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Midnight Mass in Front of St. Peter's

Young Men of Catholic Action Give Demonstration of Faith

Rome witnessed one of the greatest demonstrations of faith that have ever been seen. Men of Catholic Action gathered in the Piazza of St. Peter's twice in twenty-four hours to make a profession of faith, first for midnight Mass and secondly to hear the Pope.

It was estimated that nearly a million people were in the square. At the midnight Mass a thousand priests were needed to distribute Holy Communion.

The dome of St. Peter's was floodlit and the facade was picked out in electric lights when, on Saturday night, the men of Catholic Action gathered in the Piazza of St. Peter's, Rome, for the midnight Mass which was one of the features of the eightieth birthday celebrations of the Catholic Action Movement.

All through the city, torchlight processions converged on St. Peter's, and from ten o'clock onwards the Piazza was a blaze of golden light.

In front the great doors of the Basilica an altar had been erected and on this the midnight Mass was celebrated.

At the beginning of Mass the torches were extinguished, and the altar was the centre of light to which all eyes turned.

The organ, heard through loudspeakers, led the singing of the Mass, and half a million male voices were raised in the *Gloria* and the *Credo*, in an unforgettable harmony.

"ARMY" OF PRIESTS

At the end of Mass the torches were re-lighted—but before that a veritable army of priests had emerged from the basilica, each priest bearing a ciborium of consecrated hosts. Around the Colonnade they moved and down into the close-packed congregation to distribute Holy Communion.

Then, to the waving of torches, the Catholic Action Hymn was sung and the crowd dispersed, to gather again later to hear the Pope's address.

The afternoon was gloomy, and the wind blustering, but the day did not experience the almost tropical downpour which had been the fate of the girls on the previous Sunday.

The Holy Father, who had driven in from Castelgandolfo, remarked on the heroism the girls had shown. Then he welcomed the men and said:

"You have given repeated proof in recent years of the earnestness of your faith and will. For that we are grateful to you. You are our joy and our pride. Your victory must be threefold.

"First it must be victory over the denial of God so that this denial be effaced from the world.

GRAVE FORCES

"In the religious controversies of our times there is no longer, as formerly, a question on this or that point of faith. To-day the fundamentals of religion are being assaulted and denied—the Church, Christ as God, God himself.

"For God to be denied may seem incomprehensible and absurd for has there ever been a time in which God's presence revealed itself to the human

mind so effectively, we should almost say visibly, as at the present time?

"The science of natural history is making great progress and there are many discoveries to which one can point and say 'here is the hand of the creator'; the growing of the periodical system of the primary elements, the discovery of the special behaviour of radio active elements, knowledge of cosmic rays and of the loss of the free energy of the atom, all this and many other things show with a clarity which could hardly be greater the mutability of the cosmos.

"In a world which is characterized by change and instability there is a creator who is eternal and unchangeable. We are not surprised to read that a man, Max Planck, who is not a Catholic, wrote before he died 'whoever studies the physical world is bound to recognize the existence of God'.

"We are to-day witnessing forces which are graver in their consequences than the fall of the ancient Roman Empire.

"Political powers have radically changed within the peoples and among the peoples. One dynasty after another has disappeared, dictators have been eliminated. Entire continents are in decline or rise. Social conditions are undergoing deep changes.

"But one institution remains firm. It is Christ's Church with the strength and truth of grace, with the firmness of faith and the constance of its faithful soul.

UNBELIEF ABOUNDS

"Young Catholics, you are surrounded by unbelief. Oppose thereto your firm and living faith. Faith will only be firm if you profess it, not superficially and vaguely but with deep conviction and clearly.

"The young man who, in spite of all difficulties, is ready to help those in need, to respect women, who has the strength to shut his eyes and heart to everything that is base, shows that his faith is really alive.

"Secondly, your victory must be one over the material world.

"It is usual to call this the century of science. With the progress of natural science and applied technical science our age is bent on overcoming space at an increasing rate and extending scientific conquests ever more powerfully in all directions.

"No wonder, therefore, that science all too often dazzles the eyes, especially of youth who, completely taken in by its fascination, is in peril of losing sight and sense of the supernatural, eternal and invisible.

"It is precisely these men of applied science who are most in need of the protective and counter-balancing forces of religion. Like fire, while guided and controlled it is an element of strength and an indispensable aid to man, but once out of hand it brings devastating conflagration, destruction and death.

