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PROF. LASKI CHARGED WITH HATE PROPAGANDA

Prof. Laski's recent broadcast to the United States—in which he implied that the Church in Spain is "a rich monopoly at the expense of mass poverty"—was described as "propaganda of hate" by Mr. Edward McCaffrey, national commander of the Catholic War Veterans of America, in a nation-wide broadcast from New York.

Prof. Laski, he remarked, was speaking as an "Englishman addressing an American audience concerning Spain on behalf of Russia. Besides being an Englishman, besides being chairman of the Labour Party of England, besides being a supporter of Communistic theories, Prof. Laski is a professed atheist. He said so himself."

Although he had singled out the Catholic Church for special attack, his remarks were an insult to all religions and to all Americans.

"Either out of ignorance or something else, he completely failed to mention that most Church property in Spain was confiscated nearly 100 years ago, and the last of it was confiscated in 1931.

"The conclusion is obvious, that the intention was to inspire hatred and religious persecution.

"Then our non-American referred to the hostility of the Vatican to their support of a democratic resurgence. Just what does he mean by democratic?

"Speaking to an American audience I should suppose he meant what we mean by democratic. If so, he was once again guilty of purposely misleading.

"It isn't necessary to tell an American audience where the Vatican stands on freedom and liberty and the rights and dignity of human beings—which are what we understand by democracy. The history of the Church demonstrates and our free Press has carried many official statements from Pope Pius himself, which leave no doubt on that matter.

ACTIVE DEMOCRACY

"But just as significant as the words of the Vatican are its actions.

"If you want to know how the Vatican acts about democracy, ask the victims of oppression and cruelty whose cause for the last 2,000 years has been defended by the Vatican.

"You might, for example, ask Dr. Joseph Nathan, Commissioner of Italian Israelite communities, who just three weeks ago said: 'We turn in reverent homage to the Supreme Pontiff, to priests and sisters, who in accordance with the directives of the Holy Father saw only their brother in those who were being persecuted. With energy and self-sacrifice they devoted their intelligent and fruitful work to come to our assistance, thereby exposing themselves to many dangers.'

"Then again you might ask refugee Poles and Greeks, Lithuanians and Yugoslavs, Frenchmen and Rumanians, Czechs and Latvians—ask them who was their greatest supporter in suffering and who remains their defender and advocate in their hour of suffering and need. They will answer—the Vatican."

THE ATOMIC BOMB

SOCIAL JUSTICE

We cannot but rejoice that the War is over. But we can only regret the manner in which the end was brought about. The decision to use the atomic bomb is one of the saddest that history had to record. Accustomed as we were to denunciations of Pearl Harbour, of the bombing of London and especially of V. bombs, we would hardly have expected the United Nations, especially England and America, to have had recourse to a weapon, the use of which kills non-combatants as cheerfully as the combatants. For it is this which makes the use of the atomic bomb indefensible viz., that it does not make the slightest distinction between the combatant and the non-combatant. It destroys or seriously injures practically every living thing in an area as big as a town, man or woman, adult or baby in arms. Its deadliness, and its horrible consequences are now seen to be even worse than what we were made to understand in the first days of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

There are some who would justify the use of the atomic bomb on the ground that there is only a quantitative difference between the atomic bomb and the 2,000 lb. bomb which was used so frequently over Germany and Japan in the last stages of the war. The 2,000 pounder also was used to destroy considerable sections of a town, and could make no distinction between a military and a non-military objective. The atomic bomb, it is claimed, performs the same function but only on a very much larger scale. It might be conceded that there

is no great difference in principle between the use of the two kinds of bombs. But we would only conclude that the use of the one was just as indefensible as the other. It is not because the atomic bomb kills such a large number that it is wrong, but because it kills every one indiscriminately, whether he be combatant or not.

It has been said in extenuation of the atomic bomb that in the so called total warfare in which the nations have been engaged there can be no distinction between combatant and non-combatant and that the entire nation is mobilized for war. This is a gross exaggeration, for at least children and old men and women are clearly incapable of taking part in the war. If any weapon is to be permitted in total war, it can only mean that international law in regard to warfare has to be completely abrogated. The consequences of such a position are so horrible that we wonder if any one can be found to accept them.

