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## NATIONALISATION: HOLY FATHER'S WARNING

A letter on "The National Community," in which he mentions nationalisation, has been sent by the Holy Father to the President of the French Social Weeks to be held in Strasbourg.

His Holiness says: "The Church is the model of all social life, for she has saved the true value of human passions from the degradation into which it had been thrown by philosophies and pagan usages; and this she did from the moment she recognised and defended in the human person, the root and end of every social life."

"You can never emphasise these truths enough, they must be the foundation of the building of the social body at a moment when certain systems of government go as far as to demand totalitarianism in every sector, with no other ideal than collective egoism, and without any other expression than that of an all-powerful state, which uses the individual like pieces in a game of draughts."

"A spirit of common life, regulated by good laws, must therefore form the members of that national community in the same way as on the natural plane it forms the members of the family."

"Only under these conditions can the

principles of liberty, equality and fraternity prosper. This observation applies to the particular case which interests you at this moment, namely, nationalisation of industry."

Our predecessors and we ourselves have occupied ourselves several times about the moral aspect of this measure.

"It is evident that instead of attenuating the mechanical character of the life and work in common, nationalisation even when it is lawful risks accentuating it, and hence the profit which it brings to the benefit of the community is, as you know, very suspect."

"We hold that the institution of associations and of co-operative entities in every branch of national economy will be much more advantageous to their proposed aims, and much more advantageous to the output of these industries."

"Although the concentration of factories and the disappearance of the small independent producers favour capital rather than social economy, there is no doubt that in the actual circumstances the co-operative formula of economic life is in accordance with the Christian doctrine regarding the person, the community, labour and private property."

## WAR CRIMINALS TRIAL 'A RUDE SHOCK'

Totalitarianism—whether Fascist or Communist—which does not acknowledge any law higher than itself, was condemned by Cardinal Griffin when he spoke in London last month at the annual meeting of the Society of Our Lady of Good Council.

As its president, His Eminence congratulated the society on continuing its work of giving free legal aid to the poor in spite of war-time and post-war difficulties.

Of the rightful function of legislation, the Cardinal said:

The object of all lawsuits and litigation should be the protection of human rights and the securing of justice.

In British justice there is a principle that a man is innocent until he is proved guilty.

The recent trial of General Mihailovitch comes as a rude shock to the people in this country.

The General was considered a guilty man. The judge became the prosecutor, and the defendant was denied his just defence.

The behaviour of the people in the Courts was reminiscent of the crowd of Roman pagans in the Colosseum cheering the murder of an early Christian.

We are beginning to ask ourselves whether it was for this that the Allies fought.

As you are a law society, I hope you will forgive me speaking to you to day about the object of human law.

### TEST OF LAW

What all lawgivers have to realise is that human law must be in accordance with the moral law and not against it. There are three tests which we can apply to any legislation to discover whether it is in accordance with the moral law.

The first test is whether the legislation acknowledges the moral law as something higher than itself and something by which it is willing to be tested.

We see how this test fails completely

in a totalitarian State, whether it be a so-called Fascist State or a Communist State.

Communism does not acknowledge the rights of Almighty God, nor does it recognise any power except the power of force as superior.

The second great test is whether the legislation treats men as men. There is a tendency at the present day to think too much in terms of man's usefulness to society and especially to consider man as the servant of the State, instead of the State existing to serve man.

### FREEDOM

There are certain fundamental rights which belong to man. These are given by Pope Pius XI in "Quadragesimo Anno" and they are:

"The right to life, to bodily integrity, to obtain the necessary means of existence; the right to turn towards his ultimate goal in the path marked out for him by God; the right of association and the right to possess and use property. Just as matrimony and the right to its natural use are of divine origin, so likewise are the constitution and fundamental prerogatives of the family fixed and determined by the Creator."

Finally, does the legislation provide the fullest development for men as men. Now the special glory of man is that he has a free will and is responsible for his own destiny. In other words, he is a free and responsible agent, and legislation should tend to develop the sense of responsibility and initiative.

A legislator may, of course, try to mechanise men, for it is then much easier to regiment them. But if a society does all the thinking for its members it makes them less able to think; if it does all the planning for them it makes them less capable of initiative; if it makes all the decisions for them it makes them less capable of responsibility.

Now these things, thought and initiative and responsibility, are the special qualities of man.

## END OF APPEASEMENT URGED BY U.S. CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Washington.—A report advocating full abandonment of appeasement in any U.S. relationship with Russia and exploring the plight of Soviet-dominated countries, especially Poland, has been made here by four members of the House of Representatives Foreign Relations Committee, who made a tour of the Soviet Union and virtually all of Europe last autumn.

The report was signed by four members of the committee—Representatives Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota, and Frances P. Bolton of Ohio, who subscribed to the entire report, and Thomas S. Gordon of Illinois, and Joseph F. Ryter of Connecticut, who limited their sponsorship to about half of their report because they did not complete the full European tour.

