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"Those who shout loudest are money-lenders, land-owners, professional men..."

The following is a part of the Budget speech of the Minister for Transport, Col. J. L. Kotelawala:—

WE have had some very stirring moments in this House when the leaders and followers of the different Opposition Groups made an attempt to use the floor of this Assembly as a platform for the propagation of their political faiths. There was a concerted movement at the beginning and one expected a frontal assault on the Government but the armies of our honourable friends across the floor suffered from a superfluity of generals and Field Marshals each more anxious to become the Generalissimo rather than to fulfil the function which had been assigned to him.

As I listened to the first debate in this House I rather sympathised with the unhappy position of the only woman member, the Member for Kiriella. I have been described on many occasions as the Gallant Colonel, and I assure you, Mr. Speaker, that I shall maintain the traditions of chivalry in which I have been bred and will say nothing to disparage the noble lady whose presence I welcome and whose courage I admire; but let me say that her position in Parliament appears to me to place her in a role similar to that of Little Snowwhite who found herself among the seven dwarfs. As you will remember, Mr. Speaker, Little Snowwhite walked in the garden one day and kicked over a mushroom under which she found seven dwarfs. In similar fashion the Member for Kiriella kicked over the toad-stool of politics and discovered seven dwarfs all eager to lead her on her adventures in this House. When she looks about her from her seat she sees the curious hotchpotch of the Opposition and finds herself in strange company; for her Party which proclaimed such uncompromising revolution during the recent elections and is led by the ever angry leader of the L.S.S.P., the Member for Ruwanwella has made an alliance with the estimable gentleman, the Member for Jaffna, who is always grumbling about the alleged discrimination against the members of the Tamil Community. Within reach of this gentleman is the Member for Maskeliya (Mr. Motha) who has suddenly awakened from a long sleep to the fact that the Indians in Ceylon needed his particular leadership. Although the members of the L.S.S.P. claimed to speak for the working classes the Member for Maskeliya is here to add his voice in the same cause, although I must confess I sometimes wonder whether the voice of Indian capital does not drown the voice of the workers whenever he rises to speak in the House.

Then there is the Member for Wellawatte-Galkissa who has spent a useful part of his life snooping around various factories of this country and now speaks from the same book on Marxism that the Minister for Agriculture once possessed. I pass on to the Third Member for Colombo Central, the ex-President of the Cambridge Union (I nearly said Soviet Union) who is fortunately gifted with a healthy sense of humour and who often winks with amusement whenever a humorous situation arises during

the discussions in this House. I pass on to her neighbour, the Member for Avissawella, whose identification with the dwarfs I leave you to guess; and finally, Mr. Speaker, I come to the bashful Member for Kurunegala, the leader of what remains of the Lanka Swathina Party, a King's Counsel who is pledged by his professional oath to defend George VI and all his heirs, so help him God!

Thus you will see, Sir, that Little Snow-white must naturally seem bewildered by the strange alliances her revolutionary leaders have made after their entry into Parliament.

I am glad that the so-called Marxists have found their way into this House because the country will now have an opportunity of finding out whether these revolutionaries are really Marxists or whether they are opportunists whose main purpose is obviously to gratify their boundless ambition. It is not some great revolution that they aim at, but the Ministerial Benches from which I speak. This is not a matter for great surprise because the philosophy of Marxism lays down that the real leaders of the workers can never spring from the middle class or the bourgeoisie. Who then are the gentlemen who now masquerade as Marxists in this House? Those who shout loudest from the Opposition benches are capitalists, professional men and land-owners whose incomes far exceed those of quite a number of my colleagues in the Government. From them, Mr. Speaker, the workers can only expect one thing; and that is that they will ride on the backs of the workers until they get power and establish a dictatorship more severe and more repressive than the Fascism of Hitler and Mussolini; more efficient in the denial of liberty and civic rights than any Capitalist Government in the world can bring about. I would say in passing that I would like to warn them that they are counting without their hosts, for the workers whom they profess to lead will give them their deserts in good time. Already we have heard of their retreat from Matale, where they went to abuse my honourable friend, the Independent Member for that constituency. Already the cry has gone up in Wellawatte-Galkissa that their "International" leader is far too international for the welfare of the people of this land. Already there are murmurs against the junta which is the L.S.S.P.; and the nationals of Ceylon are beginning to awaken to the new menace of the conspiracy in which the so-called Marxists of this country are engaged.

Let me assure you, Mr. Speaker, that as long as I am alive no power on earth will take away the freedom and liberty of my people and my country.

We on the Government benches have argued with and stormed at officialdom in Whitehall in order to obtain independence for our people, and we shall see that we are not made a convenience for any Imperialism, whether it be that of Western Democracies or of Communist Russia.



