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## RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY 'GIVING RISE TO WIDESPREAD ALARM'

"The Crimean Declaration is being interpreted by the Soviet Press in a sense which is directly opposed to what was clearly intended at Yalta," says Archbishop Downey in the Liverpool "Cathedral Record."

His Grace remarks that "it cannot be contended that the Soviet Press is independent of the Soviet Government."

"The attitude of Russia to the countries of East-Central Europe is now causing anxiety even in quarters which hitherto have applauded well-nigh everything which bore the Soviet stamp, while the pronouncements on foreign policy of the Soviet Press are giving rise to widespread alarm," writes the Archbishop.

"Apparently at the instigation and in the interests of Russia, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia are each to be broken up, while Rumania, Hungary and Poland are to be forced to make territorial concessions.

"Meantime 'Pravda's' extravagant claims on behalf of the Lublin 'Government' in Poland drew the following statement from Mr. Eden on March 1 in the House of Commons.

"It does not surprise me to hear, as I was told in this debate, that the Lublin radio is pouring out streams of contentious stuff. I have no doubt what the Committee wants. Their purpose is to maintain the position they already hold. But that is not what we want, nor is that what the Yalta Conference decided upon."

### MALICIOUS AND RIDICULOUS CHARGES

"I am writing these words before the opening of the San Francisco Conference, and refrain from further criticism in the hope that Russia's attitude, especially on the Polish question, may be more reasonable at the round table than it has been in the Soviet Press.

"Here and now, however, we are more concerned with the attitude of that Press to religion and, more particularly, to the Catholic Church which is accused of being pro-Fascist.

"Recently members of the Catholic Labour Union in Quebec asked the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, to enter a protest with Marshal Stalin against the 'malicious, fanatical and ridiculous' charges made by Soviet newspapers against the Vatican and His Holiness the Pope. They stressed the fact that Catholics in Canada total 4,936,000 or 43.34 per cent. of the Dominion's population, and are entitled to be heard. They point out that the charges ignore altogether the official statements of the Encyclical 'Mit Brennender Sorge' and the other documents emanating from the Holy See, condemning the doctrine and practice of Fascism and National Socialism, and the declarations of Pope Pius XII after his accession to the Throne of Peter endorsing his predecessor's views against Fascism."

### ATTACK BY ORTHODOX LEADERS

"The letter continues:

"It is a secret for no one that the condemnation of Communism and the firmness with which the Church has fought this subversive doctrine are the basis of all animosity shown against the Vatican by Communist newspapers."

"As recently as March 22 'Red Star' treated its readers to a cartoon representing the Vatican hand in hand with Hitler and Himmler against the background of skulls.

"But as a sample of the kind of thing permissible even in high quarters in Soviet Russia we may cite the attack on the Vatican by the Russian Orthodox Church, made in a statement issued by the Patriarchs at their meeting in Moscow to elect the new Patriarch Alexes of all the Russias. They solemnly proclaimed that the Orthodox Church delegates 'lift their voice against the efforts of those, particularly the Vatican, who, attempting in their utterances to absolve Germany from responsibility for all the abominable deeds she has committed and pleading for mercy for the Hitlerites who drenched all Europe in the blood of innocent victims, are thereby seeking in our estimation to allow the continued existence on earth after the war of misanthropic, un-Christian, Fascist doctrine and its agents."

"It would seem that the newly-freed Orthodox Church of Russia is being called upon to pay a high price for its belated resurrection, and it may be recalled that not so long ago in the days of its persecution by the State, the Holy Father publicly expressed his sympathy with it in its suffering."

### UNCHECKED ABUSE IN NEWSPAPERS

"In spite of all protests, the abuse of the Catholic Church goes on unchecked in the columns of 'Pravda', 'Red Star' and other Moscow journals, to say nothing of the new organ of world revolution, 'War and the Working Classes.'"

"To-day this attack is directed superficially against the Catholic Church as a powerful world-wide religious organisation, but fundamentally it is aimed at Christianity and religion in general for the simple reason that religion of any kind is incompatible with that dialectical materialism upon which Communism is based, and which regards religion as merely 'the opium of the masses.'"

"It must be borne in mind that the Soviet State, according to its constitution, excludes all consideration of religion, of the Deity and of the moral law. But in practice it has shown itself to be fanatically anti-religious....."

### COMMITTED TO MARXIAN PRINCIPLES

"Very recently, under the press of public opinion in the United States of America and in the British Empire, Russia, as one of the Allies, is supposed to have undergone a change of heart and allowed a certain measure of religious tolerance; but this can never be of her wool and warp as long as she remains committed to the materialistic principles of Karl Marx, as she does.

"The monumental Soviet Encyclopaedia informs its readers that Jesus Christ never existed, but is simply the product of a religious ideology which grew up in the Roman Empire (vol. xxvii), and that the Church came into being with class consciousness and class warfare of which it became a prime promoter (vol. 1).

"Christianity is not likely to receive much encouragement where such views officially obtain."

## U.S. & VATICAN: PRESIDENT MAY RE-APPOINT PERSONAL ENVOY

No hint has yet been given as to whether or not President Truman intends to maintain an envoy to the Holy See. Mr. Myron Taylor's mission automatically ended with the death of President Roosevelt, who sent him to the Vatican early in 1940 as his own representative with the personal rank of Ambassador.