Russia is operated as a tightly policed State, the report stated, with freedom, as it is understood in this country, virtually unknown. The majority of the Russian people, the committee members said, appear to be friendly toward the United States and apparently wish to know more about this country. The report cited a number of instances by which Russia is accorded privileges in this country—such as allowing Soviet scholars and scientists to visit the U.S. freely—but said these courtesies are not reciprocated by Russia and urged that no greater privileges be extended to the Soviets than are given to Americans in Russia.

Regarding Poland, the committee members said that the Four Freedoms virtually are unknown. They said there is some semblance of freedom of religion, but that religious instruction has been curtailed and Polish family life has been undermined by abolition of church marriages. Freedom of speech, the report said, is unknown in Poland and the people exist for the State under the present system, rather than the State for the people.

A majority in Poland, the report commented, look to Stanislaus Mikolajczyk, deputy premier and leader of

the Polish Peasant Party, as their big hope. He has refused to join other government parties in the presentation of a coalition slate for the coming Polish election and currently is being attacked by the government controlled press.

As a result of plundering, raping and living off the land by members of the Red Army, freedom from fear in Poland is "a mockery" and each man, woman and child in the nation lives constantly in fear of want, the report added. The report related that a large number of Soviet soldiers roam Warsaw streets with an "arrogance toward the population" while there are numerous stories in the nation of rape, torture and other excesses committed by the Soviet police (NKVD) and the Russian military.

The committee members expressed the opinion that the United States acted too hastily in granting even conditional recognition to the present provisional government in Warsaw.

In Yugoslavia, the report said, Marshal Tito and his government rule that nation "as completely as the men of the Kremlin rule Russia." The report said that the situation there, as in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria "Reflects the vicious harvest which comes from the appeasement policies which the United States has followed with regard to Russia ever since the days of Yalta and perhaps before."

Within the full committee Representative Sol Bloom of New York, committee chairman, criticised the action of releasing the report before the full committee had passed upon it. He termed the action "malicious and vicious," and declared it might disturb the work of the Big Four Foreign Ministers meeting in Paris. Mr. Bloom adjourned, a meeting of the full committee before any action was taken on inquiries of whether the body would consider formal publication of the report. "It's already been published," Mr. Bloom declared, referring to accounts of the report which appeared in the daily press.

## RUSSIANS ARE STRANGLING RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE

Unless a check can be applied from outside, religious influence on public life in the Soviet-controlled zone of Germany will be strangled.

The Russian policy is to restrict all religious life to the churches.

We are, of course, anxious that the people in this country shall be provided with security, but we must remember that material happiness is not the sole purpose of our existence.

Christ has said: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His justice and all these things shall be added unto you." We have, thank God, a higher purpose in life than merely to secure creature comforts.

We have, as reasonable beings, the privilege of knowing about higher things, and by God's help the power added to our will, to enable us to fulfil our higher purpose. A better world means not only a world of peace and plenty, but a world in which man can fulfil his higher destiny and live a full human life in accordance with the designs of his Maker.

All public institutions are moulded systematically on the Communist pattern. Already the Russian zone is widely Sovietised. Before long it will be but a colony of Russia, completely dominated by German Communists who are but Moscow's tools.

These are the conclusions of Mr. Max Jordan N.C.W.C. Correspondent in Berlin have drawn after an extensive tour through Russian-occupied territory. He had ample opportunity to consult dependable and independent sources of information.

As a rule, Church life in the Russian zone is not interfered with. I attended Mass in various churches there and found all the services well attended. But it is another story when it comes to religious activities outside the churches. There the picture is dismal indeed.

The Soviet authorities refuse permission to print religious books or to issue any kind of religious publications. They object to religious bodies organising their own societies and to holding meetings which are not part of Divine services. (Continued on Page 4)



## Church Calendar

AUGUST 1946

FRI.	...30	S. Rose.
SAT.	...31	S. Raymond.
SEPTEMBER 1946		
SUN.	...1	12 P.—S. Giles.
MON.	...2	S. Stephen.
TUES.	...3	S. Simeon.
WED.	...4	S. Rosalia.
THURS.	...5	S. Lawrence.
FRI.	...6	S. Eleutherius.

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NATIONAL RATHER THAN  
PARTY GOVERNMENT

