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In Whose Image? Radical Catholicism

BY JOHAN

A recent protest made by the Soviet brought wrinkles to the brows of the other members of the U.N.O. Advertently or inadvertently the latter had written in the preamble of the Declaration of Human Rights "man is created in the image and likeness of God." The Soviet Union and its satellite States wanted this proposition to be expunged. Hence the wrinkles. Said the rest of the world, "But why make bones about it?" So, the Soviet Union temporized by lodging a "friendly protest!"

The Highbrows went home to their libraries and began consulting the old authors on the questions, whether God exists, whether the human soul is immortal, whether human life (and all life for that matter) might not be a chemical phenomenon. The Middlebrows took the Lowbrows home to their hearths and asked them this riddle: "What is the difference between the Prince of Wales and a football?" The Soviet did not have any wrinkles on their brows, for they do not believe in brows of any description. The Soviet citizen is not entitled to have any brow or opinion of his own, which comes very near to denying that man was created in the image of God.

As regards the Prince of Wales and the football, the commonly-accepted difference is this: the Prince is heir to the throne, and the football is thrown into the air. The man who believes that he is created in the image of God toys with no hope. He is in the grip of despair. Whether he likes it or not, he is thrown into the air. He is made the sport of those who are in a position to kick and to kick hard.

When you say that man was made in the image of God, you reverence him whatever be his station in life. In the same breath you speak of God-given rights, of personal inviolability, of the dignity of the individual, of the sacredness of life etc., etc. The entire volume of human rights is bound up with the homage we pay to man as the image and protege of the Invisible Who rules and destines. This fits the full import of the word "sacred" when used in conjunction with the term "rights." This is the only adequate qualification for the use of the word "rights" to describe anything that a man, woman or child might lay claim to. Otherwise a man is no better than an inflated carcass, a football waiting to be kicked.

But why the kicks? Would it not be wonderful if each one walked in the possession of his own right and avoided the kicking? Would it not be wonderful if there were no ambitions, jealousies, spitefulness, etc.? Would it not be wonderful if men were pure spirits, moving in their separate spheres like the angels, without the encumbrance of a body full of kicks? Of course, it would be wonderful. But we are not here engaged in idle speculations. We have to face hard facts, viz., that each of us is elbowing for a place under the sun; that we are determined on having and defending our rights even if we have to kick others out of theirs; that there is no limit to the rights we arrogate to ourselves at the cost of others. If the definition and enforcement of our rights depend on our ability to kick, then God defend the weak! Nobody else can or will.

It is a sad commentary on human nature that man's greatest enemy is no

other than man. "In tooth and claw," "the law of the jungle," "the survival of the fittest" were slogans coined to emphasize this trait. It is the triumph of Might over Right. The perfect symbol of man-made Society is an integer with ciphers affixed: like 10; 100; 1,000,000. All the value is in the integer and the number of zeros added behind only go to augment the value of the integer. The ciphers have no value in themselves. That is the perfect pattern of the highly-exalted efficient State. The Dictators are the integer and the people are the zeros. Any Draft of Human Rights acceptable to the Soviet Dictators would be no better than a Code for Ciphers. If then it should be asked in whose image is a Soviet citizen being turned out, the logical answer is that he reaches the acme of perfection when he is an exemplary cipher, an inflated carcass with no other *raison d'être* than to do the bidding of the master, in other words a football well stocked with vacuity to be kicked into the air.

Having accounted for the rank and file of the Soviet world, it behoves us to ask, "in whose image is the Dictator made?" It is not hard to say. There are two opinions, which though contrary, can be stuck to each other like the obverse and the reverse of a medal. The obverse presents to view a Self-made Man: a Superman who vaunts his achievements over his fellow-men, a megalomaniac who half imagines that he bestrides the earth like a Colossus, and will not rest till he has given this fancy its ruthless fulfilment. He is the one who seizes thrones and ascends them over the trampled rights and mangled bodies of thousands and millions.

It is his greatest boast that he is a far worthier man than those hereditary princes of the realm who did nothing special to deserve the throne. It is his mortification to see princes ascend the throne with natural ease and without that orgy of blood and nightmare of revolt which prelude the making of a dictator. He is forever bewildered at the infatuation of history and of the common folk—it amounts to a veritable superstition—which holds "sacred" the person and privileges of a prince as though he were the "Anointed of the Lord" (if there be a Lord)! In fact the Self-made Dictator, in the act of dethroning the prince is as ready to dethrone God and replace the Omnipotent Creator, Judge and Lawgiver. In this is his monstrous transgression. Hence the obverse of the medal which portrays a Self-made Man, fits in with the reverse that characterizes him as a replica of the devil. It is a belief that comes down from the ages of Faith, from Eden itself, that it is either God or the devil that has a hand in the making of man. A man develops either in the image of God or the devil. Taking into account the viciousness of Original Sin, there is no middle course. However much the moderns may deny the existence of God or of the devil, in effect it works out like that. "By their fruits you shall know them."

To revert to the prince, we find ourselves entangled with the belief that by Grace man becomes a son of God and an heir to heaven. To be created in the image and likeness of God means to inherit a principedom, to be His son and

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Bare Catholicism is what we need to-day, Christianity without any compromise, Christianity pure and simple.

