wanted to deal the final blow in the last war, like nuclear devices and rocket-missiles, will soon come into our possession: then it will become an issue of the **FIRST DEADLY BLOW** at the enemy which we shall have no hesitation in delivering,

K: All this sounds fine, Herr Hitler, but how do you propose to get these nuclear devices and rocket-missiles? Don't you know they are forbidden to Germany?

H: Forbidden, my foot! Who is to rob us of weapons which were really invented by our scientists? It's German scientists who discovered the A-bomb and the H-bomb for both the US and the USSR. Meantime, my military researchers have not been sitting idle. There is already a secret military industrial organisation working underground and our experts have developed the means of a quick, all annihilating blitz, which make both the Western and Soviet weapons look like toys for children. In five years, I can tell you, the final, fatal Doomsday-Machine shall be in our hands — and then.....

Towards Socialism

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per worker in a shift. An automatic machine for assembling tubular miniature condensers has been designed at the Keramische Werke in Hermsdorf, enabling three workers to produce as much as twenty did before.

Many such examples are reported in the press. Each particular instance many sound simple, but behind it is a wealth of labour initiative and ingenuity, struggle of the new and the old, struggle against backwardness and in some cases also against the conservative attitude of managers.

The initial results of this movement are summed up in the figures of plan fulfilment for the first five months of this year, made public at the 16th Plenary Meeting of the Central

K: And then — WHAT ?

H: And then — I shall return with my Fourth Reich built on the solid foundations of National Socialism to strike the last blow at international Jewry and Communism and lead the Master Race to the conquest of Russia and the world.

K: But all the Masters of the Race — Goering, Himmler, Goebbels, Ribbentrop, even Hitler — having been reduced to the stature of ghost visible by the moonlight above, who will lead this Master Race of your imagination to war and victory?

Fuehrer

H: What absurd understanding you have of German history! Was Hitler expected during the Hindenburg era? Yet he rose! So shall a new Fuehrer rise when the time comes. You may rest assured of that. Also the Masters, as you call them, are not all dead. The old died — YES! But Borman lives. The Hitler youth, my truest ideological heirs, also live. The Wehrmacht has come into its own again and its leaders like General Heusinger, today guide the policies of the NATO. The powerful industrial-military combine of Farben, Krupps, United Steel, etc., are now sufficiently strong to supply the Army with new weapons of unimaginable destructibility. Nazis fill all important state services in the judiciary and diplomatic corps. The plain

Committee of the Socialist Unity Party. Total industrial production rose 7.8 per cent between January and May; the output of the electrical equipment industry increased more than 17 per cent and the engineering industry, nearly 12 per cent. Labour productivity grew 9.9 per cent. The plan for cutting production costs was overfulfilled. In other words, the development of industry is running somewhat ahead of the 1962 plan. Socialist agriculture too has made a good start this year. These facts fully refute the malicious inventions of the West-German press about an economic crisis in the G. D. R.

The battle continues and everything indicates that the people of the G. D. R. will win it.

fact for you to memorise is that the historical German spirit drives us, who are merely its carriers, to straight and unconfused goals that are predetermined.

K: Thank you for this clarification, Mr. Hitler. I do not know whether the frightful image of this German spirit, as you call it, which you have projected is correct. But I will admit one fact straightaway. And what is my conclusion? That all you say makes the **STRONGEST CASE EVER PRESENTED FOR FOR THE EXISTENCE OF A PEACEFUL, SOCIALIST, DE-NAZIFIED EAST GERMAN STATE.**

H: East German State? What do you mean by that?

K: The German Democratic Republic, of course!

H: Oh, that's CENTRAL Germany and we shall soon wipe it off the map as a separate state. What you call

EAST Germany really includes our eastern territories stolen by Poland, Czechoslovakia and Russia. These, also, we intend to recover.

K: Well, Sir — I hope all this is only a moon-begotten fantasy. For if it were true.....

Hitler suddenly disappeared as a dark cloud crossed

the moon. But the setting of Valhalla destroyed remained in the horrendous ruins of the Fuehrer's Third Reich around me. With the confused feelings of one who had awakened from a nightmare, I walked back to my hotel as somewhere the clock chimed one.

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LAKE HOUSE MYSTERY

SARAH de VLOO

SINCE THE "COMMENT" APPEARING ON PAGE 8 WAS WRITTEN THE SARAH DE VLOO STORY HAS ACQUIRED FURTHER NOTORIETY AND MOMENTUM. SHE HAS, IN ADDITION TO HER OTHER TALENTS AND VIRTUES, PROVED TO BE A SMUGGLER. BUT EVEN AFTER THIS DISCOVERY, LAKE HOUSE PERSISTS IN HERALDING HER AS A CAUSE CELEBRE WITH A LEGITIMATE GRIEVANCE — A GRIEVANCE THAT LAKE HOUSE THINKS ENTITLES HER TO SLANDER CEYLO-NESE MANHOOD ON THE FRONT PAGES OF ITS PUBLICATIONS.

Sarah de Vloo was scheduled to sail on Tuesday, October 2. From September 30, Lake House made a desperate effort to secure the revocation of the cancellation of her visa. Slanderous stories about bigshot "wolves" were highlighted in order to stampede the government to order an inquiry. Sarah De Vloo was painted as the supreme embodiment of all virtues: that she was the lily white madonna whose virtue had been under seige in Ceylon.

Right up to Tuesday, Oct. 2, a major effort was made. Then on Tuesday evening, accompanied by not-so-middle-aged journalists and other gentlemen about town (of the tootsy-tootsy type), she set out to join "Cambodge" which was taking her to "Hongkong". But even when she was being so unceremoniously thrown out, the adventuress in her reigned supreme. But no sooner she got on the ship, the Customs brought her back, and when she was searched a very expensive star sapphire was found hidden on her person.

The precious stone, worth a great deal, was confiscated and she was fined Rs. 1000/- This she paid in toto by cheque, according to the Times report. (The cheque, it is hoped, will not bounce!)

Besmirched

This story about smuggling was well known in all journalistic circles on Tuesday evening, but on Wednesday morning, the Daily News besmirched its front page with an enticing picture of this female with a further soul-stirring piece on the injustice perpetrated on this innocent woman. The Observer on Wednesday, blacked out as the Daily News had done, the Sarah De Vloo smuggling story, and found space on a front page (full of the coup case order) for a heart-throb story as to whether the departing Sarah de Vloo had "fallen in love" with a Ceylon boy (tootsy-wootsy-rahmsy-with-a-sportsy-car).