Hon. Mr. DUDLEY SENANAYAKE

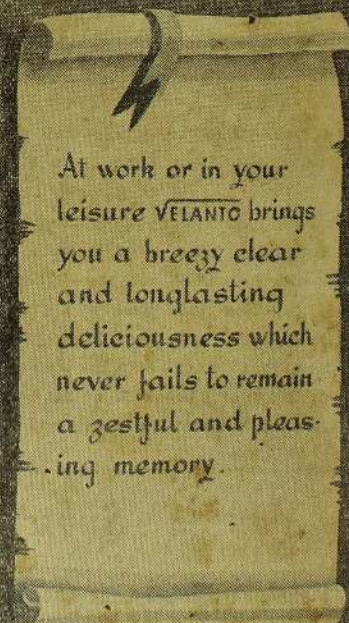
(The opposition was blown sky-high by the devastating attack of Mr. Dudley Senanayake)



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(The opposition leaders fear the moment when he will speak!)

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Communist Show-piece Fails to Impress

Audience Bored with Worn-out Cliches

THE juicy steak on offer at another Galle Face Leftist Rally held on the 3rd of December was Indian Communist Ajit Roy. Although widely advertised the meeting was not as well attended as similar meetings held in the past. The croaking at the meeting hit a new all time low. The themes were the old themes. The crowd was bored.

Even Roy failed to impress. Ramblingly he told a disinterested audience a miserable story of current tendencies in India. But Roy didn't go down with the crowd. The subject, for people in Ceylon, was an abstract subject. "Take your medicine elsewhere" seemed to be the reaction.

What interested me was the way in which the Reds are now trying to regain public confidence. Whipped in Parliament, their opposition manoeuvres having turned out to be nothing but damp squibs, they vainly try to put on shows outside to keep up the pretence of working for the country. But signs are not wanting that Ceylon is heartily fed up with the whole band of these pseudo-friends of the workers, and look on them as mere opportunists. These were the feelings that made the meetings apathetic towards Ajit Roy.

It may be predicted that very soon there will be such little sympathy for the Leftist cause, that unless someone of the calibre of Stalin or unless Stalin himself is imported into Ceylon, every-

one will soon forget that there even exists an L.S.S.P., a B.L.P.I. or a C.P.

SHORT SHRIEF FOR PUPPET

FIRMLY stifled by the Speaker was Leftist puppet Somaweera Chandrasiri when he attempted a spot of chanting in Parliament. The poor misguided man probably thought he was at some rural open air meeting where this horrible kind of thing is well received. Happily for all the Speaker ruled "No singing, please."

Comrade Somaweera must have wished to be back in jail where perhaps he was a popular crooner! N. M. Perera's effort on behalf of his unfortunate "brother" in trying to push the

Speaker into allowing the Member for Moratuwa to continue the chant, was praiseworthy. Such heartening solicitude for their "Yes-men" from Red leaders makes us feel quite tearful.

LION FLAG

IT is pleasing to note the spontaneity with which the people of Ceylon have accepted the Lion Flag of Lanka. No official pronouncement has yet been made on the subject but yet in hundreds of shops, boutiques and dwelling places, and even on cars and bicycles, the Lion Flag is proudly displayed. It seems pretty definite that the Lion Flag or a very close variation will in time to come be our national flag. How truly symptomatic of that Lion Race feeling!

"REX"

An Era of Independance

AN independent Ceylon with two equally independent Indian Dominions raises high hopes of great achievements through the cultivation of mutual goodwill and cordial relationship for the common good of ameliorating the condition of the masses of the respective countries by harnessing the resources of both to save them from extinction. India is a very big neighbour and a powerful factor in the scheme of things to come and Ceylon with her limited natural gifts can no longer shut her eyes to the marvellous potentialities which should be fully utilised and developed. Good neighbourly feeling should be fostered more and more and the advantage should be reaped.

Signs of distrust and ill-will cannot be removed overnight. Everything takes time and so is the case with the evolution of a newly-born nation. Now that India and Pakistan are distinct and have been separated from each other geographically, there is bound to be conflict and constant friction but that

is only a passing phase. Hitherto the people have not been accustomed to this new division. However, far-seeing politicians have predicted that the strained relationship now existing will soon disappear once outstanding problems are solved to satisfy both nations. India cannot afford to isolate Pakistan for the common danger threatens to destroy them both.

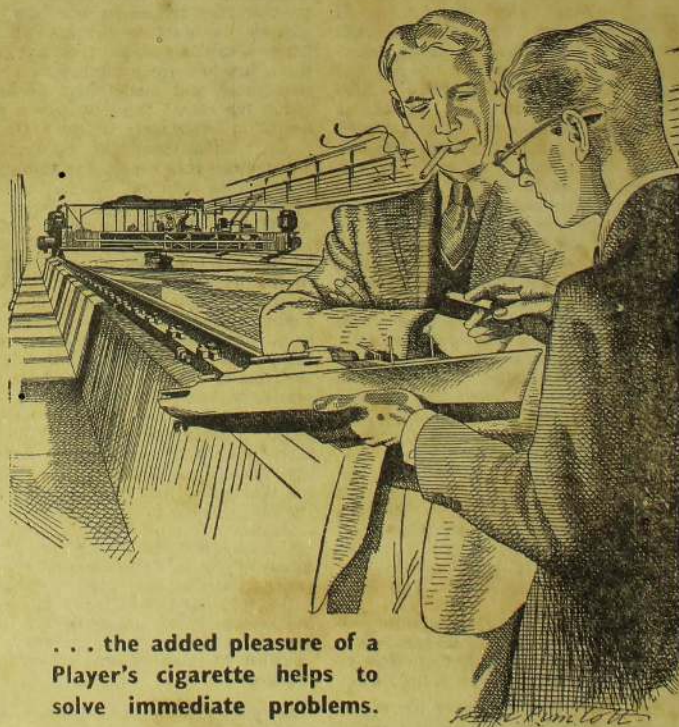
The achievement of Pakistan may have caused a divergency of opinion but it has now been accomplished. It is absolutely futile to indulge in invectives calculated to do more harm than good to both. It would be a colossal mistake for the two nations to become weak as a prey to the nations that grow in strength around them both. Happily, men at the helm of affairs in both do not lack wisdom and sagacity to understand their difficulty and their