It is thought that parliamentary system of government is dependent for its success on the existence of parties each of which agrees on a common policy and works loyally to achieve its aim. This may be true though a few months ago Bernard Shaw wrote urging the desirability of abolishing the party system. On the continent of Europe the party system in many instances was the cause not only of the collapse of parliamentary government, but the ruin of the country. In England the party system has worked well, particularly the two-party system. But it is well to remember that it is a comparatively recent development in the life of that nation. It came into existence almost casually when the Puritans entered Parliament as an organised body to oppose the royal grant of monopolies and the too many prerogatives exercised by the sovereign. Beginning so casually it gradually developed to its present form. From the foregoing it does not appear that representative government cannot be carried on without party disputes. If some kind of opposition is necessary, there is the press, public opinion and the patriotism of many a representative of the people to act as such. That seems to us to be a better way than forming make-believe parties under high pressure. There are already five political parties, the last one reported being the Kalutara People's party. The published aim of all these parties is to make this Island a terrestrial paradise. With the exception of the Sama Samaj party which has its own definite policy to carry through, in the case of other parties one must find it difficult to discover any clear cut difference on political, constitutional or economic issues which would form the basis of a party system suited to the form of British parliamentary government. And when there are groups and no main clear cut division of parties the difficulty of adapting the machinery to the British model is greatly increased. Now, our object in making these remarks is to emphasise the greater importance of having a Cabinet in which all the communities will find representation and will truly be, at least in a limited sense, a national government than of being preoccupied with parties. These parties may be a hindrance to the formation of a strong national government because the future Prime Minister may not be inclined to select members for his Cabinet

from the parties which are said to be in opposition. He must have men who will share his policy and work loyally with him. There is nothing in the Order-in-Council to oblige him to consult the leaders of the parties before choosing members for his Cabinet. True it is that such a pious wish is expressed in the Soulbury Report. But the Order-in-Council on this point is brief and explicit. It states: "The Prime Minister shall be appointed by the Governor. The other Ministers shall be appointed by the Governor acting on the recommendation of the Prime Minister." What the latter would naturally aim at is team work and loyalty in his colleagues and with this end in view he would make his recommendation. We would, therefore, venture to suggest that the political aspect of the different parties should be allowed to fall into abeyance during the first term which will be a period of experiment in Cabinet government so that the Prime Minister may have the widest choice and the ablest men to form his first national government.

## EDITORIAL NOTE

## That Cinema Hall To Be.

We learn with disagreeable surprise from the resolutions sent to us that steps have been taken to erect a cinema hall in the midst of a crowded locality opposite to the C.M.S. church and cemetery at Chundikuli. There is bound to be and actually there is a strong and general outcry against the proposal. The promoters of this unholy venture have chosen the most objectionable site and if they fail they will have themselves to blame. If the people of the locality do not want it, why thrust it on them. They may have very good reasons to object to a form of entertainment, which, to use the mildest term, is enervating. There are already three theatres and these should be sufficient to cater for those that want such entertainments. We would ask the people to keep united in their protest against what in the long run would turn out to be harmful to them in every way. They must not sign petitions in favour of the cinema hall even if they are approached with promises of *santhosams*, while they must be ready to send up a monster petition against it if the necessity arises. We understand that the Chairman while issuing a permit to build the hall intended for that particular purpose informed those concerned that he may or may not license it for moving pictures. But now that he knows the feeling of the people he should inform the projectors categorically that he will not on any account license the hall as a cinema hall. If in spite of his warning they put it up they will do so at their own risk.

Perhaps I had better inform my Protestant readers that the famous dogma of Papal infallibility is by far the most modest pretension of its kind in existence. Compared to our infallible democracies, our infallible medical councils, our infallible astronomers, our infallible parliaments, the Pope is on his knees in the dust confessing his ignorance before God.—G. B. Shaw.

An Earnest Appeal of the  
Immaculate Heart  
of Mary

On the 22nd of this month the Catholic world has celebrated the beautiful feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary with great pomp and solemnity. This feast is one that is most cherished by every child of Mary since She Herself appeared at Fatima to the three children called Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia expressed an ardent desire that devotion to Her Immaculate Heart be established throughout the entire world. Lucia one of the three visionaries writes thus "After (this vision of Hell) we lifted our eyes to our Lady, who said to us kindly, yet with sadness: You see the hell into which the souls of poor sinners go; to save them from it God wishes to establish throughout the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart." Secondly our Holy Father Pope Pius the XIIth has given this as a feast day for the Universal Church—Hence we have the approval of God in Heaven and His Vicar on earth. What more do we require? Jaffna too contributed her share in the rejoicings, by the grand celebrations which took place in the sanctuary dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Pandaterripu and we do hope that the number of such sanctuaries will increase in the near future.

The feast is over; the external solemnities and rejoicings are finished; the pilgrims have retraced their weary steps homewards. But everything is not over. The hearts of the devotees of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are restless over something; over what? Over one of the many appeals which the Immaculate Heart of Mary made to the three children at Fatima "Pray, pray much, and make sacrifices for sinners. Many souls go to hell because there are none to make sacrifices and to pray for them." What a heart-rending appeal and especially today in this war-torn world of ours where justice and fraternal charity have no room but anger and jealousy raging everywhere. "The devil as a roaring lion goeth about seeking whom he may devour" I Pet: V, 8 "Pray, pray much and make sacrifices for sinners; many go to hell." How true is this today! Men have become pleasure seekers; religion has no influence on them; false doctrines are spreading rapidly; and especially Communism that pestiferous marsh, that stagnant pool, like a running sore has crept, and is still creeping into many countries, sapping the morality of societies and enticing its votaries by alluring pleasures which are nothing but painted dunghills, and leading many souls to eternal damnation. Religion is mocked at, the sacredness of the marriage-bed is derided, the Church pelted with insults and unhappily many are those who are caught in the trap of Communism.

