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ONE MILLION EXPECTED TO FOREGATHER HERE

Munich Eucharistic Congress

"Messenger" Editor will be there

CARDINALS, other Church dignitaries, and civic officials will be at Munich's main railway station at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, when Cardinal Testa, the Papal Legate, arrives to preside over the International Eucharistic Congress in the name of Pope John XXIII. Among Catholics from Ceylon likely to attend the Congress, will be the Reverend Fr. Manik Muttukumar, editor of this paper.

On Wednesday evening, August 3, the Cardinal Legate will formally inaugurate the *Statio Orbis Catholicici* on the Congress site, the Theresienwiese.

Finally, he will celebrate Pontifical High Mass and preach in German on the closing day, August 7, before a crowd which is expected to total a million people.

The first official ceremony of the Congress will come on Sunday, July 31, when, following Pontifical High Mass for youth, celebrated in the Theatiner Square, Cardinal Wendel will bless the 20,000 Congress helpers as they set off on their work.

CHILDREN

On the Monday and Tuesday there will be morning and evening Masses in all the churches of the city. Wednesday will be first Communion Day for children when Cardinal Wendel celebrates Mass in the Cathedral at 9 a.m.

In the evening, at the official opening ceremonies on the Congress site, there will be solemn liturgical welcome for participants from all parts of the world in their respective languages.

The Liturgy and themes of the following three days have been modelled after Holy Week and Easter Sunday, thus:

On Thursday morning there will be ordinations in 11 churches of the city, while at 8 p.m. on the Congress site there will be a German *Betsingmesse* (Congregational Mass in which the people, cantors, choir and band take part). After the Gospel will be a *Mandatum* ceremony followed by the first blessing by the newly ordained priests.

Friday will be the "Day of the Cross." Many High Masses will be celebrated in Eastern Rites. On the Congress site there will be a special Pontifical High Mass for women.

BYZANTINE

On this day, too, a memorial service will be held on the site of the former concentration camp at Dachau where a chapel will be dedicated to "The Agony of Christ." In the evening on the Congress site there will be veneration of the Cross and night watching before the Blessed Sacrament.

Munich Indulgence

AT the request of Cardinal Wendel, Archbishop of Munich, Pope John has ruled that all those attending the International Eucharistic Congress in Munich may, on fulfillment of the usual conditions, gain the full indulgence attached to the Portiuncula chapel at Assisi. The date for gaining the indulgence — August 2 — falls within the period of the Congress.

Saturday's theme is "The Day of Light." A youth rally will take place on the Congress site in the morning, while in the evening Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated in the Byzantine Rite with active participation of the congregation and with Greek, Russian and Ukrainian choirs.

This Mass will be followed by renewal of Baptismal vows, distribution of candles, and Communion of the faithful.

Early on Sunday morning, August 7, "The Lord's Day," pealing bells and fanfares will welcome the Papal Legate to the Congress site for the last time.

The Holy Father will broadcast an address to the great crowds; representatives of the dioceses of the world will make offerings for the mission; the congregation will join in singing Pontifical High Mass with choirs, cantors and bands;

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Overseas Catholic Students get together in London



This group, photographed at a party held recently at the Catholic Students International Chaplaincy, 41 Holland Park, London, W II, includes students from Ceylon, India, Great Britain, Ireland, Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa, Malaya, Mauritius and Trinidad. The Chaplain, Mgr. Coonan (only head visible), is in the rear.

Pope names over-all Commission for Ecumenical Council

Ceylon on world-representation panel of Bishops!

WITH THE QUICK STEP THAT HAS ALREADY COME TO MARK THE PRESENT PONTIFICATE, THE VATICAN "OSSERVATORE ROMANO" OF 16TH JUNE GAZETTES THE APPOINTMENTS MADE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "MOTU PROPRIO" OF 5TH JUNE BY WHICH POPE JOHN DECREED THE SETTING UP OF 10 COMMISSIONS AND 2 SECRETARIATES TO HANDLE THE IMMEDIATE PREPARATION OF THE WIDELY ANNOUNCED "SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL."

The appointments affect, in fact, an eleventh and over-all Commission (mentioned already in the *Motu Proprio*) that will have the functions of supervising and, if needs be, directing the work of the 10. It will receive the findings and recommendations of these Commissions and report them to the Holy Father for his personal and final choice of the points to be taken up at the Council itself. It will also propose the rules of Procedure to be followed at the sessions. A rapid glance over the columns

of the *Osservatore* discovers that some thirty-five Cardinals, 4 Patriarchs (of the Eastern rites) and thirty-two Archbishops and Bishops form the panel. The eye naturally picks out the name of the METROPOLITAN OF COLOMBO. What entitles all of us to very special jubilation over this discovery is that on the declared intentions of the *Motu Proprio* (further stressed in the *Osservatore's* semi-official commentary), the Bishops named to this "Central" Commission have been chosen primarily with an eye to the adequate and clearly-marked representation of "the various parts of the world."

Side by side, then (though really one under the other in order of episcopal seniority) the names of the Archbishops of Bombay, Dacca, Rangoon and Colombo tell us that, for Pope John at least, Ceylon is a unit that deserves to be considered by itself even alongside such close neighbours as India, Pakistan and Burma. No

Secretary General

POPE John on Wednesday appointed Mgr. Pericle Felici as Secretary General of the Pontifical Central Commission for the preparation of the Ecumenical Council. Mgr. Felici served as secretary for the ante-preparatory commission for the Council whose work is now complete.

In appointing him to this new post the Pope gave him all rights and privileges normally reserved for assessors of the Roman Congregations. These include the title of "Excellency."

doubt this brings the Council closer to all of us.

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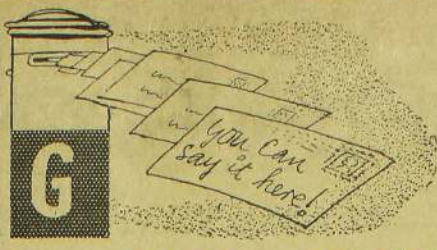


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Marian Congress

THE fourth international Marian Congress, the first outside Europe, is to be held in 1962 at the national shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary at Cap de la Madeleine, Canada.

WEEKLY POSTBAG



A CARNIVAL OF POTS

BEFORE my memory goes to pot, and with it the ink in the pot gets "dried up like a potsherd" (which reminds me that the psalmist speaking today should sing "I am dried up like a potsherd and all my bones are gone to pot"), I hasten to congratulate you on your excellent treatment of "Pot" in the Messenger last week. It's the best thing I've read for a long time in newspapers. You have combined the lexicographer's knowledge and precision with the insight, the warmth, and the creative gift of the punster.

You have omitted only one pot in your carnival of pots, that is — *potash*:—"a crude form of Potas-

sium Carbonate, originally got by lixiviating vegetable ashes and evaporating the solution in iron pots".

In dealing with the verb, pot, you might have extended some generosity to golfers and addicts of the billiard table. These two remarks however are not to be taken as a criticism of the Master, but only as an indication of my enthusiasm.

Will Mr. Geo. P. Solomons, egged on by your delightful irony, now flood your poor office with a potful of letters.

Your article is infectious. Since reading it I've been punning round the house, annoying

my wife who thinks it's all so silly, which reaction of hers only drives me to much amusement and further puns; and now I'm in office, unable to get down to work, punning inwardly to myself, both enjoying it and also feeling quite helpless against the disease. And in my infected condition, I am almost sure that the "P" in Mr. Solomons' name, which he has more or less hidden from the public by suppressing the name to a mere initial, stands for Philpot, Phillipot, Potger, or Potgeiter. If he is a Dutch Burgher, I'm certain it is "Potgeiter" (pronounced Pot-goiter)—many descendants of the old Dutch settlers in South Africa rejoice, I find, in the name of Potgeiter (ancestors, presumably, from Potsdam).

of sanities, and all is sanity." But we are happy to find he does not think sanity should be divorced from laughter and presented in solemn garb. There is a Latin tag which runs, *quid vetat ridentem verum dicere*, which being translated means: there is no reason why truth and the lilt of lively laughter should not go together. Particularly do we welcome Mr. Patrick Fernando's suggestion of a regular column devoted to the useful but cheerful exploration of words. There is wisdom in words. There is history behind them. The ups and downs of a people's culture, and even of their moral sense is revealed by the varying fortunes and vagaries of the words they use. May we suggest that Mr. Fernando initiates such a column, and we assure him that we will give it the warmest hospitality for as long (or short) a while as it remains within our province to do so. That is the long and the short of it — but the interested reader might, if he cares to, turn to **Current Comment** for the last word. — Ed.)

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

By Spectator

The Scribe: "Even stern khaki-clad officers in the Police Service often have time for humour!"

Aye, but never so much as when they regulate traffic at a busy junction and keep every motorist (glaring, and grinding his teeth) immobilized!

In New York: "UN Council rejects Russian charges! 7-2 Vote; CEYLON and Tunisia abstained!"

In Ceylon, one who sits on the fence does not score any marks. Did Ceylon or Tunisia score any over there, I wonder!

M. P. de Zoysa to C. A. S. Marikkar: "Convenient too! Rip Van Winkle! Political idiot!"

See how endearing the terms can be, even after bosom friends have fallen out! Not a trace of billingsgate, there! Cultural renaissance?

Mrs. Sirima Bandaranaike: "Mr. Weerakoon and Mr. Jim Munasinha were being led astray by the Catholic Church!"

Tut! Tut!

Tissa Wijeyeratne on Court dress: "Do those who would fight vehemently to retain their pants presume that it is a pair of trousers that makes a gentleman? The question of wearing a black coat does not arise if I wear a black Barrister's gown; I have even offered to wear the Barrister's wig."

Then why all this 'ha-hoo' about pants only? — pants, which even Asian women (in their millions, from Cathay to the Caspian Sea) wear for coolth and comfort!

G.M.R.: "900 level crossings without gates!"

Leave them alone; then, even without birth control, Ceylon will never be over-crowded!

Editorial captions: "No place for Marxists!"

"Vote out the Marxists!"

Just what we were saying even when little Pieter, little Martin, and little Philip, were in their nappies and bibs!

T. B. Tennekoon: "It was the U.N.P. which had entered into a secret pact with the Catholic Church!"

Senator A. P. Jayasuriya: "I also!"

Soothsayers galore!

fashion, with thoroughness and zeal. Of course the devil himself cannot therefore feel too happy with Catholic Action gaining ground. And, in attempting to check its progress, this arch-fiend will not hesitate to distort its real meaning and purpose.

We have had many attacks levelled against the Church, not to speak of "mud-slinging," and a few more will not make much of a difference. "Those who take the sword," Christ said, "will perish by the sword." Truth and Justice will triumph in the end.

K. A. P. Fernando.
Maharagama.

Education before Industrialisation

THE empirical case for such a policy does appear convincing, but I think too much emphasis can be laid on the primary role of social capital and social services in this matter. I am not persuaded that industrialisation should receive top priority.

It has been argued plausibly that before an economically backward country like ours can hope to improve its lot, it must be equipped with good communications and with the forms of power associated with modern industrial techniques.

In particular, and perhaps above all, the population must be lifted out of its slough of ignorance by giving the younger generation adequate schooling and by training their minds for the more exacting tasks required of them in the future. Unless people attain a reasonable degree of literacy, they cannot adapt themselves to modern practices and standards in industry and agriculture. They cannot even begin to do so.

Ignatius Perera.
Kandana.

BISHOP SHEEN SPEAKS

THE problem of evil is one to which no complete answer can be given here below. Many novelists and dramatists have wrestled with this problem, and the more they get away from the original story of Job, the more confusing become the answers. There



seems to be a law running through Scripture to the effect that those things which are most necessary to know for salvation are quite clear to men of good will. It actually is not so important to know why there is evil in the world, as to know that the worst evil in the world has been met and conquered. The most appalling evil the world ever knew was the crucifixion of goodness. When evil was defeated in its greatest display of power, and clad in its mightiest panoply, one was given assurance that Goodness will eventually triumph, even though it does lead through the shadows of a Gethsemane and a Calvary.

EVIL

dom that is contained in the Divine questions. Even Job himself has no use for the smart-aleck answers of the philosophers who sat a distance away from his dung heap. "Strange," he said, "you alone should have the gift of reason; that when you die, wisdom must die too."

Asking questions

The beauty and majesty of the Book of Job is that when God does appear He does not answer any questions; He asks them. Job has remonstrated with His Maker, but not as the false comforters and the dramatists who ended with sceptic poisoning. Though Job speaks of God as a seeming enemy, he nevertheless admits that there may be a plan which he does not understand. As Chesterton said: "In this drama of scepticism, God takes upon Himself the role of a sceptic. He does what all the great voices defending religion have done. He does, for instance, what Socrates did. He turns rationalism against itself. He seems to say that if it comes to asking questions, He can ask some questions which will fling down and flatten all conceivable human questioners."