The United States has had no diplomatic relations with the Holy See since 1867, when the American mission lapsed while the Papal States were disintegrating.

For several reasons, however, it seems probable that President Truman will continue his predecessor's policy.

One reason is the undoubted success of Mr. Taylor's mission from the very beginning. No envoy is more frequently received by the Holy Father in private audience, and it has all along been obvious that his presence has been a great benefit to the United States as well as to the Holy See, particularly in the restoration of order in liberated Italy.

The reasons which have made Mr. Taylor's presence at the Vatican a necessity since the Allies landed in Italy will certainly not decrease.

There appears to be little cause to fear serious opposition to a continuance of the present arrangement. The factional opposition expressed when Mr. Taylor's appointment was announced was comparatively minor, soon died

down, and has not been seriously revived.

### GOVERNMENT AND VATICAN HAVE DRAWN CLOSER

Very little remains of the old-time bigotry: it flared up for the last time in a quickly-dying flame when Mr. Roosevelt, seeking election for the first time, was opposed by a Catholic, the late Mr. "Al" Smith. Mr. Roosevelt had nothing to do with fanning that flame; on the contrary, before and after his election he constantly preached religious tolerance.

Nor is the Holy See misrepresented or its intentions misconceived these days on anything like the old scale; no one but the inevitable extremist imagines that the election or appointment of Catholics to high office foreshadows, as some used to believe, the transference of the Vatican to the White House.

Moreover, since the U.S.A. last had a Mission to the Holy See, a new situation has arisen by the establishment of the Sovereign State of Vatican City.

Many of the diplomatic missions accredited to the Vatican have been established through recognition by the Governments concerned of a necessity to have representatives at the centre of Catholicism, if for no higher reason than that the Vatican is regarded as

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## DEMOCRACY IS DOUBTFUL AND LIBERTIES ARE MENACED

Between the parties of the Right and the parties of the Left, the people of this country will be fortunate if they succeed in maintaining a real democracy, said Archbishop Downey, speaking in May in the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, when he was entertained by the St. Patrick's Day Committee in celebration of his 64th birthday.

His Grace said the nation was waiting for the declaration of an armistice—he could scarcely say for the celebration of peace—when it could be taken that victory was assured. It was right that the real peace terms should be proclaimed later, for it was only just that the men who had done the fighting should be able to have some say in the terms.

"There is a danger that, after fighting for liberty, we shall find our own liberties swept away by all the Acts of Parliament and all the Orders in Council to which we are subjected. Regulations imposed 'just for the duration' of the last war are still in operation, in addition to all the new ones imposed upon us.

"Some employment, certainly, will have to be found for all the people employed in the bureaux which enforce these regulations, but they should not be allowed to go on getting paid for interfering with the liberties of the people."

The men and women in the Forces will now have the opportunity of looking into and making their views felt on several matters—the Education Act, for instance, His Grace continued.

"It is most important that Catholics should do that. It may not be possible

to have the Act repealed, but it may be possible to procure additions to it, and there are such things as an Enabling Bill.

"To that end, it is the duty of Catholics to impress their views on the candidates at the coming general election. All Catholic organisations should prepare to avail themselves of the great opportunity which will be afforded them.

The Archbishop, referring to the greater knowledge of and the improved attitude towards Catholicism which has grown up in Liverpool during his episcopate, said there is still a certain amount of antagonism, and remarked:

"Some people are due for a shock when the men serving abroad come home with more accurate ideas of Catholicity than they took away with them. Still, it will be a long time before this country realises that the Church is Catholic and Universal; a long time before the fundamental principles of Christianity permeate this or any country which has a State Church. Until then, antagonism will continue.

Mr. W. J. Loughrey, who presided, presented His Grace with a missal which Liverpool City Council had intended to present to the late Alderman Austin Harford on the termination of his term of office as Lord Mayor. The Archbishop said he will use it in his oratory and pass it on to his successors.

Mr. Loughrey also mentioned that a portrait in oils of Alderman Harford, for which the members of the City Council had subscribed, would be hung in St. Francis Xavier's College, where Alderman Harford was educated.—*Universe*

## Church Calendar

JUNE 1945

FRI.	...22 S. Paulinus.
SAT.	...23 S. Etheldra.
SUN.	...24 5 P. S. John Bap.
MON.	...25 S. William.
TUES.	...26 Ss. John & Paul.
WED.	...27 S. Ladislaus.
THURS.	...28 S. Irenaeus.
FRI.	...29 Ss. Peter & Paul.

