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POPE DEPLORES RACIAL STRIFE

South Africa's Bishops call for prayers

THE Bishops of South Africa have asked for prayers for peace, justice and racial harmony throughout this tense and trouble-ridden nation.

EVENING COMMUNION a new concession

The Holy See has decreed that Holy Communion may be given after noon even when there is no Mass. But the distribution must take place at some religious service. Such functions could include Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, or the communal recitation of the Rosary.

PERMISSION FOR THE CONCESSION IS IN THE HANDS OF THE BISHOP.

He may allow it in parish and non-parish churches and in the chapels of hospitals, colleges and prisons.

The decree conferring the privilege was issued last week by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office.

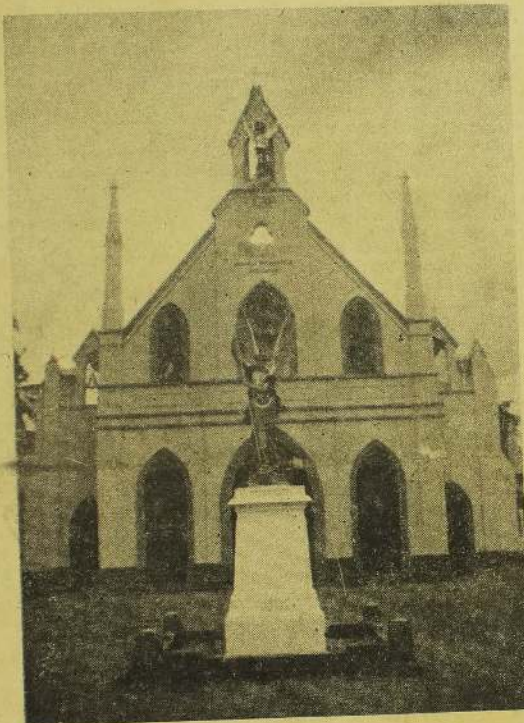
White Sisters expelled

WHITE Sisters who have worked in Kairouan, Tunisia, for 30 years were expelled from their convent early in March under a 48 hour verbal government order. A "Fides" report received this week states that the Sisters, who expected to remain in peace in the Convent although their school had been forcibly occupied, left to the shocked regret of both Moslems and Christians.

Moratuwa Hamlet to Celebrate Centenary

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

KORALAWELLA, one of the 19 historic hamlets which form Moratuwa Town, will celebrate shortly the Centenary Jubilee of St. Michael's Church. His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo is expected to bless the new Sanctuary and two wings of the church on 8 May. Jubilee celebrations will conclude on 29 September in the presence of Mgr. Bernard Regno, O.S.B.



In Moratuwa, during the Portuguese period, there was a church

Congregation of Rites forbids

PUBLIC RECITATION OF ROSARY AT MASS

THE SACRED CONGREGATION OF RITES IN ROME HAS DECIDED AGAINST THE PUBLIC RECITATION OF THE ROSARY AT MASS. THIS DECISION WAS GIVEN IN AN ANSWER TO TWO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE CONGREGATION OF RITES BY ARCHBISHOP HEENAN OF LIVERPOOL.

The first question was to ask "whether it is lawful for the faithful at Low Mass to recite simultaneously with the priest in Latin, the Gloria, Credo, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei, without already having responded to the Psalm and Confiteor (at the foot of the altar)". The answer was "Yes."

FORBIDDEN

The second was "whether the prohibition expressed in section 31 of the 'Instruction on Sacred Music and Liturgy' (Sept. 3, 1958) is to be understood in the sense that the public recitation of the Rosary, while Mass is being celebrated, is henceforth for-

bidden, even during the month of October. The answer is "the Rosary is to be said at a time other than during Mass."

In regard to the first question, it is known that there were some priests who hesitated to introduce the fuller dialogue because of the difficulty of training congregations to answer the *Judica* and the *Confiteor*. The Sacred Congregation of Rites has now clearly laid it down that the full dialogue may be used without including the prayers at the foot of the altar.

The second question refers to the direction of the "Instruction" which forbids the mixing of "pious exercises" with the "liturgy." It is now clear that the recital of the Rosary in public is regarded as a "pious exercise" and consequently incompatible with the liturgy of the Mass.

This would seem to involve an amendment to the decrees of Leo XIII (1885) which ordered the recitation of the Rosary in public during October either during Mass or in the evening during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

dedicated to St. Michael, built by the Jesuit Fathers of the Jesuit College of Colombo not later than 1606. Where this church was built is not certain, yet it is known that Moratuwa was put under the protection of St. Michael in 1644.

The Liturgy celebrates two feasts of St. Michael: His Apparition on Mount Gargano in Italy (May 8th) and the Dedication of the Church of St. Michael in Rome (September 29th) built by the Emperor Constantine.

It is between these two liturgical feasts that the Koralawella Catholics will celebrate their great jubilee in honour of the great defender of the Catholic Church and their great Patron, St. Michael.

Consecration of Churches Shorter Ritual

A POSSIBLE shortening of the four-hour ceremony of the consecration of churches and altars is under consideration by the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

The Congregation is currently revising the second part of the Pontificale Romanum, the liturgical book which contains the prayers and instructions of certain rites ordinarily pertaining to a bishop.

While there has been no official disclosure of what is being considered by the liturgical reform commission, it has been reported that the shortening of the consecration ceremonies of churches and altars is being discussed and that the consecration of a church and its altars that now requires four hours to complete may possibly be reduced to two hours.

and comforts the suffering

WHEN the Pope referred to the tragedy of racial strife in his Easter Message, it was for the second time within a month that he took up this unhappy topic. He had already done so at an audience given to Japanese pilgrims headed by their new Cardinal.

Delivering his 1,300 word address on Easter Sunday, the Pope spoke *urbi et orbi*, to the city and to the world. True to his title of Pontifex or bridge-builder, the Holy Father appealed for peace on earth.

When he referred to apartheid, it was evident that he spoke of the subject with considerable sadness. "We turn our sorrowful gaze," he said, "to those peoples who are suffering by reason of the denial of their natural and civic rights because of race or of economic conditions that are at once complex and give us grave cause for anxiety."



To this so human and humane Pontiff, it was, as it were, an instance of the Virgilian *lacrimae rerum*, "the tears at the heart of things," that

he should, in the midst of the noon day blaze of Easter, have to talk of the world's tragedies.

Pope John said: "Here at noon on the feast of Easter, while all around us is an invitation to spiritual joy, it is indeed a matter for the deepest sorrow for us to return to this point—many of our brethren do not enjoy any kind of freedom, personal or civil or religious; year after year they have been enduring restraint and violence, perfecting a sacrifice wrought in the loneliness of silence and of continuous oppression."

"WOULD THAT THEY COULD HEAR AT LEAST AN ECHO OF

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RECORD ATTENDANCE AT ALL-INDIA MEETING

A RECORD attendance of nearly 2,500 stormed the large Parish Hall at Ranchi at the annual meeting of the Catholic Union of India held recently.

Delegates came from the Catholic Associations of Madras, Bombay, Poona, Nagpur, in addition to those of Ranchi and Raigarh-Ambikapur.

The meeting was presided by His Grace Archbishop Dyer from Calcutta. The Bishop of the diocese of Raigarh-Ambikapur, Mgr. Tigga (in the unavoidable absence of the Archbishop of Ranchi who was away on his *ad limina* visit to Rome), inaugurated the meeting.

Mr. A. Soares in his presidential address referred to the Chinese aggression, the Kerala elections in which Catholics played a prominent and successful part in ousting the Communists from power, and to the

intolerant and persecuting policy of the Madhya Pradesh Government towards the Catholic schools of the diocese of Raigarh-Ambikapur, and called for greater strength of the Catholic Union by the establishment of Catholic Associations in dioceses where they do not exist at present and their affiliation to the Union.

CONDEMNED

Resolutions were moved from the Chair, condemning the Chinese aggression and calling upon Catholics to rally behind the Government in any action taken to oust the aggressors

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THE VICTOR LEADS ... OTHERS FOLLOW

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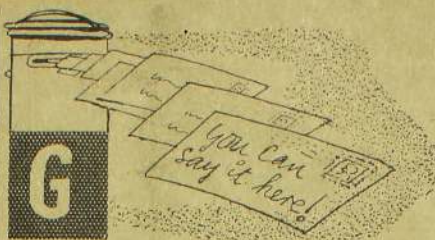


TUCKERS AUTODROME

No film project, says Guinness

SIR Alec Guinness, the film actor who was received into the Church four years ago, told Madrid reporters recently that his current visit to Spain had nothing to do with new film projects. He had come to Spain, he said, to get to know Avila and the native district of St. Teresa.

WEEKLY POST BAG



SAVE US FROM POLITICIANS!

A GRAVE lack of public-spiritedness and of patriotism is the tragedy of Ceylon politics. The average politician is concerned only with his self-preservation, and hardly cares for the humble ideologies and aspirations of the Common Man. He is individualistic to a point of indecency, and does not think in terms of sacrifice for the common weal. He often wrangles over petty personal or family feuds which, in their train, bring disastrous repercussions on progressive policies.

The results of the recent General Election reflected the following wishes of the great majority of the people:

(a) They want stable government through honest democracy. They oppose Marxism, both adulterated and unadulterated.

(b) They want communal concord and religious harmony, as of old. They despise those who masquerade in various guises setting man against man.

(c) They want cheaper food, clothing and shelter, and a way of life in keeping with their simple customs and culture.

(d) They want a respite from chaotic and explosive governments, and relief from further taxation. They expect public life to be above corruption and reproach.

Against this background, let us examine the political situation today. There are in parliament more than a hundred members professing democracy as against a negligible number of Marxists. These one hundred De-

mocrats or so have been given the chance to rule according to the wishes of the people. They have the necessary wisdom, experience and ability to deliver the goods. But, cruelly enough, only half their number are in power today. The rest are in the Opposition, and in danger of embarking upon incompatible wedlock with incohesive and uneasy Marxist elements who are advising them as to how they should oppose the 'minority' government. It is crystal clear even to an unthinking mind that the present strategy of the Marxists is to divide and rule, to keep the Democrats apart at all costs, and prevent them from closing their ranks and pulling together, which will certainly steam-roller them out of existence!

The Speech from the Throne outlining a courageous programme of work in keeping with the needs of the country has torpedoed many a boat in the opposing camp, and there being hardly a comma in it that could be assailed, human ingenuity is now hard at work trying to invent some ground for grouse on the 19th of April! Oppose they must, and that to the bitter end, no matter what happens to the country! Nothing tastes sweeter than obstruction to the palate of the selfish and vindictive politician.

In this context, Mr. P. B. A. Weerakoon's efforts are timely and helpful. It is reliably known that he is not alone in this stand. By the time this letter appears the country will have known whether patriotism will prevail over political vanity and whether statesmen will triumph over politicians!

W. H. Samaranyake.

Polgahawela.

Easter Confusion

I READ with interest the short story that appeared in the Supplement issued with "The Messenger" of the 14th instant under the above caption. Having regard to the facts of the episode, one is prone to feel that the ending of the story is tragically unrelieved, and could have, more usefully and more appropriately, been different.

The unrealistic nature of the ending can be seen when the following facts are sifted:

1. Saverimuthu appears to have lived a good Catholic life up to the time of the death of his eldest son seven years ago.

2. Mariamma had always been a devout Catholic and a loving wife and she was so concerned with her husband's salvation that she would not have failed to think of him constantly in her prayers. The extraction of a promise from her husband that he would go for confession 3 months later, at Easter, is sufficient proof of her deep concern about him.

3. Soosaimuthu had not missed a single Perpetual Succour Novena nor his weekly visit to St. Anthony's shrine during the period of seven years. He had also been to Madhu Shrine every year, except on one occasion. He was, therefore, devoted to Our Lady and other saints like St. Anthony. Of course, this in no way absolved him from the fulfilment of the essential Christian duties. Nevertheless, it is good to know that these things do not count for nothing.

4. He went to church on Holy Saturday with the express intention of making his confession and left as that church was crowded with penitents, but with the idea of returning to church for Confession in the evening when it was dark, and there would be less people. He did not leave the church with the idea of not making his confession.

These were important landmarks of his life that would have helped to shape his end, even though he had, to all intents and purposes, not lived a true Catholic life for some time. I am inclined to think, therefore, that it would have been more realistic and appropriate, and more illustrative of God's mercy and of the intercessory power of Mary, our loving Mother, if the ending had been modified and Soosaimuthu shown to make his confession and to die of snake-bite only after his return from church. Such an ending while helping to

show us that death could come to us at any time and that therefore we should always be prepared for it by being in a state of grace would, at the same time, have been a valuable lesson on the value of prayer and of devotion to Our Lady.

Jaffna.