needs to combine their efforts and bend their energies towards the realisation of

the material gain and intellectual equipment on the basis of spiritual awakening of the East in harmony and in peace for the glory and greatness of mankind.

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LEARN FROM THE GREAT TAMILS, MR. PONNAMBALAM

HOW the spirits of Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam and Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan, whose statues have been erected by a grateful people, must be grieving to find the so-called Tamil "leader", Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, deluging the Tamils into a communal feud with the Sinhalese. Their patriotic dreams of inter-communal harmony in an independent Lanka are being shattered by this Moloch.

But it is not too late for Mr. Ponnambalam to repent and correct his ways. It is not late for him to learn from the great, who stood on their own feet, rather than on the whims of mass hysteria, to gain popularity. Before Mr. Ponnambalam leads the Tamils up the garden path let us lead him to the Valhalla of the great Tamil leaders, where he could taste the ambrosia of their greatness. So Mr. Ponnambalam lend me your ears.

Political power is not to be abused, Mr. Ponnambalam. It is a sacred thing. Listen to Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam:

"Political power is a solemn responsibility, and its exercise is attended with temptations and risks. Ours are those bred of inexperience (for which the blame is not ours, but rests with those who have denied us the opportunity of experience during a hundred years), and of racial, religious or caste differences.

"These, however, are greatly exaggerated by our critics, and are hardly so serious as in many a land which is autonomous."

BY your selfish attitude of infusing the communal canker in the Tamil ranks, Mr. Ponnambalam, you have isolated that community for no fault of its own. The Kandyan, the Muslims and others are all joining

up with the Sinhalese in the glorious march for a United Lanka.

But you, and your henchmen clamour for selfish gains, for a virtual Pakistan (a hostile North Ceylon against the rest) and even for a union with India!

Your "Fifty-Fifty" bluff brought no results. Mr. Senanayake's good wine needed no bush. So all the other minority communities joined Mr. Senanayake.

TAKE a lesson from Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan. Read how the minority members paid tribute to him for his leadership and his broad outlook. When he retired from the Tamil seat in the Legislative Council to assume duties as Solicitor General (14th December, 1892), the Hon. Mr. T. B. Panabokke (Kandyan representative) said of Sir P.R.:

"There are many things in common between the Tamil and the Kandyan communities, and therefore, whenever a question which was interesting to the Kandyan community, was coming up, and I had an opportunity of discussing it, my hon. friend was a tower of strength to me, and to the enemy I should say a battery constructed of adamant; and I therefore say it is a positive loss for me—even looking at it in a personal point of view—to lose his valuable services from this Council."

THE Hon. Mr. M. C. Abdul Rahiman (Muhammadan Representative) spoke of Sir P.R. thus: "Whatever steps Mr. Ramanathan had taken for the good of the country had met with success. It is an admitted fact that every statesman has enemies, but I am glad to state that in this instance they are very few."

You, Mr. Ponnambalam, are alone—thanks to your short-sighted policy. Has any one member of the other minority communities, ever landed you in any public speech? They will not. They cannot. The mantle of Sir P.R. and Sir P.A. have not fallen on you, they realise.

By

Caliph'

to see our country rise with renewed splendour, piling the glory of Parakrama Babu the Great, and a beacon-light to all lands."

SIR Ponnambalam Ramanathan too has, time and oft, addressed the youth of Jaffna to live in harmony with the other communities and to work for the upliftment of Lanka: "The youth of the country ought to be made to think on sound lines, without prejudice, wayward inclination or caprice," was one of his gems.

So Mr. Ponnambalam, it is up to you now to follow the footsteps of the great. You have strayed much. But it is not too late for you to mend your ways.

Reflect, one Sunday evening (when you do your Galle Face walk), on the mighty statues of the two Tamil patriots—Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam and Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan. How did they earn the nation's gratitude?

Reflect.... You have drive, energy and brilliance. Divert them into the nobler channels of patriotism. And perhaps they may sing your praise one day. Who knows?

DON'T mislead our youth, Mr. Ponnambalam. Don't preach communal hatred to them. Don't lead them into smashing public meetings. You already did some mischief some weeks ago and the Rank organisation is telling the world about it in celluloid.

Empty flourishes and frenzied Paroxysms don't get us anywhere.

Listen to the sobered sayings of Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam in an appealing message to our youth:

"I look to our youth to spiritualise public life, and I believe they will do it. They will each seek his own well-being in the well-being of all, will identify his own life with the life of all and his own interest with the interest of all. They will lay at the feet of our dear Motherland the love-offerings of passionate service.

