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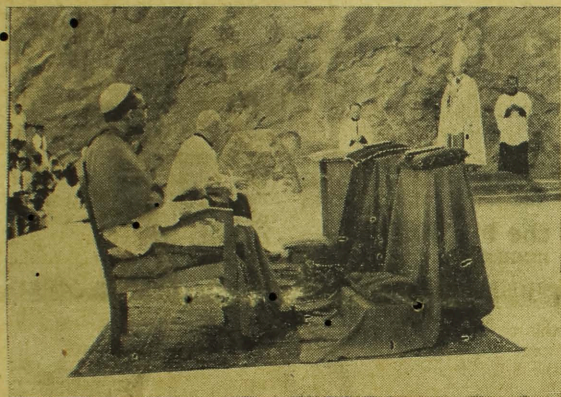
A SPECIAL TWO-PAGE SPREAD OF EUCHARISTIC READING.

## INAUGURATING THE COLOMBO EUCHARISTIC RALLY

# BEACON LIGHT SET ON A HILL

## "A NEW EPOCH BEGINS FOR LANKA"

SAYS SUPERIOR-GENERAL AT TEWATTE'S CEREMONY



(by a MESSENGER reporter)

IN the presence of a very large crowd and in the beautiful setting of Tewatte, His Excellency the Most Rev. Dr. James Knox, Apostolic Delegate for Ceylon, blessed the new grotto at Tewatte on Wednesday morning. Preaching soon after, His Excellency expressed his conviction that from Tewatte would radiate to all parts of Ceylon, the message of Mary.

From the early hours, an unending stream of pilgrims kept pouring into Tewatte. Not only was it 'Vocations' Day for the Archdiocese, but it was also a milestone in the growth of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lanka. The vast esplanade before the grotto was fully packed—and largely in evidence were Religious of all Congregations, novices and aspirants.

The ceremony commenced with His Grace the Archbishop's address to the faithful. It was a Pastor's call to his children; the story of years of effort along a difficult road which had made the grotto a reality. He called upon His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate to bless the grotto.

After the blessing, His Excel-

lency spoke feelingly of the ceremony he had just performed. His was a special call to parents. "The home," His Excellency said, "is the first Seminary and the first Noviciate."

Soon after, the Most Rev. Fr. Leo Deschatelets, O.M.I., Superior-General, began the first Mass in the grotto of Tewatte. Preaching a most eloquent and touching sermon, the Superior-General stressed the role of Mary in the story of every vocation. From Tewatte, he said, would go out to Ceylon, a message of hope. "Today, Ceylon's Independence Day and the feast of Our Lady of Lanka, which is also 'Vocations' Day, a new epoch begins for Lanka, with the blessing of this grotto," he declared.

## Crowds Converge at Kotahena

(by a Messenger reporter)

COLOURFUL AND VIVID SCENES EXPRESSIVE OF THE SPLENDID PAGEANTRY OF THE CHURCH, AND SCENES MARKING A PEOPLE'S SPONTANEOUS AND DEEP DEVOTION TO THEIR FAITH WERE MAGNIFICENTLY DEMONSTRATED ON THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY WHEN HIS EXCELLENCY THE MOST REV. DR. JAMES KNOX, APOSTOLIC DELEGATE OFFICIALLY INAUGURATED THE FOUR-DAY ARCHDIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC RALLY AT 5.15 P.M. AT ST. LUCIA'S CATHEDRAL, KOTAHENA IN THE PRESENCE OF MASSED CROWDS OF DEVOTEES.

It was a moment charged with a high grandeur and in the waning light of the evening sun over the Cathedral Square was thus fulfilled the hopeful expectations of thousands of Catholics all over the island.

The weeks of spiritual preparation which spear-headed the Rally proper, closely hinged to an intensive drive of bouncing energy by those concerned, burgeoned into a new blossom with the breaking of the Archbishop's standard, shortly after His Grace was received by the Committee.

A tense tremor of delight visibly broke into applause when His Excellency, Most Rev. Dr. J. R. Knox the Apostolic Delegate was sighted by the crowd at 5.15 p.m. His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate was accompanied by distinguished visitors including their Lordships the Bishop of Chilaw and Jaffna, and the Most Rev. Fr. Leo Deschatelets, O.M.I., Superior-General of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

After the breaking of the Papal Standard His Grace the Archbishop delivered a felicitous speech of welcome.

With the Rally Flag flying high in the breeze, the congregation joined in singing the hymn "Come Holy Ghost."

Immediately after the Apostolic Delegate's inaugural speech a full-throated choir broke into the ringing strains of the Rally Anthem.

A phalanx of girl guides and scouts processionally led the bringing in of the Blessed Sacrament.

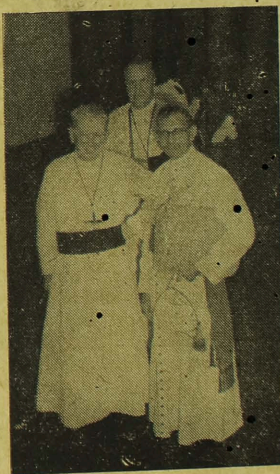
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with congregational singing followed, and shortly after, the Priests' Holy Hour commenced. According to schedule, Night Adoration of City parishes in non-stop succession was initiated.

On Friday, especially set apart for women, His Lordship the Bishop of Chilaw, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Edmund Peiris, O.M.I., said Low Mass at the elaborately designed and beautifully decorated stadium.

Hours of Adoration at the Cathedral continued throughout the day with various Confraternities taking their turns.

The crowds that attended the Rally and continue to do so are indicative of a new wave of Faith and this demonstration of the people will be remembered for a long time to come.

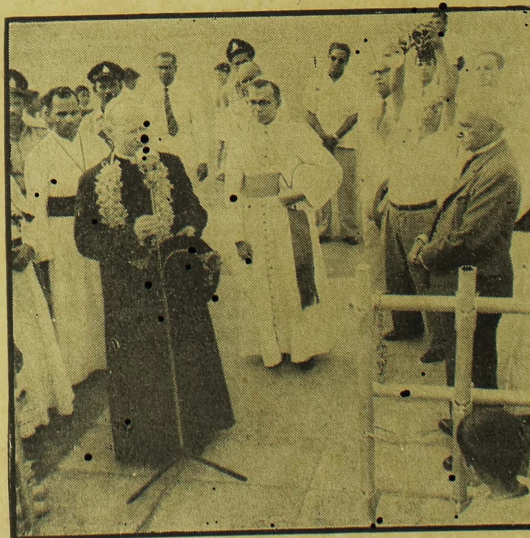
## Distinguished arrivals for the Rally



## A POPULAR OVATION GREETED HIM...

ON this his second visit to the island, His Excellency the Most Rev. Dr. James Robert Knox (seen in the picture with His Grace the Archbishop and Prof. W. A. E. Karunaratne) was given a tumultuous welcome by hundreds of priests, religious and laity present at the Airport. His Excellency was visibly moved at the ovation which greeted him and stated he was delighted with the people's manifestation of loyalty to the Pope whom he respected.

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## The Road to Unity

A FORTNIGHT ago, in the Basilica of St. Paul in Rome an epoch-making event took place. In what was perhaps the most dramatic move of a three months reign, which has already captured the imagination of non-Catholics and Catholics alike, Pope John XXIII announced his decision to call an Ecumenical Council.

Very little is so far known about the scheduled Council. One fact however is fairly certain: the Council will deal with the problem of the divisions of Christendom and seek ways of healing them. In fact, the official summary of the Pope's statement a fortnight ago, issued shortly after by the Vatican Press Office says: "As regards the Ecumenical Council, this should not only have as its purpose the edification of Christian people, but His Holiness wishes it to be an invitation to the separated communities to join in the search for unity, which so many souls today ardently desire in all parts of the world." Unity, then, is the key-note; and along the long, difficult, but very attractive road to this goal, the Pontiff has now taken the first big step.

In the course of his address to the faithful of Rome gathered in the Basilica (and through them, the Pope was surely speaking to the whole Catholic world), Pope John spoke feelingly on the theme of unity. It was, in every way, a perfect setting — for, it was the conclusion of the Unity Octave, the feast of the conversion of St. Paul. The Pope referred to the tragic attempts, in part successful, to break the unity of the Church through the centuries. He stressed that it was unity that could bring tranquillity and happiness to the whole world. And he went on to speak with great emphasis on the immense benefits not only in the spiritual order, but in the natural order as well, of a strong unity. "Freedom and its proper use and enjoyment," the Pope said, "would be the first consequence of such unity, for freedom is the most precious gift of the Redeemer of mankind."

The Holy Father's renewed emphasis on the tragedy of divided Christianity, and his invitation to separated Communities to search for unity have made it evident that this summoning of a General Council has for one of its main objectives, the quest for Unity in the Church.

Would this not be a useful juncture, in the context of our Eucharistic Rally, to review our own Christian living in this country of ours, in the light of unity? In the course of a Radio Message to the centenary celebrations in Ernakulam, India, in honour of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Francis Xavier in 1952, His Holiness Pope Pius XII of revered memory made an impassioned appeal for unity.