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God Has No Place in Communism

But Without Him Nothing Can Move

The Soviet Constitution of 1948 reads, "For the purpose of securing real freedom of conscience for the workers, the Church is declared separate from the government and the school from the Church. But freedom for religious and anti-religious propaganda is recognized for every citizen." That doctrine possibly does not sound too harsh, but when we consider that it places religion in the power of an irreligious and atheistic state, we realize what little chance there is for God and religion, where the State recognizes the right for anti-religious propaganda, even in the state schools. The truth is that there was religious persecution from the very start of Communism in Russia in 1918, using the privilege given by the constitution of anti-religious propaganda. The Communists, that is Stalin and his clique, regarded the phrase "freedom for religious propaganda", in the constitution as too great a concession, though it could not be done in opposition to the totalitarian state. So in 1929, a change was made in the wording and it read, "freedom in the exercise of religious worship and freedom for anti-religious propaganda." In the Stalin Constitution for USSR 1936, which is still in force, article 124 reads, "in order to ensure to citizens freedom of conscience, the church in the USSR is separated from the state, and the school from the church. Freedom of religious worship and freedom of anti-religious propaganda is recognized for all citizens."

"FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP"—A FAKE

The phrase freedom of religious worship is a very misleading one. It is true that religious congregations may organize, but they must register with the local commissar who will assign a church for their use. They must not own property, and their religious activities must be confined within the limits of the registered congregation. The names of the people, registered with the Government, gives a list of those who are in opposition to the atheistic government. A few statistics quoted from a pamphlet, 'The Red Terror and Religion', by Richard Ginder, will show how the Orthodox Church, the established Church, under the Tsars, has fared under Bolshevism. In 1919 there were 46,456 churches, in 1941 there were 4,225. The number of priests in 1917 was 50,960, in 1941 it was 5,665 and the Orthodox monasteries dropped from 1,026 to 38 in 1941. "Communism in Action," a U.S.A. Government report prepared under the direction of E.M. Dirken, says, "Eradication of religion, the Bolsheviks' objective, was to be accomplished through the youth of the land. Under the constitution, religious instruction in public or private schools was forbidden. However, until 1929 children in groups of three or less were allowed to receive religious instruction provided it was given outside the churches and schools. The decree of April 8, 1929, abolished this right and confined the teaching of religion to the parents.... The state confiscated all church buildings and

property. Many churches were closed and others diverted to various uses, schools, clubrooms, anti-religious museums, lodgings and industrial works. In some instances, members of the clergy were jailed or executed. Anti-religious demonstrations were organized, services in churches interrupted, and the clergy insulted by members of the Komsomol, Communist Youth Association. Atheistic publications waged violent attacks on religion, whereas after 1921 no religious publications were allowed."

COMMUNISM AND RELIGION—INCOMPATIBLE

But why this militant atheism? Why are the Bolsheviks so anxious to obliterate religion and God? The real answer is that in a true democracy, that is a government of the people and by the people, authority ultimately comes from God and therefore has a religious basis. It is religion and only religion that stands for the dignity and the rights and privileges of the individual. The State exists for the individual, religion and nature say, and not the individual for the State, as the Bolsheviks say. So communism and religion are diametrically opposed to each other. The man who believes in God, who knows that he has essential and inalienable rights that came from God, is a menace to any dictator or totalitarian government, for that man can never be enslaved. He values his honour, his rights, more than his life.

MARX—"REMOVE RELIGION"

In the Communist Manifesto Marx writes: "Does it require deep intuition to comprehend that man's ideals, views and conceptions, in one word man's consciousness, changes with every change in the conditions of his material existence, in his social relations and in his social life? What else does the history of ideas prove than that intellectual production changes in character in proportion as material production is changed?" In other words, Marx was a pure materialist asserting that man is like his material surroundings and is not influenced by God and spiritual things. He denies in the paragraph preceding the foregoing quotation, that objections against communism from a religious standpoint have any validity. He says, "The charges against communism made from a religious, a philosophical standpoint are not deserving of serious examination." It is rather hard to argue with a man who makes such a statement, for he is unreasonable. But he makes more explicit statements about the futility of religion. In his introduction to 'A Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Law', he writes, "Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the kindliness of a heartless world, the spirit of unspiritual conditions. It is the people's opium. The removal of religion as the illusory happiness of the people is the demand for their happiness.—Criticism of religion disillusioning man, so that he may think, act and shape his reality as one who is disillusioned and come to the full understanding, so that he may move on his own

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OCTOBER 1948

THURS.... 7 H. ROSARY.
FRI. 8 S. Bridget.
SAT. 9 John Leon.
SUN. 10 21 P.—S. Fran. Bor.
MON. 11 Mat. B.V.M.
TUES. 12 S. Wilfrid.
WED. 13 S. Edward.
THURS.... 14 S. Callistus.

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AND PATIENTS DIE

If the story is true, they do things in China far more intelligently than we do them here. It is said that the Chinaman pays the doctor regularly as long as his health is good. When his health fails, the doctor has failed, all payments cease and the doctor has to work overtime to get the patient back to good health before what passes for a cent in China will be forthcoming.