It is because we lack knowledge of Christ and of the Message that sprang from His divine Heart that there is compromise, compromise with those holding inimical views, compromise with pagans and heretics, compromise with communism even.

Not so much to spread the Gospel far and wide is our task now, But in the depths of our Faith ought we to penetrate; There is no spreading of the Gospel without grasping its profound knowledge: The study of Jesus Christ, His life, His person, His message, His Gospel; The study of the Catholic Church, His Mystical Body.

We cannot live to Christ if we do not know Him.

Who is the youth who will adhere to a leader whom he never saw, whose message and programme he never learned of?

I once listened to the story of a youth; thus it ran:

There was a shepherd boy living with his parents and his flock, down in the valley, surrounded by huge mountains.

On the side of a mountain, nature had been fashioning for long centuries, the features of a man's face,

Not a weak man it was.....

This had struck the boy and he used to drive his flock every morning out that side.

There you could see him for hours motionless staring at that man's face in the mountain side, captured by its mystery.

A living face it appeared to him, for every day he thought it changed and he discovered new features in it.

And it happened one day that his mother, surprised, exclaimed and asked him: "How is it that your features have become those of the man's face in the mountain side? No more do you resemble your father....."

I know not whether this story is true or fiction.

But I have heard the story of another man, true and no fiction.

He was born in Tarsus, in the valley of the Taurus mountains in Asia Minor,

A great mind he was and sincere in his Jewish belief.

Thus he became a ferocious persecutor of the Church of Christ.

But it happened that Christ threw him down from his horse, appeared to him and gave him His message.

It took him three full years of intense struggle to fashion himself into the Apostle of the Gentiles.

Too many do not know those three years of Paul, spent in the desert, fasting, meditating, subduing his violent nature.

Then he went out, straight to Greece, the soul of the world then; straight to Athens, the soul of Greece.

Day and night, on sea and in prison, when climbing the narrow passes of Greece's rough mountains or whilst preaching in the synagogues,

nothing was present to him but Christ.

And imprisoned in Rome, he could write:

"I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me."

(Gal. 2, 20)

Are these times not like the times of Paul?

Is the distress of the pagan world round about us not as widespread as in the days of Paul?

Such is the picture he has drawn of the world he was sent to renew in Christ:

"...Being filled with all iniquity, malice, fermentation, avarice, wickedness: full of envy, murder, contention, deceit, malignity, whisperers, detractors, hateful to God, contemptuous, proud, haughty, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, foolish, dissolute: without affection, without fidelity, without mercy."

(Rom. I, 29-31)

A sad picture indeed.

And in the midst of such a world, he was thrown to witness to Christ, to labour and to die, he, Paul of Tarsus.

These are times such as human history has never recorded.

Not one continent is changing, but the whole world.

Not a superficial change this time:

A world revolution where the very foundations of human society seem to give way.

It appears as if many houses were built upon the sand..... big houses even.....

Indeed, of the very fiercest is the storm that threatens our country and our people.

We stand before a new beginning.

We the baptized ones, the consecrated ones,

We, the few scattered bearers of the torch of Christ.

Church Calendar

NOVEMBER 1948

THURS....11 S. Martin C.
 FRI.12 S. Martin P.M.
 SAT.13 S. Didacus.
 SUN.14 26 P.—S. Josephat.
 MON.15 S. Albert Gr.
 TUES.16 S. Gertrude.
 WED.17 S. Gregory.
 THURS....18 B. St. Peter and Paul.

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THE AMERICAN ELECTION

All the world thrilled to it: it was not merely that all the world would be affected by the result; that was incontestable. There was especially the human factor. Colourless Harry Truman proved himself a colourful personality standing up to admittedly impossible odds and emerging undoubted victor. It is a victory that will be won again for many a day over ever so many tables and by ever so many firesides. The lessons of the defeat which is the co-relative of every victory will be not less worthy of study.

The lessons of the defeat may occupy our attention first. If we may put it on a homely level first, it savours of the Boat Race. So secure a hold have old Oxford men on the Press that before the Race each year Oxford wins, and after the Race we are told why Oxford lost. In between is the disconcerting fact that Cambridge has won.

The big Press, just as much as the Gallup polls, is painfully fallible and in this context it is refreshing to note how the democratic common man can 'take' what is apparently the most overwhelming propaganda. Therein lies one of the surest hopes for the world: therein the common man in Italy joins hands with his opposite number in America.

How would one define the real inwardness of the elections? We consider the caption 'President Roosevelt's fifth term' as good a working definition as any, as far as America's internal policy goes. It is an endorsement of the New Deal with the promise of more to come. This will not please the moguls of Wall St., but then it was never calculated to soothe their susceptibilities.

Truman's victory however goes much deeper. He is perhaps the first Democratic candidate to commit what was tantamount to political *hari-kari* by standing up to 'the solid South' on the colour question. Great things are forward within America. The new President is not likely to be deflected from his course by the typical reactionary pleas of the time not being auspicious.

