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Temporary peace for a divided world **THE ROME OLYMPICS ARE ON**

Pope receives contestants and journalists

ROME—centre of Christendom has just staged the biggest international athletic attraction of all time: the 17th modern Olympiad.

That is no overstatement. The Rome Olympics, which began last Thursday, were the greatest ever. Over 7,000 athletes, from more than 80 countries, competed. The previous biggest-ever Olympics were at Helsinki in 1952, when 5,867 athletes from 69 countries competed.

Pope John was to receive Olympic contestants, officials and journalists in two audiences.

The first took place in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday—the day before the Games commenced—and for this the Holy Father travelled from Castel Gandolfo. His address was heard in Italian, English, Spanish, Polish, German, French, Rumanian, Arabic, Hungarian, Japanese, Chinese and Russian. The band of the

Palatine Guards played the Olympic anthem.

The second papal audience will be on August 29 at Castel Gandolfo.

Souvenir medals which Pope John will give the Olympic athletes have been designed by the well known Bergamo sculptor Manzù who is working on a life-size statue of the Pope and also a pair of bronze doors for St. Peter's which he has to finish by 1961.


A special office "to co-ordinate religious assistance for Olympic contestants of all creeds" has been opened by the Olympic organising committee. In charge of this office is Mgr. Nicola Pavoni, ecclesiastical adviser to the Italian Sports Centre.

Two large religious centres, Domus Maria and Domus Pacis, have been turned into communication centres for journalists and news agencies representing the world press.

The Better World Movement's centre near Lake Albano accommodates athletes taking part in the boating events.

A special concession in honour of the athletes visiting Rome is that the Vatican Museums will be open to the public without the usual entrance fee tomorrow, August 28, and Sunday, September 4.

The Olympic Torch, kindled in Greece (Olympia) on Friday August 12—was carried by a relay of runners into the huge stadium in Rome last

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VATICAN LINK WITH PROTESTANTS

THE secretariat formed by the Holy Father to keep non-Catholics informed about the Ecumenical Council is to become a permanent liaison body with non-Catholic churches, Vatican officials are reported to have stated.

Cardinal Bea, S.J., who was Pope Pius XII's confessor for 13 years and is a leading Biblical scholar, is the secretariat's head.

The secretariat will not only give information, but will be the channel for receiving and passing on to the Vatican non-Catholic opinion.

PEASANTS AT MUNICH CONGRESS WANT ENCYCLICAL

COUNTRY-PEOPLE and peasants who were gathered in Munich for the International Eucharistic Congress sent an "urgent request" to Pope John asking for an encyclical for country-people "now in their hour of crisis." This request was made in a telegram to Cardinal Testa, the Papal Legate, who had thanked the German Catholic country-people's movement for their work during the Congress.

250,000 defy Communist appeal

DESPITE active Communist discouragement of "mass pilgrimages," more than 250,000 people gathered around the Jasna Gora monastery in Czestochowa for the traditional Assumption pilgrimage.

The monastery houses Poland's national shrine of Our Lady.

Cardinal Wyszyński, the primate, walked with one group through the town, praying and singing with the pilgrims.

Cardinal Gracias in car crash



CARDINAL Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, was slightly injured in a car crash near Erlangen, Germany, recently. He was returning to Munich from a ceremony at Bamberg.

He received cuts and bruises, and was taken to hospital with his two attendants. Doctors later said he would soon be well enough to leave. Both occupants of the other car in the collision were seriously injured.

CEYLON'S METROPOLITAN MEETS THE POPE



His Grace the Archbishop paid his *ad limina* visit to Rome, and was received in private audience by His Holiness the Pope on Friday, 12th August. At the close of the audience His Holiness, with characteristic fatherliness, assured His Grace of his constant interest in and concern for the future of the Church in our country. Later he spoke affably of his work in Italy as National Director of the Propagation of the Faith, and stressed its importance. At the close of the audience, His Holiness was photographed twice with His Grace the Archbishop. Before bidding goodbye to our Archbishop, His Holiness gave him souvenirs of their meeting. In the picture (left to right) are a visiting Oblate priest, His Holiness the Pope, His Grace the Archbishop and *Messenger's* Editor, Fr. Manik Muttukumaru. (Photo Felici)

Orthodox Patriarch Praises the Pope

"I KNOW HIM. MANY OF US KNOW HIM. HE LIVED AMONG US. HE IS OUR FRIEND. HE IS THE POPE OF CHARITY AND UNITY."

This tribute to the Holy Father was paid by Constantinople's Orthodox patriarch, Athenagoras I.

It was made to Fr. Lion Doppioni, O.F.M., during an audience and is recorded by him in the Italian magazine "Il Carroccio."

Patriarch Athenagoras added that there was "great joy" throughout the Orthodox Church at Pope John's election.

After speaking warmly in support of the coming Ecumenical Council, the Patriarch discussed relations between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches.

He said: "We must think, above all, of what we have in common—faith in Our Lord, tradition, the Scrip-

tures, the Fathers, priesthood and the sacraments.

"Unity is more than ever necessary today, when materialistic Communism is fighting not only every religion, but particularly Christianity."

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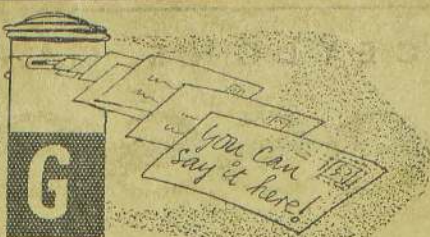
Even Zulu now in the Liturgy

THE Congregation of Rites has authorised Zulu for a great part of the prayers in the administration of the sacraments.

It will also be used for all the prayers for the dying, for funerals, the reception of converts and for about 30 blessings.



WEEKLY POST BAG



ASSISTED SCHOOLS—a Letter from a Non-Catholic

THOUGH not a Catholic, I write to support the views expressed by the R. C. Archbishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Cooray, in his circular published today and to commend them to all religious leaders.

That the Catholic schools have done so much for the uplift of our Ceylonese children is an undoubted and incontrovertible fact. Both in religious instruction, in secular teaching and in moral example and precept, the Catholic priesthood has earned, as a body, the respect and gratitude of all impartial and right-thinking parents.

If I may be pardoned for striking a personal note, I, as I have said, am

not a Catholic, yet I sent my daughter to a Catholic school and I thank God daily that He led me to do so. My daughter received her entire education in a Catholic school and is still in a University College whose atmosphere is healthily religious, though not expressed in so many words. A religious background (and I do not know how morals can be considered separately from religion) is essential for our children, whether Buddhist or Catholic, Mohammedan or Hindu.

The fervent prayer with which the revered Archbishop concludes his appeal should find an echo in every parent's breast. As he has observed, the Catholic Church from the days of Archbishop Bonjean (that wise, learned and outspoken prelate) has taken a stand from which it cannot, and should not swerve one iota.

It should, one earnestly hopes, be possible to convert the Government to take a reasonable view of the Assisted Schools Question.

I have never written to your paper before, and I trust this letter of a non-Catholic will, in some small measure even, help you in your endeavour to save our schools. As a great American educationist once said, "The soul of all culture is the culture of the soul." Nehru (no Christian surely) has oft remarked that religion has not kept pace with advancement in science in the Modern World and that this is the tragedy today.

"More power to your elbow!" as the Irishman said. With concerted action, all things are possible. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" The Church of Christ cannot be killed: it may be scotched—and no more. Out of its present peril it must and will emerge more resplendent still. "Uno avulso, non deficit alter aureus."

Wilfred Morgappah.

Colombo.

Diversity and Democracy

MR. R. S. Perera in a speech recently made at Pahala Biyanwila is reported to have said that "differences between education should be totally wiped out if we are to build a united nation in a progressive land."

Mr. Perera seems to think that uniformity in education is the panacea for all our ills. But all progressive educationalists are convinced that what is required is not uniformity but diversity in education.

Diversity is an essential characteristic of democracy. Freedom of thought demands diversity in the field of education. Diversity is the dominant characteristic of a pluralist society; enforced conformity is the dominant characteristic of an absolute State.

Rabbi Robert P. Jacobs declares: "The first distinctive feature of democracy is its cultural diversity." Dr. A. Whitney Griswold, President of Yale, says: "The hallmark of freedom is diversity." "A democratic society strangles itself," writes Professor Morstein Marx, "when it impairs the free trade in opinion and interest, political, social, economic and cultural. Variety in these vital goods is strength, not weakness."

Freedom is basic to democracy. Freedom of the individual in pursuit of truth and development of the person is the distinguishing mark of democracy against all forms of the absolute State.

But, for this, freedom of choice in education is essential. "When it is no longer possible for a man to find a school for his boy except within a universal school system," declared Harold W. Dodds, former President of Princeton University, "it will be too late to worry about freedom as we have known it, for it will be gone."

A hundred years ago, John Stuart Mill in his essay *On Liberty* wrote in the same vein: "A general State education is a mere contrivance for moulding people to be exactly like one another... in proportion as it is efficient and successful, it establishes a despotism over the mind."

"I am one of those who think," said Sir Dinshaw Wacha, former President of the Indian National Congress, "that State-managed education, however admirable, is not without its serious drawbacks. Like State-managed currency, such an education is productive in the long

run of evil only rather than good. All artificial devices have been known to end in one mischievous result, namely, arrest of natural growth; and what arrests such growth, must be held to be noxious.

"Nowhere, so far as my knowledge extends, has a centralised system of education been a complete success. Indeed, wherever it has been introduced it has had to be abandoned or considerably modified after years of practical experience. Nowhere were the prejudicial effects to the moral and intellectual welfare of a people by means of centralised education more palpably discernible than in France. And we all know how far it has done injury to the manhood of that great country."

Ivor de Silva.

Colombo.

A Free Press—An Appeal

EVEN if the Daily Press of Ceylon was, as an overseas paper has said, "often sensational, trivial and blatant," and even if it be maintained that they deserve to be "confiscated," so to say, nevertheless, since these papers are the only available instruments by means of which the people at large could speak their minds, an appropriation or take-over of these institutions is nothing short of an infliction on the people themselves who have voted the S.L.F.P. into power.

Besides, it has now been proved beyond doubt, by the election results themselves, that an unfair press in Ceylon can no more impose its will on its patrons and there is therefore no need for any party to want to resort to extermination.

Legends have it and history gives support to it that even despots of old had about them a way for detecting the wants and complaints of their subjects. Getting about in disguise in pursuit of this quest was an art much in vogue. In modern times the press is the medium through which a government detects the beat of the people's pulse. Many a person expresses his grouse or praise while still choosing to remain incognito and all this is possible only in a country where the press-machinery is allowed to wheel around unimpeded.

A great man once admonished pressmen thus: "Swim not with the current or justify a less harsh view of reality, or give more space to the unedifying chronicle of misdeeds and immorality than it really warrants. Educate your readers to appreciate what is true and good and beautiful; learn to dye the material of your stories in the inexhaustible sources of truth, of beauty and of goodness."

With free education and numerous schools and opportunities, literacy is spreading fast, and the papers will be called upon to play a more important role than ever before. If Ceylon is to retain its pristine glory for fairness, the papers are going to do it.

Ceylon is the premier Buddhist land. The Buddhist way of life, the teaching of the Buddha, may be epitomized in a single moral code—Mythiriya, or Fraternity, the noblest form of neighbourliness.

May we hope that our Lady Premier, the first Buddhist woman to occupy such a position, will on this matter follow a path which is in keeping with the teachings of the Buddha. Let it not be said of her when history renders an account of her rule, that she was responsible for depriving us Ceylonese of our most sacred freedom, the freedom of expression.

D. Chinnappah.

Kandy.

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THE liberty of the Press is in jeopardy. No true democrat could be indifferent to such a catastrophe. What is claimed, of course, by the liberty of the Press, is not the freedom of the wild ass. There have always been legal remedies for the excesses of the Press.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

By Spectator

Talking point: "The C.T.B. wants to have its own 'museum'! One of the exhibits will be a tram car! The Colombo Municipality has agreed to release one from its junk heap to the C.T.B.!"

Mirabila dictu! What? A C.T.B. museum already! Coming events casting shadows?

J. Bartosek, Czechoslovakian Engineer: "It is very difficult to get Ceylonese workmen to increase output even with such inducements as extra pay!"