The Chinaman's fundamental sanity saves him from any of the nonsense of curative vs preventive. Preventive is his slogan: prevention is better than cure.

It is always useful in matters affecting public health to anticipate trouble not in any unreasonable fashion but on grounds that would be considered reasonable by the man-in-the-street.

The man-in-the-street is not happy at the moment about the health position or prospects in Jaffna. The curative side is understaffed, criminally so, and it is feared that the meagre preventive cadre is being in effect compelled to neglect its side.

To particularize. There is far too much enteric in the town at the moment and there is no purpose served by ascribing it to an act of God. It could and should have been prevented. After ten months of almost unrelieved rainlessness people's powers of resistance are not at their best. It does not call for any particular brilliance to anticipate heavy rains with the consequent affecting of our water supply by surface pollution.

One would have therefore expected as a matter of normal routine that anti-enteric measures would be in full swing. They are not. Why? One wonders.

We know of at least one school where the authorities are haggard at the thought of the coming rains and have made more than one fruitless attempt to have the students inoculated. There is not even a likelihood of the inoculation taking place.

Not a single member of Parliament from the North seems

interested. It is left to the Fourth Estate, the Press, to point out what should be a matter of top priority. An epidemic of huge proportions is inevitable.

Presumably the curatives will have a field-day of it and the preventives will have driven another nail, well and truly, into their own coffin.

The Queen of the Rosary Promised

The following promises were made by the Blessed Virgin to Saint Dominic and Blessed Alanus:

1. To all those who will recite my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and very great graces.
 2. Those who will persevere in the recitation of my Rosary shall receive some signal grace.
 3. The Rosary shall be a very powerful armour against hell; it shall destroy vice, deliver from sin, and shall dispel heresy.
 4. The Rosary shall make virtue and good works flourish, and shall obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies; it shall substitute in hearts love of God for love of the world, elevate them to desire heavenly and eternal goods. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!
 5. Those who trust themselves to me through the Rosary shall not perish.
 6. Those who will recite my Rosary piously, considering its Mysteries, shall not be overwhelmed by misfortune nor die a bad death. The sinner shall be converted; the just shall grow in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
 7. Those truly devoted to my Rosary shall not die without the consolations of the Church, or without grace.
 8. Those who will recite my Rosary shall find during their life and at their death the light of God, the fullness of His grace, and shall share in the merits of the blessed.
 9. I will deliver very promptly from purgatory the souls devoted to my Rosary.
 10. The true children of my Rosary shall enjoy great glory in heaven.
 11. What you ask through my Rosary, you shall obtain.
 12. Those who propagate my Rosary shall obtain through me aid in all their necessities.
 13. I have obtained from my Son that all the conferrers of the Rosary shall have for their brethren in life and death the saints of heaven.
 14. Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are all my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
 15. Devotion to my Rosary is a special sign of predestination.
- In the final apparition at Fatima, in October, 1917, the Blessed Virgin described herself as the Lady of the Rosary. Throughout the course of these apparitions, her constant plea was that the Rosary be said often and well.

MISSION SUNDAY

In the shady depths of forests and on burning desert sands; midst the ice and snow of polar regions and the exuberant vegetation of tropical jungles; in steep, narrow valleys and on wide, open plains; fording mountain torrents and traversing stormy seas; wherever there are souls to be saved, there, too, will be found a Catholic Missionary. During the past ten years the pioneers of Christian civilization in Mission lands have seen Catholics increase by nearly seven million. We can ensure still greater headway being made in the future by generous almsgiving on Mission Sunday.

A PROFESSOR ON CONVERTS

Lecturing on "Modern Literature" at the W.E.A. Whitsuntide School at Scarborough on the week-end, the non-Catholic Professor G. E. T. Mayfield, of Hull University College, called attention to the number of first-rank writers who have joined the Catholic Church.

Asked for reasons for this, Professor Mayfield said he thought that a daily increasing number of thinkers were feeling that life without God was purposeless, that they were feeling the need for such a consistent philosophy as that of the Catholic Church and of St. Thomas Aquinas.

They were coming to see the hollowness of such an outlook as that of Bernard Shaw, with his vague talk about a "Life Force", which Chesterton said only reminded him of the Life Guards!

"The World is Too Much With Us"

BY M. J. A. JEYANATHAN.

The age we live in is the heyday of materialism. Never before in the history of the world, were spiritual values so completely subordinated to the material, as today. Never before did men seek so eagerly the good things of the earth and so completely forget "the one thing necessary" as they do in this age. Everyone speaks of the life of abundance which Science is ready to afford, but few give a thought to the Abundant Life, which Our Blessed Lord came on earth to give. In the words of the poet, "the world is too much with us. Late and soon, getting and spending, we lay waste our powers." For the noble message that was preached on Calvary, "we are out of tune."

