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## ENCYCLICAL ON THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST

To Our Venerable Brothers, Patriarchs, Primates, Archbishops, Bishops and other Local Ordinaries Enjoying Peace and Communion with the Apostolic See.

POPE PIUS XII

Venerable Brothers, Health and Apostolic Benediction:

### INTRODUCTION

We first learned of the Mystical Body of Christ, which is the Church, from the lips of the Redeemer Himself. Illustrating, as it does, the grand and inestimable privilege of our intimate union with a Head so exalted, this doctrine is certainly calculated by its sublime dignity to draw all spiritual-minded men to deep and serious study, and to give them in the truths which it unfolds to the mind a strong incentive to such virtuous conduct as is conformable to its lessons. This is why We have thought it fitting to speak with you on this subject through this Encyclical Letter, examining and explaining above all what concerns the Church Militant. The surpassing magnificence of the argument attracts Us; the circumstances of the present hour urge Us on.

For We intend to speak of the riches hidden in a Church, which Christ hath purchased with His own blood, and whose members glory in a thorn-crowned Head. Striking proof is this that the greatest glory and exaltation are born only of sufferings, and hence that we should rejoice if we partake of the sufferings of Christ, that when His glory shall be revealed we may also be glad with exceeding joy.

### SOCIETY IS LIKE DIVINE FOUNDER

And a first observation to be made is, that the society established by the Redeemer of the human race is not unlike its divine Founder Who was persecuted, calumniated and tortured by those very men whom He had undertaken to save. Who do not deny,

rather from a heart filled with gratitude to God We admit, that even in our turbulent times there are many who though outside the fold of Jesus Christ look to the Church as the only haven of salvation; but neither are We unaware that the Church of God not only is ridiculed and hated disdainfully, maliciously by those who shut their eyes to the light of Christian wisdom and pitifully return to the teachings and customs and practices of ancient paganism; but even by many Christians, who are allured by specious error or caught in the meshes of the world's corruption, it is not understood, is neglected and even at times looked upon as an irksome nuisance. There is reason then, Venerable Brothers, why in obedience to the voice of Our conscience and in answer to many prayers, We should give honour before the eyes of all to the beauty, the grandeur, the glory of Mother Church. To her after God we owe everything.

### DOCTRINE WILL HELP FAITHFUL

And one may hope that these Our instructions and exhortations will be all the more helpful to the faithful in the circumstances of today. For we know that if all the painful calamities of this turbulent period, that cruelly torture almost countless men, are accepted as from God's hands with calm and submissive spirit, they naturally lift souls above the passing things of earth to those of heaven that abide forever, and stimulate a certain unsuspected thirst and keen desire for spiritual things. Thus, with the added grace of the Divine Spirit, men are moved and, one might say, compelled, to be more

thoughtful in seeking the Kingdom of God. The more withdrawn from the vanities of the world and from an inordinant love of temporal things, certainly and likely it is that they will perceive the light of heavenly mysteries. But the vanity and emptiness of earthly riches are more manifest today than perhaps at any other period, when kingdoms and States are crumbling, when huge piles of goods and all kinds of wealth are sunk in the measureless depths of the sea, and cities, towns and fertile fields are strewn with massive ruins and defiled with the blood of brothers.

### AND THOSE OUTSIDE CHURCH

Moreover We trust that the following exposition of the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ will be acceptable and useful to those, also, who are without the fold of the Church. This confidence is based not only on the fact that their goodwill towards the Church seems to grow from day to day, but also because, while before their eyes today nation rises against nation, kingdom against kingdom, and discord is sown everywhere and the seeds of envy and hatred, if they turn their gaze to the Church, if they contemplate her divinely-given unity—by which all men of every race are united to Christ in the bond of brotherhood—they will be forced to admire this fellowship in charity, and with the guidance and assistance of divine grace will long to share in the same union and charity.

### EPISCOPAL JUBILEE

There is a special reason, too, a supremely happy reason, that brings this mystery to Our mind and with it a deep sense of joy. During the year that has passed since the 25th anniversary of Our Episcopal Consecra-

tion We have had the great consolation of witnessing something that has made the image of the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ stand out most clearly before the whole world. Though a deadly and long war has pitilessly broken the bond of brotherly union between nations, We have seen Our children in Christ, in whatever part of the world they happened to be, with one heart and one affection lift up their souls to the common Father, who carrying in his own heart the cares and fears of all, is guiding the bark of the Catholic Church in the teeth of a raging tempest. This is a testimony to the marvellous union existing among Christians; but it also proves that, as Our paternal love embraces all peoples, whatever their nationality and race, so Catholics the world over, though their countries have drawn the sword against each other, look up to the Vicar of Jesus Christ as to the loving Father of them all, who with unswerving impartiality and unsullied judgment rising above the conflicting gales of human passions, speaks truth and justice and charity and with all his power defends them.

We have been no less consoled to know that with ready generosity a fund has been created for the erection of a church in Rome to be dedicated to Our saintly predecessor and patron, Eugene I. As this temple, to be built through the gracious gifts of all the faithful, will be a lasting memorial of this happy event, so We desire to offer this Encyclical Letter in testimony of Our gratitude. It tells of those living stones which rest upon the living corner-stone, which is Christ and are built together into a holy temple, far surpassing any temple built by hands, into a habitation of God in the Spirit.