If all is fair in war, then the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour is abundantly justified. The suddenness of attack is undoubtedly one of the major factors of victory. The spreading of terror and the breaking down of morale would be excellent means of winning a war. Why should not prisoners be tortured and killed, the deadliest poison gases and even germicidal warfare employed, and the methods of treachery universally brought into use?

If the atomic bomb, as it has been used is immoral, then it cannot be justifi-

MARTYRS WIN VICTORY FOR THE CHURCH IN MEXICO

The Holy Father attributed the markedly improved position of the Church in Mexico to the fruits of her martyrs' sacrifices when he broadcast on October to the congress which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the coronation of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It was the Pope's first broadcast to Mexico.

More than 500,000 people gathered around Guadalupe Basilica near Mexico City, for the celebrations, which took place in the presence of more than 50 Bishops, Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, presided as Papal Legate.

So congested was the road that Archbishop Villeneuve was held up in his attempt to reach the Basilica.

The capital was virtually emptied of people. Although it was not an official holiday, traffic stopped and shops closed. The huge crowd stretched for two miles along the road leading to Guadalupe.

"Your brothers and parents, Mexican Catholics," said the Holy Father, "were persecuted for their Faith, to defend which they unhesitatingly faced even death itself, crying: 'Long live Christ the King,' and 'Long live the Virgin of Guadalupe.'"

"To-day, conditions for your religion and Church have notably improved, thus proving that their prayers and fortitude were not in vain.

"Yet it falls upon yourselves, as well as upon every Catholic in the Americas, to continue firm in your posts, conscious of your rights, holding your heads high before the enemies of to-day and of always, who do not love Mary because they do not love Jesus and who would like to ignore Jesus and set Him aside, thus robbing Mary of her loftiest title. Against their rebelliousness let your loyalty stand up."

"May the Little Dark Lady of Tepeyac, the Empress of the Americas and the Queen of Mexico, not have to weep over any desertion, so that to-morrow may feel as proud of her children as she did yesterday.

"Your congress has, by collecting thousands of signatures, acclaimed her as *Sedes Sapientiae*—the Throne of Wisdom. Do not forget, Mexican Catholics, that true wisdom is what she granted us, the wisdom which she imparts to us on behalf of Wisdom Incarnate."

CHARTER OF THE CATHOLIC WRITERS' MOVEMENT (CEYLON)

In response to the encouraging letters, a score of Catholic Writers have sent to the "Ceylon Office" of the Catholic Writers' Movement (New Zealand) who conducted a preliminary investigation. Very Revd. Fr. D. J. Anthony, O.M.I., with authority from His Grace the Archbishop, has agreed to sponsor and direct an English Branch of the Catholic Artists Conference that he has conducted for the past three years.

Definite statutes will be drawn up as the work develops. It is considered sufficient for the present that the aims be understood and pursued individually or by such cells as can conveniently be formed. The main objective at this stage is to establish contact between the various writers of goodwill and foster mutual encouragement and exchange of ideas.

Revd. Fr. Anthony's cell will function as Central Bureau, through which the other cells and individuals may communicate with the general body of Catholic Writers and make their suggestions for the strengthening of the organisation.

The Central Bureau will also endeavour to procure for individuals or cells such technical advice or publishing facilities as may be within its power. Chief among the benefits it has the ambition to offer, will be the advantage

of contact with the provisional Headquarters of the Catholic Writers' Movement in New Zealand to which it affiliates the Movement in Ceylon and thereby enters into the stream of International Catholic endeavour. While counting on the cells to make full use of the opportunities they may meet with in this direction, the Central Bureau considers it its duty to maintain contact with the Sinhalese Branch already in existence and the Tamil one it is hoped our Jaffna cell will soon call into being.

It is suggested that the members mentioned do meet and organise themselves on their own lines, keeping in touch with the Central Bureau. Any member preferring to keep out of the cell may share in the general effort by direct correspondence with the Central Bureau. It will be appreciated if cells would kindly let us know who will act as their Secretary for all official correspondence with the Central Bureau. It is needless to point out that in the initial stages a highly simplified organisation is likely to yield the best results. What all of us want is to get going.

