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DR. DOWNEY'S STRIKING ADDRESS TO C.Y.M.S.

"MEN'S MINDS LOSE THEIR BALANCE; CHURCH STAYS STEADY"

"Not the least striking of the signs of the divine origin of the Catholic Church," said His Grace, "is her im-Catholic munity from the decay and dissolution to which human institutions are subject. She has a perpetual vitality enabling her emergency and eventually to come forth triumphant. So it has ever been. This is the great lesson of history which the world is slow to learn.

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"The twentieth century has witnessed a remarkable psychological change in the general mental attitude to religion. It has been well said that the spirit that denies is no longer the spirit that defies. It has become a poor, weak, anaemic thing with scant service to show and small claims upon the gratitude of mankind. Even materialists claim to be on the side of the angels.

"Nowadays it is almost impossible to Nowadays it is almost impossible to find, a man who does not pay at least lip service to religion. If he rails against theological creeds and formularies it is, he says, because these things give and manacle the religious sense; if he objects to priests and priestcraft he will have you understand that he does so in the interests of religion pure and undefiled; if he never sets foot inside a place of worship he hints not obscurely that it is hecause no place of worship is large. because no place of worship is large enough to house his religion.

enough to house his religion.

"On every side one hears a jargon about religion; the religion of science, the religion of philosophy, the religion of art, the religion of nature, the religion of humanity, the religion of everything and anything except the teligion of Our Lord Jesus Christ which, after all, is so very much more simple.

retry much more simple.

"Others again mistake a perfectly natural appreciation of the beauties of nature for a really deep form of mysticism. But beneath all this restless questing in the religious. questing in the religious sphere there is assuredly an earnest striving after high er and better things.

WHILE MEN GROPE

"Once again men's minds have been thrown off their balance. They have been staggered by the scientific discoveries of the age, perplexed as to how to reconcile them with traditional beliefs, and left groping between the old ways of thought and the new. Here undoubtedly is the Church's opportunity, for she alone has a definite solution to offer.

"The whols world knows that she "The whols world knows that she is no opportunist, does not accommodate her doctrines to the spirit of the age, does not deal in expedients, but, that she stands or falls by her immutable principles. Just as every problem of mathematics is worked out by correct manipulation of the figure from one to ten, so, too, every problem affecting the soul of man is soluble on Christian principles. To plead for more figures to work out a sum is to plead for an absurdity.

work out a sum is to plead for an absurdity.

"If we cannot work the sum the fault is not in the figures, but in our ignorance of their application. And if to day we cannot solve the peculiar problems of our age the fault is not in the immutable principles of Christianity, but in our ignorance of their application,

our igno-ance of their application.

"A field that is particularly rich in opportunities is that of sociology, "The historic necessities have brought the social problem to the forefront, and here the Church has a holy of the Church has a body of principles to proclaim which will restore to men's minds a balanced equilibrium and sanity of social outlook which is far to seek to day. Consider the individual. The Church announces that he has been created by God with a deathless destiny and is captain of his own soul. that created by God with a deathless destiny and is captain of his own soul, that God has planned for him a high dignity—no less than to share His owe life here by grace and hereafter by glory. In carrying out God's purpose here on earth man, she insists, has certain definite rights and duties. nite rights and duties.

"Once conceived in the Once conceived in the order of nature he has a right to be born and, having acquired life, he has the right to maintain it at a decent standard as well as to defend it; he has a right to be rearred and educated; he has a right to dispose of his work and to claim just remuneration; he has a right to reasonable rest and recreation; he has a right to a liberty in keeping, with his dignity and development; he has a right to

and development; he has a right to marry and bring up a family.

"Correlative duties enforce the obligation of work and the service of God, Whom he must know and love and worship. He is no mere cog in the wheel of the State; no mere revolving atom in the machine; he has an individual. the machine; no, he has an individuality, a personality and a freedom in sure keeping so long as the philosophy of the Church is applied."—Catholic Herald,

ITALY'S DIFFICULTIES

Signor Bonomi has not been in office many weeks before he has had to appeal to the Allies to relax Armistice terms which have never been published, but which are known to be, in the normal tradition of according terms.

been in Italian statesman will have to convince Italian statesman will have to convince his people that he is doing the best he can for them, and is prepared to stand up to the conquerors. Even so, there are few candidates for office in the first early stages of complete submission, and many more to judge it prudent to be the opposition today and the Ministers tomorrow. Signor Croce has already retired to his study, and the chief effect of his brief re appearance in politics was but which are known to be, in the normal tradition of armistice terms, very severe. What happens is that each branch of the fighting services draws up its list of what it requires to ensure an unchallengeable supremacy in its own field, and asks for more, rather than for less, to be on the safe side; and the financial and economic authorities do the same.

We do not question Signor Bonomi's statement that liberated Italy is today bound hand and foot to the Allies. We recognize, too, that the best-disposed

MORAL ISSUES IN BIG DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Surveying the whole International field, Mr. McGovern (who is among the Catholic members of the Commons) said that we were trying to apply two contrary standards in the case of the enemy and an ally, and he foresaw a European civil war as the result of bresent moral evasions. of present moral evasions.

Mr. McGovern said :

The hon, and gallaut Member for West Leeds (Major Adams) has given us the usual moral cause. He says that we did not go to war for the defence of Poland. That is handing out to Members something that every person in the country realises. This country did not go to war merely for the defence of Poland kitterior. go to war merely for the defence of Poland, but one of the things for which it did go to war was the defence of Poland. To say otherwise at this stage would condemn us morally in the eyes of a large number of people in this country.

