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To Establish Relations With the Holy See

ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP'S DESIRE

The *Church Times*, London, recently published two letters written by the late Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, to Archbishop Godfrey, Apostolic Delegate in London with the desire to establish relations with the Holy See on the basis of the Pope's Peace Points and to bring about a conference in Rome of duly authorised Catholic and Anglican theologians.

In a letter from Canterbury on Good Friday, 1944, Dr. Temple, after expressing deep sympathy with the Holy Father in the position which he and Rome were placed by the war, wrote:

"May God in his great mercy grant an early restoration of peace on a foundation of justice, and may the whole fellowship of Christ's disciples be so guided by the Holy Spirit that we may together declare the Christian principles for the ordering of human life and recall our suffering world to that obedience to God's will in which alone can be found deliverance from the evils which afflict mankind."

In his first letter Dr. Temple had asked Archbishop Godfrey to inform the Holy Father of his profound sympathy in the "grievous restrictions upon his freedom of action and utterance by those who pose as his protectors."

The two letters are quoted in a letter to the *Church Times* by Canon John A. Douglas, to whom Dr. Temple gave them for transmission to the Apostolic Delegate.

The *Church Times* states that Dr. Temple desired "to enter into friendly

relations with the Vatican on the basis of the Pope's Peace Points."

The original five Points were adopted as common ground by Cardinal Hinsley, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Moderator of the Free Church Council in a letter to *The Times* in December, 1940.

In a summary of the facts covered by Canon Douglas's letter, the *Church Times* says:

"At the close of his life, the Archbishop vehemently desired that a group of Anglican theologians should meet a group of Roman Catholic theologians in Rome to prepare an outline statement concerning the Natural Law, as providing an indispensable basis for the life of the Nations.

"In this matter, it should be remembered, he had plainly no intention whatever of discussing dogmatic differences except on the basis of the central Anglican historical tradition.

"He would not and could not consider a definition of that tradition to which all types of thought in the Church of England would not assent.

"The second letter quoted by Canon Douglas was to be a preliminary approach.

"Further action was planned. This, together with the publication of the Archbishop's two letters, with the expressed approval of the Roman authorities, was brought to an abrupt end by the sudden death of Dr. Temple."

Canon Douglas makes no mention of any replies from the Vatican.

Christian Underground In Russia

OVER 69 MILLIONS WORK IN SECRECY

The Christian underground in Russia now claims a membership of some two million youths and more than 67 million adults.

These startling facts are revealed in an article on "God's Underground in Russia", in a recent edition of *Collier's* magazine, as related by Fr. George, a Catholic Croat priest, who entered Russia as a Yugoslav Partisan officer to contact the religious underground.

The article is written by Greta Palmer, a recent convert to Catholicism. Fr. George's real name, of course cannot be revealed.

The priests, after helping Archbishop Stepinac, the imprisoned Zagreb prelate to aid fleeing Jews from the Nazis, himself sought refuge with the partisans in the forests.

It was then that he met Red soldiers who were giving assistance to the Partisans. His identity as a priest was a closely guarded secret and only known to a few.

"During my service in the forest," he said, "I learned that a widespread belief in God has survived bitter persecution and that at least a third of the young Red soldiers have a strong, although secret, faith in the Christian Church.

This religious feeling is not restricted to the peasants. The Communist "elite", the graduates of Moscow's universities, have begun to doubt the truth of the Marxian philosophy."

"300,000,000 SLAVES"

A Russian general made it possible for the priest to enter the U.S.S.R. when he offered his proposition:

"Ours is a country of 300,000,000 slaves longing to be freed from the bloodiest and most cynical despotism of history," he said.

"The proof that we Russians are not all Communists lies in the continued existence of a Christian underground inside my country.

artillery, mortar and rifle range. It also commands the road from Jericho, important Arab stronghold.

(5) BETHLEHEM. Christ's birthplace lies beside and above the one macadam road from the South—from Hebron and Moslem Egypt—into Jerusalem. In Bethlehem is the Church of the Nativity, occupied by both Catholics and Orthodox, the oldest Church in Christendom.

(6) NAZARETH. The fate of the home town of the Holy Family rests upon that of two other cities, both Jewish strongholds, Haifa and Tiberias. Nazareth sits on a high spot on good roads between these two, but is itself an Arab city. Whether the Jews will allow the Arabs to continue to dominate this point on an important line of access remains to be seen. Just to the South runs the Haifa-Iraq oil pipeline of the British. Our Lady's Well and the Church of the Annunciation are important shrines here; several places within the city have been claimed as the site of Joseph and Mary's house.

(7) TIBERIAS. Here on the Sea of Galilee, in the area which Father

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"It is one of the most important facts in the world to-day, yet no one in the West knows of it.

"If I arrange a pass for you to visit Russia, will you go? Will you get in touch with the members of God's underground?"

"Will you come out and tell the sceptics of the West that our suffering men and women are still true to the faith?"

Fr. George readily agreed, but again his friend warned him to be careful and to protect his incognito status.

"So long as the Communists are in control, no priest may safely admit that he is a priest in Russia," he stressed.

"TREAT EVERYONE AS A SPY"

"Treat every man who calls himself a priest and does not flee from Communist detection as a quisling and as a spy," the priest was told.

"The churches in Russia are open to-day. Yes. But they will be closed again to-morrow if the Communist clique remains in power.

