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Extraordinary Visions Reported of Christ and Mary in Germany

According to some relation given by the Benedictine Fathers, Germany has been favoured with apparitions of the Blessed Virgin and of Our Lord Himself in the past ten years.

An article in a German newspaper reported that Our Lady appeared to four school-girls of Heed (Germany) several times from November 1st 1941 to November 3rd, 1947. The article says that even the Gestapo (Police) intervened and had the children, who were sisters, taken to a mental hospital, from which after undergoing observation they were dismissed and declared normal. When the children were forbidden to return to the site of the apparitions, Our Lady appeared to them in other places more than a hundred times. It is said that the Blessed Virgin has confided to each of the girls a secret for the Holy Father, a secret which they were allowed to communicate only to their Bishop so that he might transmit it to Rome.

At the end of 1945 rumours were heard announcing other apparitions. This time, of Our Lord Himself, to one of the children who had already been a witness of the apparition of the Virgin. The Parish Priest of Altoetting spoke of it in one of his Lenten discourses in 1945. The repetition of the message of Our Lord at Gretch Gensforth was a lament that His warnings given at Fatima in Portugal had not been heeded by men, and a new request was made of penance and devotion to the Holy Rosary.

The other place of the apparitions is Pfaffenhofen, Swabia, Germany, where the Madonna appeared to a certain Barbara Rues in April, on the 25th of May and 25th of June in 1946. In these accounts mention is often made of the insistence of Our Lady with regard to her position as "Mediatrice of graces." She said that there will be peace only when her power is recognized. The world must needs live its consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and it must drink the chalice of wrath to its dregs, on account of the numerous sins with which the Sacred Heart is offended. It is very definite that there will be a battle between the "star of the infernal region" and the "Sign" of Mary, but victory is predicted to the followers of the Madonna. Marvels that have never been worked before will be accomplished in the souls of the little group that honours the Immaculate Heart of Mary and carries out her will.

Also at Swabia she insists on the necessity of the Rosary and she reminds again about the five First Sundays. Father Bertola approved the description of the apparitions given in the newspaper of Schildwachi in August of 1946 and there is no doubt of the authenticity of these events. Here follows the translation of the message given in the visions at Pfaffenhofen, near Ul, Swabia, in 1946. "Where greater confidence is found and where the people will believe that I do everything, there will I prepare peace. Only when people will believe in my power will there be peace. I am the Sign of the living God and I imprint this Sign of mine on the brow of my children. The "Star" will persecute my "Sign" but my "Sign" will conquer the "Star".

I am the Powerful Mediatrice of

graces; as the world can find mercy from the Father by means of the sacrifice of the Son, so can you obtain a favourable acceptance of your requests of the Son, through my intercession. Christ is not known because I am unknown. The Father poured out His chalice of wrath over the nations because they have rejected His Son. The world has been consecrated, yes, to my Immaculate Heart, but this consecration only remains a fearful responsibility. I ask that the world live up to this consecration.

Have unlimited confidence in my Immaculate Heart, believe that I can obtain everything from my Son. In the place of your sinful heart, put my Immaculate Heart, then it will be I who will attract the power of God, and the love of the Father will renew the fullness of Christ in you. Fulfil this request of mine so that Christ may reign as prince of peace. The world must drink to its dregs the chalice of wrath on account of the numerous sins, with which the divine Heart is offended.

The Star of the infernal regions will strike more violently than ever, and will cause frightful destructions, because it knows that its time is short and because it sees that many are already gathered together around my Sign. Over these he has no power, though he will kill the bodies of many; but by means of these sacrifices suffered for me, my power to lead the rest of the armed to victory will increase. Many already have this sign impressed on them. Their number goes on increasing.

But I wish to tell my children not to forget that the cross of these days of blood is a grace, and to thank the Father of this Cross. I conjure you, offer sacrifices for sinners, offer yourselves and your works to the Father through me and put yourselves at my disposition without any reserve. Recite the Rosary. Do not pray too much for temporal things, things much more important are in danger in these times. Do not expect extraordinary signs or marvels, I shall do my part as Powerful Mediatrice, but in secret. I shall procure you peace of heart, if you will fulfil these wishes of mine. Then will Christ reign as the Prince of Peace over the nations.

Do all you can so that this my desire may be known in the world. I am the Powerful Mediatrice of graces. It is the Father's will that the world should know this position of His servant. The nations must believe that I am the unperishable Spouse of the Holy Ghost and faithful Mediatrice of all graces. My Sign is already appearing. God wills it thus. My children alone will recognise this sign because it is revealed in secret and through it do they give glory to the Eternal One. I cannot yet manifest my power to the world in general. I still have to keep a little distant from my children.

In secret I shall accomplish marvels in souls until the required number of victims will be complete. It depends on you to shorten the days of darkness. Your blood sacrifice will destroy the image of the beast. Then I shall be able to manifest myself to the world for the glory of the Omnipotent. Choose my Sign so that the thrice-holy God may be honoured.

Pray and offer sacrifice through my

IT'S APATHY THAT MAKES US VICTIMS

There are times when one feels that the patience of our Bishops in the face of our apathy must surely represent a world phenomenon.

They have steadily, eloquently and for years pleaded with us to be up and doing for our own good; to apply our weight in public affairs instead of standing aloof; but the only reply they get is the cry: "These Communists! They're penetrating everywhere! They're sweeping the board!"