There is the danger presented to the There is the danger presented to the nation and the world of succumbing to. German military power, and are the methods employed for undermining and overcoming resistance in the various countries. Is the hon, and gallant Member satisfied that Russia is not performing the same function; that Russia forming the same function; that Russia is not also attempting, by the creation is not also attempting, by the creation of quisling governments, to undermine the will to resist of internal organisations, and then, in the name of independence, moving in and creating the same circumstances as were created by Germany previous to the war?

Germany previous to the war?

There can be a case for going to war to resist aggression and the insidious methods of Germany, but there can be no case for refusing to recognise the self-same methods when they are employed in Poland and elsewhere by Soviet Russia. You lose your moral case entirely and also the will to resist.

TEHERAN CONFERENCE

The Prime Minister gave us a description or survey of the position in war, but omitted to state all the great difficulty. but omitted to state all the great diffi-culties that are being encountered. There was the Teheran Conference, a report of which I read last night. After reading it I had the feeling—if I am not being too jocular at the expense of a person who has gone—that it might have been who has gone—that it might have been a spiritualist circle, with the late Ramsay MacDonald controlling the planchette that wrote that Declaration. It was most ridiculous and silly, prescrib-ing no principles or moral codes of any kind. Probably it was intended to be

What happened at Teheran, and what happened at the various other confer-ences to which the Prime Minister has gone? I ask this question in relation to Japan. If the Foreign Secretary were here now, I would like to ask him about Japan. There are a few questions which should be answered in order to satisfy the people of this country and of

the world. Was Russia asked about the position in relation to Japan? Does she intend to enter into the struggle to suppress the activities and the aggression of Japan? If not, why not? It is well known that Stalin refused to come well known that Stain refused to come to conferences because he could not be included in a party that was dealing with the Japanese struggle. It would be an unfriendly act. He could not discuss anything which dealt with Japan while the Japanese Ambassador was while the Japanese Ambassador was sitting in Kuibeshev and the Soviet Am-bassador was at Tokyo.

CHINA

We are told with regard to China that Chiang Kai-shek has an army of 250,000 according to some and of 500,000 according to others, fighting against the Communist army of China. Who is financing and arming this Communist army? Has Stalin any part in arming and financing this Communist army to army? Has Stalin any part in arming and financing this Communist army to fight China, and to stab China in the back, when she is engaged in her struggle with Japan? These are things which the country, has a right to know. Chiang Kai-shek is one of the Allies in this struggle. There is the question of Poland, and the Prime Minister can speak of these other - States such as Lithuania. Lithuania.

FINLAND

I remember when Poland was invad-I remember when Poland was invaded by Russia the right hon. Gentleman the Member for Devonport (Mr. Hore-Belisha) writing in the "News of the World" to the effect that we should have sent 35,000 troops to fight Russia. They talk of Finland now, so that any-sen might think that Willand was the They talk of Finland now, so that anyone might think that Finland was the aggressor. The Prime Minister said that Russia had been very tolerant to Finland. That was not so, when Russia invaded Finland. Finland is only defending her national existence and her boundaries, against aggression and against Stalin, at the present time. Finland was prepared to go out of the war if her national entity was recognised by Russia.

SOVIET RUSSIA

These things have to be said. Soviet Russia is going to make great inroads into Europe because nations fear to stand up to her and speak to her in the stand up to her and speak to her in the language that she understands. I have had experience of the party of which the hon. Member for West Fife (Mr. Gallacher is a member. I used to work in unity with the Communist Party. in unity with the Communist Party, when sent by my own party. There was one thing I recognised about it at the beginning and of which I warned my party. I said, "You can never satisfy these people. They are out either to swallow you up if you resist their policy, or to slander and libel you if you fail to accept their policy. Therefore, you have to stand up to them as men and fight them because that is the only method." The same method is employed by them all over the world. employed by them all over the world.

POLAND

It was said that 8,500 Polish officers were destroyed by Russians but nobody (Continued on Page 4.)

GMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Subramaniam Lewis gratefully acknowledge the several tele-grams and letters of condolence from relations and friends on the occasion of relations and friends on the occasion of the sudden death of their dearest son Daniel Gunasenan. They praise God by realising how his short and sweet life has been a source of great inspiration to fellow students in the St. John's College and the University.

Church Calendar

OCTOBER 1944

20 S. John Cant. ...21 S. Hilarion.

...22 20th Sunday after Pentecost.
MISSION SUNDAY.

...23 S. Theodoret. ...24 S. Raphael. WED. ...25 S. Chrysanthus. THURS....26 S. Evaristus.

27 S. Vincent.

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DEMOCRACY RUN MAD

Without wasting words and in the briefest possible manner His the Colombo Excellency the Governor has spoken out his mind in scathing criticism of the present order of things in this country. Addressing the Scouts in a farewell speech His Excellency said: "During my seven years in Ceylon I have seen too much this severe judgment lies in its truth. No honest man who Governor thinks that this is a natural consequence of the premature introduction of universal franchise and adds there is no need to despair about it. Note the right themselves within a reaof improvement; on the contrary matters have continued to grow from bad to worse. His Excellency says there is an urgent necessity to face present facts and to realize that education in citizenship is a paramount need. But the present facts do not appear to worry very much our leaders and urge them to take such meashands. They console themselves with the notion that the present spell of demagogy is natural enough for the country in its stage of political development but as more and more power is won and exercised-power that had so long been denied them, these abuses will disappear. Other countries, too, had passed through similar experience they say. Although there is some truth in this contention it does not altogether meet the severe criticism. In other countries increasingly liberal forms of government have been introduced gradually. Here, al forms of government have been introduced gradually. Here, a fully developed democratic government in its extreme form has been thrust almost suddenly on the people who were not prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must shoulder the blame. Democracy is the most difficult form of government must shoulder most difficult form of government age where self-restraint enables them to the people who were self-restraint enables them to the people who were not prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must shoulder the blame. Democracy is the most difficult form of government the people who were not prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must shoulder the blame. Democracy is the most difficult form of government the people who were not prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must shoulder the blame. Democracy is the most difficult form of government the people who were not prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must shoulder the people who were not prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must shoulder the people who were not prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must shoulder the people who were not prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must shoulder the people who were not prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must shoulder the people who were not prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must shoulder the people who were not prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must shoulder the people who were not prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must shoulder the people who were not prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must shoulder the people who were not prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must should be prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must should be prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must should be prepared for it. For this blunder British Government must should be prepared for it. For th