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## IS THIS PROSELYTISING?

By C. J. Vankeny, K. S. C., M. A.

This morning I was dealing with the reign of Stephen, King of England (1135-1154), in the course of my lectures on British History to the students of the Intermediate course. Coming to the character of Stephen's reign, I began with this statement of Lingard: "Never did England, since the invasion of the Danes, present such a scene of misery as under the government of Stephen." To substantiate this statement I read out a passage from the *English Chronicle*, the contemporary source of information, and it ended with this sentence: "...The land was all undone with their deeds and men said that Christ and His saints slept." No sooner had I finished reading this out, than I noticed most of my young audience blinking at the last words: "Christ and His saints slept." Evidently, they wanted a little explanation to understand the point, especially as 70 out of 85 present in the room were strangers to Christ and saints. So I had necessarily to explain the meaning of the passage, what the people expected Christ and saints to do under the circumstances, why apparently these seemed to take no notice of the misery in the country; and in order to make them grasp the point quickly and easily, I referred to the present misery in the war-ridden world, and to the parallel

situation when to-day people might repeat the same question: when so much destruction of life and property is being caused by the enemies of civilization and culture, why do Christ and His saints seem to be sleeping? To give a satisfactory answer to the immature youths, the future citizens of this country of spirituality, I had to explain how some peoples of Europe had forgotten and forsaken Christ and His laws, and how naturally these have left those peoples to themselves until they recognise the dominion of God over man and return to God. Is this proselytising?

Just a month ago, while explaining the circumstances leading to the invasion of England by William the Conqueror, I had necessarily to refer to this statement of Tout, as an additional circumstance leading to the invasion: "Moreover, the Pope gave him support to the expedition. Stigand, the Archbishop of Canterbury, had taken the place of Robert of Jumièges without asking the Pope's permission, and had offended Rome by other irregularities. All, therefore, who joined William were looked upon as fighting for the cause of the Church." The young students, without any idea of the ecclesiastical organisation of the Catholic Church,

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## CARDINAL SEREDI ON RIGHTS OF NATIONS

Emphasizing humaneness and cooperativeness of placing relations between the individual and their proper places, His Eminence Justin Cardinal Seredi, O. S. B., Primate of Hungary, delivered five addresses which created a deep impression upon the Hungarian populace.

The courageous statements of the Cardinal it is reported, while evoking enthusiastic approval from all Hungarian Catholics, provoked strong protests from the Germans in Hungary. The five addresses were printed and distributed among congregations in all dioceses.

### CHRISTIAN CULTURE IMPERILED

His Eminence insisted that "spiritual culture is threatened dangerously by the failure to recognize human dignity," and that "it is imperative to put relations between individuals and the State in their proper place, as foreseen by Canon Law which is not respected by certain countries.

Cardinal Seredi, who is recognized as one of the most prominent defenders of the rights of the Church, outlined the individual and the national basic rights which he explained are "not created from one day to another, but are almost as old as Christendom itself".

"According to the law of the Church," the Cardinal-Primate asserted, "the right of the human soul and the right to obtain and spread

spiritual knowledge must above all be guaranteed.

"Then follow the right to work and the right to property and the right to expert influence on behalf of a whole community, but not the right to exert this influence through means of oppression.

"These rights must be secured both for individuals and for nations," said the Cardinal.

Laying down the Christian basis for a solution of international postwar problems, the Cardinal declared that according to Christian principles, the intrinsic value of each individual and each nation must determine the place to which the individual or the State should be assigned in the family or nations.

### OPPRESSION ASSAILED

Commenting on the principles of liberty Cardinal Seredi said:

"The worst infringements on liberty are enslavement and oppression. Hence the Church condemns most severely those who abuse these elementary rights.

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(Sgd) E. B. TISSEVERASINGHE,  
for G. A. N. P.

Jaffna, 22-2-1944.

## Church Calendar

MARCH 1944

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| FRI.   | ...24 S. Gabriel Arch.   |
| SAT.   | ...25 ANNUNCIATION.      |
| SUN.   | ...26 PASSION S. Thecla. |
| MON.   | ...27 S. John Damas.     |
| TUES.  | ...28 S. John Cap.       |
| WED.   | ...29 S. Eustace.        |
| THURS. | ...30 S. John Clim.      |
| FRI.   | ...31 Seven Dolours.     |

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MARCH 24TH 1944

## URBAN COUNCIL FINANCES

Once before we had occasion to refer to the depleted funds of the Jaffna Urban Council which had to pay last year Rs. 45,000 to its employees a war allowance. In the Budget for the current year provision for this extra payment was made only up to the middle of the present month. But the war allowance must continue to be paid and money must be found for it. Either the Central Government should give a grant or the Urban Council must raise its rates. The Central Government has stated that they might consider the question of giving a grant provided the Urban Councils raised their rates by 30 per cent. The All-Ceylon Association of Urban Councils agitated against the condition imposed and submitted a memorandum on the subject of a subsidy for the payment of war allowances and the Minister it would seem has given hopes of a favourable reply. In the meantime the Chairman of the Jaffna Urban