Not much of a compliment to us! Anyhow, to a people who are now inured to the luxury of strikes, extra pay can hardly induce them to increase output!

C.P. spokesman: "The Communist Party has already decided to extend its unconditional support to the new S.L.F.P. Government!"

L.S.S.P. spokesman: "Our party would probably support the new S.L.F.P. Government on almost all matters!"

Help rendered without being solicited is the acme of human goodness!

Adonis on 'Ceylon in Oxford Cricket': "For one thing I was thankful; neither the University Match (Oxford vs. Cambridge) nor that between Eton and Harrow are followed by horse-play and the riotous street hooliganism that mark some of our so-called Big Matches."

Let's not be too sure of anything. England may still follow Ceylon's lead in these matters! We haven't forgotten how, some time back, some of our boys over there in England, when a Big Match was on, shouted: 'Ado! Bokku! Oka hora!' And the Englishmen, it was reported, never batted an eyelid!

At present it is true that there is a concentration of the power of the Press in two newspaper combines and that they have been extra critical of the Government. In doing so they have only exercised a democratic right. Nevertheless it would be quite naive to imagine that these abuses or excesses should be done away with by Government control of the Press.

The only reasonable way to counter-balance their power is for the Government Party to have a first-rate paper of their own and then they could expose and debunk the ballyhoo of the bloated Press. That is the only democratic solution thinkable. Another efficient Press could break their Press monopoly. The reading public will assess the Press on its own merits and a Press that is unworthy of the public will fade away.

A free, unfettered, critical Press is a *sine qua non*. It is only in the totalitarian scheme of things that the free Press is suppressed. Without the liberty of the Press democracy would degenerate into demagoguery. Our Government which claims to be a People's Government must be able to hear the critical voice of the people. For, to gag the Press is to gag the mouths of people. It goes against the liberty of speech of the people.

Many verbal duels have been fought down the centuries to vindicate the rights of the Press in the Free World. And, as we were reminded in a recent editorial, a free Press is the Palladium of our Liberties. Let us hope that sanity will prevail and justice reign supreme.

Leonard Ohris.

Negombo.

My Lady Nicotine—A Lament

ON learning that the price of cigarettes has been increased, it urged me to puff out:

I loved a little lady,
Always dressed in white,
I clung to her for years,
Morning, noon and night,
I clamoured for her caresses,
Tightened to my lips,
Sometimes I felt them soothing,
The ones, with filtered tips.
Now this has turned so expensive,
A drain upon my purse,
She likes to woo the Government,
It's Revenue to nurse.

There is nothing now that I can do,
But give her the standing sack,
And cling on to a Jaffna widow,
Dressed in sombre black.

Geo. P. Solomons.

Ratmalana.

BISHOP SHEEN SPEAKS

SOME time ago, one used to hear a great deal about "milk from contented cows." All cows are contented; no cow ever had a neurosis or a psychosis. Bull Durham never had an Oedipus Complex, nor did the cow jump over the moon, as first rocket, because it was unhappy here. Man, unlike a cow, is not always contented; in fact, he may be defined as a "discontented animal." The reason he can be unhappy and not a cow, is because he has an idea and a dream of the infinite, which the cow has not. It takes the infinite to make a man despair; it takes God to make an atheist, in the sense that if there were no God, there would be no atheists.



A venerable old man a few centuries after Paul, gave this secret of his contentment: "It consists in nothing more than in making a right use of my eyes. In whatever state I am, I first of all look up to heaven, and remembering that my principal business here is to get there; then I look down upon the earth and recall how small a place I occupy in it when I die. From that moment on, I am content."

Addison

In this kind of contentment, there is no crushing of ambition, no refusal to accept blessings when they come, no stifling of the rightful desires of the heart which makes for progress; rather there is a leaving inside of man his instinct for greatness, his aspirations for happiness, while teaching him that complete satisfaction is not here. It is one thing to be so mastered by conditions outside of us that they can make us sad and gloomy when they fail to satisfy us; it is quite another thing to be so master of what is outside, that nothing that ever happens changes our spiritual condition. The reason we do not perish as the earth revolves about the sun is because the earth carries its own atmosphere. So he who carries a sense of Providence amidst the trials of earth is never depressed.

Addison has said that contentment produces in some measure "all those effects which the alchemist attributes to the philosopher's stone; and if it does not bring riches, it does the same thing, by banishing the desire of them."

The secret of contentment then is the satisfaction with the present state of things in which God has placed us, after we have done all we can to better them if they are bad. It is, however, one thing to be content with whatever worldly goods we have, and quite another thing to be discontent about our spiritual condition. Most people are satisfied with the latter and unhappy about their bank account. But he who is unhappy at every moment with his moral and spiritual state is on the high road to happiness. (Copyright... Reproduction in whole or in part forbidden).

CONTENTMENT

A little girl who went into the fields with her mother, asked if she could gather wild flowers. Receiving permission, she ran gaily filling her arms with them, and then burst into tears because she could not gather all of them. Anything short of the infinite causes the heart to be sad. No matter how much prosperity there is, there is still something we do not have and, therefore, something we want. The very wealthy do not just want more money, they want more.

St. Paul

Discontentment can come either from not having anything, or from having something, from need and from plenty, from adversity and from prosperity. Neither affected Paul as he wrote from prison: "I am not thinking of my want; I have learned by now to be content with my circumstances as they are. I know what it is to be brought low, and what it is to have abundant means; I have been apprenticed to everything, having my fill and going hungry, living in plenty and living in want; nothing is beyond my powers, thanks to the strength God gives me." He possessed that quality of soul by which he was neither cast down by trial nor made foolish in exaltation; he was never cynical when he abounded nor envious when he lacked. Never once does he say that poverty is the best thing for a man; nor does he say that wealth is; but that in whatever state he is, he is content. The secret of peace was that of bringing the Divine Will to his condition. His transforming secret was that all things are decreed by Divine Providence and fall within the range of Goodness.

REMINISCENCES

— the Story of a Vocation

The following article first appeared in the Ratnapura "Aloysian" and is being reprinted in the Messenger because it certainly deserves to be rescued from the oblivion of a provincial school magazine. It was written by one of Ceylon's foremost writers and historians, when he had, as he says, not just one foot in the grave, but (due to a stroke of paralysis) "a whole leg and an arm . . . as good as in the coffin already."

The article was originally entitled "Reminiscences of Ratnapura." But as Ratnapura was the scene of a momentous decision in the author's life, the reminiscences are largely autobiographical, and in effect the story of a vocation. They range from happy boyhood days in the "City of Gems" in the time of that great missionary, the late Fr. Peter Boulic, O.M.I., to the final decision to answer God's call.

The author was, of course, the late Fr. S. G. Perera, S.J. There is a delightful candour about these reminiscences; they also reveal a transparent sincerity, and a tenacity of purpose which overcame all obstacles until, at last, the goal was won.

THE City of Gems has a large place in my thoughts, prayers and thanksgivings, because it played a unique part in a momentous decision of my life. My reminiscences, therefore, cannot help being autobiographical, and those who persuaded me to record them must shoulder the entire responsibility for the frequent use of the capital I.

Old men, they say, love to speak of themselves and being sixty-six not out, I suppose I must not pretend to be free from that natural tendency. However, I have not merely the proverbial one foot in the grave, but actually a stroke of paralysis has brought a whole leg and an arm—that is to say, one half of me, and being the right side, the better half—to be as good as in the coffin already, for all the use I can make of them. So I venture to hope my readers will not be too scandalized.

Boyhood

My first visit to Ratnapura was when I was about six years of age. My father was appointed to teach in the new Catholic school of Ratnapura, and though great persuasion was needed to get him to that place, once there, he seems to have liked the place, for he soon brought his family up. We went by boat up the Kaluganga and spent the best part of a week on the river. It was an intense delight to me to live in a boat, moored to the river bank at night, with the view changing at every bend of the river, and bamboos and clouds and the sky mirrored on the surface, and rocks and falls and rapids to see.

We lived in a house on the

main street and the church was scarcely fifty yards from our back garden by a path which led over a huge rock which I loved to scale every day. The Parish Priest was the veteran Father Peter Boulic, O.M.I., just ordained then, the first resident priest of Ratnapura, still happily alive, to whom, I am afraid, I must have been a pest, for naturally enough I spent most of my time in the school or in the mission house, though I do not remember whether my name was in the school register.

We did not stay long in Ratnapura. I lost my younger brother and sister on our return to Kalutara, which makes me think that ill-health was the cause of our return. My father did not remain long at Ratnapura either. He soon gave up teaching and took to newspaper work on the staff of the paper to which he had been a special correspondent at Ratnapura. We then migrated to Colombo for good.

When school days are over . . .

My next visit to Ratnapura was more eventful. As a raw youth of nineteen, who had never been out of home, I went there to take up my first appointment in His Majesty's Service. That service, I must avow, was never the goal of my desires. I was led to it by circumstances and by a school boy prank. I had a very chequered school career, having like a rolling stone gathered no moss at four schools since I warmed the benches at SS. Peter and Paul's.

In the last school I attended, some boys, older than myself,



FR. S. G. PERERA

were allowed to be absent at a certain hour from class, to do English or Arithmetic by themselves in preparation for the forthcoming Clerical examination. On their pressing invitation I joined them for a lark, as I had just attained the minimum age required for the examination and spent the time in reading my favourite books. When the results were out, I was, much to my surprise and embarrassment, the only candidate of the lot to have passed. After that I never went to school again.

I learnt on the day of my success that I was in debt! My creditor was a perfect gentleman, the soul of honour, and he did not tell me the extent of my debt nor press me for payment. I told him in the flush of my success, that I would pay it to the last cent out of my earnings when I got my job and we shook hands over it. The debt could not have been very large, and I expected to pay it inside of six months if I got a job in Colombo, or within a year if I had to go to an outstation, for I should then have to fend for myself. I told nobody about my debt.

His Majesty's Service

At last, after long waiting, because my name was probably at the bottom of the list, I was asked to report myself to the Registrar-General for an appointment. I thought I had the luck to have an appointment in Colombo and called on the Registrar-General the next day. He asked me whether I could read and write Sinhalese as I had not taken that language at the examination and had passed instead in Latin. I told him very truthfully that I had not studied Sinhalese at any school, but was able to read and write from what I had learnt at home. He produced a deed and asked me to read it. It was written in magnificent script and I had no difficulty in reading it fluently.

2,300 in Belgian Pageant

MORE than 2,300 performers, among them 150 priests wearing ancient vestments and bearing priceless relics, took part last month in a pageant at Tongeren, Belgium, which took three years to prepare.

It was the great festival which has been held every seven years for more than seven centuries—except for a brief interval during the French Revolution.

A procession took four hours to encircle the narrow cobbled streets of the town.

Depicted were knights on horse back, ladies riding side-saddle in mediaeval Flemish costume, the Magi and their camels, Old Testament prophets.

The story of the Passion was also depicted.

THE NUNCIO

Archbishop Forni Efrem, the papal nuncio to Belgium, took part, as did six bishops.

For pontifical High Mass the town's basilica of Our Lady was packed to the doors and out into the market square.

International Enthronement Congress

(from Stephen A. Silva, "Messenger" correspondent)

PARAY-LE-MONIAL, in France, witnessed last Wednesday a unique Congress of National Directors of the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart. The rich spiritual bouquets already sent for the success of the International Congress of this year have certainly anticipated the oft-expressed wish of the great Apostle of the Sacred Heart, the late Father Mateo, that we should pray for the extension of the reign of the Sacred Heart when we learn of his death.

Among the suggestions made by the Father General of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart Fathers is the following: "Wherever circumstances permit, the National Directors of the Enthronement will celebrate or will have celebrated a Solemn Mass to which will be invited Enthronement families and Night Adorers.

A SOLEMN MASS

Plans are being made for a Solemn Mass as suggested. Secretaries are invited to arrange for a solemn, sung or low, Mass, if it is at all possible. This would enable the many families that have

When I had read with gusto the first long-winded sentence, he asked me what it all meant. Highly amused at the idea of a Civil Servant who was not a Sinhalese, testing my knowledge of my mother tongue, I condescended to tell him forthwith the English for it. He interrupted before I had quite done, and told me that it would do, and asked me whether I was ready to take up duties without delay. I told him I was. He then told me to assume duties as chief clerk in the Land Registry, Ratnapura. My disappointment was so great that I think I blushed, but a merciful Providence has given us of the East a tint that makes us, like 'full many a flower' in Grey's Elegy, blush unseen. I had the presence of mind to wish my future chief a "Good Morning."