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## CONSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARD FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Were we indulging in electioneering stunts we might boast of our great victory because our schools are being allowed to continue in spite of the determined opposition of the Minister of Education. The voting on this motion gave to the existing denominational schools a substantial majority; that is to say, out of 42 who voted, only 11 were found to be against their continuance. But the proviso, that it shall be the duty hereafter of the State exclusively to establish schools of all types wherever necessary, though passed by a comparatively narrow majority of 6 and does not therefore represent the general will of the people deals a death-blow to the denominational system. It to be is regretted that so many members of the State Council should show an ungrateful, anti-Christian sentiment. Most of them have been educated in Christian schools and in their heart of hearts feel that they are what they are through the good offices of these institutions. And yet they conspire to destroy them. That is the way with politicians who fear they cannot stand on their own legs in their vote-hunting expeditions. Whatever that be, we Catholics are faced with this naked fact as a result of the debate on the Educational Reforms: That the principle of educational freedom has been swept away and with it freedom of religion. Catholics in reality will be the only sufferers. When you compel a man to act against his conscience you deny him religious freedom. A Catholic knows that according to the law of his Church he ought not to send his children to a non-Catholic school and if he did he would be committing a sin. But the Government steps in and tells him that he has no choice in the matter and orders him under pain of penalty to send his children to the State school. In giving that very order it denies him liberty of conscience and at the same time religious liberty. To follow this argument it is necessary to remember that education is compulsory in this country and every child of school-going age must attend a school. We Catholics have this drawback. We are living among people most of whom have no clear, correct idea of liberty of conscience or of freedom of religion. For them right and wrong are affairs of numbers; that they depend on the will of a majority. They fail to realize that a majority decision is nothing but a conventional device for getting through

business and that device cannot create right or wrong unless the decision itself is based on justice and human rights. In the matter of Education Hitler and his Nazi party had done nothing more in Germany than what the State Council has decreed to be done in future in Ceylon. This is no exaggeration. When the New Education Bill for England was being debated in the House of Commons one member proposed that the system of dual control should be abolished and all the schools made State schools and brought under complete State control. In reply to this proposal the spokesman for Government said that they had no intention of introducing totalitarianism into that country. When once the principle of freedom of Education is thrown over board there is no stability even for our existing schools. The next State Council eighteen months hence which is expected to be 100 strong, will we fear be very much worse in its attitude to Christianity than the present. And well it may order the destruction of all our schools to mark its advent with the plenitude of *Swaraj*. The degenerate man when invested with power has a tendency to prey upon the weak as brute beasts do in the forests. What, then, is the remedy? Our contemporary the *C.C. Messenger* rightly points out that "between right and wrong, between justice and injustice, between freedom and persecution there is left over the Constitution." It is not too late to bring this truth home as impressively as possible to those who are engaged in framing Ceylon's new Constitution and it is the imperative duty of Catholic leaders, be they clerical or lay, to do all in their power towards that end.

## The Feast of Christ the King at Mankulam

On Sunday the 3rd inst. the Feast of Christ the King was celebrated with much eclat by men engaged in military labour at Mankulam. The feast was preceded by a three days' spiritual retreat conducted by the Revd. Fr. A. S. Swampillai, Parish Priest. Nearly 150 retreatants participated in the various exercises and devotions. A special feature of the celebrations was the dramatization of the Life of St. John the Baptist by a few talented young men who acquitted themselves quite creditably. The morning of the Feast Day found the little Church tastefully decorated and crammed with hundreds of devotees who hailed from several parts of the Peninsula. Father Swampillai sang High Mass and preached a very soul-stirring sermon which was listened to with rapt attention even by the several non-Catholics present at the Feast. The congregation en masse approached the Holy Table. Vespers were sung at 6 p.m. at the end of which the statue of Christ the King was taken in procession. After Benediction the gathering was blessed with the statue of Christ the King. It was a pleasure to observe the devout behaviour of the pilgrims, their contentment and happiness. It should be remarked here as a happy coincidence that the festivities resulted in the conversion of a man who had come from Batticaloa. This constitutes the finest tribute to the manifestation of faith and love one witnessed at the celebrations. *Christus Vincit! Christus Imperat.*—Cor.

## FATHER LONG'S SACERDOTAL SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

(Continued from our last issue.)

## Mass of Thanksgiving

On Thursday morning at 7-30 Father Long celebrated a High Mass of Thanksgiving assisted by Revd. Fathers A. Cierpka and G. A. Gurusamy as deacon and sub-deacon in the Cathedral which looked festive with garlands and wall decorations. The Church was crowded with the present and past students of the College and others. Among these were noticed Mr. Justice Jayatileke and family, Dr. S. F. Chellappah, D.M. & S.S., Dr. V. Gabriel, Dr. M. J. A. Sandrasagra and Mr. Lionel B. Emmanuel who represented the Old Boys of Colombo. His Lordship the Bishop was present in the Sanctuary with many Fathers. After the Gospel, Father Stanislaus Thaninayagam, a former student of the Jubilarian preached a fine sermon of which for only a few paragraphs could find space here.

Taking for his text the words of St. John: "Of his fullness we have all received" the preacher spoke of the dignity of the Priesthood and compared it to a reservoir of graces watering the souls of men. Referring to the Jubilarian he said:

"Twentyfive years ago in Belmont in the Chapel of the Oblate Scholasticate, from which came to us the Conways and the Dowlings, the Murphys and the Dunes, of whom we have heard our fathers speak with so much gratitude and love, a tall young levite, in the flower and bloom of youth, lies prostrate before the Altar, while the Choir invokes the saints, that he might be holy, his mission successful....."