Council wrote to the Commissioner of Local Government that owing to the peculiar conditions prevailing in Jaffna, the vast majority of the rate-payers being poor, an increase in the rates would create discontent and disaffection. In reply to this communication, the Commissioner writes that the Minister will not be in a position to assist the Council unless the it passes a resolution to raise the property rates for 1945 and to enforce rigid economy in expenditure. He points out that property rates were higher in the Jaffna Urban area before 1941 and it was reduced from 12½ to 10 per cent. That was done to allay the outcry of the rate-payers against the so-called scientific management of the Government who was ignorant of the value of properties in Jaffna. However, that was three years ago and since then conditions have greatly changed. While the annual revenue of the Council has remained almost stationary the expenditure under every head has considerably increased. With the present income it is quite uncertain if the Council could even be kept alive. If the Central Government refuses to provide a grant for the payment of war allowance and if the Urban Council through fear of people's discontent does not raise the rates a deadlock must ensue and the Council will find itself obliged to go out of office. A Commissioner then will take its place and carry on the administration of the town raising the rates to get the needed revenue. It looks as if Jaffna will not be given the grant even in the event of other Urban Councils getting it. The reason is the authorities have noted that the Jaffna Urban Council though the premier Council is levying the lowest rate and they say if it wants financial assistance it must first of all raise its rates. The Urban Council at its special meeting this evening will discuss this question. In our opinion the rate should be raised to what it was before 1941 which even at that time was not considered high. What is done the Council will be in a position to contribute its share for free midday meals which will be a boon to poor children.

## THE MANNAR SEAT

The nomination of the two candidates, Messrs. J. TyagaRaja and C. Suntheralingam, on the 15th instant for the Mannar-Mullaitivu seat was recorded in this paper last week. The election campaign has already started. The voters of this area are once more called upon to decide which of the two contestants they will have as their representative. Now, it is obvious that a representative has to represent the people who elect him. And he must consequently profess the political principles of his electors. Mr. TyagaRaja has made a public declaration of his political principles and his attitude towards educational re-

forms and these are the same as those professed by the members of the minority group. The Mannar-Mullaitivu District has declared itself a minority electorate when last year by a substantial majority it returned the late lamented Mr. Jos. I. Gnanamuttu to represent it. It follows then the majority of the electors will cast their votes for Mr. TyagaRaja. We are sure that Catholic votes will go solid for him and Catholic solidarity will be as much in evidence as it was last time. The representative chosen must not only profess the political principles which the voters have made their own but also be competent to realise them in the representative Assembly. He must be able to give explanation to them, defend them and persuade his hearers of their reasonableness. All this Mr. TyagaRaja will be able to do. He has the intellectual, moral, and social qualifications in abundance for the work of a State Councillor. He had his university education at Cambridge where he secured honours degree in history specialising in Political Science and in Economics; he also won honours degree in Law Tripos and was called to the Bar and obtained his M. A. degree. After his return to his native country, he has gained varied experience holding various positions of honour and responsibility. He was Chairman of L. C. P. A., a member of the Colombo Municipal Council, Manager of the State Mortgage Bank, Chairman of the Ceylon Coconut Board, besides serving on the Board of Agriculture, Tea Propaganda Board and on the Board of Management of the Coconut Research Scheme. We enumerate these to show that he has all along been leading an active life taking a prominent part in all movements calculated to promote the welfare of the country. The knowledge he has gained by his association with these various activities and the confidence reposed on him by leading persons point to him as an outstanding man and the people of Mannar-Mullaitivu district should have no hesitation in electing him to be their Representative in the State Council.

## Dedication of Swiss Canton to Immaculate Heart

The State Council of the Canton of Fribourg has received a letter from His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, expressing the satisfaction of His Holiness Pope Pius XII upon learning that the Canton had been officially dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

"This act of pious confidence in the Mother of God is also a filial response to the wish expressed by the Head of the Church and greatly honours the authorities of the Canton of Fribourg," the Vatican message says. "His Holiness has been profoundly edified. I am charged with transmitting His paternal felicitations and His most fervent wishes."

Following the appeal of the Holy Father, made on October 31, 1942, the Diocese of Fribourg was consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Dec. 8. But the Fribourg Government, wishing to give new evidence of its sincerely religious spirit, requested that the Canton be officially & solemnly consecrated "by public ceremony during the

## Cardinal Seredi on Rights of Men &amp; Nations

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"The Church further condemns, on the basis of Canon Law, all those who steal from enslaved human beings and rob them of their liberty.

"It is self-evident that these basic human rights have their root in Divine and natural rights ('jus naturalis'), and are not the invention nor the achievement of the nineteenth century as has been claimed wrongly by some persons. Justice is not new, but old, and only forgotten. Therefore it must be renewed—man must be obliged to learn to walk again.

month traditionally devoted to Mary." May 30, the last Sunday in the month of Mary, was selected. Ceremonies were held in all the churches of the Canton, but none at an hour to conflict with the evening ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Nicholas, in which the State Council participated.

