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I WAS A WITNESS TO HISTORY AT THE COLOMBO AIR-PORT ON THURSDAY EVENING WHEN AIR-CEYLON'S DAKOTA PLANE CAME OVER RATMALANA DEAD ON SCHEDULED TIME, 6.30 P.M.

As I saw the giant air liner circle before landing I felt proud of my countrymen who were piloting the plane, and proud of the Minister whose initiative and drive had made it possible for such an event to take place.

I know that a flight to London and back is not considered a world-shattering event in other countries of the world, or even in India. But certainly for Lanka it was a great day, for it was the first time that a Ceylon plane took the air.

It was characteristic of Col. Kotelawala that he should have experimented in a big way. He did not believe in a potty little test-flight to Madras and back. No.

"Get her up and keep her flying .... Get her to London and bring her back," were his orders.

Ceylon's pilots did just that. The Chief Pilot of the plane was Capt. Peter Fernando, and although he is not a permanent member of the Air Ceylon crew, he is a Ceylonese all the same and we have just cause to be proud of him. He has over 6,000 flying hours to his credit and is Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's personal pilot. Peter Fernando is the star pilot of the Indian National Airways and whenever the Pandit wishes to go anywhere by plane he sends for Peter. He was loaned to Air Ceylon for this flight.

The other Pilots and Wireless men were also Ceylonese, with the exception of Mr. Mafartia, the Radio officer, who is with the Mistry Airways.

As the plane grounded, Mr. D. S. Senanayake, the Leader, and Col. Kotelawala went up with other distinguished visitors and welcomed the crew.

"Lanka should be proud of, you. I am very happy. This is a great day for me because it is a great day for Ceylon. For the first time in our history we have flown our plane to London and back. We have made history," said Col. Kotelawala, addressing his men.

Mr. Senanayake was all smiles.

"There's nothing our boys cannot do if they are given the chance," he said," as he shook hands with each in turn.

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Sir Charles Collins, Col. J. L. Kotelawela and Col. J. P. Appleby at the Air-Port



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Capt. Peter Fernando walks down the ladder with his colleague Dixon Kotelawela, when the plane landed at Ratmalana



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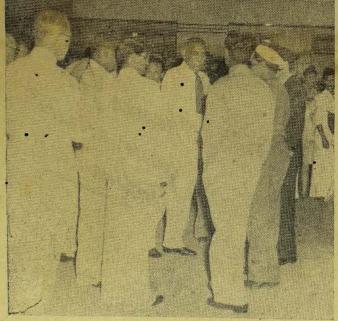
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LEFT:—Capt. Peter Fernando, (Chief Pilot), Capt. David Peiris (Pilot in charge of Administrative matters, Dixon Kotelawela, Mafartia (Radio Engineer), Vethavanam (Supernumerary Radio Officer), and Wettasingha (Flight Engineer).

BELOW:—The Air-crew photographed with Col. Kotelawela and Sir Charles Collins



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Mr. D. S. Senanayake greeting the Air-crew while Mr. M. Chandrasoma, Acting Director of Civil Aviation (in spectacles) looks on,

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than by  $ou_{\Gamma}$  presence in Council appear to sanction what we think wrong and harmful to the interests  $\bullet$  of the island."

island."
Public opinion supported the conduct of the unofficial members and mass meetings were held all over the Island. The outcome of it was the formation of the Ceylon League in May, 1865—the first political body agitating for reforms.

first political body agitating for reforms.

The League Manifesto, or League protest, as it was called, signed by C. A. Lorenz, George Wail, W. Thomoson, John Capper, James D'Alwis and J. H. Eaton said among other things: "Even in Parliament it would seem that a complaint from a Colony has little chance of attracting attention unless it could be made subservient to some party movement. Even in that quarter we can secure a hearing only by persevering agitation, and by advocating our own cause.

'Henceforth we must trust to ourselves. Our hope is in agitation, a never failing agency which has prevailed wherever it has been, constitutionally and perseveringly applied.

"We have tried every available means of obtaining justice, and though we have asked for nothing but what it is admitted we ought to have, and what has been actually promised our representations to Her Majesty's Ministers, our appeals to the Mother Country, and our addresses to the Throne, have been in vain and we have been not only disappointed but wronged."

Every agitation for reform by the League was broken stubbornly by the Secretary of State. Discouraged by this opposition, and for want of union among its own members, the League broke up in three years. But it lighted a torch that has burnt with fury up to the present day.