In those days you went to Ratnapura by a coach and pair, starting at six in the morning from Kayman's Gate, halting at Avisawella for one hour for lunch and at various other places for an indefinite time for a relay of horses, and reached Ratnapura, a distance of 56 miles, weather and horses permitting, by evening. It was a dull day and I was in the dumps and sat stolidly with no one to talk to and began furiously to think. I should have said earlier that from my boyhood I desired to be a priest and nothing else. When I was about thirteen I said so to my father, who told me it was quite all right, but I was then too young to make up my mind; if at the end of my studies I was of the same opinion, I was welcome to be one.

I had two confidants of my secret, and two only, both first cousins and senior to me, the one

benefited from Father Mateo's zeal, to express their thanksgiving and to renew the spirit of their Enthronement of the Sacred Heart as their King and Friend.

FATHER MATEO'S LETTER

In this connection, let us recall Father Mateo's letter of 1957: "Reanimate your zeal to hasten the coming of His Reign—not a militaristic reign of the Lord Jesus—but the internal victory of faith and born in the souls of the faithful, and above all, in the family, the vital cell of society. May He reign there as a King adored and obeyed in everything; and He will be in the measure that He is deeply loved. He, the intimate and adorable Friend of these Bethanies. Thanks to your enlightened and practical efforts, see to it that the Feast of the Sacred Heart becomes more than ever each year another great victory in families for the King of Love. Enthronement Him in your homes, and therein light the lamp of Night Adoration. But, prepare each Enthronement with care; the more the family realizes the significance of the Enthronement the more fruits will be gathered and the more lasting will be the results. May Heaven watch over us and help us to preserve His gifts for all eternity. To make sure of this, let us place ourselves in the wide-open wound of the Heart of our King, our Brother, our adorable Friend, Who is both the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. May death find us in the depth of this abyss of peace and everlasting love."

a boy, the other a girl. The boy did not show much enthusiasm, but teased me occasionally in private about it when I did anything which he did not like but never gave me away. The girl on the other hand was quite thrilled. She had wanted a few years earlier to be a nun but, as her father would not hear of it, she had retaliated by refusing every offer of marriage, determined to die an old maid. She said she would pray for me and soon introduced me to a young man, a student of the Royal College, who was going to the Seminary, at the end of the year.

Foregleams of the future

We met several times; he gave me spiritual books to read, and sent me at the end of the year a splendid prayer book from the seminary, which I still have. But it ended there. I did not know what one had to do to be a priest and my erratic schooling was a hindrance. My debt was in the way for immediate action and I meant to act when the debt was paid, and at Ratnapura I should need perhaps a year to pay it off. I should be twenty then.

One good thing in my favour was that I got into the habit of hearing Mass every day, especially since I left school. That, I trust, and my cousin's prayers, kept me from backsliding, for though I had not taken any action to follow my bent, I had never thought seriously of anything else, whatever I may have said in public to others.

(To be continued.)

Austria settles part of its issues with Church

AUSTRIA'S PARLIAMENT HAS RATIFIED THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED EARLIER IN THE YEAR WITH THE HOLY SEE.

This solves some of the difficulties of the Church, but a number of thorny

questions are still unsettled, notably the marriage laws and Catholic schools. There appears to be little chance that the concordat as a whole will be enforced in the near future.

NOT YET

The settlement of the Church's property claims concerned the "Religious Fund"—used for Church purposes but administered by the government until the Nazis confiscated it.

Under the new agreement 90 per cent. of the fund's holdings will become the property of the State.

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THE TESTIMONY OF BLOOD

IN the source material collected for the Cause of Beatification of Fr. Joseph Vaz there are faded manuscripts. There are also pages of the official acts and deliberations of the Dutch Government in Ceylon where the black ink has eaten into the paper—as though it were charged with the vitriolic hatred and venom of the authors and their scribes.

There is too—recovered from these Dutch Archives—the dignified yet

animated Protest of the Negombian Catholics in which they declared their determination to resist unto blood any infringement of their rights of religious conscience.

All this is just the background, or at best the adornment, of Father's own story; but it reminds us that the whole of this story is lived at the pitch of heroic testimony to the Blood

and promoting the growth of our spiritual life.

Of Father Vaz's planting, the Catholic tree of Ceylon is a royal "Na." It has a profuseness of leaves; its blossoms are lavishly perfumed, with petals of over-dainty texture and cut. The scattered petals may seem a tempting carpet to tread on. But the Na is not hot-house culture.

It is a jungle growth: its core is iron-wood. In the Blood of the Lamb, with the cult of the Chalice that Fr. Vaz has taught us, Our Lady's Na tree of Ceylon will mark the Indian Ocean until the islands flee before the Trumpet of the Last Judgment.

Father Vaz Feature

that Jesus shed for the Redemption of souls. Even if Divine Providence so protected Fr. Vaz that, with a price upon his head, he never fell into the hands of the Persecutor and so never actually shed his blood, his ministry in our midst in defiance of the designs and threats of the Powers that be is really a testimony of blood.

The Church as it stands today in our island is in unbroken line from Fr. Vaz. It stems directly from his work and sacrifice, for on his arrival he had to rebuild from scratch. This then is the legacy in our hands today. The soil and tears of two and a half centuries have brought the Mission of Ceylon to its present exuberant growth; but our roots are in the life-blood of Fr. Vaz. The exuberant growth surely indicates that the original sap is still there deep down in the trunk.

Nature may or may not have a process of self-rejuvenation. Some say the "wintering" of trees has such an effect. Our Lord Himself refers to the pruning of the vine that it may bring forth more abundant fruit.

In the supernatural world we need not wait for the wintry blasts of anybody's iciness or the malicious slashes of a marauder in the garden.

The Catholic tree has its own internal source of rejuvenation, for its roots are in the Blood of the Lamb.

We have only to heed the Message of Pope John (in his Apostolic Letter of 30th June 1960) and renew our conviction that Devotion to the Precious Blood is a timeless, universally applicable and most potent means of renewing

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Holy Father: ringside seat at Olympics

OLYMPIC games rowing competitions are to take place on Lake Albano and from his lakeside summer villa at Castelgandolfo the Holy Father will have a ringside seat.

His Holiness is expected to follow the precedent he set last year of visiting nearby places.

Last year he left the villa seven times to attend religious services in neighbouring villages.

3000-year-old Bible City uncovered

TOMBS dating from the time of Joshua have been found during excavations in the village of Aljib, eight miles north of Jerusalem.

The digging has uncovered 3,000 years of history of the city of Gibeon, mentioned 40 times in the Bible.

Gibeon was one of five cities that occupied the site.

The cemetery discovered consists of a circular shaft cut into rock, from the sides of which tombs were carved.

KALA-OYA'S NEW GROTTTO



This is the new grotto erected at Kala-Oya to enshrine the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes which almost miraculously remained untouched when floods destroyed the church in 1957.

(Picture by Herman Navaratne).

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Ceylon remembers Dr. Maria Montessori

MANY thousands of people throughout the world will remember Dr. Maria Montessori, the great educationist and lover of children, in a special manner on 31 August, for that is her birthday.

A local Maria Montessori institution in Colombo issued on her birthday last year a book-mark carrying those appropriate words from Dr.

vate bodies and individuals on a very wide scale.

Unanimously, it has been felt through the passing years that her work on behalf of the child would continue to remain; so necessary has it been felt that the child should be preserved from the threatening disasters of modern times, and so important was the cultivation of the human potential.



Children cluster around Dr. Montessori on one of her last visits to their school. She always emphasized that the role of the child in modern society was that of "saviour," not "victim."

Maria Montessori's own work "The Absorbent Mind":

"Help us, O God, to enter into the secret of childhood, so that we may know, love and serve the child in accordance with the laws of Thy justice and following Thy holy will."

Religion is the core of the Montessori curriculum.

At her death, eight years ago, and aged 82, Dr. Maria Montessori's great task had received world-wide recognition and distinction.

The contribution she had made to the world was universally acclaimed on her 80th birthday when she was the recipient of decorations from several governments and her candidature for the Nobel Prize for Peace was sponsored by governments, pri-

Born in Chiavarella, near Ancona in Italy in 1869, Dr. Maria Montessori became the first woman to graduate from the Medical School of the University of Rome.

She had also had earlier experience in teaching defective children.

From 1900-1907 she lectured at the University of Rome and in 1922 was appointed a Government Inspector of Schools.

Later she headed the Department of Pedagogy at the University of Perugia.

From its inception, the Montessori Method was adopted by Catholic educators, and these principles were taken over spontaneously throughout Europe and America.

The International Montessori Association, established in 1922, is now directed by the founder's adopted son, Dr. Mario Montessori. The headquarters are in Amsterdam.

By her untiring apostolate devoted towards the future of the child, and by her revolutionary methods in education of the child, Dr. Maria Montessori was able to proclaim the reality of human nature being essentially one, whatever its distinctions of form, colour or convictions.

She was able to demonstrate indisputably that all human beings required the same fundamental help during the early formative years of their development.

This essential contribution she made for the ultimate emergence of the "one world" was based neither on ideas nor ideals, but on facts and hard realities.

The resounding success of her scientific methods wherever they have been adopted—Ceylon, India, Europe, America—is an indication of the truth of her own words when she uttered "the seed we sow is the seed of hope."

As Mr. A. M. Joosten who was in Ceylon sometime back, stated: "The world needs this hope now more than ever. If the anxieties, the horrors and contradictions, the climate of near despair of our times can help us to receive this seed more eagerly, more actively and to assist the realization of this hope on a universal scale, we may feel, indeed, that this great and long life of untiring and anxious labour for human reconstruction, for the valorization of man, was lived at the right time and prolonged to meet its fulfilment."

Airmen's dream takes wings over Katunayake

OVER Katunayake a strong sun burns. The wind moans through the swaying palms arching overhead with a throbbing, plaintive music...

It is searing noon-tide. The sun burns stronger. As strongly, a group of sun-bronzed men lay stone upon stone—and an edifice quietly raises its head from the ground-level.

This building project, now three-fourths completed, will, one day in the coming months, look lovely in the sunlight and whisper: "this is the story of Catholic endeavour, a story of love overcoming hardship with mucus, sweat, toil and infinite patience."

This up-and-coming structure (see picture) will one day be dedicated as "The Church of the Holy Family."

Recently, His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, THE MOST REV. DR. THOMAS COORAY, O.M.I. visited the spot.



In the group seen in the picture are four men who piloted the project: Mr. D. S. E. W. JAYASURIYA, Mr. D. F. E. WICKREMASINGHE, Mr. GEORGE MEYNERT and Mr. DEP. They form the nucleus of the Catholic

Airmen's Association of Katunayake.

Looking on is Fr. APONSO. If you like to get more information on this project contact MR. D. S. E. W. JAYASURIYA, Royal Ceylon Air Force, Katunayake.

Brief Encounter

WAY back on Easter Sunday this year, the Editor of the Messenger—FR. MANIK MUTTUKUMARU—bade a temporary good-bye to Lanka (Roundabout: 23 April).

Back again this week in Ceylon, looking fit and poised for any battles ahead, come storm or sunshine, the Messenger Editor was chock-full of reminiscences, anecdotes and many lively international encounters, on his whirlwind tour that took him to Italy, Germany, Britain and Ireland.

Pressed by old Robin Hood for the most memorable "brief encounter" during the visit from a journalist's point of view, FR. MANIK MUTTUKUMARU picked the German Chancellor DR. KONRAD ADENAUER'S amazing memory as "tops."

The doughty veteran of Germany remembered the Messenger's thumbnail sketch of himself in the "Living Human Dynamos" the popular series which this paper ran some years ago!

Meanwhile, that inimitable pen-pusher from Negombo—MR. LEONARD OBRIS—sends me a tribute in verse to the Messenger's "interim period" Editor FR. JUSTIN PERERA:

Here go LEONARD OBRIS' lines:

To our ersatz Editor

He talks of candidates who aren't candid,
With their outpourings of balderdash splendid.
Of a franchise that fails to be frank,
Of suffragists who claim the freedom of the crank.