"We call on you," the Pontiff said, "first, to close ranks and stand together! There may be among you differences of rite and other outward practices and manner of living; but you all profess the same faith, you are all brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, all children of the same mother, His Church. Be you rich or poor, of high or low station — you are all equally members of the great Catholic family, and through grace dwelling in your soul are already citizens of heaven. In this union and concord is your strength."

We Catholics of Ceylon are indeed affected by this canker of disunity; our ranks are weakened and our faith belittled by our lack of this great Christian virtue of unity. We do not need to travel far to find signs of disunity among us. Whether it be on the social plane, or the employer-employee relationships, or the even more explosive racial question, we Catholics have not always been an example of unity.

Let us make it quite clear that what we aim at is not uniformity but unity; and therefore, even if there be the widest possible divergencies of opinions (as there are bound to be), there still can be an essential unity. The racial question, for example, flared up to disgraceful heights last year. On the whole, it was a matter for justifiable pride and consolation, that so-called "Catholic areas" were comparatively peaceful. It must, however, be admitted that there still remains much to be achieved; that there were indeed Catholics who ignored the essential unity of a one-ness in faith and preferred the bitterness and the hatred which disgraced our fair land and surely are the most blatant contradiction of all that our Faith stands for.

Today, the world hails the Pope's call for a General Council, and his insistence on unity. Today too, we here in the Archdiocese, are bent in prayer and adoration before the Sacrament of Unity, the Eucharist. Would it not be the best occasion for us to eschew our petty rivalries and differences, and look to the much vaster and more beautiful vision of our Faith — the Unity and the Charity of Christ?

## CURRENT COMMENT

by the Editor

## The Sri Lanka Freedom Party must decide

BEING the predominant section in the governing coalition, the S.L.F.P. automatically assumes responsibilities which it cannot shirk. And the day of reckoning seems to be dawning far sooner than was expected. But it must be said to the credit of the persons responsible, that the "agonising reappraisal" seems to have already commenced; and still better, that the serious thinking is being done from within. That is one of the reasons why we congratulate the S.L.F.P. on its decision to "go it alone," and to refuse to have any truck with the L.S.S.P. and the C.P., two admittedly Leftist parties.

But it is precisely here that a question arises. Newspaper reports say that nearly 300 members of the S.L.F.P. unanimously rejected a proposal to form an alliance with the Left for election purposes; that some of these had argued vehemently against the proposal; and that the Education Minister in particular, had put up a very strong and plausible case against this identification with the Left. Mr. Dahanayake is reported to have launched an onslaught on the Marxist parties who, he said, had no language, religious or national interests; and hence, he insisted that the S.L.F.P. should not prostitute its principles.

If the opposition to the proposed alliance was based on the professed Marxism of the Left, and if the eloquence of so many speakers was spent on proving the blatant contradiction this would be to the democratic principles of the S.L.F.P., how is it possible that this same S.L.F.P. has lived the past three years in very close alliance with the V.L.S.S.P., which is no less Marxist than the other two?

Mr. Dahanayake, we are told, worked himself into the peak of excitement when he declared: "I am prepared to lay down my life to prevent such an alliance." Well said, Mr. Minister! But what about the Marxist skeleton, which is already there in the S.L.F.P. cupboard? It would be a happy day for democracy in Ceylon when the S.L.F.P. rids itself of the shackles of the Marxist Party in the governing coalition — shackles which may yet prove to be its death grip!

### The S.L.F.P. and the Middle Way

THOSE who have fear for the future of democracy in this country will surely welcome the statement made by the S.L.F.P.'s new Secretary, Mr. Munasinghe. "We can deliver the goods," he said, "without aligning ourselves either with the Right or the Left." So far, so good. And we think we can be fairly sure of Mr. Munasinghe's intentions. But once again, the same question faces the S.L.F.P.: what about the alliance with the V.L.S.S.P.? Is that not an alliance with the Left? Is that party not just as Marxist to the very hilt as the L.S.S.P. is?

Sooner or later, the S.L.F.P. must decide — or else its much-vaunted allegiance to the ideals of democracy will prove to be an utter sham.

### The P.M. goes ghost-hunting

OF course we were fully aware of the Prime Minister's prowess as a writer of detective fiction. But we were not quite as aware of his acuity in the line of ghost-hunting.

Now just see what the great man has been doing. He went about proclaiming to the country at large that the U.N.P. was a dead phantom; that the ghost would never rise; that the corpse merited only contempt. And here he is, some months after, talking of saving the country from the danger of the U.N.P., suggesting devices for the much-postponed Colombo Municipal elections, and even proclaiming for all to hear that "the danger is not the Marxists, but the U.N.P.!" What really has been happening? Has the ghost come

back to life? Or has the P.M. been dreaming dreams?

### Congratulations!

THREE days ago, the Ceylon Observer was 125 years old. We offer the veteran our own good wishes and congratulations on such a long life of service, which is rare in the field of journalism.

There have been occasions in the past years when we have publicly differed from the Observer, and perhaps we even had to enter into an occasional controversy. But that does not take away our admiration for the work accomplished by our secular contemporary. We may differ on important essentials concerning the Church; but despite that, we must sincerely say how greatly we appreciate so much that has been achieved by the Observer, especially in certain periods of national travail.

### Ourselves—90 up!

AS compared with the Observer, we are of course mere youngsters! Next week, on the 11th to be precise, we ourselves keep an important anniversary; we complete the 90th year of unbroken service in the cause of Truth.

It was our intention to bring out a special issue of our paper for the occasion; we have, however, postponed this to coincide with Press Week. So, look out for our 90th anniversary Special Issue in the first week of March.

### In Brief

NEWS has been recently published of the discourteous treatment accorded to the author Mr. Arthur Koestler in Kerala, and of how he had to leave the government-run Mascot Hotel within 24 hours. Out of the welter of explanation and counter-explanation, two facts emerge: Kerala is India's only Red State; and Mr. Koestler is a disillusioned Marxist who has been most outspoken on the subject. Could there be any connection between the two facts? One wonders.

## Reception to Delegate and Oblate General

A public reception to His Excellency the Most Rev. Dr. James Knox, Apostolic Internuncio to India and Apostolic Delegate for Ceylon, and The Most Rev. Fr. Leo Deschatelets, O.M.I., Superior General of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, will be held at St. Joseph's College, Colombo, on Saturday, the 7th instant, from 5 p.m. to 6-30 p.m.

ALL CATHOLICS ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO ATTEND.

C. D. G. de Mel,  
Hony. Secretary,  
Colombo Catholic Diocesan Union.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

### Closing of Lourdes Jubilee St. Bernadette's Feast

18 February 1958

UNDER date of 26th November 1958 a letter of His Eminence Cardinal Tardini to His Lordship the Bishop of Lourdes, declares on behalf of the Secretariate of State that the Holy Father "has decided that the closing of the Lourdes Jubilee Year shall take place on 18th February and be celebrated on St. Bernadette's Feast."

All privileges accorded by the Holy See for the duration of the Centenary are expressly declared to remain in force up to that date.

Accordingly, in virtue of Article 6 of the list of Jubilee Privileges, We hereby authorise all priests celebrating Holy Mass within the territory of Our Jurisdiction on 18th February 1959, to use the Mass of St. Bernadette given in the Roman Missal ("Pro Aliquibus locis") as the privileged Mass of the day (sub ritu Duplici cum Gloria).

In keeping with the Holy Father's decision, all prayers and observances prescribed by Us in Circular No. 101, shall be continued up to 18th February inclusively.

Thomas Cooray, O.M.I.,  
Archbishop of Colombo.  
Colombo, 2nd February, 1959.



# ★ PAGEANT OF FLASHBACK OUR FAITH

THE Archdiocese wondrously spiritualized through the waves of Missionary retreats and now participating in the unprecedented magnificence of a full flowering of Catholicism, will witness tomorrow the crowning glory and the splendid triumph of an abidingly deep and tender devotion of the Catholics of Lanka to the Holy Eucharist.

This historic evidence of the Catholic solidarity in this country so indubitably seen, is also a sign and pledge of the real ardour of Catholic life which, centralized in the Living Christ, the Holy Eucharist, will brave and battle through even the most strenuous conditions of living.

As we look on this pageant of the Faith, so alive, and which will soon spread the light of it into the most distant confines of this beloved island, radiating its flame of devotion, let us also hark back to the years bygone, especially to that memorable act of devotion to the Holy Eucharist which over 100,000 of our people demonstrated when they gathered on the night of 8 December 1954, before the giant Marian Stadium at Campbell Park.

This flash-back automatically takes us to still earlier Eucharistic Rallies:

- 1939 — Jaffna's Rally.
- 1944 — Mannar's Rally (4th centenary of Mannar's Martyrs).
- 1945 — Dehiwela's Rally.
- 1946 — Marian Congress (centenary of Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Ceylon).
- Children's Rally of Archdiocese at Campbell Park.

