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## YOUTH'S SOLUTION

BY THE MARCHIONESS OF LOTHIAN

On every side enlightened people are offering their solutions for a Brave New World. May I, having reached the age of twenty-one, presume to try to express a point of view which I know I share with many of my generation. It is this: that the war-tired youth of every nation is getting tired of man-made solutions. For four weary years now it has been dying of the inevitable excesses of politics and policies. As a reward of its sacrifices, it asks of its post-war leaders something more concrete than a party name. It asks for an international basis for international life.

We have only to look back through history to find that since the beginning, different national or sectional "isms" have first fired, then tired, and then sacrificed humanity. They failed, not because they were wholly wrong, but because they only moved one class or one nation, and brought it into inevitable conflict with another. We have not fought this war in separate factions, and we will only live the peace in separate factions as a last resort. However cynical our ideas on the subject may be, we none of us want another war.

In the presence of death we seem to have found the secret of life, and a common aim seems to have given us a common character. Humanity has given of its best from every side, and none of us can point at any one class and say it has shirked the sacrifices. I suggest that after the war we can still all have one aim in common, and then not only nationally but internationally. That one aim can be Christianity. Bred in the mystery of death, most of us believe in God and a life to come. The fact that none of us is allowed much more than seventy years in this world touches us all, in every class and every nation. In war-time our fundamental faith in good against bad and in reunion beyond death, which are essential Christian beliefs, has been our greatest strength. After the war we can all find in it the strength to live in peace.

When I say that as a generation we do believe in God, and that we found our hopes on a Christian post-war world, I meet two sets of critics, on one side a group of pseudo-intellectuals who deny man his greatest dignity, eternal life, and on the other, Christians of the last generation who say this generation is not Christian at all. I will try and answer the former first. Nineteen centuries ago Christ revealed the only clue to a lasting peace: the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. The pain and misery of this war has forced the co-operative spirit of Christian brotherhood on our nation, and it seems to me that we have responded better to it than to the intellectuals' man-made politics. If we can be good national Christians in war-time why should we not remain good international Christians in peace-time? After the last war the intellectuals chose to idolize man. They ignored God's laws and crowded them out of our daily lives. They followed the will of the wispy ideal of free thought and free behaviour, and were allowed to insinuate it into their fellow-countrymen. In short, they paved the way to a falling birthrate, a C3 nation, and another war in which their bewildered youth could die. It seems quite clear to me that they failed, and that they are sadly responsible for the part they played in governing this and other countries.

We know now where man-made policies can lead us, and what the lack of Christian behaviour can mean. In this bitter struggle we have learnt that if the whole world had followed the Christian moral code in the whole-hearted way separate countries followed the Nazi and the Communist and the democratic moral codes, there would never have been a war. Rational behaviour is not wholly born in men. Moral codes are instilled; and can be deviated from, and, unfortunately, it was only these different political movements which bothered to educate youth in them, and realized the importance of doing so. But make no mistake, so long as governments continue to ignore the Divine plan they will fail, and their people will be punished with them. In Christianity alone lies an international foundation for a lasting peace. Its laws are divine, not human, and being divine they include the best of all man's ideals and eliminate the worst; and being based on eternal life, they strike at the root of every class and every race in the world, and unite humanity, as no other laws can hope to.

On behalf of my generation I will try and answer our Christian critics next. Because we are accused I will accuse. After the last war, where Christian teaching was concerned, ours was the forgotten generation. If some of my contemporaries do not pray it is because they were not all taught to pray. If they do not all go to church it is because their churches did not tell them firmly enough that they owed it as a duty to God to go more often. If they do not all discriminate between moral issues it is because they were not all reminded that God had definitely revealed to us which ones to follow. Our leaders compromised with the fundamental conceit of human nature, which believes that in spiritual things man is only answerable to himself. They enforced education, but did not enforce religious education. It was left to the fathers and mothers to pay the price of sending their children to special schools if they wanted them taught that way. Other things were drummed into them, but not religion. They saw international prayer for peace ridiculed, although they have now seen national prayer invoked to win the war.

My generation was educated on a dizzy succession of false doctrines, and it was left to discover on its own that where man will not reveal the true moral law, God will. Most of us realize now that all the essential ideals are in Christ's teaching, and the only universal justice in His laws, and that only on universal Christian belief and behaviour can be found a lasting peace. We ask the leaders of all the post-war nations, therefore, first to lead us in Christianity, and then to re-educate the world in it. We have to say to them this: "Realizing that faith and intelligence are latent in all human beings, but that both need to be educated, starve neither of their revelation, lest on the road to a personal discovery they take the wrong turning. Bring back religious teaching to the school of every child in the world. Start every human intellect on the right moral lines. Remind humanity of Christian philosophy in all universities and all workrooms. Encourage useful Christian family life, and help each man to serve in his appointed place in mutual

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## CHRISTENDOM MUST RECOVER ITS SOUL

