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ON THE TIMES

By

Albert E. Illukkumbure

IF the birth of pangs of freedom presage such violent upheavals as strikes, continued unrest, fear from molestation and danger to life and limb, what will be the condition of Ceylon when actual freedom has been acquired? The country today appears to be in the crucible of disintegration. A cardinal feature of the Four Freedoms is the freedom from fear. It is this feature that is being transgressed with unresisted impunity.

We have witnessed with chagrin the continued development of disrespect for the law. The beginnings at first, like all movements good and bad, have been in a small scale but fanned by unscrupulous propaganda the proportions have risen to such alarming heights that long and arduous effort alone can redeem the country from certain misery.

People whose education and culture warrant greater service to the country have stooped ignobly to rouse the lower instincts of man with the result that nobody is safe from fear of being molested.

The Bhikkhu who was an object of veneration and regard has thought it fit to rent asunder the holy precepts and woo politics as a remunerative profession. The man in the street who was a law abiding, satisfied citizen is today foaming and fretting for some elusive power. He has been indoctrinated with new-fangled theories, bestial in their concept, and mass uneasiness has been conjured up. An illuminating example of mass insanity was witnessed during the recent strikes when the majority of the strikers were unaware for what they struck and had no tangible explanation to offer for downing tools. Ignorant masses have been roused for personal

MR. RAZIK has given a new meaning to the fez. He has made every Moor proud of his fez. It was his father, the late Hon. Mr. W. M. Abdul Rahiman, M.L.C. (who himself never doffed his fez) who advised Mr. Razik: "Honour the fez, always."

Ever obedient, Mr. Razik has stuck to his fez. In Council or in any social gathering Mr. Razik's fez may be the only one among turbans, top-hats or bare heads.

Ever since the "Fez Incident" when the late Mr. M. C. Abdul Cader maintained the right of Ceylon Moors to wear the fez in Court, there has been no Moor who fought so much for the honour of the fez as Mr. Razik.

His policy of maintaining solidarity among the Moors has been twisted by mischief-makers. His "Moor policy" (as the latter called it) was merely to unite the Ceylon Moors under one banner. The establishment of the Moors' Islamic Cultural Home was one step in this direction. "Honour the fez" was his watchword.

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PARTICULARLY galling to these critics was his move to unite the Ceylon Moors in alliance with the Sinhalese. They frowned when Mr. Razik in the State Council debate on the Soulbury Report (November 10, 1945) expressed this sentiment of the community. To the Tamils he said: "If the Tamils had stood by the Sinhalese community as I and other members of my community have done this would have been a happy day." To the Sinhalese he said: "I have faith in you."

On behalf of the Indian Muslims, who disapprove of Mr. Razik's "Moor policy" and his alliance with the Sinhalese, he pleaded in the Council: "Give at least one seat for the Indian Muslims."



P. B. Bulankulume Dissawe
(Anuradhapura)

gains of designing politicians!

The love for the accepted leaders of the country that all patriotic nationalists should have, has been wrested from them to serve the personal ends of a galaxy of self-appointed leaders. They have been roused to shedding every vestige of nationalism to feed the moloch of greed and personal ambitions of the instigators.

The recent strike was in certain aspects a blessing in disguise. It showed for once that transgression of law and order does not always pay. It clearly showed those erring leaders that the law of the jungle was no law at all. The action taken by the authorities was judicious and commendable. It showed that all weapons in the armoury of the law-breaker could be countered with more potent weapons if the authorities decided to offer combat. If democracy must function smoothly in Ceylon the authorities must adopt stringent measures against the hooligan and the law-breaker, otherwise freedom will indubitably be a mockery and a farce.

By

M. M. Thawfeeq

The Ceylon Moors backed him to the hilt when he brought the Ceylon Moors' Association into the fold of the United



Mr. A. R. A. Razik

He sticks to his fez.

National Party. "That man's a genius" a prominent Moor trader was heard to say, "he makes the right decisions at the right moment."