It is an absurd complaint. If we would only stop our arm-chair fretfulness for a moment to face hard facts we'd see how unwarrantable it is. For unwarrantable is the word.

Our attitude is an assertion that the odds are too much for us—in other words, that three million Catholics are hopelessly outnumbered by forty thousand Communists.

The thing would be comic if it weren't so tragic. Tragic it is—the tragedy of mere inertia. Let us stop complaining for a moment and think hard about it, not sparing ourselves.

FIRST IN THE FIELD

Think back. There was a time, and not so long ago—in the living memory of some of us, in fact—when even the word Communist was unknown in the land. A Communist was as rare as a museum piece.

But Catholics weren't. We were already here in our millions.

Communism, in other words, started at zero, while we had all those numbers in front of them—they beat us.

Pray always, say the Rosary. May all your supplications to the Father be made through my Immaculate Heart. If these are for His honour. He certainly will grant them to you. In your prayers do not ask for temporal goods, but implore graces for souls in particular, for your Community, for the nations, so that all may arrive at loving and honouring the Divine Heart. Make the first Saturdays, as I have asked that they should be dedicated to me.

The Apostles and Priests should consecrate themselves in a special way to me, so that the great sacrifices asked for in a special manner by the inscrutable God, may be placed in my hands, to increase in sanctity and value. Offer your prayers and sacrifices to me; do not be seekers of self. In these times honour and reparation are needed to be given to the Eternal One. If you give yourselves without reserve I certainly will take care of the rest.

Crosses, heavy and deep like the sea will I distribute to my children because I love them in my sacrificed Son. I ask of you, prepare yourselves to carry the cross, so that soon we may arrive at peace. I urge the people to fulfil my desires quickly because to-day and always the accomplishment of my will is necessary for the greater anathema over those who refuse to obey His Will.

The proclamation of these revelations should above all be made to the public in general. Unfortunately the majority will not take them seriously. They will be reserved for a tiny group and this small group only will have a clear penetration in secret things. In the soul of this little group who will perform my

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We had the trade unions open to us the town councils, parliament and the rest, at a time when few voters would waste a serious thought on Communists. Yet now it is they and not we who have control of some of these vital organizations, plus a dangerous power in all of them.

It is no good saying that Catholics have always been unpopular and that prejudice is against us. So it was with them.

It is no good saying that they have a cause and a message that appeals to the workers. So have we—the noblest cause, the greatest message the world has ever known. And more.

Not only has our cause and message won the downtrodden of all the ages, from the slaves of Rome to the slums of modern Babylon; it can win all men, rich as well as poor by its balanced spirituality, its sane humanity, its all-encompassing charity.

ADVANTAGES OURS

No, when it comes to counting advantages they have always been on our side from gospel to numbers. They still are. And yet Communism has got ahead of us. As far as public reactions and results go their 40,000 are often more effective than our 3,000,000.

What is the reason for this seemingly absurd contradiction of plain facts?

Isn't it ourselves? Haven't we stood too often aloof by our Wailing Wall, while Communists buckled to and worked?

They applied energy where we settled into apathy.

They have been active in every kind of trade, civic and national effort, while many of us have not even exerted enough energy to use the votes belonging to us.

That is the way 40,000 have ridden rough-shod over 3,000,000: it is the method by which minorities are mastering the inert masses the world over.

It is the spectacle of a giant being prodded into obedience by a child with a sharp stick. We know that the giant has only to put out his hand and take the stick away to end the silly business.

It is time we stopped complaining and took the stick away.

It is, in fact, as easy as that.

It calls for neither violence, fighting, nor heroics: violence, fighting or weight as the Communist apply theirs.

Archbishop Masterson has again shown us how easily it can be done. He has pointed to the successes already achieved by Catholic trade unionists in making the most of their numbers in their trade organization.

What they can do every other Catholic can do through his trade, professional and political guild or association.

It is no question of party views but of personal effort applied and directed through all parties.

Labour politicians tell us in the same terms as Liberals and Tories that the way to rid ourselves of the Red miasma is to become active instead of remaining passive: to work, to interest ourselves, to use our normal advantages in trade, civic and national affairs with as much zeal as the Communists.

Let us stop complaining and try a spot of doing.—The Universe.

AUCTION SALE

251 logs of palu, satin, milla, luntumidella, mahogany, hulaubik and 1 ton 17 cws. of mahogany will be sold by Auction on Saturday, 28th Aug., 1948 commencing from 9 a.m. at the Forest Department, Timber Depot, Jaffna Customs, Jaffna. Further particulars of the sale can be had from the Divisional Forest Officer, Northern Division, Jaffna.

H. E. C. LUSHINGTON,
Conservator of Forests.
Colombo, 14th August, 1948.

Church Calendar

AUGUST 1948

THURS....26 S. Zephyrinus.
FRI.27 S. Jos. Calas.
SAT.28 S. Augustine.
SUN.29 15 P.—Behead. of S. John E.
MON.30 S. Rose.
TUES.31 S. Raymond.

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BERLIN-MOSCOW.
THE NEW AXIS.

The great battle for the body and soul of Germany, at least of East Germany, is reaching a new climax. It has gone far beyond face-saving and though few shots have been exchanged, it is a battle, grim and almost for a certainty, decisive. The Russians have the useful arguments of the big battalions, contiguity to their bases and so far the determination to do anything and everything likely to serve their purpose short of formal war.

