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CUBA'S REVOLUTIONARY LEADER GETS TO WORK

Polish priest editor jailed

FR. Marian Pirozynski, Redemptorist editor of *Homo Dei*, a fortnightly review for priests, was jailed for two years last week, for offences allegedly committed in his publication work.

He was convicted of illegal publication of religious pamphlets, bribery of officials and currency offences.

Fr. Pirozynski pleaded guilty only to the first of these charges.

Ten laymen tried with him on complicity charges received prison sentences ranging from three to 30 months.

The trial, which lasted several days, was the biggest of a priest in Poland since the 1956 revolution when relations between the Communist State and the Church improved.

Protestants discuss Pope's call

LEADERS of the world's Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox Churches met in Geneva last Sunday to discuss the Pope's move to reunite Christendom.

The secretary general, Dr. Visser T. Hoof, has described the Pope's calling of an Ecumenical Council one of special significance for the World Council of Churches, which represents 171 Protestant Churches in 50 countries.

Officials have given a cautious welcome to the Pope's move but have avoided taking a definite stand until more details are available.

Poland's Bishops for Rome?

CARDINAL Tardini, Vatican Secretary of State, has written personal letters to all the Polish Bishops recommending that they make their *ad limina* visits to the Holy See this year.

The visits to Rome, if they are able to make them, will be the first trips abroad since the war for the majority of the country's bishops, despite the Canon Law requirement of an *ad limina* visit every five years. During the Stalinist period, the bishops who were not under arrest were not free to travel.

Rota handled 106 out of 238 cases free

OF the 238 cases on which the Sacred Roman Rota gave a decision last year, 232 were nullity petitions.

The court granted nullity decrees in 119 of the cases and, in the remaining 113, pronounced the marriage valid.

New land laws based on Papal encyclicals

FIDEL CASTRO, Cuba's revolutionary leader, is now well on the way to becoming Castro the reformer. And his reforms are based on the Papal encyclicals *Rerum Novarum* and *Quadragesimo Anno*.

The first to benefit are the peasants, known as *guajiros*, who made up 40 per cent. of his forces during the rebellion.

This is something revolutionary in Cuba, where for generations the peasants have been repressed and ignored, only remembered by politicians at election times and then immediately

forgotten. The condition of these landless farm workers who form the bulk of the nation, has been a veritable disgrace, most of them living below subsistence level.

Last year more than one-third of the country's workers were unemployed or worked only a few hours a week. Undernourished, illiterate, sickly and ignored, the peasant wants only peace and work.

AND CASTRO IS TRYING TO SEE THAT HE GETS BOTH. BASICALLY, CASTRO'S LAND REFORM LAW, WHICH HE PROMULGATED LAST OCTOBER, HAS SEVERAL PRINCIPLES TAKEN FROM THE SOCIAL ENCYCLICALS.

It affirms the right of property and seeks the rehabilitation of the family unit, rather than that of the individual farmer; it proclaims that the only sound way to prosperity for all lies in social justice.

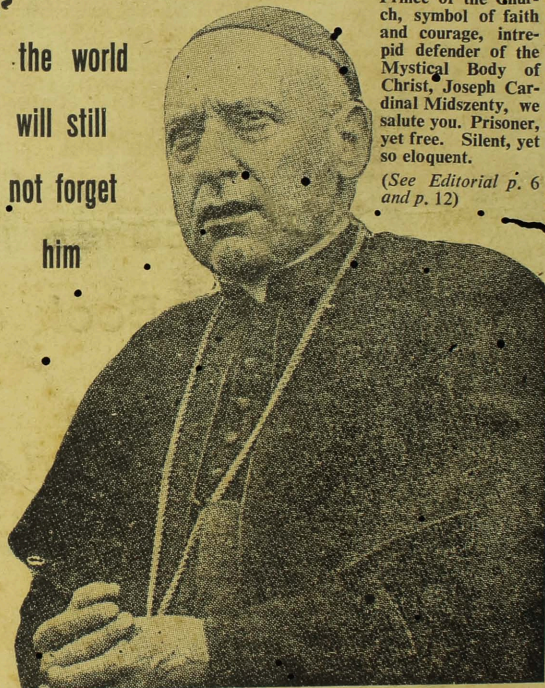
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AFTER 10 YEARS



● This huge demonstration by the faithful took place on that day ten years ago when Cardinal Mindszenty was arrested by the Communists. (See also p. 6 and 12)

the world
will still
not forget
him



Prince of the Church, symbol of faith and courage, intrepid defender of the Mystical Body of Christ, Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, we salute you. Prisoner, yet free. Silent, yet so eloquent.

(See Editorial p. 6 and p. 12)

Cardinal Gracias joins eleven-mile pilgrimage

WITH over 125 priest s, nuns and seminarists, His Eminence Cardinal Gracias led an eleven-mile pilgrimage on foot for the Church of Silence recently. It was one of Bombay's most touching events and left a deep impression on Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

Four groups of pilgrims left their parishes in the vicinity of Bombay about 3 p.m. Five miles from the close, His Eminence the Cardinal joined the pilgrims, and walked at a steady pace right up to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Bandra, where the various groups all converged.

The Cardinal, who had started off the pilgrimage calling upon everyone to pray "for our persecuted brethren in their millions," now at the closing stages, preached a stirring sermon to the many thousands of pilgrims. Mass was then celebrated by the Na-

tional Director of the Union of Prayer for China, after which His Eminence the Cardinal imparted Benediction.

Yugoslavia won't nationalise churches

RELIGIOUS institutions are exempted from a new Yugoslav law nationalising houses and building sites, it is reported.

The law under which the government will become owners of all privately owned buildings, except small residences, was accepted unanimously.

The law, it is said, specifically excludes churches, presbyteries, monasteries, seminaries and similar institutions.

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90 YEARS

Your paper, Ceylon's only Catholic weekly in English, is 90 years old. The full story of ninety years of continuous publishing will be recounted in our issue of 7th March heralding Colombo's Catholic Press Week.

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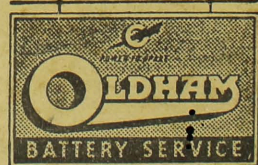
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TRUE CONFESSIONS

The Messenger presents this week two dramatic stories directly taken from life. They are both heart-wringing confessions of two Ceylonese and should prove of value to our readers in clearly revealing the fickleness of Man and the infinite mercy of God...

THIS IS MY STORY

HERE'S a true story, in its actual form, which reveals to us the important lesson to be learned from every incident of rash presumption upon the "good nature" of God and the love "Our Heavenly Mother" bears penitent children.

There are human beings who seldom or never learn to sing the songs of Faith, Peace and Love, until they enter the darkness of sorrow and trial.

So it was with me, who was born to an ardent Catholic family.

At the age of eighteen, when still studying, my father died. My sisters, who shouldered the burden of running a home for our widowed mother and me, strove hard to give me "higher" education, but, obstinate as I was, left College and sought employment.

On securing employment, I, a well-educated Catholic, became addicted to the degrading vice of drunkenness. As time passed on, I applied for an outstation post and secured it. Promising my mother and sisters that I would continue to send them my mite and better myself, I left home.