"They will work in unity that, in the words of Dante, all the intellectual and spiritual forces diffused among men may obtain the highest possible development in the sphere of thought and action. With our youth inspired by such a spirit and such ideals, I look

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B. L. P. I. MEMBER ASSAULTED L.S.S.P. Storms Panadura

THE aftermath of the voting on the Independence Motion has resulted in thuggery among the Left Wing Parties. The Member for Panadura who belongs to the Bolshevik-Leninist Party has been assaulted by L.S.S.P. camp followers in his own constituency at Panadura. The Member had been to a wedding reception instead of to a meeting of the L.S.S.P. at Panadura where he was ruthlessly attacked by L.S.S.P. speakers as a national enemy for voting against the Independence Resolution. The Member who was unaware of this attack on him was peacefully enjoying a glass of ginger-beer when Sama Samajists who happened to pass the house after the esplanade meeting, walked up to him and greeted him with a thundering slap!

Thus do the Marxists unite for the common purpose of world revolution!

This incident had its repercussions in Colombo where the B.L.P.I. leader threatened to slap all L.S.S.P. men who dared to speak in Wellawatte-Galkissa.

All this was the outcome of the vot-

ing on the Independence motion when the Sama Samajist Party pulled a fast one on their fellow Marxists by remaining neutral. When a division was called, Dr. Colvin jumped up and insisted on a "Division by names." Philip Gunewardene was heard to growl—"Damn! Damn!"

The purpose was plain. The L.S.S.P. knew that the country would not tolerate opposition to freedom, but they desired to put up the other Left-Wing Parties to oppose and vote against the resolution so that when the fight for working class leadership began, the L.S.S.P. could say that the only Party to support freedom was the L.S.S.P.!

We knew this and we said so in our editorial last week. The C.P. is ashamed now to admit that it was led up the garden path, but the Panadura meeting justified our statement. At that meeting the L.S.S.P. declared that all those who voted against the freedom resolution were "Jathi drohiyo"—traitors of the nation.

Now, at least, the innocents abroad in the C.P. will realize that we were not propagandizing but merely telling them and the country had they were caught off the wrong foot.

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ALLIANCE WITH THE DEVIL

DR. N. M. PERERA is reported to have made a classic utterance immediately after the voting on the Independence Act that he would have been misunderstood in the country if he had voted against the Prime Minister's resolution. This was the explanation he gave to his fellow Left-wing Party leaders for the last minute somersault he made by declining to vote. Our editorial last week was written in anticipation of what actually happened for we judged to a nicety the manner in which Dr. Perera would conduct himself in the House. We were justified in making the comment that Mr. Keuneman was made a cat's paw. The country will, however, understand Mr. Keuneman's position and respect him for the courage with which he acted when in his voting against the resolution he was consistent with what he believed to be the right attitude.

The B.L.P.I. leader, Dr. Colvin also voted against the resolution (although no B.L.P.I. spokesman made any statement on the Bill itself to clarify the Party's attitude. The Member for Galle, who has after his wanderings from one political group to another found rest in the lap of the B.L.P.I. Doctor (perhaps displacing someone else who had reposed there all this time) made a long speech in which he meandered with-

out saying anything except that he was opposed to any freedom that Mr. Senanayake could bring. This country will do well to note the peculiar line-up of the Opposition on the most important matter that the legislature of this Island has ever discussed. The Left-wingers allied themselves with the Tamil Congress and the Indian Congress and opposed the freedom of the people of the Island. Their Marxist dialects will not enable the two Bolsheviks, Doctors N.M. and Colvin to slur over this fact. They shall yet answer for this dark act.

Surely they cannot claim ignorance of the fact that the arch enemy of freedom, G. G. Ponnambalam, made proposals that Ceylon should be given a Constitution dating back to the days of Crown Colony rule! Can they have forgotten that Ponnambalam wanted the Governor to legislate by Order at his will and pleasure; that he wanted the Governor to consult the Ministers only at his own discretion, and that he wished that the elected Ministers should have no voice at all in the administration of this Island? It is with such a man that these two Doctors of Philosophy leagued themselves. Ponnambalam did not dare to speak on the motion because he knew that U.N.P. spokesmen were waiting for him to so much as raise his voice in a whisper. Instead, he briefed N.M. and Colvin to speak against freedom. That "Mudumaya" from Avissawella may claim that he will even ally himself with the "devil's grandmother" for his own purpose, but let him bear in mind that his brand of intimidation holds no terrors for the people of this Island. He shall get

his deserts from the people for aligning himself with the enemies of freedom. People will understand his special desire to ally himself with Indians and with the Tamil Congress. His family has taken Anthony Pillai into its bosom. He who talks so lightly of other people's families had better look closer home before he raises his voice in a raucous cacophony.

Let the country remember that the Marxists have aligned themselves with those who want to divide this country into a Tamilstan and a Sinhalestan, including the whole of the ancient Raja Rata in Ponnambalam's kingdom. Chelvanayakam wants Trincomalee, that ancient port from which our ancestors set out to plant our flag over the Port of Madras and Singapore. Let him remember that he is playing with fire. There is a limit to which pyrotechnics can go. Beyond that it is very, very dangerous.