That is why this age is an age of contradictions. Like the period in history preceding the French Revolution the age we live in, is the best of times, and yet the worst of times: it is the age of wisdom, it is the age of foolishness. We are supposed to live in an enlightened era, but the fact is we are all groping in darkness. Science has given us all the comforts of life, and yet we are like men on the top of a volcano, ever in fear of a catastrophe which will wipe us off the face of the earth. The world enjoys today all the pleasures of life, yet there is little happiness among men, as witness the alarming increase in suicide during recent years, even in our country. The trouble with us is we think a multitude of pleasures will give us the happiness we crave for. Pleasure is of the body, happiness is of the soul. We have pandered enough to the cravings of the material part of us, and starved the spiritual. Herein lies the root of all our trouble.

There is only One who can satisfy the demands of the Soul, and it is He after Whose Image it was made. The Soul was made for God, and it will not rest unless it reposes in Him. It would be a grievous blunder, if we took the saying, "God is in His Heaven, all is right with the world," literally, and limited God to His Heaven, having no business with the earth he created. All will not be right with the world, unless God is given His true place in men's lives. Today His place is denied to Him. As of old men cry "Away with Him." In Communist countries they will not tolerate Him. In other countries, they are indifferent to Him. We have before our eyes World Councils established and World Conferences convened to solve the problems confronting the world. But He Who made the world has no place in them; His guidance is not asked for. Is it any wonder they fail? Inevitably they must.

The world must turn over a new leaf if it is to save itself from disaster. In this connection let us not speak of the world, and pass comments on it, as if

we did not belong to it. If the world is to change, then we must change first. Let's give God the first place in our own lives. He breaks no doors, and He will not come into our lives unless we want Him. He alone can restore tranquillity and happiness into our disordered lives. Let us not shun Him in the fear, "Lest having Him we must have naught beside;" but surrender ourselves wholly to this "Tremendous Lover", that we may receive His gifts in their plenitude from His loving hands.

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE 10 YEARS' PLAN FUND

With three months more to run before the end of the year the St. Patrick's College 10 year Plan Fund is practically two-thirds of the way towards the target for the year of Rs. 30,000.

The collection campaign began on 6th February 1948. The progress since then has been:—

6th March	Rs. 1,225-00
6th April	Rs. 2,065-00
6th May	Rs. 2,495-00
23rd June	Rs. 8,975-00
1st October	Rs. 10,192-78

This is a very encouraging situation. We have 235 promoters. Of these only 55 have so far sent in their collections. We hope that the remaining 180 are active in roping in willing builders of the "greater St. Patrick's" and will be able to return their promoter's card, completely filled, before Christmas.

LOCAL & GENERAL**Bibliotheca Gnanapragasa.**

His Lordship the Bishop of Jaffna has graciously bequeathed to St. Patrick's College, Jaffna the entire Library of the late Rev. Fr. S. Gnanaprasakar, O.M.I. Savant and Oriental Scholar of International fame. The Librarians of the College are hard put to, sorting the rare collection of books and when the work of sorting is over the Gnanaprasakar Section of the Library will form an exclusively Reference Section open to Research Students on restricted membership.

The Library consists of rare books on Vedic and Puranic lore, Philology, Anthropology, and Tamil Literature from the Sangha period down to the present day.

The Rector of the College will be grateful to old boys and friends of the College and to the admirers of Fr. Gnanaprasakar to add to the Gnanaprasakar Section any book they consider worthy of finding a place there.

Visitor from Malaya.—The Rev. Father Dominic Vendargon, of the Foreign Missions, Alor Star, Kedah, is on a visit to Mathagal, Jaffna, the land of his parents. Fr. Vendargon who has been visiting various missions in India is in charge of a mission in Alor Star. He also runs a Tamil School for the children of the Estate Workers. On Monday the 4th inst. Fr. Vendargon gave an interesting talk to the students of St. Patrick's College on "Malaya under the Japanese Occupation."

Fr. Vendargon is a grandson of the late Mr. S. Abraham, Headmaster Emeritus of St. Patrick's College and also an old boy of the College.

St. Luke's Guild, Colombo.—**Gold Mass, 1948.**—The Feast of St. Luke will be celebrated this year on Sunday 10th October, at St. Peter's House, General Hospital, Colombo. Catholic Doctors and their families are invited.

7-30 a.m. Mass and Sermon by the Very Rev. Fr. T. M. F. Long, O.M.I.
8-30 a.m. Annual Reunion and Annual General Meeting of the Guild.
Chevalier W. A. E. Karunaratne, K.S.G., M.D. (Lond.) will preside.

The Inner Side of the T.B. Hospital, Kankasanturai.—Senator Miss Cissy Coorey last week complained to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Local Government, Mr. Nalliah about the "appalling conditions" at the Kankasanturai hospital.