S. Sebastianpillai.

Economic Freedom and Political Rectitude

LET it be said in all frankness that the country at large, and particularly those in dire need of the where-withal of life, those in the lower and middle income groups in different walks of life, comprising the farmer in the field, the worker in the factory the clerk at his desk, the dealer in his shop, and last but not least the anxious housewife burdened with a hitherto unbalanceable budget, will all unanimously agree to offer a bouquet to the Governing Party for the appreciably sober and truly progressive policies outlined in the Speech from the Throne delivered by the Governor-General at the ceremonial opening of Ceylon's fourth Parliament. The consensus of public opinion has been so favourably impressed by the policy of the Government that the people will doubtless hasten to bury their Party affiliations and record their genuine appreciation of the Governing Party's truly progressive policy aimed at increasing the national wealth of the country by productive schemes for national development, to relieve unemployment, bring down the living costs, and meet a host of other pressing necessities, urgent needs and crying omissions.

If a young Democracy such as ours is to give effective content to its political freedom, then economic freedom must be won; but economic freedom will remain a day-dream unless we plan and orientate the national economy towards developing the national wealth. The country will gladly welcome the emphasis the Government has placed on these matters, and it richly deserves the praise for treating as a matter of urgency and priority the question of lowering the cost of living by reducing the price of the staple food of the common man to the barest possible minimum so that it may be within easy reach of the poorest housewife.

On the broader issues the solemn assurance to safeguard religious and racial minority rights with a view to establishing harmonious relations, among all citizens, to provide a truly moral and religious background in the sphere of education, to give Buddhism its rightful place, and to maintain goodwill and harmony with other nations in the matter of Foreign Policy, all these will be hailed by the people as the inviolable features of a Government genuinely pledged to the progress of the Nation.

At this juncture when the Marxists are hoping against hope in a last ditch stand to overthrow the Government and drag the country and the people back again into the miry rut of political expediency, the people expect the S.L.F.P. by virtue of their progressive pledges to think only of the greater good of the country, and to set their face resolutely against any temptation by the Marxists and the neo-Marxists, to secure political prestige, advantage or power at the price of justice and freedom. No Party with a vestige of Democracy, not to speak of a progressive outlook, would sacrifice the good of the country for the sake of placating placemen.

Moral issues have to be faced not evaded; and all the more so when the issue concerns the Nation. In any case it does not at all pay dividends to jettison the principles of justice and equity to win temporary political advantage.

People pledged to Democracy will be ready to shed their Political affiliations when they stand to reap the benefits of a truly progressive Government. Even among the masses wiser counsel, prompted by common-

sense, will prevail, over-riding all other preferences, in favour of their own national welfare. This is, I believe, the rapidly changing pulse of the supporters of the S.L.F.P. and is evident everywhere.

N. C. Mananunga.

Peradeniya.

Betrayal of Leadership

A FEW decades ago, the rich went down to the poor, not to relieve the poor of their poverty, but to enjoy the shock and thrill of contrast. In these days, some of our politicians, who appear to have been educated beyond their intelligence, go down to the masses not to give the masses the truth, not to relieve them of their ignorance by learned and virtuous leadership, but to enjoy the shock and thrill of mass movement without intelligent direction, and that while the most burning economic, social racial and political puzzles of Sri Lanka, that every hour threaten to engulf her in civil strife, partition, bankruptcy and possible extinction remain unanalysed, unexplained and unsolved by them; alas! mother Lanka expects a better deal at the hands of her leaders.

A few decades ago, the influences which made our civilization, came from above, that is from the educated; but today, the influences which make it are coming not from above, but from below—from the masses. What happened to the rich in the last few years of the world's history, is now happening to the politicians. For a decade or two, we held up the ideal of wealth, as our most sacred ideal; we asked our young to look upon millionaires as paragons of success and as models; but now all that has changed; at one time the boss who was comfortably off thought that every demand for better living conditions and higher pay was revolution; today the rich are on the defensive, and why? Because, they were not loyal to the stewardship of wealth. They thought wealth was something so personal as to be devoid of all social responsibilities. In like manner, the politicians of Sri Lanka of yesterday are on the defensive today; because, at least some of them have not been loyal to the stewardship of truth; the result is that the field of influence has shifted to the masses; they now hold the key which some of the leaders of our country threw away for their personal ends. This is indeed a gross betrayal of leadership; unfortunately, the masses today have been blinded by loose talk about freedom, religion, patriotism, language and race. Could they decide the issues? Is not Mother Lanka today at the cross-roads of her long history?

"The lack of discipline and morality brought about the downfall of practically all empires in the past," so says Toynbee; all dictatorships have arisen out of confusion, humiliation and frustration; having no order, they were willing to try anything. It is well therefore, for us to take stock of our position. It is the duty of every M.P. and of the masses to make every effort to solve our problems by rising above party, class, creed, race and strife, and thus strengthen the moral fibre and stability of the nation at this decisive hour of our history.

Mother Lanka expects every son and daughter to do his and her duty. Long live Sri Lanka!

O. M. Perera.

Rakwana.

Sing while you drive

HERE'S something which I read in an American magazine some time ago. It would be of special interest to motorists who ignore the speed regulations of the land. Entitled 'Sing while you drive' it runs thus:—

- At 45 m.p.h. "Highways are happy ways."
- At 55 m.p.h. "I am but a stranger here, heaven is my home."
- At 65 m.p.h. "Nearer my God to Thee."
- At 75 m.p.h. "When the Roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."
- At 85 m.p.h. "Lord I am coming home."

Yes, and when they reach a home I think the most fitting epitaph would be R.I.P. — Rest in Pieces.

Geo. P. Solomons.

Ratmalana.

BISHOP SHEEN SPEAKS

Are sports alone honest

GRANDFATHERS, when they finished stropping the razor, used to take a hair in the fingers, and cut it with one blow of the razor to see if it was sharp. Would grandfathers ever have taken an emory board or sandpaper, lathered it, and then shaved the sandpaper? Would any doctor in a medical school, describe the stomach in terms of a trap-door through which a certain brand of aspirin slid to hurry into the blood stream, while all other brands of aspirin were so long in coming down, that the trap-door got rusty? Would a dentist put toothpaste on a tooth and then hit it with a hammer or a baseball, to show that the force of the blow never reaches the tooth because his toothpaste has in it R. 57V2923, along with heckthyrachloripithalamine? Does any doctor in the world know a pill that will stop the brain hammers from beating the medulla oblongata to pieces, or that will arrest the flashes of lightning in the brain fissures, or that will stop radio waves in the mind from creating static?



is to be one man picked out of ten thousand."

At death

Honesty disappears with the decline of belief that each man must render an account of his stewardship. This makes a great difference in the way men dispose of their goods at death. In the days of faith there were evil and wicked men, just as there are now; but in those days men knew they were wicked. Hence, when the time came to "shuffle off the mortal coil," they made provisions to give their wealth to religious causes in order to make reparation for their offences. This practice has gone into decline today. The modern man does not believe he has ever done wrong, or that he has sins to expiate, or any dishonesty to atone for. Hence, if he leaves his money for public causes, it is in order to glorify his own name.

Not policy but

a virtue

Honesty is not just something we owe to our neighbour; it is something we owe to ourselves. Each man has an account to settle with himself. It is quite possible that certain dishonest deeds will never be known by men; but there is one man who will always know about them—and that is he who commits them.

Honesty may be the best policy, but he who acts on this policy is not an honest man; he would be honest for reasons of self-advancement, or for meriting the praise of others. Honesty is not a policy; it is a virtue. During the slave days, a prospective buyer said to a young African: "Will you be honest if I buy you?" The boy answered "I will be honest whether you buy me or not."

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Below the belt

Now contrast this with another phenomenon of the contemporary scene: the reaction of an audience to a prize fight. Here honesty and fair play are at a peak. Let one boxer even accidentally hit another when his back is turned, or deliver a blow only suspiciously below the belt, and a roar of "boos," like a mighty ocean, executes judgment on want of fair play. Let a boxer give a punch as the referee separates a clinch, and then put out his gloves to touch those of the other boxer in apology, and applause will thunder for his honesty, sportsmanship and equity.

In business

A disc jockey who takes a bribe to make rock and roll popular, or someone who takes money under false pretences of learning will be defended in dishonesty, while a basketball player who does it will be excluded from sports for life. It would, therefore, seem that honesty is expected in sports, but not in advertising, or certain shady kinds of business. In a declining civilisation, certain virtues linger in one group more than in others, just as in the decaying Roman civilization, integrity and nobility of character remained in the soldiers and centurions long after it had disappeared from public officials of the Forum. It was of such sunset days that Shakespeare said: "To be honest, as this world goes,

"Twice blessed are those who die after having lived and sacrificed for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith."—Pope John

MISSION PROPAGATION

Why Love and Sacrifice for the Missions?

HOLY Week and Easter are just over — and the lessons of that deeply rich period are still with us. At a time like this, it will surely be helpful for all of us to give some thought to the spirituality that should animate us in our love for the missions, in our work and our sacrifice for the missions.

Did Our Lord have in mind when He lived on earth and died, the Missions of Africa, Asia, Oceania and elsewhere.

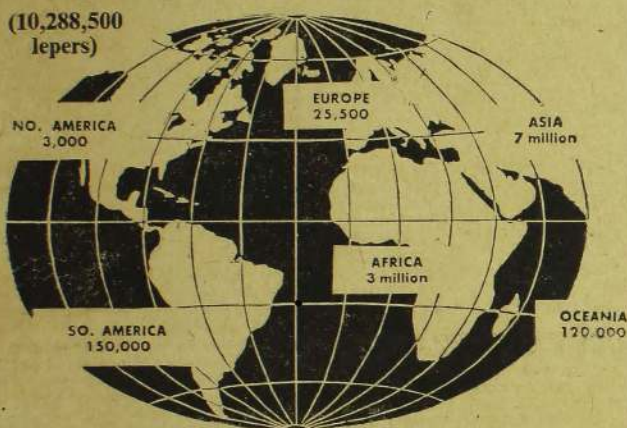
1. Referring to His Crucifixion, He said: "If I am lifted up from the earth, I will attract ALL MEN to Myself" (John 12: 32).

1. The Holy Father has asked us to say one Our Father, one Hail Mary, one Glory be to the Father, and the invocation "St. Francis Xavier and St. Therese, pray for us" daily to share in the benefits of his Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

2. But there is incumbent on

LEPROSY IN THE WORLD

(10,288,500 lepers)



2. After His Resurrection He said: "It was fitting that Christ should suffer and should rise again from the dead on the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached

us the graver duty of interceding for the world not just by prayer, but by **bodily sacrifice**. St. Paul tells us: "I appeal to you, by God's mercies, to offer up your bodies as a living sacrifice, consecrated to God." (Romans 12: 1). This is why the denial of some bodily luxury for the sake of sending a few cents to the Holy Father through his Society for the Propagation of the Faith, helps the missions so much. It is the intercession, not only by prayer, but by sacrifice. Send your sacrifices to your Diocesan Director or to The National Director, Archbishop's House, Colombo 8.

Who in this country should support native clergy?

All the faithful, for the Holy Father has a Society for this purpose called "The Society of St. Peter the Apostle."

The following can help in a special manner:

1. Mothers and fathers who have no sons who are priests, can have the merits attached to the priesthood by paying for the education of a native seminarian.

2. Priests who should provide for the prolongation of their priesthood into another generation, by educating seminarians in lands under the Propagation of the Faith. You can educate a native priest for 250 dollars a year. Send your sacrifice to your Diocesan Director or to the National Director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Archbishop's House, Colombo 8.

Have successive Pontiffs ever clearly defined the function of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith?

PIUS XI on May 3, 1922, wrote: "The pious Society

A word to you... from your National and Diocesan Directors

My dear friends-of-the-missions,

Twice every year, your Diocesan Directors from the six Dioceses of Ceylon have a meeting, when they discuss the entire position with regard to all three of the Mission-Aid Societies, and plan out the future. A little over a fortnight ago, on the 5th of April to be precise, we had our first meeting for this year. The National Director had the joy of welcoming the new Diocesan Director for Jaffna, Rev. Fr. Couchouron, O.M.I., for the first time.

Examining the reports from the Dioceses, from which the National Director had compiled the Report for the various Headquarters at Rome and Paris, it was quite clear that there had been a very pronounced improvement in the work, the organisation, as well as the collections.

Two Dioceses in particular, Colombo and Trincomalee, have done really excellent work — organising the work for the Pope's Mission-Aid Societies in a way that had not been done before, and with really encouraging results. But in all the other Dioceses too, there has been progress all along the way. This is a really wonderful sign, and augurs well for the future. But in all our discussions, we realised more and more that no progress would have been possible, if you our dear friends had not been generous; if you, had not come forward to answer the call of the Diocesan Director, and give of your best. That is why, this is a word of thanks to each and every one of you, from your National Director and Diocesan Directors — may God bless all of you, dear, generous friends, the big and the small, the rich and the poor, the employed and the unemployed, the sick and the suffering, the old and the young, all of you who have come forward to help us in this great work: some of you as Promoters, others as members and still others as 'sacrificers.'

