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## Fire-Escape or Jacob's Ladder?

One of the most inspiring tendencies of our day is that so many among us are no longer content to be merely Fire Insurance Catholics.

It has been a gibe against us that Catholics cling to their religion more from fear of Hell than from a desire for Heaven.

It has been said of us—it is sometimes said of us still—that we regard our Faith largely as an instrument to save us from eternal punishment, that our pre-occupation was so much with Hell fire that we provided special "fire escapes," as it were, to avoid it. However much we sinned we had only to go to confession to get a policy of immunity from the consequence of those sins.

More, we had only to leave money enough for Masses to be said for us after we died to assure our escape from damnation.

An ignorant viewpoint, of course, but that was how outsiders saw us. It was fear of Hell that weighed more with us than love of God.

Fear of Hell is a salutary thing. Like the sense of pain that instinctively forces us to protect ourselves against physical dangers, it has a soul-saving power. But it is also a negative thing; a fire-escape rather than a ladder to the heights.

Catholics of to-day are more and more seeing it so. They are recognizing that mere avoidance of evil is not enough, that to do the will of Heaven rather than to check the will of Hell is a surer, more inspiring and joyous means of grace.

They have not shut their eyes to Hell. They appreciate its dreadful meaning and the need of prayer and penance to avoid it, but they have become less pre-occupied with its penalties, far more inspired with the love of God.

Anyone, who attended the pilgrimage at Walsingham will have no doubts on this score. They saw penance walking there on bruised feet. But also, I feel, they saw something more.

They recognised that these pilgrims, come from scores of far places, from many ranks of life and all ages, obviously possessed a new quickening of the spirit. There was about them something potent and significant.

They represented a spirit no longer satisfied with being merely negative. They were men, women, and children inspired, yes, and enlivened by a faith warmer, more active and more aspirant than mere resistance to evil.

It was a reaching upward rather than a looking downward: a spirit that saw the ladder to Heaven more as a way to climb to God than as an escape from the pit.

There was a note of joy even in their penance, a glad sense of offering, as of children making a present bought in self-sacrifice, to a beloved Father.

There was no mistaking this buoyancy of devotion. Cardinal Griffin expressed it when he spoke of this pilgrimage as an outward sign of a Catholic revival in England.

Yes, one feels that indeed a new spirit is abroad, a recognition that the way of salvation can and should be a way of joy. And that as a way of joy it is an easier way.

Hell may deter us from evil, but love

## Counter-Revolution Has Begun, in Spain

"We are going to be proud that the Red plan did not succeed in Spain. The counter-revolution has already begun but the news has not yet leaked out," said Canon Joseph Daniel, Scots national chaplain of the CYMS, preaching in St. Andrews Cathedral, Glasgow.

"There is in Spain a grand phalanx of Catholic youth determined to resist the forces of evil and to put into practice the Church's social principles.

"Catholic youth is going to be astounded by the social legislation in Spain.

"Spain in our generation will not tolerate anything Red. Spain has learned its lesson. They have had a taste of it, but never again.

"There is evidence of religious vocations in every diocese."

Canon Daniel celebrated Mass in the presence of CYMS members for the success of the pilgrimage of 100,000 Spaniards and delegates from other countries to Compostela at the end of August.

## Joint Pastoral by Bishops

The 18 Archbishops and Bishops of England and Wales have issued a joint pastoral on "The Sacred Heart."

The Bishops see the basic need of troubled mankind at the present time as Love of God. The pastoral opens:

"The whole purpose of God's revelation to man is contained in the sublime truth that God is love. It is by God's love that we are created, by God's love that we continue in being, by God's love that we have been redeemed and by God's love that we shall be saved. It is by God's love and it is by our return of that love that true peace will return to the world."

The Bishops then show how God's love for man is manifested in creation, the Incarnation, the life of Our Lord as man and God, the church, the sacraments and particularly in the Sacred Heart.

The Bishops write: "His intense love for mankind is symbolized in His Sacred Heart, a doctrine which is placed before us in these days to express the supreme love and care of God for man, and to remind us of our privilege and obligation to return that divine love that He has shown us so clearly."

of God inspires. It invigorates, strengthens and animates us. It makes the task of salvation not a trial but a happiness.

Even pleasure enters into it: we do good to please God, because we have learnt the joy of giving. Avoiding evil becomes a gift of love not an act of fear.

We learn, like Olympic runners, to fix our hearts on the crown ahead, not on the handicaps of the starting post. Thus we can run free without losing our stride by constantly looking back over the shoulders in anxiety of what may overtake us.

And the nearer we move to our goal the closer we are to happiness: for the goal is Heaven, and the nearer we get to Heaven the further away we are from Hell.—*The Universe.*

## America and South-East Asia

The demand made at the recent meeting of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East that the United States would do well in the interests of world peace and of her own to extend some tangible help to the countries of the Far East on the lines of the Marshall Plan appears to be better understood and appreciated in the United States today than at any time. The Republicans realize that the danger to American security and world peace is greater in the countries of South-East Asia than in Europe. This is not surprising. For what is the fact to day? From the eastern borders of India right to the shores of New Zealand and in many countries and islands of the Indian Ocean, there is a ferment which threatens to engulf the whole of this region in chaos and disorder. There is no peace and order in Burma to-day; the Communist conspiracy has gathered such momentum as to compel the Government to proclaim martial law. In Indo-China likewise, Communist influence are permeating the country rapidly and steeply. In Malaya, a sort of irregular warfare attended with loss of lives and general insecurity to person and property, has been going on for months. In China, the Communist position is by no means weak; if anything, Communists have consolidated their position. Even in Australia, Communist penetration into Governmental departments seems to be so strong that the United States has had to refuse to share the atom bomb secret with Australia and threaten to withhold it from Britain herself unless she binds herself not to disclose it to Australia directly or indirectly.