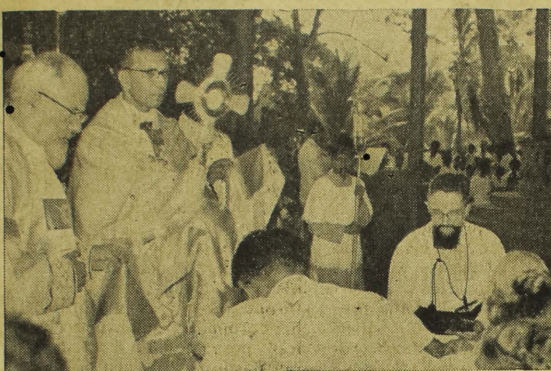
With each step we observe the unfailing guidance of Our Lady, Queen not only of Heaven, but also of Earth, guiding us the people of this earth, to Jesus, Her Son...

Truly, has the theme of today's Eucharistic Rally been impregnated in the beating hearts of the faithful.

In the future is our spring-time and our glorious life... and as it has been in ages past, and is now and shall be ever more, it is always TO JESUS THROUGH MARY...

## PRESIDING PRELATE

- In adoration before an Altar in Colombo is the Apostolic Delegate who presides at our Eucharistic Rally.



## ... AND THE FATHER OF THE RALLY—

Today's celebrations are here to attest how fully the Immaculate Mother has responded to the Archbishop's act of confidence, and how doggedly the Organising Committee has persevered in its efforts to make the plan a reality.



## STEPPING STONE TO TODAY'S RALLY

...It was only four years ago on 8 December 1954 forty thousand children of the Faith joined hands at Campbell Park in a stirring manifestation of devotion.

# ...Forty thousand children gathered here...

... the direct stepping stone to today's Eucharistic Rally. Children,

always the pride of a nation, and the glory of our Faith, will again

highlight the devotions in our Archdiocesan Eucharistic Rally of 1959.

Our 1959 Eucharistic Rally is a challenge and reality... and now to the living of it!

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

...If the future looks dark to us, it may be because we are witnessing the dawn of a light that has never been seen before'. Thomas Merton once stated that he believes it possible that we may be living on the threshold of the greatest eucharistic era of the world.





## HOLY FATHER RECALLS WORK ON BATTLEFIELD

THE Holy Father recalled how as a chaplain during the First World War he ministered to wounded and dying when last month he received in audience Commonwealth members of the Imperial War Graves Commission.

His Holiness told them:

"Your presence evokes some new far-off memories, memories which remain among the most touching of an already long life.

### MILITARY CHAPLAIN

"Those high plains of the Aslago, and those lands where the Plave flows, so dear to you now because of the presence of so many of the graves of your men, were familiar to us as well during the years of the Great War, when we were serving as military chaplain

### WORK FOR DYING

"How many of the wounded did we not succour? How many of the dying received from us the comfort of a last friendly word, and the grace of absolution?"

"How many graves did we not bless, surrounded by the comrades in arms of him who had fallen on the field of honour.

### GREAT MINISTRY

"This is a deeply human and fraternal priestly ministry, where the priest stands amidst the combatants as witness of those high moral and religious values for which those valiant men do not hesitate to offer their lives."

At the audience were Sir Ashley Clarke, British ambassador to Italy, Sir Marcus Cheke, British minister to the Holy See, and representatives of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

## Pope to appear in colour film

THE Holy Father will be seen in his day to day round of work in the colour film "Tu es Petrus" now being filmed at the Vatican.

He will appear in a section of the film showing the routine round of activities carried out by the Head of the Church.

Pope Pius XII, who gave whole-hearted approval to the film, will also appear in it.

Filming began during his pontificate and several scenes in which he was the central figure were shot.

Seven cameras were at work when, last April, Pope Pius gave his Easter blessing to 300,000 people massed in St. Peter's Square.

Months later the cameras were at Castelgandolfo and there filmed one of the last audiences to be given by him—a farewell audience to Cardinal Tisserant before his departure for Lourdes as papal legate.

### BIBLICAL DAYS

The film covers the whole period of the Church's existence, from the days of St. John the Baptist preaching in the wilder-

ness to the present time.

The New Testament scenes will show the miracle of the draught of fishes, and the call to Peter, the marriage feast of Cana and Our Lord preaching to His disciples.

The story will move through the days of the Roman persecutions and the catacombs to the Church's liberation under Constantine.

### MODERN AGE

Modern events will include the proclamation of the dogma of the Assumption, the canonisation of Pope Pius X and the death of Pope Pius XII.

The film is being produced by Philippe Agostini—who has made many big films and documentaries.

M. Daniel Rops, the great French Christian scholar, is directing the commentary.

## Come to Munich

CARDINAL Wendel, Archbishop of Munich and Freising, Germany, has written to all the archbishops and bishops of the world inviting them to the International Eucharistic Congress which is being held in Munich from July 31 to August 3, 1960.

In his letter, the Cardinal pointed out that Munich was chosen as the site of the next congress by Pope Pius XII soon after the end of the 1955 congress in Rio de Janeiro, a choice that has meanwhile been confirmed by Pope John XXIII. Cardinal Wendel invited the archbishops and bishops to take part in the Munich congress together with numerous priests and laypeople, and asked them to support the undertaking with their prayers.

Some copies of his letter, addressed to bishops behind the Iron Curtain, have already been returned to Munich marked "undeliverable."

At least one archbishop outside Germany has already signified his intention of leading a pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress. He is Archbishop Alter of Cincinnati, U.S.A.

## Pope Pius' White Typewriter

HIS Holiness Pope John XXIII has sent the late Pope Pius XII's famed white typewriter to Archbishop Giovanni Montini of Milan as a personal memento of the late Pontiff.

On the typewriter Pope Pius wrote many of his speeches and discourses. It was sent to Archbishop Montini as a memento because he had worked closely with the late Pontiff. This association occurred when the present Archbishop of Milan was a member of the Secretariat of State.

Pope John also gave a gold pocket watch to Msgr. Antonio Bacchi, secretary of Briefs to Princes, for his help

in drafting the Latin speeches which the Pope delivered after his election to the papacy.

With another gift the Pope rewarded the sedari, the men who carried the portable throne of the Pope during his coronation and when he took possession of the Lateran Basilica. To each of the 16 bearers he gave a bonus of 15,000 lire (£ 10) for their recent service to him.

## POPE AIDS FLOOD VICTIMS IN SPAIN

THE Holy Father has sent a sum of money for the victims of the flood disaster at Ribadelago in Spain. He sent also a message expressing his sorrow.

## HOLY FATHER BROADCASTS TO FRENCH PRISONERS

THE Holy Father recently broadcast to the inmates of the Melun penal prison in France.

The prisoners had asked the Pope to broadcast.

## OUR LADY OF LANKA

### NATIONAL VOTIVE BASILICA BUILDING FUND

do, Katukurunda 10; Mrs. R. Van Schoombek, Diyatalawa m.d. 20; Mrs. Lewis, Diyatalawa m.d. 2; Mr. C. A. V. Pathmarajah, Mannar m.d. 5; Mr. S. A. Rodrigo, Negombo m.d. 5; Mr. L. F. Arnolda, Kotahena f.d. 10; Mrs. H. Pinghe, Negombo 25; Mr. A. P. Rowlands, Colombo 100.

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# Advice to Seminarians

I know of the hours when patience is needed. There are times, during the years when you are preparing to be a priest, when it seems as though it were going on for ever, as though you were never going to be done with wearing out your pants sitting at desks. You want to be doing something! You want to start straight away! You are impatient to be at your vocation, whatever it is. There are times when you are completely fed up!

Believe me. I am speaking from experience. In this improbable life that I've been living the past fifteen years, a crazy life, in which—as I realise more every day—you have every chance of getting completely played out—if I have more or less stuck it out, if I'm not finished, when I have scarcely any time or strength for reading, with life as full and exhausting as this, and so many bewildering affairs sending me here, there and everywhere—if I've managed to hold out and can go on, it is because during all my years in the Order I had so much time for prayer.

## PRAYER

Between singing the Office in choir and having one hour of prayer at night and one hour in the evening, we had a total of almost seven hours of prayer, day and night, for eight years. And all the rest of the time we were meditating, and living in poverty. We prayed more than we studied, for conditions were not very favourable for first-class studying. True, I suffered from this then, and I think things could have been better managed.

But I have understood, since that we did not lack the most essential thing, the most important: those hours of prayer, when you suffer, and you think about God, you reflect on God and think over what you have read in the Gospel and learnt in your studies. During that time of prayer and patience something gets graven very deeply into us.

## OUR SLOGAN

Now, living with my rag-pickers, we have a slogan which they know well, because I am always repeating it; for they too have their sorrows and sufferings—

## MORNING OFFERING

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

### INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

**GENERAL:** That modern materialism be counteracted by a spirit of mortification and fasting.

**MISSIONARY:** That the Communists may not seduce Chinese Christians from the unity of the Church.

wonderful, he's terrific, he's a real priest, he's a real Christian, if only everyone were like him.... I firmly believe that it is not I who have merited all these things.

## THE CREDIT IS THEIRS

It is like the candles on the altar. If the sacristan has lit one of them, and it catches everyone's eye because it has been lit, that doesn't mean that it is better than the others, which haven't been lit. Next day perhaps a diff-

## Continuing

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fine furniture where I live—on which hangs a great array of knives. One of them is bloodstained. I drew it out of the breast of one of my friends who tried to kill himself one night in a moment of despair. The others are

erent one will be lit (indeed, it will be, so as to keep them all about the same length!). God acts in the same way.