THE Ceylon Moors will not forget the work of Mr. Razik for the cause of education and the upliftment of the community. Mr. Razik once told me that the community cannot progress without education. Through his efforts a number of Muslim schools have been opened all over the Island.

His crowning achievement was his opening of the Muslim Ladies' College, for the benefit of Muslim girls.

"I'll give our Muslim youths educated wives," he announced another time when the school re-opened after being requisitioned by the military during the war.

A private concern had offered a monthly rental of Rs. 1,000 for the fine block of buildings behind Mr. Razik's house, to run a private hospital and nursing home. But Mr. Razik declined the tempting offer and donated the buildings to the Muslim Ladies' College.

This was quite in keeping with the tradition of his family—his father was one of the founders of Zahira College.

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MR. RAZIK is debonaire and cuts a graceful figure at functions. Local cartoonists always portray him with a scorpion orchid on his lapel—he grows them in his garden. He is a prominent member of the Orchid Circle, Poultry Club and the Kennel Club (numerous trophies from the shows of both the latter clubs adorn his almirahs).

When he celebrated his silver wedding in 1938, I believe, the Governor, marvelled at Mr. Razik's youthfulness and agility in a witty speech.

He is a keen sportsman and it was to his untiring efforts that the Moors Sports Club owes its possession of a fine ground, and today he is at the head of affairs of the Young Moors and the Moors Islamic Cultural Home.

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DEMOCRACY IN PERIL

By "Democrat"

NEVER in the history of Ceylon has the Island been subjected to such rabid fanaticism as in the recent past. The origin of such outbursts is not far to seek. It is time that those in authority investigated the root causes and eradicated the pernicious growth, if the people of the Island are to live in future in peace and security.

There is undoubtedly someone behind the scene setting up a section of the people of the land with some ulterior point in view. This is patently evident. The victims of these people are illiterate labourers, mercantile employees and even some who are in the service of the Government!

No Government of any country in the world is perfect in the eyes of all the people of the land. Individual lapses may occur and these should not be reckoned as contributing to the failure of a Government in toto. Nor should a citizen of a country, who loves peace and order be a mere spectator; he too should contribute his quota to maintain law and order in the land he lives in.

The labourers are set up by Leftist leaders eternally to go on strike with no other object but to embarrass the employers. Considering that no loyal citizen is unwilling to give a fair or living wage to a labourer and that machinery has long been set up in the Island to see that justice is done to him, it is for the State to see that the labourers and men in Government service do not become the tools of such scheming politicians.

We hear of Trade Union Rights for public servants being discussed in certain quarters. Ask those who talk so glibly about it the object of introducing this into the Island. They have no idea of their own! Some of the Leftists have put the idea into the heads of the clerks; some of them again want to reject the introduction of Whitley Councils into Ceylon simply because they were instigated by the Leftists to boycott Whitleyism!

Citizens of the Island, awake and face facts and do not become puppets in the hands of the so-called Leftists!

Who are the Leftists? The Leftists are composed of men who want to secure power for themselves in this country by creating chaos. Their business is to pick holes in the machinery of the Government. They want followers. They promise all kinds of jobs, big pay, etc., to these. The ultimate aim is to successfully wreck the Government by resorting to revolution!

Are you aware of how a revolution is brought about? Seeds of hatred are strewn against those who wield authority. Employees are asked to go against the employers, young men against the elders, parents, schoolmasters and priests. Meetings are held to inculcate the creed of hatred. Schemes to wreck trains and buses and cause loss of life are planned so that finally the administration is obliged to close down.

I MET recently a party belonging to the so-called Leftists, and questioned them what action their party would have taken against the opponents if the latter had acted as the Leftists had done recently. The prompt reply was, "We would have shot them dead!"

Democrats cannot act as the Leftists do. Democracy gives every man a fair chance to have his say; complaints are listened to. Freedom of speech is granted. It also attends to the needs of the people. The rich man pays a substantial amount to maintain good Government and—there is freedom of religion.