There is one thing we would wish you to understand fully — that the Pope has one chief means of collecting alms for the Missions, and only one means by which he distributes it: the Pontifical Mission-Aid Societies. That is why this work is so great; that is why Pope John, following all the other Popes, has given the Propagation of the Faith so special a blessing; that too is why we are spending ourselves in this work which is so dear to the heart of the Pope.

In the first week of May, the National Directors from the various countries of the world meet in Rome, and there the missionary world will be discussed. Ceylon's Report will also be given; your generosity which has made this great improvement possible, will also be recorded; and because of you, dear friends, missions in Ceylon will be given more and more for her missionary work. Pray for that Annual Meeting which commences on May 3rd, so that through these Directors, the flame of zeal for the Pope's Mission-Aid Societies may spread to all countries all over the world.

Dear generous friends, once again, to every single one of you who has made this last year one of progress, here's a word of very sincere thanks in the name of the God of Love who has given us so much. Keep going, keep loving, keep giving! God love you always!

FR. MANIK MUTTUKUMARU,
National Director,
Pontifical Mission-Aid Societies.

for the Propagation of the Faith will be the organ of the Holy See for the collection everywhere of the alms of the faithful and their distribution among all Catholic Missions."

Why does the Holy Father say that we are to aid "first and principally" his Society for the Propagation of the Faith?

Because he wants you to sanctify your soul with St. Paul who says:

"What I claim is yourselves, not anything you can give."

2 Cor. 12 : 14

Let the world ask for your gifts for the needy; the Holy Father sees you as more needy than the hungry on the Missions. It is you, not yours; it is your sanctification, not your money; it is your increased union with God, not your decreased possessions, the Lord and His Vicar want.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith wants no gifts apart from lovers; it is as interested in you as in those who are aided. The passion of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is for souls, not money.

Why the Indigenous Clergy?

BECAUSE the indigenous clergy belong to the nature of the Church. The Acts of the Apostles as well as Church History reveal that the Church has grown by assimilating into itself all nations. The first Pontiff was a Jew, Peter; the second in line was a Roman. Of the 257 Popes from Peter to John XXIII, there have been Greeks, Syrians, Africans, Romans, French, Germans, Dalmatians, Portuguese and Italians.

On the 22nd October 1939, the feast of Christ the King, Pius XII consecrated 12 Bishops of different nationalities. In 1912, there were 94 indigenous priests in all of Africa for 2,000,000; today, there are over 2,000 indigenous priests for 20,000,000 Catholics.

Benedict XV said as early as 1919: "One of the principal preoccupations of the missions ought to be the education and establishment of a native clergy. It is in the native clergy that resides the greatest hope for new Churches, for the native clergy is united to his compatriot by birth, by mentality, by feeling and by taste and is admirably suited to make penetrate the Faith into their souls and to know best the means to persuade his own people. He has a way of winning the people which a foreign missionary does not always possess."

You can educate a priest-son, and have a share in his Masses, in his prayers, and in his entire priestly ministry. Become a member of the POPE'S SOCIETY OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE FOR INDIGENOUS CLERGY, and send in hour sacrifice today. Nothing is ever too small — provided it comes with love.

"What? Giving again?" I asked in dismay.

"And must I keep giving and giving always?"

"Oh no," said the Angel, whose eyes pierced me through,

"Just stop when the Saviour stops giving to you."

...and a word for our "Juniors"

GOD bless all of you, dear little children, who have continued to write in and send in your sacrifices. When the Diocesan Directors from all over Ceylon met last week, all of them told me how grateful they were to you, dear little ones, for your excellent spirit of sacrifice. You have done very well in the past; but I am sure you can do even better in the future. We shall wait and see. Now don't disappoint us. The Pope has paid a very special compliment to all of you, members of the Holy Childhood. You must be all worthy of such high praise. God bless each and every one of you, and make you apostles. This time, I am publishing only one of the many letters received.

Your father in Christ,
The National Director of the Holy Childhood.

Dear Rev. Father,

We are the little members of the Holy Childhood. In preparation for the Feast of the Little King (Holy Childhood Day) our parish priest gave us an inspiring instruction in all three languages. We had special practices too and we dropped in our generous mite for the poor.

We are enclosing Rs. 15/- for the dear helpless children. This money we collected by making little sacrifices during the season of Lent. We save our pocket money, and instead of buying sweets we drop in a coin for a far off helpless child.

Our meetings are held every

Friday, and we take real pride in wearing our medals and bows, and sing hymns to Infant Jesus. After a short instruction given by Sister we drop in our sacrifices and contribution into a box.

At these meetings we learn more about Jesus, and we make real efforts to imitate the Infant Child. God bless you dear Rev. Father.

We remain,
Your loving children,
The Members of the
H. Childhood,
Little Flower Convent,
Bandarawela.

(God reward you, wonderful little apostles that you are! I shall hope to hear oftener from you in the future).

Holy Father's Special blessing for His own society

Here are the Holy Father's own words:

"St. Margaret Mary once explained: 'Blessed are those who die after having been devoted to the Sacred Heart. But, I say: TWICE BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE AFTER HAVING LIVED AND SACRIFICED FOR THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.'"

The Holy Father was once the National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Italy. He recently told a Bishop that The Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the United States was particularly dear to him, because it followed his instructions to allow him to distribute alms to the missionaries.

ched in His Name to ALL NATIONS" (Luke 24 : 47).

How should we pray for the Propagation of the Faith in the world?

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STILL IN SEASON

FR. Joseph Vaz, the intrepid Apostle of our land in the days of the Calvinistic Persecution, was so deeply imbued with love, reverence and loyalty towards the See of Rome that it is delightful to find ourselves trying to enlist in the search for his tomb the very team that worked so successfully in the probes for the exact site of the Tomb of the Prince of the Apostles under the Basilica of St. Peter's, Rome.

courage from the reflection that we are busy about the tombs of the Disciples in these very days when the Liturgical season sets in relief the great Mystery of the Divine Master's Death and Resurrection—with the *Holy Sepulchre* as the meeting place and juncture

Father Vaz Feature

of the two stages; the symbol consequently and the witness of both Death and Resurrection.

It should be more obvious to us now that in the story of lasting and ever-widening radiation of their virtue over the lives of other men, for the Disciples as for the Divine Master, the TOMB is the significant and vital spot. This holds good of the Tomb even in its material structure and physical site. More courage, then, and enthusiasm to all our workers in this Easter season.

BY DARK

To resume our notes on the 1951-52 operations of the Weston Team to assist the Archaeological Commission in the excavations beneath St. Peter's, we have pointed out already that most of the outdoor tests had to be done at dead of night.

The reason for this was quite unsensational. The highly sensitive equipment reacted to the noise and bustle outside the Basilica. As the Report states: "Most of our difficulties in this survey were due to traffic, especially foot traffic of the thousands of people who visit the Basilica of St. Peter daily. Realizing that people from all nations are visiting the Basilica, it was difficult to know just what language to use when you wished to yell 'stand still.' In some areas outside the Basilica we were forced to do our shooting at night" (Fr. Dan Linehan's Report, p. 621).

Shifting the scene to Kandy, will we be able to promise Weston less rumbling of traffic? The language difficulty, however, can be solved by co-opting some local men to the team. This is in fact something we can work on from now. There is considerable "spade work" to be done on the operations—drilling, tamping, etc., and we should have a labour squad available. This is splendid opportunity for our Kandy Scouts, for instance, and we hope they pick up this clue in time.

There is even scope for amateur technicians like the boys of Fr. Ignatius Perera's "Sound and Light Club" at St. Joseph's if they would turn their attention now to "velocity studies" of seismic shots and to electrical resistance surveys. That would reduce the number of experts needed from Weston and, besides being excellent fun for our young men, would have the desirable effect of having all our men in the hunt for the Tomb.

RADIO VERSUS RADAR

This is a tickling instance of one modern invention cutting across another. Weston techniques can, we believe, be classified under *Radar*. Now here is *Radio* interfering. Fr. Linehan's Report runs: "Interference from the Vatican Radio Station added to our troubles; this could not be filtered out with the equipment we had at hand. Occasionally it was possible to reduce this noise by orientating the amplifiers. Rotating the case would reduce the signal to operating possibilities on some of the channels, but would bring it in stronger on others. As a result, it was necessary to shoot part of the line with the case rotated in one direction, and then reshoot it with the case rotated in another direction to bring in the signals on other channels" (Report, p. 621).

This is perhaps the most heartening part of the story. Weston's equipment is as good as available; but where it falls short, the resourcefulness of the team makes up. Our friends out there are good scouts; they will not be daunted by difficulties. They are the men for the job. Is there any room for the ladies? But this is a question for

next issue.

To all a Happy Easter.

SECRETARIATE CORRESPONDENCE

From Mr. S. Thommanpillai, references to be looked up in seven works for the geological structure of the site. (5-4-60).

From Mr. A. C. Ratnaraj, Asst. Librarian, St. Lawrence's Club, Wellawatte: typed list of Sources for the Catholic History of Ceylon (Courtney).

From Mr. V. M. A. Ludowyk, Kandy, good news of Wahacotte.

Per Very Rev. Fr. Sackett, O.M.I., Ampitiya: Geological report forwarded to Weston.

OUR LADY OF LANKA

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I acknowledge with thanks the following donations received at Tawatte in February:—

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Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

AS earlier reported in the Messenger, His Holiness the Pope has eliminated the direct references to Jews and Moslems from the text of the Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart.

In response to numerous requests, and for the convenience of our readers, we preproduce below the Act of Consecration in its amended form.

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before Thy altar. We are Thine, and Thine we wish to be; but, to be more surely united with Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Thy most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known Thee, many too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart.

Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee;

grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbour of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd.

Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry:

Praise be to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be glory and honour forever. Amen.

RADIO LOG

APR. 23 and 24: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Sinhalese) — Rev. Fr. Marcus Fernando.

APR. 24: 9-00 to 9-30 a.m. CATHOLIC HALF HOUR (Sinhalese). 9-30 to 10-00 a.m. CATHOLIC HALF HOUR (Tamil). 7-00 to 7-30 p.m. CATHOLIC HOUR (PROGRAMME English).

MAY 1: 10-00 to 10-05 a.m. TALK (English) — Rev. Fr. Claude Lawrence, O.M.I.

MAY 2 to 8: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Sinhalese) — Rev. Fr. Ernest Poruthota.

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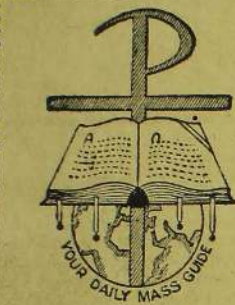
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Sunday, 24 April: SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER. White. Omit prayer prescribed. Creed.

Monday, 25 April: St. Mark. Red. 2nd prayer of Rogations. Creed. Preface of the Apostles.

Tuesday, 26 April: St. Cletus and Marcelline. Red.

Wednesday, 27 April: St. Peter Canisius. White. Creed.

Thursday, 28 April: St. Paul of the Cross. White. 2nd prayer of St. Vitalis.

Friday, 29 April: St. Peter.

Saturday, 30 April: St. Catherine of Siena. White.

Sunday, 1 May: ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER. White. 2nd prayer of Sunday (2nd after Easter). Omit prayer prescribed. Creed. Proper Preface.

Unless otherwise stated, the prayer prescribed and the Preface for Easter are said daily.

MORNING OFFERING

DIVINE Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, all my prayers, works and sufferings of this day, in reparation for our sins and for all the intentions for which Thou dost offer Thyself continually in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I offer them in particular for the intentions of the Apostleship of Prayer and for those proposed by the Holy Father for this month.

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Journalism Awards

IN deference to the wishes of a comparatively high proportion of readers who are would-be competitors in the Messenger Journalism Awards Contests, the Editor of the Messenger has extended the closing date for entries in the current year's Contests to 1st July 1960.

The final date for receipt of all entries for the 6 awards offered by this paper is therefore 1st July 1960.

Judging from the entries already received, it is expected a keen tussle will ensue among the competitors when the final prize-winners are decided by the Catholic Press Board.

Details regarding the 6 Awards together with the Rules to be observed are as follows:—

SIX AWARDS

SIX major awards constitute the current year's MESSENGER Journalism Awards. Here is the complete list of prizes offered to readers of this paper:—

(1) **THE MESSENGER WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD**—for the year's outstanding article with a Catholic background awarded by His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I.

(2) **THE J. P. DE FONSEKA AWARD**—for the year's outstanding poem with a Catholic setting presented by the Catholic Press.

(3) **THE JOHN LEO DE CROOS MEMORIAL PRIZES** of (a) Rs. 250/- presented by Shri A. L. J. Croos Raj Chandra for the best essay on the Blessed Virgin. The theme this year will be "Cause of our Joy." The essays should be within the 1000-1500 word range. (b) Rs. 50/- also presented by Shri A. L. J. Croos Raj Chandra for the runner-up.