Short of formal war: that would seem to the operative clause. They are helped by the indecision of their opponents: thus indecision is inevitable on the part of allied democracies, war-weary with sufficiently divergent domestic policies—not excluding a factor like the American Presidential Campaign—with their effect upon policy abroad.

The only trump they seem to have at the moment is that Russian policy also has evidently its own strains. Of these there are two that indicate big repercussions. The reaction to the impact of the West on the carefully guarded Russian soul has been more telling than many even of the opponents of Marxism had considered possible. This is the explanation of the stepping-up of the anti-God campaign within the country. At the very lowest it is clear that the stepping-up does not favour the idea that Russia means war just now. During the war the line was to ease off the anti-God campaign and to concentrate on exclusively, or virtually exclusively, national appeals. The insistence on ideological rectitude could wait for a later day. That day has come now. The commissar is coming out of his cold storage.

There is another factor that calls for comment. The West has not been docile enough. It is not merely that the elections have not gone as they should have gone on Marxist theory. The pedagogues have had their knuckles smartly rapped. Therez

in France, has been superseded and in Jugo-Slavia which to our unexacting eyes seemed to furnish a copy-book headline on how Marxists get into power and maintain it, Tito is in official disgrace. In Italy there has been the surprising inability of the Communists to make more of what, from their point of view, should have been a God-send, if their scruples would permit them to accept the phrase. We are referring to the attempted assassination of Togliatti: this has been justly condemned by men of all parties.

What emerges from this overall survey is reducible to two main features.

The first is the closing down rigidly of the Iron Curtain on the territory already occupied in Europe, barring Jugo-Slavia, and the forswearing for the time being at least of any lively hopes in the West. A corollary that will bear on all of us is the intensification of the campaign to capture Asia. If China falls to the Communists, India's turn will be next. Ceylon in Hitler's famous phrase could then 'be taken by phone.'

The second point that emerges is that from the Marxist point of view, the necessity of having to put the Russian soul into splints again must be causing grave concern. How much that soul can 'take' and for how long are questions that concern all of us intimately. The resistance movement that comes from the very nature of the human soul will and must tell.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast. Here are some thoughts of St. John Eudes on the subject. Among the feasts of Our Lady that of her admirable Heart is the essence and queen of all, for the heart is the seat of love and charity, the queen of all virtues and the source of every grace. Our Lady's Heart is that of the Queen of Heaven and earth, the sovereign empress of the universe; it is the Heart of the only and beloved daughter of the Eternal Father, the Heart of the Mother of God, the Heart of the Spouse of the Holy Ghost; it is the Heart of the Most Dear Mother of all the faithful; a Heart, the most worthy, noble, august, and generous, the most lovable, most loved and most loving heart of all pure creatures; a Heart on fire with the love of God, and of us.

The Heart of our heavenly Mother is ours because her Son has given her to us. What a treasure, and what happiness for us to possess such riches. Her Holy Heart is the living image of the adorable love of God, who has impressed on it a perfect resemblance of His divine qualities. It is one with the love of God, for Our Lady had no other will, but that of her Son. Although the Heart of Jesus is distinct from that of Mary, and infinitely surpasses it in excellence and holiness nevertheless, God has so closely united these two Hearts, that they are but one,

because they have always been animated with the same spirit and filled with the same sentiment.

"All the glory of the king's daughter is within." All the glory, all the grace, all the sanctity, and all that is great and worthy of honour in the Queen of Heaven takes its origin from within, from her Heart, because it was by the humility, the purity and love of her virginal Heart, that she drew down to her Heart the Son of God, and caused Him to dwell within her.

The Pure Heart of Mary is a furnace of charity towards mankind, for even the greatest sinner, she loves, and she sacrificed her only Son for His greatest enemies. She is ready to suffer all torments to help to save a single soul. Therefore let us according to the wishes of the present Pontiff gloriously reigning consecrate ourselves and our families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and if we do so, she will take us into her protection and help us now, and at the hour of our death.

C.W.M.—SERIES.

A Great Teacher—
Rev. Brother James of
St. Benedict's College, Colombo

BY M. J. A. JEYANATHAN

Well merited tributes have been paid during the past few weeks to the work of a great Catholic teacher in this country. I am referring to Brother James of St. Benedict's College who celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his entering the Religious Life, last month. It was Sir Ivor Jennings, who speaking at the luncheon held in honour of the Jubilarian, said that what struck him most when he came to Ceylon was the high esteem in which the people held their teachers. Benedictines, true to their tradition, have not been slow in expressing their appreciation of the work done by their revered teacher to the School and to the country.

Like many other spiritual son of St. John the Baptist De La Salle, Brother James has so completely identified himself with us of this country that it is difficult to think of him as a Burman. It was many decades ago that he left his native country and came over to Ceylon "to impart Christian education to the poor, and make them walk in the way of salvation." Having put his hand to the plough, he never looked back. His field of labour in this country has been St. Benedict's College. As a zealous teacher who appreciated his high calling, and as an ever sympathetic guide and friend to those in charge, Bro. James will be remembered by generations of Benedictines with affection and gratitude. To his brother teachers, both religious and lay, his life and example are a permanent inspiration. If St. Benedict's is reputed for the very fine Catholic education, and the excellent "tone" it imparts to its pupils, let it be frankly stated that the personality of Brother James is largely responsible for it.