If there is good being done today; if there are people who had rebelled and blasphemed against God in



knives which some of the lads pulled on each other in quarrels. There's one which one of them tried to use on me. Next day he wept and begged for forgiveness. In the midst of their suffering and despair there is this slogan which they know well: they often hear me say it: "You know, old man, you don't make the corn grow faster by pulling on the blade." It needs time. It needs rain. It needs sun. It needs cold. It needs snow. It needs warmth. Then, when the time is ripe, there is corn; and after that, bread. It needs time. And so it is with salvation, and with one's vocation.

So, have trust in God.

When you are at the end of your tether, go to your spiritual director. Storm at him, if it does you any good: "I've had enough," etc., etc.—tell him what's on your mind. And when you've got it off your chest, take heart and say to yourself, "It'll be over sometime." The time for external action will come. And it is now, while you dig the foundations of your interior life, that you are preparing for it.

Today, when I am applauded on all sides, with everyone saying, "The Abbe Pierre is

where else, praying and offering and making sacrifices.

## TWO REQUISITES

That is what makes it possible for those who are in the thick of the fight to have the grace of God and to do a little good. And that is what will give you the courage to prepare yourselves for tomorrow.

Those were the two chief things which I wanted to say to you today.

**First:** Love those who are the least, and the poorest, and the most unhappy. There you can be sure of making no mistake. However much you are sinners, however hopeless characters you may be, it is impossible that God will not be with you. If you are always amongst those who love the poor, who live with the poor, who are in communion with those who suffer most, it is not possible that you will not be in communion with God. He said it a hundred times, in different ways, in the Gospel. The best way of knowing if we are in communion with God is to see whether we are in communion with the sufferings of men.

**Second:** Remember the necessity for patience, patience in prayer, in work, in sacrifice.

## WITH CHRIST

If you do that, I do not know what you will be; I do not know whether you will be the lighted candle or the candle dumped in a corner, whether you will be on the high altar or on a side altar; it simply does not matter. What is certain is that tomorrow you will be truly the hands of God penetrating this unhappy world. You will be the face of God. And you will make God loved. And you will give men hope. And you will save all those people who are, after all, just as good as we, but who simply have not had what we have had.

It is like the story of the talents. We do not have them for ourselves. We have them to make them fruitful for the profit of others.

So, since we have been given all this, let us go to work. Let us work with Our Lord. Remember that He is with you, in the measure in which you love each other and prepare yourselves to understand and study the suffering of the whole world. Don't only study the geography of wealth and glory and power; study human geography—the real totality of human geography. Get your teachers to tell you about the kinds of poverty characteristic of each part of the world—of each part of the world and of each part of our towns and parishes. Let it open your hearts to a truly Catholic, universal view of this world, the whole of which Jesus desired to save.

There.

## LET US PRAY

I beg you to pray for us often, my companions and me; it is gruelling work, and no fun at all. Think of us sometimes. And pray.

Let us pray for all those men of good will who might perhaps have been real apostles, with the great souls that they have, if the Christians had been more Chris-



Sunday, 8 February: QUINQUAGESIMA. Violet. 2nd prayer of St. John de Matha.

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tion, and had managed to show them, by their example, what a marvellous thing it would be for them to follow Our Lord.

And now, please, let us say one "Hail Mary" to Our Lady to put it all into her hands: your vocations, and all the work of Jesus through the hands of His Church.

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# ...And after this our exile, show unto us the thy womb JESUS ★ OFFERING UP A EUCCHARIS



## —make it your firm resolution at the close of our Eucharistic Rally...

THE purpose Pope Pius XII had in mind when he granted the relaxation of the Eucharistic fast was certainly not to encourage a slackening of virtue. On the contrary. In granting the new dispensation, he strongly exhorted priests and the faithful—who are able to do so—to observe the old and venerable form of fast. And those who legitimately use the fast, he says, must compensate for the good received by becoming shining examples of a Christian life, principally by works of penance and charity.



Certainly, then, less virtue is not the aim of the new Eucharistic fast.

Nor is it precisely more Communion. Naturally he did have that in mind. But not just that.

No, rather he wants a more solid Christian life, a life of virtue, through the more frequent reception of the Eucharist.

If we miss that point we have missed the entire purpose of the legislation.

### ● Very necessary today

In his commentary on the decree, his Eminence Cardinal Ottaviani, pro-Secretary of the Supreme Congregation of the Holy Office, tells us that with these new rules "the Sovereign Pontiff wished to give the faithful a broader possibility of assisting at the Sacrifice of the Mass and of approaching the Eucharistic table, in order to strengthen themselves in the life of grace, which today, more than ever before, is necessary for struggling for salvation and the final victory."

Well did the Holy Father know the dangers of our modern times and our more pressing times.

Well, too, did he provide

for that need by pointing to the Eucharist as the very source of every virtue.

Be assured then, dear reader, it is merely the discipline round the Eucharist that has been changed, certainly not the Eucharistic doctrine.

The Eucharist has ever been the Church's source of life and strength, and the Pope pointed to it as the remedy for our more pressing need.

When Pope Pius X gave us the decree on frequent and daily Communion some fifty years ago, he showed us clearly the Church's mind on the power and the virtue of the Eucharist when he said:

"The desire of Jesus Christ and the Church that all the faithful of Christ should go daily to the Holy Banquet lies especially in this, not to honour our Lord or console Him by veneration, not that it should be a prize or a reward for their virtue; but, that being joined to God through this Sacrament, they might find strength therein to overcome their evil tendencies; that they might wash away the light faults which befall them every day; and that they might forestall the graver sins to which our human weakness is so prone."

The direct purpose of Communion, then — and therefore of the legislation — is closer union with Jesus Christ, that through this union we might lead a more Christ-like life.

Christ himself told us in promising us the Eucharist that by receiving Him we would live by Him.

"As the living Father has sent me and I live by the Father, so also he that eats me shall live by me." (John VI).

In other words, says "The Monstrance," Christ not only asks us to lead a more Christ-like life, but, through the Eucharist He gives us the strength, the power and the virtue to lead that Christian life.

By the union He contracts with us in the Sacrament, the very same life of grace that He himself as man received from God the Father passes into us to keep us free from sin and makes us prone to virtue.

Why not receive it every day? Make this your firm resolution for 1959, and God will reward you in every possible way and grant you numerous graces and blessings.

"Whether in the humblest tabernacle in some remote mission station, or on the elaborate altar of some magnificent basilica, or in the impressive splendours that mark a Eucharist Congress, Christ is present in the Eucharist" — says Fr. Justin Perera in this concluding article in the series: "Rays from the Monstrance."

AS we take leave of this series we recall that we have striven to consider the Eucharist, above all, as Real Presence, Sacrament and Sacrifice. We have done so as simply and as practically as we could — and yet so very inadequately.



In any case it is not possible for us to grasp completely the whole of the infinite meaning and richness of God's Gift to us in the Eucharist. All we can do is to bring into focus now this aspect of it, now that.

We have attempted to appreciate, for instance, the significance of Christ's loving, humble, energizing Presence on our Altars. Throughout the centuries, red lamps have flickered and burst into flame before countless tabernacles in countless lands. Whether in the humblest tabernacle in some remote mission station, or on the elaborate altar of some magnificent basilica, or in the impressive splendours that mark a Eucharistic Congress, Christ is present in the Eucharist.

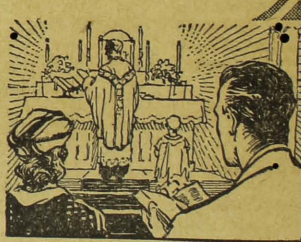
The sun and centre of the church, of the house of God, is not just crucifix or pulpit or altar or organ, but Christ Himself. Christ has deigned to "pitch His tent amongst us," and in our tabernacles He has taken up His dwelling. Our churches enshrine not just the memory of Christ, not just a souvenir of Him; they enshrine Christ Himself,

living amongst us, radiating His influence, His grace.

But over and above this vivifying Presence, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist we are enabled to have Communion with Christ's Life. God provides the birds of the air, and the beasts of the field, and us human beings, with food whereby our natural lives are sustained. The plants and animals which become our food could say to us: "Unless you eat of me, you shall not have life in you." A mother could say the same to her infant as she feeds it at the breast — feeds it, as it were, with her own body and blood.

God who has given us, besides our natural lives, a sharing in His own divine life, gives us the means for the sustenance of that life. Chief amongst these means is Communion with Himself in the Eucharist. "Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you shall not have life in you"; "for My Flesh is meat indeed, and My Blood is drink indeed."

The bread and wine at Mass are, by "transubstantiation," transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. In Communion another kind of



transubstantiation takes place. Our substance, indeed, does not become the substance of Christ; there is no fusion of two substances. Nevertheless Christ really and truly comes into me, and transforms me, and in the depths of my soul an amazing change takes place, so that I can say with St. Paul, "I live, no more just I, but Christ liveth in me." My outward appearance, my name and occupation, remain the same. But Christ is now



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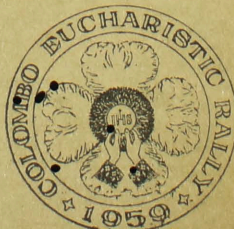
within me, and transfigures me, so that my interests may be identified with His, my desires with His. I am now enabled, if I will but co-operate, to love what He loves, and hate what He hates.