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# THE ISSUE OF THE MOMENT

FROM the serried ranks of Ceylon Politicians past and present, there will always stand out the name of the plain and simple Mr. D. S. Senanayako as the unique national figure of these times. To him, perhaps more than to any other, does Ceylon owe her successful and peaceful march to the full status of a Dominion within the commonwealth of nations. This culmination has been reached after a slow and gradual progress covering a period of 152 years.

Of this period during the first century of British rule we made no progress at all, but during the last half century the British idea of gradual development at first took shape and from 1920 on gained recognition until with the advent to power of the British Labour Party we have now at last attained the fullness of our stature. Memories of British rule are still somewhat green and though they may also be bitter, we mest bury the past and brace ourselves to face the brave new future. Our day opportunity is indeed come but our days of struggle are not over. Now that the opportunity is ours, what is the end for which we should strive in the future and what is the struggle we shall have to face? It is the struggle we have to face that looms large at the moment and it is to this question that I wish to invite attention.

The struggle that we have to face is the conflict between the opposing ideologies of Democracy and Marxism.

This is the issue of which the people of this country and more particularly the voters at the forthcoming elections should be made aware. The Democratic form of government is something we have got accustomed to and it is also something that at least we know from our experience of its actual function-ing. Marxism on the other hand, is to us, only something theoretical and for its establishment there must first take place a vast upheaval of our entire social structure, the usual way of achieving which  $\mathbf{i}_S$  by revolution. Authentic revolutions take place only when the people of a country are so dissatisfied with the government that they attempt to and succeed in overthrowing it. And when this takes place, under the purifying and invigo-rating stimulus of their revolution the people begin a new life. It is therefore easy to understand why the Sama Samajists introduced to this country as their first slogan "the revolution is at

In the beginning, Comrades Colvin, Philip, N. M., and Leslie (they have split away now) arrived in Ceylon after their student years abroad. In the course of their studies abroad they had come under the influence of the Marxist doctrine, and on arrival here they jointly decided to market in Ceylon this brand new doctrine. Soon, however, they found that Marxism not a very marketable commodity in Ceylon. The reason for it as was obvious to them, was that our people were not prepared to take these gentlemen and their doctrine on trust. Our people were quite satisfied with their older leaders who had always worked for their amelioration and for securing .freedom from foreign rule. They saw no reason why these gentlemen should be permitted to descend on them from the blue and install themselves as self-appointed leaders. In these circumstances, finding that the people were unfavourable to them and recognising the impossibility of starting a revolu-

- By -.C. P. G. Abeywardena

tion, they did the next best thing-they proclaimed that "the revolution was at hand." From this early beginning of a rather naive attempt at fooling people, they have since gained much cunning and vastly improved their tactics of deception. During a period now of several years, they have used the democratic institutions of liberty and freedom to corrupt the whole fabric our social structure. Their policy has been to sow seeds of discontent wherever there is contentment happiness, and where there is a sign of discontent to aggravate it as much as possible. By so doing they hoped to incite the people to class hatreds and to overthrow their representatives who have been elected to the government of the country. We should make it our chief duty not to allow the people to be so misled.

If the fundamental differences be-tween Democracy and Marxism are understood by the people, there is no doubt whatever as to which side they will vote for. The Marxist State has been described as an Organic State by which is meant "the State as society organised as a sovereign political body' and conceived "as a national individual, superior to, and more valuable than the individuals who are its citizens." In other words the State is an organism existing by its own right and it regarded as an organic whole superior to the parts. Examples of such Orga-nic States are the States created by nic States are the States created by Hittler, Mussolini and Stalin. Such a State may suit the genius of the people of some countries, but it is certainly utterly alien to our nature. This is what the Sama Samajists will not understand, "No political order is intrinsically good; there is none that has universal validity." An Organic State may suit the Germans, the Italians or the Russians, but it does not suit the people of Ceylon just as much as it does not suit the people of suit the suit the

Furthermore, in every known instance ne Organic State has turned out to be the Organic State has turned out to be despotic. Hitler's and Mussolini's governments were both despotic, and the Russian government is also despotic. Although the Russian government is almost thirty years old the dictatorship of the proletariat shows no sign of mathematical and a sign of m withering away.