We have only to add that the Junior Platform of C.C.M. which for the past three years has been pursuing the ideal, is now organising itself officially as the Junior Branch of the Movement. We are sure it will win patronage and active help of all members of the C.W.M.

With this circular and His Grace's Blessing the C.W.M. (Ceylon) launches out into the deep. We place its maiden voyage under the protection of St. Francis of Sales, patron of the Movement. Let us wish one another courage and perseverance. Together we shall forge a future for the C.W.M. (Ceylon).

CLAUDE F. V. LAWRENCE,
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NOTICE

CATHOLIC UNION OF CEYLON

The Annual General Meeting advertised for Sunday, the 16th December, will not be held that day.

C. M. G. DE SARAM,
Hony. Secretary.

Church Calendar

DECEMBER 1945

FRI.	...7	S. Ambrose.
SAT.	...8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. (Obligation.)
SUN.	...9	2 A.—S. Leocadia.
MON.	...10	H. House Lor.
TUES.	...11	S. Damasus.
WED.	...12	S. Columban.
THURS.	...13	S. Lucy.
FRI.	...14	S. Spiridon.

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DECEMBER 7TH 1945

THE HON. MR. JUSTICE SOERTSZ AND HIS CRITIC

Mr. Justice Soertsz spoke eloquently and spoke with truth when on the occasion of the Sylvestro-Benedictine Centenary Celebrations at Kandy he paid a fine tribute to the tenacity of purpose of the Catholic missionaries in continuing their self-sacrificing work in the face of determined opposition. After referring to the achievements of the Sylvestran Fathers during the long span of a hundred years the speaker continued:—

"It is only stupid people who imagine that they can thwart or defeat or suppress men of that kind. You may burn their churches and their schools, but you set their souls aflame. You may persecute them, but you only fill them with greater zeal. You may kill them but their ranks are soon filled by people with greater incentive for the kind of work they are embarked upon."

These words form a graphically phrased description of missionary work in general in every field of Church activity. History bears abundant testimony to its veracity. But amusingly enough, our gallant contemporary the *Hindu Organ* has raised a protest in a leading article with the caption "Tribute to Missionary Education." The *H.O.* takes very strong objection to this sentence in the speech. "The world is out of joint and the only hope of salvation for all of us is the kind of work our missionaries are accomplishing." Mr. Soertsz was speaking as a Catholic to a Catholic audience and every convinced Catholic would speak as he did considering to what a pass our much boasted progress has brought the world. But the *Hindu Organ* is angry. It warns Mr. Soertsz not to go about the country giving expression to his ideas. His critic having developed a volatile temperament is all for compromise. It is said of a certain man who walking over a tottering bridge

kept on repeating God is good: devil is not bad either. That is compromise with a vengeance.

We also learn from the *Hindu Organ* that considerable pressure from Buddhists and Hindus has been brought to bear on the Government to refrain from subsidising missionary educational institutions. Will Catholics take note of this and see that their rights are well defined in the new Constitution considering that they are living among Buddhists and Hindus who could bring considerable pressure on Government whenever they want. But instead of bringing pressure to bear on the Government if they brought pressure to bear on Buddhist and Hindu parents not to send their children to missionary educational institutions we should not quarrel. But such is the pathetic plight of the vociferous, self-styled leaders that unable to influence the parents they try to make use of the Government which ought to be neutral as their cat's paw. It is this manoeuvring to which we object. Are they not trying thus to undermine the God-given rights of parents over their children? Again, for whom is our contemporary speaking? It could not forget what happened in the State Council during the recent debate on Education Reform. When an amendment was moved with a view to prevent Buddhist and Hindu children coming to Christian schools that amendment was thrown out by a large non-Christian majority. These are their representatives who are really entitled to speak for the people of the country.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Re-Division of U.C. Wards.