The more this vicious serpent plays havoc the louder does the cry of appeal of the Immaculate Heart of Mary sound in our ears, "pray, pray much for sinners."

Let us hearken to the cry of our Mother, and wage a relentless war against our adversaries, with the two most powerful spiritual weapons which Mary has made known to us—*Prayer and Sacrifice*. Thus next year on the 22nd of August we shall offer to Mary a precious gift of the souls saved by our prayers and sacrifices, and thus console the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

And lastly we are sure of the victory since we are fighting under the protection of the Immaculate Queen who is "fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in battle array." Cant: VI, 9.

J. A. FRANCIS, O.M.I.

## Thoughts on the Mass

(Continued)—2.

Our Lord instituted the Sacrifice of the Mass, according to the order of Melchisedech who did not sacrifice victims, as did Abraham and the earlier adorers of the true God, but, acting by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, and at variance with the custom of the times, he sanctified bread and wine with certain prayers and rites and offered them to God. The offering of

the Mass was predicted by the Prophet Malachias, four hundred years before Christ in the following words:—"I have no pleasure in you, saith the Lord of Hosts; and I will not receive a gift of your hand. For from the rising of the sun even to the going down My Name is great amongst the Gentiles, and in every place there is a sacrifice, and there is offered to My Name a clean offering."

The Holy Mass is of such excellence that St. Francis De Sales says of it: "Holy Mass is the sun of all spiritual exercises, the main spring of devotion, the soul of piety, the fire of divine charity, the abyss of divine mercy, and a precious means where by God confers upon us His graces."

St. Chrysostom says: "The Priest is only a minister, for He who sanctifies and transforms the Victim is Christ Himself Who at the Last Supper changed the bread into His flesh. That He continues to do now. Therefore, oh Christian when thou see'st the priest at the Altar, think not that it is he who offers the Sacrifice, but believe that it is the hand of Christ, invisible to mortal sight." In these words the Saint asserts unmistakably that Our Lord in person performs the great act of Sacrifice. The priests are only His ministers: they place at His disposal their lips, their voice, their hands, that through their instrumentality He may offer this divine oblation. The Council of Trent teaches: "The sacrifice of the Cross and the sacrifice of the Mass are one and the same; the same now offering by the ministry of priests Who offered Himself on the Cross." In these words the Church teaches us that priests are but the ministers of Christ and that Christ immolates Himself upon the altar in like manner as He immolated Himself when hanging upon the Cross. How great an honour, how unspeakable a privilege, how unestimable a benefit, it is for us that Our divine Saviour should condescend to become our priest, Our Mediator, our Intercessor and that He should offer and immolate Himself to God the Father.

St. Paul speaks of the greatness and glory of this act as follows: "It was fitting that we should have such a high Priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily as the other priests, to offer sacrifices for His own sins, and then for the people's; for this He did once, in—offering Himself. For the Law maketh men Priests, who have infirmity, but the word of the oath, which was since the Law, the son who is perfected for ever more. Such is the glowing language in which the Apostles set before us the great love of our God for us. C.W.M. Series. V. T.

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Obstacle to Bergson's  
Conversion

Henri Bergson was a French philosopher of great repute who died as recently as 1941. A Jew, there was an expectation that he would become a Catholic, but he did not do so. He himself revealed in his last will and testament what prevented him from taking the step. "My reflections have brought me closer to Catholicism in which I see the completion of Judaism. I would have become a convert, had I not witnessed through the years the preparation of the formidable wave of anti-Semitism which is unfurling over the world. I wished to remain with those who will be persecuted."

"I hope, however, that if the Cardinal Archbishop will authorize it, a Catholic priest will kindly come and say some prayers at my funeral. In the event that such authorization should not be accorded (actually it was) it will be necessary to call a Rabbi but without hiding from him or from anyone else my moral adherence to Catholicism, as well as my desire, expressed above, to have the prayers of a Catholic priest."

It might appear a want of magnanimity or a narrow-minded bigotry to say that Bergson displayed a false sense of values in allowing his sympathy for his fellow Jews to keep him out of the Church. It was a choice between an external exhibition of fellowship with a persecuted denomination (for his con-



version need not have made him less helpful to the Jews) and the good of his soul.—*The Examiner*.

## LOCAL & GENERAL

**A Golden Jubilee.**—On Sunday last the parish priest and the parishioners of Our Lady of Refuge celebrated the Sacred Golden Jubilee of the Rev. Fr. H. Perrussel, O.M.I., their former parish priest and builder of their beautiful Church, with a High Mass of thanksgiving and a cablegram of congratulations to the Jubilarian who is in France. The Mass was celebrated by the Revd. Fr. Chas. S. Matthews, O.M.I., assisted by the Revd. Frs. J. F. Xavier, O.M.I., and E. Pomycol, O.M.I. After Mass *Te Deum* was sung followed by the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. By this fine show of gratitude the parishioners have indeed honoured themselves.