This proved futile, for not only did I continue the vice of drunkenness, but also gradually forgot my promise and, in the new environment, renounced my faith and resorted to nefarious activities.

Having obtained my 14 days leave, I came to a friend's place in Colombo to spend my vacation. A few days after my arrival, my friend requested me to accompany him to his parish "Retreat," which was being preached by the Redemptorists. I declined his request; whereupon, he appealed to one of these priests to acquaint himself with me at the bungalow. His wishes being granted, a priest called over. Whilst conversing, I showed him the Rosary I had, and told him that this too would not be with me, but for sentimental reasons. Despite all he had to say, I was adamant, and finally, as a last resort he requested me to utter just two words, "Hail Mary," which I refused. Finding that I was too obstinate, he left pronouncing the words "God bless you, my child."

I returned to my post after a few more days, only to pursue my nefarious activities. As time passed I had another friend requesting me to join him and his family on a pilgrimage to Machu. Knowing that my next fourteen days leave was drawing nigh, my reply was "no leave." However, when passing through, they stepped in. Whilst conversing with one of the Junior Bosses in our Company, my friend requested me once again to join them, and I refused. This was conveyed by my Junior Boss to our non-Catholic Senior Boss. To my surprise, I was summoned by him and leave was sanctioned. I immediately returned to my desk and to stay his utterance wrote back that this leave should not be counted as my annual leave, and further requested for cash, against all rules and regulations of the Firm. His reply was: "Proceed. Special leave, cash and rations, sanctioned." I was stupefied and compelled to join my friends. Although, this was a chance for me to totally mend my mode of existence, I did not avail myself of the opportunity but scantily practised my faith.

After 21 years of a vague life, I entered the darkness of sorrow, and trial in September 1954,

when a lorry crashed into us whilst I was the pillion rider. Our Blessed Mother, who always loves her children however far they may stray, touched my heart, and with tears of repentance in my eyes I appealed to her to save my foot from amputation. A

By SONNA

faith that fails not nor murmurs in hours of suffering is like a heavenly lamp burning in the home. This experience brought home to me my lack of faith and negligence of duty to our dear Lord and heavenly Mother.

Like a drowning man clutching at a straw, I clung to the chaplet of Mary—the Rosary I carried about, but seldom or never recited in the past, and thus found the solace and comfort I sought,

for the bone specialist took over my case and stayed the amputation.

Amidst life's greatest dangers and trials, in our battle of life, on the verge of death—the Rosary is a marvellous, consoling weapon. We should equip ourselves with one. Carry it wherever we are, whatever we do. We should have it at all times, for by doing so, we are intimately attached to our Blessed Mother and our dear Lord.

This accident—my sufferings are neither a cross nor a punishment—is but a lesson and a very bitter one too. My only prayer is:

I render Thee my most humble homage, O great Queen, and I thank Thee for the graces and favours Thou hast conferred on me until now, particularly for having delivered me from hell, which I have deserved, and sending me, a prodigal, back to my aged mother and sisters. My sweet, heavenly Mother, I beg of Thee to continue to give me Thy grace to carry my cross after our dearest Lord all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before.

Leaves from the Book of Life

... O God I Am Sorry

MY Lord and My God! This is to tell you how sorry I am for hurting you. You have been so good to me and you have granted me so many favours—and I, at the very last moment, have let you down.

Dear God, you sent me a man for whom I had a great regard. It was a "gift" from you to me, because I loved you so very much. But dear God, instead of thanking you for the gift, and asking you to help me—I ran away to get my palm read—just to make sure, my Lord.

"Oh! Yes! Missie," the woman said, "You going to marry very good Master, be very happy. See Missie, the line in the middle of your palm, it breaks, and joins again with two lines, that is—a good Master coming to your life and you and he going to be very happy, you lucky Missie, not much money, but going to be very happy in married life!"

What I forgot was that the One above, Creator of all, in just a second could make the lines go wrong.

I was overjoyed—I came rushing back to you, full of happiness. I joined my hands together and looked up to you and said "O Dear God, it is true, the boy you sent me, is the real one. You know, the fortune teller told me!"

I am sure you must have been very sad, when the Devil delightfully said: "One more on my side, and nothing for you."

You are a good and merciful God, to the children who remain good, but, to those who disobey you, you clearly reveal that disobedience comes from the Devil.

Remember the case of Adam and Eve, you sent them out of Paradise. And John's disobedience, too. And when you requested Lot to make sure that his wife did not look back when you were destroying the city, she looked back, and lo, she was turned into a pillar of salt.

In the same way you taught me a lesson too. When I began to think that everything was just right—you ended it all up. You did quite right, my God, I deserved it. I can't be friends with two people—you and the devil. I knew I was doing wrong, but I was so keen to know.

Most probably, it was meant to happen. It was a "Gift" from you, I am sure. Oh, if only I had confided in you and told you about my hopes and fears—you would have heard me. You have helped so many times with my home troubles, office worries and other people's troubles. I was so friendly with you. I just loved to come and sit in Church and speak to you. You listened to me so patiently. And then, just when I really should have been grateful—I had to run to the Devil for confirmation, not to You.

Now, I can only tell you that I am truly sorry for having offended you, and I humbly resolve never to offend you again in this foolish fashion. Please forgive me.

ANNA.

ALL FOR THEE

ALL for Thee, O Heart of Jesus,
All for Thee eternally;
Naught for me, O Heart of Jesus,
Save to be beloved by Thee.

Not an object in the wide world
Can a joy to me impart;
Not an interest can allure me,
Save the Glory of Thy Heart.

Thou hast taught me in my sorrow,
Where alone the heart finds rest;
I have learned 'tis sweet to suffer,
Pillowed on Thy Sacred Breast.

All the hopes, once fondly cherished,
One by one I've seen depart;
Then life had for me no sunshine,
Save alone Thy Sacred Heart.

All for Thee, O Heart of Jesus,
All the daily inward strife;
All the soul's sharp crucifixion,
All the wariness of life.

And each little disappointment,
Baffled hope, or unsuccess;
I will offer Thee, O Jesus,
And my very uselessness.

All for Thee, O Heart of Jesus,
All for Thee in life or death;
All for Thee, dear Heart of Jesus,
Till my latest dying breath.

SONNA

WHAT HAPPENED TO "PERSONS"

"PERSONS" are passing out of style. Someone recently remarked that the reason some people drink too much is because they do not like the people they meet. So they put themselves into a state of amiable incandescence where everyone else is blotted out.

But more seriously, it is interesting to note how the world, during the past two hundred years, has made the value of person vanish into almost nothing. There have been three stages in this decay of the value of person-ality. The first was the "Humanitarian" stage of Jean Jacques Rousseau. He loved humanity, but not this particular human, for he deserted each of his children immediately after birth. The French Revolution proclaimed the glory of "humanity" but there was considerable violence done to humans. The man who can discourse for hours about his love of humanity, is often the man who cannot stay in the same room for thirty minutes with another who has a peculiar habit of wheezing or trumpeting his nose.