Not final

Introducing His speech, God begins: "It is My turn to ask questions... From what vantage point wast thou watching, when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, whence comes this sure knowledge of thine? Tell me, since thou art so wise, was it thou or I designed earth's plan, measuring it out with the line? How came its base to stand so firm? Who laid its corner-stone?"

When God finished asking Job questions, Job knew that the questions of God were wiser than the answers of men. Since Job, the great question has been answered: Evil is not final; it has been conquered in principle — the details have not yet been answered, but He Who wrote the play will not have the villain win.

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Speaking in parables

The important truths, we said, Scripture gave first. The more complex problems come later and only to those who are well versed in the fundamentals. Hence Our Divine Lord spoke differently to the disciples than to the people. "And He used many parables of this kind, such as they could listen to easily, in preaching the word to them; to them He spoke only in parables, and made all plain to His disciples when they were alone." St. Paul made somewhat the same distinction between his backward hearers and the more spiritual; to the weak he spoke as unto babes.

Wisdom is silent

A dramatist who deals with the problem of evil does something which God Himself does not do in the story. The dramatist answers all the questions raised by Job and his rather offensive and uninspired comrades. But in the original story, after all the difficulties and questions have been raised, God appears; but He refuses to answer any questions. This is just the contrary of what we would expect. It would seem that ignorant men would keep their mouths shut and God would open His. But it is ignorance that testifies and wisdom that is silent. The modern man who solves what God left unsolved may pride Himself that he has helped unravel the riddles of the universe. But in giving answers, one misses a wis-

It is also delightful to note that the letter "P," the Sinhalese equivalent of the English "P", looks like a pot — which brings me to a realisation of the vast scope there is for interlinguistic punning, especially between English and Sinhalese, beginning with elementary joys like "pun-ner" and "පහ," "pundit" and "පහවන" and graduating patiently from the phonetic pun to the subtler yet equally rewarding visual pun.

There is something very appropriate in the allegation that you wrote to the papers under the name of *Punchislingho* (though the allegation itself is false I know) — because, (a) a punster like you must be called in Sinhalese a *Punchisingho*, and (b) *Punchisingho* is the Sinhalese equivalent of *Punchinello* (Italian, but used in English) which indicates a stout, short (punchi) person, all *Punchisingho's* being, invariably, *Punchinellos*.

My mood since your article is such that I'm prepared to go so far as to believe that the only way in which the national language can be brought back to life is through the pun and, probably it is a realisation of the national good that punning can bring, that makes Asians talk so much of *Puncha Seela* and *Indians of PUNCHAYATS*.

It strikes me now, more clearly than before, that the greatest loss the Messenger suffered in the death of the late J. P. de Fonseka was the ability to make men laugh, and that the potten of laughter is something urgently needed in our times when the forces of evil — i.e. the forces who despise and stifle laughter — are so active and menacing. I would therefore beg of you, earnestly, not to stop (I find that when you reverse "pots" you get "stop") but to continue at least for sanity's sake.

I personally would love it if the Messenger carries a regular column or two — devoted to writing of the quality just displayed by you — to the light and warm-hearted exploration of words, idioms, common phrases, etc., and of course to the artistry of punning — a column edited personally by the Editor, to which lesser, yet no less ardent, punthusiasts like myself could punctually contribute.

If you think my suggestion is merely light-hearted, I might lose all regard for your work.

God give you pottles and pottles of grace.
Patrick Fernando.
Colombo.

P.S. I dare not write only "Pat" lest it be read as "Pot."

(This is not just a well-conducted carnival, but a regular riot of pots drifting down the Potomac, and has resulted in our being convulsed with gales and gales of laughter! Nevertheless, far from considering Mr. Patrick Fernando's contribution flip-pant or frivolous (even though he seems to have got so inebriated with our own unrestrained verbosity in re. "pot," that he has become as exuberantly and gushingly loquacious as some other men would have on nothing less than pottles of potten from a porty proprietary pot-still) we think it contains pots and pots of sanity. One would imagine Mr. Fernando's motto to be "Sanity

Catholics

MR. T. B. Illangaratne, according to his letter appearing in the Ceylon Daily News of 25-6-60, we are glad to hear, has turned pro-Catholic and a "Defender of the Faith" in trying to defend the Catholic Church against, what he calls "an anti-Catholic organisation known as Catholic Action."

Mr. Illangaratne does not probably know the definition of Catholic Action as given by Our Holy Father Pope Pius XI, the Pope of Lay Catholic Action. His Holiness calls this "the participation of the laity in the Hierarchic Apostolate of the Church" and as such Catholic Action is part and parcel of the Church, working with the Church to propagate those ideals of goodness and love of truth and justice and charity, as exemplified, for instance, so beautifully in the Sermon on the Mount. That is all Catholic Action is — an attempt to disseminate this message in an organized

EDUCATION SHOULD NOT BE AT THE MERCY OF POLITICIANS

(from Josephian, "Messenger" correspondent)

"DIAMOND Jubilees are not everyday occurrences. Holy Cross has now achieved the dignity which comes with mature age," declared His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.L., presiding at the Diamond Jubilee prize-giving of Holy Cross College, Kalutara, last Saturday.

Continuing, His Grace stated: "This is an occasion on which we must look back to the past — to the great work done by the pioneers — Fathers Herat, Robert Fernando, C. V. Croos and G. Chaulieu, and so many others of more recent times who, following in the footsteps of the past founding fathers, have carried on on the great work and made Holy Cross what it is today. There may, of course, be failings. No institution is one hundred per cent perfect.

LESSON FROM THE PAST

"For the future we must take a lesson from the past. One of those lessons is the importance of the co-operation of the parents. Without this no success can be achieved in the field of education. The duty of the parents is not only to send their children to school but to co-operate with the college authorities. If no such effort is made, the children will only be half educated.

"Discipline, obedience, respect for authority and respect for elders are vital to a good career. For sixty long years, there has been a great sacrifice by the parents in their whole-hearted co-operation and generosity. In the future, too, much can be achieved if this generous co-operation is maintained."

On the nationalisation of Assisted schools, His Grace said: "I now come to the nationalisation of assisted schools which is being discussed so much these days. Some people seem to talk of it almost as though it were a panacea that will cure all the nation's ills.

"Nationalization is, of course, necessary in certain spheres. For instance, the army and the navy of a country must be nationalized. In certain other spheres, nationalization may be useful, provided efficiency can be maintained — public transport, for example.

"But nationalizing schools will mean that education would be at the mercy of the political party in power at a given time.

"Besides, the task of the State is to assist towards man's material

and temporal welfare. But man's ultimate goal and destiny is not merely material; it is really achieved in the after life.

"And education, in the true sense of the word, must have in view man's ultimate end.

"Totalitarian systems of Government like Marxism seek to control the individual fully, and to deny him his personal fundamental rights. In whatever way the State helped a man, it cannot provide him with a coach to Heaven or to Nirvana. Even in countries like England, where the Sovereign is the head of the Church, State control of religion is not exercised today in any real sense, and the Church is free of interference.

"May our dear fatherland, Sri Lanka, grow to be a nation sound in morals, and great in character." At the conclusion of the Archbishop's address, Mr. I. A. C. Fernando, Asst. Commissioner of National Housing, an Old Boy, proposed a vote of thanks to His Grace, which was seconded by Master Trevins Fonseka, a Senior Form student. A variety entertainment followed.

PRIZE REPORT

The Rector, Rev. Fr. Theodore Peiris O.M.L., presenting his report, said that denominational schools, especially the Catholic denominational schools, had of late been subjected to a great deal of unfair criticism by politicians.

"What evil has the denominational school inflicted on the nation," he asked. Has it run counter to the national system of education? Has it imposed on the country a bigger burden than it is already saddled with? Has not the denominational system, on the contrary, contributed more than its share, in the building and equipment of schools throughout the country? Why, in the name of reason, should a system that has deserved so well of the nation, be destroyed?

"There is no denying the fact that as long as education remains the plaything of politicians, it can never be made to yield the maximum good expected of it. A truly national system of educa-

tion will be possible only when it can be freed from political patronage and entrusted to educationists whose experience and tried worth amply qualify them to undertake the task of reorganization in the context of a resurgent Ceylon."

Good Shepherd Convent Retreat

(from H. R., "Messenger" correspondent)

THE ANNUAL THREE-DAY RETREAT FOR THE TEACHERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT, KOTAHENA, BEGAN ON SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH. THE PREACHER WAS REV. FR. CATALANO, S.J. THE OPENING SERMON WAS VERY THOUGHT-PROVOKING AND WAS FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

About 70 teachers in all participated in the retreat, of whom 5 chose to remain enclosed.

The sermons dealing with various subjects were appreciated very much. The meditations on family life and the Sacrament of Penance were outstanding. The preacher emphasised our dealings with and the realisation of God Who is Love personified. To crown it all we had a Question Box in which many problems were thrashed out, thus clearing a number of doubts. Besides, there were conferences on education and the Catholic educator.

We also had, during the Retreat

Carmel Hill Convent Sports Meet

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

"GAMES help us to get rid of sadness. If we desire to live in happiness we must indulge in play," said Mr. E. B. H. Ekanayake, Education Officer for the Central Province, at the Inter-House Sport Meet of Carmel Hill Convent, Ampitiya, which was held at St. Mary's College grounds on 18 June.

"Without sports" said he, "education is incomplete."

The results of the Meet were as follows:

- Blue House (Vinayanvita) 52 points.
 - Yellow House (Praveena) 42 points.
 - Green House (Anandani) 19 points.
 - Red House (Tourita) 13 points.
- The prizes were given away by Mrs. Ekanayake.

Rector's Day at Bolawalana

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

RECTOR'S Day, the feast of Very Rev. Fr. D. J. Anthony, O.M.L., Rector and Manager of Sri Lanka Training College, Bolawalana, was a day of rejoicing for the staff and Teacher Trainees of the College.

The celebrations began with Mass, followed by an Assembly at the College Hall. The entrance was gaily decorated with a grand pandal. The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of the college formed a



guard of honour and Mr. I. F. Perera, the Principal, escorted Fr. Anthony to the hall.

The Staff, Student Prefects and representatives of the Practising Schools paid eloquent tribute to the able Rector and his work. In his reply, Very Rev. Fr. Anthony said that his sole aim was to train teachers who could be of real service to schools and the community. No effort or pains would be spared, said he, to achieve this aim.

Enthronement of the Sacred Heart

THE enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the home is an act of regal homage to the Divine King of Love. Its primary object is the sanctification of the family and the recognition of the rights of Jesus Christ as King of the Home. Its essence is to make the family a living tabernacle of the Sacred Heart by bringing the living, personal presence of Jesus Himself into it. The image of the Sacred Heart placed in a prominent place in the home, seeks to arouse in every member of the family a keen sense of the burning, personal love that Jesus bears for him, that love of which His Sacred Heart is at once the centre and the symbol.

Jesus is a friend who never fails, a father most tender and kind, a physician who can cure all ills. No doubt these spiritual riches of the Sacred Heart must be won by fidelity and love, but

Francis Soris

grace will never be wanting, and the ultimate triumph will be a true Christian life, an atmosphere of devotion in the home and a flowering of piety into true sanctity.

May the future witness the fervent renewal of consecration to the Sacred Heart by those families in which the King of Love has been enthroned, and a whole-hearted response to the invitation of the King by all who have not yet proclaimed Him the king of their home.

COME AND REIGN OE'R EVERY HEART

But the enthronement is more than just a beautiful ceremony. It would be of little avail to hang the picture of the Sacred Heart in an honoured place in the house, if Jesus Himself were not enthroned in the hearts of the members of the family. The solemn act of the enthronement is intended as a formal recognition that He whom the image represents is the Head of the family, the king and Father of the home.

By this act of royal homage, the family implores the Divine King of Love to reign in the family circle and in the heart of each member, dwelling as a living, loving Presence in the home. When the members of the family lovingly and loyally recognize Our Lord's claims on their service and their love, He repays them in His own royal way.

TRIALS AND COMFORT

True, there will be trials, sickness, disappointments, mistakes, manifestations of human weakness in the family, but in the Sacred Heart there is found healing and comfort, new life and love.

'Go home' mob tells clergy

A CROWD of Africans rushed into the church in Kadutu, near Bukava, in the Belgian Congo, after a service, pushed the priest aside and overturned a statue of Our Lady.

They then announced that priests would not be welcomed after Independence on June 30 because they kept meddling in politics and retarded the development of Congolese civilisation.

Thandavanvely News

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

• C.T.B. Celebrates Marian Feast

THE C.T.B. of Batticaloa celebrated recently a Votive

Novena to Our Immaculate Mother at the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows in Thandavanvely. Catholic as well as non-Catholic members of the Board participated in the celebrations.

