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OUTLINES OF A CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY IN GERMANY

Every attempt to draw up a constructive Allied policy towards Germany must be based on the fundamental fact that to-day Germany is divided into two entirely different sectors; the Russian zone of occupation, and the territory occupied by the three Western Powers.

Germany thus simply reflects another fact: that Russia—with the aid and acquiescence of the Anglo-Saxon Powers—to-day holds under the control of the Red Army 60 per cent. of Europe's territory and 40 per cent. of Europe's population, a fact the consequences of which for Europe and the world cannot yet be estimated. Almost exactly the same percentage of German territory is to-day under Russian rule—and "Russian rule" does not only mean that this territory is separated by an iron curtain from the rest of the world but also that in this territory dictatorship and Communism are dominant.

How far reaching this is has been proved during the six months of so-called "joint occupation." The Russians have not even allowed Allied officers or Allied newspapermen into their zone, so that to-day events in Leipzig, Dresden, Halle, Weimar, etc., are as unknown to the outside world as if these cities were situated somewhere in Siberia.

Yet such news as the Russians themselves have allowed to leak out shows that not only is the Russian zone of occupation being thoroughly looted, it also reveals the following other facts: All immovable land is subjected to Communist "agrarian reform"; the European gauge of the railway tracks is widened to the Russian-Asiatic gauge; the entire population is either deported—like homeless cattle—into the depths of Russia or is subjected to general slavery; there does not exist even a remote semblance of any freedom of speech or any democratic public activity. So far the Western Powers have not dared to demand the slightest influence in the Russian zone of occupation let alone to act there. They have only heard from the mouth of the British Prime Minister (who shared the responsibility for Yalta and Potsdam) that according to his information terrible things were happening behind the "iron curtain."

RUSSIAN INFILTRATION

The Russians, on the other hand, have very cleverly managed to secure for themselves, directly or indirectly, access and possibility of action in the three occupation zones of the Western Powers. Not only are numerous Russian officers and commissions functioning there—in Frankfurt-on-Main they have even established their own H.Q.—but by energetic policy Moscow even succeeded to incorporate in the Potsdam Agreement a clause securing for Russia decisive influences in all three occupation zones of the Western Powers. Point 9 of para. 4 of the Potsdam Agreement states that "certain necessary German central administrative offices with State secretaries as heads shall be established, particularly in the departments of finance, transport, news service, foreign trade and industry." A further Russian proposal to establish, at once, in Berlin, a German Central Administration was not accepted; on the other hand, the Russians succeeded in establishing, in principle, the economic and political unity of the Reich territory

(needless to say, without the raped 25 per cent. in the East) and in earmarking for it the above-mentioned central offices of administration.

Russian policy immediately pursued further the advantage thus gained and consequently established in Berlin a so-called "Reich Government" (nominated exclusively by Marshal Zhukov), in whose eleven portfolios are included the administrative departments provided for in the Potsdam Declaration. Thus, when Point 9/IV is put into operation the Russians will be able to present a ready-made central organisation and—still more important—their Communist candidates.

It is this situation which—on the surface at any rate—prompts de Gaulle's demand that the Ruhr territory should be excluded from a Berlin central administration, because otherwise German industry would be dependent upon Russia. De Gaulle is right with this reservation; every authority emanating from Berlin to-day would mean that Russia's direct or indirect influence would extend to the three occupation zones of the Western Powers as well—while the latter, in turn, would not be allowed any influence in the Russian zone.

This raises the following fundamental question, a positive answer to which by London and Washington (and Paris) is the basis for any positive policy in Germany. Do the Western Powers desire the whole of Germany to come under Russian domination—and thus sooner or later become Communist?

To-day we Germans are so completely the object of policy that we can neither influence this fundamental decision of the Western Powers nor can we make any decision of our own. The Germans inside the Reich are to such extent under the strain of occupation that they are doubly cautious not to exhibit their own wishes and intentions. They always have to bear in mind the possibility that Moscow's policy of including the entire Reich territory in Russia's orbit may be realised in one form or another. Therefore, until London and Washington (and Paris) have made this fundamental decision no expression of political will among the German people will be possible let alone become visible.

THE WESTERN POWERS' CHOICE

Let us assume the Western Powers' decision will be on Moscow's lines, i.e., the Western Powers will continue along the path on which they set out at Potsdam: They hand over to a German Central Administration in Berlin (under Russian-Communist influence) police, or administrative authority over the three Western zones; they restrict political activity in their occupation zones to parties of the Left; they disenfranchise officially millions of Germans; they enforce a political vacuum or, at least, political oneness by dismissing "reactionary" industrialists, Civil Servants, doctors (the term "reactionary" is used here exclusively for non-members of the Hitler Party)—then victory of a Communist-led "popular front" in the three Western zones is unavoidable and Germany as a whole will sooner or later become a Russian sphere of influence. It is only human nature that

ARNOLD LUNN REPORTS WHAT SPAIN IS THINKING

Mr. Arnold Lunn, who has just returned from Spain, told the "Catholic Herald" London Staff Reporter some of the impressions he gained during his visit.

He discusses the attitude Spaniards to the Spanish Socialists, to Russia, Germany, the United States, South America, and ourselves.

First of all, I asked Mr. Lunn what Spain is thinking about us.

"The supporters of the Government," he said, "ask, with some justice, if we are so anxious to impose democracy on other countries, why don't they begin with Russia and Yugoslavia? They also ask why, if Spain is to be excluded from world trade union conference, the British didn't follow the lead of the Americans in their attempt to exclude the Russian trade unions."

SELECTIVE DEMOCRACY

"The Spaniards are not impressed by the 'selective' democracy. They are inclined to think we are humbugs. When I was a guest of honour at a dinner given to me by the Foreign Minister, St. Ariazo, I raised the question of the position of Protestants and also of such prisoners, a small number, who are still detained for political opinions. I indicated I was not happy on either point."

"A Spanish friend who was present asked me how many English Protestants had protested against the wholesale massacre of priests and how many English Liberals had protested against the wholesale massacre of Conserva-

tives. Certainly the position of Spanish Protestants (who have freedom of worship) and of Spanish Socialists is infinitely preferable to Catholics or Conservatives under the Red regime.

"The supporters of the Government naturally hope for better relations with England, but many of them realise that no such relations are probable so long as General Franco is at the head of the Government."