In his sermon at the official ceremony, the Most Rev. Marius Besson, Bishop of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg, recalled that in the same Cathedral, on June 30, 1889, his predecessor, Bishop Mermillod, "in the presence of the Council of State 'in corpore,' had consecrated the Canton to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. "This evening," he added, "we perform an act of like inspiration: we know, in effect, that our confidence in the Blessed Virgin is dictated by the faith that we have in her Divine Son; that our love for her has its source in our love for him; that the devotion we bear for her has as its ultimate goal that of attaching us more strongly to Him."

The request of "a profoundly Christian Government," Bishop Besson said, was received with "enthusiastic recognition" by the great majority of the people of Fribourg; and, he added, "we thank the Divine Bounty which accords us, in the midst of a world so cruelly afflicted, the favour of so beneficent a spectacle as the one we are now privileged to witness."

## French Clerical Etiquette

I have found some interesting sidelights on social usage in a book which Mgr. Dupanloup—he who reconciled the dying Talleyrand to the Church—contributed a very warm Preface in 1872. My copy is the eleventh edition, so it was very popular work. It is called *Politesse et Convenances Ecclesiastiques*, and it is by a Sulpician, Pere Branchereau. It is a handbook of how to behave through the cycle of the priestly life. The author was a scholarly man, who instinctively quotes Horace when he comes to the glad suffering of boxes and praters. He is full of good sense and good counsel.

It is a highly civilized work in all the counsel it gives about talking, the inhumanity of pressing for extreme precision in remarks made conversationally, the folly of engaging on religious subjects in all sorts of company where the points cannot be understood, and, above all, the mistake—so particularly noticeable in Paris—of everybody talking at the same time.

About compliments, he writes that the first rule is not to get into the habit of paying them indiscriminately and debasing their currency; and he refutes the opinion that lies told to give pleasure are no harm, for all falsehood obscures the vision, and mankind has so much need to see clearly.

But he allows a little hyperbole, like comparing the person you are complimenting to a great figure in history. This delicacy of perception is less sure in some other matters.

Thus, about washing he says how important it is to be clean and not offensive, and that for this purpose the face and neck should be washed every day, with cold water and a towel. The feet, he says, are particularly in need of washing, and should be washed every week. Of baths he writes that they were much in favour with the ancients because the ancients wore woolen garments, but the modern habit of wearing linen makes baths less necessary. But

some people, he says, think a monthly bath a very good idea; and so perhaps it is. As for shaving, every other day is a reasonable compromise.

**THE CLOTH AND THE WEED**

He is much more emphatic about tobacco, as a failing which destroys the respect of the laity for the priesthood; and he reminds his brethren that at the canonization of St. Vincent de Paul the *advocatus diaboli* cried triumphantly that he was no saint, for he smoked—only to be trumped by Counsel for the Halo, who produced a medical certificate.

Amurath IV, Sultan of Turkey, he adds, cut off the noses and lips of anyone caught smoking. But Pere Branciferau allows a little smoking, although with a proviso that there shall be no treating or handing of the snuff-box, which is the Downward Path. He says that it was the Napoleonic Wars which really launched the tobacco habit in France, because it was a thought a swaggering military thing to do, and everyone then affected something of a military air.

What would he have said of the abominably uncivilized moderns, more often women than men, who light cigarettes at the eating table before other people have eaten their food, and puff stale smoke over the dishes and drink?—*The Tablet*.

**Encyclical on the Mystical Body of Christ**

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**MODERN STUDY OF DOCTRINE**

But the chief reason for our present exposition of this sublime doctrine is our solicitude for the souls entrusted to us. Much indeed has been written on this subject and we know that many today are turning with greater zest to a study which delights and nourishes Christian piety. This, it would seem, is chiefly because a revived interest in the sacred liturgy, the more widely spread custom of receiving Holy Communion, and the more fervent devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus practised today have brought many souls to a deeper consideration of the unsearchable riches of Christ which are preserved in the Church. Add to this, that recent documents on Catholic Action by drawing closer the bonds of union between Christians and between them and the ecclesiastical hierarchy, and especially the Roman Pontiff, have undoubtedly helped not a little to place this truth in its proper light. Nevertheless, while we can derive legitimate joy from all this, we must confess that grave errors in regard to this doctrine are being spread among those outside the true Church, and that among the faithful, too, inaccurate or thoroughly false ideas are entering which turn minds aside from the straight path of truth.

For while there still survives a false rationalism, which ridicules anything that transcends and defies the power of human genius, and it is accompanied by a cognate error, popular naturalism, they call it, which sees and wants to see in the Church nothing but a juridical and social union, there is on the other hand a false mysticism creeping in, which in its attempt to eliminate the immovable frontier that separates creatures from their Creator garbles the Sacred Scriptures.

As a result of these conflicting and mutually antagonistic schools of thought some through empty fear look upon so profound a doctrine as something dangerous and so they fight shy of it as of the beautiful but forbidden fruit of Paradise. It is not so. Mysteries revealed by God cannot be harmful to men; nor should they remain as treasures hidden in a field, useless. They have been given from on high precisely to help the spiritual progress of those who study them in a spirit of piety. For, as the Vatican Council teaches, "reason illumined by faith, if it seeks earnestly, piously and wisely, does attain, under God, to a certain knowledge and a most helpful knowledge of mysteries, by considering their analogy with what it knows naturally, and their mutual relations and their common relation with man's last

end," although, as the same holy Synod observes, reason even thus illumined "is never made capable of understanding these mysteries as it does those truths which form its proper object."