The masses

The "love of humanity" stage degenerated into the "Masses" under Karl Marx and Communism. Now what was of value, was no longer the person, but the individual absorbed into the classless class, as an olive loses its individuality in olive oil. Marx said in the introduction to his major work, that a person of and

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by himself has no value; that idea, he said, is Christian and is the foundation of democracy. On the contrary Marx says, no man has value of and by himself unless he is a member of the revolutionary class or in modern class language, unless he is a member of the Communist Party.

The group

Now we are at the third state—the "Group," in which what matters is the group action. Persons are useful only as units in a group or as noses to be counted in arriving at group opinion. Education has value not because a student is taught truth, but because in inter-action with other individuals he helps create a confused blur or a composite photograph of minds which dare not show their own personal ideas. "Togetherness" alone matters; not the person. Inter-action is worth more than the individual. This mentality has been magnificently portrayed in the "Organization Man" of William H. Whyte who shows how a conspiracy is afoot to make the person distrust himself and to des-

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CEYLON'S "MONTE FANO"



ASPIRANT SEEKING ADMITTANCE

"REFULGENT and radiant like a star in the gathering mist of the night, Benedict of Nursia was a glorious tribute not only to Italy but to the whole Church." These words of the late Pontiff, Pius XII, speak eloquently of the tremendous impact made on the Christian world by that remarkable man, St. Benedict, who for all time will be known as the Father of Western Monasticism.

During the six centuries following his death, now known as "The Benedictine Centuries," ten million men and women embraced the Benedictine way of life and 35,000 monasteries dotted the whole of Europe.

Today, within the Benedictine Order, there are nineteen Congregations where 12,000 monks and an even greater number of nuns follow *The Rule of St. Benedict*. No other single book, excepting the Bible, has had a more universal and beneficial influence on the Reli-

gious Life of the Christian world.

Up in the hills

On the outskirts of Kandy, in a superb setting, stands Monte Fano, architecturally satisfying and in perfect harmony with its surroundings. This is the mother house of

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the Benedictine foundation in Ceylon. The monks here are Sylvestro-Benedictines. They belong to the Congregation of St. Sylvester but are of the Benedictine Order and keep the Benedictine Constitutions. The Sylvestrine Congregation is to the Benedictine Order what a species is to its genus or a clan to a nation.

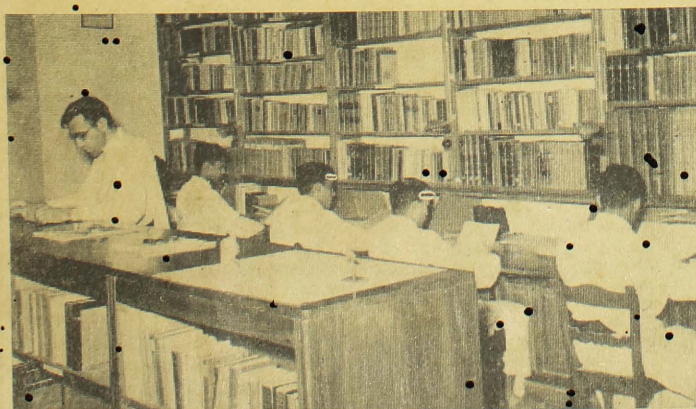
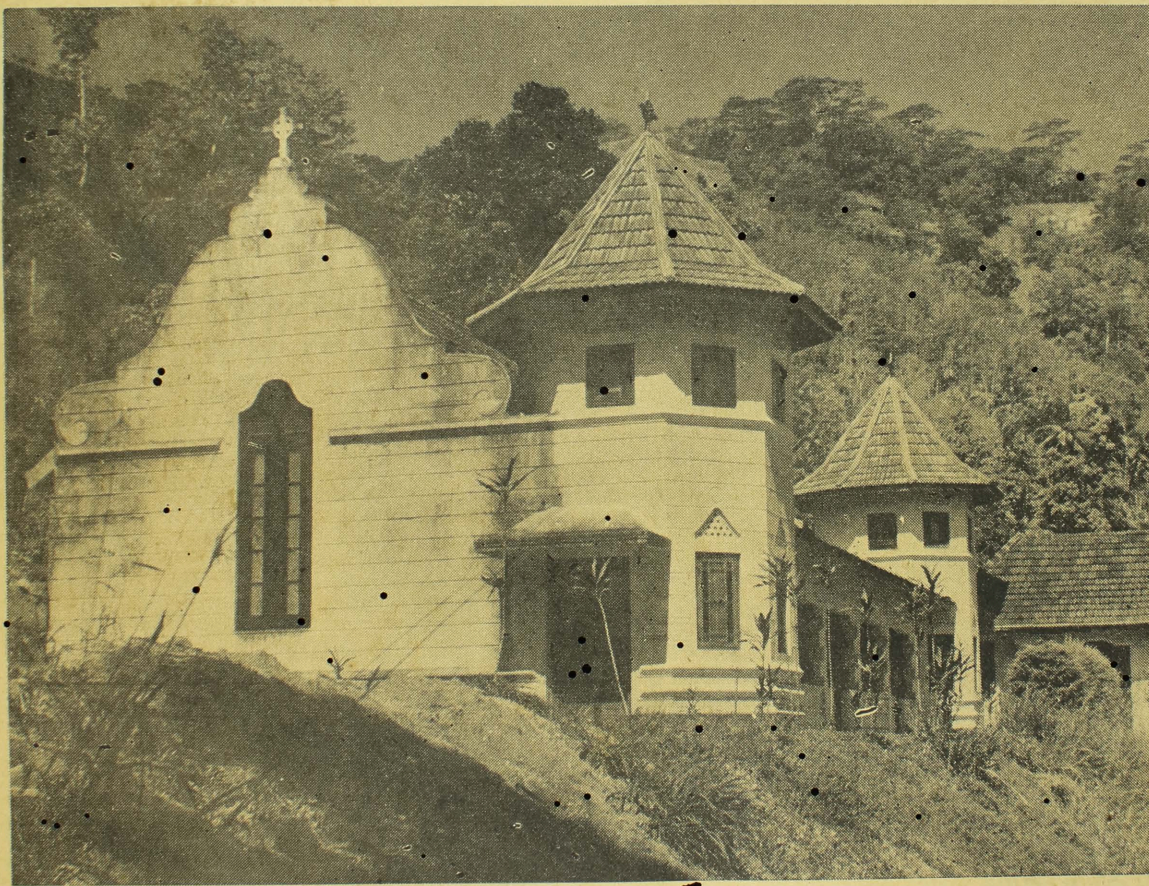
Benedictine pioneers

The Benedictines have now been for over one hundred years in Ceylon. To speak of the pioneer Benedictine missionaries in the Island — of Bravi, Sillani, Cingolani, Paganani — is to speak of a flourishing period of the Catholic Church in Ceylon. The spirit of those men, of St. Sylvester, of St. Benedict himself, lives on in these tireless monks, whose life is an inspiration and a contradiction to weaker souls.