Reference has been made in the daily papers, to Brother James' work in connection with the St. John's Berchman's Association, the premier Altar Boy's Association in Ceylon and various other religious societies. These associations are privileged to have in Brother James an ideal Director. What amazes one is that this veteran religious, with his manifold duties as a teacher, finds time to devote himself wholeheartedly to other outside activities. And the wonder grows more when it is considered that he is ever at the beck and call of many an old boy of his who come to him, almost daily, for advice, guidance and help. One has only to visit St. Benedict's in the evenings to be convinced of the truth of this statement. Many are the young men whom this man of God has led from the altar steps to the altar. Numerous are the Bene-

dictines now doing very well in life whom he has helped to get a good start in life. Indeed, he has been a greater benefactor to the Catholic youth of Ceylon.

That this good and faithful servant of God, this Grand Old Man of St. Benedict's should be spared long amongst us of his adopted country is the firm wish and earnest prayer of all.

LOCAL & GENERAL

The Second Retreat of the Diocesan Clergy.—The Second Retreat for the Fathers of the Jaffna Diocese will commence tomorrow Friday Aug. 27. The Very Rev. Father G. Fortin, O.M.I., Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Colombo who preached the first Retreat will continue to conduct the second one also.

The Third Order of St. Francis.—The monthly meeting of the Third Order of St. Francis will take place at 5-30 p.m. in St. Aloysius' Hall on Friday the 27th of Aug., 1948. Plenary Indulgences can be gained in Sept. on these dates:—1, 4, 8, 17, 18, 24, 27, 29. Conditions:—Confession; Communion, Visit to the Cathedral and prayer for the Pope's Intentions. On the 8th and 17th of September General Absolution will be imparted.

World Health Organisation Post for Ceylonese.—Dr. S. F. Chellappah, Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, has been offered the post of Deputy Director of the World Health Organisation, South-East Asia, with headquarters at Mysore. It is likely that he will accept the post after his retirement next month.

The post of Deputy Director is a permanent one and will carry a salary of 10,000 to 12,000 dollars per annum. It is understood that eminent experts in various branches of medicine will be recruited on a two-year contract basis, and it is likely that some doctors from Ceylon will be invited.

Top priority will be given by the W.H.O. (South-East Asia) to maternity and child welfare work, malaria and tuberculosis.

Colombo-Jaffna Air Service, the Most-paying.—At the commencement of the Colombo Jaffna air services Sir John Kotelawela never thought that it would be a paying proposition. Now he finds that the line is the most paying.

Deputy Speaker Loses His Seat in Parliament.—Mr. Justice Dias delivered a 123-page judgment on Monday Aug. 23 setting aside the election of Mr. R. A. de Mel, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Colombo South Seat.

The respondent, Mr. de Mel, was ordered to pay Rs. 30,000 as costs to the petitioner, Mr. P. Saravanamuttu, of Colombo.

The Judge held that it was proved beyond all reasonable doubt that fifteen persons committed the offence of impersonation for the benefit of the respondent; that there was a conspiracy to abet the impersonations; and that the respondent was privy to that conspiracy.

The Judge holds also that at the time of the election Mr. de Mel was disqualified by reason of a contract with the Crown.

On the charge of bribery, the Judge holds the respondent not guilty.

Nose pendant on the Face of Jaffna.—"Karainagar may rightly be called the nose pendant shedding lustre on the face of Jaffna," said Mr. Justice C. Nagalingam, K.C., in opening a health, agricultural and industrial exhibition, held in connexion with Karainagar's Health Week celebrations at Karainagar Hindu College.

Mr. Justice Nagalingam was welcomed by Mr. A. M. Ambalavanar, Village Committee Chairman, Karainagar.

Government Generous to Tamils, says Tamil Congress M.P.

—The present Government is proving to be increasingly generous to the Tamils, said Mr. C. Vanniasingham, M.P., for Kopya, in the course of a speech at the Valikamam East Agricultural Exhibition.

"If the Government and the future leaders of the country adopt such a conciliatory attitude towards the minorities, the communal problem in free Lanka will soon disappear" he said.

Recreation Club for Catholic Girls.—A recreation Club for the Catholic women and girls of Debiwala has been formally declared open by the Rev. Fr. Romuald Fernando, O.M.I., the parish priest of St. Mary's Church. Fr. Fernando said he hoped that all the women of the parish would derive benefit from the sports facilities now available. Healthy outdoor recreation was essential for the spiritual and social welfare of the youth.

The pupils of the Holy Family Convent, Debiwala, played a game of netball on the new court, laid out in a section of land belonging to the church. A badminton court is in course of preparation and St. Mary's Tennis Club have allowed women parishioners to use their tennis court on certain days.

Two Useful Resolutions at the N.P.T.A.—"Abuse" of teachers' study leave privileges by some managers of schools was spotlighted at the annual general meeting of the Northern Province Teachers' Association held at the Jaffna Town Hall. Mr. L. S. Kulatungam presiding.

Mr. A. Kanagaratnam moved "that this association wishes to draw the Education Minister's attention to the abuse of teachers' study leave regulations by some managers who make study leave conditional on payment of a voluntary levy; and appeals to him to make it possible (a) for all teachers to qualify for full-pay study leave on completing five years of service, and (b) on being selected for training to avail themselves of the right without being restricted in any way by conditions that may be imposed by a manager."