"The Spanish Socialists, some of whose leaders I saw look to England; the Spanish Communists to Russia—and the Spanish Communists are bitterly anti-English. The Socialists, on the other hand, are anti-Russian, and nobody but extreme Communists have a good word to say for the Government of exiles in Mexico."

What about America's commercial relations with Spain?

"The Americans are capturing a lot of business which should come to us, because the U. S. A. manages to combine two roles—complete indifference to forms of Government in a country where they wish to do business, plus the maximum amount of official (and innocuous) rebuke in the public press."

VERY STRAINED

And relations with Franco?

"Very strained. No Ambassador in either country, but behind the scenes, trade relations are improving. You must bear in mind that Spain has no foreign debt. If it were not for ideological vendettas Spain would have no

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GOD AND RELIGION EXCLUDED FROM THE NATION'S LIFE

The so-called leaders of thought, the alleged intellectuals, are all suffering from a malady which may be summarised in one word—Secularism, writes Archbishop Downey.

"Secularism has been defined succinctly as the 'exclusion of God and religion from life.'"

"The rise of secularism has been a steady gradual process extending over centuries. It began in the 16th century with the revolt against the Church; this led inevitably to the revolt against Christ in the 18th century, and culminated in the revolt against God in the 19th and 20th centuries."

"Russia led the way in the propagation of practical atheism and the contagion spread with the diffusion of Communism until to-day in the civilised world at large the secular viewpoint dominates in ethics, in politics, in sociology, in economics and more especially in pseudo-science."

EMOTIONAL REMEMBRANCE

"It is true, of course, that in most Christian countries it is still customary for people to rally in prayer for special occasions, mostly of an emotional char-

acter, such as days of intercession and thanksgiving during the war, and in peace-time for cenotaph services commemorating the heroic dead; but apart from such rare functions the life of the nation is for all practical purposes divorced from religion.....

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"St. James does not hesitate to apply to the wisdom of this world the epithets 'early, selfish, devilish,' and St. Paul stigmatises it as 'an enemy of God' because, as we learn elsewhere, it leads away from Him to the worship of the false gods of Mammon, of domination, of pride, of self glorification and of selfishness."

"These are the modern idols of the market-place before which men bow in reverential awe....."

"Certainly worldly wisdom in the form of secularism has failed to bring peace and tranquility to the troubled souls of men. Instead it has brought hatred, disease, misery and death; and there will be no real peace on earth till men return to the true wisdom from above which is the only sure foundation of law and order....."

"It is to be hoped that the divine guidance will be earnestly implored, and the divine law be dutifully revered as the supreme regulative principle in the framing of the final peace-terms which are to establish a new and better comity of nations for the promotion of the true and lasting welfare of mankind; for 'unless the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.'"



In Cherished Remembrance

OF

**Joseph I. Gnanamuttu,
M.S.C.**

Born 1st November, 1879
Died 19th January, 1944

A Requiem High Mass will be sung for the repose of his soul on Saturday the 19th inst. at 6-30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, Jaffna.

Friends and relations are kindly requested to attend.

(Inserted by his sorrowing wife.)



In Fond Remembrance

OF

Elizabeth

(dearly beloved mother of)

J. E. THURASINGHAM CHRISTOPHER
AND

MRS. PRIMROSE M. ELIATAMBY

Born 8th. September 1888

Died 18th. January 1932

We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best.

R. I. P.

Jaffna, 18-1-46.

Church Calendar

JANUARY 1946

FRI. ...18 S. Peter's Chair.
SAT. ...19 S. Marius.
SUN. ...20 2 Ep.—S. Sebastian.
MON. ...21 S. Agnes.
TUES. ...22 S. Vincent.
WED. ...23 S. Raymond.
THURS. ...24 S. Timothy.
FRI. ...25 Conv. S. Paul.

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WHO IS A RATIONALIST?

Our attention was some days ago drawn to a letter that appeared in the "Ceylon Observer" from a correspondent from Jaffna. Any one reading it would have thought that it came from Moscow. The writer proclaims his disbelief in God, his dislike for religion which he opines has done more harm than good to the world. He had the temerity to give expressions to these shocking views even after the devastating war which the consensus of mankind has attributed to the forgetfulness of God and His religion by the rulers of nations. It is difficult to argue seriously with an infidel mind the qualification of which is an excessive self-confidence. And G.K. Chesterton has given the warning that those who suffer from excessive self-confidence are well on their way to the lunatic asylum. The article from 'A Catholic' printed elsewhere in this issue deals with the "Observer" correspondent effectively pointing out the dangers to society from opinions broached in that letter and it makes instructive reading. As

the correspondent appears to believe that he may write any nonsense provided he signs his name "Rationalist" we may examine the meaning of this much abused term. Rationalism ought to mean nothing more or less than the sound use of reason. But reason may also be used in a rambling sort of way as dogs range the field, sniff about in all directions, follow a multitude of paths and nose about here and there. This kind of mental roving is what has now come to be called Rationalism. But sound use of reason, in considering a subject, follows the laws of thought in the light of the grounds that support it and the further conclusions to which it tends. But such a use of reason many be interfered with by prejudice, personal preference, self advantage, certain habits of life and in the sphere of religion by laxity of morals. So, says the Wise Man: "the fool has said in his heart there is no God;" There can be only one rationalism and that is the true; and any rationalism which is not true is not rationalism at all but a bogus thing masquerading under that name. But why have infidels in common usage come to usurp the term rationalist to themselves when, in fact, all men are rationalists? If men are not rationalists they are fools for to human nature as such there is no light except the light of reason. It is because infidels do not admit the truths of revelation which they say cannot be understood by reason and pretend that for them reason is the only guide. But these so-called rationalists fail to see, that those who believe in certain things which in themselves are beyond reason know their belief can only be justified because it is rational to believe them. They believe in the supernatural only because their reason finds evidence, though of an indirect kind, that these things must be true. When once the evidence that they must be true lies before them it would not be rational but irrational not to believe them.

EDITORIAL NOTES

One or Two Official Languages.—Reporting what occurred at the Conference between the Languages Committee and the Government Agents and other heads of government departments the "Times of Ceylon" of Wednesday last had the following paragraph:

"A Tamil Government Agent is understood to have urged that instead of two languages, Sinhalese should be adopted as the official language of the Island. Holding that the use of two languages for the transaction of official business was absurd, he is reported to have remarked that the official language of the Jaffna offices was now English, and expressed the view that he could not understand why, therefore, the Jaffna people could not agree to Sinhalese taking the place of English."