After pondering all this long and seriously before God, we consider it part of our pastoral duty to explain to the entire flock of Christ through this Encyclical Letter the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ and of the union of this Body of the faithful with the Divine Redeemer, and then from this consoling doctrine to point certain lessons, that will make a deeper study of this mystery bear yet richer fruits of perfection and holiness. Our purpose is to throw an added ray of glory on to the supreme beauty of the Church, to bring out into fuller light the exalted supernatural nobility of the faithful who in the Body of Christ are united with their Head, and finally to exclude definitely the many errors current in this matter.

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**To the Head Teachers and Principals of Schools**

The following applications for permits should reach this office before 5-4-44. No application received after that date will be entertained.

- (1) For permits to purchase exercise books for the 2nd term.
- (2) For permits to purchase foolscap paper for the 2nd term.
- (3) For permits to purchase drawing books for the year.

Applications should be made separately for the 3 permits and forwarded to me through the Circuit Inspector. Each application should contain the number of pupils in each class, needing the stationery. All stationery, other than those given above, should be bought as usual. Replies will not be sent to applications made for other stationery.

V. K. NATHAN,  
Divisional Inspector of Schools, N.D.  
Education Office,  
Jaffna, 20-3-44.

**LOCAL & GENERAL**

**Our Lady of Refuge, Jaffna.**—As stated last week in this paper the Lenten retreat will begin on Sunday the 26th inst.

The sixth Friday of Lent, the Feast of the Dolours of Our Blessed Lady will be observed as usual on Friday the 31st March. Mass at the Grotto of the Calvary Group at 6-45 a. m. The evening devotions will begin at 6 p. m.

**First D. R. O. for Delft.**—Mr. Xavier M. Selvathambo Probationary D. R. O. has been appointed D. R. O. for Delft with effect from 1st April 1943. He is the son of Mr. B. M. Selvathambo (F. M. S. Pensioner) presently Hd. Overseer A. M. W. D., Vavuniya.

**Milk Feeding Centres.**—A meeting will be held at the Jaffna Town Hall on Saturday the 25th instant at 5 p. m. to start Milk Feeding Centres throughout the Urban Area.

**Minister's Tour.**—Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, Minister of Local Administration, will be touring Jaffna district from Friday to Monday. He will inspect the salt pans at Elephant Pass, Chintaru and Karanavai in Pt. Pedro.

The Chairman and members of the Jaffna Urban Council will meet him on Sunday, at 2-30 p. m. and urge the necessity for a Government grant for the payment of war allowances.

Slum clearance, health work and acquisition of land for the water supply scheme will also be discussed.

**Two Revenue Divisions.**—The Divisional Revenue Officer's Division of Valikamam North and East is to be divided into two new Divisions, to be known respectively as the Divisional Revenue Officer's Division of Valikamam North and the Divisional Revenue Officer's Division of Valikamam East, from April 1.

**A New J. P., U. M. for Jaffna.**—Mr. V. S. Karthigesu, Proctor, Kodi-

gamam, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace and Unofficial Magistrate for the Jaffna District.

**Shop Laws in Small Towns.**—The Executive Committee of Labour, Industry and Commerce, which discussed the question of enforcing the provisions of the Shops Ordinance in all Urban Council towns some time ago, finally decided on this step at a meeting held last week.

**Success of War Savings Movement.**—The Commissioner of the Ceylon War Savings Movement, Mr. R. Y. Dantel, whose first annual report has been issued as a Sessional Paper, records in it that the progress made by the movement has exceeded all expectations.

According to the report, the movement has helped to raise a little over Rs. 50 million in Government Loans and Savings Certificates, while the cost of the department represents 8.15 per cent. of the amount raised. It has also registered 3,490 Savings Groups during the year.

**Civil Service Examination only for Ceylonese.**—The syllabus and regulations for the Civil Service Examination to be held in or about September are published in last Friday's Gazette.

"This will be the first examination to be held by the Ceylon Civil Service Commission and in future no examination is to be held in London for admission to the Ceylon Civil Service.

The number of vacancies will be twelve, but the full number of appointments will not be made unless the candidates attain a "suitably high standard."

Candidates for this examination must have attained the age of 22 years and must not have attained the age of 25 on August 1, 1944.

The upper age limit has been advanced by one year for this examination only.

For details see Gazette.

**Grain Harvest.**—Untimely rains in several parts of the Island have adversely affected crops and it is feared that as much as a third of the grain harvest has been seriously endangered, if it is not already lost.

**Ceylon Military Police.**—A unit known as the Ceylon Corps of Military Police, composed of men drawn from the ranks of the Ceylon Light Infantry and trained on the lines of the British Military Police, has been formed.

These "Blue Caps," as they are called, are now seen on various duties and those figuring most prominently in the city man the Port Security Service.

**Pensions to Widows and Dependants**

The granting of pensions to the wives and children of public servants or daily-paid employees, who die as a result of injuries received in the discharge of their duties in the service of the Government, has been made lawful by an amendment of the Pensions Minute gazetted on the night of Friday last.