She said that the hospital "supposed to be a civil hospital", housed about 125 tuberculosis patients and 65 others and

there were only two nurses to attend on the tuberculosis patients day and night.

She feared that the nurses, if they continued to work under existing conditions, would contract tuberculosis themselves.

Miss Coorey also complained that the patients had not been supplied with spittoons until recently and had used empty cigarette tins without disinfectants. But on the day Dr. S. F. Chellappah visited the hospital recently they were all supplied with spittoons. She asked why that could not have been done earlier.

She added that complaints made by Government members of Parliament were not attended to promptly whereas complaints made by leftists were gone into without delay.

She asked that the number of nurses and attendants be increased immediately and that proper measures be taken to protect patients from the monsoon.

She also complained about the sanitation of the hospital.

Mr. Nalliah promised to place the matter before the Minister for speedy action.

Jaffna Tamil Women in Deputation.—A deputation, whose Chief spokesmen were Mr. S. Natesan and Mr. S. H. Perinpanayagam, and which included two women waited on Mr. T. B. Jayah, Minister of Labour and Social Services, during his visit to Jaffna.

The deputation reminded the Minister that the request that the Government should waive the claims on those dependants in Ceylon of Jaffna Tamils in Malaya, who had been helped by the Ceylon Government during the Japanese occupation, had already been made to his Minister.

In the present unsettled conditions, people were not able to save anything or even husband whatever resources they possessed in Malaya. It would be hard on these people if the Government of Ceylon demanded repayment of the amounts given earlier.

Mr. Jayah promised to do his best to help those people.

Minister to Press for Pipe Water.—As a result of his visit to Kayts in the throes of a drought, Mr. T. B. Jayah, Minister for Labour and Social Services, intends to contact the Local Government Ministry and press the need for a pipe-borne water service. Mr. Jayah said so after laying the foundation-stone for a community centre building at Kayts.

Norton Bridge Opened.—The Prime Minister accompanied by nine other Ministers of State and several Members of Parliament and Senators visited Norton Bridge on Friday Oct. 1. The main item was to declare the Bridge open but the legislators spent a good deal of time in studying the entire project carried on at Norton Bridge which will before long industrialize Ceylon. The whole party were the guests of Sir John Kotelawala, Minister for Transport and Works whose energy and enthusiasm was responsible for the speeding up of the work.

Administration of Justice in National Language.—A committee is, it is learned, to be set up to examine the recommendations of the Select Committee on Official Languages with regard to the administration of justice in the national languages of the country.

The members of the Committee are to be Mr. Alan Rose, K.C., Attorney-General (Chairman), Mr. F. S. Palle, K.C., Solicitor-General, and Mr. P. C. Villavarayan, Legal Draftsman.

Mr. Villavarayan will, it is learned, be going on leave shortly preparatory to retirement, and his place on the Committee will be filled by Mr. H. N. G. Fernando, who will act as Legal Draftsman.

Value of Colombo Property.—The value of all property in the City, for the purpose of fixing the rate for 1949, is estimated at Rs. 25,453,441 as compared with Rs. 24,533,735 for the current year, showing an increase in value by Rs. 904,706.

The highest increases are in respect of property in the Fort, Pettah and Cinnamon Gardens.

8,000 Acres of Red Onions Yearly Target.—Government is planning an island-wide campaign to produce red onions with the intention of eventually stopping onion imports altogether.

The Government imported 635,673 cwt. of onions in 1937 valued at Rs. 2,049,405 and 625,931 cwt. in 1947 valued at Rs. 8,207,916.

The Director of Agriculture has fixed the target for local production at 400,000 cwt. per year which represents an acreage of 8,000.

Districts most suitable for growing onions, according to an official report, are Jaffna, Vavuniya, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Welimada.

Four Candidates for Colombo South.—Polling for the election of a member for the Colombo South Seat in the House of Representatives will take place on November 20.

Four candidates will contest the seat. Nomination papers of the four candidates were received by the Returning Officer, Mr. R. M. Davies, at the Colombo Kachcheri on Saturday.

The following are the candidates and their symbols:—

Mr. T. Freddy Jayawardene (U.N.P.) Lamp.

Mr. P. Saravanamuttu (Independent Socialist) Cart Wheel.

Mr. Bernard Soysa (B.L.P.I.) Star.

Dr. A. P. de Zoysa (Independent) House.

Distinguished Visitor at Badulla College.—When the Rev. Brother Lawrence O'Toole, F.S.C., Assistant Superior-General of the Christian Brothers' Schools accompanied by the Rev. Bro. Luke Gregory, visited St. Bede's College, he was accorded a warm welcome.

The Rev. Brother Frederick, F.S.C., Director of St. Bede's College, extending a hearty welcome to the visitors, pointed out that the institution was lacking in accommodation. He had been compelled to refuse admission to over a hundred children.