Solemn Vespers were sung and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed. The occasional sermon was preached by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. G. E. L. Wambeek. The proceedings ended with a display of fire works. A High Mass of Thanksgiving was sung the following day at which the C.T.B. and their families were present.

• Feast of St. Anthony

ALL those who keep St. Anthony as their name-Saint and Patron, celebrated the feast of St. Anthony here with much fervour and enthusiasm. The statue of the Saint was taken in procession and special hymns composed for the occasion were sung. Vespers and Benediction followed.

The Parish Priest, Fr. G. E. L. Wambeek, then blessed the congregation with the statue of the Saint. The celebrations came to a close with High Mass on the next day and the distribution of St. Anthony's bread to everyone present.

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Pope John takes a short cut to give the Church a Saint

ON Ascension Day this year, Pope John at the Lateran Basilica took a short cut to place Cardinal Gregory Barbarigo (one-time Bishop of his native diocese of Bergamo) on the list of Saints officially invoked by Holy Church. (See "Osservatore Romano" 10 June 1960).

It was not a hasty act, however; for it is three full centuries since Gregory lived and died and for quite two hundred years he has been on the list of the Beatified.

The extraordinary thing about it is that the act is not the outcome of the Procedure usually followed — where the Holy Father gives his infallible verdict only after the Sacred Congregation of Rites has submitted its recommendation in various stages. Accordingly, the ceremony too follows its own lines. There are no ceremonial "postulations" or requests made at the Throne by a Cardinal; the Holy Father merely causes his Decree to be read and then, at the Gospel, pronounces his Homily.

It is characteristic of Pope John that in this Homily, he wished to explain the basis of this "equipollent canonisation" and justify it by the example of His Predecessors.

Strictly speaking there was no need to do so. A canonisation holds its vigour only from the declaration of the Sovereign Pontiff — his own personal pronouncement as Vicar of Our Lord. So that (once again strictly speaking) the Holy Father could spring a complete surprise on all official circles

Father Vaz Feature

by one day issuing such a declaration. Almost like Pope Pius the Twelfth making his announcement in the course of an audience that there would be a new feast of St. Joseph, the Worker.

However, an "equipollent canonisation" is not quite as abrupt as that. Pope John's homily explains the circumstances in which, according to the standard work of Pope Benedict XIV, this personal act of the Sovereign Pontiff can be a quite ordinary alternative for the conventional procedure through which the Servants of God finally come to the Honours of the Altar.

To quote exactly, "an equipollent canonisation is when the Sovereign Pontiff orders a person to be honoured as a Saint throughout the Universal Church, with the recitation of Divine Office and the celebration of Holy Mass in his honour on a fixed day of the calendar."

10 in Family are Religious

FR. Louis Scheerer, O.P., newly appointed Bishop of Multan, in Pakistan, has had nine brothers and sisters in the religious life.

His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scheerer, had 11 children, but one died in childhood.

All the others entered the Dominican or Carmelite orders. Four became priests, three brothers and three nuns.

The new bishop spent twenty-one years as a missionary in China and has been in Pakistan since 1956.

The circumstances in which it becomes ordinary for the Holy Father to resort to his personal and exclusive authority are: "when a Servant of God has from time immemorial (i.e. several generations) been in fact publicly venerated as a saint and, on top of that, the fact of his heroic virtues (or martyrdom) and of the miracles obtained through his intercession (in his lifetime or after his death) is clearly set forth in reliable histories and is accepted by all."

In his homily, Pope John went on to mention some of the Saints who have found their way into the Calendar by this "equipollent canonisation." Of particular interest to our readers are: St. Norbert, St. Raymond, St. Bruno, St. Augustine of Canterbury and St. Bede (these last two by Pope Leo XIII), St. Albert the Great (by Pope Pius XI) and St. Margaret of Hungary (by Pope Pius XII).

The great question for us is: Do the circumstances in the case of Fr. Joseph Vaz warrant the direct intervention of Pope John XXIII for an "Equipollent Canonisation" cutting through "procedure"?

This we shall discuss next week. Meanwhile others' views are invited.

Man killed in gun battle in Cathedral

ARMY intelligence agents of the Dominican Republic shot and killed an alleged Colombian terrorist last month, in a blazing gun battle fought in the Ciudad Trujillo cathedral during a service.

Hundreds of worshippers watched as the gunfight was fought through the chapel and sacristy, where the agents finally cornered and killed the man.

They said he had two home-made bombs on him as well as a pistol.

The man arrived in the country some months ago, and was being watched as a suspected terrorist.

S. Africa—Missionary's lot 'nearly impossible'

ACCORDING to Rebecca West, who has recently been on a three-month visit to South Africa, the lot of the missionaries there is now almost an impossible one.

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GENERAL: That Christian truth may offer determined resistance to the deceits and irreligion of the enemies of God.

MISSIONARY: That the large-scale missions of the people in Latin America may have deep and lasting results.

RADIO LOG

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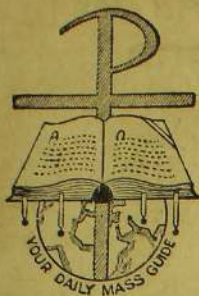
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Saturday, 7 July: Mass of Our Lady on Saturday. White.
Sunday, 10 July: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.
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Unless otherwise stated the prayer prescribed is said daily.

Sportsmen can sin, too

SINS that can be committed in the domain of sport are dealt with in two articles by Fr. Reginald Francisco, O.P. in "Rivista del Clero Italiano."

"The professional footballer who does not play with all the skill at his disposal, because of laziness or any other reason, is like a thief, because in some way he steals his wages," he writes.

Fr. Francisco also said that "threat against the referee, insults against opponents in order to cause them to lose their temper and any revenge against any other player" are against the moral law.

OFFICIALS' SINS

Club officials, too, sin "when they sell a player without revealing his faults, which cannot be detected through a medical examination, or

when they speculate through carefully built-up press campaigns."

They could also sin "through a bad or simply careless administration of their club's assets."

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Dehiwela Convent's Jubilee

A Silver Symphony

THERE is a booklet that is just out of the press. It tells a simple story, with no frills and fringes. It is a slender booklet, but it is heavy with that all too uncommon thing which the French so beautifully call the memory of the heart, the noble quality of gratitude.

The author, Mr. S. Joseph Fernando, is certainly possessed of a grateful heart. Yet his is a memory which is not of the heart alone, but of the mind as well. His little chapters combine to make a little history.

The history is of a school, but not of a little school. No school worthy of the name is little, and not little, by any means, is the school on the occasion of whose Silver Jubilee this pamphlet has been written—the Convent of the Holy Family, Dehiwela.

Names that ring like bells

In the Foreword to this pamphlet, Fr. Marcelline Jayekody says—using an exquisite imagery characteristically his—that if you should read this pamphlet in the dim light of the fading day, you will see the past coming up, in mystic procession as it were, and bowing before you.

Heading this procession would be the man responsible for Holy Family's pre-history, the priest who first conceived the idea of a school for the girls of Dehiwela and turned dream into reality; Augustine Renatus Julius Hyacinth Gillet, Oblate of Mary Immaculate. These names, as the Foreword so aptly says, ring like bells.

The bells ring open the curtain of the past, and out of the mist steps forth the stately procession of the pioneers—the pioneers thanks to whom, at the turn of the century, Holy Family's predecessor came into being.

A symphony of silver chimes

At that time, the girls' schools nearest to Dehiwela were Good Shepherd, Kotahena, to the north, and Our Lady of Victories, Moratuwa to the south. But Holy Family Convent, Dehiwela, as we know it today, was really born on the 21st of June, 1935, when St. Mary's Girls' School, which the Holy Family Nuns had taken

charge of, received a new habitation and a new name, and staff and students moved into their new premises with Mother Sebastian as Superior and Principal.

Fr. Jayekody, with the eye of a poet, sees the pioneers coming out of the mists of the past and bowing to us. And yet there is also a sense in which it is we who

by
Fr. Justin Perera

should be bowing to these heroes and heroines of the past, and of the present—forerunners, founders, bishops, missionaries, religious orders, priests, nuns, teachers, benefactors, pupils, friends.

Their deeds ring out like the notes of some rich and rhythmic melody. But once again, today it is we who should peal forth for them in jubilee, a symphony of silver chimes on all the island's bells.

The daughters of Erin

But no one will deny that our thanks are due above all to the nuns who have been the soul of the institution, the vast majority of them Irish, and all of them members of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Bordeaux.

They came from the isle of saints and scholars, the isle whose missionaries have gone out to the ends of the earth, "with the silver speech of Erin on their lips," "with the laughter that has known no age-eclipse," and "with the songs beloved of Finn." And to this island of ours, and to Dehiwela, they also brought "flame of courage that shall fade not, flame of truth that shall not fail," and above all, those "gifts regenerating to all men of women born." To Ireland and the Irish, then, how can we not be grateful?

And they were nuns. And in so far as they are nuns, there is a sense in which they belong to no nation. It was Lord Lytton who said:

*"A nun hath no nation,
Wherever man suffers or woman may soothe,
There her land, there her kindred."*

Theirs is a total dedication to the service of God and man.

Down the lane of memory

Last week, when past pupils of Holy Family, Dehiwela, both men and women, visited their old school, the past must surely have come back to them, down the lane of memory and across the years. And as they re-lived the past, those happy, happy days of childhood long ago—many of them must have found there was a tugging at their heart-strings and a mist in their eyes.

How well that mood is expressed in these lines from Helen Louise Moriarty's *Convent Echoes*:

*"Of quiet halls where dusk is slow descending,
Where peace has spread her wings,
Soft music in the distance only lending
More charms where twilight clings.
"Anon appear the black-robed nuns, their faces
Serene in sweet repose;
Across their brow the world has left no traces
Of earthly dreams or woes.*

*"Fond memory lingers on those dim old hallways—
Lingers and draps a tear,
And kind affection drapes the picture always
Through each succeeding year."*

And while all of them recall, in a spirit of thankfulness, the nuns who taught them, some of them, surely, will have reason to remember with special love and gratitude, the hallowing influence of some particular nun in their lives—some nun, still with us perhaps, but now in the evening of her days, worn with labour and filled with good works.

"To guide their heedless feet"

Father Hartigan, who as "John O'Brien" is famous throughout Australia for his book of homely and moving verse, "*Around the Boree Log*," describes just such a nun, whom he calls Sister Paul—"a feeble silent nun whose useful working day is done," and "on her rosary's loom she weaves a lover's crown of autumn leaves—old Sister Paul."

Her pupils have themselves now entered into middle-age, and perhaps their hair is thinning and their foreheads are lined with age and care, but to Sister Paul "they're still the bonny things they were with curls upon the brow."

*"Tonight with all their winsome ways they troop around her as she prays,
'Tis hers to guide their heedless feet on open road or city street,*

*So whereso'er they are,
Against their trespasses she pleads—defends them with her rosary beads,
And many a fervent Ave's said for that poor erring touse-head*

Whose steps have wandered far,

*"And I have seen him, at the last, redeem the squalid tragic past
Before the curtain's fall!*

He turned to pray; no prayer he had save one she taught him when a lad

*Before his head was bowed with shame; and hot tears gathered at the name
Of Sister Paul."*

That is certainly a very true picture of the influence of nuns in the life of many a wayward man—an influence exercised in early childhood, but continuing throughout the years, subtle, silent, effective.

Lives beautiful with service done

Toward these old nuns in particular, their lives beautiful with service done, will the minds and hearts of the past pupils of Holy Family turn with gratitude today. There is poignancy in the thought of the inevitable sufferings of old age these brave veterans endure, and yet joy and inspiration in the realization of the reward, "exceeding great," that will soon be theirs.

*"The chapel empties pew by pew,
The Sisters passing two by two,*

*She moves to join the train,
But here where once with queenly grace, the morning freshness on her face,
She stepped His radiant chosen Bride, she falters now at eventide
And genuflects in pain.*

*Still be it so, what's writ is writ;
'Tis twilight and her lamp is lit
Against the Bridegroom's call;*

Oh, may the road she yet must meet lie easy to her tired feet,

*'Tis but a step, for angels wait to welcome at the Eternal Gate
Old Sister Paul."*

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What! no architecture on a Sunday morning?



OLD Robin Hood, no stickler for ivory-tower privacy, gate-crashing into a Wellawatte residence one day last month, almost bumped into Ceylon's No. 1 Architect—Mr. HERBERT E. GONSAL—enjoying a casual chit-chat with a young business magnate at 10-30 of a Sunday morning.

At 10-30 of a Sunday morning there was a whole lot of delicious talk, cake and tea, but no architecture!

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ment—THE CEYLON INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS which has just had the distinction of being allied to the Royal Institute of British Architects.