THE BISHOP URGES RESTORATION OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF AND WAY OF LIFE

OURS IS CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION

To the question, "What do we think of secularism?" Mr. Woodlock considered it from the angle of what it already has done to civilization and what it further threatens to do. He said:

"Our civilization is a Christian civilization: it is the product of the Christian creed. Its cult has been a Christian cult, its code a Christian code, its culture a Christian culture. Now the difference between the Christian religion and all the other world-religions that have preceded it, is that it rests upon a divine revelation and a divine Person, and an historical Person. A Man who lived and walked this earth as a man among men, yet was also God. The revelation was made to the Jewish people, and Christ was born a Jew. That is why Pope Pius XI reminds Catholics that 'in religion we are Semites.' And so we are. Now the whole edifice of the Christian creed stands or falls, as St. Paul says with the divinity of Christ. Upon that creed depends the Christian cult, code, culture and civili-

zation, and the attitude of that civilization to life in general."

He reminded that the first effects of secularism are discernible in the abandonment by a large body of those who still consider themselves Christians, of belief in the divinity of Christ, and in this sense "a large part of Christendom has ceased to be Christian."

EFFECTS OF SECULARISM

Discussing the effects of secularism upon the code of civilization, Mr. Woodlock stated: "We have seen in the last generation an outbreak of positive anarchy in the phenomenon of 'gangsterism' and, worse even than that an organized commercialism of crime, including wholesale murder—a new thing in modern experience. We are today disturbed over the thing to which we have given the name of 'juvenile delinquency.' We do not talk much openly about it, but we worry not a little over the state of what we used to call 'sexual morality' among our youth,

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## NATIONAL SAVINGS WEEK

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Colomb, **WAR SAVINGS MOVEMENT,**

## The Catholic Union of Ceylon

### Annual General Meeting

The Forty Second Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Union of Ceylon will be held at St. Joseph's College, Borella Branch, on Sunday 10th Dec. 1944.

Notice of any resolutions to be placed before the meeting should reach the undersigned not later than the 26th Nov. 1944.

C. M. G. DE SARAM,  
Hony. Secretary.

Negril Building,  
York Street, Fort, Colombo.

## Church Calendar

NOVEMBER 1944

FRI. ...10 S. Andrew.  
SAT. ...11 S. Martin, G.  
SUN. ...12 24th Sunday after Pentecost  
S. Martin, M.  
MON. ...13 S. Didacus.  
TUES. ...14 S. Josephat.  
WED. ...15 S. Albert, G.  
THURS. ...16 S. Gertrude.  
FRI. ...17 S. Gregory.

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### "SPAIN AGAIN"

With the above title a leading article appeared in the *Ceylon Observer* last week-end which should never have found space in that paper. The article was dyed deep in Red venom. We may not charge the writer, whoever he be, with deliberate ill-will but his source of information had badly been tainted. Since the Civil War a vile campaign of organised propaganda against Spain and its present government has been busy with gratuitous supply of rubbish which well-informed newspapers straightaway send to the waste-paper basket, but the yellow press seizes it with avidity and gives it wide publicity bringing often ridicule upon itself. For instance, we were seriously told some time ago that the flying bomb was tested in Spain before it was used against England. That was, of course, a pure myth and the authors of this absurd canard were so much ashamed of themselves that for some time vilification of Spain ceased but only for a time. It has started again. This week Reuter cabled the news that Franco was shooting down the patriots and an appeal was going to be made to the Pope to intervene and stop the shooting. A Catholic priest was brought into the story to give it some plausibility. The story on the face of it is another canard. Franco is the greatest patriot of Spain who risked his life to save the country and he is not the man to shoot Spaniards who are genuine lovers of their land. Reuter's patriots are the Communists and they are now becoming turbulent. There is a feeling in the air owing to the great deference shown to Stalin by the two great Powers that after the victory Communism will sweep over Europe and Communists will once more be masters of Spain. It appears that Communists outside the country are already planning to overthrow Franco's government and it is most likely their comrades inside are becoming

restive and violent. If that were so, Franco would fail in his duty if he did not take measures to crush the incipient revolt. But it is monstrous to say that he is shooting down patriots. The article under censure bears out what we say. The *Observer* says that the Spanish refugees in liberated France feel confident that Franco's regime cannot last much longer and that the Spanish Republicans feel that Franco's government deprived, as it is, of Axis aid could easily be overthrown. But who are those Spanish refugees? Communists conscious of their crimes crossed over to France to escape punishment during the Civil War. They gave a good deal of aid to the Republicans and some were killed and others fled to Russia. Now we hope that Franco's regime will not last much longer. The article accuses the Spanish leader of overthrowing the democratic constitutional government of Spain with the aid of Hitler and Mussolini. There was neither democracy nor anything constitutional. What there was, was anarchy. Franco with his army of patriotic Spaniards suppressed it after three years' hard fighting with some help from Hitler. This foreign assistance became necessary because the long arm of Moscow was in Spain with Russian Communist troops fighting, while the *Front Populaire* government of France was supplying ammunition and fighting planes in plenty.