"Above all, avoid the followers of Acting Patriarch Sergei, the man who has called Stalin 'our leader under God'. He betrayed his Church to the Communists once before in the 20s. This 'toleration' is a hoax.

Fr. George visited Moscow, Kiev and other cities where he saw evidence of the great Christian underground and the hunger of the people of Russia for Christianity.

"Before I left Moscow I had baptised seven members of the dreaded NKVD," the priest remarked.

In the cellar storeroom of a large apartment house, Fr. George met one of the "travelling priests" of Russia who care for the spiritual needs of about half of the underground, and was told that their number probably exceeds the 5,665 registered priests.

The travelling priest is a graduate of the Moscow cellar seminary, which has since been destroyed.

"The secret priests," Fr. George declared, "continue to work in God's underground, hidden from the eyes of MVD by a score of different disguises, baptising and marrying, hearing Confessions and giving Holy Communion.

MINSTRELS TOO

Minstrels, too, are helping to keep alive the faith, Fr. George said. As they travel from one town to another they slip in hymns between folk songs.

"My best sources," Fr. George related, "estimated that youth groups (sometimes called 'Christosmol') have as many members as the official Communist youth groups, the 'Comsomol'.

"This would mean that some 2,000,000 children are secretly instructing one another in Christianity.

"The estimates of adult believers, which vary from one-third to two-fifths of the population, would involve between 67 and 80 millions."

In the cold war that is keeping the world tense, we who are outside Russia must never confuse the Russian people with the tiny minority who are Communists," Fr. George stressed.

"I have discovered there are millions who have kept the faith alive and millions who are eager to learn of it."

Our Precious Shrines in Palestine

The Jewish-Arab conflict endangers most of our precious shrines and Holy places, in Palestine. Christ's birthplace, the site of the Sermon on the Mount, the place of the last Supper and the Pentecostal appearance, the route along which the Saviour bore His Cross, the hill of Calvary on which He died, the site of the Ascension will be particularly vulnerable to the bombs, shells and rifle fire of Jews and Arabs in the renewed flare up. Below we list the following holy places which stand in jeopardy if major military action ensues. Some have already suffered in the present warfare.

(1) MT. CALVARY, on which stands the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This edifice, shared by Catholics and Greek and Armenian Orthodox Christians, also encompasses the tomb of Christ, scene of the Resurrection. It lies only about two city blocks inside the Walled City of Jerusalem, and just across the wall from the Jaffa Road commercial and communications centre, which must be held by whoever seeks to dominate the city. At present the Jews control this centre. The hill of Calvary has been devastated before, notably by the Romans in 70 A.D. and 135 A.D., and by the Persians early in the seventh century.

(2) THE VIA DOLOROSA, the original Way of the Cross. The route from Gethsemane to Calvary lies within

the Walled City and is dotted with wayside chapels to mark the various stages of Christ's last journey. It will be particularly subject to destruction if street fighting becomes general in the Walled City. The first Station, at the Church of the Flagellation, is maintained by the Franciscans, as are two others. The last five stations are inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

(3) MOUNT SION, scene of the Last Supper, the institution of the Holy Eucharist, and the Pentecostal coming of the Holy Ghost. Situated just outside the walls of Old Jerusalem, the mount has already been visited by shot and shell. The Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin is here, close to the location of the Upper Room (now controlled by Moslems). On the Mount too, is the place where once stood the House of Caiphas, scene of Christ's trial by the Jewish hierarchy. The eminence is militarily important because it commands the southern approach to Jerusalem.

(3) MOUNT OLIVET and the Garden of Gethsemane. This area, so closely associated with Christ's Passion and with His Ascension into Heaven, is dotted with shrines, such as the Carmelite Church of the Pater Noster and the Church of the Ascension. The mount, together with neighbouring Mount Scopus, overlooks the Walled City from the East and holds it in easy

Church Calendar

AUGUST 1948

THURS....19	S. John Eudes.
FRI.....20	S. Bernard.
SAT.....21	S. Jane Chan.
SUN.....22	14 P.—Im. Heart of Mary.
MON.....23	6. Philip B.
TUES.....24	S. Bartholom.
WED.....25	S. Louis.
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OUR LADY, 1948

Liturgically we are in a lull. The Feast of the Assumption completed the year's cycle of feasts in Our Lady's honour. The cycle begins again on September 8th, the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity. The season is therefore an appropriate one to take stock of ourselves *vis-a-vis* Our Lady in this year of grace 1948.

The centenary celebrations are now history, impressive history in that they were marked with such a tangible demonstration of what a place Mary occupies in our spiritual life. They were none the less impressive for synchronizing with amazing manifestations of the same devotion, first in Europe and now in America.

Everything points to our facing a decisive crisis in history. Mary's intervention always points to that, even if we did not already have evidence enough of the gruesome struggle impending. Of Mary's intervention easily the most striking in our time is Fatima.

Fatima means many things. It means a call to renewed devotion to Our Lady, particularly to Our Lady of the Rosary who has always been invoked successfully in times of acute crisis. One remembers the Albigenses and Lepanto. It means a call to penance which in these modern days is such an effective protest against the encroaching philosophy that would assure us that on bread alone man lives.