sfully and it can be a success unless it suits the genius of the people. Again, however excellent in theory, universal franchise has never ranchise has hevel the practice been helpful anywhere secure a good and an cient government. But the lit is not altogether with the lasses. They are often amente to correct guidance but see who deceive them and lead on the propagation of the Faith, falls this year on the 22nd October. I shall not send for this circumstance any appeal of my comparise this year for the first time. in practice been helpful anywhere efficient government. ethicient government. But the fault is not altogether with the masses. They are often amenable to correct guidance but those who deceive them and lead they astray come from the ranks the so-called educated whose fitness for democracy, strangely enough, is never called in question. It is a sad charge to make against the educated but it must be said with large exceptions that they do hinder the political advancement of the country. The severe verdict of the departing Governor will not fail to influence the mind of coming Royal Commission.

EDITORIAL NOTE

United Local Govt. Service. received this -The Papers the news that has the Municipality rejected the proposal form a united Local in has Government Service to be controlled by a Local Service Commission. That is what any intelligent person should expect. Galle Municipal Council opposed that is demagogic and too little that is democratic." The strength a herd of sheep consented to surrender their rights of controlling for own employees to an impersonal Commission. The has been watching the drift of things will dispute it. What is the cause of this disorder? The proposal without even a word to the ratepayers who furnish the funds to pay its staff. One of the reasons put forward for a Municipality for Jaffna was the word 'despair'; it is significant. If need of more power to the Counwe may not despair what ground cil, so its promoters said, but of hope have we that things will strangely enough, it is now willing to throw away a very nesonable time? There is no sign cessary power the Ordinance confers on it-power of controlling its The present Chairman complains of a great lack of discipline and sense of duty among the employees of the Council and the necessity there is of constant supervision. What will be his position when 90 per cent. of his authority with regard to his men will have been taken away from him? Utter inefficiency and what they are after is how to get complete power into their ban Council exists not for its employees but for the benefit of the town residents. Security of tenure of the employees is a secondary question and can be secured in other ways, self-government, crippled as it is now, must not be allowed to The An official communique on Thursday secured in other ways. be reduced to a farce. The Jaffna Urban Council will be wise if it writes back to cancel its assent to this absurd scheme.

For the Eye of the Modern Soft Educationists

MISSION SUNDAY OCT. 22ND

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S APPEAL

The Revd. Fr.P. Jacquemart, Nation-

for this circumstance any appeal of my own, since this year, for the first time since 1940, the official Appeal from our President has reached India in time. (Published last week).

It may be recalled on this occasion that all the moneys collected for the Missions on Mission Sunday belong to the funds of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to the exclusion of any other missionary underthe Propagation of the Faith, to the exclusion of any other missionary undertaking. I shall thank the Diocesan Directors for notifying this amount to me as early as convenient, in January, 1945 at the latest. They should also return along with them the amounts received as members' subscriptions. The few Diocesas who, were directed in the few Dioceses who were directed in the last three years not only to inform me of these amounts but actually to send me the money may kindly do so once again before February.

are putting, this year, at the disposal of the Holy Father a sum of Rs. 79,067-10-2. This is much higher than we have ever been able to do, even in the happier days when Malacca and Burma could send contributions. The signific-ance of it will appear to be still greater if it is observed that the most efficient dioceses, Bombay and Colombo, do not appear in our list. It may be presumed appear in our list. It may be presumed that, between themselves, they collected. Rs. 20,000 or more. Which means that the moneys contributed last year towards the funds of the Society for the Propagation of Faith approach or reach the 20,000 goals. the 90,000 mark. Last year we were at a mere 60,000; and this was already a record. Rs. 55,000 were our best achievement in pre-war days.

Once again this year, our figures are further swollen by contributions from Malta. I received from there in 1943 a sum of Rs. 24,736.9-4. I thought for a time that, with this additional help, I could offer one lakh to Rome. We are a little of the total of the country of the c little short of it, but not much.

set three years not only to inform me f these amounts but actually to send the the money may kindly do so once gain before February.

REPORT FOR 1943

It will be seen that India and Ceylon let us know."

Shall we, next year, further rise from 90,000 to 100,000? This sounds ambitious. Let us at any rate aim at it. With the good will of all, it may not be unthinkable. Next year's report will let us know."

conform to social customs and to take advantage of social opportunities."

Mallon remarks in passing that a baby six months old has already learned how to fool its parents. It knows when to cry and when to stop crying. It can kick up its little heels, raise old Ned and get what it wants. At six months it outwits its parents though they have lived 60 times as long. As in babyhood, so in adolescence. As in the nursery, so in school. Boys and girls will be troublesome, if you let them. They will "put one over" on the teamer if the do so. The incontestable answer is Discipline." The answer to juvenile delinquency. The answer to defects in moral character .- Examiner.

OBITUARY

The Revd, Fr. Z. N. Croos, O.M.I., will be thankful for prayers for the repose of the soul of his father who died in the Jaffna Civil Hospital on Sunday last. R. I. P.

LOCAL & GENERAL

The Governor Leaves the Island.—His Excellency the Govern Sir Andrew Caldecott, has left the land, preparatory to retirement, and Sir Robert Drayton, Chief Secretary, is acting as Officer Administering the Government until the arrival of Sir Henry Monck Mason Moore the Government land.