We wish, honestly, that as much could be said about foreign policy. To the debit side of his administration must be placed a good deal of vacillation and, what so often goes with vacillation, jumpy decisions. *Fil faber fabricando*? Let us hope so. China will be the test of whether he has emerged from the journeyman stage.

To the credit side we must place all that is connoted by the activities of Secretary Marshall. There will be no need to go through all the ritual paces of

trying first to placate the implacable Russians. That stage is over. Behind him is the disillusionment President Roosevelt was mercifully spared.

We do not suppose that Ceylon has impinged very violently on the President's conscious mind. Yet we as much as others are affected by the electoral results. We are now in a position to trade directly with America; our stability concerns American policy. That stability may best be secured by utilizing the dollars our coconuts are earning for the purchase of producer as distinct from consumer goods. This may seem a pedestrian conclusion. It has at least the merit of keeping to *terra firma*.

The Holy Rosary Campaign

The above Campaign was launched by His Lordship Right Rev. Dr. D. B. Regno, O.S.B., Bishop of Kandy at St. John Bosco's College on the 1st Oct., 1948. His Lordship during the Holy Mass delivered an inspiring homily explaining the importance and the necessity of the campaign at the present time. After giving an account of the various apparitions of Our Lady, His Lordship stressed that in all these apparitions Our Lady had been exhorting the people to recite the Rosary frequently. Even in the recent apparitions at Fatima, Our Lady insisted on the recitation of the Rosary, adding that the world could be saved only by prayer and penance. The world at present is heading for a most ruinous and destructive war. The Third World War is imminent. As matters stand it cannot be prevented by the diplomacy of politicians. But it can be and *will be saved* by Our Lady. The Rosary is the most potent weapon to avert all the evils of the world and the most effective means to appease the wrath of God enkindled by sin. The Rosary also holds a unique position as a devotional practice in that it comprises three of the best prayers viz., the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Gloria and combines both mental and vocal prayer.

1. The Our Father, the supreme prayer, was taught by our Lord Himself. It elevates us to the highest dignity of sons of God and creates the conviction of the equality and the brotherhood of all men. Thus it helps to eradicate all evils arising from racial hatred, class distinction and social disabilities.

2. The Hail Mary is the best of prayers addressed to Our Lady; it contains the Angelical salutation and reminds us of the mystery of the Incarnation.

3. The Gloria, enables us to join with the Angelic choir in singing the praises of the Most Holy Trinity.

The end of this campaign is to pray for the conversion of Russia. Communism, the greatest moral and social evil and the one that challenges the very Majesty of God, has its ardent protagonists in Russia. Russia steeped in atheistic communism is engaged in spreading her poisonous doctrines all around her. Owing to her position as the most powerful European state and owing to the political and economical grip she has on Eastern countries, there is every likelihood of her succeeding in establishing her pernicious teachings not only in eastern countries but also in other parts of the world. Already

her agents are carrying on a vigorous propaganda in every land and have succeeded in establishing in many a strong footing. Their success spells ruin to everything sacred and dear to human life. Religion and morals will be rooted out; the rights and liberty of the individual repudiated; family life and social customs destroyed. In short, wherever atheistic communism reigns supreme there is bound to be chaos and moral degradation. If Russia, the citadel of communism is converted the whole world will be saved from the evils which spring from her. Nothing can achieve this end except prayer and penance. Our Lady has promised Her help in the war against communism. We can obtain Her succour by joining in the Holy Rosary Campaign.

This Campaign is open to all. The conditions required of the members are:—

1. That they recite daily the five decades of the Rosary.
2. That they practise daily at least one small mortification. The best form of mortification is to hear Mass every week-day.
3. That they hear Mass every first Saturday of the month and receive Holy Communion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady. If this is not possible, at least let them offer the Holy Communion of the following Sunday for the same intention.

United Nations' Appeal for Children

Ceylon National Committee

Press Release No. 1

The International Children's Emergency Fund.

On December 11, 1946, the General Assembly of the U. N. O. created the International Children's Emergency Fund for the benefit of children and adolescents of countries which were the victims of aggression or were receiving assistance from UNRRA and for child health purposes generally throughout the World. The Fund is also used for the benefit of expectant and nursing mothers. The Executive Board of the Fund, in agreement with governments concerned, takes measures to ensure the proper utilization and distribution of supplies or other assistance which it provides.

The Fund consists of assets made available by UNRRA and voluntary contributions made by governments, voluntary agencies, individuals and others.

At the end of April 1948 the contributions and pledges to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) amounted to approximately Rs. 491,000,000/-.

The United Nations Appeal for Children.

In March 1947, the Economic and Social Council, considering the needs of the International Children's Emergency Fund for funds, approved a proposal for a special ad-hoc world-wide appeal for non-governmental voluntary contributions. The contributions were to be used to meet emergency relief needs of children, adolescents, expectant and nursing mothers. They were to take the form of "One Day's Pay" collections or some alternative form of collection better adapted to each particular country.

There are 50 countries and 30 non-self governing territories participating in this appeal for children. The peoples of 30 Nations have raised approximately Rs. 72,380,000/- up to 1 Oct. 1948.