St. Augustine once wrote a beautiful prayer in which he pleads thus with God:

"O Truth, O Infinite Beauty, O Eternal Love, O Superabundant Life. Thou who changest by miracle and on thousands of our altars, the substance of bread and wine into that of thy Body and Blood, deign to accomplish yet another change. Transform into thyself my spirit, my heart, my imagination, my whole being."

"O hungry hearts, He feeds you With blessed Bread and Wine:  
O thirsting souls, He leads you To pasturage divine!"

But the Eucharist is not Sacrament alone, but Sacrifice as well. The Sacrament is made possible by the sacrifice; it takes its meaning, it draws its power, from the sacrifice. In His passion and death, Christ,



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# The Blessed Fruit of A LIVING CHRIST

the God-Man (whose human nature was in perfect submission to the divine), offered Himself up for the redemption of all mankind. And yet our redemption is not automatic, so to speak. We are free agents, and our free co-operation is essential if we are to secure our salvation. The graces of the Redemption are all there in Christ's Sacrifice on Calvary. But we must take hold of them, and apply them to ourselves.

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This is made possible in the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass. The Mass is the Sacrifice of Calvary re-presented for us, re-enacted for us; Calvary renewed. By means of the Mass we are able to offer to God His only Son, to offer up to Him the perfect sacrifice, a sacrifice infinitely superior to anything we could ever have thought of or are capable of.

On Calvary Christ died alone. But in the Mass He offers Himself up together with His entire Mystical Body, together with us. Thus are we offered up with Christ to the Father — whole congregations, parishes, cities, countries. All mankind, with all its faults and failings, all its needs, is caught up in this great sacrifice and offered to God in Christ.

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Christ's sacrifice — and ours. And we must actively join in this sacrifice, make it our real sacrifice, by the total and effective submission of our hearts and minds and wills, of our entire selves, to God.

We must unite our suffering with Christ's. There is for us here a striking symbolism in the bread and wine. Just as the grains of wheat are crushed in the mill and the grapes are trodden upon in the wine-press, in the process of becoming bread and wine, so must we be ground under in suffering that we may be worthy to be offered up with Christ. St. Ignatius of Antioch, on his way to Rome to be martyred, wrote the inexpressibly beautiful and moving line: "I am the wheat of Christ; let me be crushed by the teeth of the beasts to become the bread of Christ."

"Even as this corn,  
Earth-born,  
We are snatched from the  
sod;  
Reaped, ground to grist,  
Crushed and tormented  
in the Mills of God,  
And offered at Life's hands,  
a living Eucharist."

## Food of Martyrs

The Eucharist is the food of Martyrs. It is to this source that Christians have always gone for strength in times of trial. It is the Eucharist that has given them the courage to face the persecutor with a smile upon their lips, and to say: "We are dying and yet behold we live." For in their blood was mingled the blood of the Living God. An early martyr addressed her judge in these words: "I have celebrated the Mystery of the Lord with the brethren because I am a Christian: the Mystery cannot be omitted; so the law teaches and commands; we celebrate in full assembly because we cannot be without the Mystery." May we realize the importance of the Eucharistic Mystery in the dark days to come.

## Unity and Peace

Nor may we ever forget that the Eucharist is the Sacrament of unity. Leo XIII spoke of it as "the source and principle of Catholic Unity." Well may we pray to Our Lord in the Eucharist:

"Erase our old divisions  
Of caste and creed and  
race,  
Enrich our ancient heritage  
Of kindness and grace."

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Likewise is the Eucharist pre-eminently the Sacrament of peace. In the Mass of Corpus Christi we pray for "those gifts of unity and peace of which our offerings here are symbols." And at every Mass we plead, "Lamb of God, who takest away the

... until they rest  
in Thee

sins of the world, give us peace." St. Paul speaks of Christ "bringing about peace by the blood of His Cross." A mediaeval Christian poet pictures Christ, "with His arms

outstretched upon the Cross, embracing the whole world."

The Eucharist is the answer to the world's eternal question, and the fulfilment of mankind's eternal desire. No man find repose, but beyond the "hid battlements of serenity" in communion with Life and Love eternal. "Thou hast made us, Lord, for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee."

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Men today are yearning for life. They want to really live life, to live it to the full.

"Ah! but My people have done two evils —  
Me have they deserted,  
the Fount of Living Waters,  
And have hewn for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns,  
That hold no water."



## THE THEME OF OUR EUCCHARISTIC RALLY:

Through Mary,  
one with Jesus  
offered on the  
Altar.

(Picture by Gunasiri  
Kolombage)

Whereas Christ calls out to us:

"If any Man is thirsty, let  
him come to Me,  
And let him drink."

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Christ alone can slake the thirst of the human soul. Christ alone can satisfy our hunger. Christ, "the Living Bread," was born in Bethlehem, "the House of Bread." Man must return to the House of Bread. For it is not "the meat that perisheth" he is really yearning for, but "the bread that endureth unto life everlasting."

## Thanks without ceasing

For this ineffable Gift of the Eucharist may we never cease to thank God, "whose

power almighty could not give us more, whose wisdom infinite knew no more to give, whose wealth illimitable had no greater gift."

The word "Eucharist" itself means "thanksgiving." May we pray for the coming of that day when at last the whole world will join in offering up the great Sacrifice of Thanksgiving to the God and Father of all.

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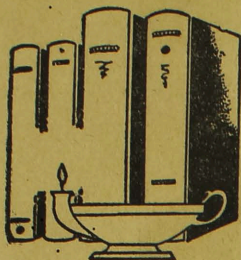
"O Word of God, be spoken!  
O Dove divine, descend!  
O Bread from Heaven, be  
broken

From end to India's end!  
Our faith shall never falter —  
We know the time shall be  
When every Eastern Altar  
Lifts Eucharist to Thee!"

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FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF



THE ILLUSTRATED CATECHISM: A Practical Presentation of the Official Text of the Baltimore Catechism No. 1 by Rev. Aloysius J. Hegg, S.J. Published by the Queen's Work, St. Louis, Missouri.

The text-book used during the Religious Knowledge classes during those far-off days when I was a school child, was the most boring thing about that lesson—for me. The leaves were paper thin; the book was scarcely large enough to hold comfortably and the print was so tiny, it made my eyes ache gazing at it, in my efforts to memorize the questions and answers given to be studied at home. I very definitely disliked my Catechism text-book and not even an interesting teacher could reconcile me to it.

So when I was told that I had to review a Catechism text-book for the page, it was certainly with much misgivings I looked forward to receiving it. Bearing in mind my "awful little" school-days catechism text, I told myself, can I possibly say anything complimentary about it? It is bound to be as "dry" and uninteresting as that grim little book I knew—and then I opened the parcel to find the most delightful catechism text-book I have ever set eyes on.

All the old, familiar questions—and answers were there. Everything about doctrine that a Catholic needs to know from childhood. But how excellently presented. What simple, yet expressive language. What apt, colourful sketches and illustrations. Printed on fine paper that can take much wear and tear, and in clear printing that distinguishes between question and answer and is so easy to read, I was all praise for this little book.

It is divided into three parts. Part One contains the creed and all things pertaining to doctrine and the articles of our faith. Part Two deals with the Commandments of God and of the Church. Part Three gives us all there is to know about the Sacraments and Prayer. At the end is a very good summary of the entire book and this makes reference very simple. Some of the most popularly used prayers are also given to help make the child familiar with them.

It is a catechism for the children, for the young, but whatever your age, you will find it a pleasure and a delight to read, and if you too were brought up on that old-fashioned little book that was so painful to study from, like I was—you will doubly enjoy dipping into this attractive catechism and you will discover for yourself a new wonder in the ancient truths of our faith. Lay your hands on the Illustrated Catechism—it is a book for all the family.

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SISTER BEATRICE GOES TO BAT by Catherine Corley Anderson. Published by

# Woman to Woman

## An Understanding Heart

HOW MANY WOULD CHOOSE UNDERSTANDING AS A GIFT—IF OFFERED IT, OUT OF A RANGE THAT CONTAINED BEAUTY, WEALTH, INTELLECT, WIT OR HAPPINESS? HOW MANY EVEN WOULD CONSIDER IT A GIFT WORTH RECEIVING AND ACCEPT IT WITH GLAD THANKFULNESS? TOO FEW OF US HAVE BEEN GIFTED WITH IT, TOO FEW OF US HAVE TRIED TO ACQUIRE IT, AND OUR HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS ARE WARPED AND PERVERTED AS A RESULT OF THE LACK OF IT.

We judge rashly, we accuse falsely; we jump to conclusions; suspect and condemn, all through a lack of understanding. We complicate each others' existences simply because we do not understand. We go our own ways, smugly, selfishly and we do not even pause to consider the harm we may be doing our "fellow travellers" by our lack of understanding.