Sir Andrew Caldecott assumed the governorship of the Island on Oct. 16,

governorship of the Island on Oct. 16, 1937, after serving in a similar capacity in Hong Kong.

Sir Robert Drayton, who is now temporarily at the head of the government, came to Ceylon in 1939 as Legal Secretary and later succeeded Mr. G. S. Wodeman as Chief Secretary.

He was made a K.B.E. at the beginning of this year.

An official communique on Thursday morning said: It is announced for general information that on the departure of Sir Andrew Caldecott, G.C.M.G. C.B.E., from the Island, on leave preparatory to retirement, the administration of the Government of Ceylon was assumed by His Excellency Sir Robert Drayton, C.M.G., with effect from Oct. 17th.

addressed the old boys on the coming jubilee celebration of Very Revd. Fr. jubilee celebration of Very Revd. Fr. Long, the Rector in 1945 and proposed to launch a Jubilee Fund to be presented to him in the name of the Old Boys. friends and well-wishers on the jubilee day. The chairman and Mr. G.S.Puvi-rajasinghe seconded and supported the proposal which was unanimously

With a view to carrying out the above vitin a view to carrying out the above resolution the following office-bearers were elected with a General Committee. Fr. John, the Vice-Rector, was elected the Chairman of the Celebration Committee, Fr. Bursar of St. Patrick's the

The following were elected secretaries of the celebration: Messrs, F. A. Sandrasagra, F. J. R. VikramaSinkam, S. SivaRamalingam and M. Jacob.

Jaffna Association.-A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Jaffna Association was held at the residence of Mr. A.R. Subramaniam, Dr. C Sivasithamparam, retired Provincial Surgeon, presiding.

The annual general meeting which was to have been held on Oct. 21st, was postponed for Nov.4th to enable Messrs. postponed for Nov. the forenable Messrs.

A. Mahadeva, G. G. Ponnambalam, S.

Natesan and J. Tyagaraja, Members of
the State Council, to address the members of the Association on the reform of
the constitution and allied matters.

It is understood that the Association It is understood that the Association had been in correspondence with the Minister of Health, Mr. George E. de Silva, and the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr. A. Mahadeva, in connection with the alleged compulsory retirement of Dr. S. F. Chellappah, the D.M. & S.S., consequent on the publicity given to relevant matters in the "Times of Ceylon."

Col. Halland's New Post. -It is learnt that Col.G.H.R. Halland, former-ly Inspector-General of Police, Ceylon, has been appointed Police Commissioner for Occupied Territories and will shortly be taking up headquarters in Germany.

Personal.—Mr. W. L.S. Candappa, Hony. Secy. Catholic Book Club, Am-pitiya, will be leaving the Island shortly pitiya, will be leaving the Island shortly on medical advice for a month's stay in North India. While there, he will contact Revd. Fr. H. I. Westropp, S.J., Director of the C.B.C. and study the progress of the Book Club in different parts of India.

S. V. P., Jaffna.—The third quarterly meeting of the Conferences of St. Vincent de Paul Society, Jaffna, will be held on Sunday 22nd inst. in St. Charles' School Hall immediately after the Cathedral Benediction. The Spiritual Directors and Members of the Conferences are kindly requested to be present.

Fund brings the total amount received to date to Rs. 106,034.

The Chairman, Mr. A. Gardiner, would be most subscribers would send donations as soon as possible, Regal Theatre, Hony. Treasurer, Mr. R. Doresamy at the Eastern Bank, Colombo.

Jaffna Diocesan Union .- A Committee meeting of the J.D.U. will be held at the Catholic Club on Sunday the 22nd at 6 p.m.

Sir Oliver Going to London.—
Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, Civil Defence and Food Commissioner, who is now in Australia, discussing food problems of this country, will, on his return home, proceed to London to confer with the British Food Ministry from whom final sanction has to be obtained in regard to any concessions he may obtain from Australia.

Fr. Hyde Leaves St. Anthony's. The Very Revd. Fr. D. Lawrence
Hyde, O.S.B., has retired from the
Principalship of St. Anthony's College
after having held office, for over two

An important development during his administration was the removal of the College from Kandy to Katugastota. His College from Kandy to Katugastota. His new appointment is that of General Manager of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Kandy, of which he is also Vicar General. To mark his severance with the profession, the Kandy Teachers' Association, of which he had been President for a term, have arranged to entertain Father Hyde to a party to be held at the Kandy High Scool on Oct. 24th.

Father Hyde has been succeeded as Principal of St. Anthony's College by the Revd. Fr. D.A. Rosati, with Mr. E. St. C. Rode as Headmaster

New Member for Bibile.-Mr. W. Dahanayake, ex-Mayor and Municipal Councillor of Galle, was elected to the Bibile Seat in State Council by a majority 1,108 votes.

Appointment.—Mr.J.F.X.Bastiam-pillai of the Income Tax Department is appointed to Class II of the General Clerical Service on the results of the examination held in April, 1944.

Mr. Bastiampillai is an old boy of St. Patrick's College and nephew of Revd. Fr. S. Gnana Prakasar, O.M.I.

War Publicity.—Mr. C. Thiagara-jah, Chairman, V.C., Manipay, has been appointed District Organiser, Northern Province, War Publicity.

Guild of St. Luke.—An unusually large number of Catholic doctors with their wives assembled at St. Peter's House, General Hospital, on Sunday last to honour their holy patron, St. Luke Evaporalist Luke, Evangelist.
Holy Mass—the "Gold Mass"-

Roy Mass—the Gold Mass—was celebrated in the convent chapel by the Revd. Fr. Prime, S.J., Chaplain of the R.A.F., who also preached the sermon. Many of those present approached the

At the breakfast which followed Dr. At the breakfast which followed Dr. S.F. Chellappah, D.M. & S.S., presided. At the close of the repast the Revd. Fr. J. B. Gregory, addressed the gathering who, accepting his suggestion formed themselves into a Guild with St. Luke as their patron.