But Fatima means more. It is a re-assertion of the truth embodied in her title of co-Redemptrix. This title means that not merely did she suffer on account of her Son's sufferings but that she suffered with Him for us and for our sins. It is in line with the mysterious statement of St. Paul 'I help to pay off the debt which the afflictions of Christ leave still to be paid.' It is founded on the doctrine of Christ's mystical body and on the fundamentally human demand that we should not be satisfied with being mere spectators of Christ's sufferings for us but that we should contribute something. It is the philosophy implicit in the Rosarian foundation which is the most perfect living commentary in our midst on Fatima and its message.

Is Fatima's message exhausted here? Hardly. We are up against reality, the reality of the Gospels which is a challenge above all to spiritual smugness especially of the type that would decry any responsibility for our brother's plight. To-day that plight according to Our Lady is almost desperate. She calls us to be co-Redemptors. And it is

never wise to be heedless of her call.

The great divide. That is today. He that is not with her and her Son wholeheartedly and without reserve is on the other side. There can be, in the nature of things, no neutrality. The time of folded hands is over much more decisively than we should be inclined to imagine. More decisively than is good for our comfort.

The Devotion of St. Bernard and St. John Eudes to the Blessed Virgin

The Feasts of two great lovers of Our Lady are commemorated this month by the Church. In the annals of the Church, no more remarkable instance of the power of an individual over the men of his age is there than in St. Bernard. A solitary religious, without office, rank, worldly control, or even the ecclesiastical dignities, he acquired and wielded a power over the people. Although he was confined within his monastery, his was the ruling will of his time. He stands forth as a preacher, reformer, mystical writer and statesman. All this power of dealing with affairs and with men came by spiritual culture, through the grace of the Holy Ghost.

Among all writers of the first thousand years of the Church, none is more full of fervent, tender, and ardent love and veneration for the Mother of God. It was erroneously thought that he was opposed to the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which had then not been defined as a dogma of the Church. In the Epistle to the canons of the Church in Lyons, St. Bernard maintains;—(1) That the Blessed Virgin Mary was throughout her whole life without sin. (2) That she was without original sin, and (3) That she was born without original sin.

The doctrine he rejected was the supposition that the Immaculate Conception was a peculiarity arising from the order of nature including her parents, and even her ancestors, within its range: It was his own doctrine, perfect in identity, only expressed with more accuracy, that was later defined as a dogma.

St. John Eudes, was like St. Bernard a great Missionary Founder and reformer, and within a life of seventy-nine years, he wrote a number of valuable books. For many years his works were practically unknown. Only in 1905 about twenty volumes were found and edited by the famous Fr. Charles Lebrun. The publication of his work revealed the extent and depth of their spiritual doctrine. One of the main ambitions of St. John Eudes was the sanctification of the clergy.

His meditations on Our Lady contain an excellent summary of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He founded the congregation of Jesus and Mary for Priests, who are called Eudists and also the Sisters of Charity of Refuge, and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. He composed the Masses of the Sacred Heart

of Jesus and the Pure Heart of Mary. Although he began the devotion, it was St. Margaret Mary who spread the devotion throughout the world.

As Our Lady has now in Fatima wished for a revival of the devotion to her Immaculate Heart, let us confidently ask the intercession of St. Bernard and of St. John Eudes, and they will surely obtain for us special grace to understand the true nature of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

C.W.M.—SERIES.

St. Joseph's College, Anuradhapura, Celebrates Her Golden Jubilee

St. Joseph's College, Anuradhapura, the premier educational institution of the N.C.P. has completed half a century of her existence.

This great event was celebrated in a fitting manner by the Staff, Students and Old Boys of the College, from the 4th to the 7th instant.

On the 4th evening an interesting Volley Ball match was played between the past and present students of the College which ended in an easy victory for the former.

On the evening of Thursday the 5th an amusing Fancy Dress Football match was played between the past and present students.

Friday the 6th was Present Boys' Day. In the morning Rev. Father B. Deogupillai, D.D., the Principal, sang a High Mass of thanksgiving and preached a short sermon appropriate to the occasion. The Catholic teachers and students of the College attended the service and approached the Holy Table.

At 9-30 a.m. a Volley Ball match was played between the Staff and the Students and was won by the latter.

At 5 p.m. a garden party was held on the College grounds. The place had been tastefully decorated by the students.

The day's proceedings ended with "Te Deum" and Eucharistic Benediction at 7 p.m. and a staff dinner at 8 p.m.

Saturday the 7th was observed as Old Boys' Day.

At 8-30 a.m. the Very Rev. Father J. Emilianus Pillai, O.M.I., Vicar-General and General Manager of Schools, Jaffna, declared the newly established Science Laboratory open. A Science Laboratory had been a long felt need in Anuradhapura. The Golden Jubilee of the College has been the occasion to supply this need.

The rest of the morning was taken up by an interesting Cricket match between the past and present students of the College.

At 5 p.m. a group photo of the Old Boys was taken.

At 8 p.m. the Old Boys of the town assembled in the College Hall for a commemorative dinner. After toasts had been proposed to His Majesty the King, to Sri Lanka, to the Prime Minister of Ceylon and to His Lordship the Bishop of Jaffna, the toast of the College and the Old Boys was proposed by Mr. S. Nataraja, Proctor, who was the chief guest.