We will take up this question again next week.

### JAFFNA ASSOCIATION

Jaffna Association held last Saturday its annual general meeting which was made unusually important by the discussion that took place on the Reform of the Constitution. The State Council members of the North barring the Speaker were present and joined in the discussion. The Association also elected the office-bearers for the ensuing year. It must be congratulated on its good sense in the choice of the President and the Secretaries. The Secretaries Messrs. N. Chelvadurai and V. S. Karthigesu are not new to their office while Mr. Crossette Thambyah the President is. But full confidence is placed on his great ability and sound judgment to direct the Association aright during the fateful year ahead. In reading through the lists of Vice-Presidents and Committee members we thought a few more Catholics might apply for membership of the Association. To interest oneself in the welfare of the country could be one form of Catholic Action.

Now that the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress has come into being with Island-wide support and will play an important role the strength of the Jaffna Association, even as an independent body, will lie in its close collaboration with the Tamil Congress. The policy of the two bodies must be one though it may not always be *identically* the same but it should never be conflicting. Even the shadow of a division

will be ruinous to the cause. As to the discussions that took place, we are pleased to note that the Jaffna Association has once again affirmed its stout stand by Balanced Representation not in the sense of Mr. A. M. ... but in that of Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam. The Home Minister says he is also for non-domination and balanced representation not by 50:50 but by 40:60. For 40:60 to balance you will want a magician and even then it will only be an illusion. The Fifty-Fifty for which this paper has consistently stood even when others considered it an extravagant claim, represents not the number but the ratio of representation. We do not want to double the present number and fill the Council with ill-suited men and turn it into a pandemonium as we said some time ago. Again, the Cabinet system on the British model was rightly ruled out. The scheme of Executive Committees too did not meet with general favour. The system is cumbersome and fails to restrict responsibility. It has been said with much truth that "Committees have no consciences." While the individual members may be the souls of honour before they joined, none of them feel any close responsibility for decisions and in most Committees there are factions which bring to nothing each other's projects and promises. From all this it follows that hard and honest thinking is still necessary to hammer out a Constitution suited to the country. But as to Balanced Representation it has passed the stage of debate and according to a correspondent it has crossed over to India to solve the deadlock there.

### Indian Bishops Organize

We learn from H. E. the Apostolic Delegate, who passed through Bombay early this week, that important decisions were taken at the meeting of Metropolitan in Madras last week. Briefly, the Catholic Bishops of India will form themselves into a permanent "Conference" more or less on the lines of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in the United States. The Apostolic Delegate will be the President *ex officio* of this Conference. There will be an Episcopal Standing Committee, which at present consists of the ten Metropolitan, but will eventually be elected by the Ordinaries. And then there will be a Working Committee which will consist of Bishops who are Directors of sub-committees charged with specific subjects, such as Seminaries, Catholic Action etc. The Working Committee, and when necessary the Standing Committee, will meet at frequent intervals to discuss problems which arise.

The "Madras Mail," September 30th, reporting last week's meeting of Catholic Metropolitan at Madras says: "Its principal aim was the permanent establishment of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, of which H. E. the Delegate Apostolic is the President. A Standing Committee was formed with His Grace the Archbishop of Calcutta, Dr. F. Perier, S.J., as its Chairman and His Lordship Dr. P. Thomas, Bishop of Bangalore, General Secretary. Various sections of sub-committees were also formed and their Directors appointed. Reports on important subjects of the day were discussed and resolutions passed, which will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting to be sent to all heads of dioceses and religious orders in India. A telegram expressing loyalty was sent to His Holiness Pius XII."

The Archbishop of Ernakulam, Mar Augustine Kandathil, was unable to

attend the Conference by reason of serious illness, and he was represented by the Bishop of Kottayam, Mar Alexander Chulaparambil.—*Examiner*.

## LOCAL & GENERAL

### Govt. Servants and Politics.

The Board of Ministers propose to protest to the Secretary of State for the Colonies against the ruling of the Chief Secretary permitting Govt. Servants to become members of the political bodies. They discussed the matter on Monday and expressed their strong disapproval of the action of the Chief Secretary.

The question arose out of the ruling given by the Chief Secretary on the application of the All Ceylon Tamil Congress to allow Tamils in Govt. Service to become members of the Congress. The Chief Secretary's reply was that they could become members and attend meetings but could not participate in discussions.

The Chief Secretary's ruling was given with the consent of the Governor. The Ministers contend that the Governor has no right under the Order-in-Council to approve of such a step.

### Confraternity of the Sacred Heart.

The monthly meeting of the members of the Sacred Heart St. Patrick's College Branch (Senior Section) was held on Sunday the 5th instant at 6-30 p.m. at the College Hall. The Very Revd. Fr. T.M.F. Long, O.M.I., presided. In spite of the inclement weather the large attendance of the Senior and Junior members was very encouraging. Twenty eight new members were enrolled.