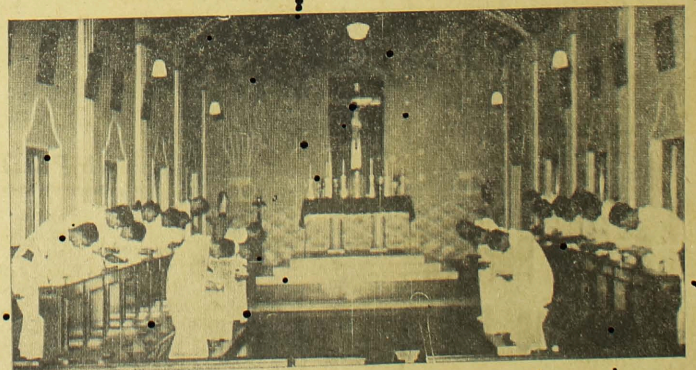
The world wonders

The world wonders how monks bear their isolation and silence. The Benedictine monastic device supplies an answer. It is a crown of thorns with the word "Peace" inscribed within. Peace amid the thorns of mortification.

It is amazing what an amount of work a Benedictine packs into a single day. And still he has time left over to sleep well, to play and read, an hour or so to laugh and chatter, and maybe a few moments to "stand and stare" to "dream." With lowered eyes he goes about his task silently, interspersing periods of work with hours of prayer and contemplation. "In terris positus, in coelestibus habitat." What better preparation for eternity.



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LOVING OUR NEIGHBOUR

IT is not possible that the things we have lived through should be as though they had never existed. • We may fall into sin again, do stupid things, be hopeless people, or anything you like; but something has left its mark on us which can never cease to exist.

It is so with all our comrades in the communities. How often I have seen it and said: it! Even when — and it happens everywhere, in our communities as everywhere else — some of them go back to doing stupid things, to gravely sinful things — I know of examples of this, over the years — there is never a case of a person who doesn't sooner or later give some sign, in some act, which shows that something remains to him of his life in the community. He is not the same as he was before. He may still be, or become a wretched, miserable sort of person. But there is something in him which cannot be effaced. He has been bathed in a life which is not, indeed, perfect, but of which the principles are perfect.

yourself means nothing at all, or else it means that I must attend to anyone who is less fortunate than I, and that I must attend first and primarily to him.

SERVICE

The least happy person is the person to attend to first — this is what it is to love him as oneself — so that he too can come to have his own vocation and his own particular way of life — that full human development which is what I want for myself. It won't come in the same way for everyone; for each, it will correspond to what he himself is.

And this is the foundation of our whole life: to serve, and to serve first those who are suffering most.

And so, even though we are feeble creatures no better than others and perhaps less good, because we have freely chosen to give our lives this basic direction, we have been able to do fine and good things; not because we are better, but because our foundations are solid and true, so that they are better. We may be miserable people, but if we adopt this as our rule of life, and constantly try to come back to it as our rule of life, we shall do amazing things.

OUR TASK

There is a staggering sentence in the Gospel. Our Lord says to His disciples: "You have seen great things, but if you live according to this law you shall do even greater things than I have done Myself!" Our Lord said that to His disciples. "You shall do greater things than I have done." And it is true, because what we shall have then will be the fullness of Our Lord acting as one with the whole human community living in communion with Him.

Such is the power of the whole Christ, the whole humanity of the Son of God, complete Christ who is both the head and the body; then, in the fullness of His stature and His power, the whole Christ will be able to fulfill even greater tasks, acting throughout the world and all down the centuries.

This is our task.

COURAGE

Let us ask Our Lady to take us just as we are, to take us by the hand and scold and correct us, not to throw us into despair, but to encourage us when we need it. Let us ask her, in the worst of all weariness which is weariness of oneself, in those moments when we are sad because we see that we do not do what we wish to do, when we want to be impeccable and find that we are still poor sinners — for the greatest of all discouragements is to recognise that we are not what we would wish to be — let us ask her to prevent us from being discouraged, and to give us — understanding, for understanding is a virtue!

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And in a mission and a task like ours, the two principal virtues are courage and understanding. Courage even when things are hard. And understanding to see what needs to be done. Courage always has value in itself, but God grant that we may apply it to the full to whatever is most effectively urgent at any particular moment.

SPARK

Let us ask for this. Let us ask Our Lady for it. She will have been a good housewife; she must have had a practical mind. She knew how to manage what had to be done. Let us ask her to help us in this, and not to allow us to get discouraged. May she make us see the smallest tasks that need to be done here, at once, at our very feet; and at the same time the huge dimensions of the task that needs to be done throughout the world.

May Our Lord help us both to be practical in small, daily things — making a good job of typing a letter, or sorting our rubbish bins, or whatever we have to do here and now — and, at the same time, to say to ourselves constantly: there is a tremendous task to be done throughout the whole world, and in that we have to be one little spark amongst others, so that other people can catch fire from our spark.

Through Our Lord, it is possible.

IMPACT

When we look at it . . . There was a time not long ago when there was nothing. There was a time when there were two of us . . . a time when there were four or five of us. How many are we today? I don't know the total. There are certainly more than eight hundred people in the com-

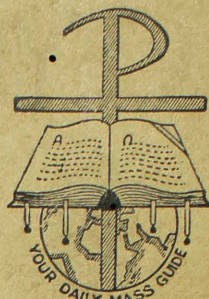
munities. With the committees and everything else, how many militants must there be, in towns which we don't even know? And how many people have been aroused by our example, and are working today? And how much is done through the review?

The propaganda experts tell me (and they say that no advertiser has ever achieved so much) that it is possible to estimate that, taking into account the press, radio, motion pictures, television, and everything else, about half the human race has received some sort of impact from us! A thousand million human beings, from one end of the world to the other!

FLOWERING

Copies of the review have gone off by aeroplane to the North Pole, and stayed there. There are people who have seen them, and read them, and come back. We have had letters from New Zealand. About a fortnight ago, at Laghet, at the little shrine of Our Lady where I was resting, I received a money order for thirty thousand francs via the governor of the territory of the Upper Volta. A football team in Wagadugu had had a game and sent me the gate money.

This in itself is something memorable. In an age when colonies and colonial powers are at daggers drawn all over the world, when there is no agreement or understanding, with one side refusing to give enough responsibility and the other side demanding more and more, when, in short, there is a mass of highly complicated problems, it is staggering that a little thing like this should be able to flower. These Africans — and God knows what poverty and need they are in — sending something to help us to do what we are doing here: it's miraculous! And



Sunday, 22 February: 6th COND SUNDAY IN LENT. Violet. Omit prayer prescribed.

Monday, 23 February: St. Peter Damian. White. 2nd prayer of the feria. Creed. (Or Mass of the feria.)

Tuesday, 24 February: St. Matthew. Red. 2nd prayer of the feria. Omit prayer prescribed. Creed. Preface of the Apostles.

Wednesday, 25 February: Feria. Violet.

Thursday, 26 February: Feria. Violet.

Friday, 27 February: St. Gabriel the Passionist. White. 2nd prayer of the feria.

Saturday, 28 February: Feria. Violet.

* Unless otherwise stated, the Preface of Lent and the prayer prescribed (Archdiocese: for peace) are always said.

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.

The door-bell rang. The man came to the door and saw a pedlar.

"Want to buy a letter-opener?" the pedlar asked, hopefully.