It is well known that the growth of Communism in these lands is, in its origin, an economic phenomenon; and, although ideology has had something to do with it, Communism finds the soil in the region congenial because of the economic distress and the worsening standards of living forced on the people. The Western Imperialisms in this region find power fast slipping out of their hands; for, neither Britain, nor France nor the Netherlands have the resources to fight both the local nationalism and the Communism which threatens them from Europe and other centres. As a matter of fact, the growth of Communism in South-East Asia has been traced to a sort of second front opened by Russia in these regions to divert the attention of the Western Colonial Powers from their activities in Europe. Russia, it appears, hopes to conquer the Western Powers, not in Britain or the battlefields of Europe, but in South-East Asia and in the countries of the Indian Ocean. At any rate, this theory is not altogether fantastic; for, not a few of the leaders who figure prominently in the struggle of South-East Asian nationalisms are men trained in Russia and looking to the Kremlin for inspiration in their activities.

It is but natural that America, whose interests are so vast in the Far East and in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, should look with suspicion and not a little disquiet at the developments in the colonial empires of Western Europe. If Britain withdraws from Singa-

## That Noble Word "Integrity"

No sooner did India get its Independence than there was a scramble for posts. It looked as if the attractions and advantages of ministership far outweighed its responsibilities. In this context the resignation of Shanmukham Chetty has come as a timely corrective. For the first time will it be stressed in many minds that 'Integrity' is a noble word indeed, and it will remain so as long as men like Shanmukham Chetty and Pandit Nehru fill our public posts. Shanmukham Chetty, the Finance Minister, made a mistake seven months ago, a mistake which was so glaring that it ruled out *mala fides*, but owing to a confusion of dates the mistake did give rise to suspicion and criticism in certain quarters. The Prime Minister never once doubted the *bona fides* of Mr. Chetty all this time. The Legislative Assembly did not even bring the matter up before the House, as the mistake had been almost immediately rectified. If, when the Minister tendered his resignation, the Prime Minister had moved a vote of confidence in the House, the Minister would have come off with flying colours. He had lately won the approval of the country by his able manner of conducting the Indo-British sterling balance negotiations. His services are required to negotiate two other urgent bills, and he is hard to replace. In spite of it all he has insisted on resigning, after the criticism in the Central Legislative party meeting a fortnight ago, and his reason is admirable: "I felt that in the context of the new independence that our country has obtained, in the context of the parliamentary institutions which we have begun to work, we must set absolutely the highest standards of integrity. [Cheers in the Assembly]. Even though a Minister's conduct may *bona fide* be justified by argument, yet if in the minds of our people, who may not understand these technicalities, there is room even for a suspicion, such a Minister ought not to continue in office." The Prime Minister, while appreciating Mr. Chetty's conduct in the highest degree and feeling more reluctant to lose the Minister at such a critical stage of the country's economy, agreed with the Minister in placing the emphasis on the "highest standards of public conduct." He said, "This House, and even more so the Government, live and ought to live in the full blaze of publicity.....our activities must be completely public, open to public questioning and public condemnation." He wound up by saying, ".....this incident, unfortunate as it is, reflects credit in the ultimate analysis on my colleague and on this House." (Cheers).—*Examiner.*

pore and fails to keep it as a bastion of Western power in Asia; if France likewise leaves Indo-China to become a prey of the Communists; if Indonesia, Soviet Russia gains a strong foothold with her votaries in power, the position of America as an effective resister of the march of Communism and the champion of democracy would become very weak indeed. Hence the Republicans' new born interest in the economy of South-East Asia.—*The Hindu*, August 31, 1948.



## Church Calendar

SEPTEMBER 1948

THURS.... 9 S. Gorgonius.  
 FRI. ....10 S. Nicholas.  
 SAT. ....11 S. Hyacinth.  
 SUN. ....12 17 P.—Holy Name of Mary.  
 MON. ....13 S. Eulogius.  
 TUES. ....14 Exalt. of Cross.  
 WED. ....15 Seven Dolours.  
 THURS....16 S. Cyprian M.

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## AS OTHERS SEE US

The *Morning Star* in its editorial of the 3rd inst., *Self-Sufficiency in isolated existence* links the Pope and Stalin, a sufficiently startling juxta-position. The Pope will not participate in the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam and Stalin is spoiling the efforts at world political harmony in the U.N.O. Were it not for these two individuals, things would not be so hopeless in this weary world of ours. That is our contemporary's contention.

The editorial in question is in bad taste not merely for the absence of the editorial courtesy that we had come, perhaps prematurely, to accept as established but especially in its over-tones. As a contribution towards Christian unity it is pathetic, pathetic and splenic. *Non tali auxiliio*.

The Pope's own answer was released by *Reuter* on Monday last. The Pope may have had in mind similar charges in the West and not-impossibly a certain modicum of bewilderment on the part of separated Christians. It is as follows:

Vatican City, 6-9-48.