CEYLON & G.D.R.

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to recognise the German Democratic Republic, one is inclined to look for the reason for the delay and indifference to this matter to the slow-moving bureaucratic machinery that is presently operating in the Ministry of External Affairs under the administration of N. Q. Dias, an unimaginative Civil Servant who was described in Parliament as a "Very Queer Person", as indeed he is. This individual, a dimunitive aspirant, it would seem, to political leadership has recently been the target of widespread criticism by the elected representatives of the people in Parliament, and it is about time that we had a change of personnel enabling a more faithful reflection of the policy of the Government in the administration.

One must not forget that it was N. Q. Dias who wrote that notorious letter in December 1961 to the "Tribune" taking the latter to task for criticising poor Auer, that

by

TRIBUNE INVESTIGATOR

Does Lake House think that the public will be fooled into forgetting the smuggling act with this in-love-with-a-Ceylon-boy-yarn? The Lake House reporter who had played this heroic role in trying to make a Joan of Arc and a Virgin Queen of Sarah De Vloo should be publicly named, but it is not yet clear whether he was acting under orders from on high.

When there is so much to spotlight in Ceylon why did Lake House waste so much powder and shot (front page too) on Sarah De Vloo? This is a mystery that must be solved.

smooth, plausible, whispering West German Ambassador who came to realise, alas, too late, that even in the backwoods of Asia one must be prepared to be confronted with tell-tale Fascist dossiers that would vindicate Justice, challenge Tyranny and expose Pretence and Dissimulation.

In the office of our Ministry of External Affairs we are advised that there hangs a map of a part of Europe published by the Federal German Republic, which indicates that not only the German Democratic Republic, but a large part of Poland and portions of the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia are part of the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany! All credit to the clever Auer for having mesmerised the genii that haunt our Foreign Office and imposed this ridiculous piece of Hitlerian cartography to besmirch its walls!

But what an indictment on our Foreign Office? Is this unhappy mess due to the crass stupidity of a one-track mind or to scandalous ignorance of current history or to potentially dangerous amateurism in diplomacy?

Our Prime Minister has already acknowledged the fact at the Belgrade Conference in 1961 that there are two Germanys. This was repeated by our former Finance Minister at the United Nations Organisation last year. Even such a patriotic and distinguished American as William O. Douglas, a Judge of the Supreme Court in the United States, has declared in his most recent book "Democracy's Manifesto" that both Germanys — East and West — should be recognised and admitted to the United Nations.

Therefore, in advocating the recognition of the German Democratic Republic we are only expressing a political desideratum which is bound eventually to have far-reaching consequences for the cause of peace in the world. As a beginning and as an immediate step we should exchange Consulate-Generals between Ceylon and the German Democratic Republic. The U.A.R., Burma and Indonesia have done so with beneficial results to the participants. We appeal to the Prime Minister and the new Minister of Finance, C. P. de Silva, to delay no longer.

The Official Parliamentary Delegation, led by R.S. Pelpola the Speaker of our House of representatives, that went to the German Democratic Republic this year will no doubt bear us out when we say that recognition of the German Democratic Republic by Ceylon at this stage will be as historic and useful as the Ceylon-China Trade Pact that was signed in 1952. It is sincerely hoped that Government and its officials will not wait any more for further prodding by Parliament and the People in this connection.

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The Peace Corps are with us. But the mystery of how they got into the country has not yet been fully solved. Last week, we explained that the statements made by the former Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Defence & External Felix Dias Bandaranaike, had established that the agreements between the Government of Ceylon and the U.S.A. had not yet been signed, although a draft approved by the officials was ready, and that it was only on September 3 that the Permanent Secretary made a minute that the Peace Corps contingent should be permitted to come into the country "pending the signing of the agreement."

We had pointed out that this "okay" by the Permanent Secretary was officially conveyed to the local US Embassy only on September 4, and that before the message could have been flashed to the US, the Peace Corps contingent was

well on its way to Ceylon in jet planes. But we had also stated that the Ceylon Embassy in Washington had issued visas to them on the footing that nobody would dare question visas being granted to Kennedy's Peace Corps minions—agreement or no agreement.

TRIBUNE NOW RELIABLY LEARNS THAT THE ENTRY VISA (VALID FOR SIX MONTHS) WAS ISSUED IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 23rd TO THESE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.

On whose authority was this done?

Such visas are only given to tourists and the present practice is to restrict the same to three months or at the most four months. A six month's "visit" visa is the maximum that can be given under the law and it would be interesting to

know why it was given. This six months is usually given in two instalments. Was it because the local American Lobby had hoped that in six months they would have been able to make the people forget the *fait accompli* during that time.

Even when Ceylonese who are "settled" in Malaya come to Ceylon, they are given a maximum of four months, and if they desire to stay longer with their relations or in their ancestral homes they are called upon to pay a visa tax of Rs 400 for a further stay of one or two months. But the Washington Embassy gave these Peace Corps volunteers a visit visa of six months under the most extraordinary circumstances. It is known that when technical personnel are brought into the country, the visas are given after the most exhaustive procedures. This is particularly so when they come into the island on Cabinet directives which

specify the nature of the technical assistance to be obtained.

In the meantime the Peace Corps volunteers have departed to the different schools. Below we publish the list of the 39 Peace Corps Volunteers, and also the schools which have received the blessings of such "technical assistance" and "aid". It must be noted that the Peace Corps volunteers were strictly enjoined during their training to "keep clear of the cocktail circuit" and "the backyards of American compounds". In Colombo most of them did not keep out of the "cocktail circuit" during the re-orientation programme (and what they chattered during these sessions has made many to sit up); and as to American compounds it was not necessary for them to find them when so many drawing rooms of members of Ceylonese American Lobby were thrown open to them. Peace Volunteers list on page 15

Tentative list of Schools to which Volunteers will be assigned.