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In national building operations the work of the Architect can never be over-emphasized.

As Mr. GONSAL states in his Presidential Address delivered recently: "Architecture concerns not only our emotions but our morals, our health and our general well-being, and more than ever it must be recognized as a legacy to posterity."

Guides on the march



THE Girl Guide Movement in Ceylon keeps on marching steadily. More and more women are becoming "girl-guide-minded," according to reports reaching me.

Recently a group from the Government Training College, Polgolla got enrolled.

Miss JULIA DE SILVA, Divisional Commissioner, Girl Guides, Kandy, enrolled the trainee guides at Polgolla (see picture).

Intending exhibitors in the following sections (1) Photography, (2) Sculpture, (3) Painting, (4) Models of repositories and cribs, (5) Greeting cards, (6) Mass vestments, altar cloths, etc., (7) Sacred vessels, (8) Models of altars, fonts, etc. should be forwarded to RASANJALI before 15 July.

Many artists of repute are expected to exhibit their work at this exhibition.

She is a Religious now

ONE day last month, the robing ceremony of REV. SISTER MARY BERNADETTE OF LITTLE ST. THERESE (see picture) of the Order of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, took place at Lasigama, Marawila.

She is Monica, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. FERNANDO of "Ciricot," Moratuwa.

Rasanjali Art Exhibition

S LATED for 24 July at the Art Gallery is the RASANJALI CATHOLIC ARTISTS' GROUP-sponsored Art Exhibition.

In recent times this comparatively young cultural group has made its impact felt and it continues to manifest its verve and vigour.

Principal "Oscar" among other numerous awards will be the "Kala Kaluna" donated by the "Kala Kawluwa" of the GNANARTHA PRADIPAYA.

Come to Jubilee Nights!

THE Kotahena Catholic Young Men's Association which has been in the limelight on many occasions now completes fifty years of useful service.

Ushering in the event is the JUBILEE NIGHTS Carnival now running, to collect much-needed funds.

The Mayor of Colombo, declared open the "JUBILEE NIGHTS" Carnival on 30 June.

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Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Mr. D. MARTIN PERERA together with Mr. JOHN AMIRTHANATHAN, Hony. Secretary of the K.C.Y.M.A., and General Secretary of the Carnival, have spared no pains to make "JUBILEE NIGHTS" richly memorable.

I am sorry...

EVEN HOMER nods they say; and ROBIN HOOD admits he has tripped up on his facts in an item carried in his Roundabout of last week pertaining to the Enclosed Retreats at Lewella, Kandy.

The Retreats at Lewella, are, of course, conducted by the JESUIT FATHERS and not by the REDemptorists as erroneously stated last week.

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COMMUNISM ON THE BRAIN

THE official upshot of the "Yakovlev Incident" has been a statement made by a spokesman of the Ministry of Defence and External Affairs to the effect that in the absence of any information of what took place at the Soviet Ambassador's residence, the Ministry had "accepted Mr. Yakovlev's position." A rather negative and cautious statement; and yet, that was as much as it could have been — officially.

We do not say that there is, for certain, more to this than meets the eye. But if there is, it should be no matter for surprise. A mere glance at a map of the world will reveal that nearly one-third of the land surface of the globe is under Marxist domination.

The tragedy of Hungary, and the terror that is Tibet, are only two incidents in the continuing and growing fact of International Communism and its ruthless imperialistic aims. Nor are these obscure events that took place in some hidden corner of the world, unknown to the rest of mankind.

Anyone who has even an elementary knowledge of the theory and practice of Marxism cannot be blind to the clear and unmistakable Marxist pattern as it begins to take shape on the screen of world affairs. Of course there are people of whom the old proverb is so true, that "there are none so blind as those who will not see," who have eyes but see not. Very little can be done about this sort of functional blindness. There is also the political blackguard — one hates to think he exists, but to fondly imagine he does not would be hopelessly unrealistic and ostrich-like — whose attitude towards these things is execrable but understandable.

The tragedy is that there is such an appalling ignorance, on the part of such a vast army of people, of the tenets and techniques of Marxism, as exemplified in recent and contemporary history, and as given in the Marxist source-books themselves (one nearly said "bibles," but that would hardly do, the first article of the Marxist creed being, "there is no God, and Karl Marx is his prophet").

If this ignorance is to be dispelled, the facts about Communism cannot be repeated too often, even if the knowledgeable prefer to hear a different record. But this desire for variety is quite natural, after all, and can be viewed with a certain measure of sympathy.

Far more difficult to understand, however, is the sort of person who knows, or seems to know, the A.B.C. of Communism, but is possessed by some perverse streak which makes him react differently from the majority of mankind the moment the Marxist menace is mentioned.

One variety of this species of *homo* (not so) *sapiens* — that interpolation within parentheses was not an attempt to score a cheap debating trick, nor did we enjoy making it, but in this context it does seem appropriate — has a habit of yelling "propaganda" no sooner you have begun adducing some example of the totalitarian tyranny that Marxism has imposed on any of its innumerable servile States from China to Peru. And he does this in the cocksure and triumphant manner of a chess-player calling "checkmate."

It is rather difficult to know what to do with such a man. If he thinks he can, with such a nonchalant and arrogant presumption, call your sources "propaganda," does he realize that you could, with equal justification, call his sources (if any) the same? It is the sort of game that two can play.

And yet this habit of presuming you can liquidate your opponent with a mere label ("reactionary," "bourgeois flunkey," "capitalist lick-spittle," and so on *ad infinitum* — we believe someone has devoted himself to the entertaining task of compiling a dictionary of Communist jargon) seems to be spreading with all the frightening rapidity of a major epidemic.

There is another variety of the same species whose prompt reaction to anything you say or write about the Communist danger is not perhaps so much one of annoyance but of a tender concern, a boundless compassion. You see, it is not that you are really wrong-headed, but just that, "poor man" — and these things are never said quite like that to the patient himself, for that would be heartless, but whispered confidentially to a mutual friend — "he has got Communism on the brain."

In other words, you are suffering from a sort of obsessional neurosis or persecution complex. All this presumably inordinate fear of Communism is a delusion. If that is so, we would rather suffer from this delusion than from the delusion of a false sense of security. For the imagined sense of comfortable safety is no less a delusion; and our delusion, after all, is on the side of prudence. So we beg leave to hug our "delusion."

As for the charge of having "Communism on the brain," there is a sense in which we would feel no hesitation in pleading a fearless "guilty." Suppose we were talking not of Communism, but of the bribery and corruption rampant in the country, the dishonesty, the indiscipline — and if those people who seized every opportunity of pointing out how great a danger these evil tendencies were to the country and of suggesting ways and means of eradicating them, were accused of having "dishonesty on the brain," we would rather say: "Thank God for it; would there were more people similarly afflicted."

It is not possible, within the narrow ambit of this column, to take up one or two more varieties of the self-same species. So once again, as on a recent occasion, we link this up with the columns that run parallel to the Editorial — except that this time the readers may proceed, in due and proper order, from this leader to "Current Comment."

CURRENT COMMENT

by the Editor

THE CASE OF THE BOOT ON THE OTHER FOOT

AS we proceed with the analysis of the different varieties of the species which we felt reluctantly constrained — not facetiously but in the interests of truth, and with no intention whatsoever of offence — to call *homo* (not so) *sapiens*, it is difficult to resist the impression that here, surely, is a case of the boot being on the other foot.

Anyway, let the reader judge, while we continue with the analysis. There is a further variety of 'the self-same aforementioned species' (that phrase is a deliberate but almost irresistible degeneration into baboo English!). This variety comprises people who have a genuine air of moderation and sobriety — not that the other varieties are not genuine either: we would never, for a moment, dream of questioning their sincerity; it is not their sincerity that is in question, but their views and attitudes.

This other and more temperate variety would not think of you at all in terms of obsessions and delusions. Oh no. It is just that you are being unduly and almost vulgarly and embarrassingly sensational. One must not get all that violent, you know. That sort of emotional outburst is in bad taste. It is just not done in decent circles.

Gentle persuasion?

In fact, it is not even Christian. The Christian must be calm and peaceful, above all. One must not bawl out like that, at the top of one's voice, even against evil. The Christian way is the way of gentle persuasion.

"All her ways were gentleness, and all her paths were peace" — or something to that effect (we quote from memory) — as the poet said. That is the general idea, at any rate. That is the general theme. It sounds wonderful, of course, and is in many ways — in its own time and place, however.

But one of the difficulties about making this the general and universal Christian technique is that by the same standard quite one half (if not more) of the saints and doctors of the Church would stand condemned and anathematized and cast into the outer darkness.

The forthright, frequent, fearless, powerful, thunderous roar of the denunciations of error made by Paul, Ignatius, Cyprian, Jerome, Augustine, Chrysostom, Hildebrand, and even the delicate and gentle Newman — to mention only a few of a long list — will have to be held up as examples of the sad failings of these great and saintly men.

Reductio ad absurdum

Besides, what sort of charity is it, towards one's country and towards one's fellowmen, to fail to denounce error, in season (and even perhaps, as St. Paul would have said, out of season). And does one expect, granted human nature and human "density" (if the reader will understand what we mean), that the average human being will take for warning a mild, jejune, nerveless announcement made in a feeble whisper?

Imagine that a band of hooligans and terrorists are on the rampage in your area, a danger to the safety of life and limb and the very moral integrity of your wives and children, and whose violence and effrontery are on the increase. Even when they are sitting astride your very

parapet with sten guns directed into your house, your mild and gentle philosopher would have you win the brigands over by cooing words of peace into their ears — for "all her ways are gentleness, and all her paths are peace."

The last category

The last category we will deal with, lest we go on for ever, is the category of those who say: "But mere anti-Communism is not enough; it is a negative thing. And remember, you must take a great deal of the blame yourself for the emergence of the Communist heresy."

Mere negative anti-Communism is not enough — of course it isn't; no one could agree more. But that does not preclude warning people of its dangers. We must take a great deal of the blame for the fact of Communism — undoubtedly we must. We are with you there completely. But that does not exempt one, either, from the duty of alerting people to imminent danger.

Yet another line is this: "Do not forget that the secularist, materialistic heathenism of the non-Communist world is no less worthy of denunciation." At this stage we feel like embracing our profound critic, and hailing him as a long lost brother. He couldn't be "righter." And yet, the fact remains, that not only do the sins of the non-Communist-sector of the world not automatically prove Communism to be in the right; there is the question of which is the greater evil — and the answer to that question should be, to any man with a balanced judgment, quite clear.

A quarter to twelve

There is a vast difference in degree (if not in kind as well) between the sins and evils, however deep-dyed, of the non-Communist world, and the abomination of desolation that is — not individual Communists, one bit — but the evil thing that is Communism with its materialism raised to the level of a complete and thorough-going philosophy, its near-perfect and ruthless organization, its system of regimentation involving the denial of all freedom, its totalitarianism, its doctrine of violent revolution, its obvious aim of world-domination, its professedly militant and avowed determination to destroy and extinguish all religion.

It is time we saw things clear and saw them whole. It is not just the eleventh hour. It is already a quarter to twelve.

The Kingdom of Pot

And now, to return to the Kingdom of Pot, we are afraid we can do very little indeed of what we had hoped to, as we have very little room left in which to potter around in the Kingdom. "Kingdom" is the word, for so great is the power of "pot."

Would we had space enough to trace back the word "pot"

to the Latin, the golden majesty of the Roman tongue (*Romanæ majestas aurea lingua*), and then to the parent Sanskrit.

And how much more there remains to be said about *potash*, and *pot cit*, and *pot-water* and *jack pot* and a thousand other pots: some of them mentionable, some unmentionable (the sort that would make some people pace up and down in a state of disgust and rage, "upstairs and downstairs, and in my lady's chamber" — *sap. sat.*).

Nor can we so much as mention punning as the highest form of humour, nor enter into the inviting and inexhaustibly rich field of inter-linguistic punning mentioned by Mr. Patrick Fernando.

Nothing would seem to have ever evoked, in the whole history of the *Messenger*, such a spate of responses, like a river in flood, a *potamic*, a river-like response, as has this single word *pot*. There has been a further communication from the scholarly Mr. John M. Senevaratne, and several new efforts from many others.

But we shall have to impose a curb on ourselves, lest we be punished by our readers. They may tolerate a great deal from an Editor, but they never let him be a *despot*. Therefore unless our readers insist they have not yet had enough of a good (or bad?) thing, and insist we should go on, we shall have to come to a dead halt, and in the end, like all things on this earth, "like all the golden boys and golden girls," eventually ourselves go to *pot*.

The Review with a Difference

"*Jesus Caritas*," *Jesus Who is Love*, the Quarterly bulletin of the Congregation of Charles de Foucauld, is off the press. This is its third issue. The Bulletin with its inspiring message of eminently Christian and Catholic sanity — which is the only complete sanity there is — makes invaluable reading. We salute it humbly and with pride, and, through it, the one and only religious congregation in the world, perhaps, of which it is true to say that its obscurity is a sign not of torpor but of Grace.