"What an example of Faith and Love of God does not the family of the Longs of Limerick give everyone of us here present? The Longs had four children, all of them they dedicated to the service of God. Their family ends as far as this world is concerned, but ends like a river proud to lose itself in the immensity of the ocean, ends in the Eternal Priesthood of Christ, ends in the virgin chorus of heaven. If you were surprised at this, the Jubilarian will give you the same reply as Charles Eugene de Mazaqod, the founder of the Congregation of which he is a member. Charles was questioned by his Granduncle. "Is it true you are going to become a priest? How can you think of such a step? Don't you know you are the last of our family? Is our name to die out?" Charles then replied, "What greater privilege can our family have than to end in the Eternal Priesthood of Christ?"

"These four, by the sacrifice they have made, have merited to rear very large families to God. When in Ireland, I remarked the singular fact that all four of them have found their vocation in the Church as educators. Dr. Frederick Long as Dean in Maynooth, the Ecclesiastical College that trains the flower of the Irish Secular Clergy; Fr. Daniel Long as Professor of Moral Theology in the Oblate Scholasticate, Pillton; Sister Mary Mechtildie on the Staff of the Ladies' Training College, Kerryford and Fr. Timothy Long as teacher and Rector of the institution that has nursed us. Is it a wonder, then, that, coming as he does of a family of Catholic Educationists, the Jubilarian has always striven to give us an integral Catholic formation, and led a splendid fight for our schools?"

"We thank God for the many fruitful years God has deigned to bestow on the Jubilarian. We thank the Jubilarian for his whole hearted and undivided service to us. We thank his country, his parents, and his congregation, for having given him to us. We thank God for the spirit of loyalty and devotion that binds us Patricians to our Alma Mater. We pray for the success of the Jubilarian's mission; that he return to us restored and rejuvenated for another quarter century of labour among us."

A very large number approached the Holy Table. At the end of the Mass, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament with "Te Deum" concluded the Thanksgiving Service.

## Lunch to the Clergy

Later the clergy were entertained to lunch by the Rector in the College Library. His Lordship the Bishop presided and there were about 60 Fathers. Proposing the toast of the Jubilarian in a lengthy speech His Lordship said he was happy to offer Father Long his hearty congratulations on the completion of the twenty five of priesthood and to thank him for the great services he had rendered to the Diocese during that long period. What an amount of good to himself as well as to others the quarter century of priestly life represents. He compared the life of a parish priest with that of one charged with the education of the young and said that though each had onerous duties to get through, the rigid observance of the school time table day after day must tell on one. Added to that Father Long had the duties of a Military Chaplain which not only deprived him of his week-end rest but took him to malarial places. The military authorities have thought it proper to give him a long holiday to Ireland. On behalf of all there present His Lordship wished Father Long a safe journey and a pleasant holiday that he might return with restored health and strength to resume his work at St. Patrick's. Fr. Balasunderam also spoke expressing his and Father Aiyathura's special indebtedness to Father Long and thanking him for all that he had done for them.

Father Long replied thanking His Lordship for his generous appreciation of his work and the Fathers who had come in such large numbers to take part in the Jubilee celebration.

## The Sports Meet and Public Reception

There was a mammoth gathering comprising of the leading residents of Jaffna present at the Sports Meet and the Public Reception held at St. Martin's Green to felicitate the Jubilarian. The distribution of prizes by Dr. Lady Ramanathan being over there was a grand garden party.

Dr. S. F. Chellappah who presided at the Old Boys' Reception called upon Mr. C. Ponnambalam, Chairman, U.C. to address the gathering.

Mr. Ponnambalam then addressing said: It gives me great pleasure to be present on this memorable occasion and to associate myself with the celebration of the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of the Very Revd. Father Long and to felicitate him on behalf of the citizens of Jaffna.

Father Long is not merely a leader of men but an inspiring leader of youth. He has shaped the spirit of modern St. Patrick's. The phenomenal success achieved by St. Patrick's in the field of education and sports, the organisation of new lines in the educational sphere, plans for the expansion of the college in spacious proportions and the modern educational amenities, the library and laboratories are all due to the farsighted vision and skillful administration of Fr. Long.

Many Irishmen have come as Roman Catholic priest leaders and enriched the life of Jaffna and Fr. Long will not be the last of galaxy the of distinguished Irish priest educationist. Fr. Long always has the interest of Jaffna nearest to his heart. It was Fr. Long who thought of the ill-nourished pre-school children and interviewed the authorities in Colombo in order to secure a supply of milk and suggested to me to write and arrange for the same. It is due to Fr. Long that over 2,000 pre-school children & expectant mothers are being fed daily with milk within the Jaffna Urban Area. He is going on furlough shortly but during the furlough he will not be really enjoying a holiday but will be collecting funds for the college. I have mentioned few facts to show how he loved the Jaffna man and how he works for the promotion of the welfare of the people of Jaffna. He feels and acts as the Jaffna man. I must also testify to another aspect of his liberal mindedness. He makes no difference between a Catholic and non-Catholic. He looks upon the people of Jaffna as one community. I have no hesitation

in saying that during his quarter of century life in Jaffna Fr. Long has identified himself completely with the aspiration of the Tamil people irrespective of creed or caste.

Roman Catholic Mission has made a magnificent contribution to the Social and Educational life of this country, and in assessing the noble contribution of a band of unselfish and devoted leaders who have come from far off lands to work in out midst, the names of men like Father Long must be written in Letters of Gold as shining lights that have helped to illuminate the culture and social life of this part of the Island.