People had an impression, gathered from the Marxist inspired Press legends that the Opposition benches had a monopoly of brains and oratory. These legends are fast being dissipated. The U.N.P. front bench is far too vigorous for the loonies who shiver and tremble in Price Park fashion even though the pantomime from Dehiowita sometimes fancies himself talking to his serfs back in the woods from whence his crude sallies come. They have so far been lightly treated. The day when the Leader of the House (whom they treat with respect amounting to reverence) takes them firmly by the neck they will be yelping at the vicious thrusts of his rapier. That day, too, the country will know that bogus reputations earned in tea-shops in Kollupitiya cannot stand the test when pitted against the classic oratory of Mr. Bandaranaike and the now celebrated blows of young Dudley.

Letter to the Editor

The Editor, "U.N.P.",
32/3, Flower Road,
Colombo.
Sir,

The following statement made by Mahatma Gandhi in the course of an address delivered at New Delhi on the occasion of the birthday of Guru Nanak and reported in "The Hindu" of November 30, regarding communal (i.e., uni-communal) organizations has its own message for us in Ceylon in view of the existence of the Sinhala Maha Sabha, Muslim League, Tamil Congress, Ceylon Indian Congress, etc.

"Surely in a secular state, there was no room for separate communal organizations except for internal reform."

The suggestion put forward by me

that the Tamil Congress, which is a uni-communal organization, should refrain from putting forward candidates for Parliamentary election under the present constitution, and should not act as a uni-communal Parliamentary bloc, was based on a similar idea. In fact the idea embodied in Mahatma Gandhi's statement is more far-reaching than mine, as I contended myself with stating that the Tamil Congress should continue to exist and function except for Parliamentary purposes.

It is trusted that the members of the Tamil Congress and their supporters, all of whom claim to be admirers and followers of Mahatma Gandhi, will take to heart this utterance of the Mahatma.

Tamil Congress members and supporters further claim that the Tamil Congress is similar to the Indian National Congress, that it could put

forward candidates for election to the Legislature in the same manner as the Indian National Congress, and that in so doing it could legitimately expect the public to support its candidates, policy, programme and leaders in like measure as in India. There is no analogy whatever between the two institutions. The Tamil Congress is a uni-communal organization, whose membership is open to only one community; the Indian National Congress is an inter-communal organization, whose membership is open to all communities. This, inter alia, is a fundamental difference between the two organizations. The only thing in common is purely verbal, viz., the occurrence of the word "Congress" in the description of the two organizations.—Yours truly,

S. SIVASUBRAMANIAM.

156, Hultsdorp,
4th December, 1947.

The Communal War Crier

By A Patriot of Lanka

IS it "Nationalism or Careerism?" was the subject of an article written by Dr. E. V. Ruttam in the "Ceylon Daily News" ten years ago. This article was written to his own brethren with whose politics he did not agree.

It was in those days that Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, dancing to the tunes of the European community, was frequently seen in their company, riding to and from the State Council Chamber, followed by his henchmen, who applauded him from the galleries, for every anti-Sinhalese utterance he made. He was busy making his plans, an all out drive against the Sinhalese. His "Fifty-Fifty" was yet in the melting pot. Finally the Burghers, the Muslims, and it seems, the Europeans, themselves ceased to follow him and he today seeks the aid of all that he calls Tamil, all that he called Indian, and also of the misled and misguided section of the Sinhalese who seek to share their country with all mankind. These new followers of his want to fight their own brethren, whose aim is to unite Ceylon under one banner (may it be, the lion, tiger, elephant or the jackal flag itself).

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HE who hates the Sinhalese most is this son of the North. The more hostile he is, the better he seems in the eyes of the so-called patriotic youth of the North. Why all this, because Mr. Ponnambalam and his satellites have made their brethren feel that the Sinhalese are the worst race of people in the world. They who believe that the Sinhalese are an offshoot of the Tamils, yet find that there is nothing in common with them, either in language, religion or in customs, but it is regretful to note that this great leader and his satellites have forgotten the various historical relations we have had and that we both live in the same country.

With whom does Mr. Ponnambalam move? Who form the bulk of his clients in his practice as a lawyer? Where was he educated? In Jaffna? No! Why then does he go against the Sinhalese? Perhaps, as a repetition of history. He is trying to do something which his ancestors failed to. He is trying to subdue the whole of Lanka, under the Tamil banner, failing which, to annex the north and the east of Ceylon to South India. Will it be as easy to do this as Jinnah divided Pakistan from the Indian Union? Perhaps it is easier to form a Pakistan in Ceylon than to form a Yalpanistan. Ceylon is already united in spite of Mr. Ponnambalam's endeavours to divide it.

Sinhalese, who form the majority, have the largest number of M.P.'s, Senators and Ministers. Is it the fault of the Sinhalese that they form the majority? Does not the majority of the Officers of State and their clerks come out of the Tamil community? Are they not the real administrators of the Government of Ceylon? Are they not the permanent lot of workers? M.P.'s, Senators and the Ministers may come and go but the Officers of State and their subordinates will remain. Is this not ample proof to show that Ceylon is ruled by the Jaffna Tamils and not by the Sinhalese?