What Ceylon proposes to do for her children.

"Prime Minister's Press Communique of 3-6-48.

An Appeal is being conducted in Ceylon under the auspices of the United Nations Organization for obtaining voluntary contributions for meeting the emergency needs of children, adolescents and expectant and nursing mothers.

The Prime Minister has great pleasure in commending this Appeal to the early consideration of the Public.

A National Committee under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Mr. T. B. Jayah, Minister for Labour and Social Services, has been formed to plan and organize the collection and disposal of funds. Mrs. F. B. de Mel and Sir John Tarbat are Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, respectively.

Govt. Agents, Asst. Govt. Agents and Mayors have formed District Committees and Local Committees for the purpose of this campaign which is expected to continue till end of this year. An intensive campaign of collections has been fixed for 1-7 Dec. '48 with a target of Rupees One Million.

The Slogan "GIVE ONE DAY" is intended to symbolise the universal recognition that today's children and tomorrow's peace can justly claim this tiny part of an individual's life. The appeal is to all persons whatever position he or she may hold, whether salaried worker, wage earner, tradesman, professional, doctor, lawyer, teacher and seasonal worker—Agriculturist or student at school—and every one of us must contribute generously.

LOCAL & GENERAL

Enclosed Retreat at Our Lady of Madhu.—As reported in these columns the enclosed Retreat for the Vernacular Teachers took place at the Church of Our Lady of Madhu between Wednesday to Sunday (3-7th inst.) About 92 teachers from the various schools participated in the exercises. The Rev. Fr. J. A. Rajanayagam, O.M.I., preached the Retreat and the Very Rev. Fr. G. A. Gurusamy, O.M.I., D.D., the acting General Manager of Schools was present at the Shrine with several other priests of the Mannar Mission. Though there was plenty of rain yet the Retreat was gone through smoothly and successfully.

Jaffna Municipal Elections.—Mr. Sam A. Sabapathy, a former Chairman of the Urban Council, and Mr. S. M. M. Abdul Cader, Tamil Congress nominees for Bazaar and Old Mosque Wards respectively in the newly-formed Jaffna Municipal Council, were declared elected unopposed.

Nominations for Wards 6 to 10 in the Municipal Council are as follows: Ariyalai Ward: Mr. A. M. Broodie (Independent) and Mr. S. Nadarajah (T.C.)

Nayanmakaddu Ward: Mr. C. Ponnambalam (Independent) Mr. K. Thurai-singham (T.C.) and Mr. S. Sinnappa (I.)

Nallur Ward: Mr. S. Visvalingam (T.C.) Mr. C. T. Navaratnam (I) and Mr. S. Thurai-singham (Sama Samajist).

Kantharmadam Ward: Mr. R. C. Manmatharayan (T.C.), Mr. S. S. Navaratnam (T.C.) and Mr. K. Ayadurai (I.)

Vannarponnai Ward: Mr. T. S. Thurai-singham (T.C.) and Mr. M. Karthigesu (Communist).

For Wards 11 to 15:

Old Mosque Ward: Mr. S. M. M. Abdul Cader (T.C.) elected unopposed.

New Mosque Ward: Mr. S. M. Aboubucker (T.C.) and Mr. S. M. Habeeb Mohamed (Independent).

Bazaar Ward: Mr. Sam A. Sabapathy, elected unopposed.

Station Ward: Mr. K. V. Sinnadurai and Mr. S. R. Thalayasingham (T.C.) and Mr. M. K. Subramaniam (Communist).

Chundikuli Ward: Mr. P. Mortimer and Mr. E. T. Hitchcock.

Ceylon will Remain in the Commonwealth.—Don Stephen Senanayake, the Ceylon Prime Minister, told Reuter on Nov. 4, that Ceylon would remain within the Commonwealth "as long as we feel our place is safe and our interests not jeopardised."

Mr. Senanayake, who was passing through Bombay on his way home from the Commonwealth Premiers' Conference in London, said that not only Ceylon but India and Pakistan also would have much to gain as members of the Commonwealth.

Expressing his appreciation of the cordiality and understanding which prevailed at the Conference, he said, "My impression is that there is no desire on the part of Britain to deny freedom to subject nations."

Anuradhapura News.—A Triduum organized by the members of the Catholic Association was preached by the Rev. Fr. Breen, C.S.S.R. at St. Joseph's Church, Anuradhapura, preparatory to the feast of Christ the King.

On 31st October a Solemn High Mass was sung by the Rev. Fr. S. A. Swampillai, the Parish Priest assisted by the Rev. Frs. B. Deogillai and Albert Perera as Deacon and Sub-Deacon. After the High Mass, the Statue of Christ the King was taken in procession, and in the evening after Benediction the members of the Catholic Association held a garden party at which Mr. A. M. S. Perera, the President of the Association thanked the preacher for his interesting and instructive sermons. The Rev. Father Parish Priest personally thanked the preacher and the members of the different communities for their untiring energy and zeal in bringing the Feast to a successful end.