Once again congratulate Fr. Long and wish him a happy furlough and a safe return to continue his labour of love in our midst.

Rev. J. T. Arulanantham, Principal, St. John's College, being called upon to speak next said. I am grateful to the organisers of this reception for the opportunity given to me to take part in this function. On this occasion, I believe, I am voicing the sentiments of all who are connected with Educational Institutions in Jaffna, particularly members of the Ceylon Headmasters Conference with whom Fr. Long has been very closely associated. On behalf of all of them I would offer Fr. Long our heartiest congratulations and our very best wishes for many years of successful ministry in our midst.

We at St. John's have closer affinity with St. Patrick's College than any other College, not alone by reason of proximity. Keen rivals we are, we have many things in common and the friendly relationships that have always existed between the two Colleges have been strengthened during the Rectorship of Fr. Long. Therefore it is I am particularly happy to be present on this occasion and to bring the felicitations of the staff and students of St. John's College.

In our life as a community we are divided into various groups, according to our different religious faiths, racial differences, our different professions or occupations and various things that divide us. I believe such divisions into groups is inevitable. But the unfortunate thing is there are certain barriers, a hindrance to our mutual understanding and friendly co-operation as members of a community. If any one by his life in the community endeavours even a little to break through these barriers he renders a great service to the community. When I think of the public life of Fr. Long I think of him as one who has succeeded in breaking through these barriers. His capacity for friendship and his genuine desire to serve the people of Jaffna have enabled him to overcome barriers and establish friendly relationships with people of different groups in spite of the differences that exist between him and them.

It has been said of Fr. Long that he is a true Jaffna man of Irish descent. We do very much appreciate the fact, but I doubt if we sufficiently realise that sacrifice that has been made by Fr. Long to earn this name. It must have been a tremendous sacrifice for a man to leave his home and country and settle down among strangers and make himself so acceptable to them. I would take this opportunity of expressing the indebtedness of all of us, people of Jaffna, to Fr. Long for the sacrifice that has been made on our behalf.

We would wish Fr. Long a pleasant voyage, a happy time in his home country and a safe return to our midst.

Mr. L. B. Emmanuel as a representative of the Old Boys said that Fr. Long was a great personality not only in the peninsula but in the whole of Ceylon. His gallant fight for the denominational schools was a remarkable thing. Institutions like St. Patrick's should be allowed their harmonious development and such schools should continue to impart the education which they have so far admirably done. There are those in the State Council who would through religious animosity do away with these schools. It is for them a duty to fight in defence of their schools under the leadership of men like Father Long. He thanked the Jubilarian for all that he had done for the progress of St. Patrick's and assured him that any effort on his part to improve the college will meet with the wholehearted support from the Old

Boys—however great the sacrifices may be. Then he presented a purse on behalf of the Old Boys as a tribute of loyalty and as a token of their appreciation of his work at the college for the last 25 years.

The president, Dr. Chellappah next addressing the gathering said that it was a great pleasure for him to preside at that function. He mentioned how under Fr. Long the college had made rapid progress both in the sphere of sports and studies. He said that the charming ways and the Irish wit of Fr. Long had won for him friends all throughout the length and breadth of Ceylon.

The vice-Rector Revd. Fr. B.A. John, O.M.I., next speaking thanked all those who had graced the occasion with their presence and said that no other function in Jaffna ever had a large gathering as that day. He also thanked all those who had gone round getting contributions for the Jubilee Fund particularly Messrs. D. Saverimuttu and T. S. Vethanayagam at Colombo and Mr. F. A. Sandrasagra at Jaffna. He also thanked all those who had contributed so generously for the fund.

Then Fr. Long rising amidst great applause made a splendid speech of which only a few lines could be given her to-day. He said that he had a very great regard for the Jaffna parent because of his complete trust in his 'gurus' and what struck him first in Jaffna on his arrival were the palmyrah tree and cadian fences. He said that the Jaffna man could endure great hardships like the palmyrah and still stick like that palm and the cadian fences helped to protect those within the compound and to peep at those without perhaps a sign of distrust which ought to be banished. He had begun to like their conservatism or traditionalism as he termed it and advised them to be slow in changing their good old customs as Dr. Jameson had said sometime back. He told them that owing to reasons of health the doctor had ordered him to go on a long holiday of about a year and that His Lordship had approved of it. He said that there was no other person better fitted to guide the destinies of the college in his absence than

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## LOCAL & GENERAL

**Ecclesiastical.**—His Lordship left for Madhu this morning. He will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to-morrow in two mission centres in Mannar.

The Very Revd. Fr. T. M. F. Long, O.M.I. left for Colombo yesterday. He will fly to Bombay and then take steamer for the United Kingdom.

**A Requiem Mass.**—There will be requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mr. James Joseph, retired District Judge, at the Confraternity Chapel on Monday the 25th inst. at 6-45 a.m.

**Bloodshed at B.T.S. Meeting.**—There was bloodshed and utter confusion at the 65th annual general meeting of the Buddhist Theosophical Society, held at the Buddhist Girls' School hall, Campbell Place, Maradana on Saturday with Mr. S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike in the chair, writes the "Times of Ceylon." The meeting was postponed sine die. Booming by an unruly crowd, the hurling of chairs, free fights both inside and outside the school hall, women running for safety, and boogianism of the worst order were some of the features of the meeting, which resulted in the ultimate intervention of the police to maintain order.