The President moved a vote of condolence on the death of the late Mr. M. S. Rajakarier, one of the oldest and devoted members of the Confraternity. He referred in touching terms to his exemplary life and the loss Catholic Jaffna has sustained in his death. The motion was passed, the whole house standing.

Fr. Long then delivered a very instructive address on the 'meaning of the devotion to the Sacred Heart.'

Chev. S. Arulanantham proposed a vote of thanks. It was seconded by Mr. James Rasiyah and was carried with acclamation.

**Mr. Roosevelt Elected.**—President Roosevelt has been elected for a fourth term and his rival Mr. Dewey has sent his congratulations to him.

**The Reforms Conference** of the members of the State Council ended abortively on Wednesday, in view of the impossibility of arriving at any agreed settlement on the question of representation.

**War Savings Propaganda.**—News items have been received of meetings held in several centres presided over by Mr. C. Thiagarajah, District Organiser in support of the War Savings Movement. As space cannot be found for them, this announcement is deemed sufficient.

### Selection Board for D. R. O's.

**not Wanted.**—The Executive Committee of Home Affairs has decided that the examination for the recruitment of Divisional Revenue Officers should in future be conducted by the Civil Service Commissioners and that the Selection Board, which selected candidates after the written examination, should be discontinued.

The Executive Committee has reported this decision to the State Council after considering a motion to that effect moved by Mr. Geo. E. de Silva in 1939.

**Jaffna Diocesan Union.**—A Committee Meeting of the J.D.U. will be held at the Catholic Club on Sunday the 12th inst. at 6 p.m.

**Son Follows Father.**—The new Ambassador of Colombia to the Holy See, Dr. Carlos Arango Velez, in presenting his credentials to the Holy Father recalled that he was filling a post formerly held by his own father. The Pope said he knew the Ambassador's father well.

**Spanish Bishops.**—Four new Bishops have been appointed in Spain, for the Sees of Oviedo, Orense, Orihuela and Segorbe.

### New Zealand and Poland.

"Here is a joint statement by the Catholic Archbishop of Wellington, New Zealand, and the Anglican Bishop Hol-

land—the kind of joint action, incidentally, springing from common principles which is a hopeful sign of our times. It was written on August 30th and as you know, the tragedy of Warsaw has become far worse since then.

"For twenty-seven days citizens of Warsaw have with heroic courage been attempting to free their own city. From the information received we know that large parts of Warsaw are completely obliterated, that casualties have been very heavy, that medical supplies are exhausted and that now starvation is staring the patriots in the face. Seventy thousand civilian women, children and people have been driven into concentration camps on the outskirts of the city and are subjected to ghastly tortures and sufferings. We feel that on grounds of common humanity we dare not keep silence on this tragedy."

"It is another happy sign of co-operation between Church and State that the Premier of New Zealand made a public reference to this letter in the House of Representatives, expressing the same profound concern, accepting his country's share of responsibility to Poland, and stating as New Zealand's policy "to extend every effort and urge others to do the same to save such heroic and brave fighters who fight for us as well as for their own country."

**Mission Sunday, Bombay.**—Mission Sunday at the Pro-Cathedral was a notable success, the collection, Rs. 3,200, exceeding last year's record. The entire parish was rallied to the cause of the Missions by special posters and a Flag Day was organised on Mission Day. The Socialists organised the collection in the Church, while the children helped to sell small Papal flags in the compound. A large Papal flag was flown over the Church Porch. It was a heartening sight to see so many Army and Navy Officers, troops and nurses wearing the flags over their uniforms. Even His Grace was not without his flag. A drive is being organised in this Parish to enrol 2,500 Members in the A.P.F. Already over 100 lists are out with 100 Promoters, each promoter being given the task of enrolling at least 25 Ordinary Members.

**Mysore.**—The Mysore Broadcasting Station has invited the Sacred Heart Convent, to broadcast a programme of Sacred Music at 8 p.m. on the second Sunday of every alternate month. Wavelength 49.46.

**Head of Women's Club in China.**—Lady Seymour, wife of the British Ambassador to China was elected President of the International Women's Club in Chungking, at its annual meeting held recently.

Lady Seymour is active in the work of the laity of the Catholic Church, to which she gives much of her time, in addition to her duties at the British Embassy. She is a favourable choice as godmother among young women Chinese converts.

**Liaison Officer at Vatican.**—Dom Rudensing Brookes, O.S.B., of Downside Abbey, who returned to England recently from Italy, where he has been serving as a chaplain, has gone to Rome to take up his appointment as Liaison Officer between Genl. Alexander and the Holy See. Dom Rudensing was an officer in the Irish Guards, General Alexander's own regiment, before entering the Benedictine Order.