1. Western: Horana—Taxila MMV (2 Science), Katukurunda TC (2 Phy. Ed.).

2. Southern: Balapitiya TC (2 Phy. Ed.), Hikkaduwa (1 Science, 1 Phy. Ed.), Galle—Sanghamitta Girls (1 Science, 1 Phy. Ed.), Deniyaya MMV (1 Science, 1 Phy. Ed.).

3. Sabaragamuwa: Ratnapura—Sivali MMV 1 Science, 1 Phy. Ed.), Tolangamuva MMV (2 Science).

4. Central (Kandy): Polgolla TC (1 Phy. Ed., 1 Home Econ.), Uyanwatte TC (1 Phy. Ed., 1 Home Econ.), Dharmaraja College (2 Phy. Ed.), Nugawela MMV (1 Science, 1 Maths.).

5. North Western: Ibbagamuwa MMV (2 Phy. Ed.), Kurunegala Maliyadewa Girls (2 Science).

6. Northern: Jaffna Palaly TC (2 Phy., Ed., 1 Home Econ.).

7. Uva: Bandarawela MMV (1 Science, 1 Phy. Ed.).

8. Eastern: Addalachenai TC (2 Phy. Ed.), Batticaloa TC (1 Phy. Ed., 1 Home Econ.).

9. North-Central: Anuradhapura MMV (1 Science, 1 Maths.).



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NATIONAL DAY

People's China

aids developing nations

Americans, generally uninformed about life and thought in China, seem to be completely without facts on China's policy of aid to independent nations. Some progressive U.S. publications have expressed the view that China differs from the Soviet Union by its rigid classification of nations as either "imperialist" or "socialist", not recognizing the "neutral" category. China is pictured as viewing the "neutrals" as hostile, and as resenting socialist aid to them.

Nothing could be further from fact. China was the first of the socialist nations to stress the role of the "independent nations," a term she prefers to "neutrals". In 1954, when most of the world's communists still wondered if India and Burma could be taken as enemy or friend, Chou En-lai flew to New Delhi and Rangoon and created with Prime Minister Nehru and then Premier U Nu "five principles of peaceful co-existence" which, the next year, became the base of the Bandung Conference, the historic first meeting of independent Asian and African nations.

One recalls how the U.S. tried to disrupt the meeting through delegates such as Carlos Romulo of the Philippines, who baited Chou; how reporters questioned Chou, and Chou replied: "I did not come to quarrel: I came for the success of all the people here." It was clearly no socialist success Chou expected; he sought the success of Afro-Asian independent nations and his attitude helped make that success.

After Bandung

China has stressed the emergence of independent nations and their struggle for full liberation as a historic development and a major force for world peace, second only to the growth of the socialist camp. Far from decrying aid to these nations, China, while still in need and without surplus, probably has given to small, non-socialist but independent nations more free gifts in aid than she herself has received from the entire socialist camp. For China rates as a strong power and the "aid" she gets is largely in short-term credits, while the aid China gives is often in the form of gifts or long-term loans without interest.

China's gifts are not large but they are decided upon carefully, for a clear aim.

They may go to a feudal nation or even to a backward, absolute monarchy such as Yemen. But they go to nations trying to establish economic independence: and they are gifts that help in this. Some recent instances reflect this policy.

In Cambodia on Jan. 24, a gathering was held to bid farewell to two groups of Chinese specialists. A team of Chinese geologists had finished a three-year job of prospecting for minerals in Cambodia. A group of radio specialists had finished building a radio station as a gift to Prince Sihanouk.

Hung Long, Cambodian director of mines and industries, reported that the Chinese geologists had discovered for Cambodia 25 kinds of minerals in 130 deposits, and also had found resources on which Cambodia might base her

Yemen

By contrast one may note that Cambodia's air space has been violated by U.S.-made planes from three neighbor nations—South Vietnam, Laos and Thailand. Sihanouk's press department has shown many foreign reporters the havoc caused in a Cambodian village by three planes from South Vietnam which strafed the peasants, killing several.

In Rangoon last January an open-air theater seating 3,000 was opened with a performance of "Swan Lake" by a Chinese ballet troupe. Burmese engineers and workers, with the aid of Chinese experts, had completed the building at double speed.

U Nu attended the ballet with other Burmese leaders and then went on the stage to greet the artists. He wired to Chou: "My personal impres-

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own iron and steel industry and her own cement works. They had located more than 9 million tons of limestone and 800,000 tons of clay, adequate for a cement works to run for 80 years at a capacity of half a million tons a year. They had found also 6 million tons of iron ore, coal, quartz, chromite and manganese.

"The effect on our country's development is beyond reckoning," Hung Long said. He declared that "cooperation of the Chinese specialists with the Cambodian government organs was perfect," and said they had shown "magnificent adaptability to Cambodian conditions" and had trained Cambodians to carry on their work.

Cambodia is a feudal Kingdom with a modern prince who suppresses Cambodian Communists. He gets aid from the U.S., France, the U.S.S.R. and China. But Sihanouk's insistence on his nation's independence, and especially his rejection of "protection" from SEATO, makes him in China's view a force for world peace. So China does what she can to help Cambodia to independence, in news broadcasts, in iron and steel, in cement and in some other industries.

sion was that all your artists were determined to excel themselves because they felt they were strengthening the friendship between the Burmese and Chinese peoples." U Nu was right. Burma has other things by which to remember China, including a modern textile mill with full training of Burmese personnel.

Another example of aid involves Yemen, one of earth's most isolated, backward absolute monarchies at the south tip of the Red Sea, in one of earth's hottest deserts. On Jan. 27 a 144-mile highway connecting the desert capital with a Red Sea port was opened. Then, thousands came to the ceremony, among them 130 Chinese specialists who had helped build the road which is Yemen's link to world trade.

The Crown Prince of Yemen cut the ribbon and said, "This highway is symbol of a new era." He lauded the Chinese experts for their diligence, high morale and "quality." He said: "They got on very well with the Yemenite people." Rare words in a fanatical Moslem land that has always excluded foreigners.

China's Ambassador Chen

a key to China's aid. He said, "The road will help develop the economy of Yemen. So the Yemenite people are happy and the Chinese people share their happiness. Chinese people and Yemenite people both love peace and oppose imperialism."

Theory

There was certainly little else on which Chinese and Yemenites could unite. What could be found in common between a tiny monarchy where a king can cut off a subject's head without rebuke, and the world's most populous socialist state?