The following office-bearers were

Spiritual Director: The Revd. Fr. J. B. Gregory, O.M.I.; President: Dr. S. F. Chellappah; Vice-Presidents: Dr.V. Gabriel, Prof. W.A.E. Karunaratne and Dr. B. Joseph; Hony. Secretary: Dr. J. L. S. Fernando; Hony Treasurer: Dr. Eric Perera.

The gathering dispersed after Dr. Chellappah had thanked the Franciscans' Mother Provincial and her community for their generous hospitality.

Metropolitans' Conference in Madras.—The Catholic Metropolitans in their Conference in Madras on the 25th-28th Sept. decided to establish a Catholic Bishops' Conference of India of Which H.E. the Delegate Apostolic is the President and the Rt. Revd. Dr. P. Thomas Bishop of Bangalore, the Gen-Thomas, Bishop of Bangalore, the General Secretary. A standing Committee has also been formed of which the Most

P-rince Chigi at an audience in the Va-tican for His Holiness's charities on the future too. behalf of war victims.

This is the first instalment of a fund the nobility of Rome have been collect-ing in response to the Holy Father's appeal for the poor before the liberation

of Rome.

Hundred Years Old Convert,
Confirmed.—The Most. Revd. Peter
W. Bartholome, Co adjutor Bishop of
St. Cloud, Minn., faced an unusual
Confirmation class recently. Among
those to be confirmed was John Mills,
who celebrated his 100th birthday last
April. Mr. Mills was one of eleven
converts confirmed together with 63
children. He is Traverse County's oldest resident, still active and alert.

children. He is traverse County's oldest resident, still active and alert.
Mr. Mills was received into the Church in 1936. He proudly remembers that he cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln.

Chemical Engineering. - A College of Chemical Engineering will be opened in Sao Polo, Brazil, under the direction of the Jesuit Social Action organization, Detroit, it has been announced by the Revd. Saboia de Medeiros, President of Social Action in Brazil

All instructions will be conducted in Portuguese. Faculty will be employed in all divisions of chemistry, mathematics, physics, metallurgy, mechanical and electrical engineering, mechanics, chemical chemical engineering, economics and in business organization and manage-

Notice to Correspondent

"Batticaloa Discusses Education Re port," We are sorry, it has to be held over for want of space; will appear in our next issue.

The Ladies of Charity Association Our Lady of Refuge, Jaffna

The Annual General Meeting of the above Association took place as announced on Wednesday the 11th inst. in the hall of Father Joseph Vaz with the Revd. Fr. Chas. S. Matthews, O.M.I. Revd. Fr. Chas. S. Matthews, O.M.I. in the chair. There was a good gathering of members, friends and wellwishers including a number of the town clergy After the adoption of the reports read by the secretary and the treasurer, comments were offered by Mr. R. J. Paul, retired District Judge and by Mr. F. C. Thuraisingham, teacher, St. Patrick's. Both eulogized the work of the Association secretary. ciation so necessary in these days of the Association so necessary in these days of want and misery. They suggested that the members besides distributing alms should venture on some more abiding form of work such as a needle work guild or even study classes for the benefit of the young among the poor they serve. they serve.

The Revd. Father President com-menting on the report said that the members of the Association deserved members of the Association deserved every support for the praiseworthy work they were doing. He knew he said that the members were all ardent Catholics and as such they were not mere church goers but sought godliness in every form—in godliness love of brotherhood and in love of brotherhood charity; and if they observed the rough charity; and if they observed the royal law according to the scriptures "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" they would do well as St. James the Apostle puts it. It is in this spirit he thought the members went through the activities of the association. He then recounted to them the many and heroic deeds practised by devout women in other lands and induced his hearers to emulate such examples.

Mr. J.A.P. Mylvaganam, Chief Clerk, Jaffoa Kachcheri proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman. In doing so he said that he voiced the thanks of all present for the great honour the Revd. Father did them in coming to preside at their annual meeting in spite of many calls on his precious time as A.R. P. Controller. The Revd. Father was known through the land as a great edu-

EXPENSES

By monetary aid to monthly paid
Paupers
Christmas gift of clothes
Christmas gift of cash
Casual gift of clothes
Casual relief in cash
Casual relief in cash
Cash to certain Girls on occasion
of marriage
Funeral Expenses for 6 Burials
Books and Stationery to
School children
House rent and house repair
Milk and medicines
Donation to start a trade
Donation to the Home for the
Aged
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Mannar Reception to Mr. J. Tyagaraja, M.S.C.

The public of Mannar accorded a fit The public of Mannar accorded a fitting reception to Mr.Jlyagaraja, M.S.C., and Mrs. Tyagaraja on their recent visit to Mannar. Speeches on the occasion were made by Messrs. V. A. Alagacone, A. P. Thambiah, S. Sebastiampillai, Abdul Cassim Maricar and C. Muthuthamby. Gate Mudlr. S. Muttutamby garlanded Mr. Tyagaraja and Miss Rita Josehp presented albouquet to Myagaraja. garaja

Mr. Tyagaraja in teply thanked the people of Mannar for the splendid reception. He also thanked especially those who spoke in appreciation of his work in the State Council. He said that he was very glad to find that his work in was very grad to find that his work in the Council was well appreciated by the people. He also referred to the unity and concord that existed among the people of Mannar, as all section of the people had gathered to do him honour.