This grant will be made in addition to any gratuity to which the dependants of such Government servants may be entitled under the existing regulations. Widows, while unmarried a second time, of such public servants will be granted pensions at a rate not exceeding ten-sixteenth of the husband's annual pensionable emoluments at the date of the injury or Rs. 200 a year, whichever is greater.

Dependant children, including posthumous, legally adopted, illegitimate and step-children, will each be entitled to a grant not exceeding 1/8 of the pension prescribed until the child attains the age of eighteen years. In the event of a man leaving no widow, or if no pension is granted to his widow, each child will be entitled to a pension of double the ordinary amount and the mother of such public servant, if wholly dependant on him, will receive a pension not exceeding that which would have been granted to his widow if he had left one.

The foregoing applies to men who will not have attained the age of 45 at the time of the injury.

**Paper Control Regulations**

A Gazette Extraordinary issued last Friday publishes regulations made by the Governor regarding the control of paper.

By this Order paper is declared to be a controlled article and, under this Order, except with written permission granted by the Minister for Labour, Industry and Commerce no person shall print or publish any magazine, journal or pamphlet, or any book, brochure, pamphlet, price-list, sale catalogue or other similar matter.

This does not apply to the printing or publication, by the Government Printer, of any book, journal, brochure, pamphlet or other similar matter.

Other regulations include that no person who carries on the business of selling goods by retail shall provide any paper (other than old newspaper) for the wrapping or packing of those goods except in the case of foodstuffs or of an article which he has agreed to deliver by rail or post at some place other than the premises at which he carries on such business.

No person shall, in connexion with the printing, publication, distribution, sale or other disposal of any magazine or periodical, insert therein any loose advertising matter was printed or made before January 16, 1943.

Except under a permit, no person shall use clean newsprint for wrapping or packing goods and no person shall use or permit to be used any paper for the purpose of wrapping or packing any laundry soap, household soap or toilet soap.

**CONTROL OF NEWSPRINT**

With regard to the control of newsprint for newspapers the Order states that except with the written permission granted under this Order no person shall print or publish any newspaper that was not printed in Ceylon and published therein before August 17, 1942; or publish any newspaper at more frequent intervals than those at which it was being published in Ceylon during the year immediately preceding that date or with more pages over any period of four weeks than were included in its issues during the four weeks immediately preceding the date on which this Order comes into force.

The area of a page of a newspaper which was printed or published in Ceylon before the date on which this Order comes into force shall not exceed the area of the largest page which that newspaper had on any day during the 30 days immediately preceding that date.

The area of a page of a newspaper which was not printed or published in Ceylon before the date on which this Order comes into force shall not exceed such area as the Controller may determine for a page of that newspaper. No person shall print or publish a newspaper in which the space occupied by advertisements during a week exceeds the space occupied by news during that week.

No person shall print or publish a bi-weekly, weekly, or fortnightly newspaper in which the space occupied by advertisements during a period of 4 weeks exceeds the space occupied by news during that period.

No person shall print or publish a newspaper in which any advertisement exceeding 44 column-inches in size is included.

**NOTICE**

**Sugar Distribution**

A small quantity of sugar will be distributed outside the present rationing scheme through selected Co-operative Stores Societies in the Jaffna District. For further information, consult the Asst. Registrar of Co-operative Stores Societies, N. D. or the nearest Chief Headman.

2. The scheme comes into operation from April.  
(Sgd.) E.B. TISSEVERASINGHE,  
Asst. Govt. Agent, (E).

Kachcheri, (E)  
Jaffna, 24th March, 1944.

**Is This Proselytising?**

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could not follow the logic of this statement. I was, therefore, driven to spend a few minutes giving them an explanation as to why Stigand should have sought the approval and permission also of the Pope, not only of King Harold, for the Pope was the head of the Church according to the doctrine of Papal Supremacy or Primacy, and all Archbishops and Bishops of the Church are to be appointed by, and loyal to, the Pope, the Vicar of Christ, the Founder of the Church. Is this act of giving adequate explanation to my class to understand their history, an act of proselytizing?

Similarly, when I was dealing with the topic of the "Reformation," to students of European History in the Senior B.A. class, we stumbled on the expression "sale of indulgences," among the alleged causes of this religious upheaval of the sixteenth century. Here is how an author puts it: "In 1517 Martin Luther, a friar of Wittenberg, in Saxony, stirred up a great agitation against the sale of indulgences. The indulgences were remissions of the penance, which those who confessed and repented of their sins had imposed upon them by the authority of the Church. They were openly sold for money, and the sturdy friar became indignant that men should be encouraged to believe that a mere cash payment would do away with the evil results of sin." Almost every other word in this passage needs explanation to be understood by young men who do not know what "Sin" is, what "Penance" is, what "Confession" is, what "Indulgence" is. No intelligent teaching of this topic is possible by any teacher, Catholic or non-Catholic, without an explanation of the Catholic doctrines of Penance and Indulgences. If I do so, am I doing an act of proselytizing? If a non-Catholic teacher does so, is he also proselytizing as an agent of the Catholic Church?