2,500,000 Dollars will be Diverted to Ceylon.—When the "Mount Mansfield" left the Colombo Harbour on Friday on her America-bound voyage, the event marked the resumption of direct trade relations in the commercial sphere between Ceylon and the United States after a lapse of more than twenty years.

The cargo vessel was carrying a shipment of coconut oil to America—the first bulk shipment ever to have left Ceylon for the United States.

Veterans in the Coconut industry may dimly recall similar shipments of coconut oil leaving the Ceylon docks in wooden casks, as far back as 1911, but there were never bulk shipments before.

Subsequently, the imposition of protective tariffs interrupted trade relations between Ceylon and the United States.

According to negotiations that have just been concluded, the United States Government, I understand has indicated its willingness to permit the purchase through commercial channels, of Ceylon coconut oil up to the extent of 5,000 tons, at a price very much more favourable than the United Kingdom Government's price of £89 per ton.

This would mean that approximately 2,500,000 American dollars will be diverted to Ceylon and consequently to the Commonwealth Sterling Pool.—*Ceylon Observer.*

Their 31st Pilgrimage.—For the thirty first time in succession, the members of the Ceylonese Staff of Messrs. Brown & Co., Ltd., will go on pilgrimage to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lanka, Tewatte, on Sunday the 14th inst.

"Lane" from Norton Bridge to Colombo.—An eighty foot wide overhead "lane" is being created to connect Norton Bridge with Colombo preparatory to providing hydro-electric power to Colombo and its suburbs.

This "lane" had been surveyed some time ago under the supervision of the officials of the department under the Resident Engineer, Hydro-Electric Scheme and the actual clearing of the trees in the declared zone is now in progress.

The passage when completed would be approximately 40 miles from Norton Bridge to Colombo as the crow flies.

Recruitment of Austrian Doctors.—The Acting Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Dr. W.G. Wickremesinghe, who is at present attending the World Health Organization Conference at Geneva as a member of the Executive Board will recruit in Vienna about fifteen Austrian Specialists for service for three years in Ceylon.

The specialists tentatively required are:

Ear, Nose and Throat	...	3
Tuberculosis (Thoracic Surgeon)	...	1
Ophthalmology	...	3
Urology	...	1
Medical Research (preferably serological standardization)	...	1
General Surgery	...	2 or 3
Internal Diseases	...	1
Neurology and Psychiatry	...	1
Paediatrics	...	1
Physical Therapy	...	1

1,200 lbs. of Tea Stolen from Mail Train.—The down Main Line train, which leaves Nanu Oya shortly after noon and arrives in Colombo at about 10-30 p. m. was attacked by train thieves on Thursday night and a large quantity of tea stolen from one of the wagons on the train.

The thieves are presumed to have entered the wagon when the train stopped at Gampaha, and, after throwing out the cases of tea while the train was on the run, jumped off when the train slowed down on the steep incline at Ganemulla.

Swedish System of Education.—"In 1942 Sweden completed 100 years of compulsory education and illiteracy is virtually non-existent in that country", said Mrs. A. R. M. Nilam, in the course of a talk on "Some Aspects of Education Abroad with Particular reference to Sweden", to Inspectors of Schools at the Education Office, Slave Island.

King Ends 260-year-old British Custom.—King George has ended a centuries-old British custom with the announcement on Nov. 5 that the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, will not be summoned to Buckingham Palace for the birth of Princess Elizabeth's baby, expected about November 15.

"The attendance of a Minister of the Crown at a birth in the Royal Family is not a statutory requirement or a constitutional necessity", the announcement said. "It is merely the survival of an archaic custom and the King feels that it is unnecessary to continue further a practice for which there is no legal requirement."

T. S. Eliot Awarded Nobel Prize.—Mr. T. S. Eliot, the English poet, has been awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. The award was announced at a meeting of the Swedish Academy of Letters.

Sixty-year-old Thomas Stearns Eliot, an American by birth, became a naturalized Englishman.

He was the founder of the so-called "unromantic verse," and Mr. Somerset Maugham has described him as "the most thrilling and original poet of the day."

Truman Gets Big Ovation.—President Harry S. Truman, speaking to a crowd who gave him a hero's welcome home, pledged that the American people would do everything in their power to solve the great issues that face the world.

Half a million cheering Americans cheered the President at a tumultuous reception when he arrived in Washington from Independence, Missouri, after his victorious election campaign.

He appealed for "the co-operation of all people, because we are faced with great issues. I think we can bring them to a successful conclusion. At any rate, we will do everything in our power to do so."

Deeply moved by the reception, President Truman, smiling, but with tears in his eyes, told the throng outside the White House: "Your reception is overwhelming and it makes a man study if he can be worthy of such responsibility or if anyone can be worthy of it."

His short speech marked the end of a traditional "ticker take" welcome, last seen when General Eisenhower came home after the war.

New York "A Pagan City."—New York has become a "pagan city," with nearly half its population having no religious affiliation, according to the Rev. Dr. Kenneth D. Miller, president of the New York City Mission Society.

He declares that 3,650,000 people over 14 are not accounted for in the organized religious life of the city.