By way of contradistinction just as the Marxist State is described as an Organic State, the Democratic State is described as a Mechanical State. By this is meant, that it is a State which is a means to an end. The end being the happiness and the liberty of the individual. The characteristic feature of the Democratic State is that the individual counts more than the State, and the State merely serves the individuals and not the individuals the State. In the Organic State nothing human or individual exists outside it; even less, nothing has any value. This is the doctrine of the deffied State. way of contradistinction just as

Enshrined in the bosom of the Democratic State however lie all that we have for generations learnt to hold so dear.....freedom of worship and speech, liberty of and interest for the individual, recognition of the Rule of Law dual, recognition of the Rule of Law and free enterprise. Are we going to barter this away for the mess of pottage that the Marxist State offer us? This is the issue that will confront the people of the Dominion of Ceylon. We are at the crossroads of our Destiny, but there can be no doubt that the vote of the people will always be for Democracy. Should it turn out otherwise, and should we lose our hard-won freedom to a Marxist Dictatorship, just as in the past we lost it to the British, our last State will be much worse than our last State will be much worse than

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We have also provided a vast network of Central Schools. Where thousands of our village children had no school within miles of their villages, today they can find one within five miles at least of even remote places. Central and Junior Schools have provided education for over 40,000 new students in the last two years. We challenge any Sama Samajist to produce one single idea or constructive effort which can bear comparison with this. Even when the Hon. Mr. C. W. W. Kannangara published his Benort Dr. N. M. lished his Report, Dr. N. M. Perera wrote a pamphlet for a publishing company pooh-poohing the whole idea. Perera's so-called "brains" could not see any good in the scheme. He attacked it, and for purposes of his attack this intellectual dish-washer had no other resource than idiotic clap-trap that goes down with half-baked theoriticians. He called the scheme a capitalist plot! The only thing that will escape such a term at his hands would probably be the installation of himself as Dictator in this country.

We do not stake our claims on the Free Education issue alone. The endeavours of Mr. SENANAYAKE have borne fruit, and within the next few years we shall be able to bring an-other million acres of new land under cultivation. We shall then have no need to import a grain of rice from outside. This is a bold statement to make, but it is a true statement. We have no need to soft-pedal what has been done. We are in a position proudly to proclaim our achievements.

We appeal to our countrymen to preserve what has been done and not to let this country become a playground for those well-known lunatics who have nothing but chaos

## THE FIRST FIGHT FOR REFORMS



The Hon. James D' Alwis, Scholar and Patriot

THE first political awakening of the people of Ceylon resulted in the formation of the Ceylon League and its agitation for reforms. All this was provoked by a memorable session of the Legislative Council in which Government received its first defeat! A victory for the unofficial members and a slap in the face for the Government was a sensation of the first order. The country was jubilant, the officials stunned. Ceylon's tide had begun to heave forward on its surging career.

surging career.

This was possible because Ceylon was blessed with a galaxy of ardent patriots—James D'Alwis, C. A. Lorenz, George Wall, J. H. Eaton and others—men of high integrity, to whom honour and dignity mattered more than love of princely salaries. The provocation for the struggle was thus:

A Select Committee of the House of Commons reported its concern at the disparity of contributions towards military expenditure. While Holland and Spain exacted the total expenditure from their colonies, England obtained only £74,358 from Ceylon (England herself contributing £115,685). Ceylon, on the other hand, was spending large sums of money on railways and other public works. Why should not Ceylon be directed to send its surplus revenue.

and destruction in mind. are sure that the majority of our people are intelligent enough to realise the value of what has been done and what more can be done in the next Parliament where prompt methods of action are possible. Lanka's future lies in the hands of the public. The choice is between the United National Party, which will bring Ordered Progress, and the Sama Samajists who will make this beloved island one vast Mad-House.

# " " Caliph "

to the British Treasury? The Select Committee's suggestion was accepted.

The bone of contention was the control of the purse. The Select Committee's recommendation deprived the Legislative Council of this privilege. Besides the demand on military expenditure was growing higher while the number of troops stationed in Ceylon grew less.

less.
When Major-Gen. Terence When Major-Gen. Terence O'Brien, the Officer Administering the Government, opened the 1864 sessions of the Legislative Council. he conveniently omitted all reference to this sore issue—the question of military expenditure was not even touched.

This set the hive busy. George Wall, James D'Alwis, Charles Ambrose Lorenz pricked to action, conferred and condemned this attitude vehemently.