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Budget Deficit Forum

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empty handed, buy up the concerns with capital-reserves built up in this country. And *ad infinitum* the process is carried on, till this country is bled white.

If this country is to stan on its legs, please stop foreigners investing here and foreigners coming here. Let the Government take over their business already here before they form into Company-Groups, and run them, of cours not like the C. T. B. nor the Port Cargo Corporation, but as real mercantile concerns.

If at a latter stage, we will have to nationalise, we will then have to pay not only what was originally brought by them, but also capital created by the energy of local labour. Did our patriots strive for independence to be economically subservient to foreigners? If a man is indebted to an Afghan or Chettiar nobody cares for him, but if a person tries to live within one's means everyone respects him. Let us build up an economically stable Lanka by our own efforts instead of going with outstretched hands to the World Bank and the I. M. F. to replete our external assets. We must cut our coat according to the cloth. Why should there be deficit Budgeting?

Income Tax

Why have the poor been roped in for Income Tax? The first objective of Income Tax is prevention of capital formation, but which capital formation the Central Bank economists want. Secondly it is to rope in money for the annual expenditure.

What should the Government have done to see that it received its due share from the capitalists, if it was really in earnest? When the Kaldor system was introduced, a law should have been enacted that

all Accounts of Limited Liability Companies, whether private or public, must be audited by the Auditor-General.

Is it more moral to discourage racing and consuming alcohol where the Government could reap a rich harvest than for the Government to resort to inflation with impunity?

The Katunayake Aerodrome is to be enlarged. One hundred odd acres of coconut land in the best coconut growing area is to be acquired. Who is going to pay for all these expenses? In how many years can the capital outlay be recovered together with all the interest that has to be paid? This is to be made a First Class Tourist Air Port for whose benefit? What is the visualised income per annum? Are all these improvements to be done for the benefit of the masses whose progeny is to be mortgaged to repay these debts? Is it to make these developments that this people's government wanted to cut the rice ration?

The Estimated Provision for the Public Debt is Rs. 147,071, 817/-. From whose pockets is this money found? When Bourdillon first started the Public Debt the people of Ceylon were up in arms. Now the Public Debt has reached the colossal sum of Rs. 3000/-million. The provision for the Army is Rs. 36,286,143/-. Royal Ceylon Navy Rs. 15, 750,595/-. Royal Ceylon Air Force Rs. 14,098,195/- and Police Rs. 42,504,486/-. With whom are we going to war in this Nuclear Age? Should not all these departments be scrapped and only a bare Police Service maintained? Less laws mean people have more liberty and therefore less polite will be required.

If a Railway is needed, the people who patronise it must make it pay. Why should the masses subsidise annually to the tune of Rs. 33 million? If it does not pay, scrap it. No sane man sustains a losing concern. Why must the people be taxed to prop up these nonpaying concerns?

CONTRAST

E. & W. Germany

"No Experiments" — that is the well-known motto of the aged West German Federal Chancellor, which is in conformity both with his own age and that of his era.

All official and semi-official publications in the Federal Republic keep on presenting this motto in all sorts of variations.

Threat to Peace

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Bonn are making to take revenge upon this world, and to carry through their crazy dream of world conquest. The danger of a determined and ruthless military junta, far removed from any ideas of world happiness, and pursuing its plans with an unsurpassed thoroughness is clear enough. The danger is as serious as it could be. The prospect of the top brass trained by Fascism, using heedlessly the destructive atomic and nuclear weapons against a peaceful people should make all democrats rise in anger. The world had had enough of war and destruction in the two wars foisted upon them by crazy German militarists and their blind friends.

And particularly the havoc wrought by Fascism in the last war has made all people sick of such adventurers. At present there are forces in England and America who look kindly to these adventurers, because their activities may help destroy the Soviet Union. But the invincibility of the Soviets has been proved in the last War and more recently in their possession of superior weapons.

In the interests of peace what is required is not lending help to these German militarists but dethroning them from the seats of power and position. Today the urge for peace and co-operation grows apace all over the world, and no country is waiting for cold-blooded atomic warfare. As Gen. Eisenhower himself put it at the end of World War II. "The German General Staff itself must be utterly destroyed. These wars of Germany's have been, from the standpoint of the General Staff, merely campaigns, merely incidents."

And whatever the policies of the imperialist circles in England and the U.S.A., the people of the world have now enough power, strength and wisdom to eliminate this scourge of humanity. The day is not far off when the world, free from fascist generals of West Germany, will live in peace and happiness.

What does this "No Experiments" in reality imply? It means nothing but no disarmament for West Germany, no understanding with the GDR, adherence to the rigid foreign policy with its cold war strategy, enforced nuclear arming. Citizens who do not comply with this are reprimanded.

Politicians writing in West German papers and official government publications describe the other German state in a most gloomy way. Such an idea of the GDR on the part of official speakers makes their own words appear more and more incredible. It is just too much of a bad thing. Many West German citizens

of them receive stipends. It is possible to go to the polls just as in West Germany with just one difference—after the elections are over people are asked to be politically active. There is a parliament, a judiciary, a government, there are generals, a system of administration and general education just as in West Germany; there is just one difference—in the GDR there is not the predominance of the very same persons who held responsible jobs twenty years ago. Last but not least there are many factories in the GDR, big ones too just as in West Germany. But here too there is a difference in the GDR: there are not the very same directors and managers who filled Hitler's war coffers.

All this is true and can be checked. It just compels many Germans to ponder more

many questions

Correct Choice

But it is not possible to obliterate for ever the avowal to peace in West Germany, which will win in the final analysis. It is gaining the upper hand in Easter marches, in brave publications against nuclear arming, in determined strikes, in helpful talks with GDR citizens, briefly speaking, this avowal is transformed in actions.

A front of progress is slowly taking shape in West Germany, not united as yet and without a uniform leadership. But

Rome too was not built in a day, yet one day it was there. It would be an illusion to expect a fundamental change to come about suddenly in West Germany, but the great process of rethinking has commenced.

This process is facilitated by millions of people in the German Democratic Republic who took the chance soon after the end of World War Two to think carefully and to establish a peaceful future for the nation in one part of Germany.

by

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therefore ask: If developments and the present state of affairs in West Germany are really so ideal why such hectic and defamatory polemics from this lofty height?