Pope Pius XII called on the Germans yesterday to carry on what "may amount to a struggle of a life or death nature" for the freedom of the Catholic Church.

Broadcasting in German to the German Catholic Conference at Mainz, he said the need for strenuous efforts by Catholic Action (the movement of lay Catholics) to support the priesthood was "perhaps even more urgent today" than in 1928.

"Unless the signs of the times deceive us," he declared "there are still struggles ahead for the freedom of the Church and the right of parents to educate their children as they wish—and in some parts this may amount to a struggle of a life and death nature."

Regarding any move towards union of the churches, the Pope said: "We know how many Catholics and non-Catholics of your people long for unity in religion, and who can feel this desire more strongly than Christ's representative on earth?"

"But when the Catholic Church unyieldingly stands firm against any hint of compromise as regards an adjustment of Catholic beliefs to those of other religions, it does so because it knows that there is only one infallible Shepherd of the whole truth and fullness of grace, and that this Shepherd, according to the will of God, is the Church herself."

"It is just 100 years since in your land people spoke of a tremendous social upheaval, but even today these prophecies of the complete overthrow of social order have not been completely fulfilled.

"The only God still lives and His law still holds. It always will hold and the Catholic Church is built on it. Adhere faithfully to its line without turning either to the right or to the left.

"The symptoms and forms of opposition to the Church, the aims of our opponents are always the same.

"The enormous tasks facing you

cannot possibly be solved unless lay forces place themselves at the disposal of the hierarchy apostolate to an even greater extent."

On the Pope's pronouncement may we be permitted one comment. There is no mistaking the anguish of mind of the Pope at the spiritual havoc in modern Europe. If then he has not seen his way to participating in the deliberations at Amsterdam he had, presumably, good reasons.

As these good reasons are not obvious to all, we may be excused for stressing some of them.

The spiritual havoc in Europe to-day is not a new phenomenon. It is merely a cruder manifestation of a malady that has infected Europe since the Reformation. The Reformation broke up the unity of Christendom and resulted, as one modern historian puts it so pregnantly in 'the isolation of the individual soul.' What suffered so dreadfully was the unity of the Church which was inherently impossible in any of the separated Churches or in any grouping of them on account of the disruptive principles on which they were built. Yet Christ had effectively prayed for the unity of His Church, a unity that was to be as marked and 'as intense in the human order as the unity of the Persons within the Trinity, a unity externally visible so that the world could see it and be driven to conclude from it that only the power of God could account for it.' That unity, the Mother Church, from which the separated Christians broke off, always had, still has. And that unity cannot be had by putting representatives from separated Churches, differing in discipline, creed and worship, under one roof and labelling them the Church. Such representatives do indeed argue a genuine desire and a convinced need for unity. As such our sympathies are entirely with them.

Many separated Christians therefore have come sincerely to the conclusion that the Reformation was a tragic mistake, the tragedy of modern times, and that the only cure for the tragic divisions in Christendom is to come back to the unity of the Mother Church and accept the principle of that unity. The Christ-given principle of unity is Peter and Peter's successors. Peter and his successors are to perform in the Church the same functions as Christ Himself. Christ the foundation (1 Cor 3. 11) makes Peter the foundation, Christ the Key-bearer (Apoc. 3. 7) hands the Keys to Peter, Christ the Good Shepherd makes Peter the Shepherd of His flock, and Christ, the guiding, approving Christ is to be with Peter and his Church till the end of time. As Peter's successor, the Pope has no option but to insist on Christ's dispensation for His Church. He especially is bound to insist on 'all things whatsoever I [Christ] have commanded.'

His insistence may be taken by some as unbending. He has no choice in the matter and even at the risk of being considered naive we do not see how Pope Pius XII can be blamed for the Churches that broke away in the

16th century or for the plight of their successors to-day.

The *Morning Star's* editorial has one intriguing passage wherein it is stated that both in the political and spiritual spheres, the solution for an 'incorrigible situation' is that while the superstructure is sound the foundations must be changed. This is somewhat baffling but let us not waste time over it.

Why not build on the foundation Christ laid? We can hardly presume to improve on His plan which at least has worked.

In the meantime let us like Sidney Smith's charladies, exchanging remarks to each other from different pubs late on Saturday evening, recognize that we are 'arguing from different premises' but unlike the charladies let us disagree without being disagreeable.

## The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

On September the 8th, exactly nine months after the feast of Immaculate Conception, is kept the birth day of Our Lady. The antiphons of the Divine Office announce: "This day was born the glorious Virgin Mary, let us keep with rejoicing the birth day of the Blessed Virgin." Throughout the octave of the feast, the subject of her descent from King David is treated of again and again, and the Gospel for the feast is the genealogy of the Holy Family, given in the first chapter of St. Matthew's gospel.

The Immaculate Conception was one of the great preparatory acts of God in the accomplishment of the Incarnation. By it, Our Lady was fitted for her exalted office of divine motherhood, being conceived, "full of grace," which means that sin of any kind never touched her. St. John the Baptist and the Prophet Jeremias were born without original sin. They were, however, conceived with that sin. Unlike these two servants of God, Our Lady was not freed from original sin before she was born, because there was no need of it. Her soul came into existence said Cardinal Newman "Serene and peaceful, as a ship glides in the morning light from a safe harbour into a tranquil sea, with the glow upon her sails from the sun that shall not set in all her happy voyage. It is no wonder that she has left behind her in the Church an odour like cinnamon and balm, and a sweetness like to choice myrrh."