"Pat," said the priest to the dying Irishman, "you've been a stormy man most of your life. Now you have only one choice. Which is it to be, God or the devil?" Pat lifted a dying eyelid, looked at his reverence, and said, "I am in no position to antagonize anybody, am I?"

A pickpocket is a man who generally keeps to himself, but goes out occasionally in a crowd for a little change.

OFFICIAL

APPENDIX to Circular No. 130

Renewal of consecration of the world and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

(Formula to be used in the Archdiocese of Colombo for the Days of Prayer and Reparation: 12th-13th July and 12th-13th October 1960).

QUEEN of the Holy Rosary, Help of Christians, Refuge of the human race, conqueror of all God's battles, in this tragic hour of human history, we confide, entrust and consecrate to thy Immaculate Heart the Holy Church, Mystical Body of thy Son, Jesus, which bleeds now from so many wounds and is so sorely tried.

We likewise consecrate to thy Immaculate Heart the whole world torn as it is by deadly strife, afire with hatred and paying the penalty of its own wickedness.

As the whole human race was consecrated to the Heart of thy Jesus, that through hope in Him He might become for all the sign and pledge of victory and salvation, so we in like manner consecrate ourselves for ever to thee and to thy Immaculate Heart, O Mother and Queen of the world. This we do so that thy love and protection may hasten the triumph of God's Kingdom.

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Refuge of Sinners, at the same time and in a very special manner, we consecrate to thy Compassionate Heart, Russia and her people, recommending them to thy powerful intercession.

Turn thy gentle eyes of mercy upon that country, so that, within it, Christian Faith (ornament and safeguard of human society) may be strengthened and increased; all the errors, deceptions and cunning arts of the enemies of Religion may be cast off and rejected; public and private conduct may be brought into conformity with the precepts of the Gospel.

We pray especially that the Catholics of Russia, though deprived of their pastors, may be strong and fearless and resist the attacks of godlessness even unto death.

May just liberty befitting human beings, citizens and Christians, be restored to all and in the first place to the Church, whose divine mandate it is to teach all men truth and virtue.

Finally, may genuine peace shine over that dear nation and over the whole world — a peace firmly established on the foundations of justice and nourished by brotherly love that will lead all nations to that prosperity of one and all, which springs from mutual concord.

Deign, O most benignant Mother, to look with pity upon those very ones who organise and direct the anti-God phalanges. Be pleased to illumine their minds with heavenly light and move their hearts to Salvation with divine Grace.

Queen of the universe, Mediatrix between men and God, Refuge of all our hopes, show mercy unto us. Amen.

The Large Heart beneath the new Red Robes

UNEXPECTED inroads on our space last week prevented the Messenger giving due prominence to an event which deserved it — the conferment of the rank of Monsignor on the doyen of Colombo's diocesan clergy, Fr. Joseph Wettasinghe.

We were very nearly speaking of his "appointment" as a monsignor but that, of course, would have been rather inaccurate. A priest is not made a monsignor. The Pope bestows on him an office, whether actual or titular, which entitles him to the rank of monsignor and to be addressed as such and to be styled, in Latin, *reverendissimus*. It also entitles him to wear a red soutane and mantelletta, and to certain other honours, privileges and prerogatives.

stinictively and confidently in their hours of distress, and that won for him the appellations of "Daddy" and "Papa."

There is a popular song called "Oh my Papa", which many of those who know him will agree they could very appropriately sing to him — particularly lines like "oh my papa, to me you were so wonderful, oh my papa to me you were so good," or, "and with a smile you changed my tears to laughter."

The new Monsignor is not a man who takes his philosophy out of books, but out of his own great heart. His unfailing and universal kindness towards all those around him without any distinction, makes it possible to say of him without fear of exaggeration what was said of St. Paul: "Cor Pauli Cor Christi erat," "the heart of Paul was the heart of Christ."

A priest should possess certain attributes, and many priests do possess them. But there are some qualities that are rare amongst the best of men anywhere, and some of these Mgr. Joseph Wettasinghe possesses in remarkable measure — an extraordinary un-

derstanding of the ordinary man, a broad charity, a great sense of tolerance, a transparent sincerity, and a truly amazing humility and simplicity. No wonder he has the cherubic face and smiling eyes of a child.

of the world's supremely wise and great men, Confucius.

Confucius said: "The higher type of man makes a sense of duty the groundwork of his character, blends with it in action a sense of harmonious proportion, manifests it by the addition of sincerity and truth. Then indeed is he a noble character."

And yet the greatest thing about the new Monsignor is the fact of his priesthood and of his priestly ministry, and of the manner in which he has been a father to the many souls who have come under his care. Well might he describe himself in these simple words, though he would be too modest to do so:

"They call me Father here around, and I have found it good;
The rich, the poor, the down and out all share that fatherhood;
A father to the thoughtless lad whose friends have been his foes,
The comely lass who cannot see beyond her powdered nose,
And in the dim-lit silent church, each week-end over there
I'm Father to the erring ones who need a father's care."

J. P.

NEW MONTESSORI HOUSE AT NAYAKAKANDE

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

"THE ideal should be Our Lord's words: 'let little children come to me and hinder them not' — that should be the aim of every adult, to allow every child to go freely to his Creator on the path of development laid down by Him," stated Mr. A. M. Joosten, at the opening of the new Montessori House of Children at Good Shepherd Convent, Nayakakande, on 26 June.

Earlier, Rev. Fr. Philip Dissanayake, O.M.I., General Manager of Catholic schools, blessed the new building.

A symbolic touch was lent to the event when the tapers of a lamp were lighted by the Mother Prioress and a small child respectively.

Present at the ceremony were the Community and a number of friends of the Convent.

ARCHITECT

The new building has been designed by Mr. A. M. Joosten who is the personal representative of Mr. Mario Montessori and of the A.M.I. in Asia.

Geared to the needs and requirements of the small and growing child, emblems such as the Crucifix, pictures, etc., are hung low, at the eye level of the child.

The walls separating the different sections are three feet high. In charge of the fully equipped house are two qualified Nuns.

DIPLOMAS

ON Wednesday, June 22, the following nineteen students of the Good Shepherd Maria Montessori Training Centre, Kotahena, received the Diploma

awarded by the Association Montessori Internationale (A.M.I.). These internationally recognised Diplomas bear the signatures of the President, the General-Director, and the seal of the A.M.I.

Sister Mary of St. Anastasia, Mrs. M. A. Dias, Misses L. Gooneratne, E. I. Gnanapragasm, G. K. Gunawardene, C. Gooneratne, N. W. G. Gunasekera and M. S. P. Jayasinghe, Mrs. P. L. Leanage, Sister Mary of St. Magdalene, Miss H. L. Palliyeguru, Sister Mary Paracleta, Misses W. A. S. Perera, P. Perera, I. L. Sabhapathy, E. Samyathan, E. M. de Silva, P. M. de Silva and I. Weerakoon.

Volley ball championship

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

ST. Xavier's College, Marawila, defeated Joseph Vaz College, Wennappuwa, by two games to nil in the Volley Ball Tournament organized by the Department of Education.

Playing in Joseph Vaz grounds, the Xavierites won the first game 15-11, and the second 15-13.

THERE were large crowds at the Feast of St. Anthony, at Wahacotte, on Sunday, 19th June.

On the previous day, Pontifical Vespers was sung by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bernard Regno, O.S.B., assisted by a number of priests. There were sermons in Sinhalese and Tamil.

On Sunday morning, there were several Masses and the High Mass at 9 a.m. His Lordship the Bishop preached in English. This was followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Procession round the village with the Miraculous Statue of St. Anthony.

The traffic arrangements, with the co-ordinated Bus Service, were excellent. The pilgrims did not feel the absence of the Post Office which had been removed from its traditional place in the church premises, to a distant spot, as the Parish Priest had made arrangements for a temporary Post Office, close to the church. The medical authorities kept the place quite clean and sanitary.

St. Jude has a niche in the heart of Colombo

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

DEVOTEES of St. Jude, the Apostle and Martyr, Helper in Difficult Cases, should be very happy now as there is a large

statue of this Saint installed at St. Anthony's Church, Kochchikade.

The workers in the Harbour



The statue of St. Jude, presented by the boat-yard workers of the Port Cargo Corporation, about to be taken in procession to be installed at St. Anthony's Church, Kochchikade. (Picture by Gerald Vindurampulle)

Confraternity's Golden Jubilee

(from our Dehiwela correspondent)

THE Confraternity of the Guards of Honour, Dehiwela, which commenced, its Jubilee Celebrations on Friday, 24th June, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, concluded the celebrations with a largely attended Social in the D.C.A. Hall, on Sunday, 26th June. The social was attedped by the Parish Priest, Very Rev. Fr. Nereus C. Fernando, Mis. Ap., Rev. Fr. Cyril Peries, former Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Dominic Candappa and Rev. Fr. Hugo Fernando.

The Confraternity, established in 1910 by Rev. Fr. F. Thiry, O.M.I., still counts among its membership 2 founder members, Mesdames B. G. P. Jayawardene and A. de Andrado, who have both held office as Prefect for over ten years each.

At the general meeting which preceded the social, Very Rev. Fr. Nereus Fernando gave an inspiring address. Mrs. W. P. Weerasuriya and Miss Grace Rodrigo were re-elected Prefect and Secretary respectively for 1960/61.

were responsible for this move. The statue, which is a gift from them, was brought in procession from St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena, on the 14th June. The procession reached the church at about 6-30 p.m. and was received by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. A. de Saram. A large gathering was present. A sermon in Sinhalese was delivered by the Rev. Fr. Gunasekera, O.C.D., of St. Jude's, Indigolla, after which there was Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Litany of the Precious Blood now in liturgy

A NEW litany in honour of the Precious Blood takes its official place in the Roman Missal from last month, next to the Litany of the Sacred Heart.

The Latin text appears in the June 2 issue of the *Acta Apostolicae Sedis*.

It bears the seal of approval of the Pope and of the Congregation of Rites.

WAHACOTTE FEAST

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)



The statue being taken in procession. (Picture by Alexander David)

BOOK PAGE

AN INDIAN NEWMAN

ONE DOES NOT KNOW WHOM TO CONGRATULATE MORE — THE SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL WHICH IS BRINGING, CATHOLIC LITERATURE (AND WHAT A SPLENDID SELECTION) WITHIN THE RANGE OF THE AVERAGE INDIAN AND CEYLONESE, OR, IN THIS INSTANCE, VALERIAN GRACIAS, INDIA'S CARDINAL, FOR POURING OUT TO US SO LAVISHLY THE TREASURES OF HIS MIND AND HEART.

Perhaps one should not have stopped at the prosaic, matter-of-fact designation, "India's Cardinal"; one ought really to say instead, in a more significant and yet quite realistic phrase, "India's Newman." For that is the growing impression one receives as he goes through the pages of these Lenten Addresses on *The Decline of Public Morals*.



These addresses might well have been delivered from the pulpit of Notre Dame, so exalted is the theme, so elegant the presentation, and though the pages of print can never recapture the magic of the spoken word — there can be no doubt about it, so eloquent must surely have been the delivery, as any one who has ever heard Cardinal Gracias speak can well surmise.

These sermons, however, were not delivered in some stately, ancient Cathedral, but in the statelier and more majestic basilica of an open-air oratory, with Bombay's blue sky for dome. A daily audience of over 2,000, non-Catholics included, listened to this Lenten series.

So remarkable was the response, that Cardinal Gracias finds himself regretting that he had not delivered similar courses of sermons, open to the public, in all his previous thirty years preaching mission in Bombay.

A convert speaks of the Cardinal's life-giving words. Another listener tells of "the concrete evidence of the good these discourses have done" and of "the brilliance of your oratory." An Archbishop hopes the sermons will some day be reprinted in book form, so that they will reach every corner of India.

And that, thank God, is exactly what has happened. While Indian statesmen are occupied and preoccupied with the problems of foreign reserves, a growing population, Five-Year Plans and internal conflicts, the Cardinal feels that it is his responsibility as a churchman, and as a debtor to all his fellowmen (as he so humbly and so characteristically says) to warn, to exhort and instruct the people of India on the Modern Chaos and the Way Out. And magnificently does this Indian Newman — for no other title would be adequate — rise to the full heights of his respon-

sibility. Appropriately enough, Cardinal Gracias concludes the Foreword to this book with Newman's famous desideratum for a Catholic laity.

This is a book which, beyond all doubt, must be bought, read, possessed, and read again. Long may the Cardinal live to continue to give us more and more of these thoughts that live and these words that burn.