If all this is "religious proselytizing," according to the enlightened opinion of a body of academic men, then, woe to the University whose destinies are in the hands of such men! To such people I would strongly recommend to delete from their syllabus of studies, such works of literature as Milton's "Paradise Lost" and Dante's "Divina Commedia," and to expunge from their curricula of studies such subjects as British History and European History and Constitutional History of England. For, with these books and subjects to be taught, lecturers will be going on "proselytizing."

To what absurdity we have been reduced by either the ignorance or the prejudices of men who claim to be enlightened leaders of learning and culture in the Bombay University!—The Examiner.

**WAR REVIEW**

By Mr. F. A. E. Price  
19-3-44.

It is by no means an easy job to give these "talks" once a month and yet to try to keep them as a coherent series, for so much happens during the 30 or so days that elapse between each "talk". Still, I can comfort myself that, so far, at any rate, most (if not all) of my predictions have been borne out by subsequent events. Not that I claim the gift of prophecy for one moment, but the signs were there for all to interpret.

Take the Russian drive for instance; it seems a very long time ago that the Germans were looking upon the Dnieper as being their winter line. Now, only a month later, only a fool would dare to predict where they would be allowed to halt, for Marshals Koniev, Vatutin and Jukoff have, again and again, outwitted, out-manoeuvred and out-flanked the Germans, with the result that they have (in the Southern Ukraine, at any rate) become a panic-stricken rabble throwing away vital equipment, and even their rifles...in their feverish dash to the West.

Or, turn to another picture in the same war, but in the East this time: on the Arakan front in Burma, where

the Japanese have suffered a sound defeat...go further East still, to the Admiralty Islands, to the Marshalls, to the Solomons,.....who, a month ago, would have guessed that success would follow so rapidly on the heels of success. Or, look at the terrific night and day raids on Germany proper, when devastating weights of bombs have rained down from skies that were often ill defended by Goering's much-vaunted Luftwaffe; and yet all these were being worked up to quietly, methodically and relentlessly...or consider the turn the war of the U-Boats has taken.

...They are all part of one grand strategy that of beating the Axis Powers utterly and completely, and at the earliest possible moment, and the whole plan is being unfolded for even the most unobservant arm-chair-critic to see.

The Russian drives must take pride of place, if only for their magnitude and their moral effect on Germany's satellites—Italy, Bulgaria and Rumania. These, their disastrous effect on the morale of Germany's fighting men. The sea, the initiative and high morale of the Red Armies and their leaders have given them possession of practically all the bastions that Von Manstein relied on to give his men a much-needed breathing space in which to build up (if possible) the means for a Spring offensive. This breathing space has been denied him, and the fall of Kherson, the Black Sea Port, was followed by an immediate drive to the north-west towards the neighbouring fortressport of Nikolaiev, which cut off many German divisions in the pocket of the Dnieper bend... 10000 of whom had been wiped out by Wednesday last and another 4000 taken prisoners. It is only a question of days before Nikolaiev falls, and with it, the fate of thousands more trapped Huns is sealed. Now we learn that the Russians have reached the great Dnieper river—Russia's eastern frontier. Then you can look to startling events in the Crimea, where other German armies are bottled up with little or no hope of escape.

Hitler and his Staff (including his Intuition) must be having a pretty hectic time thinking up soothing dope for the German people, whose cities and industries are being blasted one by one. Will the German ever learn that it does not pay to make wars?

The Battle of the Atlantic, the Battle of the Convoys, the Battle of the U-boats, call it what you will, is now going very strongly in our favour and Hitler's navy (you must remember that unlike Britain, he was never a sailor), Hitler's navy has been so whittled down that it has almost ceased to be a real peril, although we must never forget that there can be no 'let-up' until it has been wiped off the face of the seas: the seas will then be clean again.

The figures given by Mr Churchill recently—showing that more U-boats have been sunk by the Allies than are being built by U-boats point to an amazing achievement by our sailors and airmen and throws fresh glory on allied naval and aircraft crews who now operate by night, as well as by day, in their ceaseless hunt for the Jackal packs, thus reducing the area (and the time) in which the U-boats can surface to recharge their batteries. It's terribly dangerous job that calls for the highest possible skill, to take off from and land again on the deck of a carrier that may rise and fall as much as fifty feet in the Atlantic swells, and in inky darkness.

One hears that the U-boats have now fled to what the Germans think are safer waters and are now hunting with the Japanese in the Indian Ocean and in the Pacific, but already counter measures are being taken and there is no doubt that they will, before very long, be dealt with just as effectively as they have been in colder seas. And all these long months our navies have kept ceaseless watch to prevent the Germans running ships to bring them absolutely vital raw materials from overseas; while our merchant men bring us our own vital supplies of war materials, fuel and oil for ports all over the seven seas.

If evidence were needed that this is one war...fought in every part of the world...it is to be found in the American

landings on Manus Island (largest of the Admiralty Group), on New Guinea, on New Britain and in the bombings of the Japanese in their bases in the Marshalle as well as at their secret fortress of Truck, while, nearer home, there are the advances on the Arakan front, where the yellow men have had a serious reverse.