Dr. Miller told the "New York Times" recently there were 6,400,000 New Yorkers "old enough to have made a church commitment", yet he found less than 1,500,000 of this age group claimed in official Catholic statistics. Protestant churches with some 600,000 on their books, and Eastern Orthodox churches reporting about 50,000.

"At a liberal estimate", he said, only 600,000 Jews have an active connection with a synagogue or temple.

Chiang Kai-shek's Abdication Demanded.—Lee Dai Ming, San Francisco publisher and acting President of the Chinese Democratic Constitutional Party, has sent a cable to Chiang Kai-shek demanding that he abdicate immediately.

The fall of Mukden and the Chinese currency "debacle" has such a "popular resentful sentiment" that only abdication could clear the Chinese Generalissimo's "guilt and shame", Lee said in his cable.

Blood Donors See the Pope.—

The Holy Father recalled the example of the greatest blood donor of all, Jesus Christ, when he received a group of 1,500 Italian blood donors in audience at Castelgandolfo. In a brief speech to the donors, he described them as "warriors for a just and holy cause." The blood donors are attending a special meeting in Rome.

Vienna to Australia by Motor Cycle.—

Heinrich Pexa, his Australian-born wife Maud and Rudolf Bruckner all of Vienna, hope to get to Australia by motor-cycle. Pexa is negotiating with a British motor cycle firm and hopes to obtain the use of one complete with side-car. His route will be via Italy, North Africa, Baghdad, Delhi, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore and Sumatra to Darwin.

Aged 25, Pexa is an engineer. He spent the war years in Australia, where he met his wife.

Nazi War Criminals Executed.—

Fourteen German war criminals including the 50 year-old Friedrich Hildebrand, former Nazi Gauleiter of Mecklenburg, were hanged on Nov. 5. Hildebrand and five of his subordinates in the Mecklenburg Nazi Party Organization had been sentenced by an American Military Tribunal at Dachau last March for their part in ordering the killing of captured American airmen.

Executed with them were four more Germans found guilty of killing United States fliers, and four others convicted of concentration camp murders.

Soviet Atom Bomb Test was a Flop.—

A copyright article in the "Figaro" newspaper gave what purported to be an account of an unsuccessful Russian Atom Bomb Test made on a Peninsula of the Caspian Sea in June this year. The article said the bombs exploded prematurely.

The account of the test was said to be based on the information of a former Russian General Staff Officer, Capt. Silov, now reported to be working in South America as an engineering chemist after leaving Russia with false papers.

Generalissimo Stalin and Marshal Timoshenko and Voronov were said to have been present at the test.

Leopold will not Abdicate.—

The exiled King Leopold of the Belgians, has told Belgian political leaders that he will never abdicate even if the present deadlock about his position continued for another 20 years, according to usually reliable sources in Brussels.

The King also decided that the only solution to the "royal problem" which has split the country into two camps for the past four years, would be a national referendum letting the people vote for or against his return to the Throne.

250,000 by Air.—

Airline companies estimate that most of the 250,000 Americans expected in Rome for the 1950 Holy Year celebrations will pass through Shannon Air-port.

Hungary has no Catholic Teacher.—

"For the first time in 1,000 years there is not a single Catholic teacher in Hungarian schools," Cardinal Mindszenty, the Primate, states in a pastoral letter.

"The nationalization of schools has revealed the Government's true intention, which is to destroy the Christian spirit and implant Marxist-Leninist theories."

His Eminence appealed to parents to undertake themselves the task of instructing their children.

Warning Against Congress.—

The Vatican newspaper, "Osservatore Romano", has warned Catholics against an "International congress for religious reform in Italy," shortly to be held in Rome. The paper says the congress is organized by Ferdinando Tartaglia, an excommunicated priest.

Priest Linguist.—

Fr. Hermann Stieglecker, professor at the seminary of St. Florian in Paris, speaks 60 languages. They include not only European idioms, but Chinese, Japanese and Hindi. He has a remarkable knowledge of all languages related to the study of the Old Testament. They include Hebrew, Syrian, Coptic (with its five dialects), Ethiopian, Armenian, Arabian, Gothic, Assyrian, which he speaks fluently, part from Greek and Latin.

Soviets Take Church.—The only remaining Catholic church in the city of Koenigsberg has been converted into a stock-room. This church, located in the Rosenau district, is the only Catholic one left standing, all others were destroyed during the war.

Diplomat Becomes Priest.—

A former Russian diplomat, Professor Nicholas Bock, was recently ordained a Catholic Priest in the chapel of the Papal Russian College in Rome. He is 67 years old and a convert to the Catholic Church since 1925. Before World War I, Fr. Bock was the Russian Charge d'Affaires to the Holy See. He was a member of the Russian Orthodox Church.

German Hierarchy and Hungarian Primate.—

The Hierarchy of Germany have sent a message to Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, expressing their gratitude to him for "standing up for the truth" in his criticism of the expulsion of Germans from Hungary. They also assure His Eminence that they are united with him in the spirit of Catholic loyalty in the struggle to protect the rights of the Church.

Youngest Bishop.—

Mgr. Guilford Young, the new Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn, is the youngest Bishop in the world. He is 31. Mgr. Young was born at Sandgate, Brisbane, on November 10, 1916, and was ordained in Rome at the age of 22.