Without hollow boasts in the name of culture
He pleads for national sanity in the future.
And denounces the froth of crude tribalism
And spurns the vanity of venomous racism.

Only then will Ceylon be safe for democracy
And pave the way for true national supremacy.
When all are united with sincere relations,
Sri Lanka will win the plaudits of nations.

Thanks, thanks to our stop-gap editor,
Who wields his mighty pen as Christ's solicitor,
With felicitous phrases and thoughts erudite,
May the Lord at heaven's bar him requite.

YCW pilgrimage

NATIONAL Chaplain of the Y.C.W.—FR. STANISLAUS FERNANDO heads a 250-strong girl-and-boy batch of pilgrims to Hildesheim, this week-end. At Hildesheim they will hold a



3-hour Way of the Cross. The programme also includes talks on top-priority problems.

The pilgrims who are scheduled to start on Saturday morning are expected to be back in Colombo on Sunday.

Off to the States



MISS CLAUDIS P. LOPIESZ, Lecturer at Sri Lanka Catholic Training College, Bolawalan, Negombo, left Ceylon for the United States, on 25 August on a "Smith Mundt Fulbright" Scholarship.

She is expected to follow a Course in Vocational Education Home Economics for six months.

Miss LOPIESZ is the daughter of Mr. AND Mrs. J. T. LOPIESZ of Mutwal.

She is also a past student and teacher of St. Anthony's Convent, Mutwal.

The Show of the Year

ALL'S set for what is most probably the Show of the Year—the 1960 NEW AGE Ceylon Economic Development Exhibition and Fair, sponsored by and in aid of AQUINAS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE and to be opened at St. Joseph's College, Colombo, on Friday, 2 September.

Robin Hood's spies report that the indefatigable FR. S. T. BALASURIYA was seen in action get-

ting things readied.

One of the many features planned on a colossal scale and which promises to be a terrific draw is "The Space Age" section, depicting man's achievements in the conquest of space.

Among the items of interest will be (1) a display of the peaceful uses of atomic energy, (2) a model of the atomic submarine 'Nautilus', (3) a model of the United States' Air Force Missile Base, (4) a working model of a station for utilising solar energy, (5) models of the Russian satellites, Sputnik I and Sputnik II, (6) models of the United States' satellite Vanguard I and the Four Stage Rocket—Jupiter C, (7) interior view of the Third Stage of a space rocket, (8) giant pictorial record of the achievements of the 'International Geophysical Year', (9) giant display of 'Man's Conquest of Space' from the imagination of Jules Verne to the reality of the Sputnik, (10) a scientific display explaining laws of motion, jet propulsion, gravitational pull, rocketry, etc.

Isn't that a mouthful? Robin Hood's verdict: DON'T MISS IT!

Men's Day of Recollection

THE Colombo Municipality Catholic Guild Bulletin for August announces the Annual Day of Recollection for Men to be held at All Saints' Shrine in Borella on Sunday, 15 September.

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CATHOLICS AND THE NATION

BANAL and platitudinous though it may sound, he would be a fool who tried to dismiss the statement as being too obvious to require repetition, that if ever the nation needed unity, it needs it now. Unity at this stage, unity above all things else, can mean that at last the nation can take the road that leads to ordered progress and prosperity. On the other hand, disintegration and disunity at this crisis-point of our national career, can only mean ruin and disaster.

And yet unity can be conceived of in different ways. There is the unity of inert, inorganic matter. And there is the unity of the living organism. The one is a dull, dead uniformity of pattern. The other is unity in diversity, an integration of diverse elements that makes for the richness and fullness of exuberant life.

This diversity that is splendidly ordained towards a single purpose is the essential characteristic of life. The higher the level of life, the more complex and beautiful the diversity, and the more complete the unity.

It would be a pity, then, to think that national unity necessitates a dead level of uniformity. That would not be true of even the simplest society. Still less would it, therefore, be true of the pluralist society that obtains in our country. The different elements that compose this society must conspire towards the national good whilst, however, they retain, each its own individuality and its distinct personality.

And it is in this sense that we find it difficult to understand that a unified, national system of education should be thought of in terms of a unitarian system in which all schools are cast into the same mould. Equality does not imply a levelling down, or a soulless uniformity.

Provided all schools are geared towards the national good, provided they measure up to at least the minimum required standards of efficiency, then the more varied our system of schools within the national framework, the richer and the more valuable will be the total educational effort of the country.

It is only in this fashion that the freedom of individuals and of groups can be preserved too, especially in a multi-racial, multi-lingual, multi-religious society such as ours is. The State will then be exercising its true and proper function of encouraging and assisting, instead of supplanting and supplanting, the various social groups that compose the nation and that have a right to a due measure of autonomy.

Catholics are as prone to making mistakes and to wrong-doing as anybody else. But it would be unfair and unjust to think of them as a community of people who are as it were outside the national stream.

Catholics love their country as much as other nationals do. With them patriotism is a virtue and a religious duty. National feeling and a sense of national pride do not atrophy and die within them merely by reason of the fact that they are Catholics.

They have made their own contribution towards the welfare of the country. They have joined in the fight for national independence. They have provided their quota of great patriots in the early days of the country's struggle for freedom.

It was a Catholic prelate, Mgr. Bonjean, who fought for liberty in the field of education and for equality of opportunity, during the first phase of British rule. He insisted, nevertheless, that "proselytising non-Catholic children in our schools by holding out to them the bait of secular instruction is no part of our system of evangelization."

He further maintained that: "the Hindus and Buddhists... are men endowed with reason and a free will, they are responsible agents, and ought not to be coerced or bribed into submission even to the truth. Their Creator respects their liberty; surely we, their fellow-creatures, ought to respect their share in the boon (of education); and the admitted ground of their claim is that they pay taxes... not that they do, or will, or may, accept Christianity under any form, or in any degree."

As for the idea current in some quarters that Catholics are or were not concerned with providing a truly national education, it is good to remember that while as late as 1911 Buddhist educational authorities were of the very definite opinion that the study of the vernaculars should be confined to vernacular schools, the same enlightened prelate, already at an earlier date, championed the cause of the national languages even though his was literally the voice of one crying in the wilderness.

Here is what he said: "It could perhaps be questioned also whether we are wise in giving so much preponderance to English education; and here I cannot help lamenting the all but universal neglect of vernacular literatures. Much as I approve of the spread of the English language, I fear it will rather become so universally adopted as to form a convenient channel for the enlightenment of the masses..."

"Alongside with the decline of native literature should be mentioned the neglect of the fine arts, painting, sculpture, music, etc. Is it then that these nations are so unfitted for them that the spark which makes artists is absent from their breasts? But how could we entertain such a notion in the face of the splendid remnants which antiquity has bequeathed to us and of which the merciless hand of time has not succeeded in spoiling their original grandeur? I say, I regret this neglect, for the fine arts have on a people a civilizing effect of a special nature which scarcely anything else can supply."

CURRENT COMMENT

by the Editor

THE PERILS OF UNITARIANISM

DURING last Wednesday's Debate in the House of Representatives, the 1st M. P. for Mutur, Mr. T. Ahambaram, made the very sensible point that the complete take-over of the Schools by the Government would leave the child open to indoctrination by the State. At this stage, a quite incredible thing happened. According to all the Press reports, a voice from the Government Benches was heard to say: "That is the idea."

It is alarming enough that the danger Mr. Ahambaram referred to, of State regimentation and indoctrination, is a very real danger and that it does exist in fact in any unitarian system of State education. But that a Government-bencher should calmly announce that the indoctrination of children by the State is precisely the idea, is too fantastic for words.

A member of a Party that calls itself a Freedom Party who is capable of so outrageous a statement bears about as much resemblance to a democrat as the Marx brothers to the Barrymores. For sheer monstrosity this is only beaten by that other Member of Parliament, the member for Agalawatte, who lost his sense of humour and proportion to such an extent as to actually declare that "the Catholic Action Group (whatever that may be) slanted the news in the 'Daily News' and 'The Times of Ceylon'."

The Trouble about

Smoke Screens

OF course the lone voice front-bencher was probably only trying out his idea of a practical joke. And even if he was not being humorous and was really in dead earnest, he surely remains a lone voice. The rest of the Government members could not possibly be credited with holding such rankly absolutist and totalitarian views. But they seem to be rather too optimistic in presuming that so long as the magic formula "democracy" is constantly repeated, and so long as they continue to be democratically inclined, there is no danger to the democratic form of Government from lines of action that are perilously anti-democratic.

Under such circumstances, policy tends to become hopelessly vague and hazy and to take on the nature of a smoke-screen. But then you cannot even differ with a smoke-screen. You can only get lost in it.

The 1960 Secret

A READER enquires why it is that nothing has yet been said by the Messenger about the Fatima "Secret" to be opened in 1960. The answer is that nothing is known about it yet. Sister Lucy wrote the message down at a time of serious illness in 1939. The envelope was inscribed: "Not to be opened until 1960." God, in His good time, will make it known to us.

Meanwhile, we must be careful to avoid sensational speculation regarding it, or to pass around scare stories which will only serve to divert the attention of people from the essential message of Fatima, which is quite simply one of prayer and penance.

As recently as July 1959 Sister Lucy had to repudiate false reports to the effect that dreadful chastisements may soon befall the world. She said: "I know nothing nor can I say anything about such chastisements, which have been falsely attributed to me."

The Tocsin of Alarm

THROUGHOUT history there have been people who have had a flair for sounding apocalyptic trumpets of alarm, and others who have been only too ready to be paralyzed with terror at these dire warnings of impending doom.

In the 13th century St. Bonaventure complains about being "fed up"

And may we find inspiration, all of us who are proud to belong to this country of ours, whatever our race or language or religion, in this superb definition of a nation:

"A nation is a living soul, a spiritual principle. Two things constitute this soul: one is the past, the other is the present. One is the common possession of a rich heritage of memories; the other is the actual consent, the desire to live together, the will to preserve worthily the undivided inheritance. To have common glories in the past, a common will in the present; to have done great things together, to will to do the like again — such are the essential conditions for the making of a people."

with hearing prophecies about the evils that will befall the Church and of the imminent end of the world. And 16th century Italy, like the Italy of a month or so ago, was terrified by what was nothing short of an epidemic of similar predictions.

Neither the Day nor

the Hour

AS for when the end of the world will take place, we have Our Lord's clear words: "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but the Father only." (Mt. XXIV, 36). "Therefore you also must be ready, because at an hour that you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (Mt. XXIV, 44).

According to the teaching of the Church, God's public, official or general revelation to us was closed after the death of the Apostles. Nothing can be added to it. Even Our Lady cannot reveal any new truth of faith or morals. Nor can anything conveyed in a private revelation conflict in anyway with the revelation already given to the Apostles. The messages conveyed by means of apparitions can, however, confirm or elucidate what the Church already believes.

The answer to the question about the 1960 secret is that no one, except Sister Lucy, really knows. The year 1960 was fixed by Lucy herself for the opening of the message. The Bishop whose diocese includes Fatima, has said that he does not know at what time of the year or where the message will be opened.

The Essential Message

AND he discourages speculation about the secret: "Tell the people not to preoccupy themselves with that, but to do what Our Lady has already told us to do." Our duty, therefore, is to concentrate on the essential message of Fatima; prayer and penance, and growing in the love of God and of our neighbour.

Recently, an anxious woman enquired of the Holy Father whether the world would end on July 14th. The reply, communicated to her through a Vatican official, was simple and straightforward: "Try to keep yourself in a state of grace, and you will be able to face the end of this life with serenity at whatever moment it comes."

A Date to Remember

THE twenty-fifth, fiftieth and sixtieth anniversaries of an event are spoken of as silver, golden and diamond jubilees. And a hundred years marks, of course, a centenary.

We do not know if a seventy-fifth anniversary bears a special name. Whether it does or not, it surely is something worth commemorating. The 12th of this month was the seventy-fifth anniversary of an event which was of remarkable spiritual and social importance and has been a source of boundless beneficence to mankind generally and to us in Ceylon in particular.

Love in a Loveless World

THERE is hardly any part of the world in which the radiant white habit of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary is not known and

recognized as the sign and symbol of those ministering angels who with a consuming love, a dauntless courage and a noble serenity, carry comfort and consolation to the poor and the suffering.