**The Third Order of St. Francis.**—The monthly meeting of the Third Order of St. Francis will take place at 6-30 p.m. in St. Aloysius' Hall on Monday the 2nd of Sept. 1946. Plenary Indulgences can be gained on these dates:—1, 4, 8, 17, 18, 24, 27 and 29. Conditions:—Confession, Communion, Visit to the Cathedral and prayer of the Pope's Intentions. G.A. on the 8th. The Feast of the Nativity of the B.V.M. and on the 17th. The Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis.

**Correction.**—In the list of donations towards the Cathedral Fund published on August 9th, the words J. V. Fernando, Pesalai, Rs. 50-00 should read J. V. Feldano, etc.—C.S.M.

**Electoral Registers.**—The highest priority is to be accorded by the Government to the work of preparing the electoral rolls under the new Constitution.

Government Agents and Assistant Government Agents, who will supervise the compilation of the electoral registers in their districts, are to be requested to give this work the highest priority in the work of their departments.

It is also suggested that wherever necessary the services of the Emergency Assistant Government Agents should be utilised to help in the preparation of the card indexes and other election work pending the abolition of those posts.

**Emergency A.G.A. Posts.**—The posts of Assistant Government Agents (Emergency) created during the war, mainly for the purpose of accelerating food production, are, it is learned, to be abolished.

This decision has been made by the Board of Ministers in its work of pruning the Budget estimates during last few days.

**Chaplain at Oxford.**—Mgr. Valentine Elwes has been appointed by the Hierarchy to succeed the Revd. Vernon Johnson as chaplain to the Catholic students at Oxford University, on relinquishing his commission as chaplain in the Royal Navy.

Fr. Johnson succeeded Mgr. Ronald Knox at Oxford in 1939. Mgr. Knox was chaplain to the men students only. Fr. Johnson became chaplain to both men and women students. Mgr. Elwes will have about 300 students under his care when he takes office.

**Civic Consciousness.**—The struggle to preserve the rights of Catholic schools in England has made Catholics very conscious of their obligation to take a more active part in local body activities. In the elections held early this year many Catholics were returned and two Benedictine priests headed the poll for the Parish Council in Kent.

**Children's Charities.**—In the diocese of Montreal Catholic school children contribute voluntarily each week to the support of the charitable works of the Church. In six years they have given over 300,000 dollars.

**Boys Town in Europe.**—The Catholic Committee for Relief Abroad, with headquarters in England, will undertake the building of a 'Boys' Town' in Europe for the homeless boys who followed the Allied forces throughout Italy and Austria.

**Americans Help Missionaries.**—The Superior of the Divine Word Missionaries in Tsingtao has reported that members of an American Marine

Division stationed there have given half the sum needed for the construction of an important Catholic High School. A collection taken up by one of the N.C.O.'s realized the sum of \$10,000, more than enough to provide materials for an early start on the building. "The school will be a lasting memorial to the generosity of the Marines," the mission Superior said. "No less lasting will be the deep impression which our Christians and heathens have received through the wonderful example Catholic servicemen have given when assisting at divine service or frequenting the Sacraments."

**Arab Delegation Received in Audience.**—The Pope gave a 35 minute audience on August 3rd to a five-man Arab delegation led by M. Amin Bey Abdul Hamdi, who went to Rome to put the Arab case on Palestine before the Catholic Church leaders. The delegation which contains three Muslims and two Christians, was appointed by the Arab Higher Committee.

**Catholicism in Japan.**—Although the new Prime Minister, Chigeru Yoshida, is not a Catholic, his wife and family were baptized many years ago, and Yoshida is known to be favourably inclined towards the Church.

Japanese Catholics in general have high praise for the democratic and peaceful trend seen in the draft of the proposed new Constitution, by which the props of special favour are knocked from under Shintoism. One of the great difficulties in the way of conversion to Christianity in the past has been the fact that such a step, for a Japanese, meant practically the repudiation of the greater part of his national life.

**Converts by Mail.**—More than 100 men and women in the Forces are receiving instructions in the Faith from Birmingham archdiocesan Guild of Catechists.

The majority of men are in the Middle or Far East, it was reported at the annual meeting at Erdington, when Bishop Bright, Vicar Capitular, presided.

A number have already been received into the Church.

Altogether, 2,324 instructions have been given during the past 12 months. The annual report showed that in 23 parishes 86 people had received 1,492 instructions, 37 being received into the Church.

**Orphans' holiday.**—Six hundred orphans between the ages of four and ten are leaving the Northern Rhine region of Germany for a holiday in Ireland. Arrangements are being made in Ireland to adopt about 100 of the Catholic orphans. At the age of 21 they will be given the option of becoming Irish citizens.