Questions

It is no wonder therefore that more and more people come from West Germany to the German Democratic Republic in order to find answers to their questions: they come to Berlin, the capital, to Weimar where Goethe once lived, to Dresden known for its art treasures, and to other places. Some of them really come in order to discover the gloom of which Bonn talks; but many of them come with a host of questions; is this or that true of which we have heard in the Federal Republic?

What do they discover? In the GDR people go to work just like West Germans do; there is but one difference—work is assured for everybody and there is equal pay for equal work. People in the GDR like to amuse themselves just as people in West Germany do; there is but one difference—there is no prostitution, no pornography, no strip-tease. In the GDR it is possible to study just as in West Germany; there is but one difference—students pay no fees and most

deeply and is not without effect on West German citizens.

War

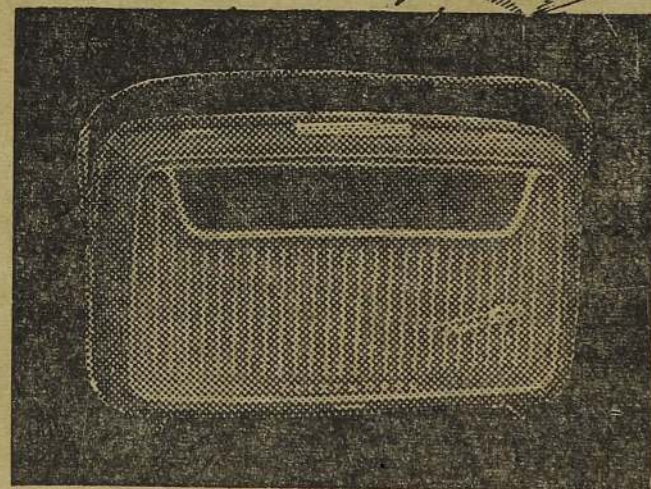
Germans in east and west suffered the same horrors of the most gruesome of all wars, and many West Germans are now asking doubtfully whether their government has done right in pursuing a policy of atomic arming and cold war against the other part of the nation, in striving for integration of foreign territories. Such queries are justified, for people who ask do think.

In an uncertain and partly instinctive way, many West German citizens desire social and political changes. This determination grows as they come to grips with the lessons of history, with the aggressive attitude of the powers that be, as they are confronted with realities in the GDR. Particularly young people take stock of the die-hards. Many workers, professional people and others too undergo a process of political maturity which is sometimes rather slow though. It is slow because those who make public opinion well know the effects of their publicity and are capable of obliterating temporarily the knowledge that it is better to stand for good neighbourly relations with the GDR.

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American Buddhist Statue

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I was pleasantly surprised the other day when a friend showed me a book on Ceylon he had borrowed from the Holborn Public Library. I was even more pleased to discover the author was my old boss Dr. Argus Tressider, one of earliest Public Relations Offi-

cers at the U.S. Embassy in Colombo. If ever there was an American friend of the Ceylonese it was Dr. Tressider, and this fact is evident all through the book in which he describes some of the most intimate aspects of Ceylon life. Even his assessment of the Ceylon Communist Party and its future is astonishingly objective for an American.

Deep South — "You filthy, black b....."

This was too much for all the local employees of the dollar establishment and one of the local clerks was bent on redress. An inquiry was held and the American guard was quietly but promptly frown back.

DULLES

Incidentally I wonder how many know that a relative of that notorious cold-war merchant and brinkman John Foster Dulles lies buried in a cemetery in Jaffna. If I remember well, it is his grandmother. Any how when Dulles visited Ceylon in 1954 on one of his missions to SEATO nations, some residents of Jaffna handed him a scroll containing details of his ancestor's grave. The ceremony took place at the U.S. Embassy in Colpetty and so touched was this initiator of the bankrupt "positions of strength" policy that there were tears in his eyes.

But perhaps none of the U.S. personnel in Ceylon were more colourful than the four or five Marine Guards. Their utter contempt for the laws of our roads when driving their vehicles brought a stern warning from our Motor Commissioner until the unusual order had to be made by the Ambassador himself that no marine was permitted to drive any vehicle.

WOMEN

Recently a delegation of British women for peace visited Mrs. Khrushchev to plead for disarmament. This typically Russian mother stated that was precisely her own wish since she had herself seen enough suffering during the war. Growing potatoes would be more profitable.

Now, Scottish Mrs. Margaret Robertson whose front window overlooks the U.S. base of the Holy Loch, has written to Mrs. Kennedy who recently launched another "city killer" Polaris submarine, declaring that she "participated with pride" in the launching ceremony.

"Polaris missiles are city killers aimed at the woman in the street and the baby in the pram — a vile project for any Christian mother to take pride in", wrote Mrs. Robertson to Mrs. Kennedy.

BILE

Ceylonese memories, like those of the celebrated elephant, are not short-lived, so many will remember the tribute the BBC paid to Mr.

Dahanayake during the Caretaker Government period when, just at a time when the nation were mourning the death of S W R D, this august body described him (Mr. Dahanayake) as "an imbecile".

The British press and radio, themselves very touchy about their own head of state, never cease to delight in the misfortunes of those who kicked them out.

Soon after the recent assassination attempt on Dr. Nkrumah the *Sunday Telegraph* ran this bit of verse:

"NKRUMANCY

"It is easy under Nkrumah

"To commit a blumah

"Or for a Minister (or Minister)

"To become Sinister (or sinister)

"No wonder they're getting gloomier —

"Those Nkronies of Nkroo-mier".

To think that these were once our rulers!

STATUE

Coming into the West End

from some grey outer-London borough is always a pleasant experience. The great shopping centre in Oxford Street is ever gaily decorated and reminds one of a permanent Vesak festival. Off Oxford Street is Bond Street where Wallace Heaton, Britain's largest camera people, have their show rooms and, if I was thinking pleasantly of Vesak it was a short-lived pleasntry.

For there, among the numerous photographic paraphernalia, was a three foot high bronze statue of the Lord Buddha which no doubt originated from some Far Eastern vihare.

Now Buddhists who venerate the Lord Buddha do so because of His teachings of tolerance and personal respect. But not so respectful to Him are these one-time rampant colonial boys. For, placed in the hands of the Gautama who renounced all worldly things was — yes, a camera!