He said that teachers after five years' service and on passing the entrance examination qualified, as of right, for training. Any manager who demanded from a teacher a levy, under any pretext whatsoever, was acting unfairly. Such action was a grave abuse of the study leave regulations.

The resolution was adopted, two voting against it.

Mr. V. Karthigesu moved "that since the Education Department has abolished the Matriculation examination, and since the Ceylon University does not conduct external examinations and since the Inter-Varsity Board has banned external students taking up any examination of the Indian Universities, the A.C.U.T. should request the University Senate to hold external examinations, for teachers who have been in service for five years."

He said that at a time when the country needed more graduate teachers the Ceylon University was obstructing even the outside facilities that were available for teachers to qualify. In the interests of education the Minister should take remedial measures. The resolution was adopted.

Citizenship Bill Passes Second Reading.—By a majority of 53 votes to 35, the Citizenship Bill passed its second reading in the House of Representatives last Friday, and on the motion of the Prime Minister, Mr. D. S. Senanayake, the Bill was referred to a Committee of the whole House.

The Tamil Congress opposed Bill. Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayagam, K.C., M.P. (Kankasanturai) speaking on behalf of the Congress described the Bill as a place of panicky legislation, the result of a fear that the Sinhalese would be swamped by another linguistic group.—*Observer.*

It is a pity that Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam did not speak in this debate although he was present right through. It was a subject in which he would have excelled himself, and he could have provided the House with an excellent critical analysis of the Bill.

The conduct of the Tamil Congress group during this debate was most intriguing. Though their sole spokesman declared that the party was against the Bill, no serious effort was made to examine it from their special angle.—*Times.*

Anuradhapura News.—Rev. Fr. Emmanuel O.M.I., Parish Priest left Anuradhapura on transfer to Pt. Pedro with the best wishes of the Catholic Association and general public. Rev. Fr. S. A. Swampillai from Mullaitivu has succeeded Father Emmanuel as Parish Priest. Rev. Fr. Albert Perera has come here as assistant Parish Priest.

Health Week Celebrations, Mannar.—The Health week celebrations at Mannar came to a close on 21-8-48 with a public meeting organised by Mr. E. M. Sittampalam, Sanitary Inspector, Town Council, Mannar at St. Xavier's College Hall, Mannar. This meeting was presided over by Mr. V. A. Alagacane, Chairman, Town Council, Mannar. The meeting was attended by a large and representative gathering.

The following items were gone through:

- (1) Demonstrations on D.D.T. spraying in Malaria control work with the aid of the D.D.T. Unit No. 3.
- (2) Health songs by the Good Shepherd's Girls School, Mannar.
- (3) Address by the president on health work in relation to Local Authorities.
- (4) Talk on general sanitation by Dr. S. Ariyaratnam, D.M.O., Mannar.
- (5) Talk on Health work and Co-operation of the public with Health Officers by Gate Mudaliyar Muttuthamby.
- (6) Talk on social health work by Mr. M. Daniel Roche, Member T.C. for Pallimunnai Ward.
- (7) Talk on National Savings by Mr. Gnanaprasam, District Supervisor, National Savings, Mannar.
- (8) Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. Joseph Sanitary Inspector, Mannar Rural.

Co-operative Motor Service for Pooneryn.—A Co-operative motor transport service was inaugurated in the Island of Pooneryn on Aug. 14 by Mr. R. C. S. Cooke, Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Northern Province.

At present the Society has two station wagons, and has obtained a route licence for a bus to ply between Jaffna and Pooneryn, a distance of 18 miles. With the completion of the Mahadeva Causeway, the Society hopes to extend the area of its operation, and open a bus service to Mannar via Pooneryn.

First Full-Strength Cadet Camp Since 1939.—The first full-strength camp of the Ceylon Cadet Battalion since 1939 began on August 18, and continues till the 28th. Whatever be the truth of the remark attributed to a regular officer during some of the grimmest fighting in the desert war—"Thank God, this beastly war will be over some time and we can get back to real soldiering"—there is no doubt that all those connected with the Battalion, and that goes for such a large percentage of the schools in the Island, are glad that the war is over, and that they can get to the training the war years interrupted.

There are chaplains to look after each denomination. Regular daily services are being held.

On the opening day of Camp, there was the first Battalion Parade since 1938. The parade was memorable for more reasons than one.

The health of the Camp is excellent, and the quality of the food so good that it is rumoured that the Cadets are preparing a testimonial for the Quartermaster, Captain A. P. M. Peiris.

The spirit of the Camp is excellent and everything humanly possible is being done to see that the training runs smoothly, efficiently and without bearing too hard on anyone.

Exemption from the London Matriculation.—The regulations for exemption from the London Matriculation through Senior School Certificate Examination have been altered and now demand the exemption standard required in:

- (1) English Language, (2) Elementary Mathematics and (3), (4) and (5) three other subjects from the list shown in paragraph 12 (b) on page 6 of the Regulations for the Senior School Certificate Examination (Section D) for 1948 and 1949, at least one of the subjects being a language other than English.

C. T. LORAGE,
Asst. Director of Education,
(Examinations).

100 Rail Coaches from U.K.—One hundred railway carriages are being ordered from the United Kingdom for the Ceylon Government Railway.