### UNIVERSALLY BELOVED

"Do unto others as you would have others do unto you" were words we were given to live by. We know so well how we would like to be treated. We are quick to find reasons and excuses for ourselves. Surely we can use this same understanding with others? Human nature is much alike and beneath those veneers of self-assurance sophistication, brittleness and poise, there beats the same hearts, there lurks the same hopes and fears as you yourself experience.

Look around and see for yourself. A person who understands is universally beloved. "She understands"; with what blessed relief we

utter those words. We go to her with confidence. We are not loath to pour out our worries to her. We are not afraid to tell her our worst faults and failings, our biggest weaknesses, our most terrible mistakes. We know she understands and we take her to our hearts. What confidence we have in her. She is the person who listens, who sympathises who never condemns; who advises but never preaches and whose heart is so large that it throbs with feeling for all those who come to her in distress.

### JUDGE NOT.

We all have need of understanding. We all have our "black patches" when seemingly there is no one to turn to; when we would give all we possess for the clasp of a human hand, a whisper of consolation from a human voice. But seldom is it forthcoming, for most people are

wrapped up in themselves and understanding is beyond their range of thought and feeling.

Someone has said that to really understand others—one must go through the mill of life oneself. Perhaps there is some truth in this. Only those who have known the meaning of heart-ache can sympathise with those who are passing through the flames. Only those who have watched through the night can help and console those who are keeping their own lonely night-watches. The callous,

cold ones are those who have not experienced disaster in some form or other.

But "judge not that ye be not judged" was meant for each and everyone, and no excuses will be taken for not having carried it out to the letter and in its true spirit. It is our duty to put ourselves in the places of others and hush the voice of scorn, put down the pointing fingers of derision, understand, forgive and love our neighbour.

### RALLY WINNERS



International women rallyists and winners of the European Ladies Touring Championship: Miss Pat Moss, sister of Stirling Moss, and Miss Ann Wisdom, daughter of Tommy Wisdom, both world famous drivers.

### Odd Points of Etiquette

● A gentleman always alights from a taxi, car or bus first in order to help a lady to alight.

● A gentleman always tastes the wine he has ordered first, before it is poured into his guests' glasses.

● In any crowd a gentleman precedes a lady in order to make a way for her.

● No lady ever walks in the street with a cigarette dangling from her lips.

● When drinking tea or any other beverage from a cup, do not crock the little fingers or hold it out at an angle. The finger should bend naturally with the other fingers.

● The lady takes the initiative when recognizing a new male acquaintance in the street. If she does not want to pursue the introduction she is at liberty to do as she pleases without seeming to be rude.

● If a lady is paying the expenses when entertaining a gentleman, she should do so unobtrusively. It is quite in order these days that she should do so when women often earn more than men, however masculine pride should be honoured. If possible it is better to take a man guest to a women's private club where only members are allowed to pay. Masculine dignity is saved in this way.

### MANNERS AND MODES IN DRESS

FIRST impressions are formed by outside observance. When meeting a stranger for the first time, two things strike him before anything else, one's mode of dress and one's mode of speech. To deal with the first thing first, dress has been important from earliest days.

The well-dressed person is always the suitably dressed one. It is wrong to be over-dressed for any occasion and it is in just as bad taste to be under-dressed. When invited to some special function it is always wise to make a few inquiries about the dress which will be worn. This will save much embarrassment at a later date, and the information is always available.

For the well-dressed woman simplicity is the keynote at all times. Simplicity in dress is always "right." It is also important to dress to suit your type, and this is where most women make grave mistakes. Years of dressing never teach them what is their type. There are so many good magazines which give valuable advice on this subject, so many newspaper articles on the subject, so many designers and dress-makers and other fashion experts to help, that no woman need wear unsuitable clothes out of ignorance.

The tall and thin, the short and plump, the petite, all have their own styles created for them. Women who are growing older should wear clothes suitable to their age. Clothes which are too young make a woman look older and not younger. Fashions for the not-so-young used to be frumpish, but they are far from that nowadays, and the ageing woman can, in her own dignified way, look just as lovely as the girl in her teens.





# "MESSENGER" BOOK PAGE



**THE APOSTLES OF THE LORD** — Story by Catherine Beebe, pictures by Robb Beebe. (Price: Rs. 12-50).

A lively presentation of story is obviously this book's strongest point. In short, staccato sentences, the author gets across her stories with an impact that is bound to be enjoyed by young readers.

Incidents such as the imprisoning of the Apostles by temple rulers and the conversion of St. Paul are captured with an intense vividness that grips the child's interest.

Not the least noteworthy feature is the collection of fifteen deft, black-and-white full-page illustrations. An excellent book for young folk from seven years upwards.

H. P.

**BRIGHT INTERVALS** by John D. Sheridan. (Price Rs. 7-85).

HERE is still another welcome collection of essays from the inimitable pen of that most entertaining Irish writer, John D. Sheridan; and the world, we think, will indeed be the better for it. For, it is a good thing to laugh; it is an even better thing to be able to see our own foibles, and laugh at them. And this is just what John D. Sheridan has succeeded in achieving once again.

There are passages in this new collection of essays which remind one of Chesterton; but then, John D. Sheridan is Irish too — an engaging, nice, typically lovable Irishman. And that perhaps is why each essay, though apparently frivolous on the surface, strangely tugs at the heart-strings, somehow.

As is usual with his other books, here too John D. Sheridan's essays are marked by the observant eye. His work is satirical — but it is kindly and tolerant, and hardly ever hurts at all. In this collection, he ranges from the sublime to the ridiculous, mixing sense with nonsense, stressing the truths that lie at the core of the human comedy, and giving us, altogether, still another entertaining work. One is bound to enjoy this book in which there is hardly a dull period at all.

M.

**DEALS TO LIVE BY** by Robert Nash S.J. (Price: Rs. 9-35).

THERE must be few persons who have not read some book or other from the pen of the inimitable Fr. Nash; and to such, no introduction to still another book by him is needed.

The present work bears the sub-title "some of the principles which moulded St. Ignatius Loyola" — but we found it to be much else besides. For, these principles are so carefully woven into the texture of our own work a day lives of today, that this book becomes a most useful acquisition.

As Fr. Nash warns in the opening words of the Foreword, the book has been written primarily for the laity. Though this is quite evident right through, still there is so much in it which will be equally valuable to priests and religious alike.

The particular appeal of this work is that it takes up some of the treasures of that great director of souls, St. Ignatius, and dresses them up in modern garments — and the result, vested in the easy-flowing sentences we have learned to expect from Fr. Nash, is a garment of rich texture, attractive, and most pleasing to behold. One feels confident that this book will be as profitable to the reader as it is attractive in style.

G.

**A POPULAR HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** by Philip Hughes (Price: Rs. 3-75).

THIS work is so well known that no introduction to it is needed. In fact, Hughes' "Popular History" has become such an accepted work, that

it has already run into quite a number of editions.

The particular value of this edition, however, lies in the fact that here at last is a popular edition — a low-priced edition of a very excellent work, thus placing it within the reach of a much wider circle than before.

S.

**"LIFE IN CHRIST"** by Fergal McGrath, S.J. (Price Rs. 9/35).

IN many ways, this is a truly unique work, for which we can have only unstinted praise. Though intended as a course in religion for children from about 13 to 16, it would surely provide an excellent ground-work for children even in a higher age-group.

At a time when there is no shortage of so-called text-books of Apologetics, here is one which makes religion not a mere collection of dull facts but a part of real living. One of the opening chapters says: "The title *Life in Christ* tells us in three words what the book is going to teach us." And so indeed it is.

The entire course of religion is made to hang together as one united whole, a *life* — and not merely a dull collection of facts to be learnt. It comprises three parts — Life given and lost (notions and proof of God, Creation, Sin), Life won back (Incarnation, Redemption, the Church); Life possessed — the rules of life (Commandments of God and of the Church); Life possessed — the sources of life (Prayer, Sacraments).

We are yet to see a course of religion presented in so appealing and vital a manner. From the very first chapter, grace takes the prime role; and so it continues to the very end. A chapter on the Mystical Body and another on the Liturgical Year (complete with new Holy Week ceremonies) gives children a hitherto unexplored field.

All in all, here is a book which presents the Life in Christ as the living and beautiful thing that it is.

S.



"Alright, alright. If you must have ALL the books, on this page, go, ring them up and order the lot right now."

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** by Romano Guardini. (Price: Rs. 9/35).

ANYONE who is associated with the spiritual writings of Monsignor Guardini, will know what to expect from one of his books; and in this, we find all those characteristics which have earned for him a place of eminence among spiritual writers today.

This book aims at providing a deeper awareness of the wealth of meaning in the greatest of all prayers. But what impressed us particularly is that the author orientates the entire Lord's Prayer around the central pivot of Doing God's Will. In fact, right at the very start, he commences with the gateway — and that gateway for him is "Thy Will be done." Around this, he works all the seven petitions contained in the prayer.

This orientation of the entire spiritual life, is a special characteristic — running right

through this truly excellent book. "The Will of God is a command," says the author, "and we shall one day be judged by it." It is the Christian's supreme concern; "it is the highest of the high and the end of all things."

We feel confident that to a careful reader of this book, the abundance of the spiritual life will unfold itself, through the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer as applied to the needs of our own times.

M.