(4) **THE A. X. MACHADO MEMORIAL AWARD**—for the year's best short story presented by Mr. Joachim R. Machado, M.B.E. Short stories should not exceed 1000 words in length.

(5) **THE ST. MICHAEL'S STUDIO AWARDS**—(a) for the year's best poem and (b) for the year's best article presented by Mr. Michael Rodriguez. This contest is open only to Schools-Mag members.

(6) **THE PERPETUAL NOVENA AWARDS**—(a) for the best poem and (b) the best article on the subject "Our Lady of Perpetual Succour" presented by *NOVENA NEWS*. The prizes will be Rs. 100/- for each of the two sections.

The rules

Readers who wish to enter for these Contests are requested to adhere strictly to the Rules enumerated below:

(a) All Entries for these Awards shall clearly specify "Writer of the Year," "Poetry," "Essay," "Short Story," "Perpetual Novena" or "Junior Award" on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

(b) Each such entry must have a Messenger Journalism Award Coupon (printed below) with the details clearly filled in and affixed to the individual's entry.

(c) All entries addressed to The Editor, MESSENGER, Catholic Press, Borella must reach him on or before 12 noon on 1 July 1960.

(d) A competitor may take part in one or more of these

A priest-editor goes on busman's holiday

WHEN the 28,000-tonner Orient liner "Orcades" slipped quietly out of Colombo Harbour at midnight on Easter Sunday, on board was a Ceylon priest-editor—Fr. MANIK MUTTUKUMARU—waving goodbye to Lanka but not good-bye forever!

Just one hour before actual sailing time in a quiet nook on the "Orcades" the Editor of Ceylon's *Messenger* was peppered with questions by old Robin Hood himself, who used all the sharp archery at his command to elicit first-hand information for the delectation of readers of this column.

Fr. MANIK MUTTUKUMARU has a strenuous programme ahead of him, contrary to a news report published elsewhere since his departure, crediting him with a 4-month-long magnificent holiday jaunt abroad!

Spear-heading the series of conferences will be the one at Naples where the National Directors of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will assemble.

They will next meet in Rome for more discussions. Attending the conferences will also be Bishop Fulton Sheen of America.

Fr. MANIK MUTTUKUMARU will also visit Germany, Ireland Paris and London. At the last-named centre he will visit the offices of the influential *Catholic Herald* and of the *Universe*—Britain's biggest circulation Catholic weekly newspaper.

One-time editor Fr. JUSTIN PERERA (old and decrepit but not yet quite effete; "never say die" is his motto) has already assumed duties as Editor of Ceylon's *Messenger* for the interim period of Fr. Muttukumaru's enforced 4-month absence from the island.

Annual Study Camp

A LARGE number of members of the Ceylon Catholic Students' Federation, according to reports reaching me, will storm Ratnapura for their Annual Study Camp this year which gets started on the evening of 2 April and closes on the morning of 1 May.

The theme taken up this year will be "Social and economic responsibilities of the Catholic student in Ceylon."

Addressing the students will be Mr. G. I. O. M. KURUKULASURIYA, Fr. JUSTIN PERERA, MR. EMMANUEL MUTTUKUMARU, DR. GEORGE PONNAMPERUMA and VERY REV. FR. PETER A. PILLAI, O.M.I.

The sessions will be held at the Convent of the Child Jesus.

Any past members of the Federation who would like to be in attendance and who want accommodation

can contact the General Secretary, Catholic Students' Federation, Aquinas University College, Colombo 8.

Climaxing the study Camp will be a May Day Rally.

For studies abroad

FR. C. P. BOUDREAU, S.J., is the new Minister, Jesuit House, Bambalapitiya. Scholastics BASIL SILVA and G. D. F. RAJENDRAM of Batticaloa Mission have left for St. Mary's, Kansas for Theology studies.

Also leaving for Theology studies in Holland will be scholastic STEPHEN FERNANDO.

Popular Retreats

RETREATS held in Lewella, Kandy are becoming more popular than ever before.

The programme of dates from May has reached me and I find that "Loyola Juniors" from Galle and the Kotahena Legion and St. Sylvester's College (Kandy) staff have fully booked up two of the spots in the programme.

Dates still available for those desirous of participating are 7 to 11 May (Legion of Mary, Dehiwela) and 19 to 22 May (Colombo Port Commission Catholic staff).

For detailed information contact THE DIRECTOR, Fatima Villa, Lewella, Kandy.

Easter echoes

TIME magazine cover portrait on its Easter issue which depicts a breath-taking painting of St. Paul leads to a colour-spread inside, of modern day missionaries.

TIME's passion for detail and authenticity is seen by its commissioning no less than 12 photographers to cover 250 missionaries at work from the snow-bound Arctic to the boiling Amazonian jungles.

It is stated that among the twelve photographers commissioned to handle the project was an Oblate priest Fr. WILLIAM LEISING who took the picture of the Arctic shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes, 200 miles above the Arctic Circle.

He was the only non-professional in the 12-man team.

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FOR the second year in succession the PINIBINDU ART CIRCLE brought out a special Easter

number, in Sinhalese.

Editor is the indefatigable, go-ahead Mr. FRANCIS P. GUNESSEKERA.

Also cutting fresh ground was the RASANJALI Easter Number, out for the first time this year.

Physician exemplary

AT the time when Doctors were contemplating going on strike to redress their grievances, said one of them addressing a group: "They are false to their oath. The medical profession is not a trade but a vocation. It is ethical to make a living out of it, but unethical to make a fortune out of it."



The speaker is no more. Dr. ISIDORE J. FERNANDO of Negombo died recently. He was a light to his profession.

He served in many parts of the island as District Medical Officer. An exemplary physician, deeply-read in the classics, and endearing himself to all communities and classes of people, his death is mourned by thousands who knew him. May he rest in peace.

Duwa Passion Play



● Crowds flocked to Duwa once again this year for the Passion Play. Picture shows the descent of the Cross. (Photo by Pinibindu Art Circle).

Kalutara News

(from "Josephian", Messenger correspondent)

Press Week

"I value your efforts, not so much for the rupees and cents they have realized but for what they have done for the spread of Catholic literature," said Rev. Fr.

Henry Rodrigo, O.M.I., Parish Priest, Kalutara, in complimenting the Press Squads made up of nearly 100 girls drawn from the convents of Kalutara North, Kalutara South, Katukurunda and Kalamulla which were responsible

for the Press Week sale of over Rs. 575/- worth of books.

A challenge cup awarded for the best sales was presented by Rev. Mother Raphael, Superior of Kalutara Convent, to the Press Squad girls of Holy Family Convent. Consolation prizes were also presented to the other three teams.

Way of the Cross

Nearly 2,000 men, women and children from the five parishes of Kalutara took part in a penitential pilgrimage, open-air Mass and Way of the Cross on Passion Sunday which commenced the "Church of Silence" Week. The organizer, Rev. Fr. A. Didon, O.M.I., Parish Priest of Pitiyagala, said Mass at the foot of the life-size Crucifixion at "Mount Calvary."

Mrs. Van Slyke of New York had bought a summer place in Vermont. The first day there she called in the girl she had hired from the village to do the housework.

"I'm a woman of few words," announced Mrs. Van Slyke haughtily. "If I beckon with my fingers, that means 'come'."

"That suits me," replied the housemaid. "I'm a woman of few words myself. If I shake my head that means 'I ain't comin'.'" — *New Leader*.

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SALVAGING THE NATION

WE find ourselves in a singularly unenviable position this week. The unusual, nondescript and almost bizarre course that the debate on the Address of Thanks has taken is nearing its listless end. And yet, as we go to press, the upshot of this strange yet momentous debate and of all the political manoeuvres that went into its making, is not yet known.

But however anomalous and unique the situation precipitated by the last elections may be, and though at the time of writing this difficult situation remains unresolved, certain essential issues stand out, luminous and clear.

Thus, though an incredible plethora of parties, twenty-three of them, ranging from extreme Left to jingoistic Right, contended for power, one thing is perfectly certain — the vast majority of the people of this country have shown an unmistakable preference for the sane, sound and solid Centre.

If any Left-wing politicians, therefore, with their well-known, clear-cut and dogmatic (not to say doctrinaire) political philosophy, should fondly imagine that the public will believe them to be sincere in teaming up with a Centre Party Government, they are being naively optimistic and only succeed in insulting the intelligence of the average voter. Similarly, any professedly democratic party agreeing to such a hybrid and piebald combination puts itself in exactly the same position.

To any observer of the Ceylon political scene over the past few years it is plain as a pikestaff that the people are yearning for security, for some measure of permanence, and for peace at last. And these things neither fanaticism, nor totalitarianism, nor an impossible brew of heterogeneous and disruptive elements can ever give us.

And if our politicians refuse to be patriots and statesmen, an enlightened and a determined electorate can secure their longed-for conversion, by a stern refusal to return unscrupulous opportunists and self-interested fortune hunters to power. The remedy is in the hands of the electoral body, and in their hands alone.

It is for the people to exercise that eternal vigilance which is the price of liberty. In the last analysis, it is the people who are responsible for the governments they get. Now more than ever do we need clear and honest thinking, firm convictions, and courageous action. The public cannot afford to retire from the arena and sink into a state of nonchalance and lethargy, except at the cost of losing all they hold dear. Theirs, therefore, must be a courage like that which Pericles required of the citizens of ancient Athens when he said to them, in his great funeral speech, that "the secret of liberty is courage." Eternal vigilance and courage; the grim alternative is disaster.

The voter can and must make it abundantly clear that he has no use for the representative who exalts private interest over public well-being, who seeks personal power rather than truth and justice. As that wisest of men, Aristotle, said so many centuries ago, if the State is to secure permanence, it must have a care of virtue, and rest upon justice. On these things we must insist. In accordance with these principles must the guardians of the nation be schooled. For just as the monster of self-interest and of fanaticism grows with each sop that is thrown to it, so does a national leader gradually grow in greatness with repeated acts of selflessness and courage.

Only men who are thus disciplined and possessed of a sense of dedication can lead the country out of the confusion and chaos of these recent years, and set it upon the highroad of peace and progress.

Another essential prerequisite of national progress is communal harmony and unity. Of late the spirit of aggression and intolerance has been abroad in the land. Once the forces of dissension and disintegration have been stirred up, they are not easily checked. But a united and integrated nation can be built up only on the basis of mutual respect between the communities that make the nation.

It is therefore incumbent on the State to give an assurance to all the people of this land, regardless of caste or creed or race, that their fundamental rights will at any cost be maintained. Each and every citizen must feel that he is assured of the protection of the State against the assaults of fanatical extremism.

Imperative as this is, however, the task of restoring that tranquillity of order that is communal and national peace is bound to be, granted the unhappy events of the recent past, extremely delicate and difficult. A formula for political equality has to be discovered, and the spirit of harmony re-created. This calls for calm, objective thinking, in an atmosphere undisturbed by considerations of political expediency or of racial or religious fanaticism.

But the atmosphere is yet too explosive. A mere spark might well touch off a conflagration. Besides, any Government that should come into power will have to expend a great deal of its energy in allaying the violence of dissident factions, and in trying to maintain calm and cohesion in its own ranks. It is time that will play the most useful part of all in restoring an atmosphere of peace.

For a long while to come, nothing must ever be allowed to take place that will make for division and discord. Or else we shall all perish in the ensuing holocaust. Surely it would not be too much to expect that every politician, to whatever Party he may belong, has within him sufficient love of his own, his native land, to agree to a truce, as it were, for at least three years, if not for more — a period of truce during which, by mutual agreement, no question involving race, religion, or caste may be brought up in Parliament; so that, for that entire period, these explosive subjects will be completely taboo.

That is perhaps the surest way by which it will be possible to ensure the survival and progress of Ceylon as a united, happy and peaceful nation. During the three year respite we must address ourselves to the task of securing the *sine qua non* of a sound and stable economy. Meanwhile, Time the wise counsellor, the great legalizer, the gentle healer, will have helped to weld all races, communities and creeds into a single people.

CURRENT COMMENT

by the Editor

WELL AND TRULY IN THE RED

THE first, the most obvious, and the most urgent task that a new government must address itself to is the restoring of our shattered economy. In his contribution to the week's debate, Mr. J. R. Jayawardene adduced the stark and startling figures. A national deficit of near 400 million rupees must be wiped out; and the country's external assets, which have dwindled perilously from over a thousand million rupees four years ago to some 600 million today, must be resolutely built up.

So close are we to national insolvency, that we could not possibly travel much further along that road before "universal ruin buries all." Hence, while there must be a ruthless pruning of development schemes according to a strict order of priority, every sinew must be strained in the effort to increase the national product. There is nothing for it, but to be ready to tighten our belts, and to accept the fact that it has to be blood, sweat and tears — the alternative is too terrifying to contemplate.