With regard to his work in Council he said, that soon after he entered the Council he had given notice of several motions which after he had moved them were referred to the various committees. Particular mention was made of the motion for introducing the Tree Tax System into the Constituency which had been referred to the Executive Committee of Home Affairs. He said, he was not quite sure whether the committee was in favour of it. It was said that a Commission to inquire into the excise policy of the whole Island was soon to be appointed and that this question too might be referred to in Commission.

Referring to the conversion of Mannar into a Town Council or to U. C. Mr. Tyagaraja said that the Sanitary Board would continue to function till 1945, when it would be decided whether Mannar should have a T.C. or U.C.

With regard to the other needs of the electorate like improvement of roads and hospitals Mr. Tyagaraja said that these were a limiting factor viz, the conditions resulting from the war and the indifference of the powers that be which failed to pay much attention to the North.The Government had not, in the last twenty years, done anything much in the North, though vast sums of money had been spent even on various unproductive spent even on va

Referring to free education, he said, the bill that proposed this principle con tained some grave defects and the discussion that followed the introduction of the bill in Council was unreal as no one knew anything definite about the financial implications. Though the Min-Rhown through the land as a great education and he was now proving him self to be a great Organizer and protector of the country for which the Revd. Dr. F. Perier, S.J., is the Chairman.

Nobility Give 1,000,000 Lire to the Pope. — A gift of 1,000,000 lire was presented to the Holy Father by

the future too.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF
RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES FROM
JULY 1943 TO END OF SEPT. 1944
RECEIPTS
Rs. cts.
To contributions from active and honorary members
Subscriptions collected from Benefactors
Donation from the Trustees of Sri Chandrasekera Fund
Real Subscriptions collected from Benefactors
Total Receipts 979 62
Rs. cts.

EXPENSES
Rs. cts.
By monetary aid to monthly paid

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The regard to the Commission, Mr. Tyagaraja sand utal its Chairman was able and experienced. The Cauncil had appointed a Committee and the majority community were now trying to come to a settlement with the minorities. When he was asked to express his views on representation he said that he was returned to the Council on the definite mandate of balanced representation and he had to consult his constituency on any modification of it. In this connection he appealed to the public of Mannar to form a branch of the Tamil Congress and the Muslim League so that their views could be easily ascertained. easily ascertained.

At the end of his speech Mr, and Mrs. Tyagaraja were taken in procession with the accompaniment of music to

Trincomalee Tamils for Congress

A preliminary consultative meeting of the supporters of the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress was held at the Ganeshan Hall on October 11th. There were over a thousand people present.

Mr. M. M. Subramaniam, a former member of the State Council, presided, and Messrs. T. Balasubramaniam and P. Ramachandra were elected Joint Ramachandra were elected

Mr. Subramaniam said that the Donoughmore Commission framed the constitution on a population basis and in single member constituencies, and the in single member constituencies, and the result was that the major community with a 65 per cent. population took nearly 80 per cent. of the elected seats, a phenomenon without any parallel in any part of the world. The result also was a complete subjugation of the Tamils and other minorities.

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Mr. Subramaniam referred to a remark he had made when he was the Deputy Speaker of the Council, that the Tamils had not been treated well, and said that a member who is now a Minister had told him that if they had become that he wind mealed and they had known that his mind worked on those lines they would not have elected him

as the Deputy Speaker.

He emphasised that what the Tamils wanted was a reform of the Constitu-tion. The Tamils did not want 50 out wanted was a reform of the Constitu-tion. The Tamils did not want 50 out of 100 seats for themselves. Let the majority community have fifty and let all other minorities have 50. Thanks were due to Mr. Ponnambalam who had taken strenuous steps to effect reforms so far as the Tamils were concerned.

That Congress had been formed, he said, and they had met to get an auxiliary force to support the Congress.

Mr. T. Balasubramaniam moved that the member for the district be requested to support the resolutions and the policy and programme of the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress.

MORE SUPPORT FOR TAMIL CONGRESS

A resolution demanding that no terms of agreement regarding constitutional issues be accepted except without the prior approval of the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress at a plenary session, was passed at a meeting held in support of the Congress at the Gintupitiya Theatre,
Colombo, on Sunday.
The resolution was proposed by Mr.
S. Pararajasingham and seconded by

Mr. P. Rajanayagam.
Mr. G.G.Ponnambalam presided. The

mr. God on a mainly in Tamil.

Mr. Ben David warned the Tamils that if they did not bestir themselves that fate that had befallen the Burghers would be theirs.

What they wanted today, therefore,

was enlightened and trusted leadership, and in Mr. Poanambalam they found (Continued on Page 4.)

NOTICE

There is a stock of dried peas weighing 56 cwts, 2 qrs. for sale at the Subsidiary Foodstuff Store, Bankshall Street, Jaffna. The price is Rs. 40.96 per cwt. ex-store. Traders and consumers who design to purchase this composities are ex-store. Traders and consumers who desire to purchase this commodity are requested to communicate with the undersigned.

R. CHINTHAMANI, for Govt. Agent, N.P. Jaffna, 20th Oct. 1944.

SUES IN BIG DEBATE

(Continued from Page 1). in governmental circles may mention these things now. We have to be kind to Joe, in case he walks out of the party. Therefore, we did not say, "Joe, you and your fellows murdered 8,500 Polish officers. Why did you murder them?" Why—because it was a question of officers. Why did you murder them?"
Why—because it was a question of
destroying the ruling class of Poland.
Poland had to be destroyed as a Polish
national unity and the only way to destroy it was to murder the ruling class of
that country. There was the creation of
the Polish national army on Soviet territory with Communist quislings. They
were prepared to march into Poland to
set up an independent State.

I have in this House often expressed I have in this House often expressed my views about the Polish ruling class but that is a very different thing from destroying the national outlook and entity of the Polish people. The Communists tried to destroy them. Propaganda goes out and the Polish people ask for an inquiry into the allegation that 8,500 of their officers were found murdered. Then Russia gets all flurried. They have been accused of this, and therefore they repudiate the policy ried. They have been accused of this, and therefore they repudiate the policy of the Polish national government in

London.