It is well now to consider impartially the work done by our Ministers for the last eleven years. In the field of agriculture much has been done. Thousands of acres have been opened up for food products and cattle farming, old tanks have been renovated and put into use. Ceylon is fast becoming a potential industrial country too. All avenues in regard to industries and agriculture are being explored. New roads have been constructed, bridges have been built, new Post and Telegraph Offices have been opened and Ceylon is now placed on the air map of the world.

In medical and educational needs much has been effected to ameliorate the unsatisfactory conditions that used to exist in times past. The Ministers in Ceylon, as the British Colonial authorities observed, have done much to improve the potentialities of the Island and ameliorate the conditions under which the labouring class live. And it is no wonder that Dominion Status is to be granted to the Island.

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WHAT do the Leftists want?

The Leftists want Ceylon as an open field for all kinds of revolutionaries to come here and prepare the ground for their domination. Ceylon was the home of the peace-loving Sinhalese, Tamils, Moors, Burghers, Malays for hundreds of years, they have lived amicably all these years. The Leftists want the Island unprotected. They do not want the British Government to guard Trincomalee and other forts and bases. In short, they want Ceylon an open field so that the people who back them up financially or otherwise may enter the Island and later make inroads into India.

Do you want murders committed? Your homes ravaged, your religion effaced and independence lost? Assuredly not. Do you want a foreign Power to come here and dominate the Island? The Leftists are out to do such disruptive work, and citizens must be well prepared to oppose such destructive forces aiming at their life and property.

It is not only to counteract the pernicious work of the Leftists that the United National Party is in existence today. It is composed of experienced men in the field of State-craft. It is national in its aim and serves the inhabitants of the land as a united representative body. The U.N.P. serves no race in particular as it is democratic in composition and outlook. The U.N.P.

has no Dictator as it acts as a body, by mutual consent.

If the people of the land want to oppose destructive forces who are planning to ravage the country, they would do well to join the United National Party, a living force against unruly elements. All citizens of the Island would therefore serve the country best by rallying round the U.N.P. and fight the foes of disruption in order to maintain at all times peace and harmony among all races and religions of the Island.

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OF MEN & THINGS

By "Caliph"

AS a postscript to the article "The First Fight for Reforms" published in this journal last week, may be mentioned the efforts Sir Richard Morgan, the Burgher member, made to fill the seats vacated by the "Six Heroes of 1864"

James D'Alwis, J. H. Eaton, C. A. Lorenz, John Capper, George Wall and William Thompson. James D'Alwis says in his Memoirs that Morgan "now struggled hard, under the cloak of duty, to defeat the good intentions of the unofficials, and therefore to destroy the usefulness, little as it was, of the unofficial element."

Public opinion was with James D'Alwis and others and Morgan had difficulty in choosing the men. For the Tamils, Sir Muttu Coomaraswamy who was in England, was chosen. For the Burghers (to replace Lorenz) much coaxing was needed before Mr. James Martensz fell to Morgan's persuasions.

Mr. H. (later Sir Harry) Dias, who was in England, supported the unofficials, and refused to be the Sinhalese member. An unknown lawyer, Mr. Dehigama, was chosen. He was a silent member in Council and merely said "yes" or "no" according to Morgan's directions.

It was not, however, difficult to choose the European member, as the English ladies, out to cut a dash at Queen's House parties, persuaded their husbands to accept the "M.L.C." title when offered.

Eleven years later Jas. D'Alwis changed his mind under exceptional circumstances. Let him explain:

"The change of ministries in England appears to have made no difference in the Colonial policy of the Imperial authorities, who despite Mr. Wall's strenuous efforts, and aided as he was by a very able man of influence, Sir E. Watkins, refused all concessions.