J. P.

*THE DECLINE OF PUBLIC MORALS. A Course of Addresses by Valerian Cardinal Gracias. (Society of St. Paul Industrial Printing Training School, Bandra, Bombay 50). Price Rs. 2/00.

English prayers of Saint Thomas

AND TREATISE ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Edited with an Introduction by Philip Hallett. Burns and Oates, London. Paternoster Series No. 18. Available locally at St. Michael's Bookshop, Colombo 13. Price Rs. 1/50

St. Thomas More's doctrinally perfect and so tender Treatise on the Eucharist is here reprinted for the first time since 1557. Both the Treatise and the selection of prayers, make one yearn for more (the pun, in this case, is entirely unintentional, and would in so holy a context be irrelevant, anyway). A further booklet in this series might well be devoted to extracts from so sincere, and so rich a store.

J.

Umfundisi

Missioner to the Zulus

by Fr. Thomas M. Calkins, O.S.M. Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee. Available at St. Michael's Bookshop, Colombo 13. Price Rs. 18/75.



THIS is a very American Book — American in idiom and in outlook — and therein lies, I am constrained to admit, a great deal of its perspicuous charm. Even the blurb on the jacket is American (and so is its price—3.75 dollars—but don't let that put you off: the book is well worth it). "Our Lady of Ingwaruma Catholic Mission, Natal," says the blurb, "is a heck of a long way from Chicago. And a green, young mis-

sionary transplanted from the Loop to the wild chequer-board (sorry! checkerboard) of sand patches and scrubby, forbidding bush that is Zululand is in for a darned lot of surprises." The book is a fascinating, vivid and eminently readable account of these surprises — and, believe me, they are surprising.

"Bungling and timid at first, stammering a strange tongue that employs sounds akin to the popping of bubble gum and the clucking of chickens," our green young Servite finds that in his mission "anything goes." At Mass, children play games, mothers nurse squawling (or should it be *skawling*? — in the American language "anything goes!") infants, fist-fights break out, everyone talks freely. And in the midst of all the clamour (heck! I mean *clamor*), Umfundisi prays.

Umfundisi is Zulu for "priest." It means "one who teaches." (One shudders to think what the Zulu for "Episcopalian Bishop" would be). And our intrepid Umfundisi really does "umfund." How he contrives to do so is amazing. This book deals with nothing else. Everything — ritual murder, pagan rites, sorcerers as old as Solomon, marital dances, jungle law courts, local hipsters and laughing, efficient Zulu nuns — affects and is affected by his teaching. And that is the wonder, the interest and the impact of this book. The author writes about them all with humour and compassion, and against the background of this vibrant and colourful world, one by one they come alive.

"St. Paul was no slouch," says our author somewhere. He might have been describing himself. He is no slouch either. "He hits the African bush with the Gospel of Christ, but he in turn is soaked with Africa, Africans, paganism, witchcraft and the weird customs of primitive people." Here are his own words:

"I wasn't dreaming, wasn't reading a tall tale of Dr. Livingstone; I was not sitting in the Chicago Theatre watching 'African Drums' or some other hair raiser (*sic!*). This was real, and I was here. Me, the same west side Chicago kid who had shined shoes in Madison Street taverns for a nickel a shine."

L. F.

An Inspiring Autobiography

IN 1954, Mary Ellen Kelly captured the Christopher Award for her article "Was I chosen by God?" which appeared in the *Woman's Home Companion*. She was also named "Woman of the Year" for her journalistic and spiritual achievements.

This double achievement is sufficient indication of the driving force and heroism behind the woman. Now in her book of 182 pages titled **BUT WITH THE DAWN, REJOICING** (Bruce Publishing Co.) and available locally from St. Michael's Bookshop, 6 Jampettah Street, Colombo 13 for Rs. 15/-. Mary Ellen Kelly gives her full story.

At 17 she was struck down by rheumatoid arthritis and was an

invalid for life. With only enough movement in her right arm to write seven letters in unbroken succession, she proved that she can still be useful to society.

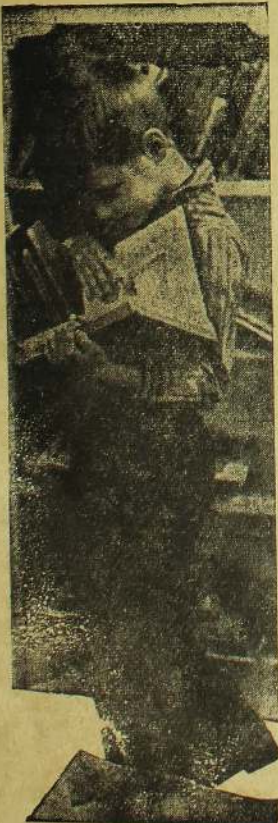
She believes Invalidism was the vocation specially chosen by an all-loving God for her.

This warm, brightly written

autobiography is chockful of valuable advice and spiritual wisdom for everybody, be he an invalid or not.

It can be confidently recommended as a book from which maximum profit can be derived by the young and the old.

H. P.



The Apostle of the Sacred Heart

MENTION the name of St. Margaret Mary and one's mind runs to the cloistered nun of the Visitation Order, who is acclaimed the Apostle of the Sacred Heart.

In a book published this year **ST. MARGARET MARY — Apostle of the Sacred Heart** by Ruth Fox Hume (Burns & Oates) and available locally from St. Michael's Bookshop, 6 Jampettah Street, Colombo 13 for Rs. 9-35, the full story of the girl to whom were entrusted the great revelations of the Sacred Heart, is related.

One in the series of Vision Books for teen-agers from 9 upwards, this book holds even adults interested.

H. P.



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ANNOUNCING AN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE ON YOUR OWN PATRON SAINT

The next edition of the Schools-Mag dated 9th July coincides with the Feast Day of St. Maria Goretti, the Patron Saint of Schools-Mag girl members. It will bring you maximum coverage on the girl-saint. Don't miss your copy of next week's

SCHOOLS-MAG'S ST. MARIA GORETTI EDITION

A Thought FOR THE WEEK

"God never imposes a duty without giving the time to do it."

—John Ruskin

Birthdays

A happy birthday to the following members who celebrate their birthdays this week.

July 2nd

A. P. Fernando (Kandy), Lourdes Fernando (Kotahena), Anpoo Croos Moraes (Negombo), G. A. Aloysius (Velvetitural), Brighton Casiechetty (Wattala), Marie B. Anandappa (Colombo 13), A. M. Boteju (Kandy), Marie I. Peiris (Kelaniya), Bernadette Gunawardana (Negombo), Viraj Tilakawardana (Bambalapitiya), Ramel Menon (Kandy), Marie Fernando (Moratuwa), Cheryl Ragel (Colombo 4), Jayantha Wickramasinghe (Colombo 7), Clotilda Swineetha (Madampe), G. Dissanayake (Kelaniya), Sharon Marina Diaz (Kandy), P. M. Sathyannathan (Puwakpitiya), Eshwarie Casiechetty (Bambalapitiya).

July 3rd

Desmond Ferreira (Colombo 15), Royce Weerasinghe (Mt. Lavinia), Mariette B. Edward (Trincomalee), E. R. A. Christoffelsz (Anuradhapura), Kumar Eliyathamby (Mutwal), Eustace R. Nugara (Dehiwela), Nelum Jayasinghe (Horana), Manik Jayatilake (Colombo 13), Shantha de Mel (Moratuwa), D. M. Leone Martyn (Nugegoda), Dunstan Berenger (Nugegoda), M. Francis Annunciata Perera (Dankotawa), Ranjanie Dassanayake (Mawatha).

July 4th

Malini Machado (Jaffna), Brian R. Offen (Kandy), Nimal Fernando (Moratuwa), Allen Dabrera (Dankotawa), Jesudasan Stanislaus (Wellawatte), Pushparanne A. Joseph (Pamviltanne), M. Allan Dabrera (Dankotawa), Carlyle Spencer Dias (Kandy), Anthony Rulach (Nawalapitiya).

July 5th

Thangam Croos Moraes (Negombo), Antoinette Van Drisen (Dehiwela), Terrence Wickramasinghe (Kegalle), P. Kanagaperumal (Kadugamuwa), Olympe Vanderstraatan (Ragama), Alston Fairlyle Coenraad (Kotahena), Anthony Leavage (Kotahena), W. S. Gerard Rohan Fernando (Hendala).

July 6th

Rajah Phillips (Colombo 4), Priya de Silva (Peradeniya), Shirani Machado (Jaffna), Marle Perera (Matale), Titus Silva (Kelaniya), Annette Kulatunga (Dematagoda), Venita Cooke (Dehiwela), Jacintha Fonseka (Puttalam), H. Havindra Sivananthan (Pitakotte), Lorna Shirley De Cruz (Badulla).

July 7th

Deline Raux (Kotahena), Cletus Fernando (Moratuwa), Monti Gabriel (Nugegoda), Cyril Ernest (Negombo), Prithwe Wijeyaratne (Marawila), Jayarane Coonghe (Negombo), Aloysius Roberts (Matale), Yvonne Anton (Etalal), Charmaine Ragel (Colombo 6), Fati-

(See next page)



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...where
the
green
palms
wave
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I visit Negombo

WE had gone to visit Uncle Joe who lives by the Negombo lagoon. splendour gradually disappearing into the sea.

As it was my first stay by the sea I had many new experiences.

My first glimpse of the sea as we reached the bungalow was a rewarding one. I stood spellbound on the verandah drinking in the beauty of the scene, much to the amusement of my cousin Philo who had to drag me in to show me my room.

We hurried to that spot, after we had seen the gleaming catch being emptied into the baskets, which the women had with them. A large number of traders were very soon bidding for the fish.

SILVERY RAYS
Suddenly darkness cast its gloom over the sea. We saw the moon shining brightly, sending its silvery rays over the numerous ripples on the calm lagoon. The

by

ANTOINETTE MIRANDO

IN DREAMLAND
That night I was awake for quite a while listening to the rhythmic roll of the waves lapping on the rocks. Lulled by this music I fell asleep and was soon deep in dreamland.

I woke up very much earlier than I usually do, owing to the strangeness of the place.

After breakfast my cousins Pamela and Shirley suggested that we spend the day on the beach. With my aunty's approval we set out, each with a lunch packet we had made up ourselves. Thus equipped, we walked along the beach, looking for a shady place where we could rest. At last we sighted a coconut grove close to the sea. There we decided to spend the rest of the day.

As the auction ended, the fisher women came up with baskets to receive their quota for sale.

Having witnessed all this we walked along the shore a long way digging the sand with our feet, and searching for shells. Here and there we had to cross rocks which were slippery.

It was a joy to scramble over them. Having paddled in the shallow water to our hearts' content, we returned home in time for our evening tea. Late in the evening we sat in the garden, watching the sun in all its

the stars began to peep out. The waving coconut palms and thatched roofs of the huts of the fisherfolk took on a strange beauty. The cool breeze playing on my face lulled me to sleep that night.

Late in the night I heard the tooting of a horn and I knew that my dad had come to take me home. My heart sank for I had begun to love the exotic beauty of the sea.

Good Shepherd Convent,
Kandy.

Down South

By
KUMAR PERUMAL

FISHING BOATS
From this grove we could see the fishing boats returning with the day's catch. At first they looked like small specks on the horizon.

"As they reach the coast, a crowd of vendors would be waiting to welcome them" said my cousin Shirley, "and the catch would be auctioned at a place close to the lagoon."

WE left Colombo by car at 7 a.m. We were quite happy and excited as it was our first trip down South. All along we saw nothing but the sea with patches of coconut trees swaying in the breeze.

We reached Hikkaduwa at about 11 a.m. where we had a bath, and had lunch at the rest house. After lunch we started our journey to Galle as daddy had some work there.

Mummy and all of us went down to the market square for a while.

IN MATARA...

Later we drove down to Matara where we spent the night on my uncle's estate. It was the first time I visited a rubber estate.

I was thrilled to see the tappers collect the latex and later see this made into sheets of rubber in the

factory. We stayed there for a day and next went to Tangalle. We had lunch at the rest house and also went down to the beach to pick up shells.

... AND DONDRA
On our return from Tangalle we went to see the Dondra light house but were disappointed that we could not climb it owing to the heavy rain at the time.

The next day we returned to Colombo in time for dinner. It was an exciting and enjoyable trip and we look forward to another trip like this during the next holidays!

Word sketches on Ceylon by Schools-Mag members are welcomed.





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Talks to Teen-Agers LAVABO

By Uncle Ashley

My dear children, After the priest has blessed the offering — the bread and wine that are soon to be His very body and blood he

goes over to the Epistle side and washes his hands.

Formerly such washing was necessary and meaningful as the priest received the bread and wine from the hands of the people. Although as early as in the fifth century the carrying of gifts to the altar ceased, nevertheless,

the "Lavabo" was kept up to remind the faithful that they should be clean of heart and mind and body. Hands that offer sacrifice to God have to be clean.