We have also had the question anti-Semitism. There has been a tre-mendous lot of anti-Semitism in Poland, there has always been. has read this history Anyone who agree that there has been anti-Semitism agree that there has been anti-Semitism. Polish Jewish soldiers came to London to have a show-down, and to demand that they should be transferred to the British Forces. Many people in this house and the country are aware that the Communist party in this country had a hand in that. I am told on very good authority that they paid the fares of the men to come to London, because it was part of their instruction to work for the denunciation of the Polish Gov. denunciation of the Polish Government in London.

BALTIC STATES : GREECE, RUMANIA, ALBANIA

I have said before that I believe in Socialism but I do not believe in Socialism with a tommygun. I do not believe in imposing my will upon people who have not agreed to a change and transfer of power. In this war, I see this gradual development taking place all over the Continent, drawing Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Poland Yugoslavia, Greece, Rumania and Albania all into this common struggle, this civil war, which is going to be worked out in its most brutal and acute form. That is being imposed on Europe and at this stage the Prime Minitter says, "There is nothing for it but the abject surrender of Germany in this struggle." in imposing my will upon people who

of Germany in this struggle."

Let me say this—I do not want to be misunderstood: People have talked, in this country, about the armed might of Germany, but they have never talked about the armed might of Russia. Yet one has been the natural result of the other. If you are going to disarm Germany completely, are you going to allow Russia to retain her great military strength and arms? If so, after this war, Stalin will be able to carry on from one end of the Continent to the other, through the Balkans and place the whole of Europe under his totalita rian form of bureaucratic government. rian form of bureaucratic government.

Those are the dangers I see, and they have to be stated. It is not very popular at this moment to draw attention to them because there is a tremendous admiration for the Red Army and the effort it has maintained. But do not let us be carried away by admiration for somebody associated with us, and lose the finer things that should come out of a struggle of this kind if you entered it on a real moral basis.

HOW DO WE STAND?

which so much blood which so much blood which so much blood which so was an unqualified statement in this House? For the independence of Finland, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Yugoslavia? Can be give us an unqualified statement in this House that we stand for the complete independence of these States—not for the creation of Soviet "stooge" not for the creation of Soviet "stooge government but for the complete inde pendence of the people of those coun-tries who have drawn up their own governments?

In my estimation you are marching towards a show-down. You are eva-the issues of the present moment, they are coming faster and hotter You are evading your trail as the war comes to a conclu sion. I would not be surprised if it ends before October of this year. If it does, you will have a tremendous responsibiyou will have a trementous responsibility for the settling of the affairs of Europe and the Balkans. As I see it, the lack of decisive war declaration and power at this stage will prolong the period of bloody struggle and civil war through the Continent and throughout the world.—Cath. Herald, London.

More Support for **Tamil Congress**

(Continued from Page 3) that leadership which they stood much in need of a leadership in v stood they could all repose their implicit and firm confidence.

Proposed by Mr. K. R. Natesa Iyer, M.S.C., and seconded by Mr. P. Navaratnarajah, a resolution was passed demanding that in any future constitution for Ceylon the Scheme of representation should be so devised that no single community, class or non-political group should be in a position to impose its will over others.

CEYLON INDIAN CONGRESS AND BALANCED REPRESENTASION

We are support the demand for balance We an esupport the demand for balanced representation. Granting the minorities a total of 38 to 40 seats is meaningless, as no principle is involved in such a distribution of seats. Weightage to be of any use must be effective. What is the use of a weightage which does not remove the very fears for does not remove the very fears for which the weightage is being asked for? If representation is without sufficient protection against any communal domination such representation worse than useless.

Whatever the Ministers or anybody in the Island might say, the history of the last I4 years and more recent discussions in the sub-Committee of the State Council have shown that the communal problem exists in the country and is sought to be solved mainly through adequate direct or indirect communal representation. Ne representation munal representation. Ne representation can be adequate unless it is effective. No representation can be effective unless it is based on a balance between the minority communities on the one hand minority communities on the one hand and the majority community on the other. The majority community has nothing to fear from balanced representation as they would still have a complete communal block of fifty per cent, as against the 50 per cent, of the minorities which will be compesed of different communal groups. Mr. Aziz, therefore stressed that any thing less than the balanced representation will be a violabalanced representation will be a viola-tion of principles on which the minori-ties have been basing their claims so far-

Governor's Farewell Speech to Boy Scouts

"I have said it often, and I know it to be true, that the Scout Movement in this Island can provide a leaven of good citizenship in town and village that in time will leaven the whole lump of Lanka's population.

I rose chiefly for the purpose of asking the questions that I have indicated in general terms. Will the Foreign Secretary tell us whether Russia was consulted in connection with the Japanese War? What is her attitude to wards it?

Who is financing the Communistation From the sarry fighting Chiang Kai-shek.

Could he give us a clearer indication of how we stand in relation to all the content of how we stand in relation to all the content of how we stand in relation to all the content of how we stand in relation to all the content of how we stand in relation to all the content of how we stand in relation to all the content of how we stand in relation to all the content of how we stand in relation to all the content of his own terms.

Lanka's population.