**Call to Women Voters.**—Novidades, a Catholic paper of Portugal, calls particularly to Portuguese women to register for the voting, recalling that they have particular interests to defend, namely, marriage and family life. It also pointed out that the Pope has said that it is a solemn duty to vote.

### Day of Recollection for S.V.P. Members:—

Saturday 31st August:—

- 6-30: Assembly in St. Martin's Seminary.
- 6-45: *Veni Creator, Sermon and Benediction.*
- 8-00: Dinner and Recreation.
- 8-45: Night Prayers and Meditation.
- 9-30: Bed.

Sunday 1st September:—

- 6-00: Rising.
- 6-30: Morning Prayers and Meditation.
- 6-45: Mass.
- 7-30: Bath.
- 8-00: Breakfast.
- 9-00: *Sermon.*
- 10-15: Rosary.
- 11-00: Lives of Saints.
- 11-45: Examination of Conscience.
- 12-30: Lunch and Recreation.
- 1-30: Siesta.
- 3-00: *Sermon.*
- 4-00: Tea.
- 4-30: Stations of the Cross.
- 5-00: Rosary.
- 6-00: *Sermon and Benediction.*

Day of Recollection ends.

N.B.—Non-members may be present at the sermons.

## THE ALL-CEYLON TAMIL CONGRESS

Second Plenary Sessions Held in the Jaffna Town Hall on August 17, 1946

### RESOLUTION I.

The All-Ceylon Tamil Congress here met in Plenary Session reasserts its demand for the Independence of Ceylon as the first step towards her association as a voluntary autonomous and equal member of an Indo-South East Asia group of Free Nations.

### RESOLUTION II.

The All-Ceylon Tamil Congress here met in Plenary Session resolves, while continuing to be the National organisation for all Tamils in the Island, to face the polls at Parliamentary elections as a Political Party and offer responsive co-operation to all progressive and sympathetic groups among the other communities for the purpose of the common weal.

### RESOLUTION III.

The All-Ceylon Tamil Congress here met in Plenary Session declares that the "Ceylon (Constitution) Order-in-Council 1946" does not sufficiently advance the true interests of Ceylon and of the Tamil people in as much as with the much advertised grant of "near Dominion Status" to the Island, there has been no real broadening of freedom to the people of Ceylon as a whole, while no adequate provision has been made for the effective representation of the Tamils in Parliament.

### RESOLUTION IV.

The All-Ceylon Tamil Congress here met in Plenary Session while regretting the action of those Tamil Members in the State Council who voted for the motion accepting the White Paper proposals for a New Constitution for Ceylon, calls upon all sections of the Tamil community to unite under the banner of the Tamil Congress in working the New Constitution consistently with the dignity of a great people.

### RESOLUTION V.

The All-Ceylon Tamil Congress here met in Plenary Session considers the restrictions imposed on the Political and Economic Rights of Ceylon-Indian Tamils as a violation of civilised and humane standards of justice and equality and demands the immediate grant of full citizenship rights to those Ceylon-Indian Tamils with five years of residence in Ceylon, who make a declaration of their intention to become permanently settled in Ceylon.

### RESOLUTION VI.

The All-Ceylon Tamil Congress here met in Plenary Session demands as a fundamental right that the Tamil language be recognised as one of the official languages and hereby registers the resolve of the Tamil people to resist to the utmost any attempt to reduce the importance and status of the Tamil Language in Ceylon.

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## OBITUARY

### MARY CAROLINE JOHNPULE

As announced in our issue of week before last, Jaffna has lost another landmark on the Feast of the Assumption, by the death of Mary Caroline, relict of Gabriel Solomn Johnpulle, Crown Proctor and Justice of the Peace.

Mrs. Johnpulle was a descendant of Thommaipillai Anthonipillai the 1st President Moopo of the Jaffna Cathedral, and the last surviving daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. S. Swampillai Francis—her brothers and sister, Dr. Charles Francis, Mr. E. W. F. Ponnuthamby and Mrs. Hellen Gregory having predeceased her several years ago.

Mrs. Johnpulle consistently took a keen interest in the religious and social affairs connected with the Cathedral and in the activities of the confraternity of St. Aloysius and of St. Patrick's College. She was one of the few who were present at the inaugural meeting held in connection with the building of the new Cathedral and contributed to the first list put forward for the collection of funds. It was her great desire that the new Cathedral would be completed during her life time, but though this

was denied to her she was compensated by being called to her reward on the Feast of the Assumption.

She was an ardent client of St. Philomena and evinced her devotion to the Saint by installing her statue at the Cathedral and celebrating her feast day every year. It was also her intention to have a special altar reserved in the new Cathedral.

The funeral took place on the morning of Saturday the 17th inst. and was well attended. Before the Service at residence the Rev. Fr. S. G. Hilary O.M.I. parish priest addressed those present on the life of the deceased referring in particular to her religious observances and her benevolent disposition. The Service at the church was conducted by the Very Rev. Fr. G. A. Guruswamy O.M.I., the Superior of the Jaffna diocese in the absence of the Very Rev. Fr. J. Emilianus Pillai O.M.I., the Administrator of the diocese, assisted by several priests of the town, the parish priest and his assistants took service at the grave. While the coffin was lowered the hymn "Nearer my God to thee" was sung.