This is the first time that railway carriages are being ordered since the outbreak of the war and special representations are being made with regard to their delivery as early as possible.

The carriages on order are of the most modern type, designed to give greater comfort in travel than those in use at present.

They are mostly third class carriages but also include a number of first and second class carriages.

Board for Receiving of House Rent.—Provisions for tenants to deposit authorised rents, with Rent Boards and the right of sub-tenants to appeal to such Boards for an assessment of the rent of sub-let premises, are two of the outstanding features of the amending Rent Restriction Bill which will come up in Parliament shortly.

Section 12 of the draft Ordinance provides that a tenant may deposit his authorised rent with the Rent Board. The Board will transmit the rent received to the landlord, who will be required to "issue a receipt to the Board in acknowledgment of the amount so transmitted or delivered to him."

Advanced Training.—Mr. K. Thuraisingham, manager of the State Cattle Farm of Polonnaruwa, has left for India on a Government Scholarship for a 10-month course of training in Advanced Animal Husbandry at Izatnagar.

Indo-Ceylon M.O. Fraud Case.—John Edmund Peries and P. D. Simon Patrick Stanislaus of Ceylon and accused in what is known as the Indo-Ceylon Money Order Fraud Case, were on Aug. 20 convicted of cheating, false personation and forgery and sentenced to seven years and five years' rigorous imprisonment respectively by the Subordinate Judge of Madura.

The case against the accused, who were in temporary service in the Colombo Post Office from January 1943 to March 1945, was that they managed with the help of another permanent employee of the Post Office to get bogus money orders from fictitious remitters in Ceylon to fictitious payees in India inserted among the genuine ones before what are known as the "advice lists" were prepared. These daily "advice lists" were, in accordance with the usual practice for despatch of money orders from Ceylon to India, sent to the foreign section of the Post Office which is responsible for the preparation of money orders from the "advice lists" and the adjustment of accounts between India and Ceylon.

The accused came to India and, staying at different places and assuming the fictitious names mentioned in the bogus money orders, received large sums of money running to several thousands of rupees.—*The Hindu.*

To Hear His Holiness the Pope.—500,000 Youth in Rome will hear the Pope's message to the youth of the world in September when about half a million Catholic young men and girls from 54 nations are expected to attend the anniversary celebrations of Italian Catholic Action.

Castle Gandolfo.—His Holiness the Pope on August 20 received the Shah of Persia in private audience in the consistorial room at his summer palace. This is the first time foreign royalty has been officially received at Castle Gandolfo.

Governor-Designate of Madras.—H.H. the Maharaja of Bhavanagar, Madras Governor-designate, is expected to arrive in Madras about the end of this month.

His Highness will assume office of Governor on September 7, after a brief swearing-in ceremony.

Sir Archibald Nye relinquishes office on that day and leaves Madras in the morning by air en route to London.

The Governor-designate will stay at Government House, Guindy.

Pandit Nehru May Lead U.N.O. Team.—Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru hopes to pay a brief visit to Europe if circumstances permit during the third session of the U.N.O. General Assembly commencing in Paris on September 1. In that event he will lead the delegation while he is in Paris, says a Press note issued on Aug. 17.

30 Years Imprisonment.—Rudolph Hess, Hitler's Deputy has been sentenced to 10 years imprisonment by a Munich Denazification Court in addition to the 20 years sentence imposed by the International War Crimes Tribunal.

Hyderabad Appeals to U.N.O.—The Nizam's Government will take their dispute with India to the United Nations, said a press note issued on Aug. 19. The decision has been com-

municated to India's Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru by the Premier of Hyderabad, Mir-Laik-Ali, the press note added but it did not mention the sponsor of the case. In his communication to Mr. Nehru the Premier of Hyderabad stated: "The situation between Hyderabad and India has now become grave and constitutes an imminent threat to peace. Hyderabad has therefore decided to apply to the United Nations and solicit their good offices so that the dispute may be resolved and a peaceful and enduring settlement arrived between India and Hyderabad."

OBITUARY

MRS. JOSEPHINE BASTIAMPILLAI

The death occurred on Friday, 20th inst., at the age of 45 of Mrs. Josephine Bastiampillai, relict of the late Mr. Manuelpillai Bastiampillai of Suruvil, Kayts, and sister of Mr. S. F. Santiapillai, Teacher, St. Patrick's College, Jaffna. The deceased had been ailing for some time and passed away peacefully, fortified by all the Sacraments and consolations of Holy Mother the Church.

The funeral took place on the following day at 4-30 p.m. and was well attended. The remains were interred at the St. Mary's Burial Ground, Jaffna. Rev. Fr. P. T. James, O.M.I. officiated at the house, at the Church, and at the graveside. He was assisted at the Church by Rev. Frs. B. A. John, L. J. Augustine, M. J. Mariampillai, B. Deogupillai and J. C. Selvaratnam.

The late Mr. Josephine Bastiampillai leaves behind eight children, her parents and a brother.

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of her soul.
May she rest in peace.

The funeral of Mr. Soesai Manickam De Almeida of Anuradhapura, son-in-law of Mr. M. N. Fernando, proprietor of Messrs. "Cheapside", Anuradhapura, and Vavuniya, took place on the 20th inst. at the Anuradhapura Catholic Cemetery. Rev. Fr. Albert Perera, M.S. Ap., conducted the services at the residence, Church and graveside.