"The despatch of the Duke of Buckingham shewed the cause of the League to be hopeless. It then only became a question whether it was better for the unofficials to hold aloof altogether, or by again entering Council, to help the good work of legislation for the public. It was with this view, when on the retirement of Dehigama from the native seat in Council, I accepted the vacancy and was, accordingly sworn in on September 9, 1875.

"The Governor"

★ WHEN His Excellency the Governor returned after his recent holiday in England, he graciously shook hands with everyone (nearly 200 guests) at the jetty who had assembled to welcome him.

One of them, a City Councillor, has been talking his friends to death at the club about "how I shook hands with the Governor." In exasperation they have nicknamed him "Governor" and he prides himself when this nom-de-plume is applied to him.

There was a Mr. X. in the latter part of the last century who was also called "Governor"—but it was through an accident. Major-General Terence O'Brien, Officer Commanding the Troops, who sometimes acted for the Governor arrived in Jaffna in 1861.

A temporary wooden jetty was erected over the Jaffna lagoon close to the Western entrance to the Port. All the high officials of the land assembled on it to receive the General.

When he landed from the steamer "Pearl" he shook hands with whom he thought was the Government Agent.

In fact it happened to be junior clerk in Government service! There was consternation on the face of the G.A., but the incident was diplomatically laughed off.

Ceylon in Backstage

★ IN the mighty drama of the world war, Ceylon played a notable part in stemming the tide of Japanese aggression. Was the air battle of Ceylon and the publicity given to it mere ballyhoo to pep up Allied morale at a depressed stage of the war? At least the Americans think so.

INDIA MAY STILL UNITE

By

(Our Special Correspondent
In Calcutta)



Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
"Rebel" becomes a Statesman

THERE can be no retreat from the fact that no one in India today—and I am referring to men of goodwill—is happy over the partitioning of the country with all the grave dangers inherent in such action. Not the least of these is the peril of fragmentation, further fission and Balkanization, ever-present threats which are taking form in the division of Bengal and the Punjab, the declarations of independence, arbitrarily, by Hyderabad and Travancore, with Bhopal likely to follow suit and the probability of the North-West Frontier becoming a fully independent State of Pathanistan (Land of the Pathans).

Perhaps the breaking up of India into Hindustan and Pakistan was, under the circumstances, the best solution that British and Indian statesmanship could conceive at the time and force of events has compelled reluctant acquiescence on the part of the Congress and the Muslim League. Both dislike it. The Congress has had to accept what was most repugnant to it, a divided India, while the League is forced to be content with a truncated Pakistan from which the non-Muslim areas of Bengal (which include Calcutta) and the Punjab and even the predominantly Muslim North-West Frontier Province, will be excluded.

Pakistani shouts of joy and triumph at the "famous victory" they thought they scored have died down; they realise, under sober and chastened after-reflection, that the Mountbatten Award gives them far less than Mr. Gandhi offered the League years ago through Mr. Jinnah, the only condition the Mahatma stipulated being that Pakistan should remain in the Union of India.

The die, however, has been cast. If the agreement to partition the country had been the result of mutual goodwill and understanding between the major parties, there might have been hope for harmonious working and the establishment of mutual confidence, leading ultimately to burying of the hatchet and the emergence of a United India.

But, unhappily, it was in an atmosphere of barbarous killings, lootings, wholesale arson and other atrocities that both sides signed on the dotted line.

The League is bound to cast sorrowful and covetous glances at those parts of Bengal and the Punjab that will be separated and included in Hindustan. If Assam also decides to join Hindustan,

For in the omnibus publication "History of World War II" (Armed Services Memorial Edition) published recently by the Universal Book and Bible House, Philadelphia, with war photographs, official records and maps, the only reference to Ceylon is in a paragraph on the Andamans:

"Possession of the Andamans would provide a base from which to strike towards Ceylon and raid Allied shipping. It might also serve to cover an amphibious attack on the shores of India."

So Ceylon is pushed to the backstage, and the "Battle of Ceylon" is off the record!

as seems very likely, this will add to the League's bitterness.