Who is this Tamil Government Agent who is responsible for these suicidal statements? He is mistaken in equating English, a world language with Sinhalese, a local language, which is still in the stage of formation. English language

was imposed on the people of Ceylon at a time when the old imperialistic ideas were still much in vogue. Conquerors imposed their language on the subject nation both to facilitate administration and as a mark of their superiority. Imperialistic ideas are now going out of fashion replaced by those of nationality. No doubt, one common language for the whole country would be better and so we have now English which is becoming more and more a world language. But if English is to go, the people of Ceylon can make themselves equally proficient in Tamil and Sinhalese and official business could be made easier if the cumbersome alphabets of these languages were replaced by Roman character. But let us not rush things intoxicated by a false nationalism.

The Case of a Scholarship Winner.—As a contrast to what is happening in this country we quote an incident that happened in England in applying the New Education Act there. In Ceylon under the present Minister if a Catholic pupil wins a scholarship he must either attend a Government school, which would be against his conscience, or forfeit his scholarship. In England a Catholic scholarship winner if he has not a Catholic school to attend in his local authority's area, he may go outside and still his own local authority or the Minister of Education will meet the pupil's educational expense. The parental authority receives full recognition there as will be seen from the following paragraphs:

"A scholarship pupil had to go outside a county authority's area because no suitable Catholic secondary school was available in the resident area. Parents applied to the authority to pay the necessary fees and fares to an outside authority, to the nearest Catholic secondary school. The county authority demurred and said the pupil could attend a local county secondary schools. The parent then wrote to the Ministry of Education registering the complaint that parents' right were being denied. The Ministry instructed the parents to write again to the resident authority and send the answer (another refusal) to the Ministry).

"A short time after, the local Director of Education wrote saying that the pupil would be allowed to go outside the area for his education and necessary fees and fares would be met."

The New Cardinals

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Card. Rodriguez,
Card. Guerara,
Card. Caggiano.

THE EVIL IS HERE!

(COMMUNICATED)

Under the heading "Religious Instruction and Rationalists," a Jaffna "Rationalist," appearing in the "Ceylon Observer" of the 5th instant, advocates liquidating all religions, for the sake of "human progress" as he calls it. The hollowness of every one of his astounding assumptions and reckless assertions, such as that religion is the cause of the appalling condition of the world, that the social record of religion is bad, that science and history have discredited many of the 'fundamental truths of religion' etc., etc., have been so exposed times without number, that it would be a sheer waste of time and space, to deal with them point by point here. The writer prates airily about 'fair-play and 'team-spirit' in education, and holds up atheists like Wells and Laski as guides to modern educators of youth! In short, he pretends to have discovered the panacea for the ills that afflict humanity. One can easily see, that the voice indeed is the voice of Rationalist, but the hand is that of dark and devastating Communism. Indeed, it is a favourite technique of Communist propaganda to keep on flinging falsehoods, in the hope that some would stick. That they do is proved by our rationalist writer under consideration.

But what I am intimately concerned with here, is not so much the stuff of 'Rationalist', as what it actually portends. For it is one of the signs of that baneful fact, that the evil is here among us, and that the contagion is spreading slowly, but surely among the masses. Decades ago, Communism was only a word with us. Now it is here, in all its dread reality, proclaiming naked and unashamed atheism in broad daylight! And so, this little contribution is intended merely to ring a note of warning. However, before I do so, may I in passing challenge 'Rationalist' to name any single "fundamental truth" of Catholicism that has been discredited by "modern scientific and historical research," giving adequate proofs of what he states. With brazen effrontery he states, that because of religion, this world is in a deplorable condition. Evidently in making such a sweeping generalization, he has not taken into account the blessings, that Christianity has conferred on this world. Perhaps the writer knows nothing about it! He who so much prates about History, surely ought to know what Christianity has done during the course of these twenty centuries, to educate the young, to ameliorate the condition of the poor and the outcast, to emancipate the woman and the slave, to found Universities of learning, hospitals, asylums, refugees, all too numerous to mention here. It is futile to cry that Christianity has failed, and that Christian nations are down and out. No! "It is not Christianity that has failed, but it is men and nations that have failed Christianity."

CONDITIONS IN SINGAPORE

(Extracts from a Letter)

The situation in Malaya has not much improved since the re-occupation of Singapore. Except for the freedom of speech and the ends of Japanese atrocities and the Gestapo tortures. The citizens have no fear in moving about in the city and to talk to each other freely. It will take day to tell you all that happened here. We only had the freedom of moving about in the city otherwise we were serving a term of civil imprisonment for 3½ years with your eyes closed and mouths stitched. Anyhow I feel that I should let you know something of our experiences during and after the Japanese occupation. One of the most thrilling and moving surprises of Wednesday the 5th of September 1945, the day of which the re-occupation of Singapore by British and Indian troops, was a broadcasted special messages from His Majesty the King to the people of Malaya shortly after the landings had taken place at the war-torn wharves. This gave us a great consolation after the sufferings and horrors of Japanese oppression of 3½ years which were bravely borne. The occupation troops entered a beleaguered city with houses and shops displaying the Union Jack and flags of the Allies and a wonderful and cheery ovation was given to the troops as they entered and wherever they appeared. After the British and Indian forces arrived the Japanese money otherwise known as the "banana money" continued in circulation in the markets because of the uncertainty as to what would be done with it by the new administration. A few days later came the official announcement that the Japanese banana money was only worth the paper it was printed on and would not be exchanged for the new Malayan Currency. The effect was immediate and sensational and dealings in Japanese Currency came to an end. People who had only the Japanese Currency found it absolutely impossible to buy anything anywhere. The great majority of the population had none of the old British Malayan Currency and even those who had managed to keep a nest-egg of the former money, found themselves in serious situation. The labour class was hit hard and they found themselves in great plight in purchasing their daily needs by purchase on credit by reason of their humble status. Many people expected a nominal exchange so that the new currency could be put into quick circulation. Many people and merchants who got fat on the famous "black market" have lost by millions and thousands and in some cases sacks or boxes full of the infamous "banana money." This was an added misery to the poor class. The Black Market is in life again and prices of foodstuffs and clothings have gone up in price. The inflation of money is too high especially after the Dutch evacuees from Java have arrived here. We have about fifteen thousand of them here and about ten thousand more expected soon.