The fact is that as the bulk of the public servants and their officers are Tamils, Mr. Ponnambalam wants the full Cabinet, the whole Senate and if possible the whole House of Representatives to be composed of Tamil Members and Ministers, with himself at the helm of affairs as the Prime Minister, the Great Man, ruling over the Sinhalese, whom he thinks is inferior to the Sinhalese. If this be not, what



G. G. PONNAMBALAM

does he mean by his complaints against the Sinhalese? Every good thing in the country cannot belong to the Tamils. Nor can it belong to the Sinhalese. It is high time that we rid ourselves of such queer notions, if we hope to live in peace like the sons of the soil.

Ceylon is out to form a united nation and not a Sinhalese nation, but it seems Mr. Ponnambalam is out to form a Tamil nation, by being the leader of which he hopes to open the doors for other Tamils to come and settle down until finally there will be no trace whatsoever of anything called Sinhalese. Why act the part of a child who cries for no reason? Why find fault with where fault is naught? Is it not advisable to say what he wants, straight away? He does not do so, for he will not get everything he wants. Instead he complains to the country against the Sinhalese for no reason. Perhaps he may be of opinion that the Sinhalese are only fit to be the slaves and servants of the Tamils and are therefore not fit to manage the affairs in a country.

There is no division called a Tamil Ceylon or a Sinhalese Ceylon. Ceylon is for all Ceylonese and for those who wish to make it their home. It can be governed by all who are fit to govern it. Mr. D. S. Senanayake does not think that he is the Prime Minister of the Sinhalese. He is the Prime Minister of Ceylon. He deems himself a servant of the people of his country. If Mr. Ponnambalam becomes the Prime Minister he may most probably prefix the word Tamil before his designation.

There is no harm in the Tamils forming their own Congress but is it advisable for them to adopt a policy to threaten the major race whose only fault is that they form the majority. The Tamils say the Sinhalese speak ill of them in their Press but the Tamils are no better. They blame the Tamils by way of their own Press. They were the Tamils themselves who started it. For a long time the Sinhalese did not hear what the Tamils said. Now they too hear it and they reply. However it is high time to cry a halt on the part of both these parties and for Mr. Ponnambalam to advocate a policy of peace, free from communal hatred. If he does so and gives his hand of friendship to the Sinhalese, he can in the years to come, himself rise to power.

His present policy will make him loom a thorn in the eyes of his countrymen in general. He will be very unpopular. If he acts now on the proper path he will undoubtedly be the real patriot of Lanka and he need not go all the way to contest in the North. He will have his chance in the south also, where he generally lives. Brilliant sons of Lanka, of Mr. Ponnambalam's type must necessarily be her true to type servants and benefactors of Mother Lanka.

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Commentary
COVER-POINT

HISTORY was made last week-end on the Ridgeway links when Ceylon won the Stanley Cup golf international for the first time since the inception of the competition nearly twenty years ago.

Having disposed of Ireland in the semi-finals by 8 matches to 4, Ceylon had to meet England in the final. The Sassenachs had had an easy passage into the finals, having gone "nap" against a make-shift Irish side in both the foursomes and singles.

The secret of Ceylon's success was that every man pulled his weight. They had in the reigning champion, W. P. Fernando, a match-winner playing at the top of his form. Fernando won all his four matches and his early successes gave his team-mates a flying start. Three of the foursomes came the way of Ceylon, the remaining one being halved. With this lead, Ceylon faced the singles in the afternoon with an abundance of confidence and Fernando again saw to it that the lead was increased when he beat W. S. Burnett 3 and 1. Though F. C. de Saram dropped his match against M. G. Thornton, Sathasivam, George Koch, Conrad Ephraums and Neville Bartholomew came along to put the issue beyond all doubt.

Koo de Saram, who had walked off with his match against Guthrie in the semi-final, failed to find the same touch in the final and fell a victim to Yorath, while J. R. V. Ferdinands claimed the unique distinction of halving every match in which he played. One of the highlights of the final was a brilliant chip from outside the green by Ephraums, which found the hole.

In presenting the trophy to Mr. L. J. M. Peiris, the non-playing Captain, Mr. C. G. C. Kerr, described Ceylon's victory as epoch-making and quite in keeping with Ceylon's attainment of independence.

WHILE our Ceylon golfers were covering themselves with glory on the Ridgeways, speed thrills were being provided at Ratmalana during the course of the Ceylon Motor Cycle Club's third motor-race meet for the year. Far and away the tit-bit of the morning's sport was the finish in the racing cars unlimited event where T. S. Jinasena, driving his Magpie, beat R. S. Davies in his Riley. Earlier, Captain David Peiris, the Chief Aerodrome Officer, was sent to great advantage in his Plymouth when he had over half a lap to spare from E. Wanigasekera in his Ford V.8. A Bug Fiat very nearly created a big upset in the race for motor-cars under 1,000 CC when E. Mason left behind a Renault and a Morris on the first lap and then had bad luck in missing the turn. He lost valuable seconds in getting back to the course and could not make up ground.