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UNDER the latest plan, bisected Pakistan—one portion in the extreme north-west and the other in the extreme north-east—would count 59,000,000 inhabitants and solid Hindustan some 200,000,000 to whom might be added a further 80,000,000 from the friendly Princely States. Mr. Jinnah has asked for a corridor, roughly some 800 miles of Hindustan territory, to link up the 23,000,000 Muslims in the north-west half of Pakistan with the 36,000,000 in its south-eastern half. The answer—the British answer at any rate—is that there is no such corridor in the Attlee-Mountbatten Plan which the League has accepted without reservations. Hindustan, however, if her statesmen are wise,

should give Pakistan every facility, short perhaps of the corridor asked for, to connect the two sections of the new Muslim State.

Nothing will go further towards resolving and liquidating accumulated hatreds and tensions than a practical gesture of friendship and generosity of this sort, especially if closer collaboration and ultimate unity are to be achieved.

A common Government at the Centre, by experience and mutual consent, can still be realised at some future date if statesmen of the Indian Union are blessed with the virtue of refraining from adding bitterness to Pakistan's understandable disappointment.

This should not be so difficult for Hindustan enjoys many outstanding advantages. Her territories include most of India's industries, the bulk of her agriculture, key points in her communications and transportation systems and most of her great cities—Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Delhi, to name just a few.

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IT is pertinent to ask here who is to blame for the partition of India? Future historians will, I believe, lay the blame on all the parties concerned—the British Government, the Congress and the League are all more or less responsible. Lord Mountbatten ascribed the failure of the Cabinet Mission's scheme to intensified communal tension and the ensuing riots which, he said, killed the plan. That is not correct.

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A BRAVE NEW LANKA

By
A. R. Abdul Razik

"LET us now Sinhalese, Tamils and Moors march together towards the early securing of Dominion Status so as to enable Mother Lanka to be a proud member of the British Commonwealth of Nations." When in the course of my Reforms Speech I expressed this sentiment, it was only a prayer. If then anyone had told me that in less than a year and a half, Lanka would attain Dominion Status, I would have looked upon him as a visionary.

Freedom was never won so easily or so quick. We have seen our great neighbour India struggling for years for her freedom and her greatest sons offering up their lives for their country's cause. We have read of the blood that has been shed by the Indonesians and the Indo-Chinese for the right to govern themselves. Were we any-the-less freedom-loving, because we did not undergo the travail that was India's? The answer is "No" for, though in our love for peace we eschewed violence, our clamour for freedom was none the less insistent because it was constitutional. If today we attain Dominion Status, we show the world that freedom is possible without violence.



HOWEVER, it is not enough to win freedom. We must retain it. We of many races and religions must think as Ceylonese. We must resist those who preach violence and the break-up of our cherished institutions. We cannot let the government of our country fall into the hands of those who will rob us of our individual freedom, those who will look upon religion as a "dope!" Totalitarianism is not for us.

Who shall guide Lanka to greater glory depends on who you choose to represent you. What the new Lanka shall be is in your hands. Will you have political adventurers frittering

away your freedom or will you stand by those who won for Lanka an honoured place in the Commonwealth of Nations?

To my fellow Muslims I say let us remember that in Islam "Patriotism is a part of the Faith." Let us be patriots one and all. Islam stands for peace and we can have no truck with those who believe in bloody revolutions and the overthrow of Law and Order. The good of our country demands that we have a stable government with men of honour and responsibility at the head; men who have proved that they are guided in their actions by the will of the people.



Mr. D. S. Senanayake

Lanka is in debt to those leaders of the past who fought for freedom, but its debt is greatest to our Leader of today whose dogged will to freedom made possible the unity with which we claimed to govern ourselves, and whose statesmanship has won us so soon a means of freedom which we could not have hoped for under any other leadership.

He must lead us again in the Parliament, and the Party in which he is the head can be trusted to keep the flag of the Brave New Lanka ever flying.