These generous, dedicated women carry out their apostolate in Ireland and in Oceania, in China and in Peru, in every one of the five continents of the world. They work amongst the sick, the lepers and the plague-stricken; they care for orphans, the destitute and the aged; and they run schools, needle-work centres and printing presses. There is no form of charity that is alien to them.

Their most significant work has been amongst lepers upon whom these nuns have lavished their most generous care. Their foundress said that this ministry engraves upon those who undertake it "a new resemblance to the Divine Master," and that the leper-asylum was to be their "vestibule of heaven."

Lives Beautiful with

Service Done

ON August 12, 1885, the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith signed the "Decree of Praise" (which is the first step towards the formal and final approval of a religious congregation) in approbation of the constitutions of the Institute of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

We in Ceylon who have seen them at work amongst the sick and the suffering, in schools and orphanages, amongst the needy and the destitute, and their heroic and loving labours amongst our lepers, and who therefore owe so much to these nuns (they came to our shores, at the request of the Government, in 1886), ought therefore to remember with gratitude the event that took place seventy-five years ago.

Valedictory

AND now, having striven to the best of our limited ability, in howsoever fumbling and faltering a way, to fulfill the task we were entrusted with, we make our bow.

To all those who have helped us in our task, in so many diverse ways, visible and invisible no less, known to us and unknown as well we say "thank you." To those whom we may have in any manner unwittingly offended, we say, "forgive us."

And to all our readers who have patiently borne with us and tolerated our faults and foibles during these four months, may we say in the words of Maurice Baring's *Vale*:

"I am forever haunted by one dread,
That I may suddenly be swept away,
Nor have the leave to see you,
and to say
Good-bye; then this is what I
would have said:

"I have loved summer and the
longest day;
The leaves of June, the slumbrous
film of heat,
The bees, the swallow, and the
waving wheat,
The whistling of the mowers
in the hay.

"I have loved words which lift
the soul with wings,
Words that are windows to eternal
things.
I have loved souls that to them-
selves are true."

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Warning

It has come to our knowledge that a number of spurious circulars, leaflets, etc., purporting to come from the ecclesiastical authorities, and in some instances bearing even the name and designation of His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, sometimes giving a false publisher's name and carrying the imprint of the Colombo Catholic Press (though they were not, in fact, printed at this Press) are in circulation. Similar leaflets were disseminated during the last elections as well. Unless published in the columns of this paper, or in the *Gnanartha Pradipaya*, or communicated through the priests in charge of the various stations, the ecclesiastical authorities will in no way hold themselves responsible for such publications.

ADMISSION TO ST. ALOYSIUS' SEMINARY

APPLICATIONS should be made through one's Parish Priest before 30th September for admission to St. Aloysius' Seminary, Borella, in January 1961. Only students who are good in studies and enjoy good health and have passed at least the 5th Standard in Sinhalese, Tamil or English can be admitted. Those who wish to apply for admission should see their Parish Priests without delay.

PARENTS PROTEST

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

THE parents and teachers of Good Shepherd Convent, Nayakakanda, met last Monday at the school premises to protest against the Government's decision to take over denominational schools.

The meeting, which was presided over by Mr. D. J. Jayasundera, unanimously passed a resolution to this effect, proposed by Mr. Herman Silva and seconded by Mr. Xavier Jesuthasan, and requested the Government to reconsider its decision and to appoint a Commission to go into the question.

The Chairman spoke at length, both in Sinhalese and English, on the rights of parents and the duty of Catholics to send their children to Catholic schools. He said that the Government could not say that it was fair by all religions, if it deprived the Catholic parent of this sacred right. He expressed the hope that as the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education had pledged to be fair by all religions, they would reconsider their decision.

Another speaker said that 700,000 children in Ceylon had no schooling facilities at all. Before undertaking the huge burden of running the efficiently-run denominational schools, they should first provide schools for these unfortunate children who form more than a quarter of the number of children of school-going age. He also said that it was a popular misconception that most of the Buddhist children were educated in Catholic schools. Only 3 per cent. of the Buddhist children were in Catholic schools, while 66.4 per cent. were in State schools.



Very Rev. Fr. A. Serru O.M.I., Vicar of Missions, celebrating High Mass on the Feast of St. James at St. James' Church, Mutwal.
(Picture by Wally Perera)

Mutwal Festival

SPECIAL FEAST AT WAHACOTTE

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

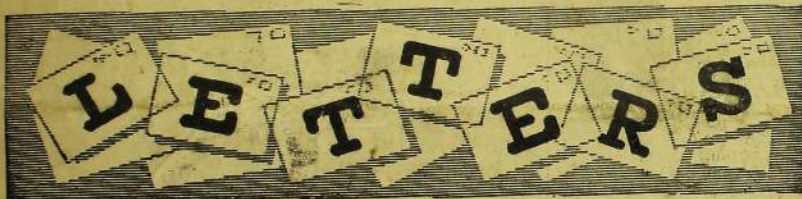
A SPECIAL Feast, sponsored by the Irrigation and Postal Catholic Guilds, was celebrated on 16 August for the fourth year in succession at the Shrine of St. Anthony, Wahacotte, by the devoted clients of the Saint.

Clients of St. Anthony, from the Central Bank Inland Revenue, National Housing, P.S.C., Railway A. F. Departments and many others took an active part in celebrating this annual event.

The church and its precincts were colourfully illuminated and tastefully decorated.

On Monday, 15 August, there was Holy Mass preceded by a procession to the Grotto. In the evening there was an inspiring sermon followed by Pontifical Vespers at which His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. D. B. Regno, O.S.B., officiated, assisted by several priests. St. Francis Xavier's choir of Wewala, Ja-Ela, under the guidance of the choir master, Mr. W. I. P. J. Fernando, was in attendance.

On 16 August, the Feast Day, after several Low Masses, the Pontifical High Mass was sung by His Lordship, with the same choir assisting. After the High Mass, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was imparted by Bishop Regno and a grand procession followed. The Ratmalana-Ja-Ela devotees had the privilege of carrying the Miraculous Statue. The celebrations ended with the distribution of blessed "Dana" to nearly 5,000 pilgrims.



THE SCHOOLS' TAKE-OVER

● We print below two more letters on the schools' take-over from a large number received which could not be published owing to exigencies of space.

The Test

DENOMINATIONAL schools were introduced, nearly a century ago, because it was proved that a State monopoly of education interfered with the freedom of parents to have their children educated in schools chosen in accordance with their religious convictions and obligations, or the dictates of their conscience; because it had become clear that without denominational schools there could be no national and democratic system of education.

Denominational schools have more than justified their existence. The system has proved extremely resilient, and has easily lent itself to every reform demanded in the name of educational progress. No problem has arisen in the course of the past century which could not be solved within the framework of the denominational system. True, not all the various religious denominations have been able from the beginning to take full advantage of the opportunities for opening denominational schools offered equally to all under the system. The Buddhists, we are told, have not yet provided themselves with an adequate number of Buddhist schools. But surely the remedy, the solution, is to increase the number of denominational schools, not to destroy the system which makes possible the opening of any number of such schools as are needed. One does not kill the patient in order to heal the disease! The Minister of Health would hardly suppress the number of hospitals in the country is insufficient.

On the other hand, democratic principles, democratic rights, democratic freedoms are the same today as they were a hundred years ago. Under a Government, then, that professes to be democratic, the suppression or taking over of denominational schools would be an anomaly. Any such measure, urged as a prelude to

the establishment of what has euphemistically been called a 'unified system of national education,' would mean a decisive concession to Marxism. A 'unified system of national education' in which the State, or the political body or the ideological group controlling the State, would have full scope for converting education into indoctrination, is exactly what Marxism wants and struggles to have.

In a system of education under the sole and absolute control of the State, Marxism would find the readiest and most potent weapon to bring our country under the heel of Communist tyranny, to snatch our children away from our homes and turn them into creatures, tools, slaves and victims of the Communist State.

But the Ceylonese people have rejected Marxism.

May we then hope that the Prime Minister will save us from a calamity than which we cannot imagine worse by thinking carefully before agreeing to moves which will, even if unwittingly, amount to playing into the hands of Marxism, and instead devise a plan whereby the democratic right to denominational schools is incorporated in a national system of education.

Millions of parents who wish to see themselves perpetuated in their sons, millions of mothers who would die rather than lose their children, await with anxiety the decision of the Prime Minister who is herself a mother of children.

An Anxious Parent.

Education Minister's Appeal

THE Education Minister's appeal to the country for co-operation and goodwill at the complimentary dinner accorded to him by the Zahira College Old Boys gives food for thought.

As a teacher, then a principal of long standing, and now as Minister

he is aware that in the past all sections of the country interested in education had always supported the Government and the Department of Education in all their attempts to further the progress of education in the country save in the case of some schemes brought forward by ultra-nationalists whose proposals would not have made for educational progress.

When the "Free Scheme" was mooted all denominational educationists, even those who originally feared the financial implications of the scheme were beyond the resources of the country, finally accepted the scheme with one accord in spite of the financial difficulties that they were expected to face by supporting the scheme but realizing the fact the scheme was to the advantage of a large section of school-going children who were denied their birth-right for being poor. In any case, the vast majority of the denominational schools were Swabasha schools, and these had been free schools all along.

It being so in the past, the very fact that the Minister should entertain grave doubts about his present plans being accepted as in the past by those very educationists, gives one furiously to think.

If those really interested in education oppose the nationalisation of education, could they be blamed after the sorry experience of immense failures of other schemes where not even intellectual ability but mere mechanical dexterity is required.

Trial and error may be acceptable in other fields of activity, but education is far too serious a matter to be trifled with. Shall we sacrifice the rising generation as a sop to Cerberus for the sake of a temporary or doubtful advantage? "Carpe diem, quam minimum credula postero" — Make use of the present time, trusting as little as possible to the future.

H. D. Joseph.

Colombo.

The Assumption



A scene from "The Assumption" staged by the girls of All Saints College, Borella.

JUBILARIAN FETED

(from S. M. J. Louis, "Messenger" correspondent)

IT was silver, silver all the way at the consecrated Church of Our Lady of Refuge at Jaffna, on Wednesday, the 10th August when Rev. Fr. S. A. Swampillai, its Parish Priest, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his sacerdotal ordination.

The church which was aglow with silver and flowers was packed with parishioners, friends, relatives, priests and nuns when the Jubilarian sang High Mass in the morning. Appropriately enough, the sermon was preached by the silver-haired and silver-tongued Fr. L. A. Augustine, O.M.I., Parish Priest of the Jaffna Cathedral.

A SINGING WELCOME

After Mass, Fr. Swampillai was accorded a rousing reception in the church premises at which songs specially composed for the occasion by Mr. Joseph Andrew were sung, and an address was read by Mr. Alfred Swampillai, Proctor, and presented to the Jubilarian in a silver casket. Mr. Regis Rajakarier, Advocate,

unveiled a large portrait of Fr. Swampillai in the Joseph Vaz Hall of the Presbytery.

In the evening there was a Te Deum Service.

The members of the Parish Reading Circle entertained Fr. Swampillai at a largely attended social on the 13th August at which tributes to the Jubilarian were paid by Messrs. Alfred Swampillai, T. A. P. Mylvaganam and S. M. J. Louis.

PERSONAL

VERY Rev. Fr. G. Phoebeus, O.S.B., will be grateful for the prayers of readers for the repose of the soul of his brother, Vere, who died in Australia on 19 August.

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A Thought FOR THE WEEK

"I want my children to love their country, to love their family, and to love their God. I want my children to pray, because I know the power of prayer: it can shake the mountains."

—BING CROSBY

Birthdays

27th AUG.—2nd SEPT.

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

27th August: Rohan Jayawardene 811, Blomendhal Road (Mutwal), Raymond de Silva, Govt. Bungalow, (Peradeniya), Ranjini Malkanthi Carmel Peiris, 35, Dewale Road, Pagoda (Nugegoda).

28th August: A. N. R. Savery-muthupulle, 92 Jampettah Street (Kotahena), Lourdes Dias, 22, St. Lucia's Street (Kotahena), Benildus Vijayaraj Jeganathan, 89, Old Road (Pannipitiya), Tamara Augusta Wannappa 63/14, Paramananda Mawatha (Colombo 13).