Then we need funds to finance our development projects, and we need them desperately. It is not as if there are several ways out of this impasse. There is clearly only one way. We must accept the aid of those who are willing to help us, and we must find and cultivate new friends.

Until our moribund economy has been revived, there is not the slightest hope of solving any of our other major problems. There can be no return to stability and calm in a climate of economic insecurity. Political freedom is but an empty phrase, a meaningless jingle, if it is not accompanied by economic security.

By the Sweat of thy Brow

BUT to leave it all to the politicians, while the people remain idle, would be to believe that a rabbit can really be produced out of a hat. The nation cannot be redeemed without work, hard unremitting work. By the sweat of our brow must we eat our bread; and if we will not work, well we shall deserve to starve. In the life to come there may be perfect rest, but on earth there is no other way but the way of toil and labour. Carlyle, who preached and practised the gospel of work unceasingly, once exclaimed: "Rest? Rest? Shall we not have all eternity to rest in?"

Neither the most perfect government in the world, nor the most brilliantly-conceived economic plan can avail a country anything, if its citizens will not work. We shall have to think less in terms of rights, and more in terms of duties. The community is built up of individuals. A chain is as strong as its weakest link. It is all too easy to keep talking with a fine, superior air, about what should be done. But till every single individual gets down to the task of national reconstruction and begins himself to do what should be done, nothing will ever be achieved.

Trial by Laughter

WE had made a firm resolve to treat the bitter and agonizing complaints of the Rajaratne family against the Catholic Church

Seneca has said that "an age builds up cities; an hour destroys them." Well might we hope that the destruction wrought in an hour of national delirium, will have been made good in this three-year intermission and that our ancient Ceylonese heritage of kindness and grace shall have come back to us, restored and enriched.

If, then, we are to save Ceylon for the future, this should be the hour of common endeavour. We do not know what the future holds in store for us. We can only see as in a glass, darkly. But if there is one thing that is certain, it is that our future progress will depend on the measure in which we achieve national harmony, unity and discipline.

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds . . . to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

in all seriousness. After all, they couldn't be saying these things so consistently and so poignantly unless they really meant them. Hence our resolve. And, indeed, nothing would have deterred us from the path of duty, nothing whatsoever.

However, on reading their contribution to the great debate, we discovered that they were being most unhelpful. Surely, once a man has decided to make good, it is only fair that he be given a chance. But could we possibly be expected to maintain an air of grim solemnity on coming up against this priceless gem, this prince of gems, this raja-ratna: "... representatives of the arrack-renters and of the Catholic Church have been included in the present Cabinet . . ."

A good hard punch I would have been able to take, with due seriousness and with heroic resignation. I might even have turned the other cheek. But I was helpless in the face of this subtle, original and unique method of torture, of ordeal by laughter, of being literally and truly tickled to death.

And what tickles me no end is the innocently charming juxtaposition: "representatives of the arrack-renters and of the Catholic Church." How sweet! — as people seem to say so often on the slightest provocation nowadays. There they are, cheek by jowl, jostling side by side, the life-long inseparable pals, in a state of blissful camaraderie: the representatives of the arrack-renters and of the Catholic Church. How lovely!

Those two redoubtable champions of the Faith, Chesterton and Belloc, were great champions of wine too. And what wine is to the Mediterranean man, arrack is to the lad of Lanka. Remember Chesterton saying,

"I don't care where the water goes

So long as it doesn't go into the wine."

And again:

"If an angel out of heaven
Brings you other things to drink
Thank him for his kind attentions,
Go and pour it down the sink!"

And Belloc booms in with:

"But Catholic men that live up-
on wine
Are deep in the water, and
frank, and fine;
Wherever I travel I find it so,
Benedicamus Domino."

I am afraid the admirable and incomparable Rajaratne pair have got me this time. They have got me just where it tickles, tickles till it hurts. And it leaves you so utterly and pathetically helpless. Well, well. You may say we Catholics live upon wine. But ah, we are deep in the water and frank and fine. And wherever you go you'll find it so. *Benedicamus Domino!*



A VETERAN Catholic journalist, writing the other day in a secular contemporary, at the end of two columns' worth of wit and wisdom (the wit still sparkles and sometimes burns, and the wisdom is mellowed than ever, a rare and rich old vintage — you see how a Catholic keeps going back to his wine!) remarks upon the following delightful coincidence and contrast.

In South Africa, Verwoerd, shot in the face by a fellow-white man, claimed to be "a Christian with a conscience." Meanwhile, our columnist continues (ah, and how he dips his pen in acid, when the occasion demands it, and how it burns), Verwoerd's Government keeps Africans segregated like diseased cattle and shoots them by the score if they break out.

In Rome, the same week, Holy Week, Pope John, Vicar of Jesus Christ, kneeling, washed and kissed the feet of four Africans.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS PAPAL LEGATE FOR MUNICH

AS Papal Legate for the International Eucharistic Congress taking place in Munich, Germany, this summer, the Pope has appointed 73-year old Cardinal Testa, who was Nuncio in Switzerland until he became a member of the Sacred College last December.

Like Pope John, the Cardinal was born in the diocese of Bergamo, and like him he taught at the seminary there. Besides his native Italian, he can speak English, French and German.

Twenty Cardinals, and 192 archbishops, have already announced their intention of going to the Bavarian capital for the Congress, which opens on July 31. The 20 Cardinals include Cardinal D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh, Ireland; Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, India; and Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, Canada.

STRAVINSKY

From Italy, no less than 70 archbishops and bishops — including Cardinal Urbani, Patriarch of Venice, and Cardinal Siri, Archbishop of Genoa — are expected, together with 3,000 Catholics.

The liturgical music to be used at Munich ranges from Plain Chant to the ultra modern. Among the settings of the Mass are those by the late Ralph Vaughan Williams and by Igor Stravinsky.



Next Monday is the anniversary of the consecration of His Lordship the Bishop of Chilaw, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Edmund Peiris O.M.I. We offer His Lordship our prayerful good wishes.

Sylvestrians Honour Founder

(from T. Vandercone, "Messenger" correspondent)

BOYS of St. Sylvester's College, Kandy, celebrated the sixth anniversary of the death of their founder, Fr. Robert M. Perera.

Fr. Robert, a son of St. Benedict, was the founder of St. Sylvester's College. He was the Vice-Principal of St. Anthony's College. In 1940, when St. Anthony's was shifted to the buildings at Katugastota, St. Sylvester's College was a feeder to St. Anthony's. Fr. Robert was appointed as Rector of the feeder school. But to the surprise of everyone, the feeder school had such a flood of applications for admission of students, that the feeder school was made a separate institution. As days passed new buildings soon began to crop up. St. Sylvester's soon began to shine in every field—in sports, education, etc., and began to compete with St. Anthony's and with other leading colleges. Thanks to Fr. Robert, St. Sylvester's is proud to be able to say that she is second to none. Father Robert continued to be the Rector of St. Sylvester's College until the 3rd of March 1956, when he was called to his reward.

At 11 o'clock in the morning the Catholic boys of the college participated in the Requiem High Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Paulinus, the present Rector. In the afternoon, at 2 o'clock, the whole college marched in procession to the cemetery. Special prayers were said by the side of the tomb of Fr. Robert, and as the hymn "Nearer My God" was sung, two wreaths were placed, one by the teachers' guild and the other by the prefects' guild. "May his soul rest in peace."

Cadillac for the Pontiff

FORMER students of Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, U.S.A., last week presented Pope John with an air-conditioned black Cadillac limousine, built especially for him.

The Pope beamed and joked with his visitors. "I bless this car and also your own cars—I assume you all have one," he said.

"A blessing to all of you—with or without cars."

There was laughter as he added: "St. Paul says that walking is a pleasure."

"After so much travelling, let us meet again at the gates of Paradise."

They Reach the Silver Portals

FIVE of our priests, having journeyed in the Master's footsteps for twenty-five years, reach the silver portals today. When they set out on this glorious journey twenty-five years ago, the road that lay ahead of them may perhaps have seemed soft and shining, seen through the silver haze of youthful dreams.

But by now these apostles will have realized that the way was long, and that the wind too was many a time cold, biting cold. But the longer and harder the way—no silver ribbon of a road, but the 'narrow way' He promised, rough and steep—and the colder the wind, the more glorious the journey.

It was not silver all the way—by no means; nothing human can ever be pure silver. But the Master, whom they have striven to serve so faithfully and so well, now turns it all into silver, as only He can.

Now the silver portals; and one day, we hope and pray, the golden gates. And then the keeper of the gates will say, tollite portas, principes, vestras; et elevamini portae aeternales—"lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors," and our five levites of today will enter in, as apostles of the King of Glory. And thus will the feet of the blessed evangelists of peace (evangelizantium pacis, evangelizantium bona) step out beyond the sunset into what will no more be just the land of their dreams, but the abiding and unchanging land of eternal joy and peace.

Throughout the country, many a weary soul who has found peace and comfort through their priestly ministrations, will remember them to-day, with gratitude.

"Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them."



Fr. Don Joseph Wettasinghe

● **FATHER DON JOSEPH WETTESINGHE** may be a member of the Archdiocesan Council and the doyen of the diocesan clergy, but to his friends in the priesthood he was and ever will remain, "Oh Mein Papa." May be continue, in the years to come, to counsel and console those who turn to him, and with his smile, change their tears to laughter.

● **FATHER HUGH FRANCIS RODRIGO** might look, for all the world, like a man who is allergic to academic volumes and classical antiquities. But then looks are proverbially and notoriously deceptive, and in this case they certainly are, for young Francis was a star



Fr. Hugh Francis Rodrigo

amongst students in his time. His Latin verse, in the form of a poem entitled *To the Alumni*,

adorns the front page of a past number of *Blue and White* (the magazine of St. Joseph's College). The picture alongside was taken in the days of his youth—and in that instance looks are not deceptive: for he once won the Prize for the Best Mannered Boy in College, and you will agree that he looks the part!

Dematagoda will remember him forever as the builder of their House of God. We pray that his unique manner never deserts him and that he continues to make his contribution to the building up of the Kingdom.

● **FATHER MANUEL APONSO** succeeded Hugh Francis and Don Joseph as admonitor in those distant days at St. Aloy-



Fr. Manuel Aponso

sius' Seminary. He had not yet started on his course of theology, but if the letters *D.D.* could do service for Duty and Discipline, he certainly deserved to have them after his name. But once you got to know him you discovered that there was another letter of the alphabet hidden away in the pack, *K* for Kindness. As the years roll by, may the kindness grow and flourish like the palm tree, the two *D's* keeping pace with it all the time.

● **FATHER JEROME SILVA, O.M.I.** Here indeed are looks deceptive once more.



Fr. Jerome Silva
O. M. I.

Rigour of countenance merely served to mask much friendliness and an irrepressible sense of humour. Father Jerome appreciated a good joke, and he made them too, and still does. If in appearance he is like his

great patron, St. Jerome, his zeal is no less, and so may it ever be.



Fr. D. Don Edward

● **FATHER D. DON EDWARD.** The first "D" stands for Dehiwela, his ancestral country. Like English lords and bishops, well might this laird of Dehiwela sign himself just *Dehiwela*. Like Alphonsus Liguori he gave up the law (either because he feared that the wicked jibe "the lawyers always lie" was true, or perhaps because he thought that the positive, comparative and superlative of the word "law" ran thus: "law, lawyer, lost"). However, he is far from lost—at least not yet!—though he may sometimes rather give you the impression of being a lost soul. Having left the Law College, Don Edward, emulating St. Ignatius Loyola this time, did not hesitate to cast his lot for a few months with the mere boys of the Minor Seminary (where the Choir Masters, Wettasinghe and Cabral, may have thought he sounded like a lost chord!). Like his companion, Jerome, he cannot resist a good joke either, though his enemies sometimes malign him by saying his jokes tend to suffer from drought. May his Ignatian asceticism and his Liguorian zeal for preaching missions abide with him always.

Ceylon at Bombay Sodalists' Rally

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

SEVERAL hundreds of Sodalists in Asia are expected to foregather in Bombay shortly at a grand Rally of Sodalists at which representatives from Ceylon, too, will be present.

This announcement was made by Rev. Fr. R. Chiriatti, S.J., Galle, when he addressed the Sodality of the Children of Mary of the Old Boys of De La Salle College, at their annual Day of Recollection.

Rev. Fr. R. Chiriatti, S.J., said that he was very pleased to note that the De La Salle College Sodality had made it a practice

to hold an annual enclosed retreat. He exhorted the Sodalists to be regular in their spiritual exercises.

The day of recollection, which commenced with Benediction on the afternoon of Saturday, April 2nd, ended on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Bro. Vincent Joseph, Provincial Visitor and Director of De La Salle College, Rev. Bro.

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THE RETREATANTS

Sodalists' Rally

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J. Nicholas, Assistant Director, Rev. Bro. Luke and Rev. Bro. Anthony of Padua helped to conduct the exercises.