The Assistant Superior-General congratulated Ceylon on having attained Independence. It must be their primary object, he said, to train worthy citizens to serve their country. He also congratulated the Director and the staff for the good work done in the school.

Ceylon as Model Research Centre for Malaria and T.B.—Ceylon as a model centre in South-East Asia for research, clinical and field work in tuberculosis and malaria will be among the proposals that Ceylon's Health Minister, Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, will submit to the inaugural conference of the World Health Organization (W.H.O.) for South-East Asia, which began at Delhi on Monday.

The Minister was accompanied by his Permanent Secretary, Mr. E. W. Kanungara, Dr. S. F. Chellappah, Dr. W. G. Wickremasinghe and Mr. D. V. Mahantantila, Private Secretary.

Faculty of Agriculture Moves to Peradeniya.—Second-year students of the Faculty of Agriculture moved to Peradeniya on October 4, where arrangements have been completed for conducting the course.

There are fourteen students, including a woman, in the second year of the Faculty. The men will be accommodated in the hostel formerly occupied by the Girls' Farm School, while the woman student has found accommodation in a private house.

Legal Training for Police Officers.—To conduct important trials in the various Magistrates' Courts, both in the City and the Provinces, a batch of Police Inspectors will be selected and given a training in legal work under the guidance of Mr. Boyd Jayasuriya, Crown Counsel, who has been appointed legal adviser to the Inspector-General of Police, Sir Richard Aluwihare.

Japanese Method Alone Can Save Fisheries.—The only hope for the Fishing Industry of the Island is to re-organize it along Japanese lines, said Mr. H. de Z. Siriwardene, acting Minister of Industries, Industrial Research and Fisheries, at a complimentary dinner given to him and Mrs. Siriwardene by the public of Negombo, at the New Resthouse last week.

London Hostel for Ceylon Students.—A thirty year problem was solved with the announcement on Sept. 30 that Ceylon students have at last definitely obtained a club and hostel in London. They have been offered the Ceylon residence in Addison Road for this purpose.

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Director, S.V.P. St. James' Conference, Jaffna.

Square, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke who became High Commissioner on Oct. 1, said that through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. G.C.S. Corea, students would soon have the use of the building with its garden and swimming pool.

Prohibition in Madras.—Inaugurating prohibition in the city on Oct. 3, the Premier Mr. Ramaswami Reddiar said that it was a red letter day in the city of Madras.

Prohibition was no more an experiment with them, the Premier said. It had come to stay in the province. While they were proud in taking the lead over the other provinces of India in this piece of social welfare reform they were shouldering a big responsibility as well and it devolved on the people, particularly Congressmen, to lend their unstinted support and co-operation to Government in making prohibition really effective throughout the province and improve the lot of the masses.

The prohibition move was first initiated in the province by Mr. C. Rajagopalachari in 1947 when he was Premier.

Goaled for Catholic Action.—Felix Uhl, 23-year-old former chairman of the Catholic Students' Union and vice-chairman of the Medical Students' Union of Charles University, Prague, has been sentenced to 20 years' hard labour without the right of appeal. The court met in secret session. Uhl was charged with military treason. He was accused of carrying on subversive work among students in close co-operation with Mgr. Shramek, former Prime Minister, and Mgr. Hala, who were arrested for trying to escape from Czechoslovakia.

WEDDING

DAVID-TISSEVERESINGHE

The marriage took place recently at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena of Mr. John Baptist David, son of the late Mr. F. D. David and Mrs. F. D. David of Avariawatte Road, Wattala and Miss Jane Margaret Tisseverasinghe daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tisseverasinghe of Avariawatte Road, Wattala. The service which was fully choral was conducted by the Rev. Fr. Vincent Dep. The attesting witnesses were Professor R. H. Paul, Director, Ceylon Technical College and Mr. S. L. B. Kapukotuwa, Assistant Director of Education.

The bridegroom was supported by Mr. D. J. B. Alexander as bestman and

Mr. Vincent Jobs as groomsman. The bride had Misses Joyce Perera and Florence Perera as bridesmaids and the little maids were Misses Patricia Wickremesinghe and Mani Chelliah. Master Anton David acted as page.

The bride who arrived in the company of her father was greeted by the Police Band on entering the Church. She wore a silver Jarri Georgette saree with a broad border worked in a cut-work design. Her silver tissue blouse with petal sleeves had the same design as the saree along the neck line and the sleeves. She carried a cascade of May Queens and Tube Roses. Head dress of May Queens held in place her long tulle veil which was beautifully scalloped.

The bride's parents held a largely attended reception at the K.C.Y.M.A. Kotahena. Mr. C. Suntheralingam, Minister of Commerce and Trade proposed the toast of the new couple. The toast of the host and hostess was proposed by Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, M.P.