29th August: Hermione Edirisinghe, 53, St. Mary's Street (Negombo), Rodney Phillips, 162, Shanti Road, Hendala (Wattala), Sita de Fonseka, 140, Mahawatte Road, (Colombo 14).

30th August: Calixtus Ajanta Jayasinghe, 24, Udawatta Road, (Horana), Therese Marlene de Silva, 26, Nagalagam Street (Grandpass).

31st August: Neliya De Silva, alam Cotta (Rakwana), Lalith de Fonseka, 140, Mahawatte Road, (Colombo 14).

1st September: Josephine Roche 49, Green Lane, (Kotahena).

2nd September: Darrel Perera 70/71, Wall Street (Kotahena), Dawn Attapattu, 'Bridgend', (Nawalapitiya).

YOUR BIRTHDAYS — BY REQUEST ONLY

THE attention of all Schools-Mag members is drawn to a new rule regarding the publication of members' birthdays in the Schools-Mag columns.

In future all Schools-Mag members who want their birthdays published in these columns will have to notify us well ahead of the date. A "birthday request coupon" (see below) will appear every week in future.

Those whose birthdays fall during the period 17 Sept. to 23 Sept. must fill up the coupon below and post it to the Editor, Schools-Mag, Catholic Press, Borella marked "BIRTHDAYS" to reach him on or before 7 Sept. the latest, if they want their birthdays announced in the Schools-Mag edition dated 17 September.

Members are requested to adhere strictly to the rules enumerated below:

RULES

1. Only one coupon could be used by a member and is valid for that week only.

2. Publication of birthdays

I VISIT KANDY

By
Phyllis Gregory

"A THING of beauty is a joy for ever." So sang a poet and well may he have said it of Kandy, fairest Queen of all our cities.

The glorious beauty of Kandy has found an echo in the hearts of thousands of Ceylonese and thousands of foreigners who have had the privilege of visiting Kandy.

Long before dawn we started on our way to Kandy. Half way through I saw a misty light beginning to creep over the mountains. And the tops of the mountains were completely hidden by a blanket of thick cloud.

When I looked in front I saw the road winding like a snail, by the side of the river. The sound of the dashing waters was sweet music in my ears. I enjoyed the beautiful scenery all the way to Kandy.

At last we reached Kandy. Having seen the town and the market we strolled through the villages. Above and beyond the busy town there lay the mountains and the green valleys. Much to my amusement, suddenly I glimpsed the lake. How beautiful it was and so placid too.

Later we went to Peradeniya gardens. Here all was very quiet and one could see the huge trees and beautiful flowers. There were many fragrant blossoms and the purple shadows among the trees were very beautiful.

It was a trip every minute of which we enjoyed to our hearts' content. There's no place on earth so beautiful like Kandy.

Inter House Athletic Meet

• Ryle Moldrich reporting from Grandpass

THE Annual Inter-House Sports Meet, of St. Joseph's, Grandpass was held at Kotahena on the 6th of August. The chief guest at the meet was Rev. Bro. Vincent Joseph. There was keen rivalry among the Houses for the Inter-House championship which was ultimately won by Leander House.

Timothy House won the Drill competition. Besides athletic events there were many interesting items for the kiddies, visitors and even the students.

A pleasing feature of the meet was the splendid array of new challenge cups, which had been generously donated by Old Boys and well-wishers, of the College.

...and music

This was followed by a Prologue of Music. When the last

Flowers...

The solitary clock which hung on the wall, seemed to mark time at a slow pace today. 1-30 p.m. — it was the moment of hushed expectancy. Suddenly the chatter and natter of girls died off. A door-curtain parted. In stepped Rev. Mother Superior, her face shot through and through with smiles. Instantly, two "tiny tots" devoid of all stage fright stepped out from the crowd with bouquets of flowers in their hands to greet Mother Superior on behalf of all the members of our College.

It was 11th August, the Feast Day of our Rev. Mother Superior.

All work completed, the girls — young hearts throbbing with excitement and faces full of smiles — eagerly awaited the Rev. Mother's arrival.

Colour and Rhythm o'er All Saints' College

• OREEN LEONARD reporting from Borella

ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE, BORELLA WAS A HIVE OF ACTIVITY RECENTLY. THE GIRLS LEFT NO STONE UNTURNED IN THEIR ENDEAVOUR TO MAKE IT A TRULY FITTING OCCASION. MULTI-COLOURED STREAMERS, BALLOONS AND OTHER DECORATIONS LENT THE SCHOOL HALL AN AIR OF HIGH FESTIVITY.

to wish the Rev. Mother in a "Choral Speech." A second, "Choral Speech" titled "Dante's Paradise," delivered by the girls of the Senior Form, was one of the most outstanding items.

There was also an item by the "Percussion Band" of the Kindergarteners followed by singing of the "Festal Song" by the College Choir (see picture). Their soft, melodious strains charged the afternoon's sultry air while the balloons and paper decora-

cum-music-packed session was an enactment of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. This performance was followed by what all looked forward to so eagerly — the Rev. Mother Superior's speech.

Choral speech

In the course of her speech, Rev. Mother Superior went on to say that she was much grateful to her school-children for being so enthusiastic about making this occasion such a big success at a time when they were confronted with the task of preparing for their examination. Further she said that the standard of Elocution at All Saints' College is so remarkably high that, as a matter of fact, all the credit should go to Mrs. Weiman, the Elocution Teacher. This, she said, making special reference to the "Choral Speech" (Dante's Paradise) given by the girls of the Senior Forms — an item which, she said, fascinated her most.

After her speech the Rev. Mother went round distributing sweets among the girls bringing



With flowers and smiles a tiny tot greets Rev. Mother Superior, and (below) All Saints' College Choir. Third from left in front row is Oreen Leonard who has sent this Report.)



note of the musical prelude faded softly the curtain went up bringing into view nearly thirty score of pretty little girls clad in white. They stood in magnificent array

tions of every hue fluttered and danced in the breeze, in keeping with the lilt and rhythm of the merry notes.

The last item of this drama-

the celebrations to a grand finale.

Thus the crowd of vivacious girls, having shared in the joy of Rev. Mother Superior, dispersed happily.

Tips for Teenagers

RECENTLY, I dropped into a popular record shop in the Fort. I found difficulty in getting in, as the place was packed, teeming with teen-agers. The reason? Well, you would have guessed it! You're right. The one and only Bill Forbes.

There is a certain sense of satisfaction and happiness engendered in our own hearts, as we come face to face with success, with achievement. For, all of us work, for the fulfilment of a dream, to get to the top of the ladder. So here is one of our own, who has brought fame to himself and glory to our own country, and we are happy to say, "Hello" shake hands with him, and get him to autograph that record — the most precious among my souvenirs.

The hard way

But success did not come so easily to that petrol station assistant. He had to toil, work hard and sweat. It depended not so much on others, he worked hard himself. Yes, that is the price we all have to pay if we want success in whatever work we undertake.

The other day, as I lay buried in the dark recesses of an Agatha Christie, I heard a violent knock at my door. Poitrot at my doorstep! I did not show any sign of the impatience that was within me as I opened the door and greeted with a gentle, "How do you do?" It was my friend Dick. I experienced a feeling of relief. After all, I was not wanted for murder.

Dick spoke to me for nearly thirty minutes. His last sentence summed up all he had come to say.

"I don't seem to be getting anywhere. Happiness and success seem to be escaping me all the time."

"Don't say that," I interrupted, "you took 4 for 30 the other day, not to mention that chance-

YOUNG CEYLON

JUST out is the latest copy of YOUNG CEYLON — the up-and-coming Quarterly for teen-agers edited by VIMAL M. PERERA and published by the Alcantarians of St. Joseph's College, Colombo.

Catering to the needs and tastes of teen-agers, it is well presented, and features a number of articles fully illustrated which should prove interesting to boys and girls.

Priced at 25 cents per copy it is obtainable from The Editor, Young Ceylon, 32, Skelton Road, Havelock Town.

Today we carry an article "Tips for Teen-agers" reproduced from it.

less, brilliant knock of 68." "Yes, it is true," he continued, "but, still, all the same, there

In our attempt to be successful we think that a lot depends on the help that others can give! Certainly, those around us can be of great assistance, but first, let us see whether we are playing our part.

Success in life is relative. Don't measure your success with that of others, but against your own potentialities. Never fret because somebody else has done better.

Parvo Nurmi

Among the many track heroes was a great runner named Parvo Nurmi. He had a method in racing that is worth remembering. Nurmi, did not worry too much about the men against whom he was running. From long hours of painful and conscientious training, he was fully aware of his potentialities. From the records and a knowledge of what his opponents were capable of doing, he knew how fast he had to run at every stage, to run the race. Nurmi carried a stopwatch to verify his own sense of pace, as he ran. With his method he became one of the great distance runners of our time. One wonders if Nurmi's plan for winning foot races wouldn't win many of the more serious

Fr. Joseph Nethisinghe

seems to be something wrong somewhere."

Not wanting Dick to feel hopeless and gone, I reminded him of his lively interest in the piano-accordion which he played so well.

He went on, "I like E. P. (I shivered a bit). I have friends but I'm worried..." Well, stop worrying and think about yourself.

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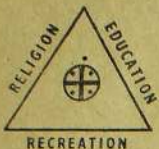
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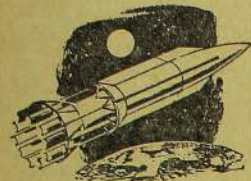
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Schools-Mag

SPACEORAMA—

look out for it!



SCHOOLS-MAG members and all teen-agers of Ceylon will look forward to SPACEORAMA, one of the most attractive and educational features which will highlight the New Age Exhibition to be held at St. Joseph's College, Colombo next Friday.

The Schools-Mag which gave you the International Geophysical Year Report earlier, as also a series of articles on the Moon is happy to announce that a section of this interesting Exhibition is devoted to the Arena of the Moon. We print below some of the interesting items that will be in store for everybody.

The section called the 'Spaceorama' will be spread out over more than an acre of land adjoining the calm and placid waters of the Beira at St. Joseph's College. Maximum use will be made by the organisers of this novel creation of both the water-front and the Beira Lake itself. It will cater mainly for the children because the Space Age of today is their Age. They will be fascinated by the tremendous display, both in models and pictures, of man's conquest of the hitherto unknown regions of space. For the first time in Ceylon there will be, under one gigantic roof, the record of man's attempts through science, astronomy and mathe-

matics to bridge this great gulf. The Embassies of the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. have consented to

Grounds to advise, guide, and help visitors.

The exhibition is divided into the following sections featuring the attractions mentioned under each of them:—

1. Educational Displays. (a) The Nations that have conquered Space—Display by the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. Embassies of models of artificial satellites and rockets. (b) Display by the U.K. High Commission of the Calder Hall Atomic Energy Station and the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

2. Radar Detection Apparatus. (a) Man's progressive conquest of space 'from the admission of Jules Verne to the orbiting of man's own satellites in outer-space.' (b) The features—Laws of Motion, Principles of Rocket Propulsion, Plans for construction of multi-stage Rockets. (c) Vivid Portrayal of Man's Hazards in Outer-Space. Man's attempt to build a Space Station for permanent circulation round the earth.

3. The Planetisphere. Features—The Milky Way, Fascinating Display of the terrestrial world, The Glory of the Stars.

This section will be an illuminated working model.

4. Display. The City of the Future, a colourful cut-work City.

5. Display of a live human-being in a fully pressurised flight suit.

6. Glass encased model of a giant Robot—Mr. Automation. Entertainment on the Beira Lake. (1) Water fete—5 to 6 p.m. daily. (2) Air/Sea rescue demonstration by helicopters, etc. (3) On alternate nights 3 times nightly—The fight to the death between a giant 'Spatisaurus' and armed Earthmen on a specially constructed floating stage. (5) Week-end Fire-works Display on the Water.

7. The Arena of the Moon. See the actual section of the surface of the moon featuring: (a) Fields of molten lava. (b) Mountains and Craters of the uninviting moonscapes. (c) The pock-marked barrenness. (d) The land of shadow-light. (e) Smoking Craters. (f) Giant Vermillion Mushrooms. (g) The ghoulish moon-men appear from the underground tunnels. (h) Battle between Rocket men and the Creatures of the Moon.