For 3½ years we were kept in almost complete ignorance of the world affairs with all its discomforts and inconveniences. Whenever the citizens read a paper, heard the radio and saw pictures, the immediate reaction was one of indifference, utter disbelief and complete opposition. The idea of the Japanese was to impose on our minds the impression that they were a master race to whom we must give obedience, respect and subjection. Instead they only succeeded in arousing in us anger, hatred and an intense contempt, the like of which we had never before experienced. It will be a long time before our feelings of total revulsion for the Japanese disappears. One thing over this experience I find that the democratic way of life with freedom of thought and speech to individuals which we have all enjoyed and have again the blessing of enjoying under the rule of the British, is fundamentally responsible for the development of independent and critical judgment and views. Nothing on earth is more valuable than this Freedom. One of the reasons for the hatred felt by the sensible and educated people of this city for the Japanese is their arrogance. When the Japanese first occupied this place they imagined that they were dealing with people of a low men-

tal order. They certainly thought that they were far superior to us. Acting on this belief they began to behave in a manner which very soon earned for them the contempt and hatred of all sensible people. Their propaganda expressed nothing but their arrogance. Their papers, their radio talks and their pictures were eloquent of their "brilliant achievements." They did not seem to be defective in any way or in anything. They said they had never known the word "surrender" and that they were never beaten in any battle and they never lost more than one or two men. The brave and loyal citizens to say a few only did not sleep and they kept on busy with underground radios and listening to the war news. Many lost their lives in the hands of the famous "Kempeitai" Japanese Gestapos by way of various tortures. The heads of beheaded persons were displayed in important junctions and intersections of the city and the babies and tender children were made base balls in the air. Whenever you pass the Gestapo Stations you can at any time of the day and night hear the cries of the many innocent people who were either beaten or tortured to death for no reason or cause. The Churches of Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart and Saint Theresa were bombed and damaged by the Japanese bombers during January or February 1942 and even after the occupation the Japanese authorities refused to give any financial assistance to repair these Churches. The priests were not permitted to preach sermons in their Churches.

(To be Continued)

The Cathedral Parish Union

A large number of the parishioners of St. Mary's Cathedral assembled at St. Charles' School Hall on Sunday 30th December with the object of re-organising the Parish Union. Rev. Fr. S. Hillary O.M.I., the Parish Priest occupied the chair. Rev. Fr. Hillary in a short speech outlined the objects of the meeting. He said that at the recent meeting of the All-Ceylon Catholic Union it was decided that it was very necessary that a vigorous system of Parish Councils should begin to function. He appealed to the parishioners of the Cathedral to bestir themselves and take constitutional and concerted action. He invited comments from those present. Chevalier S. Arulanandam and Dr. St. John Puvirajasinghe exhorted the gathering to shake off their lethargy and be keenly alive to their civic rights. Catholics of Jaffna had created a very favourable impression in other parts of Ceylon for concerted action whichever great issues were at stake. Though they were a minority, they were not an insignificant minority. These were the days when even a minority can make its influence felt by concerted action. Ceylon was on the threshold of great constitutional changes. A united minority can do much and can make its influence felt. A civic consciousness was of paramount importance.

The election of Office-bearers was as follows:

President: Chevalier P. Moses J. P.
Vice-Presidents: Gate Mudlr. P. J. Rajah, Chevalier S. Arulanandam, Messrs. G. S. Puvirajasinghe, V. Cherubim, T. M. Antony and M. Jacob.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. W. D. Alwines.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. P. Saverimuttu.
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DAYARAM'S

MAIN STREET, JAFFNA.

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Arumugam Visuvalingam of Karainagar North.

Testamentary } No. 474
Jurisdiction }
Deceased, }
Valliammai widow of Arumugam Visuvalingam of Karainagar North. }
Petitioner. }

Vs.

1. Annammah wife of Arumugam of Karainagar East.
2. A. S. Arumugam of Palodai Karainagar East.
- minor 3. Visuvalingam Sivasubramaniam of Karainagar North.
4. Parameshwary daughter of Visuvalingam of do.
5. Visuvalingam Ponnambalam of do.
6. Saraswathy daughter of Visuvalingam of do.
7. Velupillai Sanmugam of Karainagar East.

Respondents.

The 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th respondents are minors appearing by their guardian-ad-litem the 7th respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before S.S.J. Goonesekara Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 11th day of October 1945 in the presence of Mr. P. Casipillai, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 7th Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Respondents abovenamed for the purpose of representing them and watching their interest in the matter of this testamentary proceedings and that the Petitioner abovenamed is entitled to have Letters of Administration over the estate of the abovenamed deceased and the same be issued to her accordingly, unless the Respondents or any others shall on or before the 9th day of November 1945 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon

show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 11th day of October 1945.
Sgd. S. S. J. GOONESEKARA,
District Judge.
9-11-45.—Time to show cause is extended to 17-12-45.
Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI,
District Judge.
7-1-46.—Time to show cause is extended to 1-2-46.
Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI,
District Judge.

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

In the matter of the estate of Helena Chellammah Nalliah widow of Anthanipillai Celestine Nalliah of Jaffna Town

Deceased.

Testamentary } No. 496
Jurisdiction }

Benjamin Reginald Francis Santiago of do

Petitioner.

1. John Arasaratnam Nalliah (2) Judith Gertrude Pusparani Nalliah (3) Dorothy Jeaneet Alageswari Nalliah (4) Jacob James all of do.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna in the presence of Mr. J. A. J. Tisseraasinghe Proctor for Petitioner on 4th December 1945 and the affidavit of the Petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the 4th Respondent abovenamed be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 1st to 3rd Respondents minors and the Petitioner abovenamed be appointed administrator of the abovenamed deceased's Estate unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary on or before 28th January 1946.

Jaffna this 4th day of December 1945.

Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI,
District Judge.

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	85 40
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	67 07
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	63 45
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	9 97
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School	7 77
Mullikulam school	13 50
	34 68

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P.S.—Dear Revd. Fathers in charge of Parishes, Rectors of Colleges, Revd. Mothers of Convent Institutions, Brs. Srs. Staffs of Colleges and Tamil schools, Promoters and Members of A.P.F., Students and all the other Faithful of Jaffna Diocese, my most fervent thanks to you all. Your united, enthusiastic and zealous efforts on behalf of the great and Sacred Cause of the Pagan Missions of Holy Mother the Church, have been crowned with most brilliant success. Never before had the diocese reached such heights. If the record figure of Rs 6,666 in 1944 was such a pleasant surprise to all, this years' Rs. 10,081 would undoubtedly send you all to ecstasies of joy and enthusiasm. His Lordship, our beloved Bishop would be delighted when he learns what marvel his clergy, religious and laity have achieved for the cause of the Propagation of Faith.