The meeting commenced with 'pansil' and a sermon by the Ven'ble Vipula Ganasabha Nayake Thero asking the Buddhists to conduct their affairs in a Buddhist manner. He felt that most Buddhist associations had not conducted themselves well in the past and called upon the members of the Society to conduct their meeting in a peaceful manner.

The trouble began when the meeting started to elect the office-bearers for the ensuing year.

**Birthday Honours.**—Among the recipients of Local Honours on the occasion of His Majesty the King's birthday on the 14th inst. are the following:—

Mr. A. Kanapathipillai to be J.P., for

the Northern Province. He retired from Government service as Office Assistant at Galle Kachcheri.

Mudaliyar V. Ponnambalam to be Gate Mudaliyar. He is the President of the Jaffna Co-operative Central Bank and the Treasurer of the Jaffna Hindu College and its branch schools.

Muhandiram J. N. Culanthaivelu to be Mudaliyar. He was the Secretary of the Jaffna District Court a few years ago and has retired now.

Mr. F. J. Vickramasinkam to be Muhandiram. He is the Chief Clerk of the P.R.C. Jaffna and has acted as Maniagar on several occasions.

Mr. R. V. Sethukavalar received the Insignia of the Companion of the Imperial Service Order which was conferred on him on New Year's Day this Year.

**A Great Fire at Trincomalee.**—A disastrous fire broke in Trinco destroying about 500 houses and huts and a Catholic school. Over 6,000 people have been rendered homeless.

**Food and Crafts Exhibition** at Stanley Govt. Central School was declared open by the Hon. Mr. A. Mahadeva, Minister of Home Affairs, yesterday at 4-30 p.m. The exhibition will be continued till Saturday.

**Bishops in South America Back Poles.**—Affirming that "the world cry for peace is a matter which is self-evident as the gift of heaven that we inherited from the Redeemer, Jesus Christ," Archbishop Gobarin, Bishop Rodriguez and Bishop Sosa Gaono, of Paraguay, declare in a statement which they have handed to the Polish Minister in Buenos Aires: "We stand by the glorious Polish nation in these dreadful days and desire that, in the name of justice, freedom be returned to it—that privilege which should crown the aspirations of every country."

"We join our common prayers," say the Paraguayan Bishops, "to the wishes and declarations of Pope Pius XII, that the God of nations restore Poland to the ranks of the remaining nations in the full honour and entire freedom which are her due."

## OBITUARY

### THE LATE MR. JAMES JOSEPH

Fortified by the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist and Extreme Unction, received while still fully conscious and surrounded by his near and dear ones, the soul of Mr. James Joseph, retired District Judge, once Secretary of the Catholic Union of Ceylon, President of the O.B.A., S.P.C., Jaffna, (Colombo Branch) and one of the Vice-Presidents of the O.B.A., St. Joseph's College Colombo, passed off at the age of 61 to its eternal reward at 5 a.m. on the 13th June 1945 at the General Hospital, Colombo.

His remains were removed on the same day to his eldest daughter's residence at Hill Castle Place, Silversmith Street, where there was a constant stream of callers, who had heard of his unexpected demise.

His funeral took place on the 14th inst. The service in the house was conducted by Revd. Fr. A. Michaelswamy, O.M.I., of the Jaffna Diocese assisted by Revd. Frs. D. J. Anthony, O.M.I. and Vincent Weerakody, O.M.I. Thence the coffin was shouldered by his relatives to St. Sebastian's Church, Silversmith Street, where the deceased had worshipped for over a quarter of a century. Here, Very Revd. Fr. Anthony assisted by the two other Fathers officiated. Thereafter, the coffin was placed in the motor hearse provided by Raymond Bros. and the cortege left for the General Cemetery, Kanatte, where the following acted as pall bearers: Justice A. E. Keuneman, Dr. R. F. Dias Bandaranaike, Commissioner of Assize, Mr. C. Nagalingam, Attorney-General, Messrs. W. Sansoni and V.L. St. Clair Swan, District Judges, and Mr. E. W. Perera, the veteran advocate and patriot.

Revd. Fr. Weerakody assisted by Revd. Frs. Peter A. Pillai, D. J. Anthony, Joseph Perera, A. Selvaratnam and A. Michaelswamy officiated at the graveside. The gathering was large and distinguished. Mr. Joseph leaves behind the following mourners:—Mrs. K. M. Joseph (mother), Mrs. James Joseph (widow), Mr. and Mrs. B. G. S. David,

Mr. and Mrs. V. Appapillai (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. Andrew Joseph (son), Rukmani Joseph (daughter), Mrs. E. B. Sattrukalinghe (sister), Proctor and Mrs. Martyn Joseph, Doctor and Mrs. Chrystosto N. Joseph (brothers and sisters-in-law), Proctor and Mrs. A. Maria Dason (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Joseph (brother and sister-in-law) and many nephews and nieces, besides three grandchildren.