Mr. E. Thomas Perera, Prefect, thanked the Rev. Father for the keen interest he had taken in the activities of the Sodality and for the instructive sermons and talks he had given.

PERSONAL

REVEREND Father Gilbert Perera, O.M.I., recommends to the prayers of his brother priests the soul of his father who died on 11th April.



Women's

Own



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I AGREE, BUT...

I HAVE read Mr. Julian Senanayake's article "Woman should not think in terms of inferiority complex" with mixed feelings. The title alone shows that even though he is presumably a married man, he does not seem to have understood women's psychology.

Yet on reading the article I found myself in complete agreement with him till I reached the second half of the third paragraph from the end, beginning from where he writes "Where woman trips" to the end of the article.

Though not a married woman, I think I can say with some experience of married women, that if they do tend to seem to "take

• VIEW POINT

the lead" sometimes, it is usually because the man is too supine to shoulder his responsibilities so that if she did not take on his duties, the family would suffer. Had she really got an inferiority complex, most probably she would be too lacking in self-confidence even to do her share, and would tend to be the weak and clinging partner that so many of her Victorian forebears were. I am amazed that the writer, having written the first part of this article, could conclude it in this manner.

E. R. Tampoe.

FATTY FOODS

—ESSENTIAL FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Two vitamins essential to health are found in fats. They are called "A" and "D," the latter being practically essential to the proper formation of teeth and bones in the growing child.

If a child or an adult is unable to digest fats in reasonable amounts, the daily administration of small quantities of cod liver oil or halibut liver oil will make good the deficiency. Signs of deficiency of vitamin A and



D appear with tragic frequency in young children.

DENTAL caries and general debility can be prevented and even cured in their early stages by the addition of cod liver oil to the dietary.

MODERN INTEREST

The modern interest in vitamins has led to the appearance of numerous preparations, all advertised as containing different vitamins in standardised amounts.

Some of those are genuine. Some are not.

Those that really do contain certain vitamins in concentrated form are only intended for the intensive treatment of serious vitamin deficiencies, under expert supervision.

To administer haphazard strong vitamins containing properties is a dangerous proceeding.

Over-absorption of one particular vitamin can be as upsetting to the general metabolism as acute deficiency.

ESSENTIAL TO GROWTH

Vitamin A is essential to growth. It is present in cod liver oil and in raw carrots.

Vitamin D has to do with formation of teeth and bone, and is also present in cod liver oil.

Vitamin D promotes our resistance to infection, and is, therefore particularly important.

It is found in the germ of wheat and in malt extract.

Vitamin C is found in fresh

fruits and vegetables. In its absence there may be a tendency to haemorrhage and scurvy.



If a vacuum flask becomes stained inside, take an egg, crush it, and place it in the flask with a little water. Shake well, and then rinse out. The flask will then be bright and shining again.

To remove tea stains from a damask table-cloth, sprinkle at once with sugar and then soak.

To lend a pleasing scent to your linens, keep scented soap, unwrapped, or sachets in the linen drawers or closet.

A lump of soda laid upon the sink down which waste water passes will prevent the clogging of the pipe with grease.

To clean a rug and make it look like new, put a little vinegar in lukewarm water, wring out a cloth dipped in the water, and rub the rug well.

If pots and pans and kettles are soaked during the meal, it lightens the work of dish-washing afterwards.

To grease cake pans, use melted unsalted fat and put it on with a brush or a piece of soft paper.

SIMPLE FACTS

These are the simplest facts about vitamins.

Fatty food is necessary, both because of its heat-producing properties, and because of its vitamin content.

A fair amount of starchy food must accompany fatty food, or else absorption will not take place.

A certain portion of uncooked vegetables or fruit should be taken every day, and also whole-meal bread or a cereal containing Vitamin B.

HOUSEWIFE'S PROBLEM....the solution to such a problem

How can a housewife and mother of many children do any of the things that are so often suggested as necessary for spiritual and mental growth? Her work is never done — never even caught up with. There are nappies, clothes, dishes, rooms to be cleaned. There are socks, suits, shirts, linens to be mended. There are meals to be prepared. How can such a housewife find time for, say some spiritual reading, or a visit to a church once in a while, or even to make a little meditation now and then?

WHILE suggesting a solution to such a problem, no one can deny the fact that the duties of keeping up with the needs of a home and a large family are sufficient in themselves to keep a mother constantly on the go.

Such a mother should not feel badly that she cannot take part in many of the spiritual activities that are suggested on retreats and in conferences and made available to people who have more leisure. For her, the Will of God is clear.

While her children are small she has more than a full-time job, and carrying it out to the best of her ability can represent a very acceptable kind of prayer.

However, there are a couple of cautions that can be given,

says D. F. Miller in "The Liguorian."

First of all, in nobody's life does God will that there be so much work that it entirely excludes the opportunity for prayer.

Every housewife, even the busiest, should cling to a few essential practices of prayer, and count them as even a more important part of her daily schedule than the household duties that are never caught up with.

Morning and night prayers, for example; prayers before and after meals; and the frequent repetition of the good intentions in the midst

of her active hours.

Room should also be made in her schedule for frequent Communion.

Whatever is lost to work as a result of these necessary practices will be made up for by the spiritual graces and helps with which God will keep her supplied.

Secondly, an over-busy housewife should realise that her present crowded routine need not go on forever, and that she should keep alive her desire to grow spiritually as change of circumstances will in time permit.

The hardest years are those when most of her children are small. But as they grow older, they can be trained to share many of the burdens of their mother.

This will eventually give her time for some good reading, an occasional visit to the church, participation in retreats, etc.

It is important that she keep alive her desire for these things, even during the busiest years.

Life is Like That!

SHE was neither rich nor poor, this mother, whose daughter's wedding was fast approaching. A beautiful pair of gold bangles lay glittering in a red box in the top drawer of her old-fashioned almirah. It was to be her gift to her child.

"Let me look at it again," she said to herself, the next morning. She opened the drawer. The little red box was missing! Vain was her search for it. It was gone!

Her only servant, Lucy, is in distress. "All will suspect me," she wails. "I shall find out the rogue by seeking the help of the Anchanam Eliya" she heatedly says. "I shall tell the priest and also fine you Rs. 5, if you do it," warns the distracted woman.

wrong. Did I not pay your wages justly and without delay? Do I not help you in my own small way, when you are in distress? Why have you done this? I shall not

by R. P.

lock the almirah. You think about it and replace the article." She leaves it at that. Lucy fumes at this fool-hardy method of dealing with rogues!

"Hena ganda onay!" she calls down vengeance on the wrong-doer.

THREE DAYS AFTER

Three days pass and the woman begins to lose hope at this strange method of finding her lost article. "Forgive me, O Lord, for my carelessness. And give me my lost article if it is Thy will. St. Antony, pray for me" she says constantly in her heart.

The wedding day draws near. The bride had gone ahead to Colombo, quite unconcerned about the loss. Jewels were never her delight. She was sorry for her mother whose kind thought she appreciated and comforted her at the loss. The woman packs her things to go. She was leaving the next morning. Vain was her hope of retrieving her lost treasure! She had looked into the drawer every day for the last five days! She finishes packing. "Let me look into the drawer for the last time today," she says and opens it to see if the erring one

SUSPECT

But Lucy sneaks out at dawn the next day and comes back excitedly. "It is a short dark man who has taken it," she announces triumphantly. "He took it in a hurry and walked away towards the north. We must inform the A.S.P."

The woman ponders. She feels sorry for her faithful Lucy's reputation. But there are many dark short men about the place! "They are a good sort and are always ready to do any work when I need them. I shall not hurt their feelings by setting the police on their trail. It is my fault. I often leave the almirah open! Temptation was in their way. I shall try appealing to them!" muses the woman.

Said she to the workers next day: "One of you has done the

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A Thought FOR THE WEEK

"DEAR Lord, teach us to be generous,
To serve You as You deserve to be served;
To give and not to count the cost;
To fight and not to heed the wounds;
To toil and not to seek for rest;
To labour and ask for no reward,
Save that of knowing
That we are doing Your will,
O God."

ST. IGNATIUS.

Roundup

Hungarian students who fled their country after their unsuccessful 1956 uprising have put the late Pope Pius XII at the top of their list of benefactors. He is mentioned first by the Italian Association of Free Hungarian Students in a booklet thanking all who helped the students in the years since Russian tanks crushed the revolt.

During 1959 the Vatican school of library science was attended by 53 students from eight nations. Twenty-five of the students were granted diplomas of proficiency. The school offers courses in cataloguing, bibliography, library, science, and the history of books and libraries.

Even boa constrictors do not stop Father Courneen, M.M., from making the rounds of his mission in Cotoca, Bolivia. Recently his jeep ran over a huge boa constrictor on a road across the pampas. He swung the jeep around and ran over the reptile a second time, but still had to finish the job with a heavy tree branch.

A Catholic priest has been named India's best teacher of the year, 1959. Father C. T. Kottaram, principal of St. Michael's High School, in Pravithanam, in Kerala State, was given the honour by the government's department of education.

The Holy See has given £ 350 to this year's United Nations Children's Fund (U.N.I.C.E.F.) — "as a token of the Holy See's interest and as a mark of encouragement."

Schools-Mag covers the news

SENKADAGALA M.P.'s FIRST PUBLIC FUNCTION

D. P. Silva reporting from Ampitiya

"It surprises me that Ampitiya should gain such high repute in producing middle and long distance runners on such a meagre stretch of ground!" declared Mr. N. Wimalasena, M.P., for Senkadagala at the annual inter-house athletic held meet at St. Mary's College, Ampitiya.

Mr. Wimalasena pledged his support stating that he would Vossen, Berrewaerts and Peiris help to improve the grounds in the near future. Houses did exceptionally well

at the meet with the first named capturing the championship title with a total of 113 points. Mrs. N. Wimalasena distributed the prizes. Earlier, the

chief guests, Mr. and Mrs. Wimalasena were given a rousing welcome by the College scouts preceded by Father Rector's address.

Schools champion wins award

Noel C. Emmanuel reporting from Matale

A LARGE gathering including Education, Labour and Social Services were present at the annual Inter-House Athletic Sports Meet of St. Thomas' College, Matale. Chief guest was Mr. V. P. A. Perera, Government Agent of Matale.

The championship title for the year 1960 was annexed by Pius House, with Bede House as runners-up.

Before the prize distribution the Rector of the College Rev. Fr. Aidan de Silva, O.S.B. addressed the gathering.

R. U. Liyanage, sportsman of the year broke the Ceylon inter-school record in throwing the Javelin at a distance of 190 ft. 5 ins. in Colombo. He was awarded a special cup by the Rector.

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Spotlight on youth activities

Much useful and diligent work in the sphere of social service is being handled by teen-agers in Ceylon. Here is a factual report of the services rendered by a volunteer group at St. Bernard's Convent who have labelled themselves The Volunteer Force. We are interested in hearing of other groups in other places.

Volunteer Force

Prudence Attapattu reporting from Nawalapitiya

THE "Volunteer Force" was initiated with the objectives of assisting the poor and the needy, catechising the younger children and generally giving a fillip to their literary talent.

The "Force" numbers 35 members, all volunteers pooling their services for the common good of their fellow-friends, in spite of the hardships and sacrifices that such work entails. The entire body of members is divided into five groups, with a leader for each group and each group is allotted a different assignment.

What they do

Among their many duties include Church cleaning and fixing teaching the children their Catechism and to follow the Holy Mass collecting clothes, books, magazines, stamps and other materials that may be found useful, supplying the poor children of the Convent with clothes and uniforms and encouraging the children to get their friends enrolled as members of the Schools-Mag. They are also encouraged to read it and contribute to it regularly.

There is also a separate group assigned to collect rice. At the beginning of each week empty tins are given to the children of the Convent. At the end of the week these are recalled (not as empty as before but brim-full with rice) and handed over to the Parish Priest for distribution. This club, in itself a little family of active members, is also a great boon to the needy parishioners and especially to the Parish Priest.

Here are the groups

The different groups, with their respective leaders and the work assigned to them are as follows:

- PRIMROSE SENEVIRATNE and her group collect rice and old clothes.
- CHARMAINE PERERA and her group collect books, magazines, pictures and stamps.
- FRANCES DE ZILVA and her group undertake Church cleaning.
- DAWN ATTAPATTU and her group teach catechism.
- PRUDENCE ATTAPATTU and her group are in charge of enrolling members and sending in articles to the "Messenger Schools-Mag."

Meetings every fortnight

Under the spiritual guidance every fortnight. Miss G. Perera of Rev. Mother Superior, the members hold their meetings is the President and Miss Charmaine Perera is the Secretary of the "Volunteer Force."

After the reading of the Minutes and the Report of the achievements of the past two weeks the new Volunteers who

wish to be members are enrolled.

There is also a Question Box.

Questions brought up by members are taken over for the next meeting to be discussed and clarified. The Meeting terminates with a prayer.