**Synthetic Rubber.**—Special research work started last year in the chemical laboratories of the Catholic University of America, Washington, designed to get the "bugs" out of the commercial process of utilizing butadiene for synthetic rubber, has been completed and a report has been filed with the Government, the Rt. Revd. Mgr. Patrick J. McCormick, Rector of the University, has disclosed.

Directing the study, initiated at the suggestion of the Rubber Administration, was Dr. Francis O. Rice, head of the Department of Chemistry, whose Chief Assistant was Sister Mary Thomas, Professor of Chemistry at the College of Chestnut in Philadelphia. Sister Thomas is a specialist in the cracking of hydro-carbons, which is the basic research underlying the manufacture of synthetic rubber.

**France's Liberation.**—Two vases

of fleur-de-lis decorated the altar, America's Star Spangled Banner & France's Tricolour standards flanked the altar railing of the vast Cathedral of St. Matthew in Washington, D.C. when a Mass of Thanksgiving for the liberation of Paris was offered on Aug. 26th by Bishop McNamara in the presence of French officials and diplomatic and military representatives of the United Nations.

**Punishment of Aggressors.**—Nations responsible for "the rape of their neighbours' lands" should be "held to make amends for the havoc and destruction wrought by them," the Catholic Central Verein of America (which consists of Catholics of German origin) declared in a resolution adopted at its 89th annual convention in August. In calling for the punishment of war criminals and aggressor nations for the "inhuman acts and deeds which they committed," the resolution emphasized that "even these criminals should be judged by a tribunal which cannot in the forum of history be charged with having been animated with the spirit of revenge."

**The "German High Mass."**—In some parts of Germany the custom has arisen of the congregation singing the Common of the Mass, or hymns similar to but not identical with the liturgical text, in the vernacular while the priest says the Mass as usual in Latin. This custom has now been declared "tolerated with the consent of the Holy Father" by the S. Congregation of Rites.

Announcing this decision, Cardinal Bertram, Archbishop of Breslau and president of the annual conference of the German Bishops at Fulda writes: "The question of the admissibility of the German Mass hymns at High Mass has now been decided. It is a matter of pastoral opportunity to determine to what extent it is wise to make use of this permission."

**Peruvian Library.**—His Excellency the Most Revd. Fernando Cento, Papal Nuncio to Peru, has asked the Director of the National Library for a list of books to be provided by the Holy See. In his note Archbishop Cento confirmed the interest of the Vatican in the reconstruction of Peru's library, one of the finest collections in America, which unfortunately was destroyed by fire some months ago.

**Notice to Correspondent**

Mr. C. Chelliah's letter held over for want of space, will appear next week. So also the three Obituaries.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Misdirection at**

**Jaffna Association Meeting**

The Editor, "Catholic Guardian," Jaffna.

Sir,—A close scrutiny of the speeches of some politicians sometimes reveal glaringly that they conveniently overlook essentials and are hotly pursuing non-essentials, giving rise to mischievous propaganda. The proceedings of the Jaffna Association afford interesting reading. Mr. A. R. Subramaniam, who presided at the meeting appears, from the paper reports, to have misdirected himself in some matters and expressed himself rather loosely. There is another example.

The Hon'ble Mr. A. Mahadeva is reported to have said at the same meeting that in so far as the Soulbury Commission was concerned, the question of fifty fifty was dead. It would be interesting to know whether Mr. Mahadeva had received a mandate from his constituency or whether Lord Soulbury had thrown in a hint to him (Mr. Mahadeva) or whether the leaders of the several Minority communities have approached him and requested him to champion their cause, disavowing their demand for Balanced Representation. The mere mention of the political phrase fifty-fifty causes fury and flutter in certain quarters, but only the other day, no less a person than the Vice-President of the All-India Hindu Maha Sabha, Mr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu declared in no uncertain terms that the Hindu-Muslim deadlock could be ended only by the Hindus accepting not more than fifty per centum of the seats in Councils. This veteran leader of the Majority community across the seas, did not

disguise his position in popular pleasing phraseology as non-dominant and Balanced Representation he reduced his theory to naked numbers and here in Ceylon, our leaders refuse to see any wisdom in the world-known constitutional theory of Balanced Representation, the only safeguard for minorities.

The agitation for political reforms in this little Island of ours cannot be for anything but a really democratic form of government—that would do justice to all the communities inhabiting the country. We have before us the dreary experience of a decade of the Donoughmore Constitution and if the different Minority communities have united together and are standing shoulder to shoulder in the demand for an equitable form of government, it is only a natural and logical sequence to this bitter experience. Abd interested quarters know that the only way this united front can be broken up is by malicious and mischievous propaganda. If there be any leader of the Majority communities who allows himself to be drawn into such a vile and vicious game then he is unworthy of the name of leadership. The very nature of the polls to the chagrin of such unwelcome leaders who change their views with the season.

Yours truly,  
R. N. SIVAPRAKASAM.  
No. 32, Green Lane,  
Kotahena.