A free souvenir of the Space-Age diary will be given to all children entering this section. It will contain among other things information about the Planets and all the Satellites sent into orbit by man.

Competitions: Nightly (1) Spot the Father of Space and Win a Prize. Daily (2) Fancy Dress Parade of Creatures of Space for children.

Games-of-Skills: (1) Interplanetary Bowls. (2) Beep Beep Beep. (3) Rin-Tin-Tin Skittles. (4) Ray Gun Shooting Gallery.

The Rocket: For the first time in Ceylon a Giant Man-made, Four-Stage Moon Rocket will be on display.

You could climb 60 ft. into the skies into Stage-One and take a look around the interior of a Space Ship and from those heights watch the rest of this crazy world go by.

Riddles

(Sent by Marina Samuel, St. Sebastian's Convent, Kandana)

1. What is it that you cannot see, but is always before you?
2. What is the best thing you can do in a hurry?

Answers

1. The future.
2. Haste.



By
Uncle
Ashley

My dear children,
The Sanctus was intended as a sort of "Chorus." The

SANCTUS

Prayer of Thanksgiving ends with the "Sanctus", in which the congregation bursts into an exuberance of adoration and Faith: "Holy, Holy, Holy—God Sabbath."

The second part of the Sanctus—the "Benedictus" is the Palm Sunday greeting of the Jews as the Master entered the Holy City in triumph and glory.

The Lord will soon be upon our Altar: "Blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord."

The bell rings and I kneel in silent expectation with a "Hosanna" (long live) upon my lips.

Always in Jesus and Mary.

UNCLE ASHLEY

SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Schools-Mag No. 3607—Perpetua Anne Hirantha Fernando, youngest candidate in the Island to obtain honours in the Initial Division (Piano), Trinity College of Music, London who is seen receiving the prize from Lady Morley, wife of the High Commissioner for U.K. in Ceylon at the Ladies College Hall, recently. She is a pupil of Mrs. Estelle Mendis, A.T.C.I.

To Our Lady

MOTHER of God, Mother of mine,
How sweet and how gentle thou art,
Tenderly folding thy baby divine
So near thine Immaculate Heart.
Thine eyes are like velvet as blue
as the sky,
Thy face like the lily blooms fair,

COLLEGE GIRL NOMINATED FOR BRAVERY MEDAL

Saved friend from killer shark

SHIRLEY O'NEILL, THE AMERICAN COLLEGE GIRL WHO RISKED HER LIFE IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE A COMPANION FROM A KILLER SHARK, WAS NOMINATED FOR THE 1959 YOUNG AMERICAN MEDAL FOR BRAVERY.

Governor Brown, of California, made the nomination.

Miss O'Neill, 20, on May 7, 1959, towed Albert Kogler, a swimming companion, to shore after he was attacked by a shark off Baker's Beach, San Francisco.

BAPTISED HIM

After getting him to shore, she baptized him with sea water and got him to repeat the Act of Contrition after her.

The youth died two hours later, from the wounds inflicted by the shark.

Korea's first Catholic university has been blessed and formally opened in Seoul. It has 158 students, 52 of them Catholics. Plans call for 18 buildings on a 50-acre campus. It is staffed by American Jesuits.

Catholics in the Archdiocese of Melbourne have invested about £ 4,000,000 in the Archdiocesan Schools Provident Fund since its inauguration five years ago. The fund has provided 320 schools accommodating 20,000 children. It has paid almost £ 250,000 in interest to its depositors.

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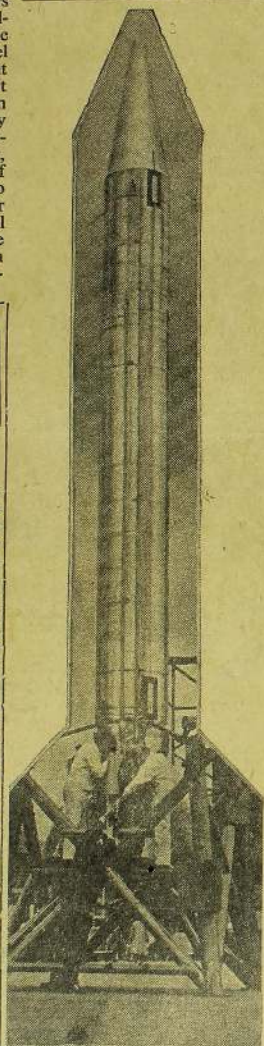
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put on display models of the artificial satellites and rockets that their Governments have in the recent past thrown into space.

Everything from realistic battles between pre-historic monsters and armed spacemen to colourful exhibitions of rocketry will be available. Games of skill with space themes ranging from Interplanetary Bowls to a Ray-Gun Shooting Gallery will be available for all comers to revel in. There will also be picturesque displays of Jules Verne's trip to the moon, a water fete, a giant space wheel on which the kids could take rides, competitions, a very entertaining City of the Future, a Huge Surface of the Moon display and many other attractions.

Uniformed Guards with badges of authority given by the Space Headquarters will be present at various check points to issue tickets of admission and also throughout the 'Spaceorama'

TIPS FOR TEENAGERS

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the road, still grumpy, he said.

"Tough hill, isn't it, my boy?"

"Hill be hanged," replied the little one, "One of your wheels has dropped."

Yes, often we blame everything around us without first finding out what is wrong inside us.

Once we know ourselves let us have a plan, a purpose in living. Let us not squander life on trifling pursuits. Let us spend our lives wisely and beautifully on all life's adventures. The same stone that can be fashioned into a temple of love, can be turned into a dungeon of despair. The same metal can be turned into a sword or a plough. The same life can be wasted in things useless or building beauties worth while.

Questionnaire

Occasionally, let us ask ourselves a few questions. Am I on the correct road? Do I do the correct thing? Do I think clearly? Do I let my passion and prejudices cloud my thinking? Do I let the mistakes of the past weaken my thinking? Do I let the unknown future frighten my thinking? Do I think about the things I learn

every day? Do I keep my mind and thinking powers supple and ready to use at all times?

Am I a worker? How many brilliant ideas flash into my mind, but I let them fade away rather than do the work which would develop them into something presentable? Have I the discipline which makes an enthusiastic worker? I must make work a pleasure.

Do I act honestly? Do I recognize clearly between the right and the wrong? Do I resist those temptations to twist the truth for dishonest purposes?

Do I have a high regard for other people? Do I believe in all sincerity that most people are fundamentally good? Do I look for the best in all people and treat everyone with sincere love? Or do I allow envy and jealousy to rule me? Thus speaking ill of others and ruining their good name? Do I persevere? Am I a stickler? Do I stay in the fight until the finish? Many wilt on the border-line, between victory and defeat, where a little more grit would carry them past the turning point.

Do I trust in my religion? Do I believe that there's a Superior

Being that watches over this world? Do I believe that man is under His care and guidance? That as long as we do our part we can trust Him to give us the help we need to meet the problems that are beyond our strength?

Yes, there are many questions to be answered. So don't wait till others help you or like Micawber till something turns up. You might be disappointed. Some relatives, who were not famous for their own industry were waiting anxiously till the will of a rich uncle was read. The will simply stated, "Being of sound mind, I spent all my money."

Did I bore you? I am sorry, if I did. But,

This may be little,
This may be small
This may be nothing,
This may be all.

Bed time thought

Well, it is quite late now. I have not noticed the darkness falling from the wings of night. It has fallen gently, softly, as a feather is wafted downward from a bird in flight. The lights across the Beira Lake twinkle in the distance. The song of a boatman, the strains of a little serenade come floating in. I think it's time, to say, "Good-night."

If I thought that a word of mine,
Perhaps unkind and true,
Would leave its trace on a loved one's face,
I'd never speak it—
Would you?

If I thought that a smile of mine,
Must linger the whole day through,
And lighten some heart with a heavier part,
I'd not withhold it—
Would you?

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IN MEMORIAM

SECOND ANNIVERSARY



Anthony Louis Morais

Born 26th July, 1898
Died 2nd September, 1958

The blow was hard the shock severe
To part with one we loved so dear
Only those who lost can tell
The grief for one they loved so well.

Requiem High Mass will be sung for
the repose of his soul at St. Mary's
Church, Bambalapitiya, on Friday,
2nd September, 1960, at 6-30 a.m.
(Fondly remembered by his sorrowing
wife and daughter).

23/2, Lauries Road,
Bambalapitiya.

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Carmel Ederisinghe

Died 28th August 1959

One lonely year thy absence we
have borne,
None can fill the void at home.
Unforgotten, unforgettable as the
days go past,
Only a beautiful memory to trea-
sure in our aching hearts.

Holy Mass at 6-30 a.m. will be
offered in her name on Sunday, the
28th instant, at Hapugoda Church.

Affectionately remembered by her
sorrowing parents (Mr. & Mrs.
Edward J. Ederisinghe).

192, Hapugoda,
Kandana.

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Of your charity
pray for the repose of the soul of



Beatrice

(Mrs. G. Don George)

Died 31st August 1956

"Thy memory is our keepsake
Abiding through the years."

A Requiem High Mass will
be sung for the repose of
her soul at St. Francis of
Sales Church, Dalugama, on Wed-
nesday the 31st August at 6.15 a.m.
Fondly and sorrowfully remem-
bered by her loved ones on the
Fourth Anniversary of her death.

"Trisbea,"
Kelaniya.

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Dr. Maria Montessori

Born: 31.8.1870
Died: 6.5.1952

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

Remembered with affection on
her birthday by the children and
teachers in all our schools and by
the Staff and Students of the Good
Shepherd Maria Montessori Train-
ing Centre, Colombo 13.

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K. Andrew Fernando

Died 27th August 1959

How sad it was you had to depart.
So early from those you had in your
heart

But tender memories of your happy
past.

Are ever fresh in our loving hearts.

Fondly remembered by your
beloved wife and children.

"Philomenrock,"
Kandana.

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T. Don L. R. Alexander

Born: Nov. 6th 1901
Died: May 31st 1960

He was a father so good and true.
He suffered in silence no one
knew.

His beautiful nature, his heart of
gold

So sweet a father, could the world
ever hold?

Dearly loved, sadly missed,

May he rest in peace.

Fondly remembered by his dearly
loved daughters, Mrs. Edna Goone-
wardena and Mrs. Rita Navaratne.

Govt. Dispensary Bungalow,
Pindeniya,
Kegalle.

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THANKSGIVINGS

MY grateful thanks to St. Pius X
for recovery from a serious
heart ailment.

Celia Dickman.

160 New Buller's Road,
Colombo 4.

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MY sincere and grateful
thanks to the Blessed Lord
Jesus, Mother of Perpetual Help,
St. Anthony, St. Joseph and St.
Rita, for all the favours and
blessings bestowed.

Ladislaus.

MY grateful thanks to Father
Alexander Guillaume for a
great favour received. **L. W.**

1169 Wattala.

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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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SUNDAY 25th SEPT.

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1182 Parish Priest.

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1164 Parish Priest.

WEWALA Feast of St. Lazarus

September 3rd & 4th

Saturday 3rd Vespers at 7-30 p.m.

Sunday 4th: 1st Mass at 6-30 a.m.

Festive Mass at 8-30 a.m.

1128 Fr. J. Dalpatado O.M.I.

HORANA CHURCH FEAST

Sept. 3: Vespers 7.30 p.m.

4: Feast. Masses 6, 8.30.
Benediction, Procession,
Distribution of Alms.

1100 W. Z. Dabrera O.M.I.

Feast of St. Pius X

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Horagolla in Marawila Mission

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Sept. 3rd Saturday Vespers 7 p.m.

Sept. 4th Sunday

Low Masses 5 and 6 a.m.

High Mass 8 a.m.

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ORDER NISI IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NEGOMBO

No. 4009/Testy.

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Panambarage Harry Augustus Fernando late of No. 26, Lewis Place, Negombo. — Deceased

1. Kariyakariwanage John Fernando of Pallansena, Kochchikade.
2. Jayasinghe Aratchige Cyril Emmanuel de Silva Wijayaratne of Nikawewa, Moragolleagama. — Petitioners.