"Buy one?" the man snorted. "I married one."

things like that are coming in from all over the world.

So we must understand the scope of our responsibilities. And we must have confidence, with Our Lady's help.

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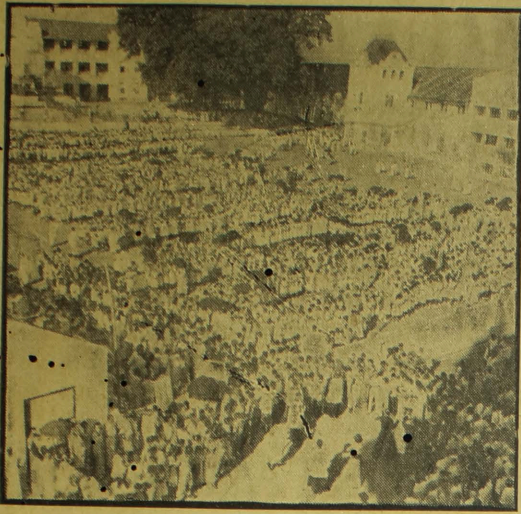
It isn't that we are better than other people, but that the foundations on which we try, in our poor way, to organise our life — our life in community, our life in the city, our life in all its forms — are foundations of absolute truth, because they are practical applications of that commandment which is the law of life and death for every society and every soul: Love.

And "love" translated into practice means: this: to put first whoever is suffering most, to make those who are suffering our first care and our first preoccupation in every possible way. Until we have understood that, the formula about "loving your neighbour as yourself" is simply a joke. Either loving your neighbour as

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● A section of the one-lakh gathering of the Faithful that thronged the 4-day Colombo Eucharistic Rally.
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VOCATIONS EXHIBITION



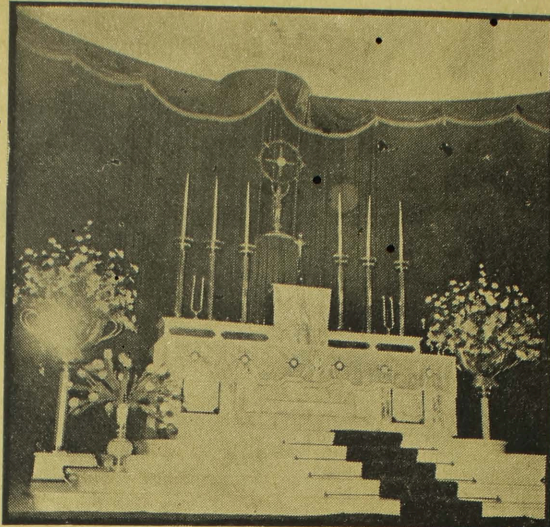
● Rev. Bro. Kingsley Silva explaining the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Diocesan Seminaries stall in the Exhibition.



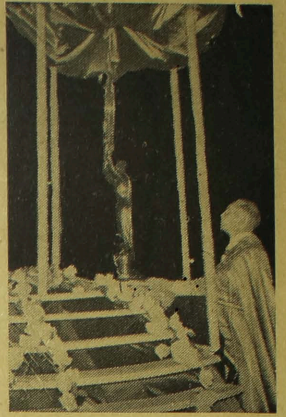
● One of the sections at the Vocations Exhibition showing the Deaf and Blind girls giving a demonstration.
(Pictures by P. R. Chapman)

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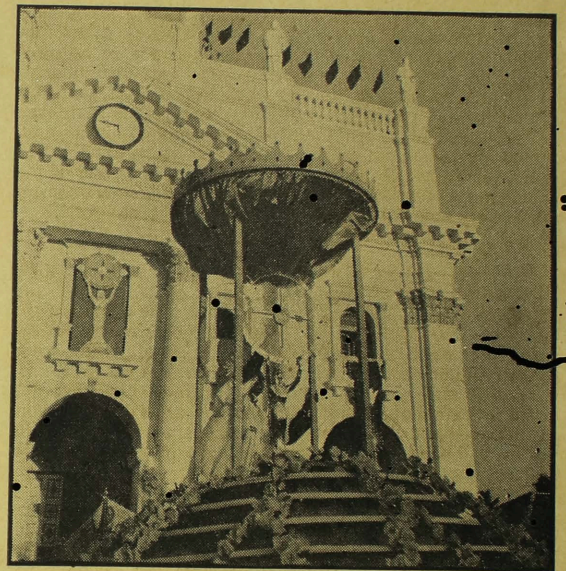


● A view of the Cathedral Altar, where night-and-day, unbroken adoration continued.
(Picture by Dunstan Perera)



● Immediately before the mammoth procession starts, His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate is seen praying in the chariot.
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A View of the Monstrance



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1959

Ten Unforgotten Years

TWO weeks ago, an anniversary that should have shaken the world, was passed over in silence. The central figure of that drama remained confined, his liberty curtailed, enjoying the comparative freedom that refuge in a foreign embassy could provide him. The anniversary came and it went; but the world ignored it. Not even those who talk of democracy and freedom, thought of the lone figure in his confinement; not even those who had shouted themselves hoarse at the time when he was the symbol of the resistance of a heroic nation had now a thought for him; not even those who then looked up to him with eyes of hope, that here at last was a man of God who would dare the enemies of God to do their worst, and still stand his ground valiantly, now remembered him. That is why, we salute him today — with heads bowed in respect and reverence before a Prince of the Church who has suffered as few men have suffered, who has gone on bravely, however bitter the prospect, and who has remained the symbol of unflinching courage and zeal, even when the might of an anti-God State was hurled against him. For, two weeks ago, on the 8th of February to be exact, it was just ten years since the tribunal of Budapest, after one of the most infamous of modern trials, condemned to life-imprisonment His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Archbishop of Esztergom and Primate of Hungary.

After the mockery of a trial, on the 8th of February 1949, the "People's Court" found him guilty of "treason," and condemned him to life-imprisonment. It was the climax of the tragedy of those terrible days. How clearly we remember the immediate reaction of Pope Pius XII to this act of perfidy, when over half a million people flocked into St. Peter's Square in Rome, a few days after the condemnation. With a voice that was vibrant with emotion, Pius XII gave his answer to the oppressors of freedom — and that answer went round the world, taking its message of hope and no-compromise even in the face of the bitterest persecution:

But the story did not end there. In 1956 the volcano erupted once more, and the Hungarian agony reached a climax again. As the symbols of Communist tyranny tumbled into the fires of Budapest during those days of heroism and courage, the living symbol of an older Hungary emerged from almost eight years of Red imprisonment. Four young Hungarian officers had rushed to the Cardinal's prison outside the city, liberated him and brought him to Budapest. Next morning, 31st October 1956, while church bells pealed in joy, the Cardinal drove to his palace.

For the Hungarians, over 68% Catholic, a symbol of faith had emerged. They had last seen their Cardinal, an exhausted and worn-out man, slumped on a bench in a Red court. Seeing him now after the terrible ordeal, they asked him about those dreadful days; all he would say was that he had suffered much.