Just after the service at 4-30 p.m. the funeral procession left, headed by a procession of the Nuns and Convent school girls of the Holy Family Convent.

An out-station band was in attendance.

As a mark of respect all the town business places were closed for the day.

A large gathering attended the funeral including Government officers of several departments.

The deceased leaves behind a young wife, a baby, many relatives and friends to bemoan his loss.

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

A Deed made the 11th day of Aug., 1948 by us A. P. Marsden son of Arunasalam and Grace Marsden, daughter of H. T. Swartz of 291, Bungsar Road, Kuala Lumpur,

Whereas by a Power of Attorney dated 29th day of March, 1946 and registered in the District Court, Jaffna, we appointed one Alphonsus son of Stephen of No. 4, Swartz Lane, Chundikul, Jaffna, Ceylon, our attorney for us, and in our name to do certain acts and things therein mentioned.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH that we hereby revoke the said Deed and Power of Attorney and every power and authority thereby conferred.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Sgd. A. P. Marsden,
Sgd. Grace Marsden.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the above-named A. P. Marsden and Grace Marsden in the presence of:

Sgd. M. Ramaswami Iyer,
Senior Asst. Registrar,
Supreme Court,
Federation of Malaya,
11th Aug. 1948. Kuala Lumpur.

Identified by me,
A. Nadarajah,
Ind. Int.
Supreme Court, K. Lumpur.

THE IRON CURTAIN.

The Russian citizen is completely isolated from the outside world. There is no free radio in Russia and those radio sets which are in private hands are not fitted for the reception of short-wave broadcasts. Russians cannot, therefore, listen to the B.B.C. Newspapers are exclusively state-controlled and a small, watered-down version of the news from foreign countries is all they tell of the outside world. Even that is confined to the middle pages of the state newspapers. Interestingly enough, these are the only pages which are read. The Russian reader knows he will find only time-worn propaganda in the rest of his paper. The individual Russian is not allowed to travel to foreign countries and cannot be issued with a passport. Individual passports are only for members of the G.P.U. When groups of Russians do go abroad for official visits, they travel on a group passport, are kept together the whole time and are allowed no individual and very little group contact with the citizens of the country they visit. Inside Russia passports are required for travelling from place to place. Such travel is difficult, for, besides a passport, six official documents must be carried by the traveller who may be going a distance equivalent, say, to that from Crew to Manchester. Included among these six are documents from his own employment office and the political police. So internal travel in Russia is cut down to a minimum and the Russian, in his own town, is cut off from the rest of his country. With the outside world he has no means of contact whatsoever.

As a consequence of this sealing-off process it was not difficult for the regime to make the Russian people believe that, although life in Russia was hard, it was unbearably miserable for the workers in the capitalist world outside. Then came the war and the young Russian in the Red Army found, when he marched across the frontier, that this was completely untrue and that the life of the worker in capitalist countries was a great deal better than his own. He found in Europe that the poor had at least white bread, wine, furniture, clothes and a good roof to their heads. He knew from his own bitter experience that his standard of living did not approach that which the workers enjoyed in the capitalist countries he was now entering. He was seeing things with his own eyes, which he had been told repeatedly did not exist. He realized that he had been fed on lying propaganda and that his regime, after twenty-seven years of effort, had given him practically nothing. The confidence of millions of Russian soldiers in their government was smashed when they crossed into capitalist Europe.

I remember how some troops of the Red Army came to a village of poor peasants in Central Europe. Their officer walked into one of the houses. It was clean, but poorly furnished. There were chairs, a table and a bed. Banging his fist on the table the Red Army officer demanded to see the capitalist owner of the house. The peasant, a poor man, replied that it was his. The officer refused to believe it and demanded to see the bourgeois exploiter. Again the workingman told the officer that he was the owner. Gradually the truth dawned on the Red Officer. He saw then and there the shattering of the illusion on which his life had been built. —Behind the Iron Curtain.

Extraordinary Visions Reported of Christ and Mary in Germany

(Continued from Page 1.)

will, I shall work marvels. I am contented that already a small group is formed. I shall not be left alone to pray, many will be with me.

Only my children will know of the wonders that I will accomplish in them as never in the past. My assistance will depend on my children's co-operation by prayers and sacrifice. I am in need of many sacrifices. I must needs have many children, ready co-operate with me.

It is my will that the message be

transmitted literally in public. In announcing it do not insist on secondary things, but may my will be made known as the Father's will. Then will come a separation of spirits. A tiny group will comprehend the message and will fulfil it, but the majority will not take it to heart and will reject it.

But do not be afraid. I am always with you. In every nation there is already a small group that understands my message. These will readily receive my communications; they will carry them out and will transmit them to others. They have truly recognised my position as Mother and Mediatrix of graces. I am pleased with them and will reveal to them secret marvels." —New Leader.

This is Freedom in Soviet Russia

The Swedish Foreign Office warned the Russian Embassy in Stockholm on Aug. 17 to "leave in peace" a 19-year-old Russian girl musician whom the Russians, it was alleged, were trying to coerce to return to the Soviet Union.

She was alleged to have declared that Russian diplomats were trying by every means to lure her into the embassy.

"If I went I know I could not escape transportation to Russia," she was reported as saying.