R. I. P.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Opposition to Proposed Cinema Theatre

Sir,—We have the honour to forward herewith to you a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Cathedral Parish Union, against the proposed establishment of a Cinema Theatre opposite to St. John's College.

May we also take this opportunity to appeal to you to do all that you can to prevent the establishment of such a theatre in that locality.

Thanking you,  
We beg to remain Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

S.G. HILARY, O.M.I., President,  
P. SAVERIMUTTU, Secretary,  
The Cathedral Parish Union,  
St. Mary's Cathedral,  
Jaffna, 29th Aug. 1946.

### RESOLUTION:

The Cathedral Parish Union in meeting assembled strongly protests against the proposed establishment of a Cinema Theatre opposite to St. John's College along the Main Street for the following reasons:—

1. On account of its nearness to very important Educational Institutions and Christian Churches, The Bishop's House and the Cemetery.
2. On account of its likelihood of interfering with the religious Services in the five Churches of the locality.
3. On account of the objections of a vast majority of the residents of the locality who do not want any such theatre in their area for moral, social and economic reasons.
4. On account of the existence of three such Theatres in this town and these, the Union believes, are sufficient to satisfy the recreational needs of the citizens of the town.

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### Sale of Arrack Rents Jaffna District 1946-47

Sale of the exclusive privilege of selling Arrack in the taverns of the Jaffna District for the year 1946-47 will be held on Monday, the 9th Sept. 1946 at 11-00 a.m. at the Jaffna Kachcheri.

Tenders should be on the prescribed form which may be obtained at the Jaffna Kachcheri on production of a tender deposit receipt for Rs. 750 for each group of taverns. Further particulars appear in the Gazette of the 23rd August 1946.

C. COOMARASWAMY,  
Government Agent, N.P.

The Kachcheri,  
Jaffna, 25th August, 1946.



## Russians are Strangling Religious Influence

This applies particularly to the younger generation. Youth is absorbed completely in so-called "anti-Fascist" groups strictly controlled by Communist officials.

Despite the formal agreement among the Powers whereby religious instructions must be imparted in the public schools if the parents request it, no such liberty is granted in the Russian zone.

### COMMUNISTS CHOOSE ANTI-CHRISTIAN TEACHERS

Teachers are chosen and appointed without consultation of ecclesiastical authorities and most of them are hostile to Christian ideals.

"We cannot communicate with our Bishops, and our Bishops, unless they live in our zone, are unable to visit us," one parish priest told me.

"There is dire need of prayer-books, Bibles and missals, but none is available."

"As radio sets were widely confiscated in the early months of the war, we cannot even listen to broadcasts that might bring solace, information and encouragement. And, of course, the newspapers are edited entirely along Communist lines and religion is being ignored."

On top of all this, there is the ghastly plight of the German refugees who pour into the Soviet zone from Silesia and Poland.

There are more than 5,000,000 of them. About one-third are Catholics.

Very few priests are left to tend to their spiritual needs. Children who have lost their parents and wander about aimlessly receive no religious guidance whatsoever.

People die without the comfort of the Sacraments.

The clergy themselves are so overworked that many of them can no longer muster the strength even to say Mass.

## INDIAN NEWS

### NEHRU CABINET TO TAKE OATHS ON SEPTEMBER 2

The King has accepted the resignation of the Indian "Caretaker" Government and has approved the appointment of the New Government, headed by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Congress President, an official communique stated in New Delhi on Saturday.

The other members of that new government, listed in the official communique are:—Sardar Vallabhai Patel; Dr. Rajendra Prasad; Mr. C. Rajagopalachari; Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose; Dr. John Mathai; Sardar Baldev Singh; Sir Shafaat Ahmed Khan; Mr. Jagjiwan Ram; Mr. C. H. Bhabha; Mr. Sayed Ali Zabeer and Mr. Asaf Ali.

Two more Muslim members will be appointed later.

The new Interim Government will take the oath on Sept. 2.

The New Indian Interim Government announced on Saturday consists of five caste Hindus, all members of the Congress Party, three Muslims and one representative of the scheduled castes (Untouchables) and Sikh and Parsee and Indian Christian Communities.

Mr. Jagjiwan Ram, the Scheduled Castes representative, and Mr. Ali Zabeer, a Shia Muslim representative, are also members of the Congress.

This means that there are eight Congress members in the Cabinet of fourteen of whom so far twelve have been announced.

### VICEROY APPEALS TO MUSLIM LEAGUE

An appeal to the Muslim League to reconsider its recent decision not to join the Interim Government was made by Field-Marshal Lord Wavell, Viceroy of India, broadcasting over the All-India radio on the formation of the new Interim Government, headed by Pandit Nehru, the Congress President.