OF MEN & THINGS

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Crosswords

★ **READERS** have written to me asking why this journal does not carry crossword puzzles. "Your paper is very popular," they say, "but after reading through serious stuff we would prefer to amuse ourselves with crosswords to beguile a tedious railway journey. Before we entrain home we always buy a copy of the 'U.N.P.'"

But paper restrictions are responsible for the absence of crosswords in many other papers, too. I admit their immense popularity—ever since they were started twenty years ago.

The crossword puzzle was first an obscure feature in an American Sunday newspaper. A New York publisher grasped that it should be popular, and published a series in the first Crossword Puzzle book. That started the vogue—and there was hardly a journal without a crossword feature.

Starting first as an acrostic it developed into crosswords and its variations—skeleton and cryptic. The "Glasgow Herald" recently published its 1,000th crossword puzzle.

First Sinhalese Christian?

★ **SOMEONE** who thinks I am a know-all, has thrust me the above question. I shall enter into no argument over such a delicate matter. But I shall let a Portuguese chronicler, Queyroz's "Conquest of Ceylon" speak for me. It claims that title for a man who lived in the 17th century.

The Prince of Uva loved a woman of that kingdom, who was his first cousin and reputed to be the Cleopatra of Uva. But she faithfully flirted with the son of a neighbouring headman who

was in the Prince's service. When he heard this the King sent him with an ola to a Mudaliyar: the ola epistle contained secret instructions to kill the headman's son. But the latter, sensing foul-play, fled.

Taking out a small crucified Christ (though without the cross) he ran to the river and calling the Mudaliyar, he plunged into the river saying to the Christ (which he held in his hand): "Baptize me, since you died for me."

Saying these words he poured some water on himself with the hand in which he held the Christ, begging Christ to pardon him. "He was the first Chingala (Sinhalese) to believe in the law of Christ," says the chronicle.

Give Them Drinks

★ **ONE** blessing the recent strikes brought forth was the closing of arrack taverns. Now that they are reopened drunkenness is evident again on the roads. Crime is mounting with drink, as the root of all evil.

When Sir William Gregory was Governor of Ceylon (1872-77) he took several measures to repress the drinking habit.

One of them was the gradual reduction of liquor shops throughout the country. He ordered a map to be placed in the Legislative Council on which red crosses indicated every tavern in the Island and coloured marks indicated those suppressed.

Once he said: "There is one subject on which I cannot be silent, and that is the extension of drunkenness throughout the Island. British rule has given to Ceylon many blessings....but we have at the same time extended a curse throughout the Island.

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Commentary

COVER-POINT

THE opening of the first post-war racing season in Ceylon put all other sport, at home and abroad, so much in the shade that I make no apology for devoting the better part of this review to discussing the highlights of Saturday's exchanges.

As was to be expected records went by the board in the matter of attendance, unprecedentedly big crowds pouring in through the turnstiles to witness the sport.

The course showed no signs of the torrential rain which fell mid-week and the track was well-nigh perfect, thanks in the main to the careful nursing it receives daily under the watchful eyes of Capt. Olney and Conrad Ephraums.

If the racecourse itself was looking at its best, the Totalizator arrangements left much to be desired. Far too few Pay-In and Pay-Out Windows were in operation with the result that a punter who queued up to collect his winnings, had little or no chance of backing his fancy in the next race for two reasons. First, it took well over ten minutes before the dividends in each race were declared and in that time the queues increased at the few pay-out windows, while there were similar queues at the pay-in windows, which could well have been opened earlier, as soon as the Jockeys' names and draw were put on the board. The absence of the Indicator Board was also keenly felt by punters, who dared not lose time watching where the money went best, they were shut out in the end. Racegoers for the most part were, therefore, backing "blind."

Another source of complaint was that the start in most of the races was delayed well past the advertised time. The starting, too, left room for improvement but in this case it must be admitted, in fairness to the starter, that all the runners were facing the tapes for the first time in Ceylon and were generally restive.