In view of the establishment of a Municipality for Jaffna in 1947 or 1948 the Minister of Local Administration has asked the Government Agent, N.P., and the Chairman, Jaffna U.C., to re-divide the present 12 Wards into 15 Wards. As they have the matter now in hand, we wish to bring to their attention that Catholics, on the basis of population in the urban area, have been badly under-represented and that should not be allowed to continue. In the future Municipal Council of 15 members Catholics on the basis of their numbers would be entitled to 4 seats. But whatever number they may be entitled to, as elections go in this country, unless there is a majority of Catholic voters in a Ward a Catholic will not be returned. Let us hope the the Government Agent and the Chairman will not forget this fact in their deliberations as regards re-distribution of the Wards.

Trial of War Criminals.—

We are reproducing an editorial note from the *Universe* giving the Catholic view on this unsavoury subject. If these trials are juridical they must be based on international law. Now, if this law is to be applied, we fear, those who were responsible for the use of the atomic bomb

—on which there is a well-reasoned article on our front page—and for the other wholesale bombing causing wide devastation and ruin ought to be brought to trial as war criminals. But not only are there war criminals but there are also post-war criminals. Why are the defeated nations kept in suspense without being allowed to resume their normal life? With every week of suspense thousands are being added to the death-roll from starvation? The victorious nations in their struggle for the spoils of victory have apparently forgotten the Christian principle of charity, forbearance and forgiveness and appear to be acting on the pagan principle of *Voe Victis!* What hope is there for an early and just peace?

The *Universe* writes:

"The whole business of dealing with 'war criminals' is thoroughly disquieting. The sound idea behind the whole process was that we could show an advance in general moral standards. The application of retributive justice to those guilty of infractions of the laws of civilised war was intended as the answer to the cynical plea that 'all's fair in war.' What has happened? We have had an orgy of revenge and the perpetuation of the very spirit which ought to have ended with the war. Moreover, by establishing it as a principle that the victors shall be entitled to execute the vanquished we have firmly established the monstrous doctrine of 'total war.' Nothing has ever more completely defeated its own object than the 'trials of war criminals.'"

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Mr. M. Ruthnaswamy, M.A. (Cantab.), Bar-at-Law, C.I.E., K.C.S.G., Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University, President, Catholic Union of India, Constitutional Adviser to the Government of Mysore, who will be in the Island for a fortnight starting from (Dec 11th) is India's most prominent Catholic Layman and one of the greatest of living Indian intellectuals.

The record of his life is an inspiring one. He was born sixty years ago (in Secunderabad), the eldest son of Rai Bahadur M. I. Ruthnaswamy, personal assistant to the Agent, Nizam's State Railway. He was educated in St. Joseph's College, Cuddalore, St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly and Nizam's College, Hyderabad. He spent seven years in England, three at Oxford and four years at Downing College, Cambridge where he took his Degree of Master of Arts. He also qualified for the Bar at Grey's Inn. He started his career in India as Professor of History and English in Baroda College, and was later Professor of History and Principal of Pachaiyappa's College, Madras. In 1928 he was appointed Principal of Law College, Madras. For some time he was member of the Madras Legislative Assembly and later became the President of the same Assembly. In 1931 he became the member of the Madras Public Services Commission in which capacity he worked for 10 years. From 1942 he is the Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University which is the only residential University in South India. It is meant to be a centre for Oriental learning but also confers degrees in Arts, Science and Engineering and Technology.

Mr. Ruthnaswamy's numerous works are an indication of his competency in the field of law, politics and education. The following are his works:—The Political Philosophy of Gandhi—1923, the Political Theory of the Government of India—1929, the Revision of the Constitution—1929, the Relations between the States and the Government of India—1930, the Making of the State—1933, Some Influences of British Administrative System in India—1938.

It is reported that General Publishers, Colombo are making arrangements to

bring out three more of his works. He is a frequent contributor to the *Orient*, the *New Review*, the *New Leader* and other educational and religious reviews.

He is an exemplary Catholic and is the chief lay apologist of the Church in India. As President of the Catholic Union of India and Chairman of the Joint Committee of the All-India Christian Council and Catholic Union of India, he travels frequently to address meetings. His age is never an impediment when the Catholic cause is to be served. For some years he even published a Catholic Newspaper which the great Irish writer Fr. Gavan Duffy, thought superior to every other English Catholic newspaper.