Every blessing. Always in Jesus and Mary.

UNCLE ASHLEY

St. Margaret Mary

ONCE there knelt a holy nun, In prayer before Our Lord, Who in most fervent acts of love Her heart and soul outpoured.

A light flashed on her dazzled eyes Oh! Who is standing there? 'Tis He Himself, her Spouse, her Lord All blessed, bright and fair.

A red Heart lies upon His breast, With fiery rays all round, And drops of blood are trickling down, That heart with thorns is crowned.

He spoke, she listened, — rapt in awe — "Behold My Heart! He said, That Heart, Whose love for men so great, That for their sakes It bled.

That Heart is still on fire with love For all men and for thee; Alas! My child, how few there are Who love or think of Me?

The love that fills My Heart for thee, My child thou canst not know; For thy sake would I bear once more My Passion's cruel woe.

Yes, I would suffer that again To snatch all souls from sin; They dance upon the brink of Hell, And numbers still fall in.

They have forgotten Me, My child And now I ask of thee, One day of all the year to keep A Festival for Me.

"A Friday it shall be" He said, And I will choose that one When Corpus Christi's glorious feast Its eight days course has run.

"To honour My Most Sacred Heart Each year upon that day, Thou shalt receive Me in Thy heart, And thus My love repay.

"In thee My Heart shall comfort find, And thee will I bless too; And all who keep that blessed Feast Will find My words are true."

What could she do, that holy Nun But promise to obey? It cost her many crosses too, Too great for me to say.

But in the end the cause was won, And Jesus had His way, The Sacred Heart is honoured now For ever on that day.

And Margaret Mary was the name Of that most favoured Nun, And no one knew until her death How all these things were done.

Paulette Perera

St. Cecilia's High School, Batticaloa.

Mirthquakes

THE hotel guest was checking in, and when he got his bill at the cashier's desk, it completely floored him.

"Thank you for your patronage, sir," said the manager. "Was everything satisfactory?"

"Everything was fine," said the guest, "but I'd suggest that you change the signs in the rooms from: 'Have you left anything?' to 'Have you anything left?'"

OBITUARY in a local newspaper:

"He was a man who had indeed suffered much; he had been a subscriber to this newspaper since its first number."

"Yes teacher," said Elmo, "I got one question to ask. Where do the numbers go when you rub them off the board?"

UNCLE: "How could you possibly play truant from a correspondence school?"

Nephew: "I sent them an empty envelope."

SCHOOLS-MAG KINDERGARTENERS

Picture shows a group of Schools-Mag members of the Kindergarten at St. Anthony's Convent, Kandy.



Schools-Mag Reporters Corpus Christi Celebrations

★ Therese Fernandopulle reporting from Negombo THE feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated on a grand scale, at Ave Maria Convent, Negombo recently. Mass was said by Rev. Father Chaplain in the convent hall. The school-girls, the staff and a few parents participated.

After Mass the Blessed Sacrament was taken round the school. The procession route was gaily decorated with "red and white flags" and "gok kola." There were two repositories both fit-

tingly decorated to receive Our Lord. Spear-heading the procession were the tiny-tots of the Montessori followed by the school girls. Behind the girls came the guides, all smartly dressed in their costumes. Following them were the newly enrolled sodality, and the nuns coming just ahead of the Blessed Sacrament.

The skies threatened throughout the day, but the rain clouds cleared for these few solemn moments. Negombo.

A New Society is Born

★ Johann Cooke reporting from Colombo

THE Altar Servers at Jesuit House, started their own Altar Boys Society on Sunday, 12th June, at 3-30 p.m. with 4 officers and 2 members: Captain: Joseph Phillips, Vice-Captain: Blane Gomez, Secretary: Johann Cooke, Treasurer: Rajan Fernando.

By the 2nd meeting on Sunday, 9th June there were eleven on roll. A further increase in numbers is expected in the near future.

A society was born that was badly needed as we are "in between" of two large parishes, having lots of servers themselves. We hope to learn to say our prayers with great fervour and edify others by our own behaviour at Mass; though we may have our shortcomings, as Father Moran once said "Jesus will understand, He was once a little Boy."

Anyway we will not let the Jesuit Fathers down for want of servers — they have done us a good turn and we will stand by them. Batticaloa's loss — Fr. Boudreaux is our gain — St. John Berchmans help us to be true little Altar Boys!

"I AM looking for a gift for a girl," the earnest young man confided to a clerk. "I want something that will make her face light up, something that will make her eyes sparkle, something that will rekindle the fire of love."

"Well," said the clerk, "if you're trying to burn up, don't give her anything."

blems, and was delighted to see that the tall gangling lad, her dullest pupil, was watching intently. Her happy thought was that, at last, he was beginning to understand. So when she had finished explaining she said to him, "You were so interested, Elmo, and I'm certain you want to ask more questions."

Sent by Francis Steelman Kotahena.

About Famous People

Fr. Georges Pire

ALL day long in a tiny office in the Belgian town of Huy, the telephone rang incessantly and they were all calls of congratulations from the Royal palace at Brussels, from Cabinet Ministers, Ambassadors and from all types of people from every country in Europe. Telegrams and cables piled up on his table. Radio and Television and newspaper magnates surrounded him. In the midst of all these there was only one sour note. The Communist Press in Czechoslovakia said: "Tis is an insult to all true lovers of peace."

What was all this fuss when the whole world rejoiced except the Communists? This was one day in November 1958.

In Oslo that same day the Nobel Committee had decided to award their Prize for Peace, and the recipient of these congratulatory messages was the winner of Huy.

When the prize winners gathered to receive their prizes all were dressed in black and in their midst stood one solitary figure clad in the white habit of the Dominican Order. It was Rev. Fr. Georges Pire. He was only 48 years of age, a tall broad well-built man.

He had been a chaplain and Intelligence officer in the Second World War and he had received the medal Croix de Guerre with palms, for valour.

After the War, he gathered 1,000 city boys and girls and removed them to the country and looked after them and supplemented their diet to fight off tuberculosis.

Fr. Pire is a man who believes passionately in the removal of barriers among men — barriers of religion, race, country — and to break down the yawning gulf between the rich and the poor classes, so characteristic of society today. He is a deeply emotional man who is very sensitive to the sufferings of others. Since the time he became aware of the sad plight of many of the refugees from behind the Iron Curtain, he has been showering on them his love, his hope, his belief in their

importance as human beings.

Last year Fr. Pire collected Rs. 2,800,000 for his people. He asked for no money from anyone but it just came in — all of it.

He merely told people the story of his refugees, on the radio, face to face at luncheons and dinners and he wrote in his own newspaper, *Hard Core*, published once a fortnight in five languages for a list of 100,000 people. People realized the immense good this priest was doing. Some sent him a crumpled bank note or a few stamps and others substantial cheques and the Nobel Prize money Rs. 224,000 which he spent on them.

The problem was to get these displaced people out of the camps into the world where they could get back their self-respect. Today there are four homes and going through them is a cheering experience.

The greatest problem of this priest, is the 150,000 who still remain — the sick, the old, the misfits, the unmarried mothers, the seemingly indigestible hard core whom no country will have, who cannot find jobs easily because they have no training or because they lack strength. Some 20,000 are said to be T.B. patients.

He has hit upon a plan to fix up 20 houses in each village and to have those villages within a city and each house occupied by a family or equivalent to a family unit, thus bringing about a family atmosphere for them.

These refugees are grateful and they keep these houses well. Flowers riot in the window-sills



and photographs of the loved ones are hung on the walls. These people become self-supporting at times by getting work in the nearby cities.

Rev. Fr. Pire hopes to develop this "Europe of the Heart" until it becomes a force for peace and unity among all people.

"I think," he said, that the misery of Displaced Persons has been given us so that we, in uniting to help them, may break down the walls which separate us. Helping them out of their morass will create a chain of goodwill just as in a sudden fire a bucket brigade is formed by neighbours who, before it happened, did not even speak to other."



Dear Editor,

Please enrol me, my two brothers and my sister as members of the "Schools-Mag." We are regular readers of the *Messenger* and we never fail to read the special pages for us, which are very interesting.

Manel Jayamanne, Kandy.

Mirthquake

THE teacher in a little country school was at the blackboard explaining arithmetic pro-

A PRAYER TO OUR MOTHER

OH! Mother of Christ, the eternal Virgin, And of our's — undeserving sinners, Make us pure and help us cleave to Thy purity. Oh! Mary, maiden of serene countenance, Cleanse our heart and beautify them as Thine. Tranquillize us in this world of endless anxieties. Oh! Virgin with veiled face, With those mild eyes looking down, Intercede for us, I entreat Thee from the depths of my heart, To bestow these graces from Thy throne above.

J. B. H. ALEGACONE

St. Xavier's College Mannar.

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IN MEMORIAM



• Alexander Aloysius Molligoda
Born: 17-12-1908
Died: 8-7-1959
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.
Fondly remembered by his wife and children. 951



Mrs. Lucy Therese Pullenayagam
Died 12th June 1960
"Thy purpose, Lord, we cannot see,
But all is well that's done by Thee."
Sadly missed and affectionately remembered by her loving children.
No. 69, Beddeganne Rd., Pita-Kotte. 949



Mudaliyar A. J. S. Perera
Died 10th April 1960
Three months have passed sweetest daddy,
Your memory has not faded away, Oh Daddy, how can we forget you,
When we think of your kindly way,
Plead for us at the feet of Mary,
For all of us to gather in Heaven one day.

A Requiem High Mass will be sung for the repose of his soul at St. Joseph's Church, Grandpass, on Saturday, 9th July, 1960 at 6.15 a.m.
Fondly remembered and sadly missed by his ever-loving wife, daughters, sons-in-law and grand children.
"Kentwood," No. 71, Stace Road, Colombo 14. 942



Anne Arulanantham
nee Tambirasa
Born 26-4-27 Married 21-8-51 Died 8-7-59
"To thy faithful O Lord life is changed not taken away"
Jesus pardon, mercy on Anne through the merits of Thy Sacred Wounds.

A Requiem High Mass will be sung for the repose of her soul on 8-7-60 (Friday) at St. Mary's Cathedral, Jaffna at 6-30 a.m. by her brother-in-law Rev. Fr. S. A. Michael Samy, O. M. I.
43, Fourth Cross St., Jaffna. 936



Leonorus Tilaka Fernandopulle
Born: 1st July 1927
Died: 14th Nov. 1946
Loving Birthday Memories of my dearly beloved son.
Inserted by his sorrowing mother and sisters.
Morukuliya Estate, Dankotuwa. 945

HOW SAD IT IS TO ENTER A CATHOLIC HOME

HOW sad it is to enter a Catholic home — or rather the home of Catholics — and see no sign of the Faith in which they claim to believe. Pictures there may be, but of landscapes or bowls of flowers. There are statues, maybe, of lovely ladies and shepherdesses, of cute little dogs and the dearest little rabbits. All very nice in their way, arranged tastefully to suit each room — but no picture of the Sacred Heart, no Crucifix on the wall, no statue of Our Lady reigning as Queen of the home and hearth.

Maybe they are upstairs? Let's go and see.

Ah, here is a teen-age daughter's room. Shall we find here the Sacred Heart, our Blessed Lady or the Sign of the Cross — the sign of our Faith?

Well, first we must search among the film stars' photos to find even what colour the wall-paper is, let alone the Cross of our

crucified Christ, which is probably hanging somewhere between Frank Sinatra and James Mason.

THE SAVIOUR'S EMBLEM

Ah, yes, here it is! But it's Tony Curtis and Frankie Vaughan who form guard of honour to the Saviour's emblem.

However, let us rejoice; at least there is a Cross. There is one in mother's room too; and again we must rejoice.

But . . . and I must say this, says a writer in the "Melbourne Tribune," for it is a burden of my heart; why should emblems of our Faith be kept in the background, upstairs and out of sight?

Is it because we are ashamed of our Faith, fearful lest our visitors might be offended, that we might lose our friends, that they may think us a little odd — well, you know, just a little bit queer?

RUBBISH!

No, many Catholics will say, emblems of our Faith should be kept upstairs; they are too sacred and intimate to display in our public rooms.

Boldly and briefly, and perhaps somewhat rudely, I say to that . . . rubbish!

Are we not taught to spread the Faith, to make the True Church known to all men?

How can this be done if our homes do not silently speak of it, even if we have not the courage

Thanksgivings

I'VE seen the beauty of the stars at night,
The sun bringing with it the dawn,
The birds in plumed feathers
In an array of glorious colour,
The beasts, a mixture of them
Some warm, tender, cuddlesome
Others fierce, defiance in their eyes,
The green trees, the beautiful flowers,
The flowing waters,
Adding fascination to man's eye.
Yea, Lord, You gave them to me
So that I could enjoy
Life to the full.
To take what is good
Make the best of the bad
To know that the ugliness
Is what we have made
Out of the beauty that was
Yours,
Rita Sebastian.

to speak of it ourselves?
Homes are living things, permeated with the spirit of their inhabitants, and Catholic homes should house the emblems of our Faith.