Nobel Award for Peace.—

According to Mr. Christian Oftedal a member of the Nobel Prize Committee a change in the rules to facilitate a posthumous award is expected shortly and this year's peace prize is likely to be posthumously awarded to Gandhiji and Count Bernadotte.

The Price of Prohibition

While India is expectant and keyed up for a vigorous campaign on the part of Government, there descends on many provinces a fresh ministerial fervour for prohibition. This of course is a new slant on economy. When a man complains that he has not enough to buy bread because of rising prices, you show him a novel way to do it without having to beg (for higher wages) borrow or steal. You take away his drink. You teach him an excellent lesson on personal and family economy. But what about public economy and State economy? What about rising prices which are so unbalancing to the country as well as to the family budget? Is it not expected in the first place that the ministers should bend all their energies to reducing the cost of living and hacking at the malpractices that are in great measure responsible for rising prices? It ought to be anxiety and work enough for the country's Karbaris without embarking on the highly-diverting and costly experiment of Prohibition. That Prohibition is going to be a crippling burden both on the country's economy and a further tax on the ratepayer need not be demonstrated. What needs to be carefully thought out is that prohibition at this stage will considerably weaken the effort to fight down prices. And the consequent restlessness that convulses the country will be as much a responsibility of the Government as of the subversive elements that hope to profit by it.—*The Examiner.*

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 2-30 p.m. on Friday, November 12, 1948 for the construction of Three Bungalows at Trincomalee for the Railway Staff.

For further particulars, please see Government Gazette of 22nd October, 1948.

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In Whose Image?

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heir. The Psalmist, wrapt in admiration of the firmament (Ps. 8), is surprised that this miserable creature called man should be the recipient of His favours above every other created thing. "Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels and crowned him with glory; Thou hast installed him over the works of Thy hand." Inexplicably, to recognize the kingship of man redounds to the glory of God, and to experience the elation of our kingship in God is the perfection of praise. The Psalmist goes on to say that whosoever tries to despise the "infants," i.e. the lowly and the downtrodden, of this grandeur and this elation is an enemy of God. In other words whoever tries to propagate the idea that man was not made in the image and likeness of God is a blot on the face of God's earth.

A man may pull down statues and churches. However sacred these may be, they are inanimate objects consecrated to the worship of God. But to pull down man from his heavenly birthright is outrageous. God's greatest pride in His creation was in bestowing on man this birthright. His greatest act of love, when He became Incarnate and died for us, was in restoring to us this birthright. His greatest satisfaction consists in saying to us when the time arrives: "Enter into the kingdom which was prepared for you from the foundation of the world." The best way of celebrating the Kingship of Christ is to high-bat the divine elevation of man; and vice versa. In the most exultant psalm ever sung, the Psalmist says: "Lift up your gates, ye princes..." The king of glory is to be received in a burst of glory, and not the least part of the glory is that He is to be heralded by princes. Who are these princes? The innocent, the guileless and the lowly who are worthy to ascend the holy mountain of God and receive His blessing: these are "Ye Princes."

Footballers, Supermen, and Princes! It all hinges on the question, whether or not man is made in the image and likeness of God. It is our prayer that the Christian view will prevail universally, so that the Footballers are rescued from the Supermen and made to feel once more that they are Princes.—*The Examiner*.

Atomic Bombing

An Anglican parson has brought discussion of the morality of using the atom bomb by quoting, in a sermon, the preface to the 1948 edition of Crockford's Clerical Directory.

The writer of the preface, unnamed but said to be an Anglican clergyman of high position, suggests that the decision to use the atom bomb at Hiroshima and Nagasaki came about because the Japanese had "informed H.M. Government and the Government of the United States, through a neutral Power, that if a landing were attempted on any part of their territory, the prisoners of war in their hands would be massacred to the last man."

That threat caused the decision. "If it is true," quotes the parson, "we think that the tenderest conscience would be relieved finally of all scruples and doubtfulness." Would it? Do two wrongs make a right? Can one condone a wrong which prevents another fellow doing wrong? Massacre of prisoners would be murder. Would an action intrinsically wrong in itself be justified on the plea that it prevented murder?

We sympathize with any politician who had to make a decision: he was bound to be affected by the thought of the welfare of his own countrymen. His judgment might easily be overbalanced in favour of saving them.

But surely considered ethically the question to be answered is: "Is the use of the atom bomb on inhabited towns intrinsically right or wrong?"

IS IT INTRINSICALLY WRONG?

That question, we think, must be answered. If such use of the weapon is intrinsically wrong, and many are

convinced that it is, then no amount of special pleading will avail. The preventing of the murder of British and American soldiers cannot justify the murder of hosts of innocent non-combatants.

The end to be achieved cannot justify intrinsically wrong means. Not only must the end be noble, the means to the end also must be noble.

In the stress and strain of war, a false judgment may easily be formed; it is essential, therefore, that the morality of atomic bombing be considered now, in the comparatively cooler atmosphere of the truce.