Pius XI in 1939 made him a Knight of St. Gregory.

Mr. Ruthnaswamy is a quiet philosopher and thinker, a sober and meditative writer, a calm and self-possessed speaker.

We welcome him and his family to the Island and wish them a pleasant holiday.

(Postal Address in Ceylon P.O. Box 305, Colombo).

The Jaffna Diocesan Union

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING OCTOBER, 1945

The Executive Committee of the Jaffna Diocesan Union has pleasure to place on record its work at its 18th Annual General Meeting. The year under review has been marked by phenomenal changes in the administration of the country and the Committee whenever occasion demanded had taken effective steps to safeguard the interests of the Church.

MEETINGS:—Eight committee meetings were held. Deputations and resolutions were sent by the committee, to the Governor and to the Minister of Education, whenever the Minister introduced measures that crippled the denominational system of Education.

REFORMS:—The Union was represented by Chevalier S. Arulantham (Vice-President) in the deputation of the Catholic Union of Ceylon before the Soulbury Commission. The Committee expresses its genuine "Thank-You" to the Chevalier.

PROVIDENT SOCIETY:—The membership totals 1,152. The Society has to its credit Rs. 114,705-10. In these troubled times the Society has not been venturing on any new scheme to increase the income. This policy has met with the approval of the members and we are convinced that the management of the Society is in safe hands.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE:—The praise will aptly compensate the work done by this committee. Its activity has had a vitalising effect, due to the untiring efforts of the new Secretary. The lectures, The Book Crusade and the Book Stalls, are some of the channels by which the committee has endeavoured to spread Catholic Literature. The success of the Committee in the sale of Catholic Books is a clear indication of their popularity. The Central Book Depot which has been recently established on a small scale, we hope, will be a boon to the members of the Union. When conditions are favourable, the Committee expects to publish books written by the members, and put them for sale for the benefit of the Reading Public.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT:—A semi-enclosed retreat, will be held this year in December, from 27th—29th for men, in St. Martyn's Seminary. Sermons and Conferences will be given in English. Several residents of the town have expressed their willingness to avail themselves of this golden opportunity. With proper co-operation, we hope to make this an Annual Event.

COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC UNION OF CEYLON:—The following members were elected to represent the Jaffna Diocesan Union in the Central Council of the Catholic Union:—Messrs. A. Gardiner, C. F. X. Martyn, J. A. P. Cherubim, Dr. St. John Pavitajasinghe and Mudaliyar A. B. Rajendra.

PERSONAL:—We congratulate Muthandram F. J. R. Vikramasinghe, a

member of the Committee—on his well merited Rank and wish him many years of useful life in the service of his fellow-men.

We record with deep regret the untimely death of Very Revd. Fr. M. J. Le Goc, O.M.I., the Vicar-General and President of the Literature Committee of Colombo. A scholar and educationist of international reputation, he lived the life of a simple cure. May God give him eternal peace.

GENERAL:—The progress of the Union depends on the continued effort of the members. This effort has been made in full measure by the members to counteract the designs of individuals to smother Denominational Education, and to arrest Communistic slogan from influencing the minds of the youth, by the diffusion of Catholic Literature and the upholding of Catholic Ideals.

M. JACOB,
Secretary, J.D.U.
Jaffna, 10th Nov. 1945.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the J.D.U. was held at the Catholic Club on Sunday 18th Nov. at 10 a.m. In the inevitable absence of Mr. V. Joseph, the President, Chev. S. Arulanantham, the Vice-President, occupied the chair.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the reports of the Executive Committee, Provident Society and Literature Committee were read in turn and approved.

The election of office-bearers for 1945-46 resulted as follows:—

- President: Mr. V. Joseph.
 - Vice-Presidents: Chev. P. Moses, J.P., Chev. S. Arulanantham, Messrs. S. James and G. S. Puvirajasinghe.
 - Hony. Secy.: Mr. M. Jacob.
 - Hony. Treasurer: Mr. J.C. Segarajasinghe.
- An Executive Committee consisting of 35 members was also elected.