Replying to toast of the College the Rev. Fr. Principal having thanked Mr. Nataraja for the sentiments and good wishes expressed outlined briefly the history of the College from the beginning and her success in the different fields of activity. He recalled the memory of His Lordship Bishop Joulain and of the Very Rev. Fr. P.M. Francis, O.M.I., the founders of the College and the excellent work done by the past principals and head masters of the College. He then pointed out that three of the old boys were members of Parliament while a fourth one was Chairman of the Urban Council, Anuradhapura. Continuing he remarked that the successes achieved by the College were due to a large extent to the good will, generosity and co-operation of the old

boys and of the general public. He thanked them all most heartily and expressed the hope that the same good will, generosity and co-operation will continue to be shown in the future, too. Finally he appealed to the old boys to rally round their Alma Mater and to second her efforts in equipping the newly opened Science Laboratory.

Replying to the toast of the old boys Mr. M. Sivaramalingam, Secretary of the O.B.A. thanked the proposer for the good wishes expressed. He then paid a tribute of gratitude to the Bishop of Jaffna for having maintained the College in existence in spite of great financial straits.

The Very Rev. Fr. J. Emilianus Pillai, O.M.I., speaking on behalf of His Lordship the Bishop of Jaffna thanked the Secretary O.B.A. for the tribute paid to His Lordship and communicated to those present His Lordship's deep regret at his inability to be present at the Jubilee Celebrations of the College. Referring then to the College he remarked that St. Joseph's serves two very important purposes. First, it is sort of dissolvent against all irritants of caste, creed and race; it is a factor of unity and harmony. Second, it stands for the moral and religious values and virtues which run counter to disorder and revolution advocated by Marxism. That is why St. Joseph's must continue, he said; that is why too the Bishops of Jaffna have wished to maintain St. Joseph's College in spite of many difficulties, financial and otherwise.

Messages of congratulations were received from the Hon. Minister for Education, His Lordship the Bishop of Jaffna and the following Gen. Managers, past Principals, Head Masters and prominent Old Boys of the College: Very Rev. Fr. F. M. Bizien, O.M.I., Rev. Fr. J. B. Gregory, O.M.I., Rev. Frs. S. G. Hilary, O.M.I., B. Abraham, Charles Navaretnam, L. J. Augustine, O.M.I., V. R. Tarcisius, O.M.I., G. T. Balasunderam, O.M.I., Mr. Charles Herat, P. B. Bulankulame Dissawa, M.P., Mr. Manuel Miranda and from many other well wishers and friends of the College. Rev. Fr. J. Nicholas, O.M.I., one of the past Principals who had done much for the College was present at the celebrations.

With three cheers to the College and to the Old Boys the dinner came to a happy end.

St. Joseph's College occupies today the foremost place among the educational institutions of the N.C.P. The credit for this goes to their Lordships the Bishops of Jaffna and to the past Principals and Head Masters of the College who spared no efforts to maintain and improve the efficiency of the institution. Let us conclude with the wish expressed by His Lordship the Bishop of Jaffna: "May it continue to prosper and to fulfil its destiny for another fifty years and more."

St. Mary's Cathedral, Jaffna

The celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother, the Annual Feast Par Excellence of the Jaffna Cathedral came off on Sunday the 15th inst. with due splendour and devotion. The novenas preparatory to the feast commenced on the 1st August with Benediction in the evenings. From the 4th onwards every evening there were Vespers presided over by one priest, and Benediction with the same decoration and illuminations throughout curtailing all expenses and the money thus saved was given over by the celebrants towards the new Cathedral building fund.

The Parish Priest has undertaken the completion of the Nave and the work is pushed on under the direction of Rev. Fr. H. LeCoutour. Seven out of the ten large wooden fifty feet trusses that are to span the Nave have been completed and some of them fitted in position. It is expected to complete the work early next year in time to celebrate the Episcopal Jubilee of His Lordship the Bishop.

On the festival morning the main altar was set out very neatly and High Mass was sung by the Parish Priest. The chief feature of the three morning services was the large number of com-

municants who thronged the Holy Table specially at the High Mass.

In the evening Vespers were sung by the Very Rev. Fr. G. A. Gurusamy, O.M.I., Superior of the district assisted by Rev. Frs. P. T. James, O.M.I., Parish Priest and J. Asirvatham, Asst. Parish Priest and deacon and sub-deacon. The Rev. Fr. L. A. Augustine, preached a soul stirring sermon picturing the Blessed Mother as our deliverer from the attacks of the world, the flesh and the devil. A large procession of the school children, sodalists and the congregation with their medals and banners headed by the cross and acolytes wended its way through a well decorated route round the Cathedral. The ancient statue of the Blessed Mother fitted on a beautiful brocade was carried by the members of the congregationists of the Holy Family Convent. The rear was brought up by the nuns, the seminarians and the priests. On the procession entering the church the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was imparted.

LOCAL & GENERAL

Ordinations at the Papal Seminary, Kandy.—His Grace the Archbishop of Calcutta will hold an Ordination Service at the Papal Seminary, Kandy on the 24th inst. About thirteen brothers belonging to Chilaw, Tuticorin, Karaichi, Calcutta, Kottayam, Nagpur and Guntur Dioceses will be raised to priesthood.