With reason, then, does the Church bow down before this wonderful Child, whom God so delighted to honour. By special favour, the merits of her divine Son were applied to her by anticipation. St. John Damascene writes of this feast: "It is the beginning of salvation, the origin of every feast, for behold the Mother of the Bridegroom is born. With good reason does the whole world rejoice today." And St. Peter Damian says: "As the light of the sun so greatly surpasses that of the stars, that in it they are no longer visible, so does

the great Virgin Mother surpass in sanctity the whole court of heaven."

Many great reasons should have urged the contemporaries of Our Lady to congratulate her parents, St. Anne and St. Joachim. To them however these were not known. But we do know, and we, therefore, celebrate the memory of the happy occurrence of her nativity, as though this were the day on which Our Blessed Lady first saw the light of day. It is in this spirit that the Church celebrates this feast. This child is the future Queen of Heaven and earth, the Ruler of the powers of Nature, the Mistress, not only of the visible world, but also of the angels, who exclaim in their joy: "Who is she, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, the one chosen Mother of the Son of God?"

Let us conclude with the joyous words which the Church uses at the Vespers of this day: "Thy birth, O Virgin Mother of God, has given joy to the whole world; because of thee was born Christ, the Sun of Justice, who taking away the curse, hath brought us blessing, and, conquering death hath bestowed on us life eternal."

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## Points from Other Papers

## Civic Conscience

"When twelve lakhs of people are busy making the town dirty you cannot expect 2,500 sweepers to undo the mischief," said the Health Officer of the Delhi Municipality. This remark is applicable in varying degrees to other cities and towns in India (and Ceylon too). Many of us pride ourselves on our personal cleanliness but even the majority of the educated and well-to-do classes find their consciences inactive when it comes to polluting streets and highways. Mr. Mathur, Delhi's Health Officer is right in saying that any improvement in the sanitation of Delhi is impossible without the co-operation of the housewives—and the men inside the houses.—*The Hindu*, Aug. 31.

## Food Situation

"The Ceylon Observer" of Aug. 31 strikes a serious note of warning for the Government and the people regarding the Food Situation in the near future. "Dr. W. M. Clyde, the Chairman of the sub-Committee set up by the International Food Council for the purpose of allocating rice quotas warned Ceylon that she would have to watch the food situation very carefully if she was to maintain her then satisfactory position. The whole of the vast rice producing area from the Bay of Bengal to the China Sea is in such a state of political ferment and revolutionary disturbance that export of rice from this area has now become a most precarious business." Tightening food regulations, stepping up rice production by recourse to transplanting so very effectively tried by Mr. T. Reid at Badulla and growing of such substitutes as would take kindly to the soil are recommended.

## LOCAL &amp; GENERAL

**O.M.I. News.**—Yesterday the 8th of September, 1948 was a day of great rejoicings at the O.M.I. Novitiate of Bambalapitiya.

Three old Patricians, viz., Charles Senthil Velupillai, S. Wijeyaratnam and Swaminathan took their first vows as Oblates of Mary and other Patricians to begin their Novitiate were:—Bros. J. F. Xavier, F. J. Navaratnam, B.S.F. Masillamany, B. Celestine, G. Alwines and B. Rayappu.

**St. Michael's College, Batticaloa.**—The Rev. Fr. Joseph V. Sommers, S.J., has been appointed Rector of St.



Michael's College in succession to the Rev. Fr. E. Crowther, S.J.

Fr. Crowther, who has been Rector of St. Michael's College for nearly eleven years, remains Principal of the College.

**Franciscan Nuns for Moratuwa Hospital Requested.**—"It would be a great act of mercy if some religious Sisters of the Franciscan Order, which has already established a branch at Moratuwa, can be included in the Staff of the Hospital," said Mr. G. O. C. Coorey, when he led a deputation of the Moratuwa Maha Jana Sabha before Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, Minister for Health and Local Administration, who visited Moratuwa Hospital last Friday. Mr. Coorey asked also that a Sister of the same Order be appointed to supervise the kitchen and food of the patients.

**Economize Petrol.**—It is stated that in the month of July alone the normal consumption of petrol was exceeded by 500,000 gallons, on account of the number of religious festivals and pilgrimages of different faiths that coincided during this month. The figures for August, for similar reasons, may also show a big increase. In view of the precarious nature of the supplies of petrol a strict economy in the use of this liquid fuel is recommended.—*Ceylon Observer*, Sept. 2.

**A Million for Police Housing.**—Out of a total vote of 14 million rupees allocated for the purpose, a million rupees has been included in the Estimates for 1948-49 for the provision of quarters for officers and men of the Police Force.

Quarters for married men will, it is learned, receive priority in the building programme.

**Mr. Ponnambalam Sworn in as Minister.**—Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, the Tamil Congress leader and the chief architect of the 50-50 demand, joined on Sept. 3rd the Senanayake Government, and was sworn in as Minister for Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries, at Queen's House, at 6-15 p.m., which, according to Hindu astrologers, was an auspicious hour.

Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, M.P. for Vadukodai, and another Tamil Congress stalwart, was sworn in as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education. At 6-16 p.m., to be precise, came the Prime Minister's Rolls Royce with Mr. Ponnambalam seated to the right of the Prime Minister. Mr. Ponnambalam, who wore western dress seemed to be in contemplative mood as he entered Queen's House. On the other hand, the Prime Minister was all smiles.

After the swearing-in, which did not last more than five minutes, I asked Mr. Ponnambalam whether he would like to make a statement to the Press and his reply was, "I must first have a chat with the Prime Minister."

Political circles ask whether there is room now for the Tamil Congress to pursue its own political activities or whether it will subscribe in future to the UNP policy which stands for a united Lanka.

A member of the Cabinet, with whom I discussed this matter on Saturday night, said: "The Tamil Congress will cease to exist now and that will be the end of communal politics in this country.—*The Times*, Sept. 4.

**Personal.**—Mr. S. Kanesan of the Staff of St. Patrick's College and an old boy of the College has been one of those teachers selected for Vocational Training at the Government Training College. Mr. Kanesan will specialize on the Mechanical side of the course.

**Pass List of Referred Candidates in S.S.C.**—St. Patrick's College: R.A.G. Alwines, S. E. Amirthanayagam, K. Balendra, C. J. Edwin, G. Francis, S. Joachim, T. E. Joseph, D. Mariathasan, T. Mathai, T. Nadarajah, S. Nallasivampillai, R. Pathmanathan, E. Selvanathan, V. A. Swampillai and A. R. Walter.

For Exemption:—A. J. L. Benjamin, T. N. Gomez, P. Selvaretnam, L. B. Soosaithasan and RA. Lawrence (Completes Metric).

Holy Family Convent, Jaffna:—S.V. Joseph, P. E. Lisk, J. Selliah, R. M. Johnpillai and M. A. Nathan.

**Ceylon Ambassador to the United States.**—The appointment of Mr. G. C. S. Corea as Ceylon's first Ambassador to the United States of America was officially announced on Sept. 1.

He is expected to come to Washington to take up his new post early in October.

**Irrigation Learners.**—V. P. Sebastian Thevanayagam and R. Aruthavanathan have been selected as Irrigation Learners. They and the officer-in-charge of their field-training, Mr. C. Vivekanandam are from St. Patrick's.

**Communist Party Prefers Mass Struggle.**—Assertions that after one year of administration by the U.N.P. Government not one urgent problem in respect of food, clothing, housing, education and unemployment, had been solved, were made at a Communist-sponsored public meeting held at the Urban Council grounds, Kegalle. Mr. P. Kumarasiri, M.P., presided.

Mr. Pieter Keupeman, M.P., referred to a challenge by Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike to the Opposition to resign and go to the polls on the issue of Citizenship Rights and Immigration Control. He said it was for the U.N.P. to resign and contest their seats on the issue of failure to satisfy any national need so far.

Deploring the L.S.S.P. refusal to join the other leftists in a "Hands off Malaya" demonstration, he said that, unlike the L.S.S.P., the Communist Party did not believe in the ballot box and parliamentary procedure for the overthrow of the Government. He prescribed a mass struggle which would "forge Opposition unity."

Mrs. Menike Kumarasiri, Mr. M. M. Rasheed, Mr. E. S. Jayasinghe and Mr. Higgoda Dharmasena were among the other speakers.

**Would-be Hoarders of Rice are Warned.**—If producers and consumers abstained from hoarding and distributors refrained from attempts to corner supplies, the country should be able to tide over any difficult situation that might arise as a result of the Burma Rebellion interfering with rice exports, said Mr. A. Ratnayake, Food Minister, at a Press conference on September 4.

"Distributors should remember their duty to the community and make no attempt to corner stocks and force up prices."

"The Government will take suitable action to deal with such a situation. In order to relieve pressure on rice, should that happen, ample supplies of flour will be made available in due course."

**61 Millions were Underspent.**—The Accounts of the Island for the financial year 1946-47, published as a sessional paper on Saturday night, show that while the total provision was about Rs. 466 million the actual expenditure was Rs. 405 million.

The under-expenditure was no less than Rs. 61 million.

There was a large under-expenditure under to following heads: Police, Land Commissioner, Commissioner of Local Government, Medical, (Rs. 2 million), Agriculture (Rs. 5 million), Commissioner of Labour (Rs. 6 million), Public Works Extraordinary (Rs. 7 million) and Education (Rs. 8 million).

On the other hand there was a net over-expenditure by the Railway of Rs. 6,948,310.

**Tests and Inspectors.**—Speaking at a conference of the All-Ceylon Union of Teachers, Mr. K. Nesiiah, Editor, "Ceylon Teacher," favoured essay-type tests for specialised candidates and stressed the need for altering the present system of inspectorates. He said inspectors had much more to do than assess the work of teachers, "ascertain their destiny" or endorse certificates.

Among inspectors, he knew first-rate men who have been "trained the wrong way." In England, unless one wrote about twenty books on education, one could not reach the position of an Education Officer. In Ceylon "one need only stand in the queue."

**Prof. Gupta will go to Shanghai.**—Professor B. B. Das Gupta, head of the department of economics, Ceylon University, who has been invited by the ECAFE to work as research officer at its headquarters in Shanghai for one year, will leave Ceylon at the end of this month.

He may also go to Australia with the rest of the research team for the next sessions of ECAFE, to be held there in November.