The chairman then briefly addressed the meeting and concluded his remarks by warmly thanking the different Secretaries for the good work done during the year. The work done by the Secretary of the Lit. Committee he said, is indeed an example and an inspiration to all the members of the Union.

The meeting terminated with the usual prayers.

OBITUARY

Revd. Fr. A. Leborgne, O.M.I., requests the kind prayers of his brother priests and nuns for the repose of the soul of his dear mother who died in Brittany on 29-10-45.

LOCAL & GENERAL

Confraternity of the Sacred Heart.

The monthly meeting of the members of the Confraternity of the Sacred Heart, S.P.C. Branch, Senior Division was held on Sunday the 2nd inst. at 5-30 p.m. at the College Hall. The Revd. Fr. J. C. Selvaratnam, O.M.I. addressed the meeting on "Your Mass Your Life." Chev. S. Arulanantham moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer seconded by Mr. J. C. Lucian Philips. Very Revd. Fr. B. A. John, O.M.I., who presided complimented Fr. Selvaratnam on his clever and vivid exposition of the subject and exhorted the members to live the Mass as explained by the lecturer.

The Ramanathan Memorial Lecture.

This lecture for 1945 will be delivered by Dr. W. Ivor Jennings, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ceylon at Parameshvara College on Saturday 8th December at 6-30 p.m. The lecture is open to the public.

A Conference of Vice-Chancellors

of the Universities of India, Burma and Ceylon will be held this month at the Ceylon University and will be attended by 23 Vice-Chancellors.

New Director of P.W.D.

—Mr. S. Mahadeva, First Assistant Director of Public Works, has been appointed Director to succeed Mr. C. H. Bradley who retires on the 15th inst.

Census.

—H.E. the Governor, Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore, has addressed an appeal to "men and women of edu-

cation and intelligence, and in particular to public servants," to render all assistance to make the Census of Feb. next a success. He states that while the work they can do as Census Officers will involve some sacrifice of leisure "it is not intended that the sacrifice should go wholly unrequited."

A Public Meeting

was held in the Town Hall, Jaffna to protest against the converting of the military hospital at Kankasanturai into a T. B. Sanatorium and to request the Minister of Health to turn it into a Civil Hospital.

Tidal Wave Havoc in India.

—Over forty thousand people have been rendered homeless, four thousand villagers died and several villages were washed away along the one hundred mile coast from Karachi to Keti Bunder.

Sir Alexander Fleming in Audience.

—His Holiness Pope Pius XII has received in private audience Sir Alexander Fleming, British scientist who discovered penicillin. Sir Alexander presented the Holy Father with a plate for cultivating mold to be used in researches and received in return this year's Pontifical Medal, which depicts the Good Samaritan in remembrance of the Pope's charities for war sufferers.

Newman—the Pastor.

—As a scholar, a theologian and an ecclesiastic, Cardinal Newman has been remembered during the celebrations on the centenary of his conversion. But the Wolverhampton "Star and Express" gives another glimpse of him—working as a priest during a cholera epidemic.

While he was at the Birmingham Oratory in 1869 the village of Bilston had one of its recurrent cholera outbreaks. "While the epidemic lasted," says the paper, "and while people were dying daily in numbers, Newman and another father were among the few ministering to the sick."

Every day they went to Bilston from Birmingham, sometimes on horse-back, sometimes by pony trap. They usually returned late at night.

A letter written to Newman by his Bishop, and printed in the "Apologia," remarks that he preferred to remain in the place of danger at Bilston until the worst was over."

Christian Party in Norway.

—The newly formed Christian People's Party in Norway gained eight seats in the general election.

Speaking for the Party over Oslo radio, Mr. Bjarne Hoeye said: "The religious aspect was decisive at the election. A great part of the nation experienced a political awakening during the occupation and firmly believe that politics must be imbued with the Christian spirit."

Christian Co-operation.

—The future Christian co-operation is being discussed directly between the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop Griffin. The Archbishop of Canterbury said last July that this was an issue to which he attached the greatest importance.

While membership of the Sword of the Spirit remains steady in Britain, there have been some notable increases abroad. In India the number of groups has risen from 49 last December to 100. British Guiana now has 658 members.