The General Patron of the Force is Christ the King. The Branch Patron is St. Therese of the Child Jesus. The Motto of the members is "Thy Kingdom Come."

And thus the work of this group of Volunteers goes on

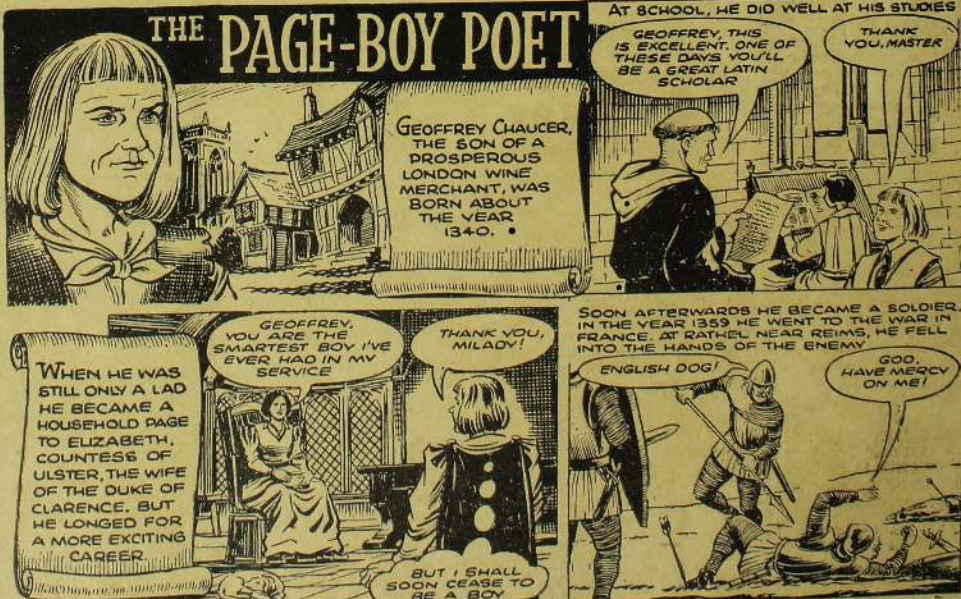
Picture shows the leaders of the Volunteer Force: Dawn Attapattu, Frances de Silva, Prudence Attapattu, Primrose Seneviratne, Charmaine Perera. (Seated): Miss G. Perera (President).

right throughout the year. The days pass and the weeks end but their work continues; the months go by and the years roll, yet still, as energetic and active as ever, their work continues.

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NEWS REPORTS FROM THE SCHOOLS — Continued from page 9

Brownies are enrolled

Shiela Barrie
reporting from
Nawalapitiya

THE Second Nawalapitiya Brownie Pack was enrolled by Miss G. J. X. Vanderwerf,

the District and Divisional Guide Commissioner at St. Bernard's Convent, Nawalapitiya.

The Brownies looked quite smart in their uniforms and badges. They were divided into

four "Sixes" — the Elves, the Fairies, the Pixies, and the Sprites. Each group was led by a "Sixer" — the Elves by Miss Sonia Jacotine, the Fairies by Miss Maureen Solomons, the Pixies by Miss Fathimathu Careem, and the Sprites by Miss

Sheila Barrie.

Juniors stage Fatima play

Venice Reeves
reporting from Matale

A PLAY titled "The Message of Fatima" was put on the boards by the Junior Catholic Association at St. Agnes' Convent, Matale.

Chief guest was His Lordship the Bishop of Kandy.

Gillian Smith in the title role measured up to the exacting performance required of her. Kathie Wimalasinghe, Marie Smith and Patricia Spittel also excelled in their parts.

number of tomtils flying round and round and every now and then swooping angrily down, as though to peck at something.

This interested them and they determined to find out what was the matter.

On going near they soon discovered how things stood.

The bear, who had seen the hunters, was crouched down, but the little tomtils, fearing he might again visit them, were flying and fluttering to make him go away.

It was not long before the hunters had taken aim and the bear was dead.

"Ah," said the wolf, "I am sure it is always better to make friends than enemies."

THE Children's Story

The Tomtit's Revenge

A Bear who was a great boaster and a bully was one day walking with a wolf when he saw a tomtil's nest from which the mother was absent.

"Look, said he, I will climb up to this nest and frighten the young birds out of their wits."

"I wouldn't if I were you," said the wolf. "You may make them your enemies."

"Pooh," said the bear. "As though that mattered! I'm not afraid of a parcel of tomtils."

"Ah," said the wolf, "even the smallest folk are better as friends than foes."

But the bear laughed and climbed the tree to the nest. Poking his great nose over the edge, he gave a tremendous growl.

The little birds were terrified.

"Oh, go away," they cried. "Go away."

"Don't squeal at me," said

the bear. "I'll teach you manners."

And he brought his great paw down on the nest with a bang. Then after a bit, he raised his paw and climbed down to the wise old wolf again.

"That's the way to frighten them," said the bear with a growl.

But the wolf shook his head and stuck to his opinion that it is better to have friends than enemies.

After that the little tits and their parents were always on the look-out for the bullying bear, and whenever they saw him they would flutter round his head to frighten him away from their home.

It happened that about a week later a couple of hunters were in the neighbourhood looking for a bear to shoot.

They had been unsuccessful in their quest and were returning home when they saw a

"TO live in the midst of the world

Without wishing its pleasures To be a member of each family

Yet belong to none;
To share all sufferings;
To penetrate all secrets;
To heal all wounds; to go from men to God;
And offer Him their prayers;
To return from God to men;
To bring pardon and hope;
To have a heart of bronze for chastity;

And a heart of fire for charity To teach and to pardon;
To console and to bless always;
My God what a life!"

And it is yours;
O Priest of Jesus Christ." Lacordaire.

A LIGHT THAT BURNS

IT was an old, broken down presbytery, in one of our remote villages. I accompanied my mother there, on a visit to her old pastor, who had just completed fifty years service in the vineyard of his Master. The dear priest was reading his breviary by the light, that filtered in through the broken shutters. I saw before me a picture of selfless sacrifice.

Every day of those fifty years he had gone up to the altar of God; he had held the God of Heavens in his trembling hands, and fed millions with the Bread of Life. Well nigh two score years ago, he had left his native land to labour in the whitened harvest fields of Lanka; since then he had shared the poverty

and hardship of Christ's poor. His hands have poured the regenerating waters on thousands of souls; they have been raised in absolute times without number, during the endless hours that he sat in the confessional; many were the souls that he comforted on their last journey to eternity. As I sat there, a picture came to my mind; it was a taper that burns, and burns brightly, then flickers out; such is the consecrated life of every priest, burning for Christ, radiating Christ, and burning out, to be set aflame in heaven, for all eternity.

Blossom Francke.

All Saints' College, Borella.

a symposium by Ceylon's teen-agers

GOD bless him, God's anointed one,
Who the world to himself hath won,
To heal and comfort us through life
In pain and joy, in labour and strife.
Keep him chaste and pure, Jesus dear,
While through life's strain he labours here.
Carmen Vanderwall.
St. Bernard's Convent.

THE nature of his noble task is such that the priest has to plunge into muddy water, into the cesspools of sin and evil. How can one rescue a drowning man, unless he dives into the water? How is one to save a man trapped in a burning building unless he faces the raging fire? So too, the priest has to plunge into the seething waters of evil and the devouring fires of vice, yet he has to keep himself unsullied, unscathed. He gives mercy-lifts or air-lifts, lifting souls up to God to Heaven. He is a shining example to his flock, ready to lay down his life for his sheep, as did Cardinal Stepinac in our own day, and as so many other shepherds have done, walking in the blood-stained footsteps of the Good Shepherd.

Estelle Joseph.
All Saints' College, Borella.

BOYS who are to be ordained priests enter the seminary when they are young. They spend most of their time studying and praying. There are four minor orders — porter, lector, exorcist, acolyte and three major ones — sub-deacon, deacon and lastly the priesthood.

We need priests to carry out the work of God, of saving souls from hell and gaining more for heaven. They offer Mass for us, teach, advise and guide us. They are the Heralds of Christ's Gospel, Custodians of Christ's Body and Physicians of our souls. Their aim is to have one flock and one shepherd.

Philomena Mathiasz.
St. Anthony's School, Dematagoda.

Epilogue

AND so the Priest teaches, advises, demands heroism and lays down moral codes — and man, woman and child obey him. The main features of true priestliness, are understanding, sacrifice and love. A Priest does not work for name, fame or fortune, but for the Glory of God and Heaven.

Cheryl Gonsal.
All Saints' College, Borella.

THE chapel bells are ringing. As I enter I see the priest clothed in vestments, standing by the altar.

Seeing him I recall to mind the time when Our Lord said to the Apostles "Go ye and preach to all nations." Then I realise that this priest is also a successor of those Apostles.

The priest works in all parts of the world preaching the word of God. Sometimes under difficult conditions, very often having to sacrifice everything. He holds within his consecrated hands the most precious body and blood of Our Lord.

With humility and love does he show us the true way of the Cross.

Nirmala Perera.
St. Bridget's Convent, Colombo.

LIKE flowers that give off a sweet perfume, the perfection of priests is not for themselves alone, but for others. The flowers do not know how they rejoice the heart of one who beholds them, or one to whom they are given, neither do priests know how much they inspire others to praise God and love virtue. Like fruit bearing trees in their full maturity, priests give to others life giving food and they change our sinful world to a garden of paradise!

Fabiola Nicholas.
St. Xavier's Girls English School, Mannar.



Talks to Teen-Agers

By
Uncle
Ashley

My dear children,

Today we have only one Epistle or lesson, (except during the Ember season) but before the fifth century no one knew how many passages, Epistles, would be

read. The number and the choice of the readings was a matter left entirely to the discretion of the officiating Bishop. The reading was done

EPISTLE

by Lectors (young clerics in minor orders, preparing for Priesthood).

The Epistle as we have it today presents to the Faithful the teaching of the Apostles.

They contain words of action and counsel, which help us in the way of perfection and holiness.

At the end of the Epistle the Faithful answer "Deo Gratias" which means "Thanks be to God."

Yes! thanks for having chosen them to be numbered among the "children of light."

Always in Jesus and Mary.

UNCLE ASHLEY.

Birthdays

Continued from page 9

(Moratuwa), Cynthia Silva (Moratuwa), Maureen Hopwood (Kelaniya), Chitra Perera (Kotahena), Patrick Herft (Nugegoda), Neville Jayasuriya (Colombo 6), Shanta de Silva (Colombo 2), Cuthbert Hyde (Nuwara Eliya), Antony Vanderslott (Kandy), Pauline Paiva (Kandy), Mary Achilles (Dematagoda), Godfrey R. L. Weldt (Maragahamulla).

27th Apr: Charmaine Fernando (Wattala), Clare Wijesuriya (Gampaha), Shanti Fernando (Negombo), Rita Lily Joseph (Kelaniya), Canisius Leonard (Wattala), Sherwin A. Dias (Mutwal), Indranie F. Pieris (Wattala), Sharmanie Ponamperuma (Kandy), Rajeswari Savundranayagam (Mattakkuliya), Canute De Silva (Kelaniya).

28th Apr: D. Cletus Fernando (Moratuwa), Virginia Plunkett (Galle), F. A. Shanoy Fernando (Negombo), C. A. Sheridan Fernando (Colombo 6), Paul Saverimuttu (Colombo 4).

29th Apr: Bryan Jayatileke (Colombo 5), Bernadine Perera (Kelaniya), E. Maud Baptist (Tangalle), Premus Silva (Moratuwa), Peter Dias (Mutwal), Celine Corera (Kotahena), Emilyyan Costa (Negombo), Fabian G. Adams (Nugegoda), Susantha Lakmana (Dehiwela), R. Sebastian Ranasinghe (Colombo 8), Mary Bernadette Fernando (Maharagama).

The Priest



SCIENCE Scrapbook

OF all man's dreams, that of controlling the weather has always seemed one of the most unrealistic. His age-old desire to fly has been fulfilled; telephones, radios and finally television sets have become commonplace household articles. But that he should be able to "order" the kind of weather he wanted — no, that was a matter nature seemed likely to reserve forever to herself.

According to the Ministry for Nuclear and Water Management of Germany, the production of "artificial rain" is neither difficult nor very expensive. The technique consists of treating cloud formations with a solution of a chemical known as silver iodide, either from an aeroplane equipped with a spraying apparatus or from relatively simple coke ovens that send the solution upward in evaporated form. The moisture in the clouds then crystallizes around the silver iodide and falls to the ground in the form of rain. The process has already come to be known, in the jargon of the experts, as "milking" the clouds.

Under the plans drawn up by the American experts, 220 "rain-makers," that is, coke generators capable of sending evaporated silver iodide solution toward the clouds, would be stationed in various parts of Germany for a period of eighteen months.

ARTIFICIAL RAIN

in Germany

They are said to be capable of increasing the rainfall in their areas by between ten and twenty per cent.