The Very Revd. Fr. Administrator sends you all his cordial congratulations and warmly thanks you all for your most praiseworthy co operation.

The parish of Pesalai has done remarkably well by heading the long list of contribution with Rs.2,300 The faithful of Pesalai, and their zealous Parish Priest fully deserve the cordial congratulations of us all.

S. G. HILARY, O.M.I.,
Diocesan Director of the P.S.P.F.
6 1-1946.
Bishop's House, Jaffna.

The Jaffna Diocesan Union

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE
COMMITTEE. (1 11-44 to 31-10 45)

THE COMMITTEE:—It consists of Very Rev. Fr. J. Emilianus Pillai, O.M.I., Vicar-General (Chairman), Chevalier S. Arulanantham, Messrs. M. Jacob, S. F. Santiapillai and P. Saverimuttu (Hon. Sec.)

CATHOLIC LITERATURE:—The diffusion of Catholic Literature is the chief work of the Committee. It has also undertaken to run a Catholic Book Depot on a small scale.

PRESS SUNDAY:—This year "Press Sunday", received the full attention of the Committee in the sale of Catholic Books and Tracts. There was a great demand for English Books, that were imported from abroad. Australian Tracts—particularly from the pen of Rev. Fr. Daniel A. Lord, S. J. are greatly appreciated. Books like "The Cross and the Crisis", "The Declaration of Inde-

pendence" by Fr. Fulton Sheen, S. J., are in a great demand. The sales in the Town and Out-Station parishes amounted to Rs. 1,163-68. The Committee offers its sincere thanks to the various Parish Priests, to the Senior students of St. Patrick's, and to the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

THE CATHOLIC BOOK CRUSADE:—The Secretary has enrolled 25 members in this crusade organised by Rev. Fr. J. Westropp, S. J. of Patna. Each member will be in receipt, monthly of a Catholic publication.

BOOK STALLS:—Church Door Book Stalls have been resuscitated. The Sunday sales at St. Mary's Cathedral and at St. Patrick's Chapel are quite encouraging.

LECTURES:—April 15th. Rev. Fr. F. O. Thambimuttu of the Trincomalee Diocese on "Catholic Action."

May 13th. Very Rev. Fr. T. M. F. Long, O.M.I., on "Prospects of Christianity in Ceylon."

June 10th. Rev. Fr. X. J. S. Thahinayagam of the Tuticorin Diocese on "The Catholic Church and the Changing World."

September 16th. Revd. Fr. S. J. Pinto, O.M.I., of the Colombo Diocese on "Christianity and Education."

October 14th. The Newman Centenary Commemoration.

(a) Very Revd. Fr. P. M. Francis, O.M.I., on "The Conversion of Newman."

(b) Chevalier S. Arulanantham "on Newman, as an Essayist in Living."

(c) Revd. Fr. B. Deogupillai on "Newman a Great Religious Genius" and on "Newman, To day and Tomorrow."

The Committee wishes to express its deep sense of gratitude to the learned lecturers, for their soul stirring talks."

CENTRAL BOOK DEPOT:—The Committee has with the financial and personal assistance of the Chairman started a Central Book Depot. Several old publications were either sold at reduced rates or distributed free. A sum of Rs. 482 75 was realised by the sale of books and tracts.

SUPPLIES:—The Committee is deeply grateful to the following depots for giving ample stock at unlimited credit.

1. The Central Book Depot at St. Philip Neri, Pettah.

2. The Catholic Book Club, Ampitiya.

3. St. Joseph's Catholic Press, Jaffna.

4. St. James' Conference, S. V. P., Jaffna.

5. M. Bastiampillai & Sons, Jaffna.

CONCLUSION:—The Committee offers its sincere thanks to all those who helped to further its activities during the course of the year.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Dr.	Rs. cts.
To Cash in hand	13 65
" Bills receivable	113 50
" English books in stock	392 45
" Tamil do	252 75
Total	772 35
Cr.	Rs. cts.
St. Philip Neri, Pettah	72 70
Catholic Book Club, Ampitiya	146 80
St. Joseph's Press	78 56
Revd. Fr. Administrator (books)	117 00
Advance by do	200 00
Press Sunday profits payable	100 00
Mr. B. M. Lopiath	37 50
Balance due to Fr. L. Joseph	5 00
Profits by sale	14 79
Total	772 35

P. SAVERIMUTTU,
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J.D.U. Literature Committee.
Jaffna, 10th Nov. 1945.

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With a self-assurance worthy of Nick Bottom, he recommends Wells to the youth of our day. Perhaps Rationalist has never come across Belloc's book, thoroughly exposing the shoddy nature of Wells' "Outline of History," his rank incompetence to speak about Biology or Christian Doctrine, his antiquated stuff about evolution and his pretence to a knowledge of Science and History. Were we to take Rationalist's advice, we must relegate all our great poets, philosophers: saints and sages of old to third rate places, in order to give room to men like Wells and company. Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, Aquinas and Augustine, Shakespeare and Thiruvalluvar must retire into the Limbo of forgotten mortals. Gandhi too must sink into the background, for he is a firm believer in God.

Yes, I must repeat, that the evil is here in our midst; that the violent atheistic, irrational Communism is now with us, and is busy spreading the doctrines of hell.

How can there be any bond of unity among mankind, as long as they repudiate their common Father, their Creator, the Bond, that alone can unite all humanity into one? Ask the Poles, the refugees, Jews, Greeks, Czechs, Lithuanians, Yugo-Slavs, Rumanians, who was and is their defender and advocate in this hour of suffering. With one voice they will answer, the Pope of Rome. Religion selfish? Religion tends to disunion? Religion causes misery? Oh! No! It is atheism that is at the bottom of all the misery of this world.

"No greater lie was ever communicated to the world than the lie of Marx, repeated by Lenin, taught by Stalin," and now echoed parrot-wise by men like Rationalist that "Religion is the opium of the people." By their fruits you shall know them. It is their baneful teachings that are filling the world with anarchy, hatred and religious persecution. Shattering of family lives by divorce and abortion, fostering class wars and political intrigues and rabble-rousing and trial marriages—alas! these are some of their favourite games. When confronted with enormities of this kind, they take cover under such words as Bourgeois, Reactionary, Capitalist, Feudalism, Mediaevalism, Franco, Ideology, Universal—Rational—Ethical—Ideal, and what not? With them words have lost their meanings. To them Democracy means the giving up of man, soul and body, to the State. Liberation has become a synonym for enslavement. They expect everybody to subside under the barrage of their novel vocabulary. The word God is no more found in their lexicon.