WANTED

English Teachers for Tamil Schools in the Jaffna Diocese. Salary according to scales prescribed in the Code of Regulations for Assisted English Schools. Apply early to:

THE GENERAL MANAGER,
7-12-45. R. C. Schools, Jaffna.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Trincomalee

Sunday, November 25th, was the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the coming of the Jesuit Fathers to the newly erected diocese of Trincomalee. For a number of years, the Oblate Fathers had worked very successfully in the area prior to the coming of the Jesuits, and had seen it through the rougher period of its existence as a Vicariate.

In 1895, the first three Jesuit pioneers from the Chappagne Province of France arrived. They were Frs. Heimburger, Evrard and Moreau. Many other Missionaries followed them in the succeeding years.

The first Bishop of the new diocese was Mgr. Lavigne, S.J. He arrived in 1899, ruled the diocese fourteen years, and died in 1913. The present Bishop, Mgr. Robichez, S.J., arrived on the Island in 1904. He served for a number of years in the parish in Trincomalee, became the Superior of the Mission, and vacated that post to become Bishop in 1917.

Every night of the week preceding November 25th a Tamil sermon was preached by Revd. Fr. O.P.S. Sambanam during the Vespers at the Cathedral. The Cathedral was decorated for the week, and some forms of pre-war celebrations made their re-appearance.

On Sunday, Solemn High Mass was sung in the Cathedral; during the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening, the "Te Deum" was sung. After Benediction there was a Garden Party over which Captain A.C. Kanagasingham presided. In a short address, he recalled the memory of many of the Fathers who had lived and laboured in the Mission, and drew attention to the necessity of co-operating with the Fathers now carrying on the work. Revd. Fr. Fengler, S.J., made a short speech of thanks in the name of the Fathers of the Mission. He too pointed out the need of active co-operation between the laity and clergy, and expressed satisfaction with the attitude of those sending their children to St. Joseph's College. He said that not one pupil attending the College had availed himself of the advantages of the Free Education Plan now operating in Trincomalee. Revd. Fr. Santhanam was the last speaker and he thanked all who had contributed in any way to the organization and success of the whole celebration of the Jubilee.

Crescat et floreat nostra Diocesis!
WELL WISHER.

MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE

On 29th ulto., St. Mary's Cathedral put on its best festival-day decorations. Up-country flowers added to the grandeur. It was a marriage day and the church was fully lit up. The contracting parties were Mr. X.M. Selvathambo, D.R.O. of Mantai, Mannar Dt., and Miss Mary Josephine Thangamalar, daughter of the late Mr. M. T. Joseph, Health Officer, Jaffna and niece of Mr. M. James Rasiyah of "Dr. Tambimuttu Vasa", David Road. Sharp to time 7 a.m. the bridegroom arrived. In a few minutes the bride entered the Church, and she was given away by her uncle Mr. Rasiyah.

The marriage was solemnised by the Administrator of the Diocese Very Rev. Fr. J. Emilianus Pillai, O.M.I., and the nuptial Mass was celebrated by Very Revd. Fr. G. A. Gurusamy, O.M.I., District Superior. The Director of St. Joseph's Training School, Colombogam, preached an instructive and eloquent homily. The service was fully choral under the direction of Revd. Fr. Forzy, O.M.I.

Mr. E. Gooneratne, A.G.A. Jaffna and Chev. S. Arulanantham attested the Marriage Register.

As the bride and bridegroom stepped out of the church they were garlanded profusely. A large and well attended reception was held at the brides' residence "Dr. Tambimuttu Vasa" by the bride's mother and uncle at which Mr. C. Coomaraswamy, G.A., N.P., proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom, emphasizing his success as an officer not only in the province but also in the South. For the cause he assumed the role of a physiognomist and said he could not be mistaken in being sure that the bride is possessed of qualities which would certainly contribute to official, social and other welfare of the bridegroom. The bridegroom replied suitably thanking the G.A. for all the good things said of both himself and his wife. Then stood the veteran and the widely respected Adigar A. Naganathar. His was a speech diving into ancient and modern history so to say. Ariya Sacravathy brought in warriors from the N. Western areas of India. They settled in the peninsula and became known as the Sachatmas of whom the bride is a lineal descendent.