THEIR chance came when the Reply to the Address was brought before the Council. The Select Committee which drafted the Reply was composed of: The Government Agent, W.P. (Mr. C. P. Layard), the Surveyor-General, Mr. Capper (Editor of the "Times of Ceylon") and Mr. James D'Alwis. D'Alwis.

In a two-hour speech, Mr. George Wall moved the omission of the last paragraph of the Reply which was given

"In conclusion, the Council congratulates your honour upon the flourishing condition of the finances of this island, and trust that the surplus revenue may be spent on useful and reproductive works, fully confident that a liberal expenditure of public money, judiciously laid out, is

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# "Come, then, let us to the TASK..."

Says C. A. Dharmapala

I BEGAN this short article with a phrase from Churchill because I believe these words can be applied to the situation in Ceylon.

We have a job of work to do—a

great and a tough job. We have passed the stage of idle speculations and academic armchair thinking. We must get down to the tasks before the country, tasks that the new Constitution and the Dominion Government to follow have set us.

Government to follow have set us.

There is no Party in Ceylon that can undertake the heavy responsibilities of the first Government by Parliament other than the U.N.P.

Whatever a man's views may be or nis political creed, this fact must be accepted. A Government that can boast of only a handful of "brains" cannot provide competent men to man a Cabinet of about ten Ministers and Deputy Ministers, however brilliant that handful may be. If, despite this, such a Party obtains power then we shall have



Major C A Dharmapala

a bureaucratic Dictatorship. There will be a few men who will decide—and even among those few there will never be unanimity—and the rest will be like so many sheep. That will never do. We want a government fully representative of the people of Lanka, and the only way in which we can obtain a Government of the people is to have a free and democratic General Election. Such an election is almost on us now. In a few weeks the country will go to the Polls.

Let every single man and means

Let every single man and woman in whom a patriotic heart still beats, vote for the candidates of the United National Party.

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the most economical, as it is the surest means of developing the resources of this country."

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Instead he moved the addition of three paragraphs to the Reply. The first read:—
"That considering the important measures taken by the Council at the last session, and the deep interest and anxious concern felt by all the members in regard to the question of the military expenditure, they feel slighted by the entire silence of the Government upon that subject in the Address."

Address."

The Burgher Member, Mr. Richard Morgan; Queen's Advocate (Attorney-General) pointed out that it was not proper to refer to any point not contained in the Address. The President thereupon ruled the motion out of order.

order.
But Mr. James D'Alwis jumped up.
"This is irregular," he said, "the
motion before the house is the original
which referred to the omission of the
paragraph. The original motion stands
and should be voted on."
The opposition submitted. The voting
was a near defeat for the Government.
It went thus:

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AYES; J. H. Eaton, James D'Alwis,
George Wall, Capper and C.
A. Lorenz

NOES: Richard Morgan, SurveyorGeneral, Government Agent,
Treasurer, Thompson and the
Colonial Secretary (the President)

The unefficiel rembers did not be secretary.

Treasurer, Thompson and the Colonial Secretary (the President)

The unofficial members did not expect Thompson to "rat." His vote might have made all the difference. But he deserted James D'Alwis, Lorenz and Wall. In fact the next day Lorenz caricatured Thompson (in his "Christmas Debates") with a rat in his hand!

WALL and Lorenz pressed on James D'Alwis to move the insertion of the following paragraph:

"That the Council, acknowledging with thankfulness, the prosperity of the Island, consider it attributable entirely to the high values in the staple articles of its produce have for several years maintained in the markets of the world, and to private effort, and not to any encouragement of industrial enterprise by Government."

Mr. Capper seconded. But the voting went the same way as before. But they were undaunted.

"Go on, Wall." urged Lorenz, "with your third, and we shall see what we can do." Wall moved the motion in a tired and dejected voice. James D'Alwis seconded. It read:

"That this Council desires to record their dissatisfaction and discontent that revenues have been exacted for several years, so far beyond the requirements of the public service, and so much larger than could be devoted to public purposes; and they further complain that whilst the revenues have been so abundant, the efficiency of nearly every Public Department.

has been seriously impaired by the parsimonious policy of Governmend."
All eyes were on Thompson. Will he come over? This was their last chance to exert their feelings. James D'Alwis gave a brilliant speech and time and oft directed his attention to Thompson whose nods gave a ray of hope that he was convinced by the "unofficial" case.