**WEDDING**

**FELIX S. JOHNPULE—MONICA QUEENIE JAMES**

The wedding took place at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena, on Oct. 28th of Mr. Felix S. Johnpulle, Inspector, Department of Commerce and Industries and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Solomon John and of Monica Queenie daughter of the late Mr. D. James, Inspector of Schools, and of Mrs. D. James of Jaffna.

The Nuptial Mass which was fully choral was celebrated by the Very Rev. Fr. A. L. Serru, O.M.I., Parish Priest, St. Lucia's Cathedral. The "Ave Maria" was ably rendered during the service.

The bride was given away by her uncle Mr. J. C. Edirvirasinghe and was attended by Miss Aidan Puvimannasinghe and Assumpta Johnpulle as bridesmaids, Miss Mary Edirvirasinghe being maid of honour. Little Misses Majorie Saverimuttu and Therese Benedict acted as flower girls while young Nihal Johnpulle made a pretty little page.

The bridegroom had as his best man Mr. Victor Joseph, Advocate, and Mr. E.O.J. Thavaveerasinghe, the bride's brother, as groomsmen.

The attesting witnesses were Dr. S. F. Chellappah, D.M. & S.S. and Dr. A. Rajasinghe, retired Provincial Surgeon. As the new couple stepped out of the church they were garlanded by Dr. and Mrs. A. Rajasinghe.

A largely attended reception was held at the K.C.Y.M.A. hall where the toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Dr. S. F. Chellappah. This was followed by the "Coora" ceremony at the bride's residence.

**Victory Volunteer Centre, Sillalai**

A public meeting of the residents of Sillalai was held on Sunday the 29th of Oct. at about 6 p.m. at the V.V.C. quarters, Sillalai presided over by Revd. Fr. H. Gesland, O.M.I., the parish priest of Sillalai. Mr. S. Chinniah, the Maniagar Vali, West and Mr. C. Thiagarajah the War Publicity Officer, Vali, West were present at the meeting. The main object of the meeting was to explain to the people the need for saving and to induce them to invest their savings in War Saving Certificates. The Maniagar speaking first congratulated them on the hearty support they gave to the War Savings Week last time and hoped they would contribute more generously this time.

Mr. C. Thiagarajah said he was highly impressed with the useful work carried on by the centre and was very pleased to see the sincere efforts made by its members to help the inhabitants in various ways. He acknowledged the

part of amusement was the centre and he hoped a meeting would be held heartily for the centre would fill up the gap. Mr. N. J. Jayasinghe, the President of the centre speaking next in support of the previous speakers appealed to the inhabitants to co-operate with the activities of the centre.

Then Revd. Fr. H. Gesland, O.M.I., thanked the people for attending the meeting in large numbers and asked them to try to abide by the useful advice given by the speakers.

Then a resolution moved by Mr. M. Francis to inaugurate a farmers' union at Sillalai was seconded by Mr. A. Christopher, the Registrar and carried unanimously by the gathering.

The meeting came to a close with a vote of thanks to the chair and the speakers.

**Ceylon Tamil Congress**

Will hold its First Plenary Session at the Town Hall, Colombo, on Monday, 27th Nov., 1944.

Morning Sessions 9-30 a.m.—12-30 a.m.

**Presidential Address**

**Resolutions.**

Evening Sessions 3 p.m.—8 p.m.

The Congress Working Committee and the Congress Subjects Committee will meet on Sunday, 26th Nov., afternoon.

Notice of Resolutions to be considered by the Subjects Committee should reach the General Secretaries, No. 156, Hultsdorp Street, Colombo, before 18th November.

**Important Notice Regarding Fish**

The public are hereby informed that in order to maintain the price of fish at a reasonable level the transport of fish outside the Jaffna Peninsula is hereby prohibited, from the 15th November, 1944, except on permits to be issued by me.

2. Any producer will have the option of selling it himself or selling it to the Asst. Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Northern Division or the Officer-in-Charge of the Fisheries Department No. 25, Tharakulam Road, Jaffna.

C. COOMARASWAMY,  
Deputy Food Controller,  
Kachcheri,  
Jaffna, 4-11-1944.

**NOTICE**

**CHILLIES RATION**

It has been decided to increase the chillies ration for all Municipal, Urban Council and Sanitary Board areas to one oz. per head per week. The increased ration will be issued from Monday 20th Nov., 1944.

Sd. R. CHINTAMANI,  
Ag. Asst. Govt. Agent (E), Jaffna.