"This country has been promised full internal self-government, and the success of self-government, and the success of self-government will depend upon the people understanding from their pounts of self-government, and the success of self-government, and the success of self-government will depend upon the people understanding from their pounts of self-government, and the success of self-government, and the success of self-government will depend upon the people understanding from their pounts of self-government, and the success of self-government, and the success of self-government will depend upon the people understanding from their pounts of self-government, and the success of self-government will depend upon the west and in the East, the enemy had re-established his Front from Breda to Belfort, was stubbornly resisted by the enemy had re-established his Front from Breda to Belfort, was stubbornly resisted by the enemy in the West and in the East, the enemy had re-established his Front from Breda to Belfort, was stubbornly resisted by the enemy had re

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iemocracy.
"Choice of a representative must be determined by what the electors want represented, choice of a leader must depend upon whither you want your

"During my seven years in Ceylon I have seen too much that is demagogic and too little that is democratic. and too little that is democratic. This is a natural consequence of the premature introduction of universal franchise but there is no need to despair about it. It is a phase of political growth not peculiar to Ceylon as any reader of Dickens can tell you.

"There is, however, an urgent necessity to face present facts and to realize that education in citizenship is a paramount need. Preparation to be a good citizen and an intelligent voter is inherent in full measure in the Scout promise and the Scout training. By lives lived in accordance with that promise and that training you callet an example of such good and intelligent citizenship as alone can ensure the success of democratic Home Rule.

DEBASED BY DEMAGOGY

"I can hear my critics object that I am trying to turn the Ceylon Boy am trying to turn the Ceylon Boy Scouts into a political organization. Certainly not in the current demagogic sense of that term. No three words have been more debased by demagogy than 'politics', 'political', and 'politician'. Many people have come to hate the very sound of them very sound of them.

"Nevertheless the only logical as well as practical basis for democracy is that all electors should be politically minded in the true and original sense i.e., interested in public and not only in private affairs. Scout principles and Scout training are, and must be, political in that they take a boy out of himself and introduce him to team work and team

"There appeared in the press an arti-cle entitled 'Dangerous Corner Ahead'. It ended by saying that to Government has no more urgent and vital task than preparing for the transition from war to peace. But what is the Government?

"A democratic government is "A democratic government is the engine of public opinion and without public opinion democracy can have no driving power. The will to prepare for the testing times of the future must be the will of the people, and will power depends upon knowledge and discrimination. You scouts are receiving a training such as to fit you to blaze a to fit you to blaze training such as trail of sound public opinion and public

"The success of the Scout Movement in Lanka more than any other sign of the times gives me cheer and confidence in her future. That is why I am so in her future. That is why I am so proud to have been your Chief Scout for seven years and why I am so sorry to fall out of your ranks just when you importance is greater than ever before.

Telegraphic Summary of News

FRANCE'S SEVERE WAR LOSSES

Genoral de Galle, in a speech broadcast over the entire French Radio network on Saturday night disclosed that 300,000 Frenchmen had been killed in battle or executed by the enemy, that 3,000,000 prisoners had been deported, that 4,000 bridges had been blown up, that factories were without and and that factories were without coal and that stocks of fuel were exhausted.

He declared that many a Frenchman might well be amazed at the kind of neglect with which the other Great Powers were at present treating France in regard to the conduct of the war and the preparations for peace. Frenchmen in regard to the conduct of the war and the preparations for peace. Frenchmen knew that this war, in which they had for more than 49 months been taking a major part, was not going to end yet. Despite terrible defeats suffered by the enemy in the West and in the East, the enemy had re-established his Front from Breda to Belfort, was stubbornly resisting in the Italian peninsula, was fighting savagely in Poland and in the Baltic countries, and was preparing to fight to

tory. Germany would be beaten only by renewed and bloody exertion, in-which France wanted to and must take the greatest possible part.

HITLER ORDERS STATE FUNERAL FOR ROMMEL

Hitler has ordered a state funeral for Field-Marshal Rommel, who, the German News Agency announced on Sunday night, had died of severe head injuries received in a motor car accident while Commander in Chief of the Army Group in the West.

The British Official Wireless adds that he will be remembered as the Commander of the Afrika Corps which was ultimately defeated and disintegrated by the outmatching factics of Field Mar-shal Montgomery and the Eighth Army. This year Rommel appeared in Nor-mandy as Commander, again facing Field Marshal Montgomery and, according to reports, was wounded in the head and chest in July when Allied fighter-bombers attacked German road traffic. It was said at the time that he had died in the Bernahy hospital in Lisieux very shortly after receiving the injuries.

MOSCOW TALKS CONTINUE

After a concert in Moscow on Sunday night, in which the British Prime Min-ister (Mr. Winston Churchill) received a great ovation, Marshal Stalin and Mr. Churchill went to the Kremlin and con-ferred for three hours with M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, Field-Marshal Sir Alan Brooke (Chief of the Imperial General Staff), General Sir Hastings Ismay (Chief of Staff to Mr. Churchill as Minister of Defence) and the Chiefs of the Anglo-American Missions, says a Moscow correspondent, reported by the British Official Wire-

At the same time Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary conferred with the Polish Premier (M. Mikola-jczyk), M. Romer, the Polish Foreign Minister, and Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, the British Ambassador, were also

FASCISTS TRYING TO KEEP HUNGARY IN WAR

Shortly after the Budapest Radio broadcast an order-of-the-day, signed by Admiral Horthy, the Hungarian Regent and C.-in-C., announcing that Hungary had asked for an armistice, the Hungarian Fascists appear to have gained control of the Budapest Radio and the Hungarian Chief of Staff calling on the Army to continue fighting without

"A few minutes after the sensational news of Regent Horthy and his Govern-ment's treachery was broadcast over the Budapest Radio, Hungarians of all classes in all the Hungarian cities and classes in all the Hungarian cities and particularly in Budapest, rose in protest against the treason attempted against the Hungarian people. The German Headquarters and the authorities have been ordered to give every protection to the Hungarian population."

IMREDY TURNS UP

According to reports reaching London Hungary's capital, Budapest, is now in the hands of a pro-German "Government", headed by Bele Imredy, the former Premier (says the British Official Wireless). Imredy has broadcast an appeal to the Hungarian troops to continue the fighting with the Germans.

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