I have prefaced my comments on the racing itself with these observations not with a view to emphasising the defects of the organisation but in order to point out to the authorities where improvements can be effected.

As for the sport itself, the card catered in equal measure for thoroughbreds and Arabs.

The principal race of the afternoon, the Mordennis Stakes, sprint for Class I horses, provided as pretty a finish as one would wish to see. The winner turned up in the Australian mare Irish Gem, who came to Ceylon with a good reputation as a sprinter in the commonwealth. She owed her victory to excellent jockeyship by SAMARANAYAKE who seized a lucky opening on the rails to push the waler through and catch the younger Floracian on the post. This youngster is an English entire by His Highness out of Lovely Flora and has a very bright future ahead of him. Another "get" of His Highness in Mohan Tara finished a close third while Nandhi Mithra was running strongly at the finish. Irish Gem will now be trained for the Governor's Cup in which she will take a lot of beating.

The Hexham Plate for Class II horses was also won by a waler in Luzon, who just succeeded in holding off a spirited challenge by St. Just. Side Kick and Sri Lanka, who were none too well away

from the barrier, will bear watching in their later engagements.

The Orsova Plate, run in two Divisions, brought to light two very promising youngsters in Profile, a three-year-old mare by the famous Italian champion Donatello, and Peace Talk, an Australian mare, who made mincemeat of her rivals.

The chief race for Arabs, the Bushire Plate was reduced, by last minute withdrawals, to a match, as it were, between four ponies trained by young SELVARATNAM and one from EDIRISINGHE'S stable. Qamar Adnan had the market call but class told in the end and Gold Flake had the race in safe keeping, incidentally helping "Father" SPACKMAN to beat his son.

Young FRANKIE BLACK riding for the first time in Ceylon, was seen to advantage when making New Jack gallop to such good purpose as to make the Perim Stakes his own and relegate Mahub Khalid to second place.

Racing opened with Aban beating his stable-mate, and first favourite, Najih al Hawa, pretty comfortably, while the curtain dropped on the day's proceedings when Sahara responded well to Apprentice Jockey WIJESINGHE'S strong handling to beat Kabsum Bagdad below the Distance. Thus ended an excellent day's sport.

RUGGER fans in Colombo and the outstations had a full bill of fare last week. The C.H. and F.C did not have things quite their own way on Saturday when they met Dikoya on the Police ground.

The visitors actually led at half time and increased their lead after the interval but the Colombo Club rallied strongly and pulled the match out of the fire.

Kandy kept up their winning sequence when they made rings round Dimbulla while the K.V. travelled up to Badulla, where they scored a brilliant victory in their return match against the "merrie men" of Uva.