The Bishop of Trincomalee.—His Lordship Dr. Ignatius Glennie, S.J., Bishop of Trincomalee is making arrangements to prepare a Spiritual Bouquet in his Diocese to be presented to the Holy Father when the Bishop pays his first *ad limina* visit to the Holy See. His Lordship is to set sail for Rome in October.

Clerical Examination.—An examination to select candidates for the General Clerical Service will be held on the 16th of October this year in Colombo, Kandy, Galle and Jaffna. Application forms for this examination can be obtained at the Inquiry Office, Education Department or at the Examinations Branch up to 21st inst. Applications should reach the office on or before the 31st inst. Further particulars can be had from the Ceylon Government Gazette dated 6th inst.

Further Success at the Calcutta University.—We are pleased to hear that Mr. N. James of Sillalai has been successful at the B.A. Examination of the Calcutta University. Mr. James is an Old Boy of St. Patrick's College.

Acting President, Law Society.—Mr. E. M. Karunaratne, Proctor S.C., Vice-President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ceylon, has been appointed Acting President of the Law Society during the absence from the Island of the President, Mr. Sam. J. C. Kadigamar. Mr. Kadigamar has left Ceylon to represent the Law Society at the two International Conferences at Netherlands and in Belgium and to pay a courtesy visit to the Law Society of England.

Mr. E. M. Karunaratne is a senior Proctor and held in high esteem by the profession. He is the leading criminal lawyer in the Southern Province. He is a member of the Disciplinary Committee of the Law Society. Mr. Karunaratne has evinced a keen interest in the founding, inauguration and incorporation of the Law Society of Ceylon.

In the field of sport Mr. Karunaratne has made a name for himself. He was President of the Ceylon Cricket Association and is now a member of the recently constituted Board of Control for Cricket in Ceylon, which is the culmination of the pioneering work commenced about twenty-five years ago by stalwarts like Dr. John Rockwood, Messrs. E. M. Karunaratne, D. L. de Saram and D. B. Gunasekera.

Six More Doctors for Higher Qualifications.—The Government of Ceylon has selected six more Doctors to proceed to England to obtain Higher Qualifications in various branches of the profession. With the present selection the number of Ceylon doctors, receiving special training in England will be about sixty.

Dynamiters Give the Slip to the Police.—On receipt of an information that dynamiting was on in the Jaffna Lagoon Mr. C. Lourens, A.S.P. and a few Constables set out to arrest the dynamiters. Seeing the Police party the dynamiters left their boats and swam away in the direction of Mandaitivu. The boats, still unclaimed, are in Police custody.

New Advocate Enrolled.—Mr. T. W. Rajaratnam took his oaths as an Advocate before Mr. Justice Gratiaen in the Vacation Court on Monday.

Mr. Rajaratnam is a son of Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam, the well-known Jaffna Proctor, and a nephew of Mr. C. S. Barr Kumarakulasinghe, Advocate.

The Judge wished the new Advocate success in his profession. He said that the new lawyer belonged to a family with legal tradition. Mr. T. W. Rajaratnam is an old boy of St. Patrick's College.

Independent India's First Birthday.—The Indian Union and Pakistan celebrated the first anniversary of their attainment of Independence on the 15th inst. The Indians outside Ceylon too, had their local celebrations in the form of public meetings, processions, Independence Day dinners etc.

The Prime Minister of the Indian Union and the Governor-General of Pakistan received messages of congratulations from all over the world. His Excellency Dr. Leo Kierkels the first Papal Intercuncio declared it his privileged task of "Interpreting India to the Holy See."

Rural Development Society.—The first Rural Development Society meeting in Jaffna to be addressed by Mr. B. F. Perera, Director of Rural Development was held at Jaffna College last week. The G.A. presided. Mr. J. M. Sabaratnam, D.R.O. gave the substance of the speech in Tamil. Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam was unanimously elected President and Dr. K. Krishner Secretary.

Valigam West Agricultural Exhibition.—The Hon'ble Mr. Dudley Senanayake, Minister for Agriculture and Lands will make his first official visit to Jaffna to declare open the Agricultural Exhibition on Monday the 23rd inst. at 4.30 p.m. at Jaffna College. Later there will be a Public Meeting presided over by Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, M.P. A Concert and a Public Dinner will also be held in honour of the Minister.

Higher Price for Copra.—As a result of the negotiations carried out by the Hon'ble Mr. C. Suntheralingham, Minister for Trade with the British Government, the minimum price for copra has been fixed at Rs. 150 per candy. This shows an increase of Rs. 25 on the price hitherto ruling. The Government too will get an enhanced revenue by the export of copra.

Murderer Surrenders.—Tissehamy, the Veddah who was charged with the triple murder of the Korale of Galagoda and two others and who had been absconding for the last sixteen years surrendered himself to the Kirama Vidhane of Maha-oya. When he was produced before the Magistrate of Badulla on the 11th inst. a large crowd had gathered in Court to see him. He confessed that the fear of arrest had made his life a misery.

A Descendant of the Last King of Kandy Dies.—Mr. T. Venkatanara-Singala-Raja of Tanjore, a direct descendant of Sri Wickremarajasinghe, the last King of Kandy died in his residence at Tanjore on the 2nd inst. in his sixty-eighth year. In 1932 he visited Ceylon and made an application to Government for a restitution of his ancestral property and permission to settle down in Ceylon. His application was not entertained. He leaves behind him his wife and two sons who are employed under the Government of India.