But he was free to speak for less than a week. Just three days of freedom did this indomitable man of God enjoy. What a record there was behind him! In 1919, he had opposed the Reds and gone to jail; in 1914, he had opposed Nazi persecution of the Jews and gone to jail again; in 1948, he had once again opposed the Reds, and once again he had gone to jail. And now, for three days he enjoyed freedom, gave the city his blessing and celebrated a public Mass for his flock. And then, as the might of the Soviet empire was hurled on the freedom fighters of Hungary and the Soviet tanks rumbled back into Budapest, the Cardinal was constrained to ask for asylum in the American Legation. Thus, on the 4th of November 1956 his freedom ended, and Cardinal Mindszenty went back once more into silence.

It is good for us to pause before the figure of this indomitable symbol of faith and courage on the tenth anniversary of his martyrdom, and to let our minds wander still further: to the other heroes of the faith, Princes of the Church, Bishops and priests who still languish in Red prisons in various parts of Eastern Europe and the Far East; to the whole of Hungary, who after her brief revolution was once again smothered into an unwilling silence; and to all those thousands all over the world in Red countries, who brave the wrath of a tyrant rather than betray God. Pope John XXIII has repeatedly turned the spotlight of the Catholic world to these heroes of the faith. We can but follow the lead he has given. Prince of the Church, symbol of faith and courage, intrepid defender of the Mystical Body of Christ, Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, we salute you. Prisoner, yet free. Silent, yet so eloquent. Away from the public gaze, but ever present to lovers of God and lovers of freedom! A decade of testimony has ended; another begins...

Heralding CATHOLIC PRESS WEEK

Colombo's Catholic Press Week is scheduled to begin this year on Saturday, 8th March 1959.

His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, The Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I., has issued a circular stressing the importance of Catholic Literature and strongly urging the faithful everywhere to support the campaign to diffuse the truth and combat the flood of materialistic and irreligious publications.

THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF CATHOLIC READING

Archbishop's House,
14 February 1959.

Dear Rev. Fathers and Beloved Brethren,

As in previous years the Literature Committee of Our Diocesan Union will organise "Catholic Press Week" this year too, for the diffusion of Catholic Literature in our Parishes.

We heartily endorse and approve this undertaking which will enable our parishes to carry out fully and effectively the programme of Press activities which are as follows:—

1. The distribution of Catholic tracts and leaflets.
2. Organised sale of Catholic Books by Press Associates.
3. Enrolment of subscribers for local Catholic journals.

We urge that during Press Week you make a special endeavour to impress deeply in the minds of Catholics the vital importance of Catholic reading and make them realise in a practical manner the role of Catholic literature in the everyday life of the Catholic and in his home circle. But while the Catholic Press exists primarily and directly for Catholics, it has to be directed at the same time, at least indirectly, to all men of good will. In other words it has to become a missionary press and influence public opinion within and outside; at a time when there is so much of anti-Catholic and anti-religious propaganda by means of

the written word, we should make every possible endeavour to disseminate the Truth and combat errors of a materialistic Press.

Every Catholic home should have its weekly Catholic newspapers and periodicals. Ade-

kavalan.

We also earnestly urge you to assist the Literature Committee in its praiseworthy work in the diffusion of Catholic Literature. A direct way of helping this Committee is to purchase all your requirements in Catholic Literature from the Book Depot of this Committee at Pettah, especially for the Press Week.

Accordingly while decreeing that this year a Catholic Press Week be observed throughout the Archdiocese from Sunday 8th March to Sunday 15th March, we earnestly request you:

1. On the Sunday preceeding Press Week, i.e., on 1st March, at Holy Mass to notify the faithful of the approach of Press Week and dispose their minds and hearts for its due observance.

2. On one of the Sundays of Press Week, during Mass to preach an appropriate sermon on the duty incumbent on the Faithful of reading and subscribing to Catholic publications.

3. The faithful may be reminded that the collection at Mass on 8-3-59 is for the support of Catholic publications, and that they should contribute generously towards this cause.

4. On one of the Sundays of Press Week, at the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, to recite with the Faithful the indulgenced prayer for the spread of Catholic literature and for God's blessing on all workers in that cause.

5. During Press Week to organise Press Squads for the sale of Catholic Books and to enrol subscribers for the Catholic papers and periodicals.

With our cordial blessing, We remain,

Yours devotedly in Christ,
✠ Thomas Cooray, O.M.I.,
Archbishop of Colombo.

LETTER FROM THE HON. SECRETARY, LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Dear Rev. Fathers,

In pursuance of the letter by His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo on a Catholic Press Week in the Archdiocese from the 8th to 15th March, 1959, I am directed to inform you that our Committee is making all the necessary arrangements to make this year's Press Week as great a success as in the past.

A large stock of books in all three languages is available at the Catholic Book Depot in Pettah, and you are kindly requested to make your purchases as far as possible from this Depot, and co-operate with the work of the Committee in their efforts to disseminate Catholic literature.

Press Associates, Legationaries and other Catholic Actionists are kindly requested to co-operate in the Press campaign in their respective Parishes.

Books will be given on credit at the C.B.D., Pettah, but we earnestly request that all accounts be settled before the end of March, 1959, to enable us to pay our own suppliers. Unsold books in good condition are accepted.

I am, dear Rev. Fathers, Yours obediently in J. & M.,
I. V. FERDINANDUSZ,
Hony. Literature Secretary,
Colombo Catholic Diocesan Union.

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Talking Points of the week

It is necessary to learn to think in terms of an integrated Ceylonese nation, not in narrow sectional terms. — Professor J. E. Jayasuriya.

The foundations of a nation's well-being are laid in the homes of the people. — Rev. James Mather.

Selfishness and lack of discipline and loyalty are at the bottom of most of the troubles in Ceylon today. — Mr. C. R. Webber.

No one has yet told us what national advantage would be gained by reducing the voting age. — Mr. C. J. Orloff.

In the Assisted Schools, traditions of immeasurable value have grown up, traditions of piety and learning as well as of devotion and discipline. — Mr. A. M. A. Azeez.

Films at low ebb in 1958

GERMANY'S Catholic Film Council states that the moral standard of motion pictures in 1958 was lower than ever before.

Only 46 out of 100 films reviewed were "worth seeing," it says.

It advised against 41 films and said that another 13 were to be rejected.

quate support for these publications will make them more efficient and attractive. We therefore recommend that a special effort be made to canvass subscribers for the Messenger, Bakthi Probodhanaya, the Gnanartha Pradipaya, the Messenger of the Sacred Heart, the Sathiya Veda Padu-

Diamond Jubilee of Our Lady of Lourdes

(By Julian Senanayake, "Messenger" reporter)

THIS beautiful edifice at Halpatoa with its Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes is the only shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes in the South of Ceylon, situated 5 miles off Hikkaduwa, on the Baddegama Road. It was erected in 1898 by the late Chevalier William Abeyesundere, probably the first Grotto in Ceylon.

For the last many years it has suffered neglect and obscurity. The ancient piety embodied in the pilgrimages from Galle and elsewhere to this Shrine seem to have ceased.

A priest-in-charge was appointed a month ago to prepare for the celebrations and Annual Feast on 1st March, 1959, preceded by

Solemn Vespers on Saturday 28-2-59. This priest is doing his utmost to restore the premises, the Lourdes Grotto and baths to their former glory.