The "Koorai" ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's parents in the midst of oriental music. The new couple left for their honeymoon after lunch.

The bride's "Koorai" was a raspberry shade tissue Benares Saree with an all over design of gold flowers and a broad gold border. She wore a gold brocade blouse with gold and red shoes to match.

CEYLON GOVERNMENT RAILWAY

NOTICE

The Railway Level Crossing at 33 miles 03 chains, Kelani Valley Railway, between Kosgama and Puwakpitiya Railway Stations, on the Colombo-Ratnapura Main Road, will be closed for vehicular traffic from 6-00 p.m. on Saturday 9-10-48 till 6-00 a.m. on Sunday 10-10-48 for effecting repairs.

During the period of closure, vehicular traffic will be assisted over the crossing.

M. KANAGASABAY,
Acting General Manager.
P.O. Box No. 355,
Colombo, 30th September, 1948.

NOTICE

Further to my notice appearing in the issue of 30-9-48 of this paper the closing date for tenders is 9th October, 1948 and not 16th October.

M. SRIKHANTA,
Asst. Govt. Agent
Puttalam, 5th October, 1948.

Midnight Mass in Front of St. Peter's

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"DEFEND THE TRUTH"

"Although, by nature it is a gift of God, present-day technique with its enormous power becomes, in the hands of violent men, blinded by frenzy and overpowered oppressors, a terrible instrument of injustice, enslavement and cruelty.

"On the other hand, if science is held and directed by a God-fearing human society that holds the spiritual, moral and eternal values in incomparably higher regard than material values, it can hasten the blessing and fulfil the tasks assigned to it by the designs of God.

"You see, therefore, my beloved children, the cry that is rising from everywhere directed to the young generations. It is up to you to defend truth in such a way that applied science remains a servant of liberty, dignity, peace and happiness.

MORAL STRENGTH

"Thirdly, it must be a victory over moral shortcomings which must be conquered with justice and love.

"The social question is undoubtedly an economic question. But it is in the deepest sense a moral and, therefore, religious question. Moral source must create such conditions that no individual human being and no people is deprived of any right and exposed to exploitation.

"A social order must be created so that all have sufficient means and are sufficiently protected against the ruthlessness of a selfish economy, in freedom limited by consideration of the common good and with human dignity which is self respecting and respects others.

"Moral strength must be marshalled to bring such a social order to life.

"This strength can come only from the Catholic faith which, nourished by the grace of the Saviour, dedicates itself to humanity. Only a generation inspired by this faith can give the coveted peace to the human family.

"You, Catholic youth, can only accomplish these three great tasks if you have faith in the supernatural and believe that the union with Christ, the glorious resurrection and eternal life are above all human things.

"Only by praying can you remain firm in your faith and live out that faith in all circumstances of life. Only an army of praying soldiers can secure victory in the modern grim struggle between truth and error, the affirmation and the negation of God.

"You can fulfil these duties only by opposing a great love to hatred, both national and class hatred. Hatred does nothing but destroy, love builds.

GUIDE TO VICTORY

"In our time humanity has heard the message of the upheaval of all values, but it is in these very years of profound social changes that religious and eternal values have proved their absolute indestructibility.

"You have before your eyes not only the ruins created by sin, war, famine and death, but also the victory of Christ. Through the centuries the path of the Church has always been both a way of the Cross and a road of triumph. That is your guide from victory to victory. Follow it."

The Pope, simply dressed in a white cassock and red cape, contrasted sharply with the rich red and purple robes of the Cardinals and other prelates. His Holiness spoke in a strong voice with no trace of the cold he caught speaking a week before.

God Has No Place in Communism

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axis and thus be his own sun." And thus man will be his own God also, or rather according to communism, the

state is to be the god, and man a mere pawn of state.

LENIN—"ATHEISM IS IN OUR PROGRAMME"

Lenin was very explicit in stating what he thought about religion. In the Little Library, volume 7, we read, "The modern proletariat ranges itself on the side of socialism, which with the help of science, is dispersing the fog of religion and is liberating the workers from their faith in a life after death, by rallying them to the present-day struggle for a better life here upon earth." In the same volume on page 14, Lenin wrote, "In explaining our programme, we must necessarily explain the actual historical and economic roots of religion. Our programme thus necessarily includes the propagation of atheism." Following Marx's and Lenin's lead, the Communists have been teaching atheism to the children of Russia, showing them for instance that the world was made by human hands and improved by Marx, Lenin and Stalin. We quote from "Youth in Soviet Russia." In the beginning there was chaos—capitalism. The parasites lived in luxury, the slaves were starving. Then came Marx and Lenin and the Red October. After violent struggles with internal and external foes and at the cost of immense sacrifices made by the chosen Russian proletariat, chaos was cast out." There is no need to comment about such propaganda.