Maharaja as Governor of Madras.—The Maharaja of Bhavanagar has been appointed to succeed Lieut. General Sir Archibald Nye as Governor of Madras, says a communique issued from Government House, New Delhi.

Converts Confirmed.—Approximately 600 recent converts were confirmed by Bishop Thomas E. Molloy of Brooklyn at the 11th annual Diocesan Confirmation Ceremony for Converts. The converts have been attend-

ing weekly lectures on the Church since January at 51 instruction centres throughout the diocese.

Holy Sepulchre Church Hit Again.—The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, covering the Tomb of Christ and the Crucifixion site, has been struck for the third time by a Jewish mortar bomb. Franciscan Fathers, custodians of the Holy Places, said the bomb fell at the church door spattering the walls with splinters and breaking windows.

Citizenship of Ceylon

Two Bills—the Ceylon Citizenship Bill and the Ceylon Immigrants and Emigrants Bill were presented at a meeting of the House of Representatives, on Aug. 4 by the Prime Minister, Mr. D. S. Senanayake, who is also Minister for Defence and External Affairs.

The Citizenship Bill deals with the creation of a status of a citizen of Ceylon and the Immigrants and Emigrants Bill provides for controlling entry into Ceylon of persons other than citizens of Ceylon, for regulating the departure from Ceylon of citizens and persons other than citizens of Ceylon and for removing from Ceylon undesirable persons who are not citizens of Ceylon. Both Bills have been the subject of protracted negotiations with the Government of India.

According to the Citizenship Bill, citizenship of Ceylon will be granted by descent as well as by registration, the persons being referred to as citizen by descent or citizen by registration.

A person born in Ceylon before the appointed date which will be fixed later will be given the status of a citizen of Ceylon by descent, if his father was born in Ceylon or if his paternal grandfather and paternal great-grandfather were born in Ceylon.

A person born outside Ceylon before the appointed date will be given the status of citizen of Ceylon by descent, if his father and paternal grandfather were born in Ceylon or his paternal grandfather and paternal great-grandfather were born in Ceylon.

A person born in Ceylon on or after the appointed date will be given the status of citizen of Ceylon by descent if at the time of his birth his father was a citizen of Ceylon.

A person born outside Ceylon on or after the appointed date will be given the status of a citizen of Ceylon by descent if at the time of his birth his father was a citizen of Ceylon and if within one year from the date of his birth, it is registered at the office of the Consular Officer, Ceylon, in the country of birth, or, where there is no such officer at the appropriate Embassy or Consulate in that country or at the office of the Minister in Ceylon.

NO DUAL CITIZENSHIP

Special provision is made in the Act as regards dual citizenship. It states: No person who is a citizen of any other country under any law in force in that country shall have the status of a citizen of Ceylon by descent unless he renounces the citizenship of that country in accordance with that law.

As regards persons who will be entitled to Ceylon citizenship by registration the Bill lays down that they should have the following qualifications:

1. That the applicant is of full age and of sound mind.
2. (a) That the applicant is a person whose mother is, or was, a citizen of Ceylon by descent or would have been a citizen of Ceylon by descent if she had been alive on the appointed date and who, being married has been a resident of Ceylon throughout the period of seven years immediately preceding the date of application or being married has been a resident of Ceylon throughout the period of ten years immediately preceding the date of application;
- (b) That the applicant is the spouse or widow or widower of a citizen of Ceylon by descent or registration and has been a resident of Ceylon throughout the period of one year immediately preceding the date of application or
- (c) That the application is a person who ceased to be a citizen of Ceylon by descent upon his acquiring the citizenship of any other country wherein he has been a resident and thereafter he renounced that citizenship in accordance with the law of that country.

3. That the applicant is and intends to continue to be ordinarily a resident of Ceylon.

A person who has these qualifications has to apply for registration as a citizen of Ceylon to the Minister concerned. The Minister is vested with the right of refusal of such application and his decision shall be final and shall not be tested in a court of law.

The Act also provides for registration as citizens of Ceylon provided the application is made to the Minister on the following grounds: that he is a person who firstly, has rendered distinguished public service or is eminent in professional or commercial, industrial or agricultural life or, secondly, has been granted in Ceylon a Certificate of Naturalisation under the British Nationality and Status (Aliens) Act, 1914 of the United Kingdom or Letters Patent under the Naturalisation Ordinance and has not ceased to be a British subject and secondly, that he is and intends to continue to be ordinarily resident in Ceylon.

The number of persons registered as citizens of Ceylon under this particular section shall not exceed 25 in any year and the Minister's refusal to allow such application is to be final "and shall not be tested in any court of law."

Conditions under which a person loses his rights of Ceylon citizenship are also specified in the Bill. Among these is the case in which he voluntarily or by operation of law becomes a citizen of any other country. The Minister is also empowered under this Act to make all necessary regulations but all such regulations are subject to approval of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, Northern Province, up to 12 noon on Tuesday, August 24, 1948, for providing a flap gate and regrading the Kiranchi Vaikale in Kiranchi Village in Pallavarayankaddu, in Punakari-Tunukkai D.R.O.'s Division, Northern Province.