There were moving references made in all the Courts of the Island where he had officiated as Judge. On the 15th inst., in the Colombo District Court, Mr. W. Sansoni, associated with his brother-judges, Messrs. M. A. Samarakoon, V. L. St. Clair Swan and V. E. Rajakarier, speaking on behalf of the Bench, said that they felt Mr. Joseph's loss greatly and wished to place their grief on record. He had personally known Mr. Joseph from his law student days and knew what a great Judge and friend he was. Mr. N. Nadarajah, K.C., replying on behalf of the Bar in the presence of a great gathering of lawyers described Mr. Joseph as "one of the greatest judges that occupied a place in these Courts and one who did his best to understand the grievances that were laid before him and to give redress."

Mr. James Joseph was born in Jaffna and was the eldest son of the late Mr. K. Murugesupillai Joseph one of the leading merchants of the Town. He had a brilliant career at St. Patrick's College, Jaffna and was considered the finest product of the late Fr. Patrick Dunne, O.M.I. and of the Very Revd. Fr. P. M. Francis, O.M.I. and Revd. Fr. K. Sebastian, Mis. Ap. After passing the London Matriculation Examination, the first Patrician to pass that examination, he joined St. Joseph's College, Colombo and then the Law College. He distinguished himself in both Colleges, and passed out first in the First Class, as an Advocate. In the Metropolitan Bar he quickly earned a large and lucrative practice, at the Appeal and Original Courts. Just as he was approaching the time to take "silk", he was persuaded by the late Mr. Justice Akbar, then Attorney-General to accept a post on the Bench. He joined as A.D.J. Jaffna, in June 1928 and served with great acceptance as District Judge of Batticaloa, Badulla, Kurunegala, Matara, Kandy, Kalutara, Colombo and Jaffna. He retired only last July and reverted to the Bar.

His interests were wide and his outlook broad and tolerant. His fellow-feeling with the common man was genuine and life long—a shining example to others. At public and social events, his speeches used to be looked forward to, for their neatness, elegance and appropriateness. "James was an English Scholar", as a friend expressed in the public Press. He was fond of his mother tongue and was always pleased when he heard it spoken well by his kith and kin. Yet his sympathies were not limited by any racial, religious or class barriers. As a writer in the "Ceylon Daily News" put it justly, "His was a genial personality, cheerful and courteous.....The memory of a courteous gentleman, a friendly lawyer and a kindly Judge will linger long in the minds and hearts of those who came in contact with him. In our hearts he has created a void which is difficult to fill."

R. I. P.

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## Fr. Long's Silver Jubilee Celebration

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Fr. B. A. John who has been closely associated with the college for about 30 years. He requested the Old Boys to give him the same co-operation and support that they had given him so far. If the Jaffna man could root out from his mind caste and all its manifestations he would back him against all comers next to the Irish. After this Dr. Chelappah called for three hearty cheers to the Jubilarian and the proceedings of the day came to a close.

### Public Dinner

A public dinner was organised by the S.P.C. Old Boys' Association Jaffna to entertain Fr. Long on Saturday 16th June at 9-30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Covers were laid for 120 and Mr. Lionel B. Emmanuel, I.S.O. presided.

After the loyal toasts had been proposed by His Lordship the Bishop Dr. M. J. A. Sandrasegra in proposing a toast to the Jubilarian, said that the brilliant list of achievements to Fr. Long's credit had been proclaimed from pulpit, from the public platform, and in the Press, during the last few days. But Fr. Long's exceptionally brilliant list of failures had gone underground and perhaps into the blackmarket, like his soya bean scheme.

Fr. Long had two sides, unlike the Jaffna railway station. "We have heard enough of one side and now let us have a peep into the lighter and brighter side of Father Long's career," he declared. In conclusion he expressed that it was the unanimous opinion of the Old Boys of St. Patrick's that the line of Irish heads of St. Patrick's should not be broken and urged the hierarchy not to be deaf to their sincere appeal.

Fr. Long in reply said that it was his desire to transfer St. Patrick's College to the spacious land acquired by the remarkable efforts of the late Fr. S. R. Martin and the present Bursar Fr. A. S. Singarayer. To do this a lakh of rupees had to be found and he said that with the co-operation of such Old Boys and the beneficent public of Jaffna it was not too heavy a sum to make up. His idea was a system of enhanced salaries to attract the best talents to the staff of St. Patrick's and several scholarships to deserving pupils. This could be achieved by a long pull a strong pull and a pull altogether. He also explained the scheme formulated by Dr. A. I. Rajasingham to collect the funds for the new block.

Then Mr. F. J. Armstrong, of the tutorial staff of St. Patrick's in a delightful speech proposed the toasts of the guests particularly mentioning the names of the Doctors of the Medical Dept. and the Principals of the various institutions of Jaffna present on that night.

Dr. S. C. Thurairajab, M.O.H. Jaffna replying said that he thanked the previous speaker for the fine things he said about the visitors & the S.P.C., O.B.A., for having invited them to such a sumptuous dinner.