Mrs. Das Gupta will accompany him to Shanghai. During his absence Mr. F. R. Jayasuriya, Lecturer in Economics, will act as head of the department of economics.

**Soviet Veto Based on 'Silly Excuses.'**—The Soviet veto of Ceylon's application for entry into UNO was based on the most frivolous excuses, said Senator E. A. P. Wijeyeratne, Minister for Home Affairs and Rural Development at the Budget meeting of the Senate, when the second and third readings of the Appropriation Bill were passed.

Senator Wijeyeratne disclosed that the Soviet delegate's prior attempt to justify his opposition on the grounds that Ceylon was not actually independent, was later attributed to lack of such information as might clear the Soviet's doubts relating to certain facts about Ceylon's Constitution.

**"Keep English Going" says Rajaji.**—Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India, laying the foundation stone of the Mysore Riyasat Hindi Prachar Samiti building at Jayanagar a few days ago referred to the question of the English language and said: "As a result of the last world war English had become the world language. We must not give up English because English people went away. Have you packed off the railway engines with them? You keep the telegraphs and railways going. You keep the courts and English law going. Keep English language also going. It is more important."

**Catholic Paper 'Office Raided'**—The police on Sept. 1, raided the Warsaw offices of the Catholic weekly newspaper "Tygodnik Warszawski," and examined other Catholic premises in the same building.

After the raid the newspaper offices were sealed and the next publication date of the paper is unknown.

Reports suggested that arrests are imminent among the staff of the Catholic weekly newspaper "Tygodnik Powszechny" publishing at Cracow in Southern Poland.

**Swallowing 'Must Stop.'**—On arrival at London Airport on Aug. 29 on his way to this week's European federation conference at Interlaken, Switzerland, Mr. William G. Bullitt, vice-Chairman of the American Committee for a Federated Europe, said: "I consider the rapid establishment of a European conference is essential to prevent the swallowing up of the individual States of Europe one by one by the Soviet imperialism."

**Red Czechoslovakia "Worse Than Buchenwald."**—Doctor Peter Zenkl, the 64-year-old former Deputy Premier of Czechoslovakia, alleged soon after his arrival in London by air on Aug. 29 that since the "Communist coup d'etat" in Czechoslovakia his life had been in "danger" all the time.

Dr. Zenkl, who was greeted by other Czechs who have recently escaped to Britain, said "the last six months were worse for me and my wife than my six years in the concentration camp at Buchenwald."

"Now that I am liberated I have the same feeling as when I left the concentration camp."

He said that he came to Britain to help his colleagues and other 'refugees' from Czechoslovakia.

**Wallace not Wanted.**—Mr. Henry Wallace, the Third Party presidential candidate was struck with eggs and tomatoes as he sought to deliver a speech on Burlington's main street on Aug. 31.

Standing before a crowd of 2,500 Mr. Wallace had just begun "I would like to take this opportunity....." when a shower of eggs and tomatoes fell about him.

**Former Anglican Minister now Fosters Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.**—A former Anglican clergyman who became a Catholic 25 years ago has now dedicated his life to spreading the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima in the British Isles. He is L. F. Harvey, whose illuminated lectures on Our Lady's message and warning at Fatima have drawn crowds in England and Ireland.

Mr. Harvey is the author of a pamphlet, "The Message of Fatima," which, like other publications on the subject, is eagerly read in Ireland, where the age-old devotion to Our Lady finds new expression today in large numbers of those who rally to the appeal of Our Lady of Fatima for consecration to her Immaculate Heart.

## WEDDING

### CHELLIAH-SINGERAYER

Two prominent Catholic families which count among their numbers such illustrious personages as the late Rev. Fr. S. GnanaPrakasam, O.M.I., and Chevalier Sittampalam A. Gardiner were united in the bonds of holy matrimony when Mr. Frederick William Chelliah, Overseer D.R.C. son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Chelliah and brother of Mr. C. Thurainayagam and the P.W.D. Kayts, led to the altar of St. Sebastian's Church, Karampān, Miss Mary Magdalene Anpu Rani youngest daughter of Mr. F. Singerayer, Retired Postmaster and a niece of the late S. Anthonipillay, Town Overseer, Jaffna.

The Rev. Fr. B. William Jesuthasan, O.M.I., Parish Priest Kayts and acting Rector, St. Antony's College, Kayts, an uncle of the bridegroom officiated and tied the nuptial knot. Miss Pragasam was the bridesmaid while Mr. A. G. Rajasooriar was groomsman and Lakeman Thurainayagam acted as page. Messrs. F. M. Sinnadurai and B. S. T. Rajanayagam were the attesting witnesses. Largely attended receptions were held at the bride and bridegroom's residences at which Pandit P. Saverimuttu and Mr. S. M. Joseph, B.A. (Hons.) proposed the health of the new couple.

## Letters to the Editor

### The Decision of the Tamil Congress

Sir,—The reported decision of the Tamil Congress to co-operate with and join the Government and take office is welcome, and is a step in the right direction, if I may be permitted to say so. If this action is followed up in due course through later stages by giving full effect to the spirit of co-operation, it is bound to result in good to the country at large and to the Tamil community. This act of co-operation is in accord with the requirements of the situation and the time spirit.