But this flippant attitude to religion is frowned upon when it is their own faith. The Vicar of St. Andrews Church, Kinson, near Bourne-mouth, Rev. Alfred Laughlin, was very upset at a wedding in his Church last week where a strip-tease was enacted. At the marriage of an actor and showgirl the seven bridesmaids suddenly stripped off their frocks and stood there in scanty swimsuits — with saucy little trains attached!

I. A.

Blitz Interview

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Herr Winzer:

It is above all a violation of the German people's right to self-determination that no peace treaty has yet been signed seventeen years after the war's end and that in one part of Germany, i.e. in West Berlin, the occupation regime is maintained, and that the Western Powers have retained for themselves, through the Paris Treaties with West Germany, the right to dictate to the German people in all basic questions of their national policy.

But has Herr Schroeder, who wishes to dictate to India and all the other neutral countries what foreign policy they are to pursue, any right whatever to talk about "self-determination"? His talk of self-determination has no more value than that of Hitler and Ribbentrop, who always ranted loudest about the German people's right to self-determination when they were preparing for acts of aggression against other peoples, especially against Poland and Czechoslovakia.

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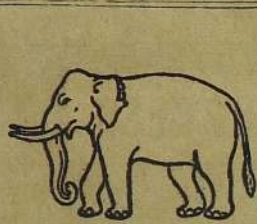
It is claimed in justification of the Schroeder Doctrine that conclusion of a peace treaty with the GDR would be a breach of the Potsdam Agreement. What do you think of this claim?

Herr Winzer:

Those in glass houses should not throw stones. After the establishment of the separate West Zone state, the so-called German Federal Republic, it was the conclusion of the Paris Treaties in 1954 and the inclusion of West Germany in the imperialist NATO military bloc that was the decisive breach of the Potsdam Agreement. The obdurate division of Germany also originated from this breach.

The main content and aim of the Potsdam Agreement was demilitarisation, denazification and democratisation of Germany, so that the peoples of the world should never again be threatened by a war emanating from German soil. That is why the inclusion of West Germany in NATO, remilitarisation of West Germany with its speed-up in rearmament — particularly in recent years — and the development of its NATO Wehrmacht for atomic war against the Allies of the Western Powers in World War Two, i.e. against the Soviet Union, Poland and Czechoslovakia, is such a colossal breach of the Potsdam Agreement. In addition, there is the fact that in West Germany the government apparatus, the Wehrmacht, the judiciary, the diplomatic service and even the education system are riddled with and to a large extent

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Palmer did not last long here after that. As a result of this article he had to be quickly posted elsewhere.

In his place came tall, Mexican-looking Les Squires. The first thing he did was to storm into Lake House. That day the Ceylon Observer ran the thickest headlines in its early edition claiming that Squires had threatened to assault the editor. "The Communists will shoot you if they took over this country", he allegedly yelled at them, because it so happened that at that time the Observer was serialising Stan Kenyon's "The Ku Klux Klan".

But best of all was the U.S. Marine Guard. The Singhalese driver of the Ambassador's car had driven into the portico — as he always did — a few minutes before the Ambassador was due to leave for lunch. The guard, just arrived in Ceylon, was not having any such nonsense and ordered the driver to take the car away. The latter refused, whereupon the irate Texan shouted out abuse, including the terms they use on Negroes in the

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controlled by nazis, war criminals, racial and revanch propagandists. There is no other country in Europe which has to such an extent elevated to its official government policy the spirit of revenge and conquest of neighbouring territory, especially of the GDR, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The imperialist West German state, which fills the world with concern as a result of its revanchist demands and its loud demands for atom weapons, is also becoming a danger to the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America. The West German imperialists still think that all the peoples should bow down before their mad lust for power.

A statement on August 18th in "Der Tag" a West Berlin newspaper which supports Adenauer, expresses this lust for power.

"The economic and political power...the gradually increasing striking force of the Bundeswehr are the decisive arguments in Africa against recognition of the GDR."

But the aim of the Potsdam Agreement was in fact to take measures to prevent this militarist language from ever again being used in Germany.

The Potsdam Agreement foresees the conclusion of a German peace treaty with a Government suitable — suitable, of course, in the sense of the basic principles of the

Potsdam Agreement. The Government of the German Democratic Republic is such a Government, for the principles of the Potsdam Agreement have been carried out in our workers' and farmers' state. The GDR champions disarmament, peaceful coexistence and military neutrality of both German states and recognises the frontiers drawn as a result of World War Two. The conclusion of a peace treaty with the German Democratic Republic therefore accords with the main aim and content of the Potsdam Agreement.

Blitz

It is further claimed that

participation of neutral states in a German peace treaty concluded with the German Democratic Republic would be a breach of the principles of neutrality. I should like to hear your view on this.

Herr Winzer

First I should like to point out that the Soviet Union and the GDR have suggested conclusion of a unified peace treaty with both German states. This peace settlement would also be the best way to bring the two German states together and to join them in a German confederation.

In order to take into account the different political and

social conditions in the two states, readiness was also expressed to conclude two separate treaties. This was also rejected by the Bonn Government, because in fact any peace treaty is a contradiction of its revanchist policy. But the neutral states cannot, after all, commit themselves to this policy. On the contrary, they would undermine their neutrality through such a one-sided support of the Bonn policy of revenge.

The conclusion of the Paris Treaties and inclusion of West Germany in the NATO imperialist military bloc — in breach of the Potsdam Agree-

ment — was no hindrance to many neutral countries who had fought with the anti-Hitler coalition to take up normal diplomatic relations with Bonn. In view of the fact, it is the principle of neutrality itself which should lead them to give their active support to a German peace settlement in the spirit of the Potsdam Agreement, even if it is only signed with the GDR, and to establish normal diplomatic relations to our peace state. This should be the logical consequence arising out of the principle of neutrality.

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National day

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China's theory of world peace explains her aid policy. China stresses the importance of the "national liberation movement" as a force for progress and peace. When any nation—large, small, capitalist, feudal, monarchic, primitive, tribal—breaks from the yoke of imperialism and struggles for independence, this nation's struggle wears down imperialism, and lessens its power for war. China will help any of these little nations if she can. All these "independent nations" together, says China, make up more than half the world's people.