**NOTICE**

**Distribution of Subsidiary Foodstuffs in Jaffna District.**

The under-mentioned commodities will be issued in the Jaffna District to all consumers except those served by the Co-operative Stores on the basis of the ration given below for the period 6th Nov. to 3rd Dec. 1944 :

Foot Dhall	2 ozs.	per head for 4 weeks
Lang Dhall	2 "	" "
Coriander	1/2 "	" "
Commun Seed	1/2 "	" "
Tamarind	1/2 "	" "

2. Consumers are advised to draw their rations of the above articles along with their rations of other commodities.

R. CHINTAMANI,  
Ag. Asst. Govt. Agent (E), Jaffna.

**Youth's Soul**

help and charity mindful of his inevitable end. Do not exclude our spiritual leaders from the Peace Conference. Let social and moral issues combine, as they obviously depend upon each other. Do not let compromise and complacency undermine the fundamental Christian laws again. Above all, never let the next generation forget as we did that, in the words of Pius XI:

"Any order will fail which does not unite man's activities to imitate, as far as is humanly possible, the wonderful unity of the Divine plan."—Spectator.

**Christendom Must Recover its Soul**

(Continued from Page 1) only we don't call it as we use to do, and we are concerned over the physical consequences than about its moral aspect. We are beginning to talk about the disappearance of the 'family' as a social factor, resulting from the increasing fragility of marriages and the growing concept of the marriage relation as a temporary partnership dissoluble at the will of either partner."

Every great civilization of history, Mr. Woodlock said, derived its principle of life from some form of religion. "The Western civilization, the greatest of all of these," he said, "has Christianity as its soul, which is why we call it Christendom."

"For at least four centuries," Mr. Woodlock concluded, "there has been in progress an evaporation of Christendom, of Christian belief from men's thinking, which has finally led to the development of the philosophy that denies the very existence of all religious truths. The effect has been to introduce into human relations a fundamental disorder already painfully apparent in some of these, becoming progressively more apparent in others, and threatening complete disorder to all, unless its progress can be checked."

**Telegraphic Summary of News**

**CLOSE ROOSEVELT-DEWEY CONTEST PREDICTED**

The American public sat down with itself on Sunday to take one final look into the issues of the presidential election before casting its ballots on Tuesday in the nation's first war-time election since 1864. There are millions who have already decided their choice for President—Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Dewey. But both the Democratic and Republican leaders believe that there are countless scores of thousands who still have not decided—and upon these, it is said, may depend the outcome of the election.

Both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Dewey formally ended their campaigns on Sunday night with major speeches. Mr. Roosevelt laid campaigning aside on Sunday to spend a quiet Sunday in his New-Cork estate. Mr. Dewey retired to his home at Pawlingny.

The President came to Hudson Valley overnight from Boston, after delivering a climatic election speech to a shouting and cheering throng at Fenway Park on Saturday night. In that speech he derided the Republican campaign phrase: "It's Time for a Change" and referred to his opposition as a political party working "on both sides of the street" in its effort to capture the Presidency.

Meanwhile Mr. Dewey spoke over two radio networks from Madison Square Garden, New York, where 22,000 had assembled to hear him. Mr. Dewey charged the present administration with prolonging the war at a needless cost of lives because of what he asserted to be "bureaucratic bungling" in Washington.

With the deadline near, almost all observers are predicting a close election, with some asserting that the final result may not be known until weeks from Tuesday when the final "soldier ballot" has been counted. On the other hand some have declared that the issue would

decided on the civilian vote with the soldier ballot having no effect on the final outcome.

**VICE-PRESIDENT SURE OF ROOSEVELT**

Four of five nationwide polls, released on Monday night show that President Roosevelt is slightly ahead of Governor Dewey. The final Gallup poll showed Mr. Roosevelt 51.3 per cent. and Mr. Dewey 48.5 per cent. of the civilian popular vote.

Vice President Henry Wallace, in a broadcast on Monday said: "President Roosevelt will carry at least two-third of the States and will have a popular majority of over three million and an Electoral College majority of over one hundred. Democrats will control the Senate and have a majority of at least 10 in the House of Representatives.

Registration figures show that out of 45 million voters to go to poll 10 million are women. In addition, a vote of around three million is expected.

**ROOSEVELT HAS WON**

Governor Dewey, of New York State, the Republican candidate for the U. S. presidential election concedes that Mr. Roosevelt has been re-elected, although the returns are incomplete.

**ASSASSINATION OF LORD MOYNE**

Lord Loyne (aged 64), British Minister Resident in the Middle East, died at 8.40 p.m. (Cairo time) Monday at the British Military Hospital in Cairo, after having been shot at and seriously injured at about 1 p.m. by two armed civilians outside his residence.

General Paget, C-in-C. Middle East, in a tribute to Lord Moyne on Monday night said he had died "at the hands of Jewish assassins." General Paget added that in Lord Moyne the British Empire had lost a great public servant.

Lord Moyne was Secretary of State for the Colonies and Leader of the House of Lords from Feb., 1941, for some 12 months.

**QUEEN'S FATHER DEAD**

The Earl of Strathmore, father of Her Majesty the Queen died at Glamis Castle, Angus, early on Tuesday, aged 89.