The mere act of the Tamil Congress members of Parliament joining the Government is only one step in the right direction; co-operation is a continuing process, and the proper atmosphere must be created and congenial circumstance always cultivated for the policy of co-operation to thrive. *What is to follow after the Tamil Congress members join the Government is more important and vital than their act of joining the Government.*

As I observed earlier, the reported action of the Tamil Congress if properly followed up by other suitable steps in keeping with and in furtherance of the spirit now displayed, is certain to be conducive to the political unification of Ceylon, the evolution of a united Ceylonese nation and the consolidation of the country which has obtained the substance of Independence. It will also enable the Tamil Community to discharge its obligation to the country better and more effectively.

Yours truly,

S. SIVASUBRAMANIAM,

156, Hultsdorf, Colombo.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. BARBARA ANTONIPILLAI

The death occurred on Friday the 3rd inst. of Barbara beloved wife of Mr. Soosaipillai Antonipillai of Matbagal.

She had been ailing for some time, and died fortified by the rites of the Church. She was for many years an active member of the Sodality of Our Blessed Lady and a zealous Catholic Actionist in the parish.

The funeral took place next morning and was largely attended. Messages of condolence were received from relatives in Malaya and elsewhere. The Rev. Fr. J. F. Xavier, O.M.I., officiated at the ceremony assisted by Rev. Frs. H. Veyret, O.M.I. and B. Abraham.

The late Mrs. Barbara Antonipillai leaves behind, besides her husband, three sons, Mr. A. J. Rajendram of Survey Department, Singapore, A.P.D. Savgayam of Klang and Mr. James of the P.W.D., Malacca, a daughter, five grandsons and three grand-daughters.

May her soul rest in peace.



## Russian Plan for Revolution

Just as Hitler's Auslands Institute in Berlin once trained fifth column leaders, so the International Lenin University in Moscow teaches subversive technique from the use of codes and the faking of passports to the terrorizing of nations.

Selection is exercised with minute care, preference being given to those who have had industrial or military experience. Arrests and imprisonment for party activity count heavily in the candidate's favour. The students are taken to Russia by devious routes, so as to cover up their tracks. Upon arrival each student is subjected to a final and thorough examination. Rooms are searched each week by GPU agents (now called the NKVD), and mail to relatives and friends is rigidly censored, and Government spies are ever present in student gatherings.

The training is both theoretical and practical. The student must know what he is after and how he may attain it. From Alfred Langer's *Road to Victory* he learns that "Everything undertaken by the communist party acquires meaning and value only in so far as it serves as a preparation for armed insurrection. All party campaigns must be regarded as mobilization of the masses for the armed insurrection."

As regards strikes they are told in Losovsky's official text-book, *The Strike As War*: The prelude to armed insurrection is the general strike. The prelude to the general strike is waves of partial strikes. Strikes—that is, physical conflict with the forces of capitalism—are the best revolutionary schooling for the masses. Therefore the organization of strikes is the paramount task confronting Communist parties and their auxiliary organizations in every capitalist country.

They are taught to concentrate on key spots: Concentrate on disrupting by strikes the most sensitive portions of the capitalist economic system. Concentrate on decisive industries: steel, shipping, railroads, mining, chemical industries and public utilities.

Trade unions are to be used as a means: Mass strikes under Communist leadership require Communist penetration of established trade unions, and here is how the ethics of public relations is summed up in two sentences: A tactical retreat is sometimes necessary. When a revolutionary organization enters into an agreement with employers or the government, it is only for the purpose of rendering the enemy off-guard, and of gaining a breathing spell to gather forces for a new revolutionary assault.

Other lessons in *The Strike As War* stress the command to "organize the worker against the employers, the little business against Big Business, farmers against banks, tenants against landlords, soldiers against their officers, etc."

To fit the students to lead armed insurrection, they are trained in fighting. There are secret drill grounds—the use of all types of weapons, street fighting, the technique of derailing trains are part of the curriculum.

After mastering theory, students are taken to railroad yards and GPU training grounds on the outskirts of Moscow for drill in the practical aspects of revolutionary strategy. They also take part in the annual manoeuvres of the Moscow garrison.

After graduating these men are taken back to their respective countries, where the key positions of the communist party are placed in their hands. They are followed up by GPU agents, and if any fail to carry out orders, they are ostracized and often kidnapped or assassinated.

However much one may desire the improvement of the social and economic conditions of the working-man, these are methods that must be condemned and rejected as despicable, evil and inhuman.

On Sept. 7, 1945, Igor Gouzevko, the cipher clerk to the Russian Military Attache in Ottawa, handed over to the Canadian authorities documentary evidence of espionage perpetrated by officials of the Russian Embassy.

One of the most astonishing discoveries made by the Royal Commission is the extent to which the Russian espionage was able to secure the assistance of men who held responsible posts and high academic distinctions.....

It was the policy of the Canadian Communist Party to discourage certain persons from open membership.....

The technique of secret membership is calculated to facilitate essentially dishonest but not ineffective methods of propaganda in the interests of a foreign state..... There was a subtle 'technique' which promoted the gradual disintegration of normal moral principles, such as frankness, honesty, integrity, and a respect for the sanctity of oaths.....