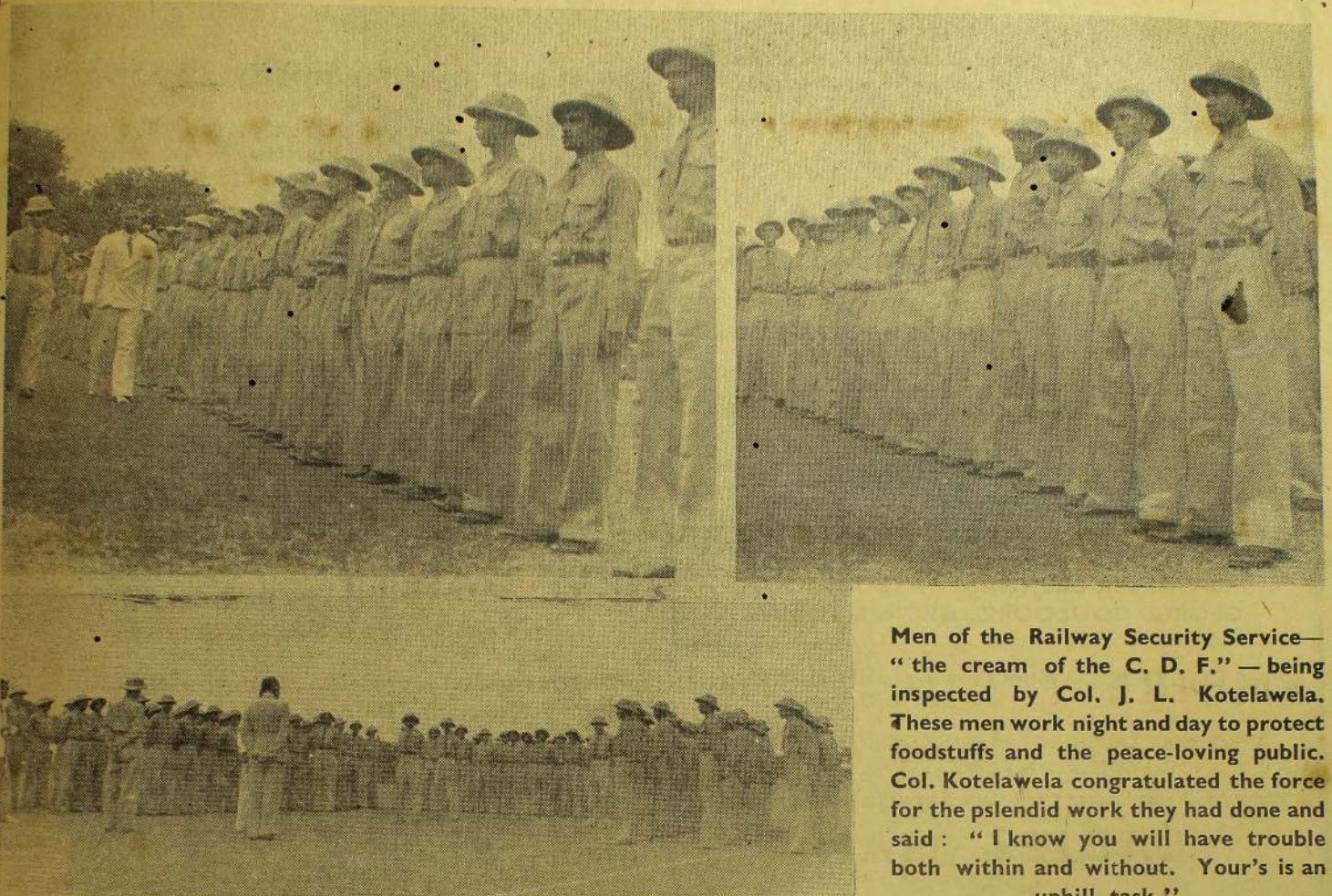
THOUGH England stands dormant in the Test series with South Africa as a result of her victory last week at Old Trafford, her cricket future is as black as it ever was. A striking commentary on the woeful weakness of English cricket at the moment is that on a bowler's wicket at Old Trafford there was not one bowler, who looked even remotely like running through the South African side. Men like Gladwyn, Hollies and Barnett may find themselves among the wickets in County matches but their success seems to be due more to the fact that most County teams are second rate at best than to any intrinsic bowling merit of their own.

The only exception is Bill Edrich, surely the greatest all-rounder in the game today. But Edrich can't always carry England on his broad shoulders.

In batting and bowling he has been the mainstay of England but he cannot go on for ever. In batting Compton is pulling his weight and so, in lesser degree, is the new England skipper, NORMAN YARDELEY. The rest of the England team, bar keeper EVANS and possibly DOUGLAS WRIGHT and WASHBROOK for his fielding, can do well for a re-shuffle. Considering that the Australians are due in England next summer, sweeping changes are indicated and men like Brookes, Robertson, Avery, Place and Walsh should be given an early trial.

County Cricket last week was generally spoilt by rain. Of interest to Ceylon is the fact that LADDIE OUTSCHOORN of Worcestershire again came into the news with an unbeaten 60 odd against Warwickshire.

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