It is in the fitness of God's providence, that this church should once again come to its own, in the centenary year of Lourdes.

JUNIOR CURIA for MORATUWA

(by our own correspondent)

AS a result of the rapid increase of the Praesidia governed by The Assumpta Curia, the only Junior Sinhalese Curia of the Archdiocese, a new Junior Curia was established at Moratuwa on the 31st January 1959. The Junior Praesidia within the range of Angulana and Alutgama will be governed by this New Curia.

The first meeting was conducted under the guidance of Bro. J. G. Milhuisen, President of the Senatus, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Ignatius Gamlath, O.M.I., the Spiritual Director of Assumpta Curia, Rev. Fr. Edmund Fernando, O.M.I., Spiritual Director of Moratuwa Curia, Rev. Fr. Crevacore, O.M.I., Parish Priest of Katukurunda, Moratuwa, and representatives from the Guild of Our Lady of Lanka, Moratuwa, and Assumpta Curia.

The following office-bearers were elected:—

President:— Brother. L. Cyril Silva; **Vice-President:**— Brother C. Francis J. Fernando; **Secretary:**— Brother C. L. Marcus Fernando; **Treasurer:**— Sister Bernadeth Fernando.

The President of the Senatus, Bro. J. G. Milhuisen, in his address to the members of the new Curia, explained the great assistance the Legionary could give to Parish Priests in their spiritual activities. He also stressed the importance of the Legion Apostolate among juniors.

NATIONAL FEDERATION

AT a meeting of delegates from Old Boys' Associations held at St. Benedict's College, Kotahena, on Saturday, 24 January, a National Federation was formed of Old Boys of the De La Salle Brothers' Schools in Ceylon. The Federation is composed of two delegates of each Association and will be affiliated with the International Federation which has its headquarters in Rome.

The Provincial Visitor, Very Rev. Bro. Vincent Joseph, F.S.C., who presided, announced the nomination of Rev. Bro. Alban, F.S.C. as Moderator of the Federation and a council of management consisting of Bro. Moderator, Mr. Percy Valentine (De Mazenod College, Kandana), Mr. A. B. Mendis (De La Salle College, Mutwal) and the following office-bearers of the Federation,

was elected:—

Patron: The Very Rev. Bro. Provincial Visitor, **Vice-Patrons:** The Director-Presidents of the affiliated Old Boys Associations, **President:** Mr. Felix Goonewardene, J.P. (St. Benedict's College, Colombo), **Vice-President:** Mr. M. F. L. wardene, J.P. (St. Benedict's College, Colombo), **Vice-President:** Mr. M. F. L. de Silva (De La Salle College, Mutwal), **Secretary and Treasurer:** Mr. Patrick H. de Silva (St. Benedict's College, Colombo), **Asst. Secretary:** Mr. Similie W. Fernando (St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa) and **Hony. Auditor:** Mr. J. Neville Alles.

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RED-LETTER DAY FOR SEMINARY

The 4th of February must indeed have been a very great day in the annals of St. Aloysius' Seminary, in more ways than one. For, there took place that evening, an event which many had eagerly awaited, when His Grace the Archbishop accompanied His Excellency the Most



● Rev. Fr. Don Peter speaking

★ People and Events ★

Rev. Dr. James Knox, Apostolic Delegate, for the blessing and official opening of the new science block that had been completed.

In the presence of a large number of priests and all the Seminarists, His Excellency blessed the building. And

when the ceremony was over, a very homely function took place in the new hall. Rev. Fr. W. L. A. Don Peter, Rector, spoke of the gradual development of the Seminary to its present form, and His Grace the Archbishop took the opportunity to thank the Apostolic Delegate for his

deep interest in the Seminary and for obtaining substantial help from the Pontifical Mission-Aid Society of St. Peter the Apostle. His Excellency himself wound up the evening's events with a few words on the grandeur of a vocation to the priesthood.

● Distinguished Visitors

While the Messenger has been engrossed in welcoming two very distinguished visitors to the island these past weeks in the persons of the Apostolic Delegate and the Superior-General of the Oblates, there has been still another distinguished visitor with us — the Rev. Mother Eugenia Guizzetti, General of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin of Cremona.

She is presently at Gampola, where her religious conduct a creche for poor children, as well as a day creche which has been a recent addition.

The Messenger takes this opportunity to welcome Mother General to Ceylon — while expressing to her our gratitude for what her religious are doing so well for the poor and needy in this land of ours.

● Rally Anthem

Now that the Rally is over, our thoughts keep returning to those unforgettable days of joy and grace. In that vast throng which packed the Stadium at the closing ceremonies, there surely were two hearts which must have missed a beat or two, when the strains of the Rally Anthem filled the air: Ceylon's well-known musician, Fr. Ignatius Perera, who wrote the music, and Cey-

lon's well-known poet, Harrison Peiris, who composed the words. Naturally, we in the Messenger too have a special joy as the Rally-poet is not only an Assistant Editor of this paper, but he is our poet as well.

One tries for a brief moment to capture something at least of the sense of fulfilment that must have filled him as the Rally reached its grand finale with the singing of the Anthem.

● The Flame

It is not always that we are enthusiastic in welcoming a new publication; but something new has come our way at which we keep on having a second and a third look, and finally say: "Thank God it has come!"

We refer to a little four-page paper, issued free by St. Michael's Art Studio and Bookshop of Jampettah Street, Colombo, and entitled "The Flame." This is the first number, and the introduction says: "The primary purpose of this new publication is to promote Catholic reading and reading among Catholics."

As the months go on, we shall keep on hoping to see further issues of this excellent little paper devoted to a very high ideal; and we do hope that subsequent issues will keep up the very high standard set by this introductory issue. All those who are interested in Catho-

lic reading are well advised to ensure that "The Flame" burns brightly in their lives.

● Attractive booklet

Among the multitude of leaflets, pamphlets and booklets distributed to visitors at the recent Vocations Exhibition held in conjunction with the Colombo Eucharistic Rally, one which caught the eye arrestingly was a 21-page booklet on the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi.

With an attractive cover, in black and brown, displaying the well-known prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: "Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace," it traces the history, spirit and the saints of the Third Order.

Man behind this attractive compilation is Oscar M. Abeyaratne who has often figured conspicuously in the Messenger columns.

● Were you there?

IN Lent one's mind always unfailingly returns to the Way of the Cross. Stations of the Cross devotions are being now conducted at St. Sebastian's Church, Lockgate, every Friday at 12-30 p.m. by the Ceylon Railway-men's Catholic Federation.

Kandy Legion News

(From a "Messenger" Correspondent)

NEARLY 30 Active Members of the Legion of Mary, from Praesidia around Kandy, participated in the "Day of Recollection" organized by the Kandy Curia on Sunday, 15th February 1959, at St. Sylvester's College, Kandy.