The spark that set him alight was the speech of the Government Agent in which he referred to "two small irrigation works had been recently carried

in which he referred to "two small irrigation works had been recently carried away, which was attributable partly to the action of the weather and partly to the want of engineering ability in the Public Works Department." And Thompson's son was in the Public Works Department!

The motion was voted on. Excitedly the unofficial members watched the result:

AYES: Eaton, D'Alwis,
Wall, Lorenz, Thompson
NOES: Surveyor-General,
Agent, W.P., Treasurer,
Morgan, Colonial Secretary

Morgan, Colonial Secretary . . . 5
The Government was defeated!
"Hurrah" cried out James D'Alwis in
ecstasy when the result was announced.
Richard Morgan was heard to say that
if he had known that Thompson would
fail them, he would have spoken
against time, adjourned the debate and
telegraphed the Agent, Central Province
to bring down his vote.

But there was every evidence that the
officials anticipated what was coming.
When James D'Alwis' motion was being
debated on, a message had already been
sent to the Governor. Digby in his
"Life of Richard Morgan" (1879) (Vol.
I. pp. 265—266) describes the consterna-

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I. pp. 265—266) describes the consternation:—

"When this motion was made, Council had been sitting about four hours, and a message was sent to the Lieut.-Governor, apprising him of the serious position of affairs. As a rule the reply to the address is passed within fifteen minutes, and the Governor stays at Queen's House, with his carriage and guard at the door, ready to proceed to the Council Chamber and express his acknowledgments for the manner in which his remarks have been received.

"For four hours had the poor general sat in full costume, with his orders on his breast, but no messenger came from the Council room. When at last a letter was brought to him it was not a summons; it contained bad tidings, for it expressed the fear that though two amendments had been defeated, the third would be adopted. The sequel proved the anticipation to be correct."

BUT the British Government laid the "Big Stick." The Secretary of State would not allow the resolution. Their sense of honour pricked, the six heroes, J. H. Eaton, James D'Alwis, C. A. Lorenz, George Wall, John Capper and W. Thompson resigned from the Council, "rather (Continued on page 2)

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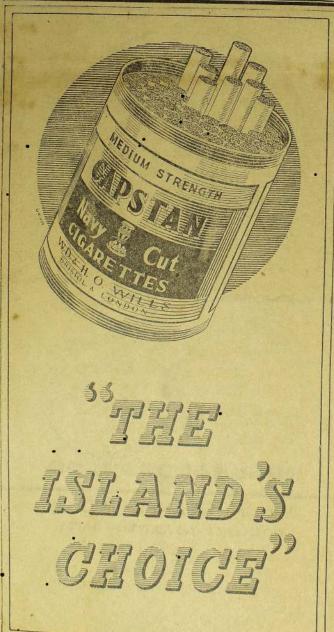
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THE week under review is one of those nightmare periods which a sports critic has, once in a while, to face. It is then that he longs for some measure of omnipresence which will enable him to be in more than one place at the same time and thus get the background at first hand for the sports picture which he has to pre-

There was such a full house in sport at home and abroad last week that, in the midst of my other work, I found it impossible to keep track of things as carefully as I would have wished.

The sports headlines at home were furnished by the Government Service Athletics Meet, which is the first of a series of meets, which will serve as preparation for Olympic aspirants. With most of the competitors in fine racing trim and the clerk of the weather on his best behaviour, the meet lived up to its promise of providing some new time records. DR. H. M. P. PERERA was easily the star turn, clipping off 9/10 of a second from the 440 yards time record and twice setting up new records for the 220 yards.

The three mile record also went by the board when RATNAYAKE of the Prisons bettered MATHEWS' time for the distance by as much as 24.1 secs.

Another achievement of note was UPALI GOONERATNE'S 12th successive victory in the 100 yards—a feat which will probably remain unique in the annals of Ceylon athletics.

WE are now on the eve of the resumption of racing in Cey-lon after six weary years of enforced idleness. There was such a bustle of activity last Saturday morning on the tracks that one almost thought that a race meet was in progress.

As expected the entries for the July Meet have been very encouraging and all events have filled up well. The recurring entry in races for horses and arabs in the top class cannot be avoided in view of the fact that, at the moment these two classes are limited to a round dozen or so each. Thus we find stayers being entered in sprints and vice versa, all for the sake of that very important run in public before the big meet in August comes round.