**All books reviewed on this page are available at St. Michael's Art Studio, Colombo 13**

**TO GOD THROUGH MARRIAGE** by Rev. Gerald J. Schnepf, S.M., and Rev. Alfred F. Schnepf, S.M. (Price Rs. 7-50).

AT a time when so many persons preparing for marriage are, happily, stressing the spiritual preparation for marriage as well, this book should be most welcome — to those who direct them, as well as to the young couples themselves.

The characteristic feature of this book is its title — for that is just what the book accomplishes. It takes a youth and leads him or her right through life, through choice of a vocation in life, through



A "Messenger" book page at last!

far better.

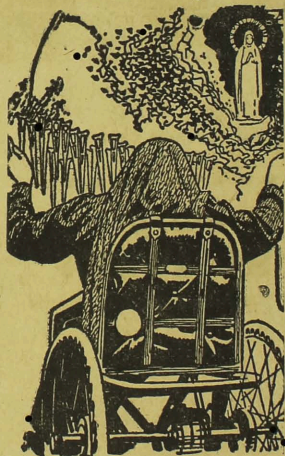
One thing however must be kept in mind. This book has been written for American youth. Hence, some of the problems taken up will not arise here in Ceylon; some of the views expressed on these may not always be equally applicable here; and some of the sections (e.g. on State laws) will have to be entirely omitted.

Despite these understandable drawbacks, here is a book that will undoubtedly be of immense practical use.

M.

**THE APPEARANCES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AT THE GROTTO OF LOURDES** by J. B. Estrade (Price: Rs. 7-10).

THE author of this book knew Bernadette and followed the miraculous events at Lourdes at the very spot where they took place. This book therefore is the work of an eye-witness



and was written almost at Bernadette's dictation. It is not merely the indirect attestation of an unwilling witness, but the simple, frank, irrefutable statement of an honest and upright man. Estrade was at first sceptical, and persisted in his unbelief until he witnessed Bernadette in ecstasy. That makes his report of the apparitions the most authoritative work on the subject.

The Lourdes Centenary Year is still with us and those who have not yet purchased any of the excellent publications on Lourdes that have graced this jubilee year can do no better than procure this inexpensive book which gives the complete story of Lourdes in the unforgettable phrases of one

who is pre-eminently suited to be the official historian of that stupendous miracle.

W. P.

**CURE OF MIND AND CURE OF SOUL** by Joseph Goldbrunner. (Price: Rs. 5-60).

THE problem of the way in which human nature can be opened up and developed to meet the Gospel and the way its material can be brought in touch with the supernatural is one of the concerns of religious education. Faith exerts its influence on man at the very core of the person from which all his abilities and dispositions are directed. In this encounter between man and the Faith there is a mutual exchange. The subject of this book is the particular situation and nature of this relationship at the present time. In other words, this book tells you how to live in the world today.

Father Goldbrunner shows how the new insights into human nature discovered by modern psychology are in harmony with the traditional Christian conception of man. Here, as elsewhere, the Christian holds a position which even his opponents admit to be convenient.

This book is primarily for the priest whose business it is to guide the faithful and save souls. Preacher, priest and pastor must all combine in this work of preparing the soil and sowing the Word. To assist in this, Dr. Goldbrunner has written a truly healing work where he uses a new field of knowledge, depth psychology, to uncover the causes of spiritual sickness.

W. P.

**GOD'S WORLD AND YOU** by O. A. Battista, Sc. D. (Price: Rs. 19-75).

DR. Battista is the head of the Analytical Group Research and Development Division of the America Viscose Corporation and is the author of many highly scientific articles. "The more I examine God's handiwork" says he, "the more I unearth about the elusive wonders of His universe, the more I realize that He is present and working in it all."

Dr. Battista is a specialist who, in the pursuit of his own researches, has found God in everything, from the ant in its antics to the stars in their courses. He has come to regard the universe as a system of thought in a symphonic divine mind. Studying creation not only scientifically but from the aspect of faith, he places the universe and everything in it in relation to the Creator.

And at the end of it all his faith becomes articulate as he cries: "With all my heart I am proud to proclaim 'I believe in God, Creator of Heaven and earth.'"

W. P.





# Catholic women of Kandy

**A**BOUT a hundred persons assembled in the gaily decorated hall of the Good Shepherd Convent, Kandy, recently for the Annual New Year Party of the Association of Catholic Workers of Kandy.

It was an enjoyable evening of games, dancing and community singing. A humorous playlet, "Ralahamy goes to Town," was put on the boards and thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Prizes for games and dancing were distributed by Mrs. L. S. Bertus, President of the Association.

# Diyalagoda Prize Giving

**P**RESIDING over the annual Prize Giving of St. Sebastian's English School at Diyalagoda recently, Mr. H. D. A. Wijesinghe, the Chief Inspector of Schools, spoke in grateful terms of the useful services the school had rendered to the District. He also referred to the days when he studied his early lessons in English in that school.

Mr. Wijesinghe was given a guard of honour by the School Scouts on his arrival. Mr. N. T. I. Jayawardene, the Principal, presented the Report.

Gate Muhandiram Arthur de S. Jayasinghe said that no provision is now made for technical education, and so unemployment was on the increase. The only solution was to provide facilities for technical education so that the qualified youths may become technicians and help the industrial development of the country.

The prizes were distributed by Mr. Wijesinghe himself. With a Variety Entertainment, the function ended.

# Mutwal boys visit lepers

(by a MESSENGER reporter)

**"WORLD Leper Day"** found its echo in Colombo, when some students of De La Salle College, Mutwal, made use of the occasion to visit the Leprosy Hospital at Hendala, and extend their charity to the patients.

# Feast of St. Sebastian at Moratuwa

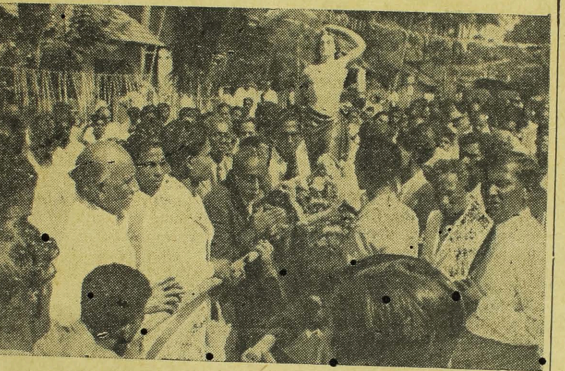


The Statue taken in procession

These boys of the Senior and Senior Preparatory forms of the College visited the various wards, seeing for themselves the havoc caused by this dread disease. But it was not a mere visit for them. For they carried large hampers containing food which was distributed to the patients. They had also taken musical instruments with them, and the youthful entertainers played and sang for the patients, who seemed to enjoy it all, and even joined in beating time to the rhythm of the music.

Towards the close of the visit, the youthful visitors gathered on the central lawn to enable all the surrounding wards to enjoy the entertainment. It was a pleasant setting—but for the fact that it left the boys so deeply conscious of the suffering on all sides.

# ...and Celebrations at Diyalagoda



(By N. T. I. Jayawardene, "Messenger" correspondent)

The spacious church and its precincts at Diyalagoda were packed with devotees on Saturday and Sunday, when the feast of St. Sebastian, the Patron of the Church, was celebrated.

On Saturday, there were Solemn Vespers, and on Sunday the festive High Mass was sung by Revd. Fr. E. A. Bourgeois, O.M.I. A grand procession with the statue of the Saint and the annual alms-giving followed.

In the evening there was a play entitled "Sign of the Cross" staged at the Diyalagoda R. C. Boys' Sinhalese School.

# MORATUWA fetes OUTGOING DIRECTOR

(From our Special Correspondent, Simlie W. Fernando)

A farewell dinner was accorded by the Old Boys' Association of St. Sebastian's College and the public of Moratuwa to the Rev. Bro. Austin, F.S.C., Director of the College, who has been transferred as Director of St. Anthony's College, Watlala.

The chief guest was Justice M. F. S. Pulle and there was a large and distinguished gathering at the College Hall. Rev. Bro. Modestus, Director, presided.

Justice Pulle in proposing the toast of the Rev. Bro. Austin recalled how once the late Mr. D. S. Senanayake, the Father of the Nation, while discussing educational problems with him mentioned that several subversive forces were infiltrating into State Schools. The late Premier rejoiced that such a state of affairs did not happily exist in assisted schools and in particular he was confident that such forces would never be tolerated in a Catholic School.

He deplored the tendency among some Ceylonese to decry Western Institutions and the work of foreigners. To them Bro. Austin served as the complete answer. Bro. Austin had laboured in Ceylon for well over 25 years and given of his unstinted best towards the formation of character of the growing child. Bro. Austin had functioned as the Director of St. Benedict's College with great distinction. He wished him well in his new sphere of activity.

Mr. Merrill Fernando, M.P. and Chairman, Urban Council, speaking on behalf of the general public of the town, said that Bro. Austin had by his endearing ways won the hearts of all with whom he came in contact. The standards of education in the country today have gone down badly. But institutions like St. Sebastian's have fortunately been able to arrest the deterioration.