Mr. J. C. Charles, Acting Principal, Jaffna Central College proposing the toast of St. Patrick's College said that St. Patrick's and Fr. Long were so closely associated that St. Patrick's cannot be thought of without being reminded of Fr. Long. Under his regime St. Patrick's had set up a very enviable standard in studies and sports in Jaffna. It was St. Patrick's that made the athletes of Jaffna known in Colombo. He complimented the Rector and his devoted staff on the excellent work they were doing. Referring to Fr. B. A. John as the wizard of S.P.C. he congratulated him on his appointment as Acting Rector particularly because he was the first Ceylonese to hold that much-coveted post.

Then Fr. John while thanking Mr. J. C. Charles for his good wishes said that he would try to cope up with the work done by Fr. Long. He mentioned that 1950 would see the Centenary Celebration of St. Patrick's College. He said that he would help Fr. Long in collecting funds to complete the second wing of the College building. He also thanked the Old Boys for the promise of their co-operation.

With these the party came to a close.

## President May Re-Appoint Personal Envoy

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"the listening post of the world." Mr. Taylor's mission has had a far higher purpose than that, but his presence there has satisfied the urgency which led other countries to establish regular missions.

On the other hand, the continued existence of the temporary mission over a period of years may clear as well as point the way to the appointment of an American Ambassador at the head of a permanent Mission, especially in view of the United States' determination to share in the maintenance of world peace.

After Mr. Taylor had been appointed, Bishop Ryan, of Omaha, wrote in the "New York Times":

"That our Government and the Vatican are drawing, almost daily, closer together there can be no doubt. Recent acts of both the Holy See and the United States speak louder than mere protestations of goodwill. The patent community of interests and purposes which exists points to an understanding by full and spontaneous recognition on the part of both Church and State."

The establishment of regular diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the U.S.A. might have an effect upon the British Mission. It is hardly likely that Congress would, once it came to the point, decide on less than an Embassy at the Vatican. This might be followed at last by the raising of the status of the British Mission, whose head, as a Minister, continues at the Vatican to take precedence after the envoys of many small countries.

An appointment at the Vatican would not necessarily mean that the Apostolic Delegation in Washington would become a Nunciature, with a Papal Nuncio enjoying the diplomatic rights and privileges. As in London, the Holy See's representative in Washington might remain an Apostolic Delegate.

In England, as in Holland—where the Papal representative holds the rank of Minister—this question involves the status of a Nuncio as doyen of the diplomatic Corps.—*Universe*.

## Telegraphic Summary of News

### LEVANT AS FIRST CASE FOR UNITED NATIONS

The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, announced that since France's proposal for a Five-Power Conference on the Middle East problems had apparently been rejected, the French Government was carrying the Levant question before the Assembly of the United Nations.

M. Bidault was speaking during a debate in the French National Consultative Assembly. Demanding the complete and objective investigation of the recent events in Syria, he proposed an international inquiry, in conditions of impartiality, which might well provide the new World Organisation with its first test.

"We do not go to San Francisco to draw up lifeless texts", he said. "If we prove wrong—well, we shall be in the wrong. If we prove right, then right will prevail."

"The French Government does not intend to abandon France's position and influence, either in the Levant or elsewhere", M. Bidault declared.

"The interests of France and of Britain, good sense and reason, all demand that each should recognise the others role in the immense problem represented by the rise of the Arab world."

### "DRACONIAN MEASURES"

Earlier in his speech, M. Bidault recalled the "draconian measures taken by General Paget (the British C.-in-C., Middle East) and said: "We have protested to London against each of these infringements of our rights, but I regret to say, so far, without any result; and the process of evicting us continues."

## ENTHRONING LAW AS WORLD GUIDE

Presenting the Provisions and Statutes of the New World Court of Justice to the Public Commission meeting for approval, the United Nations Conference Committee declared in its report: "Long roads have been travelled in an effort to enthrone law as a guide for the conduct of States in their relations with one another."

"A new mile post is now to be erected along that road. In establishing an International Court the United Nations hold up for the war-stricken world the beacons of justice and law, and offer the possibility of substituting orderly judicial processes for the vicissitudes of war and the right of brutal force."

### NEHRU, AZAD AND OTHERS RELEASED

The Bombay Government has lifted the ban on the Congress Working Committee. A Bombay Govt. Gazette Extraordinary in announcing this says that the ban on the All-India Congress Committee, however, remains.

The Government of Madras have also removed the ban on the Congress Working Committee.

Another A.P.J. message reports the release of the Congress Working Committee detenus, including the Congress President, Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, Jaffna, 6 June 1945.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

## KING HOPES INDIA WILL RESPOND

The King on Friday last expressed his "earnest hope" that the invitation to the Indian political leaders, to take part in the government of British India, would be accepted.

The King made this reference to India in his speech proroguing Parliament which was read for him in the House of Lords by the Lord Chancellor Viscount Simon.

### INDIA IS IMPRESSED

"India Impressed by New Plan" is the five-column streamer headline which "The News Chronicle" gave on Saturday to a message from its Bombay correspondent who says that Indian reactions generally are favourable to Lord Wavell's proposals.

### Salt Transport

The Government Agent, N.P., will receive tenders up to 12 noon on Friday 29 June 1945 for the service of transporting salt from the salt forming areas at Karanavai and Vellapparavai to the salt storage platform at Tondaimanar and from the salt forming areas at Irupalai to the storage platform at Chiviyateru. Further particulars may be obtained from the Jaffna Kachcheri.

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