The offer was still open. They could propose five of their nominees in the Government of fourteen, of which six would be Congress nominees and three representatives of other minorities, provided those names were acceptable to himself and approved by His Majesty's

Government; and the Interim Government would at once be reformed, declared the Viceroy.

The Muslim League need not have any fear of being dominated in any issue for the Coalition Government could exist and function only on condition that both the main parties are satisfied. He would assure that the important portfolios would be equally shared.

"I appeal most earnestly to the two main communities to recognise that no conceivable good, either for themselves for either of the communities, or for India can come from violent words or from violent deeds." Commenting on the fact that the army had to be called in to restore order in Calcutta he said that the use of the army was the last resort. Recognition of this basic principles was essential both from the point of view of the civilian population and of the army itself. He paid a tribute to the army for their discipline in "the most exacting and most unpleasant job on which troops can be employed."

### 'FORM SELF-DEFENCE' GROUP, SAYS NEHRU

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Congress President, who heads the new Interim Government of India, describes the recent Calcutta riots as "a new development in violence" and a "challenge to every decent instinct of humanity."

Before leaving Allahabad by air on Monday for New Delhi, he issued a statement in which he declared that the Calcutta riots had been a "terrible lesson of horror and a fearful tragedy of killing and inhuman atrocities which have shaken all of us."

"This is a new development in violence," he added, "and has ceased to be merely communal or political. It has become a challenge to every decent instinct of humanity and should be treated as such."

In order to prevent a recurrence of such outbreaks of violence, Pandit Nehru suggests that the residents of each district should organise themselves for self-defence. Villages also should be similarly organised for self-protection.

### JINNAH: 'SEVERE BLOW'

Commenting on the Viceroy's broadcast on the Nehru Cabinet, Mr. Jinnah, who is in Bombay, said: "The Viceroy's broadcast has struck a severe blow to the Muslims and to Muslim India but I am sure Muslim India will bear this up with fortitude and courage and learn lessons from our failure to secure our just and honourable position in the Interim Government and Constituent Assembly."

"The Viceroy has taken a most unwise and unstatesmanlike step which is fraught with dangerous and serious consequences. He has only added insult to injury by nominating three Muslims who he knows does not command either the respect or the confidence of the Muslim India. Two more Muslim names remain to be announced."

Mr. Jinnah reiterated that "the only solution to India's problem in the division of India into Pakistan and Hindustan, which would mean real freedom for two major nations and every possible safeguard for the Minorities in the respective States."

At Poona, the Working Committee of the Scheduled Castes Federation has decided to ask Mr. Jagjiwan Ram, who represents the Scheduled Castes in the Nehru Cabinet, not to accept the appointment.

### TOLL RENT

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, N.P., at the Jaffna Kachcheri up to 12 noon on 13-9-46 for the purchase of the Kerativu-Pooneryn ferry toll rent for the period 1 October 1946 to 30 Sept. 1947.

2. Further particulars apply to the G.A., N.P.  
C. COOMARASWAMY,  
G.A., N.P.,  
The Kachcheri,  
Jaffna, 24-8-1946.

### Firewood Supply to Jaffna

It is notified for general information that the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture and Lands has approved the proposal to continue the Firewood Supply Scheme for the Jaffna District after 31st August, 1946.

M. SRIKHANTA,  
Asst. Govt. Agent (Emergency) Jaffna,  
26th August, 1946.

## SUGAR

The arrears of sugar due to consumers for the fortnight beginning 5-8-46 will be issued during the week beginning 2-9-46 by all Authorised Distributors and Co-operative Societies.

M. SRIKHANTA,  
for G.A., N.P.

26th August, 1946.

## Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MANNAR

In the matter of an application of the intestate Estate of the late Kadanavi Panikkar Mohamado Cassim of Periyapullaichipotenki.

Deceased.

Testamentary } No. 691  
Jurisdiction }  
Packeremohamed Mohamado Mohideen of Periyapullaichipotenki.

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Packeremohamed Alimohamed of Periyapullaichipotenki.

Respondents.

2. Asan Pathu Beevee widow of Mohamado Cassim of Vepankulam.

This matter coming on for disposal before V. S. Gunewardene Esquire, District Judge Mannar on the 30th day of July 1946 in the presence of Mr. M. M. Aboothahir, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the said petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the Petitioner is entitled to Letters of Administration to the Estate of said Intestate unless the respondents or any other person shall on or before the 16th day of September 1946 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 30th day of July 1946.

Sgd. V. S. GUNEWARDENE,  
District Judge.

## NOTICE

Flour Ration due to Consumers for the Week Commencing 26-8-46

The flour ration due to consumers for the week commencing 26-8-46 will be issued to the consumers with the rations due on 2-9-46. All consumers are requested to draw their flour rations due for the two weeks (i.e. 26-8-46 and 2-9-46) from their authorised distributors.

R. CHINTAMANI,  
for D.F.C., Jaffna.

21-8-1946.

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