According to the Swedish Office, the Russians made repeated requests that the girl should be handed over. The Swedes refused, because the girl wants to remain and become a Swedish citizen, it was stated.

A Swedish Foreign Office version of the incident said a Russian Embassy official, M. Vladimir Petropavlovskij, was alleged to have called at her villa where the girl was staying with a Swedish engineer and his wife on an island forbidden on military security grounds to foreigners without special passes.

He is said to have produced a letter reported to have been written by her father and to have tried to force his way past the engineer's wife to an upstairs room where the girl had fled on seeing his car with diplomatic plates arrive.

He refused to leave until ejected by a gardener and a passing Swedish Army officer, and on getting into his car is said to have shouted: "I will report you to the police and have your names in the papers."

The Foreign Office statement added that he carried a letter purporting to be from the father of the girl, Lyda Mikapova, saying that he was lonely since his wife died and wanted her to return. It was later delivered by a policeman and found to be from M. Sergei Nikischin, Second Secretary, at the Soviet Embassy who urged her to "leave this spiders' web and return to the fatherland and freedom."

State's Modern Role

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, addressing a large gathering of women of Madras said:

"The State's activities are becoming progressively social. There are of course political and economic activities but they are more and more social. In days of old the State's functions were very limited. All that the State had to do was to discharge what I would call 'police functions.' They preserved order in the State, prevented people from committing any crime. The State protected the people against external invasion. It collected money by way of taxation to carry the administrative functions. These were the basic functions of the State. Gradually, other functions began to be discharged by the State. The chief function of the State became social—all social functions like Education, Health, Sanitation, Housing, Recreation, in other words, the welfare of the community as a whole. Now the State has become and should become social-minded. A social-minded State can never function in the old way with a few politicians at the top passing laws. Of course laws are necessary. Laws had to be passed. But a social-minded State must have the support of a large number of social-minded citizens of the State, namely, men and women. Otherwise, even the

laws that are passed will not take any effect. Surely, it is essential, therefore, that the community as a whole should be very social-minded and be made to appreciate the changes that we try to bring about."—The Hindu.

A Marvellous Remedy

Moumar lives happily in his hut; he keeps well and does not suffer from any infirmity; moreover, he is industrious. From dawn, as soon as the sun begins to shine, until nightfall when the day is ending, Moumar works energetically at the palm oil business, run by the Equatorial Africa Palm Oil Company. His work is appreciated by his employers and he is appointed overseer.

Moumar is prudent, he does not waste the money earned, in a word, he is thrifty. He does not risk his wages by playing at cards or dice; he does not buy all kinds of useless articles; on the contrary, he spends his money for purchasing the most necessary objects for his household, and what remains he puts in the savings bank. Thus, Moumar lives happily with his family.

But one day, Moumar does not feel well, whilst his body is hot, he has cold shivers. He lies down on his mat and cannot do any work that day. As soon as he realises that he has malaria, he takes 20 grains of quinine every day for 7 days. And then—wonderful to relate!—at the end of the 7 days Moumar is quite cured and goes back to his work with pleasure.

Quinine is, in fact, a marvellous remedy that has already saved millions of people kept to their beds by malaria.

As a preventive measure, the very expert Malaria Commission of the former League of Nations recommended the taking of a daily dose of 6 grains of quinine during the entire fever season, and for treating the malady itself a daily dose of 15-20 grains of quinine during 5 to 7 days. No after-treatments are required; any relapse is treated in the same way.

M. Eng. No. 70.

TENDER NOTICE

CEYLON GOVERNMENT RAILWAY

The Chairman, Way & Works Head Office Tender Board, will receive, at the Chief Engineer's Office, C.G.R., McCallum Road, Maradana, tenders up to 12 noon on Friday, September 3, 1948, for the construction of Station Building; four sets of Workmen's Dwellings; and a six seat lavatory at Kalawewa.

For further particulars, please see Government Gazette of Friday, August 6, 1948.

Sgd. W. A. SHAW,
Chief Engineer, C.G.R.,
Way & Works Office, C.G.R.,
McCallum Road, Maradana.

Order Absolute in the First Instance, Declaring Will Proved

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Susan Johnpulle of Cathedral Street, Jaffna.
Deceased.

Testamentary } No. 891
Jurisdiction

1. Jos. Francis Martyn of No. 540 Buller's Road, Colombo.
2. Cyrillus Xavier Martyn of do and presently of Avisawella.

Petitioners.
This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 1st day of June 1948 in the presence of Mr. J. Patrick Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner and the affidavit of the attesting Notary and the witnesses having been read:

It is ordered that the Last Will No. 15277 dated 9th January 1930 attested by Mr. B. Jochimpillai Notary Public, of Susan Johnpulle the deceased abovenamed the original of which has been deposited in this Court be and the same is hereby declared proved and it is further declared that the said petitioners are the sole executors named in the said Will and that they be entitled to have probate thereof issued to them accordingly. The 9th day of June 1948.

Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI,
District Judge.
Time to show cause extended till 26-9-48.
Intd. R. R. S.
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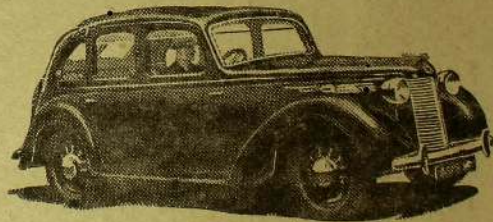
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