He concluded by wishing with all his heart all prosperity to the new couple. The bridegroom and after him the uncle of the bride most cordially thanked him and wished "ad multos annos."

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E. GOONERATNE,
for Deputy Food Controller, Jaffna.
The Kachcheri,
Jaffna, 28th Nov., 1945.

THE JAFFNA URBAN COUNCIL
ADVERTISEMENT FOR TENDERS

Schedule of rates are hereby invited from registered Contractors for all works in connection with the construction of Maternity Home at Reclamation Grounds.

2. The whole of the works to be undertaken on agreements to be entered into by the Chairman, U.C., Jaffna, and the Contractor, on the basis of accepted tendered schedule of rates.

3. The drawings, specification, bill of quantities and form of agreements can be seen, and all other information obtained from the Office of the Inspector of Works, U.C., Jaffna, any week during the hours of 9 a.m. and 4-30 p.m. (Saturdays 9 a.m. and 1-30 p.m.)

4. Schedule of rates must be submitted in duplicate on forms obtained from the Inspector of Works, U.C., Jaffna, duly signed and dated and forwarded in securely sealed envelopes addressed to the Chairman, U.C., Jaffna, endorsed on the outside "Schedule of rates" for Constructing Maternity Home at Reclamation Grounds so as to reach this office on or before 12 noon Thursday the 20th December 1945. Schedule forms will be issued on a deposit of Rs. 50 and such deposit will be refunded on the successful tenderer entering into agreement.

5. Any alterations made in the quotations should bear the initials of the Tenderer, and all quotations containing alterations not so initialled will be treated as informal and rejected.

6. Any extra item of work done under this contract to be paid for at tendered rates or at rates approved by the Chairman.

7. The Council reserves to itself the right to supply the contractor with any materials, including any imported articles which may be necessary for the execution of the work included in any agreement and cost of it to be deducted from the Contractor's dues.

8. No contract shall be entered into with any person whose name is on the list of Crown or Council defaulting contractors, either individually or jointly with any other person, nor shall the contractor employ any person whose name is on the list of Crown or Council defaulting contractors or any other person to whom the Chairman, U.C. Jaffna, for reasons which appear to him sufficient objects, after giving due notice of his objection in writing.

9. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any of the schedule of rates submitted, nor to give all the work included in the whole scheme or in any one item to any one contractor.

10. The successful tenderer will be required to pay one-tenth of the amount of tender as cash security at the discretion of the Chairman.

C. PONNAMBALAM,
Chairman, U. C.
Office of the Urban Council,
Jaffna 4-12-1945.

Charter of the Catholic Writers' Movement (Ceylon)

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With my hearty blessing,

✠ J. M. Masson, O.M.I.,
23, Nov. 1945.

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Galle, 27-11-45. Chilaw, 23-11-45.

J. Emilianus Pillai, O.M.I.,
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Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

In the matter of the estate and effects of the late Antiniapillai wife of Xavier Bastiampillai of Karampan.

Deceased.

Testamentary Jurisdiction } No. 502

Annammah widow of T. Saverimattu of Karamban.

Petitioner.

Vs.

Xavier Bastiampillai now of Puttalam.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr., District Judge, Jaffna on the 1st December 1945 in the presence of Mr. James, Proctor for petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner having been read :

It is ordered that the petitioner be declared entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the said intestate as sole heir unless the respondent or any other person shall appear before this court on the 15th of December 1945 and state objection or show cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 1st day of December 1945.

Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI,
District Judge.

NOTICE

CEYLON SAVINGS BANK

Commencing on and from Saturday 1st December 1945, the Ceylon Savings Bank will observe the following hours of Business :-

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LESLIE V. COORAY,
Secretary, C. S. Bank.

26th November, 1945.

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Sgd. E. GOONERATNE,
A.G.A. (E), Jaffna.

28th December, 1945.

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2. Failure to comply with this notice will result in delay in the issue of permits to transport paddy for consumption.

E. GOONERATNE,
for Deputy Food Controller, Jaffna.
The Kachechi,
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