Two characteristics of China's aid are worth noting. When Chinese experts go to help develop backward countries, China usually pays their salaries, but the country to which they go furnishes them with living and working expenses on the standard its own citizens have in similar jobs. This is not easy in countries of tropical Africa. It is a rule, I think, no other nation makes in sending "aid." American specialists in Laos have houses whose mere upkeep costs \$300 a month.

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AUDITOR-GENERAL REPORTS ON

Dr. Ananda Guruge

Vidyodaya Scandal

The Auditor General's Report, which has now been released as a sessional paper, is an important document. It will help many to understand just what the present state of the machinery of government administration really is.

The item to which we wish to draw attention, this week, concerns the case of the over-paid Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Dr. Ananda Guruge. Readers will recall that we had on innumerable occasions pin-pointed the case of this official who has not only been the cause of the mess in Vidyodaya but also must take the responsibility for the present chaos in the Education Department.

What the Auditor General has now so authoritatively set out only confirms one of the matters we have raised in regard to this ubiquitous official who knows the secret of being a political favourite in the days of the UNP as well as the SLFP whilst at the same

time being able to visit the United States (with his spouse) on special invitations by the State Department.

Financial Regulations

The Auditor General makes a special point of stressing that amounts drawn from the University by this Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Education, who was also a member of the University Council, exceeded the limits prescribed in the Financial Regulations.

Mr. L. A. Weerasinghe, the Auditor General, in the report said: "On this being reported to me by the Secretary to the Treasury, the Assistant Secretary was ordered to refund Rs. 5,645 in monthly instalments commencing from September, 1962. After this order had been made, it was found that this Assistant Secretary had also been paid an allowance as Administrative Assistant of

the University (at the rate of Rs. 750 per mensem) during a period of approximately four months in 1960 while he was out of the Island on the invitation of the State Department of the U. S. A. The propriety of this payment was under consideration by the Treasury at the date of this Report, and may necessitate a revision of the amount to be recovered from this officer."

The question that must be asked is how these overpayments came to be made. Mr. Guruge, who is said to be the Czar of the Education Ministry, is a "senior" civil servant who should at least know the Financial Regulations. That is the least he should know. If he did know his way about Financial Regulations (if he doesn't, he should be downgraded and be asked to study the Financial Regulations once again), then, the question must be asked as to how these overpayments came to be made or received.



at the new state leather factory to be opened on Oct. 12.

It is known that in this case, Guruge would have been both the giver as well as the taker. The only inference which can be drawn is that Guruge received these payments in although he knew the Financial Regulations very well, because of the complete disregard he had for governmental regulations. This is just another example of a top bureaucrat running riot. The feeling that persons as important as Guruge so close to Ministers, politicians, the US State Department, the Peace Corps and the Asia Foundation, can get away with anything, even the murder of government regulations, motivates many officials.

Silence ?

The Daily News and Lake House, which goes berserk over espousing the causes of women like Sarah de Vloo, is relatively silent when terrible cases like Guruge are concerned. It is only when the Auditor General pin-points his case that there is a small reference tucked away in a corner, but no names are mentioned. And when the public interested in the affairs

of Vidyodaya had cried itself hoarse about the doings of Guruge, Lake House had maintained a suspicious silence.

It is time that Government did something about Guruge. Can an official who flouts the Financial Regulations of the government so brazenly and blatantly be permitted to run the affairs of the Education Ministry? It would be a terrible reflection on the government itself if officials like Mr. Guruge are not dealt with severely.

If no action was taken, then other officials would take the line that they can play ducks and drakes with government money: that if they are caught, all that they would be called upon to do was to refund the money in easy instalments. It is not always easy for the Auditor General to spot these frauds and overpayments: he has too much work and too little staff. Moreover, it is years before these actions by erring public servants are detected, and then it may be too late to do anything about them.

List of Peace Volunteers arriving in Ceylon September 6, 1962.

| Name | Language | Principal Technical Skill |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| 1 Agasi, Gary | Tamil | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 2 Atkinson, Wendell | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 3 Baker, Kenneth | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 4 Barnick, Joyce | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 5 Bergen, Barbara | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 6 Blumenhein, Robert | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 7 Bott, Lucile | Tamil | Home Economics |
| 8 Braskett, Ralph | Sinhalese | Mathematics |
| 9 Brick, Robert | Sinhalese | Science |
| 10 Cushing, Joseph | Sinhalese | Science |
| 11 De Loach, Geraldine | Sinhalese | Science |
| 12 Euth, Patricia | Tamil | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 13 Fennel, Bernard | Sinhalese | Science |
| 14 Fitzgerald, Donald | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 15 Flake, Billy | Sinhalese | Science |
| 16 Ford, Mike | Sinhalese | Science |
| 17 Hailer, Richard | Sinhalese | Science |
| 18 Hall, Nancy | Sinhalese | Home Economics |
| 19 Hanna, Carolyn | Sinhalese | Science |
| 20 Herbert, James | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 21 Ingels, Charles | Sinhalese | Science |
| 22 Jelletich, Patricia | Sinhalese | Home Economics |
| 23 Kahn, Kathe | Sinhalese | Science |
| 24 Meitzen, John | Sinhalese | Science |
| 25 Muirhead, John | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 26 Norman, Thelma | Tamil | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 27 Officer, Sara | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 28 Peebles, Patrick | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 29 Poore, Joon | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 30 Printz, Gordon | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 31 Robinson, Kenneth | Sinhalese | Mathematics |
| 32 Shanahan, Dennis | Sinhalese | Science |
| 33 Short, Alan | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 34 Stross, Barbara | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 35 Thompson, Craig | Sinhalese | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 36 Turner, Ronald | Tamil | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 37 Tyler, Thomas | Tamil | Phys. and Health Educ. |
| 38 Vincent, Fred | Sinhalese | Science |
| 39 Yinger, Ruth | Tamil | Home Economics |

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Is it not a fact that in the world of Ceylon Pentecosts there has been a ferment which has resulted in two groups, one large and the other small? That the very much larger group met at Sri Kotha on September 22 and organised themselves into a properly constituted body? That for the first time a regular constitution was adopted for this religious organisation which had spread out, over the years, from Ceylon to a number of other countries? That very nearly 2000 members of the Mission (lay and clergy) had met at Sri Kotha to confirm the appointment of a new Chief Pastor? That this meeting also "ex-communicated" the former Chief Pastor, Alwin R. de Alwis?