"The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." What else is atheistic Communism, which is the greatest enemy of all religion, its energies being directed principally against Catholicism. Else why this hatred of the Vatican and Spain and Franco? It is imperative therefore to warn every believer in God, that once Communism gets into power in this country, Lanka's fate is sealed. You do not need a prophet to read the handwriting on the wall for you. Our country would lose its freedom, and its air would become tainted with vice. Not Catholic Churches alone, but temples and mosques and all places where man worships his Creator in the light of his conscience, would be blown to smithereens, and all men, women and children turned into slaves and brutes.

A CATHOLIC.

LOCAL & GENERAL

News from our Bishop.—His Lordship writes to the Administrator to say that he is just now in Brittany and that he is profiting by its bracing climate. In Paris he was treated by specialists. His Lordship's health is much improved already. He thanks us all for our prayers and hopes to return soon.

Jaffna Diocesan Union.—A Committee Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Jaffna Diocesan Union will be held at the Catholic Club on Sunday the 20th inst. at 5.30 p.m.

J.S.C. Examination.—The results of this Examination conducted by the Examination Council of the Northern

Province Teachers' Association have been published. The Cash Prize of Rs. 25 for the candidate who came first in the Examination has been awarded to Kathiravelu Rathirane of Vembadi Girls' High School.

St. Theresa's School, Atchuvally.—The blessing of St. Theresa's School, built by the Atchuvally Catholic Social Service League was performed by Very Rev. Fr. J. Emilianus Pillai, O.M.I., the Administrator of the Diocese, on Sunday the 5th January at 10 a.m.

The statue of St. Theresa was taken in procession from the church of St. Joseph by the parishioners, followed by the Rev. Fathers, amidst the firing of crackers, and to the accompaniment of native music. The procession wended its way to the new building which was gaily and profusely decorated. After the installation of the statue on a specially erected pedestal a meeting was held. An address of welcome was read by the school children to Very Rev. Fr. Emilianus Pillai, O.M.I., and in it they requested him to donate a large size statue of St. Theresa to the school.

Rev. Fr. G. T. Balasundram, O.M.I., the Parish Priest of Atchuvally, then read out a message of good wishes to parishioners from Mr. A. Gardiner, the President of the League and the Moopu of the Church. He thanked Very Rev. Fr. Administrator and the other Rev. Fathers for having graced the occasion by their presence. He also expressed gratitude to the members of the League for having donated the cost of the building and to several others who contributed their mite to the early completion of the building.

Very Rev. Fr. Emilianus Pillai, O.M.I., in answer to the request of the little ones promised to donate a large size statue of St. Theresa. He made reference to the generosity and philanthropy of Mr. A. Gardiner for creating a Trust for the advance of Catholic Education in Ceylon and said that Atchuvally should be very proud to own him as Atchuvally had produced the only man in Ceylon to create a Trust of that nature.

The function terminated by the recital of songs of the school children to fit the occasion.

Air Service to London from Ceylon.—It is understood that the negotiations of the Ceylon Government with the Government of India to secure the necessary permission to allow their service to pass through India has resulted in an agreement in principle between the two Governments under which the Government of India will allow the Ceylon Air Service to London to touch at Karachi. The frequency of the service will be determined after traffic figures have been examined.

Delimitation of the Administrative Divs. of the Education Dept.—The administrative divisions of the Department have been delimited for the purpose of educational administration and work is now carried on in nine divisions corresponding to the nine provinces. Each province is looked after by an Education Officer. The different sections of the Education Office have also been classified and brought up to date in keeping with the new Scheme of things in Education. The new branches include, the Dieting Branch (D.B.) the Texts translation Branch (T.T.B.) One of the duties of the T.T.B. is the coining of terms for English technical terms.

Jews Go to Thank the Pope.—The Jewish group, all refugees from German concentration camps, had requested the audience because, in their own words, "they wished the supreme honour of being able to thank the Holy Father personally for his generosity on their behalf during their persecution in the terrible Nazi Fascist period."

His Holiness addressing a delegation of Jews whom he received in audience, told them that the Holy See, no matter how critical the times, "has never left any doubt that its teachings and its external actions did not, and could not, admit any of these false concepts which in the history of civilization will be remembered among the most deplorable and dishonourable travesties of human thought and sentiment."

"Your coming before Us gives an intimate testimony of the gratitude on the part of those men and women who, in times of their agony and deathly dangers, have experienced how the

Catholic Church and her true followers in the exercise of charity could rise above all narrow and arbitrary limits created by human selfishness and racial passions..."

St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna.—probably the world's finest pure Gothic cathedral, which was burned out during the battle of Vienna, is now being rebuilt with the help of the British Army authorities. Prof. Karl Holay, the architect, estimates that complete reconstruction will take about ten years, and will cost about £175,000.

Former Red Journalist Joins Jesuits.—Prof. Antonio Montana, correspondent with the Red forces during the Spanish Civil War of the Paris Communist daily *L'Humanite*, has been received into the Church and has joined the Society of Jesus in France, says *A Vaz*, Lisbon Catholic paper.

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Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Very Rev. Fr. P. T. James O. M. I. at Naranthanai