In Italy, where progress has been necessarily slow the much-bombed German fortress of Cassino is now to all intents and purposes, in Allied hands and this will probably result in an advance from the Anzio beach head, which has been held up tenaciously in the teeth of a numerically superior enemy fighting from carefully selected and well fortified positions. I think we can safely look to a speeding up of operations on this front.

Hitler's Greater Germany is already showing signs of disintegration and it may not be long before the war is carried by our forces of liberation to the territory of the Reich itself; thus, and thus only, can we drive it into the Teutonic skull that war really doesn't pay.

And what of ourselves, in Ceylon? There can be no possible doubt that our greatest contribution to the destruction of world tyranny is for us to produce every possible ounce of food we can, so as to feed ourselves from within our shores and thus relieve the pressure on Allied shipping and enable it to devote more attention to the greatest need of all...that of winning the war.

**Telegraphic Summary of War News**

**FINLAND REJECTS SOVIET CONDITIONS**

The German Overseas News Agency said: "The rejection of the Soviet peace conditions by the Finnish Government is announced. It is stated in the Finnish communique that Parliament has been fully informed about all the phases of the negotiations and that it approves the attitude of the Finnish Government.

"The communique states that the Soviet Government wished its conditions to be considered as the minimum and that it wanted to discuss the ending of hostilities after the conditions had been accepted. Moscow further set a date limit.

"Under these conditions the Finnish Government, with the agreement of Parliament, has given a negative reply. The Finnish Government thought it impossible to agree to the terms, which would deeply affect the nation without having any security as to their interpretation and as to their contents."

**VESUVIUS STILL IN ERUPTION**

Reports from Naples state that the lava streams from Mount Vesuvius show no sign of decreasing. Two villages in the area have already been evacuated with the help of Allied troops

**GERMANS OCCUPY HUNGARY**

Reports coming strengthen the belief that German troops have occupied the whole of Hungary.

According to the Turkish Agency's Bucharest Correspondent, the occupation is reported to have taken place while the Hungarian Regent, Admiral Nicholas Horthy, was on a visit to Hitler's headquarters at the latter's invitation. Hungarian quarters in Stockholm confirm that Horthy was to visit Hitler.

**TO INTENSIFY CAMPAIGN AGAINST RUSSIA**

According to the Wilhelmstrasse spokesman quoted by the Berlin Correspondent of the "Dagens Nybeter" in which reports of the occupation of Hungary were published, "German Foreign Policy is now concentrated on measures to intensify the campaign against the Soviet. Military events have shown that the campaign must now be strengthened.

"Nations of the Three-Power pact must now marshal all their forces."

**REGENT A "PRISONER" OF GERMANY**

Hungarian circles in Stockholm confirm the earlier reports that the Hungarian Regent, Admiral Horthy, and the Hungarian Foreign Minister, War Minister and Commander-in-Chief are "prisoners" of the Germans.

**Indian Politics**

During Christmas week, while Christians were spending the time eating and drinking, the rest devoted themselves to high thinking—and, we hope, plain living. We were treated to a number of annual political conferences. The Hindu Mahasabha said it recognised no distinction of caste or creed but did nothing to abolish caste itself, a purely Hindu organisation. The Muslim League called upon the British Government to divide India into Pakistan and Hindustan—and then quit India—unlike the Congress which had asked the British to quit India after which there would be neither Pakistan nor Hindustan. The Liberal Party—true to its policy of being unwilling to wound and afraid to strike—demanded the unconditional release of the Congress leaders and the repudiation thereafter of the Congress resolution of 1942—we suppose the Liberal Party would stand guarantee. Not one of these conferences had any feasible solution to offer for the political tangle. No wonder, the new Viceroy turns away from all political parties and goes his own way doing good to the people whenever and wherever he can. —New Leader.

**Catholic Book Club**

(Ceylon Branch)

**Ampitiya—Kandy. SITUATIONS VACANT.**

There are 800 vacancies for membership. Out of 480,000 Catholics in this Island cannot we have 1000 members. We must have this figure before this year ends.

Hurry up and join immediately for, special privileges will be extended to members joining now. C. B. C. wants to go ahead. Will you push it up?

WE DO NOT ASK OF YOUR CHARITY—DO YOUR DUTY. YOU OWE IT TO SOCIETY.

**Order Nisi**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MANNAR

Order absolute in the first instance

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Annamma wife of Piranchi Anthonipillai of Palakkuli in Mantai North.

Testamentary } No. 683  
Jurisdiction }

Arumugam Kandiah Francis of Palakkuli in Mantai North.

This matter coming on for disposal before M. M. I. Kariapper Esquire, Additional District Judge of Mannar on the 17th day of January 1944, in the presence of Mr. V. Albert Alegacone, Proctor, on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner and that of the Notary and one of the attesting witnesses both dated 5th January 1944 having been read:

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament of Annamma wife of Piranchi Anthonipillai, deceased, dated the 17th day of August 1931 and now deposited in this Court be and the same is hereby declared proved: and that the petitioner abovesigned is the executor named in the said Last Will and as such is hereby declared entitled to have Probate thereof and that Probate thereof be accordingly issued to the Petitioner.

A. C. Z. WIJAYARATNA,  
Addl. District Judge.

1st March 1944.