Morally the use of this bomb would be ruled out by the excess of its power and the non-selectivity of its destructive effort. The atom bomb does not pick its victims among combatants, or those engaged in producing war weapons. It kills all in range, from babes in arms to dodderers in their childhood. The killing of "innocents" is murder.

On that ground alone moralists condemn the use of the atom bomb; as also the use of poison gas, and bacteriological weapons. The bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima shortened the war, but destroyed the prestige of the victors, and left a trail of hatred that effectively precludes peace.

It is interesting to note that Sir James Grigg, Minister for War in 1945, and the United States State Department, are reported to have denied all knowledge of the alleged threat of massacre by the Japanese.—*Cath. Times*.

The "Christian Communists"

The Lambeth Conference has produced, with the personal endorsement of the Archbishop of Canterbury at a press conference, a new complication in European life. It appears that in Eastern Europe there are numbers of people who are Christian Communists. They are not Marxists but they accept a Communist solution to the Christian demand for social justice.

It is very strange that this grouping was not widely known before the Conference, and stranger still that his Grace should lay stress upon its existence—unless, indeed, he was extemporising in answer to a trick Communist question. Now that august sanction has been given to the Christian Communists they will no doubt be legion, a special by-product of the Communist Party line, to convince the Western world that the refusal of Catholic Christianity to compromise with the only Communism that matters is a wearisome fad of the Church of Rome.

There are many grave signs—we hope they are only signs—that Catholics alone of the bodies professing the name of Christ perceive the true nature of the Communist anti-religion now threatening mankind. In Eastern Europe, alas, the Protestant Churches have too often compromised, despite the resolution of individuals. In that compromise, some may have invented the comforting excuse of a Christian Communism which is not Marxist. Let us be clear that this is the doctrine of fellow-travellers, who have deserted the Christian Front and left the Catholics exposed to all the heavier assault.

A Protestant Third Force?

The majority of bishops at the Lambeth Conference, who produced in their Report a well-framed condemnation of Communism, would surely not defend this compliance. Yet our very mention of the phrase "Christian Front" reminds us that an important school of thought at the Amsterdam Council of Churches condemns all such bellicose conceptions. After years of praising the Niemollers and the Berggraves who refused to capitulate to the Nazis, they assure us that in the special case of Communism the Church must refrain from any appearance of conflict with the State.

We believe this line has been adopted by the eminent theologian, Professor Karl Barth; while a Czech theologian, Dr. Hromadka, has been declaring at Amsterdam that Communism is the heir to Western civilisation. It was Professor Barth who struck the omin-

ous opening note that the equal refusal of Moscow and Rome to recognize the Congress was a special sign of God's favour.

What does this mean? It means an elaborate pretence that the defence of Christendom against Dialectical Materialism is a private war between Moscow and the Vatican from which Protestant Christians may piously stand aside—a kind of Third Force in the religious field. It means the abandonment by outstanding Protestants—we hope they are not representative—of the central core of Christian teaching. We can only welcome the more robust championship of the moral law by Mr. John Foster Dulles, though that came from one who is admired rather as a politician than as a theologian.—*Catholic Times*.

MALARIA, THE MOST WIDESPREAD DISEASE IN THE WORLD

Malaria occurs most frequently in tropical and subtropical countries; also in the temperate zone in the form of seasonal malaria. In the tropics, it is specially prevalent near the sea coast and on the shore of lagoons. It may be said that malaria is a veritable malady of the people, against which a steady fight has been and is being maintained, for it causes heavy losses in human life and depleted health.

In countries where this epidemic malady rages, it can also have such a harmful effect on the number of workers available as to interfere with business, especially in the case of a plantation, where it may mean a drop in production and a reduction in labour seriously affecting the results of the harvest.

The loss of human life, due to malaria, amounts to millions every year. Here are some figures.

In 1909, the American writer L. O. Howard placed at 3,000,000 the malaria cases occurring every year in the United States, and reckoned that the total losses by death, expenses and damages from which businesses suffered owing to the shortage of labour thus caused, was at least 10,000,000 dollars per year. Moreover, Sir Ronald Ross proved that the number of cases of death from malaria in British India amounted to 1,300,000 per year.

Alas! it is also well known in the Dutch East Indies that it remains a great danger for farming and similar enterprises which can scarcely ever

escape the risks that it involves. In certain parts of this colony the question of "malaria or no malaria" is just like "to be or not to be" for the people and concerns installed there. According to Prof. Schuffner of Amsterdam, malaria heads the list of causes of death in the Dutch East Indies, less perhaps than formerly, but still with a lead over all other ills. And yet, strange to say, we have long possessed the best cure for malaria that is known to medicine. We venture to affirm that malaria is not fatal if the patient only takes quinine in time and in the correct manner. The service that quinine renders in the fight against malaria is incalculable.

To-day, the method prescribed for preventing and curing malaria is the short quinine treatment as recommended by the Malaria Commission of the League of Nations, consisting of taking from 15-20 grains of quinine per day during 5 to 7 days, relapses, if any, to be treated in the same way. As a preventive dose, 6 grains of quinine should be taken daily during the malaria season and for some time afterwards, to prevent a recurrence.

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