The Ministry has made it clear that there is no question of increasing the total rainfall. The silver iodide technique merely aims at producing rain at particular times and in particular places as may be required. The clouds that may be made to shed their rain over Hanover would have done so anyhow over Munich — though if the former was short of rain and the latter had plenty, this would be no mean achievement. Then, too, there can be no question of producing rain "out of a clear sky." The clouds must be present before they can be milked. In any case, there is as yet no technique in sight for making it stop raining, still less for making the sun shine. So it seems, when the full story is told, that nature's sovereignty remains pretty much undisturbed after all.

IS there anything more wonderful, than to take the body and blood of Jesus into one's hands and offer it to his loving Father? This is exactly what a priest does. With a longing for the souls, redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, every priest at the dawn of everyday, takes bread and wine in his sacred hands, pronounces the transubstantiating words, and offers to God, the body and blood of Jesus.

A priest plays different roles. He is a Doctor, for he administers the medicine of the soul; a Lawyer, for he pleads with God, and obtains absolution; an Engineer, for he shows how to construct the path to Jesus; a leader for he is a model to be followed; he is a guide, for he convinces you by his sermons about God and His teachings. He does all this for he is a priest of God.

Tony Vandercone.
St. Sylvester's College, Kandy.

DAILY upon his lips The Precious Blood is laid, That Blood which centuries ago Was for our ransom shed Daily he lifts the living Host That all may see and adore; Daily he cleanses souls from sin Leads them to love God more and more.

Sheila Barrie.
St. Bernard's Convent, Nawalapitiya.

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Gnanapragasam P. Rayen

Called to God: 20th April 1957
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O Lord

And let Perpetual light Shine
upon Him
May he rest in peace. Amen

De Saram Place,
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Lenslyn Perera (nee Wijesinghe)

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Died 19th April, 1953.

Lonely and sorrowful you left us
Ever since seven years ago
Now in the silence we remember
Sadly, as the cold winds blow,
Love cannot die nor falter
Your memory is all we know
Now and forever more.

Eternal rest grant unto her,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon her; May she rest in peace.
Amen.

Inserted by her ever-sorrowing husband,
daughter, parents, brother and sister.
Raja Maha Vihare Road, Mirihane,
Kotte. 19th April, 1959.

Gate Muhandiram Lawrence Perera died 25th April 1959

May his soul rest in peace.

A Requiem Mass will be sung
on 27th April at St. Lucia's
Cathedral at 7 a.m.

In Affectionate Memory of



Charles Austin Fernando

"I CALL upon the prayers of all those
who have known me, of all those who
have loved me."

"Have pity on me, have pity on me,
at least you my friends, because the
hand of the Lord hath touched me."
Job. XIX-21.

Called to God, 24th April 1956.
Served by his wife and son. "Mel-
Ingere," Moratuwa.

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Mrs. I. J. Fernando & family
sincerely thank all the Revd.
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of the late Dr. I. J. Fernando and
who sent messages of condolence
and offered Masses.

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lated to Sinhalese by Rev. Fr. W.
M. Nicholas Perera, Parish Priest,
St. Anne's Church, Wattala is avail-
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This Novena will be broadcast on Sun-
day, 24th April from 6-30 to 7 p.m.
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low this service from your homes.
This Novena takes place every
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St. Anne's Church,
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Novena of Perpetual Succour
AT

St. Anne's, Wattala,
on May 18th

Preparatory Retreat
from 1st to 15th May

PARISH PRIEST,
Wattala.

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Feast of St. Christopher

at

Holy Ghost Church, Kochchikade,
of Pallansena Mission
will be celebrated with due solem-
nity on Sunday April 24th

Programme

- (1) High Mass at 7 a.m.
- (2) Blessing of Cars, Lorries and
Buses.
- (3) Procession with Statue of the
Saint.
Buses after mass.

Parish Priest

MADAWACHCHIYA Church Feast

THE Feast of St. Joseph, at Mada-
wachchiya will be celebrated on
the 1st May, 1960.

Novenas commence on Sunday, the
24th April.

30th April: Vespers at 7 p.m.
1st May: Low Mass at 6 a.m. High
Mass at 8 a.m. Procession after
Mass.

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HOPE FOR WORKER-PRIESTS

New methods without old dangers

ESPECIAL importance is being attached to an article published in Rome's Jesuit review "Civiltà Cattolica" regarding the question of the worker priests in France.

The article, which is written by Fr. Caprile, insists that the Holy See has neither disavowed the Church in France nor abandoned the workers' world.

Fr. Caprile points out with what submissive obedience the Church in France accepted decisions which could not have been anything but painful. The press had greatly exaggerated the tension and wrongly talked of an opposition between the Holy See and France and an abandonment of the worker-priests.

FRUITFUL

Fr. Caprile especially stressed the fruitful quality of the submission and quotes a French bishop who had pointed out that this obedience must be fruitful in its results and afforded an assurance that so much sorrow cannot have been useless and so many hopes cannot have been in vain.

This article has been connected with an audience given by the Holy Father to Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyons, who is believed to have given the Pope an account of an episcopal study in France of the best means to combat the new paganism, and there is hope in some quarters in France that a new missionary effort may be established which will owe much to the successful aspects, as well as the difficulties, experienced in the worker-priest movement.

In a statement authorised by Bishop Ancel, Auxiliary of Lyons and superior of the Pontifical Institute, the "Prado," it is pointed out that the Holy See has permitted manual work to priests and brothers within the four institutes at Gerland, Saint-Denis, Marseilles, and Toulouse. Nevertheless, it is the desire of the Holy See that the priests, as distinguished from the brothers, should concentrate on sacerdotal work.

■ "Face to face with this decision,"

the statement says, "the worker-priests have proved to be striking witnesses of fidelity to the Church and obedience to the Holy See. But it must also be said that this obedience has been very painful.

"In general, the priests find it hard to see how to replace the apostolic work which they were able to do for their brother-workers. Yet this painful state of affairs should be an occasion for an ever more intense prayer for the evangelisation of the world of the workers. We shall pray especially for the immense mass of workers who remain without Christ in the world so long as they are out of touch with parish priests and Catholic Action militant."

It would seem that the difficulties which have arisen over the last year in connection with the apostolate of the mass of the French workers will lead in time to decisions by the Holy See calculated to render this apostolate fully effective, without the dangers and inconveniences experienced in the past.

MADAMPE ATHLETIC MEET



Rev. Fr. W. Don Julian speaking at the Annual Inter House Athletic Meet of St. Sebastian's College, Madampe, held under the distinguished patronage of W. A. Fernando Esq.

Picture by Titus A. Hilton

Moscow Radio Marks Easter with attack

MOSCOW RADIO HAS MARKED THE CHRISTIAN EASTER WITH AN ATTACK ON THE DOCTRINE OF THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL AND THE EASTER MESSAGE OF HUMILITY.

The attack was broadcast by the Government operated Moscow Radio by a speaker from the All-Union Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge, state-supported successor to the pre-war atheist league.

"During Easter," the speaker said, "ideas concerning the immortality of the soul and eternal life beyond the grave are propagated and introduced in the consciousness of believers, as well as ideas on the need

to be meek, humble and patient. Like all contemporary religions, Christianity teaches that man has a non-material and immortal soul independent of the body."

"However," Moscow Radio asserted, "science shows otherwise and this means that there can be no possibility of life after death. Belief in the immortality of the soul and eternal bliss beyond the grave, which is intensively preached during Easter, causes great harm to workers. Ideas preached during Easter hinder the education of believers in a genuinely human, Communist morality."

Pope deplores racial strife

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THEIR FATHER'S VOICE, OFFERING THEM COMFORT FROM THE CENTRE OF CATHOLIC UNITY."



Speaking of the eternal conflict between the forces of good and the forces of evil, between Christ and Anti-Christ, the Pope declared: "The combat still continues on earth. On one side stands Christ together with His representatives and His followers in the Church, raised up in holiness and brotherly love... on the other side is the anti-Christian spirit which is error, a false concept of personal and social life, excessive power leading even to physical violence, evil and ruinous disorder."

Only a fortnight or so previous to his Easter Message, in an audience to Japanese pilgrims, Pope John deplored "conflicts and struggles between different races, antagonisms which originate from a difference in origin and colour."

Referring to the newly-appointed Cardinals for Africa, Japan and the Philippines, showing so strikingly the universality of the Church, the Pope said that "their very appointment, without big words, without diplomatic subtleties, proclaims that Christ is everyone's brother, and that His Kingdom has no boundaries or limits of any kind."



Pope John XXIII had already declared, in his first Encyclical Letter to the world: "God created men not as enemies but as brothers. Once this doctrine is rooted out of the human soul, the lot of man is reduced to that of beings deprived of reason."

It is the unchanging Christian teaching that has come down the ages, and was expressed so beautifully by St. Paul when he said that there is neither Jew nor Greek, bondman nor free-man, but "you are all one thing in Jesus Christ."

Messenger Meditorials

A New Beatitude

THE Gospel of Our Lord is called the 'Evangelium' — the good tidings. Every chapter contains some passage of hope, some message of encouragement. Today's Gospel relates an incident in the life of Our Risen Saviour which should be a source of great consolation to all of us. It is the story of "Doubting Thomas."

The Apostle Thomas was neither the first nor the last to doubt that Christ had risen from the dead. Down through the ages, many men have gone far beyond the stage of simple doubt and have endeavoured to prove that the Resurrection is a tremendous fraud. There were undoubtedly many minor differences in the motives for their attempts to discredit Christ, but ultimately they all feared what the Resurrection and all that it implies might mean for them personally. Once a person accepts the reality of this greatest of miracles, his life can never be quite the same thereafter. An admittedly difficult way of life becomes mandatory. The observance of the Ten Commandments and the Precepts of the Church founded by Christ and the faithful fulfilment of the duties of one's state of life become the exclusive means to gain a life of eternal happiness. An eternity in the fires of hell is the awful alternative.

Given the weakened state of our human nature, it is not surprising that many should fight against the Law and try to strike at its very foundation — Christ Himself. But, following so closely upon the tragic betrayal of Judas, a doubt by another Apostle comes as a disappointment to us. Could it be that the many miracles he witnessed have been forgotten? Were not the prophecies concerning the Resurrection sufficiently clear? Very likely it was more of a personal resentment of the fact that Christ should have chosen a time to appear to the Apostles when Thomas was not present. It wasn't so much that he doubted, but that he felt he too had a 'right' to see for himself. Whatever the reasons for Thomas' assertions, Our Lord humoured him and offered to comply with his demands. In the gentle rebuke given to the Apostle, Jesus pronounced a new beatitude. "Thou hast learned to believe, Thomas, because thou hast seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have learned to believe" (John 20, 29). It is this new beatitude that gives us consolation.

Great is the faith demanded of every Christian — faith in the mysteries of revelation, the Trinity, the Divinity of Christ; faith in the Divine character of the Church, in the face of occasional shortcomings in her human elements; faith in an ever vigilant Providence, when our lives seem to be plagued with difficulties. Sometimes we feel that the wicked prosper only because they do not consider themselves bound by the same standards of morality that we have. Even some of our less fervent Catholic brethren seem to have easier lives simply because they do not share our own deep sense of responsibility in regard to our religious obligations.

It is at such times that a truly Christian heart must say, "Though I do not always see, or do not always understand, I do believe." It is then that we hear Christ's words, "Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have learned to believe."

John J. Heaney S.J.

GOOD FRIDAY at Moratuwa



Rev. Fr. Severinus Fernando O.M.I. preaching at the Good Friday Service at St. Sebastian's Church, Moratuwa.

(Picture by Annesley Charles).

New Rules for investigating Miracles

NEW regulations for the medical and scientific examination of miraculous cures (cures that is, that take place "outside the natural order of things") have been issued by the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

Cures alleged to be miraculous are to be investigated by a special panel of medical consultants.

The new regulations prescribe that these doctors should be "of proved competence and absolute moral probity" regardless of their religious profession. During the examination of Causes for beatification or canonisation these doctors, as experts, must give a medico-legal vote concerning the cure under examination, and discuss it as a group.

DOCTORS

In examining a Cause where a "miraculous" cure is concerned, the Congregation will choose two doctors from the list of about 40, who are specialists in the branch of

of all present, formulates his own opinions and draws his conclusions.

In order to be valid, these conclusions must have obtained the vote of at least two-thirds of the doctors voting on them. If the conclusions are negative the Cardinal Prefect takes them to the Pope who then makes a decision.

The part played by the doctors does not end there. If the cause proceeds, the preparatory commission takes up the discussion again if new difficulties present themselves or there are doubts and once again there is a medical consultation. Then, only if the latter is favourable does the cause go forward according to the prescriptions of Canon Law.

These other specialists, after at least one month, are called together by the Promoter General of the Faith (commonly known as The Devil's Advocate) to discuss the case being studied.

The doctor who takes the chair at this meeting listens to the opinions