Tenders should be made on forms obtainable on application from the Kachcheri, Jaffna, where all particulars can be obtained. Tender forms will be issued up to 12 noon on Saturday, Aug. 21, 1948, only on production of receipt for Rs. 25 deposited for each form at the Jaffna Kachcheri.

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, Northern Province, up to 12 noon on Tuesday, August 24, 1948, for the construction of a masonry Regulator and regrading Veravil channel in Punakari-Tunukkai D.R.O.'s Division, Northern Province.

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ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
In the matter of the Estate of the late Isaac Brownrigg Gnanapragasam of Hospital Road, Jaffna. Deceased.

Testamentary } No. 910
Jurisdiction }
David Jayaratnam Gnanapragasam of Colpetty in Colombo. Petitioner.

Vs.
1. Daisy Grace Nesaratnam Selvaratnam and husband.
2. S. D. A. Selvaratnam both of Hospital Road in Jaffna and
3. James Arasaratnam Gnanapragasam of Colpetty presently of Derby in England. Respondents.

This action coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 27th day of July 1948 in the presence of Messrs. Aboobucker and Sultan Proctors on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to the petitioner as one of the sons and heir of the said deceased unless the Respondents shall appear before this Court and show cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary on or before the 28th day of August 1948.

The 27th day of July 1948.
Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI,
District Judge.
Drawn by:
Sgd. Aboobucker & Sultan,
Proctors for Petitioner.

The Olympic Games

(By Our London Correspondent)

Every one will suspect that these games have some connection with Greece because of the word Olympic. Indeed the games commenced actually in Greece.

The story of the origin of the Olympic Games is lost both in the mist of time and mythology. There was a record of victors from 776 B.C. but the Games were certainly held regularly before that date. There is a story probably confined to mythology that the Games started as a result of races between suitors for the hand of a king's daughter. Another, that they originated in the races among five brothers held every five years. Anyway, it was from 776 B.C. that the Games were first held at four year intervals, at the first full moon after the summer solstice.

The scene of the Games then was an area at Olympia in the plain of Elis in the Western Peloponnese. The centre of the festival was a collection of temples to the Greek gods, Zeus, Hera and others. Some German archeologists who have excavated the site state that there was a horse shoe shaped running track and that there was room for 40,000 spectators round it. There was also a hippodrome where chariot racing took place and a gymnasium where competitors completed their training.

All this ended in 394 A.D. and was not revived for 1,500 years until in 1896 when largely through the enterprise and enthusiasm of the Frenchman Caron Pierre de Coubertin, the games were again put on at Athens.

The chief events in the old days were foot races, chariot races, the pancratium, a combination of boxing and wrestling, and the pentathlon, a combination of long jumping, throwing the discus and javelin, running and wrestling.

Prizes were at first bronze tripods, the wreaths of wild olives; but the most valuable prize of all was free maintenance for life which the winner was generally given by his native city.

The first of the modern series that was really organized on a grand scale was that at London in 1908. The year and the places where the Olympic Games were held in the Modern era are as follows:—

- 1896 Athens
- 1900 Paris
- 1904 St. Louis
- 1908 London
- 1912 Stockholm
- 1916 (not held) World War I
- 1920 Antwerp
- 1924 Paris
- 1928 Amsterdam
- 1932 Los Angeles
- 1936 Berlin
- 1940 (booked for) Tokyo (then switched to) Helsinki (but never held)
- 1944 (not held) World War II
- 1948 London
- 1952 (to be held) Helsinki, Finland

The Olympic Rings. The five circles which form the Olympic rings are representative of the five continents linked together by ties of friendship and unity. The Motto of the Olympic Games which appears under the rings is 'citius, altius, fortius' (quicker, higher, more strongly)—indicative of the athletes' endeavour to run faster (citius), jump higher (altius) and throw more strongly (fortius), always in fact get a bit better than what you were before. Isn't it an ideal aim for any progressive society?

The Olympic Games must include the following events: athletics, gymnastics, combative sports, swimming, equestrian sports, pentathlons and art competitions.

The value of the Olympic Games. Of all the values the first and most outstanding one is the international or social value. The amateurs of all nations in fact this year six thousand from 60 different nations are assembled on an equal footing and under conditions as perfect as possible. There is much exchange of ideas among the various athletes and their friends and thus there is a cultural value too. The physical value of Games in general with its attendant sporting value of fair play cannot too easily be missed. There is perhaps a moral value in the training of character among the athletes. Be-

sides, the intellectual value of strategic moves cannot be forgotten. In grace of movement and style perhaps there is definitely an aesthetic value too. There is also a patriotic value as seen from their Olympic Oath which the competitors take:—"We swear that we will take part in the Olympic Games in loyal competition, respecting the regulations which govern them and desirous of participating in them in the true spirit of sportmanship for the honour of our country and for the glory of sport."

(Parts culled from The London 1948 Olympic Games Programme for the "Catholic Guardian.")

Our Precious Shrines in Palestine

(Continued from Page 1.)

Anderson terms "the closest to the hearts of Christians, because it still retains its air of Biblical tranquillity," where Christ called His Apostles, where He worked the miracle of the loaves and fishes and many others, and where He preached His Sermon on the Mount, the Jewish Haganah organization has set up an important outpost. And across, the "sea," which is only six miles wide at the widest place, lie the Arab countries of Syria and Transjordan.