"This is a Catholic house," such homes should say as soon as we enter.

We should not have to search upstairs, peeping round corners or between film stars' photos for the sign of our dying God.

Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, our homes are the temples of our bodies.

Therefore our homes should also be temples of the Holy Spirit.

Do not bring down your sacred emblems from your bedrooms.

Obtain more when you can afford them, and set them up where visitors and friends can see them.

Who knows what the sight of a crucifix may do to win a wayward soul or a searching soul in quest of God to His holy feet?

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JULY 10th 1960

From 5 a.m. there will be several Low Masses. At 8.30 a.m. Festive High Mass.

P.S. There will be a Fancy Fair on July 8th, 9th and 10th in aid of the Church Building Fund.

Parish Priest.
Burullapitiya, Minuwangoda.

Sports Meet at Hambantota

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

THE Annual Inter House Athletic Meet of St. Mary's College, Hambantota, was held on 18th June, at the Recreation Club grounds. The Chief Guest was Mr. J. G. L. Swaris, the Magistrate of Hambantota. Mrs. Swaris distributed the awards.

The meet began at 2-30 p.m. and forty events on the card were worked out with great enthusiasm prevailing among the three Houses viz., Cooreman, Wickremesinghe and Silva. The Relay events afforded the spectators with many thrills, the Duck Race of the kiddies with much laughter and the Musical Cushions with lots of amusement. The Mass Pole Drill, done to the graceful rhythm of the *Blue Danube Waltz*, won the admiration of the large and representative gathering. The fancy dress parade too was well organised.

The Chief Guest congratulated the staff and the pupils on the excellent way the meet had been got up.

Mr. I. D. Ushup, Chairman of Hambantota's Urban Council, said that he was proud, as an old boy, to see the college marching from progress to progress.

Others who spoke on this occasion were Rev. Fr. Joseph de Silva, Mr. Solomon Dissanayake and Mr. Shelton P.J. Senewirajne, the Principal of the College.

The much-coveted trophy donated by the old pupils was won by Silva House which emerged champions, defeating Cooreman and Wickremesinghe Houses.

The Cooreman Memorial Cup given by Mr. Solomon Dissanayake was awarded to the best athlete — Miss K. P. Teemawathie of Cooreman House.
The results of the Meet are as follows:—

Senior Champion (Boys): E. P. Edirisinghe. Senior Champion (Girls): K. P. Teemawathie. Junior Champion (Boys): M. N. Jayah. Junior Champion (Girls): K. Edirisinghe. Juvenile Champion (Boys): P. Jayasekera. Juvenile Champion (Girls): Nona Misiriya. Inter-House Champions: Silva House.

Silva House: 94 points.
Cooreman House: 92 points.
Wickremesinghe House: 54 points.

Envoy welcomed

ARCHBISHOP de Furstenberg, new Apostolic Delegate to Australasia, was formally welcomed by Cardinal Gilroy in the presence of other bishops in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

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God bless Holy Family Convent, Dehiwela — its imperishable past, and its deathless future. God bless, above all, the good nuns who have laboured there, those who still continue to do so. May God reward them as only He can. As for us who are the richer for their noble achievement, at the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

Justice Minister's sane and forthright speech EDUCATION SHOULD NOT BECOME THE BATTLE-GROUND OF POLITICS

(From our Moratuwa correspondent)

I AM one of those people who believe that Education, like Religion, should not be allowed to become the battleground of politics, still less of party politics. But unfortunately this is precisely what is happening around us at the present moment; and, in the circumstances, I agree with Rev. Bro. Modestus, Director, that it would be unrealistic, and even ostrichlike of our part, not to see the dangers ahead and take adequate precautions to guard against them," stated Senator the Hon'ble Edmund J. Cooray, Minister of Justice, presiding at the Annual Prize Distribution at St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa, last Saturday.

Mrs. Cooray distributed the prizes.

LET WISER COUNSELS PREVAIL

Rev. Bro. Modestus, the Director, in presenting his Report, stated that the denominational school seemed to be the bug-bear of many a politician, even of those who claim that religion is the sound basis of a true education. They sometimes suggest that every child should be taught his own religion in the school. But can the Government fulfil this duty conscientiously? How can Government assure itself of the suitability of the teachers to impart religion? Is mere knowledge, or are mere paper qualifications going to be the criterion? Let wiser counsels prevail. While taking the necessary steps to develop a sound national system of education, let the Government take the religious leaders into their confidence and partnership to impart to our children a solid education and to make them useful citizens. Thus will we have a united and

prosperous nation where citizens live in happiness and harmony.

DOUBLE STANDARDS

Senator Cooray, in his address, said: "As you know, there has been for quite some time now a lot of glib talk about the taking over by the Government of all Denominational Schools. It is ironical that some of the most ardent advocates of the proposed 'take-over' were themselves educated in Denominational Schools, and in some cases actually send their children to Denominational Schools. I suppose like some of our local Swabasha enthusiasts who send their children to Oxford and Cambridge, these State School enthusiasts have one law for them-

selves, and another for the so-called common man."

"The plain truth of the matter is that the schools question, like the question of Religion, is being exploited by certain unscrupulous individuals for purely political purposes. Otherwise, if they were really interested in the question of education for its own sake, surely they could not be so obtuse as not to realise that before thinking of taking over schools like St. Sebastian's which are maintaining the highest standards of education in the country, the deplorable conditions in the numerous State schools (a good many of which are, in the words of a previous Minister of Education, worse than 'cattle-sheds') should

Non-Communists get notice to quit Hungary sets Red-Letter Day for Teachers

HUNGARY'S Red regime has re-issued orders that, beginning with the next school year, all teachers in Hungary must be Communists. The alternative is dismissal.

This means that any teacher who attends Mass or gives a lecture not strictly in accord with Communist ideology can be replaced by a fully-fledged Communist.

The notice, issued by the Ministry of Education, repeats a declaration of last year setting September 1, 1960, as the deadline for fully Communist staffs in all Hungarian schools.

How the ruling will affect religious instruction in schools cannot yet be foreseen.

Until now, religious instruction has been allowed in elementary schools only, and on a voluntary basis.

PRESSURES

This has meant that children in the six-to-ten age group could receive religious instruction, but only after school hours.

Moreover, only those children could receive such instruction whose parents had requested it in writing.

Strong and varied pressures have been applied to the parents to keep them from seeking religious instruction for their children, nevertheless between 60 and 70 per cent. of Catholic parents asked for it at the beginning of the last school year.

be improved and, what is even more urgent, that provision should be made for the hundreds of thousands of children of school-going age who at present are receiving no education at all owing to lack of any schools, State, or Denominational, in their areas.

A STRANGE ATTITUDE

"Instead therefore of putting first things first, and insisting on the Educational Authorities giving the highest priority to these two pressing problems of the hour so far as education is concerned, these misguided individuals have chosen to declare war on the existing Denominational Schools.

"If such a war-cry is raised solely by the adherents of certain political philosophies who do not believe in Religion, or rather who believe that Religion is the 'opium of the people,' one can quite understand their attitude, even if one does not agree with it. That is why one is not surprised, even if one is shocked, by the happenings in Tibet where, as shown by the recent findings of the Special Legal Investigating Committee (on which incidentally there was a Judge of our own Supreme Court: Mr. Justice T. S. Fernando), the Chinese Communists have literally shown their burning love for Buddhism by setting fire to Buddhist monasteries which were the traditional seats of Buddhist learning and culture, and even compelling the Dalai Lama—the living Buddha—to flee the country.

"NEW MESSIAHS"

"But what, in the name of common sense, is one to make of the frame of mind of those would-be abolitionists of Denominational Schools who parade at the same time as the self-appointed Saviours of Religion and Defenders of the Faith? If I were to answer that question myself, I might be accused of being uncharitable, or of being biased. So I shall merely quote the answer given by the Head of one of the leading non-Christian Denominational Schools, the Principal of Ananda College, in the course of a recent Prize Day speech. This is what he said on that occasion:—

"The real motive of all those who urge that all schools should be State schools is that thus alone can the powerful Christian schools be liquidated. And if in the process the not-so-powerful and undeniably much fewer Buddhist, Hindu and Muslim schools also get liquidated, they feel that this is a very small price to pay for the elimination of the Christian schools."

"The Principal of Ananda College then goes on to add for the benefit of these new Messiahs:—

1,300,000 people — will be on view in Munich.

In fact, all Munich's exhibition grounds — some 200,000 sq. m. including 20 halls are at the disposal of the Congress organisers; they will be used to the utmost.

Will the Pope go or not? The latest of the rumours and counter-rumours is that the Holy Father has decided against going because he feels that he rather than the Holy Eucharist would become the focus of attention. A plan for him to visit Loreto has been cancelled for the same reason.

Corpus Christi at Kotahena



His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray O.M.I., carrying the Blessed Sacrament at the Corpus Christi procession at St. Lucia's Cathedral on Sunday, 19 June.

(Picture by Jesiah Corera)

CORPUS CHRISTI AT NEGOMBO

(FROM A "MESSENGER" CORRESPONDENT)

LAST Sunday witnessed an unforgettable scene in the imposing Corpus Christi procession conducted by the parishioners of Grand Street Church, Negombo.

The presence of the local Volunteer Unit of the C.L.I., the Girl Guides of Ave Maria Convent, the Red Cross Unit of St. Mary's Girls' School and the Scouts of St. Mary's College added more dignity and colour to the occasion.

Rev. Fr. Edwin Fernando, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Frs. Joseph Fernando and Joseph Perera, carried the Monstrance and imparted Benediction at each one of the Four Repositories which were tastefully designed and brightly illuminated. The Grand Street Church Choir, to the accompaniment of violins and cornets, gave a very impressive rendering of Eucharistic Hymns all along the route.

Proceedings were brought to a close with the final Te Deum, Act of Consecration and Benediction, preceded by a short but soul stirring Sermon by the Assistant Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. J. M. Saverimuttu, O.M.I.

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there will be General Communion; procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Te Deum in thanksgiving for the graces of the Congress which will then end with the city bells pealing once again.

ACTIVITY

Throughout the Congress week there will be many meetings of Catholic organisations including doctors, students, artists, Scouts, Orders and Missionary organisations in every continent.

Accompanying them will be extensive programmes of religious music and many exhibitions.

A Chinese priest will talk on persecutions in his country; Indonesian dancers will perform harvest and ritual dances; a choir of 15 African priests and seminarians from Rome will sing parts of a new African Passion, and the Agnus Dei from the African Mass *Baba Yetu*.

The Catholic Missionary Council of Germany's travelling exhibition of Missionary activity — which has been seen in 24 cities and by

THE CATHOLIC IDEAL

"The Rev. Bro. Director in his Report also referred to the ideals and objectives which Denominational Schools in general, and Catholic schools like St. Sebastian's in particular, seek to achieve — namely, to impart a 'full education' to their pupils so as to make them not merely learned in the bookish sense, but also virtuous and disciplined citizens who are prepared to make their due contribution to the common weal. I have no doubt your school will pursue this ideal in the years to come as successfully as you have done in the past — to judge by the long list of your recent achievements enumerated in Brother Director's Report — on which I should like to congratulate the staff and also the boys."

Mr. T. D. L. Peiris, an old boy of the college, proposed the vote of thanks which was seconded by Master Anthony Mendis.

An interesting variety entertainment was a fitting finale to the evening's programme.

SCHOOL FRONT

NOTICE TO REV. LOCAL MANAGERS AND PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS

MONDAY to Thursday, 18th to the 21st of July, are compulsory Government holidays for all schools. If a good attendance is not anticipated on the 22nd, Friday, Rev. Local Managers are authorised to close school on that day. The August holidays may be cut short from either end to make up for the lost days or classes held on Saturdays.

In adjusting the August holidays Rev. Local Managers are requested to take into consideration the annual retreats of the nuns and of the teachers, which must be held as scheduled.

The Teachers' Retreats will be held as follows:—

21st to 25th August:

- Ave Maria Convent, Negombo, for female teachers.
- Bolawalana Training College for male teachers.
- Kandana Convent for female teachers.
- Kandana Church for male teachers.
- St. Mary's College, Negombo, for Tamil teachers.

28th August to 1st September:

- Kalutara-Katukurunda Church for female teachers.
- St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa, for male teachers.
- Good Shepherd Convent, Kotahena, for female teachers.

4th September to 8th September:

- Miriswatte Church for females and males.
- Kaluagala Church for females and males.

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