The other speakers were Mr. J. B. C. Rodrigo, Principal, Prince of Wales' College, who spoke on behalf of the sister Colleges, and Capt. Robert V. B. Peiris on behalf of the College Staff, and Mudir. J. M. Perera.

Bro. Austin in his reply thanked all present for their magnanimous gesture. He declared that the aim of the Christian Brothers' Order was to educate but that they did not claim a monopoly. It was their vocation. They always strove to maintain high ideals in education. He regretted that nowadays the accent was more on intellectual education, with very little attention paid to the soul.

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### IN MEMORIAM



Joseph Canagaram  
(Joe)

Born: 29th May 1921

Died: 8th February 1958  
(1st Anniversary)

The printed words can never adequately

Express our grief and tears  
Your memory ever-green will live

In the hearts of us who love you still.

A Requiem High Mass for the repose of his soul will be sung at 6.30 a.m. on Monday, the 9th February, 1959, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Wellapalliya, Hendala.

Your kind prayers are solicited.

Fondly and gratefully remembered and sadly missed by his ever loving parents, sister, brothers, wife and children. 344



In Memory of

Mrs. A. PAUL PERERA  
who died ten years ago

Requiem High Masses will be offered for the repose of her soul at St. Thomas' Church, Matale, and at St. Mary's Church, Ampitiya, at 6-15 a.m. on the 7th of February.



M. G. Gomez  
(of Balangoda)

Died 14th February 1956

Requiem Masses will be said for the repose of his soul at St. Joseph's Church, Balangoda, on Saturday 14th inst. at 6.30 a.m. and at St. Mary's, Bambalapitiya, on Monday 16th inst. at 6 a.m.

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A REQUIEM HIGH MASS will be offered for the Repose of the Soul of

Millicent Therese Amarasekera  
(Late of the Central Bank)

on  
Friday, 13th February  
at 6-10 a.m.

at  
St. Mary's Church, Dehiwela.

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E. Packiana Han,  
Chulipuram.

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MY sincere thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mother of Perpetual Succour, St. Joseph and St. Anthony for great favour received and ask pardon for delay.

Anthony.

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RELATED thanks to Our Beloved Mother of Perpetual Succour, St. Joseph, St. Anthony and all the Saints for great favour received.

Priscy.

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7th and 8th February: Pilgrimage of the Congregation of St. Philip Neri's, Pettah.

7th: Vespers at 7 p.m.

8th: High Mass at 9 a.m.

Sermon in English.

14th February: 8 p.m. Pontifical Vespers.

15th February: Masses from 4-30 a.m. Pontifical High Mass at 9 a.m.

#### TAMIL FESTIVAL

21st and 22nd February

Novenas from February 17th, at 6 p.m.

Saturday, 21st: Vespers at 7 p.m. Sunday, 22nd: Low Mass at 7 a.m. High Mass at 8-30 a.m. Procession.

All the Rev. Fathers are cordially invited.

Administrator.

#### Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

AVISSAWELLA

Vespers, 28th February 7.30 p.m.

High Mass 1st March 9.00 a.m.

351 Parish Priest.

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## Communist United Front redoubles vicious attack on Church

# "THE HAMMER WILL STRIKE"

THE latest news trickling through the Communist front strongly indicates that maximum pressure is being applied to push up the Red persecution of the Church to the bitterest end.

Last minute reports from China, North Vietnam, Kerala, Central Europe, unanimously point to an all-out drive against the Church. Heading the deadly assault is Communist boss Mao Tse-tung who is reported to have stated bluntly that COMMUNISM IS NOT LOVE, IT IS A HAMMER, WHICH WE USE TO DESTROY THE ENEMY.

### In China

A directive issued in the Communist press in China forbidding the observance of Sundays and holy days by Catholics made it clear that

the liturgy and ceremonies of Christmas were only cherished memories in the thoughts of bishops, priests and Sisters as they toiled at their laborious jobs.

An article which appeared in the Communist review,



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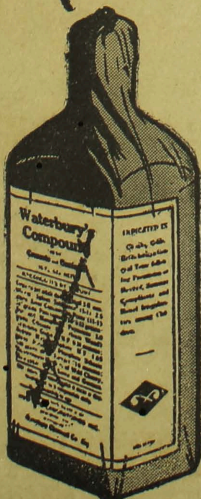
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### — MAO-TSE-TUNG

"Kwangyang," denounced the Church's laws forbidding servile work on Sundays and holy days and demanded their immediate suppression.

### "GREAT LEAP FORWARD"

The statement claimed that with the communisation of the entire country and the mobilisation of all available manpower in the "great leap forward," a single day is equal to 20 years.

Hence it insisted that Sunday rest or the celebration of Christmas is "detrimental to the activity of Catholics" and furthermore gives "bad example to the 650 million Chinese people."

Since Christmas in Red China was only a working day, bishops, priests and nuns arose at 5-30 a.m. to the sound of bugles playing reveille. Then they marched out in military formation to fields, factories or steel works.

The Chinese Reds' most powerful wedge in cleaving the faith of Catholics in China is the schismatic Patriotic Association of Chinese Catholics. According to news reports received in Hong Kong, at least 32 Chinese priests have been "elected bishops," and of these at least 15 are known to have been illicitly consecrated.

### East Germany

An intensified programme was launched by the Reds for "Jugendweihe" services, initiation rites that amount to a secular confirmation of East German youths between the ages of 10 and 14. Both Catholic and Protestant prelates have vigorously condemned these services.

### N. Vietnam

According to recent statistics only about 500,000 of the 1,500,000 Catholics in Vietnam are now living in the Red-dominated north of the country. The continued expulsion of foreign missionaries has reduced their number in North Vietnam to about eight.

Tactics used by the Vietnam Reds are similar to those employed by the Chinese Communists. Under the guise of an organisation called the Patriotic Association of Vietnamese Catholics, the Reds discredit and persecute the Church.

Whereas the Chinese Communists give indoctrination courses to influence clergy against the Church, the Vietnam Reds organize mass accusation meetings against priests—a method used in the earlier stages of the persecution of the Church in Red China.

### Kerala

In Kerala, the only Red-ruled state in India and the nation's most heavily Catholic area, the Communists' major onslaught has been against Catholic education. In its most recent move, the

## Pray for the Church of Silence at Hiniduma's "Calvary"

(From "Messenger" reporter, Julian Senanayake)

THERE will be a mammoth foregathering of pilgrims this year at St. Anne's Church, Hiniduma, to participate in the Lenten services and the open-air Way of the Cross at Hiniduma's famous "Calvary" where life-size statuary

of the stations has just been installed.

The services commence on Saturday, 14 February, when the Way of the Cross will be conducted by Very Rev. Fr. S. Gunaratna, Parish Priest of Kegalle. On the following day, Sunday, there will be Low Masses celebrated from 5-30 a.m. and High Mass will be sung at 7-30 a.m.

There will be several pilgrimages throughout the forty days of Lent and Hiniduma's hospitable and zealous parish priest, Rev. Fr. Cyril Edirisinghe, has made elaborate preparations for accommodating the pilgrims and for the comfort and care of all of them.

July, 1958.

Thus in 1958 the forces of Communism, throughout the world gave unflinching support to Mao Tse-tung's assertion: "Communism is not love; it is a hammer which we use to destroy the enemy."

In challenging this atheistic concept, the Church of Silence replied with the answer it will always give: Christianity is love.

State's Red Leaders are pushing a bill that would enable the State to take over private education.

Red monopoly over the preparation and production of text-books has been rigorously assailed by Catholic leaders, who have protested against the anti-religious passages in the school text-books issued by the Regime.

Communist dictatorial tactics have resulted in fierce and often violent demonstrations by university students in Kerala. But the Reds have attempted to make the student protests a weapon against Catholicism by accusing the Catholic priesthood and the hierarchy of inciting the student revolt.

### Czechoslovakia

In the Czech parts of Czechoslovakia, five of six Sees are without Ordinaries and everywhere there is a severe shortage of priests. The religious orders have been dissolved by the Reds and the number of young theologians studying at the only seminary left in the Czech area, in Litomerice, is far too inadequate.

### Hungary

The Communist regime in Hungary has continued its masquerade of "friendly negotiations" with the Catholic hierarchy in an effort to undermine the adherence of the faithful.

The Red government radio in Budapest has repeatedly issued broadcasts about "peace priests" and "peace meetings," which it has been impossible for persons outside the Iron Curtain to check.

### Poland

In Poland, the hopes of those who believe in the possibility of peaceful co-existence between the Church and Communism were dealt a severe blow by the Red police raid on the national Marian shrine at Czestochowa in

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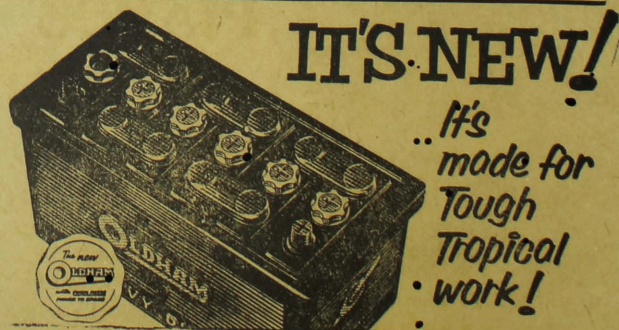
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