In the Motor Cycle races W. de Zylva set up a record in the racing class on a Vincent H.R.D.

LAST Saturday's sports fare also included two inter-club cricket matches in which the S.S.C. "B" team and the B.R.C. took first innings points from Panadura and the Dehiwala-Mount U.S.C. respectively. Percy Perera, Ryle de Soysa and Sargo Jayawickreme gave the champions a good start, which was improved upon later in the innings by Gerry Gooneratne and Ben Navaratne. Declaring at a total of 222 for 8, the S.S.C. made short work of Panadura, who found F. G. Dalpathadu and F. R. de Saram too much to cope with.

At Darley Road, the Dehiwala Club ran up a total of 192 but the B.R.C. experienced little difficulty in scoring these runs for the loss of only three

wickets, K. Joachim and A. G. de Kretser leading off with half centuries.

THE Ceylon Amateur Boxing championships also come within the period under review. The Manning Cup for the best boxer was deservedly won by L. D. Handunge of the University and Y.M.C.A., who beat A. C. Dassanayake of the Colombo Port Commission.

J. A. de Souza who pluckily traded punch for punch with that clever boxer C. S. Shaw was awarded the Diana Cup for being the best loser. That the passing of years has not made A. W. Henricus a back number was proved when the former Empire Games champion staged a come-back in the Feathers and beat A. C. W. Mortier, who gave a very plucky display against his more experienced opponent.

THE main foreign sports event coming within the period under review was Joe Louis' fight against his fellow Negro, Joe Walcott, in defence of his world heavy-weight title. From all accounts, Radio and Reuter, the fight was frankly disappointing. The Brown Bomber was sluggish and apparently keener on clinching than trading blow for blow as in the past. The champion was actually floored twice and the early rounds nearly all went to the challenger. As a matter of fact, Louis won on a split decision, the referee voting against him while the two Judges were for him.

For the first time in his long and glorious career, Louis was booed by the crowd and all sports writers in New York are agreed that he was but a shadow of his former self, possibly because his gloves had been in cold storage for more than a year. Ringside observers were of the opinion that it was Louis' worst fight since he wrested the title from Jim Braddock ten years ago. Louis himself was upset by his display but, characteristically, reminded interviewers that he invariably does better in a return bout. Walcott, on the other hand, was naturally very elated and is said to have declared that he is ready to fight Louis again as soon as he can get him into the ring. Walcott has good reason for his elation as he did what only Tommy Farr and Arturo Godery had done previously in going the full fifteen rounds with the champion. But he will do well to avoid the pitfall of over-confidence as, when they next meet, Louis will be all out to retrieve his reputation.

THE first Test match is now a matter of past history. The crushing defeat suffered by India must, I think, be discounted by the cruel trick of the Weather Gods who served out to the tourists a drying wicket on which few Indians, used as they are to the cast-iron wickets of their native land, could have been expected to do better than what they eventually did.

Astute captain that Bradman always is, he saw to it that from the very start all the advantages derived from winning the toss accrued to Australia. He refused to bat on the second day on a wicket which, according to one Australian Radio commentator, was fit for play, in the opinion of the Indian captain, Amarnath.

Then, on the Monday, he had the wicket mown and, after Johnston had taken 2 wickets in the first over, brought Toshack on very early with dire consequences to the Indians, who were completely at the bowler's mercy.

The only thing that would have saved India was the continuance of that rain which had intervened on Saturday to make a glue pot of the Brisbane wicket. But here too, the weather gods were against the tourists and the end came

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Art & Letters

By Quintus Delilkhan

G. K. S.

IT is a genuine pleasure to dip into the large volume in which Maisie Ward talks of Gilbert Keith Chesterton. This is a book which you can open at any page and feel that your interest is instantaneously excited. For Chesterton wrote not only great books but lived a much greater life — life which bubbles over with fun, frivolity, innocence, high spirits and suddenly soars to the very heights of seriousness in which man becomes conscious of all that is tremendously vital in the universe. If he bulked large in the flesh, he bulked infinitely more large in the mind and the spirit. His intellectuality was always capacious, touching on all questions which are of serious meaning to men, and illuminating all problems which require not only the head but the heart to understand. He stood for all causes which meant the triumph of the human spirit over the forces of evil. He was a great and a tremendous lover of life. He wrote with zest of the things that mattered, and everything from a stick of chalk to the power that presides over the destinies of men and the universe was the proper subject of his interest. One can quite safely speak of his universality. He touched nothing that he did not make clear and luminous, and modern life had many dark problems which no psycho-analysis could solve, and the solution of which required the searchlight of a steady spiritual light. He was a poet, and what is more a poet of happiness, a phenomenon all too rare in our day when we are burdened with so many unkindly maladies of the mind, which seem to spring from our new conceptions of what constitutes happiness. He knew the central truths and his pages are the repository of ideas which have the power to cleanse life of the stains of weariness, frustration and inertia, if only we have the sense to see that they are life-endowing in a rare degree. His versatility was unbounded. The man who wrote "Lepanto" showed most assuredly that new and rousing rhythms could be added to English poetry. The man who wrote "The Ballad of the White Horse" showed that a heroic poem could be built in an age in which Eliot could show only a terrible discontent with life. Theodore Maynard himself a poet roundly declared that Chesterton in this poem has written the poetic masterpiece of the age, and it is certainly more inspiring reading than any other produced by the tired intellectuals whose self-imposed mission it had been to create a new poetry in fanciful accordance with what they conceive to be the low spiritual aspirations of the age. His biographies have been brief but pregnant of meaning. No one could say that he has understood Shaw who has not read Chesterton's brief biography of Shaw. It is the point of view that matters here, not the voluminousness of the writing. Chesterton writes of Shaw with a cool sanity and a penetrating understanding which makes one feel that at last one has grasped both the strength and the weakness of Shaw as the reforming prophet of the age. All this Chesterton does by a sovereign power of mind. He towered above his contemporaries, and only Shaw could challenge comparison