The courses pursued in the 'study groups' were guided so as to promote 'an essentially critical attitude towards Western democratic society..... and to create..... an essentially uncritical acceptance at its face value of the propaganda of a foreign state..... Thus it seems to happen that through these study groups some adherents, who begin to feel that Canadian Society is not democratic or not equalitarian enough for their taste, are gradually led to transfer a part or most of their loyalties to another country, apparently without reference to whether that other country is in actual fact more or less democratic or equalitarian than Canada."—*The Nineteenth Century and After*.

### Extract from the Principal's Report, St. Joseph's College, Trincomalee

**FINANCES:** We have joined the Free Scheme on July of this year. Since then our average attendance has dropped ten per cent. We and the Convent are the only schools in Trincomalee whose teachers are not yet paid the salaries due to them by reason of the conversion authorized in 1946. We wrote letters about that, but the Department says it is not yet ready. We applied for authority to give a free noon-day meal to needy children. Fr. Theisen wrote last October, before he died; I wrote again in May, and a third time in August. So far we have received no answer. But we still hope to get authority to give that free meal. My own claims for allowances are not yet recognised, although my appointment has been approved and all the papers are in order. In short, it seems the Department just does not like us.

What about help from America? Well, American people are a whole lot like you. They earn just enough to support themselves and their families, with perhaps a small percentage left over for charitable purposes. But they have to support their own churches and schools, their own orphanages, hospitals, and other institutions. They are at present being called on to help the widows and orphans in Europe, to reconstruct schools and churches in the Philippines and in Japan, to support thousands of other American missionaries scattered over the earth. Americans are a generous people; they do give a lot to charity. They will give their share to this Trincomalee mission, and to St. Joseph's College. But the College is here. Your boys attend it. You are the ones who profit by it. Hence you are the ones who are responsible for maintaining it. The Americans will help; but you will have to do most of the work. And that is only fair, because it is your school.

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### CASTEL GANDOLFO

Urban VIII was the first Pope to adopt the beautiful castle of CASTEL GANDOLFO, situated on the banks of Lake Albano, as a summer residence, and he transformed this castle into a magnificent palace. After his death, with very few exceptions, all the Popes, up to 1870 have stayed at Castel Gandolfo, and after the Lateran Treaty, which placed the Holy See in complete possession of the castle, the latter has remained definitely the summer residence of the Popes. The land that goes with it forms a property of about 140 acres, and towards the end of his life, Pope Pius XI had a large part of the stony ground transformed into gardens and grass plots covered with flowers and fruit.

The habit formed by the Popes of fleeing from the burning climate of Rome is explained by the fact that in summer the malaria of tropical countries rages there. We now know that quinine gives us a radical preventive and curative remedy for that disease. On page 125 of its report, issued in 1938, the Malaria Commission of the League of Nations, composed of the principal experts in malaria control, stresses the fact that among the anti-malarial drugs, quinine still ranks first in current practice, by reason of its clinical effectiveness and almost complete absence of toxicity, coupled with the widespread knowledge of its use and dosage. As a prophylactic measure, it is recommended to take a daily dose of six grains of quinine throughout the fever season and for a short time afterwards. For treating an attack of malaria, a dose of 15 grains to 20 grains of quinine is prescribed to be taken daily for 5 to 7 days.

During the last few years, it has not therefore been the danger of malaria but the excessive heat that has decided His Holiness to leave the Vatican City during the summer. In the summer residence of Castel Gandolfo, which forms an oasis of verdure in the midst of the country scorched by the sun's rays, the Pope is better able to devote himself to the difficult work and the numerous tasks that fall to his lot.

Malaria Engl. 319.

### ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

In the matter of the Estate of the late Parasathy wife of Sittampalam Subramaniam of Puttur. Deceased.

Testamentary } No. 913

Jurisdiction } Sittampalam Subramaniam of Puttur.

Petitioner.

Vs.

- Minor 1. Subramaniam Sri Kantha  
 " 2. " Purushothaman  
 " 3. " Mathisouthan  
 " 4. Sittampalam Nadarajah  
 5. Chithambaram alias Sinnachchippillai widow of Sittampalam  
 6. Sivasambu Sittampalam all of Puttur.

Respondents.

This action coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 28th day of July 1948 in the presence of Mr. P. Caspillai, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the abovenamed petitioner dated 23rd July 1948 having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th respondent be appointed as guardian-ad-litem over the minors 1st to 3rd respondents and that the petitioner is entitled to have letters of administration over the estate of the abovenamed deceased and the same be issued to him accordingly unless the respondents or any others shall on or before the 30th day of August 1948 appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the petitioner do produce the minor respondents in Court on the said date.

The 28th day of July 1948.

Sgd. L. W. DE SILVA,  
 District Judge.

Time to show cause is extended to 20th September 1948.

Sgd. L. W. DE SILVA,  
 District Judge.

### TENDER NOTICE

CEYLON GOVERNMENT RAILWAY

The Chairman, Way & Works Head Office Tender Board, will receive, at the Chief Engineer's Office, C.G.R., MacCallum Road, Maradana tenders up to 12 noon on Friday 24th September, 1948 for the construction of:—

- (a) Seven Sets of Workmen's Dwellings
- (b) Five Sets of Workmen's Dwellings
- (c) Six Sets of Workmen's Dwellings on Railway land at Nawalapitiya.

For further particulars, please see Government Gazette, of Friday, 3rd September 1948.

Sgd. W. A. SHAW,  
 Chief Engineer, C.G.R.

Way & Works Office, C.G.R.,  
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