The Catholics of the Island of Leyden mustered strong in the morning of the 27th ultimo to give a rousing reception to the Very Rev. Fr. P. T. James O.M.I., on the occasion of his completing the 25th anniversary of his elevation to the sacred priesthood. The Jubilarian arrived at 8 a.m. near the house of his birth and was escorted by a vast concourse of people, to the accompaniment of native music to the Church of S. S. Peter and Paul where he sang High Mass assisted by the Rev. Frs. M. S. Nalliah, O. M. I., and T. Alfston Mathuranayagam Mis. Ap., as deacon and sub deacon respectively. Fr. Nalliah O. M. I., preached an impressive sermon recalling the high lights of the Jubilarian's Missionary career for the last 25 years, his piety and zeal, his unobtrusive devotedness and self sacrifice. He paid in passing a glowing tribute to the memory of a heroic widowed mother who had cheerfully given over to the Lord's ministry her first-born on whom she had pinned all her faith, her fondest hopes. Mass was followed by the *Te Deum* service and the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The whole congregation now repaired in procession to the Boys' School hall where a function was held presided over by the Rev. Fr. H. Veyret O. M. I., Parish Priest. The Jubilarian was garlanded by Mr. S. M. Thambayagam at the entrance to the hall. A beautifully illuminated address was read by Mr. T. J. Savundaranayagam. Congratulatory speeches were made by Fr. Rajanayagam, Muhandiram Vikramasingham, Messrs. P. N. James, S. Pius and N. Johnpillai. The sister and brothers of Fr. James entertained the clergy to lunch at "Elizabeth Vasa" the formers' residence. The whole bungalow was tastefully decorated and presented a thoroughly festive garb in welcoming back within its walls one whom it had nurtured and fondled in childhood. Covers were laid for 25, the Jaffna Rest-house catering the menu. In the unavoidable absence of the Very Rev. Fr. Administrator, the chair was taken by Rev. Fr. H. Veyret O. M. I. In a most felicitous speech and with characteristic vigour the Rev. Fr. Chas. S. Matthews O. M. I., proposed the toast of the Jubilarian. It had been, said the speaker, his pleasure to watch Fr. James' growth in virtue and religion from his very boyhood at St. Patrick's College. He had learnt to admire him as a happy blend of the assiduity and charm of an ideal student. As a sportsman, Fr. James was one of that proud eleven that by winning a most coveted championship had made history at St. Patrick's. Both at Mannar and at Ilavai. Providence had ordained that both should be working in close proximity to each other hence the peculiar gratification that was his (the speaker's) in voicing the sentiments of the clergy that day. Rev. Fr. Desloges O. M. I., followed in typically humorous vein and contributed greatly to the conviviality that prevailed. Fr. James suitably replied thanking one and all for having graced the occasion with their kind presence. A group photograph of the clergy with the Jubilarian as central figure brought the day's celebrations to a happy close.

NOTICE

TENDERS will be received by the Government Agent, N. P., at the Jaffna Kichcheri up to 12 noon on 4 February 1946 for the purchase of the Karaitiva-Kays Motor Ferry toll rent for the period 1 April 1946 to 30 September 1948.

Tenders must be accompanied by a tender deposit receipt of Rs. 100 which will be forfeited if the accepted tenderer de-lines or fails to deposit within the time allowed the security deposits hereinafter referred to or to sign the conditions of sale, security bond, etc. In other cases the tender deposit will be refunded after the conditions of sale and security bond have been signed by the successful tenderer. Defaulting tenderers will also be liable to be placed on the defaulting contractors' list.

No tender received after the day and hour mentioned above will be considered.

The successful tenderer will be required to deposit forthwith one-tenth of the purchase amount in cash, and to furnish approved security for one-half of the purchase amount, or security in cash for one-third of the purchase amount, within a period of 20 days after the date of acceptance of his offer.

The successful tenderer will also be required to deposit an amount sufficient to pay the fees of the Crown Proctor for examining giving his opinion on the title deeds of properties tendered by the successful tenderer as security, for examining and settling the security bond, and for examining documents and drawing the security bond, and to meet the expenses of appraising the properties and the stamp duty due on the bond under the Stamp Ordinance.

All title deeds tendered as security must be accompanied by a certificate obtained from the Registrar of Lands that the lands to which they relate are unencumbered. The certificate must be obtained at the cost of the party offering the security.

Further information may be obtained on application to the Government Agent, N. P., Jaffna.

If no tender is received or, if the tenders received are not satisfactory, the rent will be put up to public auction after the opening of the tenders, on the day fixed for the receipt of tenders.

The Government Agent reserves to himself the right, without question, of rejecting any or all tenders.

The successful tenderer will be required to employ only Ceylonese labourers in carrying out the rent tendered for.

The employment of only Ceylonese labourers in carrying out the rent tendered for will be made a condition of the rent and the failure on the part of the successful tenderer to fulfil this condition will be treated as a breach of the terms of the rent and will render the rent liable to cancellation. Provided, however, that in exceptional circumstances the Government Agent may permit the renter to employ only non-Ceylonese labourers previously approved by him in writing with the concurrence of the Treasury. The employment of non-Ceylonese labourers without such approval in writing and concurrence is forbidden.

The term "Ceylonese" shall mean and include all persons born in Ceylon and no others.

C. COOMARASWAMY,
Government Agent, N.P.

The Kachcheri,
Jaffna, 9 January 1946.

Supervisors to Check Re-Measurement of Rice etc.

Supervisors to check re-measurement of rice, etc., at Food Control Supply Stations, Jaffna.

Applications are confined to pensioners retired from Class II and above of the General Clerical Service or of an equivalent service.

Employment will be casual and spasmodic. Terms Rs. 5/- per day. Travelling allowance at present rates on the salary drawn at the time of retirement.

Applications closes on 26th January 1946.

R. CHINTHAMANI,
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Arnold Lunn Reports What Spain is Thinking

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difficulty in borrowing money because she punctiliously paid off the greater part of her debt to Italy and Germany. "So far as Spain's attitude to other countries is concerned—she doesn't like the French or the Germans or the Italians."

"She finds it less difficult to like the English than any other foreigners. This is particularly true of the upper classes, so many of whom were educated in English Catholic schools. As to France, the Spaniards make the same point as they make about England—Pertain is in prison but Communists who betrayed France before the collapse in 1940 are in the Cabinet."

And now Russia. What is Spain thinking about that country?

"To the Spaniard, other than the Communist, Russia is just Asia on the march. Again and again in history the westward march of Asia has been halted with difficulty. Asia is fanatic and moves westward under slogans which vary in form but not in substance, for 'Allah is great and Mohammed is his prophet' ultimately means much the same as 'Marx is great and Stalin is his prophet'."

What are they thinking now about Germany?

"The Spaniards do not like the Germans, but they don't want Germany dismembered. 'Hitler's greatest crime,' as a Swede remarked, 'was to destroy the balance between the Teuton and the Slav which is essential for Europe.'"

Local & General

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Religious Persecution in Travancore.—Mr. P. C. Chacko, one of the leading advocates and a strenuous public worker, was taken into custody on Dec. 22nd on charges of treason, etc. It seems that the charges are based on a public address he delivered some weeks back in connection with the educational controversy now going on in the State.

Mr. Thariathu Kunjithomman, whose arrest we reported last week, was one of the accredited Catholic leaders and President of the "All Kerala Catholic Congress." Mr. Kunjithomman is widely known for his liberal ideas. He was representing a general constituency in the State Legislative Assembly consecutively for more than 16 years. Several other arrests are feared to follow.