with him as an intellectual force but with far different methods and aims, his philosophy lacking the elements of reality which lie at the core of Chesterton's understanding of life.

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IF anything, Chesterton is a humanist. This is fully apparent in "Gilbert Keith Chesterton" by Maisie Ward (Colombo Book Centre) which gives a very complete picture of the man. He lived a life of constant service, wearing himself out in writing as incessantly and abundantly as any man of letters in history. Shaw lashes the age and so does Chesterton, but the means Chesterton uses is not a flaying wit but laughter of a peculiarly English texture and quality. He has the magnificent urbanity of the highly civilized man, but of a civilized man who has quested all his life for joy and found that it was good. There are some very good portraits of Chesterton but as Americans have an eye for characterization it would be rare fun to see Chesterton as the Americans saw him. I refer to the journalists to whom oddity is a definite ingredient of pleasure, the English journalist being generally more staid and sober in his judgment. One of them in a description of Chesterton on his arrival in America on a lecture tour writes of "his voluminous figure, quite imposing when he stands up, though not so abundantly Johnsonian as his pictures led one to expect. He has cascades of grey hair above a pinkly beaming face, a rather straggly blonde moustache, and eyes that seem to taking up infinitely in a serious way." And there is a description of his mannerisms which makes interesting reading. "Mr. Chesterton", says another journalist, "speaks clearly in a rather high-pitched voice. He accompanies his remarks with many nervous little gestures. His hands, at times, strays into his pockets. He leans over the reading desk as if he would get down into the audience and make a sort of heart-to-heart talk. Mr. Chesterton's right hand spent a restless and rather disturbing evening. It would start from the reading desk at which he stood and fall to the points of that vast waistcoat which inspired the description of him as 'a fellow of infinite vest.' It would wander aimlessly about his stomach is a word that is taboo among the polite English—equator and then shift quickly to the rear until the thumb found the hip pocket. There the hand would rest a moment, to return again to the reading desk and to describe once more the quarter circle." Cosmo Hamilton debated with Chesterton and says that he carried away from that room "a respect and admiration for this tomboy among dictionaries, this philosophical Peter Pan, thus humorous Dr. Johnson, this kindly and gallant cherub, this profound student and wise master, which has grown steadily ever since".....and of the inspired course of Chesterton's brilliant reasoning and the whole debate he says: "It was monstrous, gigantic, amazing, deadly, delicious. Nothing like it has ever been done before or will ever be seen, heard and felt like it again." Chesterton understood men because he loved them, and that is much greater praise than being merely great as a writer.

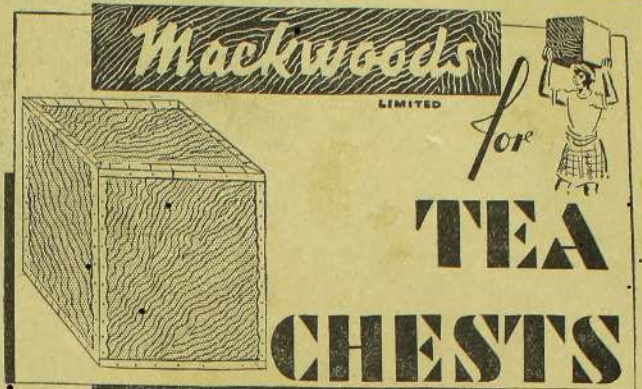
Sports Commentary

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mercifully early on the fifth day when, after India had struggled for seventy minutes to score 28 runs, Lindwall claimed the last Indian wicket.

The weather at Brisbane is so treacherous at this time of the year that it seems unfair that every touring team has to play the first of the crucial Test matches on the Queensland ground. It is surprising that some effort is not made to arrange the itinerary of a visiting side in such a way as to minimise, as far as is humanly possible, the danger of rain taking too much of a hand in the game. The experience of the M.C.C. last year is too recent to need recapitulation.

THE Government Service cricket competition is now in its final stage and already the senior champions have been found in Tea Control, who beat the Police pretty convincingly by 358 runs. Tea Control made certain of victory by piling up over 300 runs in the second innings, leaving the Police with over 450 runs to make in the fourth innings. This was obviously beyond them and they were only able to muster a round 100. The brothers F. G. and C. Dalpathadu had a big hand in the Tea Control victory, particularly F.G., who not only scored a well-hit 79 but took 7 wickets for the match. His brother was seen to advantage in scoring a polished century.



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