RELIGION IS NO OPIUM—IT GENERATES ENERGY AND VITALITY

"The A.B.C. of Communism" by N. Bucharin, page 284, states "Any one who while calling himself a communist, continues to cling to his religious faith, one who in the name of religious commandments, infringes the prescriptions of the party, ceases thereby to be a communist. It is profitable to the predatory class to maintain the ignorance of the people and to maintain the people's childish belief in miracles (the key to the really lies in the exploiter's pocket) and this is why religious prejudices are so tenacious, and why they confuse the minds even of persons who are in other respects able." Here too is one of their half-truths, for, while it is true that religion does counsel men to have patience and endure even at times the violation of their natural rights, still religion does not counsel the poor or any class of persons, to abrogate their rights and privileges; rather it perseveringly insists that rights are inalienable and no person or group can take them away. Religion for instance does not teach that war is always illicit; it rather teaches that certain essential freedoms and rights are altogether worth fighting for. Communists have reason and history against them when they maintain that religion is an opium, a spiritual lethargy. Just the opposite is the truth; the religious motive gives the greatest energy and most continuous vitality to carry on; it does this for men individually and for men as a group, that is for the state.

Communism is a good example of men trying to erect a grand building without a foundation. God must be the foundation of everything in the world, since He made it and it belongs to Him and any system or plan that leaves Him out or puts in a substitute is unstable and bound to fall.—Indian Social Reformer.

Please Join in the National Novena for Mission Sunday From the 15th to the 24th October, 1948

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The Diocesan Director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith,

Bishop's House, Jaffna.

THE "SILENT DANGER"

It often happens that what seems most innocent is most dangerous in reality. Most people, for instance, are more afraid of thunder than of lightning during a thunderstorm, yet the latter is the dangerous of the two. Lightning, however, is no more before one becomes aware of it whilst thunder makes a lot of noise and it is a fact that a human being is more inclined to be afraid of something that makes much noise than of something that is carried out in silence, and yet, on the whole, the "silent danger" is most to be feared. In the animal kingdom too we meet with numerous examples of this. E.g. the saying: "Barking dogs seldom bite" is well-known, man mostly being more afraid of a barking dog than of a dog which is growling softly, whereas the latter is the more likely one to attack and bite. In the world of mosquitoes too one may speak of a silent danger. Observations, namely, have shown that the female Anopheles mosquitoes buzz in a very soft and hardly audible manner. Moreover, their bite is scarcely felt, unlike that of most other species of biting mosquitoes. And yet the bite of the Anopheles is infinitely more dangerous than that of the other mosquitoes. For it is the Anopheles which transmits malaria, the most widely spread disease and, besides, one of the most dangerous ones in the world. The normal biting mosquito comes flying, whilst buzzing loudly, and, if one is sufficiently patient to wait till the little beast alights somewhere on one's head, it may easily be killed, even in the dark. But this does not apply to the Anopheles, as has been said before, flying almost soundlessly and so constituting the "silent danger" in the world of mosquitoes. Fortunately, there is a means to counteract the dangerous action of a bite of the Anopheles, viz. quinine, the most efficacious prophylactic and remedy in the struggle with malaria. The very expert Malaria Commission of the former League of Nations prescribes a daily dose of 400

mg. a day during the whole malarial season and for some time after, as a prophylactic; as a remedy it prescribes a daily dose of 1-1.3 grammes for 5-7 days. After-cures do not take place, but every relapse is treated in the same way. The "silent danger" in the world of mosquitoes may therefore be frustrated by quinine.

CHANGE OF NAME

I Pethuru Nicholan John, 75 Reclamation, Karayoor, Jaffna (now residing at No. 7522, Graving Dock, Mutwal, Colombo) hereby inform the Ceylon Government and the General Public that although I was registered at my birth as above I shall henceforth be known as Nicholan Philippu Patrick, and will sign as Nicholan Philippu Patrick. N. P. Patrick.

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, October 15, 1948 for the construction of a Bungalow for the Station Master and two Bungalows for the Officers in-charge at the Kalawewa Railway Station.

For further particulars, please see Government Gazette of 24th September 1948.

Sgd. W. A. SHAW,
Chief Engineer.

Way & Works Office, C.G.R.,
MacCallum Road, Maradana.

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 October 8, 1948 for the construction of a bungalow for Booking Clerk at Kekirawa.

For further particulars, please see the Government Gazette of 17th September, 1948.

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

Way & Works Office, C.G.R.,
MacCallum Road, Maradana.

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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, October 8, 1948 for the construction of two Bungalows for the Railway Staff at China Bay.

For further particulars, please see the Government Gazette of 17th September 1948.

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

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