1. Panambarage Constance Susila Wijeratne of Rural Hospital, Nikawewa, Moragolleagama for herself and as Guardian-ad-litem of the 5th Respondent.
2. Panambarage Rita Philomina de Alwis, 46, Nandana Gardens, Bambalapitiya.
3. Panambarage Mark Anthony Fernando.
4. Panambarage Ursula Veronica Fernando.
5. Panambarage Bertha Dorothy Fernando, a minor by her Guardian-ad-litem the 1st, 6th and 7th Respondents.

6. Dehiwalage Mary Madalena Perera all of No. 26, Lewis Place, Negombo.
7. Panambarage Jane Susan Fernando of Kochchikade. — Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before T. S. Sally, Esquire, Additional District Judge of Negombo, on this the 21st day of April, 1960, in the presence of Messrs. Raheeman and Maharoor, Proctors on the part of the Petitioners, and the Petition and affidavit of the Petitioner dated 21st April, 1960, and 2nd April 1960, respectively and the affidavit of the attesting witnesses dated 8th March 1960, having been read.

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament bearing No. 1715, dated 10th November, 1952, attested by K. A. J. Perera, Notary Public, the original of which has been produced and is now deposited in this Court be and the same is hereby declared proved, that the 1st, 6th and 7th Respondents abovenamed be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 5th Respondent minor, and that the Petitioners abovenamed be the executors of the said Last Will and Testament and that the Petitioners be and they are hereby declared entitled to have probate of the said Last Will and Testament issued to them accordingly, unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 3rd day of June 1960, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the 1st, 6th and 7th respondents do produce the said minor before this Court on the said date.

This 21st day of April 1960.

Sgd. N. Edirisinghe,

District Judge.

3-6-1960. Time for showing cause against this Order Nisi has been extended till 12-8-1960.

Sgd. N. Edirisinghe,

District Judge.

12-8-1960. Time for showing cause against this Order Nisi has been extended till 14-10-1960.

Sgd. N. Edirisinghe,

District Judge.

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ORDER NISI IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO

No. 19402/Testy.

In the matter of the Intestate Estate of Sembuge Don Robert Fonseka of Wanawahala, Kelaniya. — Deceased.

1. Patricia Antoinette Marian Fonseka appearing by her Guardian-ad-litem.

2. Sembuge Don Paul Fonseka of Baur's Flats, Grandpass, Colombo. — Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before J. E. A. Alles, Esquire, Additional District Judge, Colombo, on the 14th day of July, 1960, in the presence of Mr. Quintus A. Salgadoe, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 12th day of July, 1960 having been read.

It is ordered that the 2nd respondent abovenamed be and he is hereby declared appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st minor respondent abovenamed for the purpose of these proceedings.

It is further ordered that the Petitioner abovenamed be and she is hereby declared entitled as the widow of the deceased abovenamed to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to her accordingly unless the respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 13th day of October, 1960 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

Sgd. J. E. A. Alles,
Additional District Judge.

ORDER NISI IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO

No. 19397/T

In the matter of the Intestate Estate of Swaminathan Rasiah of No. 7, 57th Lane off 34th Lane, Wellawatte, Colombo in the Island of Ceylon. — Deceased.

1. Valentine Richard Swaminathan of 51, Braybrooke Place, Colombo 2. — Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Teresa Cecilia Savundranayagam nee Swaminathan of 19, Kensington Gardens, Bambalapitiya, Colombo.

2. Rev. Mother Mary Lourdes formerly Mary Violet Alexandra Dionysia Swaminathan of Holy Family Convent, Karampon, Kays.

3. Gretchen Lucia Philippa de Rosairo nee Swaminathan of No. 5, Nandana Gardens, Bambalapitiya, Colombo.

4. Ida Cecilia Balasandiran nee Swaminathan of No. 23, Block C, Government Flats, Torrington Avenue, Colombo.

5. Erin Infanta Christine Joseph nee Swaminathan of B4, Cement Factory Quarters, Kankasanturai.

6. Marie Elizabeth Leonie Fernandez nee Swaminathan of Ury Group, Passara. — Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before J. E. A. Alles, Esquire, Additional District Judge, Colombo, on the 12th day of July 1960, in the presence of Messrs. Abrahams, Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 11th day of July 1960 having been read:

It is ordered that the Petitioner abovenamed be and he is hereby declared entitled as the nephew and one of the heirs of the deceased abovenamed to have Letters of Administration to the Estate of the said deceased issued to him accordingly, unless the respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 20th day of October 1960, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. J. E. A. Alles,

Additional District Judge.

This 12th day of July 1960. 1175

ORDER ABSOLUTE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO

No. 19428/Testy.

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Magalage Graetian Ignatius Perera. — Deceased.

Theresa Margaret Perera of No. 22, St. Lucia's Street, Kotahena. — Petitioner.

This matter coming on for disposal before J. E. A. Alles, Esquire, Additional District Judge, Colombo, on the 1st day of August, 1960, in the presence of Mr. G. E. M. Mutukisna, Proctor, on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner, dated the 1st day of August, 1960, affidavit of the Notary and the affidavit of the witnesses, dated the 1st day of August, 1960 having been read.

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament bearing No. 201 made by the deceased abovenamed on the 19th day of November, 1958 and attested by Mr. G. E. M. Mutukisna, Notary Public, Colombo, the original of which has been deposited in this Court be and the same is hereby declared proved and the Petitioner is the Executrix named therein and that she is hereby declared entitled to have Probate thereof issued to her accordingly, on her payment of Estate Duty and taking Oath of Office.

The 1st day of August, 1960.
Sgd. J. E. A. Alles,
Additional District Judge

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The Congo and the United Nations

THE Congo experiment is a supreme test of the authority of the United Nations and of its power to meet new demands. It is perhaps the most complex effort in international co-operation yet made.

The United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Hammarskjöld, has said that the question at issue is peace or war—and not only in the Congo. The British delegate at the United Nations, Sir Pierson Dixon,

has said that beyond the gravity of the situation in the Congo there is the shadow of a greater danger: "If, for any reason, the United Nations operation in the Congo should fail, the authority of the whole United Nations organisation, with its great responsibilities for the maintenance of peace and security, would be gravely damaged."

The operation started in relatively mild international weather. The Security Council had responded to appeals from the internationally recognised Government of a newly-independent African Republic: there was no negative vote in the Council, although, in the light of hostile and threatening Soviet statements, a Soviet

and reasonable one in a young and diversified nation. It should be thrashed out between Congolese by peaceful discussion.

There should be no interference from outside. It can never be the task of the United Nations or of any outside Power to settle the argument.

The Security Council on August 9 gave a clear pledge that the United Nations force in the Congo will not in any way intervene in or influence the outcome of any internal conflicts, constitutional or otherwise. The difficulty has been to make Mr. Lumumba accept this limitation of the United Nations' task and to make Mr. Tshombe believe in it.

When Mr. Lumumba first appealed to the United Nations on July 12, he called for military aid against "external aggression", which, he alleged, Belgium had committed by preparing the secession of Katanga. Thereafter he continued, partly by threats to call in aid from other sources, to try to force the United Nations into action against the Katanga provincial Government.

Mr. Tshombe, on his side, was most reluctant to believe that the United Nations could have any other role in Katanga than forceful imposition of the rule of Mr. Lumumba's central Government. Hence his initial opposition to the entry of United Nations' troops.

Mr. Hammarskjöld needs the willing co-operation both of the central Government and of all provincial authorities, including those of Katanga, if he is to carry through the United Nations' operation successfully. He has, therefore, tried his utmost to overcome

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veto had seemed likely. African States seemed eager to play a leading part in the United Nations operation and Mr. Hammarskjöld was anxious to give them a major share.

INTERNAL STRUGGLE

Why, then, did the operation run into such danger and difficulty in spite of the rapid progress made by the United Nations in restoring order in a greater part of the Congo? There are two main reasons, one internal, the other external.

From the very start the situation has been complicated by an internal political struggle between Congolese. When the Republic became independent there was a smouldering dispute, only temporarily damped down, between those Congolese who wanted a strongly centralised system of government and those who wanted a much looser federal system.

Mr. Lumumba, the first Prime Minister, is a centralist. Mr. Tshombe, Premier of the Congo's richest province, Katanga, has been a champion of regional autonomy.

When trouble broke out elsewhere in the Congo, Mr. Tshombe went a stage further and declared Katanga an independent State. However, he has since hinted that he would be content with wide autonomy in a federation or confederation.

FOR CONGOLESE TO SETTLE

The argument between centralists and federalists is a natural

Jesuits take Final Vows



Our picture shows four members of the Society of Jesus of the Trinitamalee Diocese who took their final vows recently in Batticaloa: (Left to right) Frs. Claude P. Boudreaux, Lloyd A. Lorio, Vincent de P. Gnana-pragasam and Walter J. Nee.

mistrust and win the confidence of all.

His task has been made far more difficult by what can only be regarded as a deliberate and irresponsible attempt by Soviet Russia—or, at least, by Soviet propagandists—to prevent his success. One Soviet statement after another has been calculated to make Mr. Lumumba doubt Mr. Hammarskjöld's sincerity of purpose and the efficacy of the United Nations' operation. Equally, Mr. Tshombe's attitude must have been stiffened by repeated Soviet attacks upon him as a tool of Belgian colonialism: he now seems to regard Mr. Lumumba as Soviet-supported and Communist-inspired.

It may be that Soviet trouble-making has over-shot its mark. In the Security Council, States

from Africa and Asia have together played a leading role over the Congo, acting quite independent of Soviet Russia. Tunisia and CEYLON have drafted and sponsored resolutions adopted while Soviet draft resolutions were ignored.

In the latest debate Mr. Slim, of Tunisia, disregarded Soviet attacks on Mr. Hammarskjöld and paid a special tribute to his effort. SIR CLAUDE COREA, of CEYLON called on the people of the Congo to settle their own constitutional and political problems and to go forward united.

There are strong signs that the peoples of Africa and Asia do not wish to be pawns in a Soviet campaign but prefer to follow independent and constructive policies of their own.

1960 is Freedom Year for Millions in Africa

WITH France's promise of Independence to seven more African countries, over three-quarters of that continent's people and more than half of its Catholics will be living in 25 free nations by the year's end.

France has signed agreements pledging independence to Nigeria the Ivory Coast, Dahomey, the Voltaic Republic, the Congo Republic, the Central Africa Republic and Chad. Another agreement is being drawn up to give freedom to Gabon.

TWO-THIRDS OF AFRICA

The signing of these agreements means that 174,833,000 of Africa's 237,644,000 inhabitants will be living in independent countries covering some two-thirds of the continent's total area by the end of 1960. These free nations will include 12,506,495 of Africa's 23,802,415 Catholics.

Half a century ago only two African nations—Ethiopia and

Liberia—were independent. Two more—Egypt and the Union of South Africa—became independent between World Wars I and II.

ALREADY FREE

Twelve have become free since the end of the last war, half of them in 1960. Those which won their independence between 1949 and 1959 are Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, the Sudan, Ghana and Guinea.

The nations which have already become free this year are the former French territories of Cameroon, Togo, the Mali Federation and the Malagasy Republic, the Somali Republic, which includes former British Somaliland and

the former Italian trust territory of Somalia, and the Congo, former Belgian Congo.

NIGERIA

Nine more states will become independent in 1960—the British colony of Nigeria and the eight former French possessions with whom agreements have been signed or are being negotiated.

Twenty-five African territories with a total population of 45,621,000 and 8,657,684 Catholics are still under colonial rule. Two of the 25—the Belgian trust territory of Ruanda-Urundi and the British colony of Sierra Leone—are scheduled to become free nations in 1961, along with the self-governing state of Mauritania.

AFRICAN U.S. IS SUGGESTED

VATICAN CITY (U.P.)—An article datelined from Brussels in the "Osservatore Romano" suggested a United States of Africa as the solution to the unrest in the African countries gaining, or about to gain, independence.

The article urged European nations to accelerate unity and federation in the "form of union most congenial to the nature of the most ancient traditions."

"In connection," the newspaper said, "with the liberation of Africa, where the just aspirations of freedom and independence are being realised, not without the serious danger of revolution and disorders, we see the repetition on another scale of

phenomena which once marked the lengthy and laborious formation of European states.

"GRANDIOSE EXPERIMENT"

"All of us are anxious for the success of the grandiose experiment now under way in Africa, and we feel that the ideal aim of this development would be unity, in variety, of the young states of the African continent."

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