England, the peak was reached last week in the world of summer sport. First, there was Wimbledon where America went nap and collected all five titles. The all-too brief commentaries put over by the B.B.C. made it quite clear that in JACK KRAMER a new champion has emerged fully up to the standard, if not even better than giants of the past such as VINES, BUDGE, PERRY and company. In sweeping TOM BROWN off his feet in the final in 45 minutes, KRAMER set the seal of class on his play. He also secured the distinction of being the only player, this year, to win two titles at Wimbledon, when the Men's Doubles championship came his way in partnership with FALKENBURG. I do hope that the lure of professional tennis will not entice him away from the ranks of amateurs for some time to come.

As in the Men's Singles, America

As in the Men's Singles, America dominated the Women's events but not even the champion MARGARET OS-BORNE could be said to be of the calibre of PAULINE BETZ, last year's winner, who has now turned professional

The Indians did not go far in the tournament but were not disgraced. They will be all the better for their experience. It is time, I think, that Ceylon, too, should be represented at Wimbledon. With Dominion Status in the offing next year, the C.L.T.A. might do well to sponsor a team to the championship next summer.

THE British Open Golf Championship contrary to expectations, stayed at home through the medium of the Trishman DALY. Before the championship began, it looked as if JOHNNY BULLA, VIC GHEZZI or FRANK STRANAHAN might keep up America's "corner" in golf, but DALY played grand golf throughout to win the title. Stranahan made a fine fight of it in last round and might have tied with the winner if he had holed a niblick shot to the last green. COTTON and VON NIDA were among the leaders early on, but blew up in the later stages. Well as Daly did play, he was probably lucky that American topnotchers like SAM SNEAD and HOGAN had decided to give the British open a miss.

THE Royal Regatta at Henley, too, was not quite the easy money for the foreign challengers as it appeared to be on paper. The Diamond Sculls did go to America through last year's runner-up JACK KELLY, but the Grand Challenge cup saw a Cambridge team in Jesus College row magnificently to beat in turn the famous Leander crew and a Dutch eight in the final.

THE only other event of note in foreign sport was the failure of the Derby winner PEARL DIVER to finish among the first six in the French Grand Prix over 1 mile 7 furlongs. His Epsom victory must have taken more out of him than the ease with which he won indicated. At all events, the bookmakers are taking no chances with him for the St. Leger, for which he is still favourite at 7 to 2.

The Princess of Wales Stakes at Newmarket last week saw yet another French triumph when M. Bousac's NIRGOL, now at his best, beat two other Frenchmen, to live up to the form that made him the best of his age as a 2-year-old in 1946.

RAIN contrived to rob the 3rd Test at Old Trafford of a decisive result. After South Africa had tied themselves into all sorts of knots, in scoring 339 runs in some eight hours. England started badly by losing Hutton and Washbrook very cheaply, but the Middlesex stalwarts, Edrich and Compton, came once again to her rescue. These two grand all-rounders have never been in better form than they now are. Both used their feet exceptionally well and there is seldom a dull moment when they are at the crease.

A lead of 139 runs on the first imings might have helped England to another Test victory but rain more than halved the hours of play on the third day and time thus came to South Africa's aid.

In the Battle of the Blues at Lord's, Cambridge faced with almost certain defeat when they had to make 256 runs in their follow-on staged a great recovery and rattled up over 300 runs for the loss of only five wickets in their second innings. Oxford's total of over 450 underlined the wealth of batting talent available at the Parks, including the New Zealand Test player MARTIN DONNELLY, who is probably the best left-hand batsman in the world today.

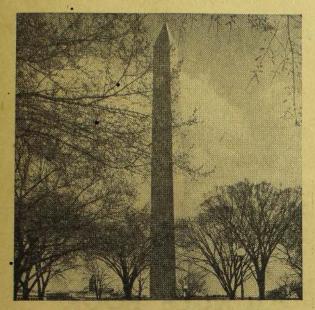
Tenner's men on the other hand can take heart from the fact that although a Donnelly may not be amongst them they do have a team of triers.

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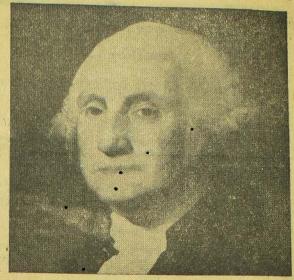
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