That this newly streamlined organisation of the majority have called themselves the CEYLON PENTECOSTAL MISSION? That a legal tussle might ensue because the minority of Believers and Workers who continue to swear allegiance to the "ex-communicated" Alwin R. de Alwis in their headquarters in Mattakuliya also insist on

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Local Govt. Dept.

N3181— Post of Draughtsmen, Class II. Closing date for applications 22.10.62.

Health Dept.

N3182— Posts of Casual Pump Operators in the Public Health Engineering Division, Rate of Pay Rs. 1/60 per diem (fixed). Closing date for applications 25.10.62.

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calling themselves the Ceylon Pentecostal Mission? That in this era of storms and tribulations, even the other-worldly Pentecostal believers have been subject to upheavals which torment normal human beings?

Is it not strange that CCS bigshot A.O. Weerasinghe was moved out of the Health Ministry as quickly as he was orbited into the place? That it has been suggested that he had been thrown out because he had "fallen foul of the Government" (Observer)? That he was the "victim of medical vested interests" (Observer)? That it will be recalled that Tribune had asserted that Weerasinghe had been brought into the Health Ministry like a meteor by CCS vested interests which were out to capture all strategic posts before Unified Administrative Service swallowed up the CCS? That a 24-hour transformation, at tremendous expense, had taken place in a room in the Health Ministry making it into a super-duper office to enable this CCS bigshot to take over? That the PWD had bent itself out of shape to do a quick job?

That A.O.W. has now made a quicker exit than the entry he made? That the reasons are still unknown? That it is not this CCS bigshot's fault? That the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry should be publicly arraigned and interrogated as to why he has administered the department in such a way that these quick ins-and-outs like those of a circus clown have become the rule of the day? That it is known that he is in the thick of a cold war and that a major part of the troubles in the Ministry and the Department are due to the cold war between officials in the Ministry and between the specialists in the field (or the nursing homes)? That if a Permanent Secretary does not know how to administer his department he should quit or be thrown out? That unless changes at such top level take place there would be no hope of restoring order in the Health Services?

Is it not a fact that very strange things happen in the world of specialists? That not very long ago a specialist perpetrated an action a colleague which has become a talking point in knowledgeable

medical circles? That it is a story about two persons in the Health Services attached to two sections? That one (X) looked after human beings and had specialised in one portion of the deep inside of a human being? That the other (Y) looked after the health of the animal world? That these two were "friends" and Y had often attended on the animals kept by X? That Y had not charged X for these specialist services?

That recently, on the eve of Y's departure on study leave abroad, his wife had needed the attention of specialist like X? That Y had consulted X who had told him that some surgical examination (which would take less than an hour) was necessary? That Y had stated that he would make arrangements in the General Hospital for a temporary admission? That X had insisted that it would be quicker and better to get the thing done at a private nursing home which he named? That Y believing that the whole thing would cost less Rs. 100 (because it would not take more than an hour) had agreed?

That this little surgical "treatment" was completed in less than half an hour? That Y was presented with a bill by the nursing home which topped the Rs. 500 mark? That the biggest item was the specialist's fee (X's) which was over Rs. 200? That an anaesthetist who had been called claimed Rs. 75? That the rest were nursing home charges? That Y had taken only Rs. 100 in cash. That he had also taken his cheque book? That the specialist had insisted on immediate payment in cash before the patient was removed? That the nursing home had demanded payment in cash? That Y had tendered a cash cheque to the cashier so that the specialist (X) and the anaesthetist could collect the share-out in cash? That they were probably afraid that Y might stop payment on the cheque (if it were not a cash cheque) once the patient was removed? That the nursing home and the specialist had reason to suspect this because Y had openly expressed his "horror" at the bill?

That this is a true story in every detail about the normal happening in the world of our

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the deletion paragraphs 5, 6 & 8 of the Civil Service Minute"

The Joint Conference also elected an Action Committee of 15 members to interview the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister and also to talk whatever other action was necessary and to report back to the conference before a dead-line date. The Secretary

specialists? That Y, who had never known about cold wars in the department and had believed in the essential goodness of man, left the island a sadder but wiser man? That his family had Rs. 500 less in the bank for their expenses during his sojourn abroad? That the moral is that if one falls ill, it is best to avoid specialists and nursing homes?

— SHERLOCK HOLMES

of the Government Administrative Officers' Association Mr. V. T. Navaratne and the Secretary of the Divisional Revenue Officers' Association Mr. M. A. P. Samarasekara were elected Joint Secretaries of the conference as well as the Action Committee.

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WHISPERS

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* REVEAL that there is a great deal more than meets the eye in the Observer splash that Deputy Speaker Hugh Fernando's house was shot at on Saturday night (29/9). The story was reported exclusively by the Observer two days later. It is strange that the alleged gunmen did not bother to find out whether Hugh Fernando was at home or not. A simple method would have been to ring up the house before the telephone lines were cut. Having gone there at a time when the Deputy Speaker was away, a few shots were fired into the roof. Was it in the nature of a warning of the shape of things to come? Or, was it merely a prank to make a herp of the Modern China Cafe coup conspirator? The fullest investigations into this story by the police is essential to dispel many kusu-kusu talks that are going on regarding this episode about which the Observer was able to get an exclusive scoop two days after.

* The Peace Corps must be regretting the day when they called upon Wijeyabahu Wijesinghe to welcome them to Ceylon. The UGLY AMERICAN (now the classic) has the supreme capacity to pick on the wrong "native" to espouse his cause. If the Peace Corps wanted to make a joke of the whole business of aiding the country through teacher volunteers no better person than Wijeyabahu could have been chosen. The U.S. State Department has also honoured him with more than one leadership grant. On his way back from the States, he had sojourned in the land of the rising sun where cherry blossoms and geishas flourish. The impact of Wijeyabahu Wijesinghe's stay in Japan has been felt even in Colombo with stirring reports (some may call them complaints) about his great exploits in that land. If the Peace Corps hope to survive for any length of time they should keep clear of the cocktail circuits organised by Wijeyabahu.