Catholics and Catholic Newspapers.—It is the duty of Catholics to read the Catholic press. Even through secular journalists may not be allowed to tell the story of persecution, Catholic journalists are not afraid to do so. The pall of silence which lies over Eastern Europe and beyond is rarely lifted in the secular press. But the Church with its mission of good will to all men never fails to record the ghastly truth.

If you can afford money each day for newspapers it is surely not too much to ask you to spend a few pence at the week-end in order to learn what is happening to your fellow men and fellow Catholics in the East—Mgr. Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, in his Advent Pastoral.

The family should take at least one Catholic newspaper, not merely to have Catholic news, but to provide a check on the false impressions so often conveyed by the secular press.—Mgr. Flynn, Bishop of Lancaster, in his Advent Pastoral.

Practical Help.—Spain is to give practical Christian help to the starving children of Europe. The Spanish Government has decided to receive 50,000 European children for the winter, and a postal surcharge is to be made on all internal mail to help defray the costs.

Spain, despite her natural preference for Catholic children, has made the delicate gesture of leaving the U.S.A., Britain and France entirely free in their choice. Thus she will not be open to the suspicion of creating spiritual uneasiness among these nations.

The Official Gazette of Madrid has published a law introducing a charge of five centesimos for the benefit of the children. No interior mail or parcels will be accepted in Post Offices without this surcharge.

International mail is exempted, as it is subjected to regulations which can only be altered by international agreement. The surcharge is temporary and will come into force as soon as the necessary material is available.

New York's Mayor a Catholic.—Mr. William O'Dwyer, a Catholic from Co. Mayo, has been elected to succeed Mayor La Guardia. Mayor O'Dwyer was educated at the Achonry diocesan college in Ireland, and thought of studying for the priesthood, but found he had no vocation. He is a great advocate of games to keep young people out of mischief.

Department of Religion.—Yale University in America has opened a Department of Religion, on the recommendation of a committee of 10 appointed by the University's president, which reported:

"Religion is so important an aspect of human life that no university is doing its duty towards men which does not offer them the best obtainable instruction in this field. What is needed is a new department of religion here at Yale and at every university."

214 French M.P.'s. Back Religion.—French political parties which are pledged to support the Catholic viewpoint in education and to defend religious liberty are the Mouvement Republicain Populaire (Catholic Left) and groups of the Right, such as the Republicains Nationaux, the Federation Republicaine and the Union Republicaine Democratique, together with Independents of the Right. This assures the Catholic viewpoint of the support of at least 214 M.P.'s.

Africa.—Father M. Lucas, S.V.D., of the Dutch Province of the Society of the Divine Word, has been appointed Apostolic Delegate to South Africa. He was consecrated on October 28, and will sail for Bloemfontein as soon afterwards as possible.

Born in 1894 and ordained thirty years later, Father Lucas is a native of Haarlem. He became Provincial of his Order in Holland during the German occupation.

Indian Soldiers Praised.—"Indian soldiers in Greece have proved first-class soldiers and citizens in carrying out tasks of a political nature not normally set fighting men" said Lt. Gen. Sir Ronald Scobie, Commander, Land Forces in Greece, in an interview with an Army Observer.

"Discipline and restraint in these unusual circumstances have been essential, and officers and men have performed a multiplicity of duties—civic and military—with resourcefulness and patience."

"It must be a matter of pride to the people in India and Britain to learn that several Greek communities have honoured officers and men with the freedom of towns."

Bangalore.—Mr. T. Thamboo Chetty, Private Secretary to H.H. the Maharaja, presiding over a benefit performance given by Mr. Veeranna in aid of the Good Shepherd Convent, Mysore, said: "For more than half a century the Good Shepherd Convent has maintained the reputation of being a high class educational institution for girls of all communities in this city. Though faced with innumerable difficulties, as the result of war, the foremost of which has been straitened finances, the Sisters have carried on their splendid work in a spirit of self-sacrifice. They are in dire need of your help and are entitled to your sympathy." Mr. Veeranna gave the entire proceeds of Rs. 7,000 to the Convent.

Mr. C. Perumal Chetti, Proprietor of the C.P.C. Motor Company, has donated Rs. 7,000 to the Good Shepherd Convent.

Telegraphic Summary of News

PROTEST LOUD AND CLEAR

There was profound silence throughout the great hall as Mr. James Byrnes (U.S.A.), speaking in a loud, clear voice with few gestures but all the skill and studied emphasis of a practised orator, warned the delegates against establishing a precedent which is certain to cripple the future work of the Assembly.

34 NATIONS OPPOSE SOVIET MOVE

A surprise move by the Soviet delegation to postpone until the end of next week the vital election of the six non-permanent members of the Security Council—a move which was immediately opposed by the United States—fringed the General Assembly of the United Nations Organisation last Saturday morning into sharp debate as soon as the meeting had opened.

The delegates had hardly taken their seats and dealt with the day's first item by approving the report of the Credentials Committee, when M. Andrei Gromyko (the temporary head of the Soviet delegation) announced his delegation's decision to move the postponement of the election.

Mr. Gromyko said: "The election of the non-permanent members of the Security Council is, no doubt, a very important question. Some of the delegations arrived in London only three or four days ago and naturally have not had enough time to consult the other delegations on this question. The Soviet delegation, therefore, has come to the conclusion that the election should be postponed until the end of next week."

The Soviet proposal was immediately opposed by Mr. James F. Byrnes, the U.S. Secretary of State, who heads the United States delegation. In the short dramatic moment immediately following Mr. Byrnes's speech against the Soviet motion it became clear that Britain too opposed the Soviet move.

The British Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin rose to speak but was ruled out, as only two speakers were allowed "for" and two "against" the Russian motion. Mr. Bevin sat down again but later rose and from his seat signified that Britain was against the adjournment.

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In Memoriam

George Stanhope Aseerwatham

(By a Friend)

Just a few lines, in the midst of pressure of work, to pay a tribute of affection and regard to the memory of G.S. A., rapt from our midst by his translation into the Realm of Refreshment, Light and Peace.

It is twenty five years ago to-day, since he departed from this earth. His was an unfailing kindness of manner and a faultless chivalry, preux chevalier sans puer et sans reproche. His intellect was of really high order.

But he was more than clever and successful; he was gifted in such a superb way that his talents multiplied themselves for the fulfilment of manifold purpose. He was an ideal teacher.

He was of the good and the true. He was fearless, able and selfless. His practical common sense never falsified his devotion to an ideal.

He was happy with his pupils. His friends were many both those of his own community and those outside it.

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