**'NO MORE GERMAN WARS,' STALIN STRESSES**

"The Red Army has fulfilled its patriotic duty and cleared our land of the enemy. Now and for ever, our country is free of Hitlerite vermin. The Red Army is left with one final mission—to achieve jointly with the armies of our Allies, the complete rout of the German Fascist forces, to finish off the Fascist beast in its own lair and to hoist the banner of victory over Berlin. There are grounds for believing that this final problem will be solved at no distant date," said Marshal Stalin in a speech on Monday evening at a Moscow meeting of the Supreme Soviet in celebration of the 27th anniversary of the October Revolution.

**CHURCHILL ESSENTIAL TILL JAPAN IS DEFEATED**

Mr. Winston Churchill would be needed as Defence Minister if Labour wins the next British General Election while the Japanese war was unfinished, said Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, the foremost Labour Member of Parliament outside the Coalition Government and a possible future Labour Prime Minister. Speaking at Bolton (in Lancashire) on Sunday Mr. Shinwell added that in these circumstances Mr. Churchill should be invited to join the Labour Cabinet.

**HEART DISEASE KILLS INVENTOR OF 'ARTIFICIAL HEART'**

Dr. Alexes Carrel, the 71-year-old scientist and inventor of the "artificial heart," died in Paris on Sunday last. Dr. Carrel invented the "artificial heart" in collaboration with Col. Charles A. Lindberg. Dr. Carrel who has been ill with heart disease, became convinced early in his studies that if men could rid themselves of toxic products most of them would live for a century or more.

**FRANCHISE FOR FRENCH WOMEN**

Posters have appeared all over France announcing that the new electoral register is to be compiled between Nov. 10th and Feb. 4th, reports the Paris Radio. Women will be included in the register for the first time in French history.

**BEST BRIDGE DISASTER**

Although reports from the Bucharest Radio state that Russian tanks have entered Budapest, the Hungarian capital, no confirmation comes from the Soviet Government (reports the British Official Wireless).

The Ankara Radio, quoting a Budapest correspondent of the Turkish News Agency, reported on Sunday night that on Saturday, at a rush hour three heavy explosions destroyed the St. Margaret's bridge (across the Danube) connecting Buda with Pest via St. Margaret island. Trams, motor cars and pedestrians crossing the bridge at the time were blown into the river. It is believed that charges of dynamite placed at vital points of the bridge to destroy it in case of necessity exploded by accident, but it is possible, however, that sabotage caused the explosions.

**EAST PRUSSIA COUNTER-ATTACK**

Sunday night's Soviet communique said that on November 5th, in East Prussia (north and south of Goldap) Soviet troops repelled a counter-attack which was launched by large formations of enemy tanks and infantry, and inflicted heavy losses on the Germans in men and material.

Frequent hand to hand fighting north of Goldap and fierce fighting south of this town were reported. In the south of East Prussia the Germans launched counter attacks with fresh units. About 2,000 Germans were killed in two days' fighting.

**INDIA RETALIATES**

The same disabilities regarding entry; residence; trade; the acquisition, holding and disposal of property; and local franchise; as are imposed on Indians in South Africa have been imposed on South Africans in India, a Gazette of India Extraordinary announces.

It is understood that these are the first instalment of retaliatory measures which are contemplated to meet the situation arising from the intransigent attitude of the South African Government.

The disabilities in respect of property apply only to those South Africans domiciled in Natal and Transvaal, where similar measures exist against Indians. The disabilities regarding local franchise apply to all South Africans, except those from South African provinces where no corresponding measures exist.

It is expected that all the Assembly parties, except the European group, press for the recall of the High Commissioner from South Africa and the imposition of economic sanctions.

**NEW INDIA-CHINA ROAD**

The "Takung-Pao" newspaper reported on Sunday that almost two-thirds of

the new road connecting China with India has already been completed. The Chinese are now building a road from Paoshan to Myitkyina, a distance of about 140 miles. The road is divided into two sections.

**GANDHI'S PRUDENCE**

That he was awaiting "a god's message" and if it did not come he might not fast, was the answer Mr. Gandhi gave when some of the Indian leaders assembled in Watdhaganj casually referred to his proposed fast.

**Internal Purchase Scheme**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Regulation 37 of the Defence (Miscellaneous) Regulations, the Defence (Purchase of Foodstuffs (Regulations and the Defence (Paddy Cultivation) Regulations (all of which now appear in the consolidated Reprint of the Defence (Miscellaneous) Regulations and other Regulations of May 1, 1944, I do hereby direct that every cultivator, owner, shareholder or other person having interest in any paddy field situated within the Jaffna District to give information to the Kirama Vidane of the area in which the land is situated of the total extent of paddy fields owned by him in each tract of land lying within the Kirama Vidane's division and also the extent sown for the Kalapokam 1944-45 within two weeks from the date of publication of this notice.

C. COOMARASWAMY, Govt. Agent, N.P.

The Kachcheri, Jaffna, 7th Nov., 1944.

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