These are the principal shrines of antiquity. The Franciscan Custos of the Holy Land, whose task since the days of the Crusades has been to care of the shrines, has headquarters in the Walled City and will be in high jeopardy if serious fighting comes. American Christians will also be interested in the fate of the present-day Christians of the Holy Land, who number about 140,000 and have many churches, schools and other institutions, some already closed.—*New Leader*,

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

In the matter of the intestate estate of the Thamotheampillai Kandiah of Pandatarippu in Jaffna. Deceased.

Testamentary } No. 905
Jurisdiction }

Ponnupillai widow of Thamotheampillai Kandiah of Pandatarippu in Jaffna. Petitioner.

Vs.

Minors {
1. Kandiah Selvanayakie
2. Kandiah Seeraratnasingam
3. Kandiah Parameswarie
4. Kandiah Vilvarasa all minors appearing by their guardian-ad-litem the 5th resp't.
5. Thambo Namasivayam of Changanai, Jaffna.

Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the petitioner praying that the 5th respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st to 4th respondents abovenamed and that the petitioner as widow of the deceased declared entitled to administer the estate of the deceased and that letters of administration issued to her accordingly coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 16th day of July 1948 in the presence of Mr. F.L.T. Martyn, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the 5th respondent be and he is hereby appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st to 4th respondents that the petitioner as widow of the deceased declared entitled to administer the estate of the said deceased and letters of administration issued to her, unless the respondents abovenamed or and others shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on or before the 20th day of August, 1948 at 10 a.m. The minors are produced before court.

The 24th day of July 1948.
Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI,
District Judge.

Drawn by :
Sgd. F. L. T. Martyn,
Proctor for Petitioner.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

In the matter of the intestate estate and effects of the late Versumy Soosapillai of Naranthana; Kayts, Jaffna, late of Angoda Lunatic Asylum, Colombo. Deceased.

Testamentary } No. 903
Jurisdiction }

1. Neckilapillai John Aloysius and wife
2. Mariaipillai of Naranthana, Kayts. Petitioners.

Vs.

Anthonipillai widow of Arulappan Versumy of Naranthana, Kayts. Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq. District Judge, Jaffna

on the 16th day of July 1948 in the presence of Mr. A. Kanagasabai Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioners dated 30th April 1948 filed of record having been read:

It is ordered that letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be granted to the petitioners unless the respondent or any others shall on or before the 20th day of August 1948 appear before this court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 16th day of July, 1948.

Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI,
District Judge.

Drawn by :
Sgd. A. Kanagasabai,
Proctor for Petitioners.

Order Absolute in the First Instance, Declaring Will Broved

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Susan Johnpulle of Cathedral Street, Jaffna. Deceased.

Testamentary } No. 891
Jurisdiction }

1. Jos. Francis Martyn of No. 540 Buller's Road, Colombo.
2. Cyrillus Xavier Martyn of do and presently of Avisawella. Petitioners.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 1st day of June 1948 in the presence of Mr. J. Patrick Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner and the affidavit of the attesting Notary and the witnesses having been read:

It is ordered that the Last Will No. 15277 dated 9th January 1930 attested by Mr. B. Joachimpillai Notary Public, of Susan Johnpulle the deceased abovenamed the original of which has been deposited in this Court be and the same is hereby declared proved and it is further declared that the said petitioners are the sole executors named in the said Will and that they be entitled to have probate thereof issued to them accordingly.

The 9th day of June 1948.

Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI,
District Judge.

Time to show cause extended till 26-9-48.
Intd. R. R. S.
D. J.

Drawn by :
Sgd. J. Patrick,
Proctor for Petitioners.

TENDER NOTICE CEYLON GOVERNMENT RAILWAY

The Chairman, Way & Works Head Office Tender Board, will receive, at the Chief Engineer's Office, C.G.R., McCallum Road, Maradana, tenders up to 12 noon on Friday, September 3, 1948, for the construction of Station Building; four sets of Workmen's Dwellings; and a six seat lavatory at Kalawewa.

For further particulars, please see Government Gazette of Friday, August 6, 1948.

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

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

CEYLON GOVERNMENT RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Chairman, Way & Works Head Office Tender Board, will receive at the Chief Engineer's Office, C.G.R., McCallum Road, Maradana, tenders up to 12 noon on Friday, August 27, 1948, for the construction of the following buildings respectively:—

- (a) Five sets Workmen's Dwellings at Trincomalee.
- (b) Three sets Workmen's Dwellings at Talaimannar Pier.
- (c) Five sets Workmen's Dwellings at Maho.
- (d) One set Workmen's Dwellings at Mankulam.
- (e) Three sets Workmen's Dwellings at Hingurakgoda.
- (f) Two sets Workmen's Dwellings at Tampalakamam.
- (g) Three sets Workmen's Dwellings at Murikandy.
- (h) Five sets Workmen's Dwellings at Galoya.

For further particulars, see Government Gazette of 30-7-48.

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

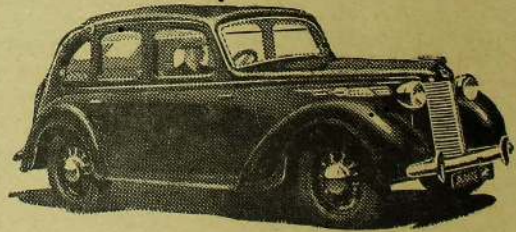
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