The Day started with the Holy Mass and Opening Prayers of the Legion, and ended with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4 p.m. and the Legion concluding prayers. Among the items were some very instructive and impressive talks by the Preacher, Very Rev. Fr. D. D. Barsenbach, O.S.B. He explained at length the

merits of sanctifying grace and how to remain in that state of grace with God.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR 16-PAGE ISSUE on 7th MARCH

Fr. Peyton is to 'invade' S. America

FR. PATRICK PEYTON, the Family Rosary Crusader, will shortly move in to South America with jeeps, lorries, generators and "general field equipment" for a 20-year campaign.

His corps d'élite will consist of Secular Missionaries — nuns who wear lay attire.

Their congregation is only 16 years old. It was founded in Spain, has 500 members and has headquarters in Salamanca.

Fr. Peyton at the moment is in Los Angeles where 7 years ago he began his Family Rosary Crusade that has taken him half around the world.

Those 17 years he describes as his "novitiate." Now begins his big job.

The main part of his equipment is the 15 Rosary films — each a 30-minute portrayal of a mystery of the Rosary — which he made in Spain.

"We will show the films and then give the people the Rosary to obtain for them grace and sustain them in the love of Our lady," he says.

The films had their premiere at the Brussels World Fair, where they were seen by 250,000 people.

PUTTALAM'S DAYS OF GRACE

(from a "MESSENGER" correspondent)

FERVENT scenes of deep devotion were witnessed in Puttalam recently when the week-long 'Big Mission' was inaugurated, conducted by Frs. Aloysius, O.M.I. and Michael Croos, O.M.I., assisted by Brother Joseph, O.M.I.

Picturesque and arrestingly symbolic was the opening when the Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church arrived bearing a Cross and duly handed it over to the preachers. The Mission preachers knelt down and recited the *Confiteor*.

In procession, the ranks of the faithful then proceeded to the Church where, at the Altar, the Parish Priest authorized the preachers to go out and preach. Simultaneously, suiting the words to the symbolic gesture, the Parish Priest handed Crucifix and Missal to the preachers.

Highlights of the week-long Mission were the Women's and Children's Retreat, both largely attended, and a Special Workers' Day when squads of workers marched in procession from a point along the Anuradhapura Road, holding aloft their tools and implements and, dominating all, the Statue of St. Joseph, Patron Saint of all workers.

Ah eloquent sermon was delivered accentuating the dignity of labour and the dangers inherent in Communism.

Especially notable was a moving Dialogue between Priest and worker.

IN THE MEN'S RETREAT THAT FOLLOWED

IMMEDIATELY AFTER, OVER 250 MEN PARTICIPATED IN THE EXERCISES ALL THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

Included in the programme were a talk to the legionaries and Catholic Action units and a Poster Exhibition on Vocations organized by the Junior Legionaries.

The Mission Cross was blessed and planted after the offering of the Resolutions and Spiritual Bouquets.

The work of catechizing entrusted to Bro. Joseph was fruitfully productive and over 25 managers were testified. A number of non-Catholics joyously embraced the Faith.

Ratnapura Catholics renew act of reparation

(By Julian Senanayake, "Messenger" reporter)

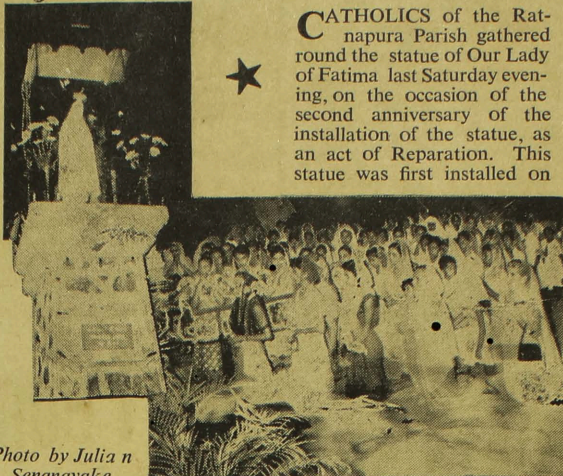


Photo by Julia n Senanayake

The faithful of Ratnapura assembled before the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in an act of Reparation.

CATHOLICS of the Ratnapura Parish gathered round the statue of Our Lady of Fatima last Saturday evening, on the occasion of the second anniversary of the installation of the statue, as an act of Reparation. This statue was first installed on

a concrete pedestal occupying a conspicuous spot in front of the church. Since then the Catholics gather round this statue every Saturday to recite the Rosary in public as a mark of their faith and devotion to Our Lady.

On this occasion of the second anniversary too, open-air services were conducted by Revd. Fr. Chianese, S.J., assisted by Revd. Fr. Marino and Revd. Fr. Chiampa.

The recitation of the Rosary and Litany was followed by hymns and the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. An instructive sermon for the occasion was delivered by the Parish Priest.

The imparting of the Blessing to the gathering with the Holy Eucharist at Benediction followed next.

On Sunday, Solemn High Mass was sung and the Blessed Sacrament was exposed throughout the day for Adoration. Ceremonies ended with the singing of the *Te Deum* and Benediction at 5 p.m.

HINIDUMA'S LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

(By Julian Senanayake, "Messenger" reporter)

THE Lenten Season was ushered in at Hiniduma in the presence of a large gathering of devotees drawn from all parts of the Island. One marked feature, clearly in evidence this year, was the attendance of varying groups of pilgrims directly led by their respective Parish Priests.

The crowds of the faithful, estimated at over two thousand, converged on the spot on Saturday, 14th February 1959, to pray for the "Church of Silence."

Out in the open-air, in a remarkably fitting environment, the pilgrims took part in the devotions with a vividly intense

fervour. To be suddenly faced with these life-size, life-like replicas of the 14 Stations of the "Way of the Cross," gives one the thrilling impression of meeting Jesus, Mary, John and the other participants in this most tragic event, face to face, making one feel as if he is moved out of the world of

delusion in which he lives today.

On Saturday, at 4 p.m., the Lenten ceremonies commenced. The "Way of the Cross" started from the Parish Church overlooking the river and the devotees crossed the Gin Ganga to get to Gethsemani and from there to the first Station of the Cross. Revd. Fr. S. Gunaratna, Parish Priest of Kegalle, led the pilgrims and gave 14 instructive sermons in Sinhalese.

More pilgrimages to Hiniduma's Calvary are expected during the next forty days of Lent. This pilgrimage could be done on any day of the year, and it is being so done even now. The hospitable priest-in-charge is ever ready to give his personal attention to the care and comfort of the pilgrims at Hiniduma.

On Sunday there were several Masses from 5-30 a.m. and High Mass was sung at 7-30 a.m. by Revd. Fr. Philip Cooray, assisted by Revd. Fr. Dep and Revd. Fr. Ste-

13 Communists enter Church

THIRTEEN prominent Communists who left the party "in disgust" have been received into the Catholic Church in Shembaganur, India.

Mr. Sreenivasan, their leader, spent 10 years as an active propaganda worker for the Reds.

Choosing the baptismal name of Paul, he declared that the reading of the Epistles of St. Paul "opened his eyes" to the errors of Marxism.

He decided to become a Catholic because he could have "freedom and happiness" only in the Church, he said.

phen Perera. The imparting of the blessing at Benediction followed. Pilgrims after making a second climb of the "Calvary" made their return journey to their respective homes. All services were in the Church of the Crucifixion on the hill.

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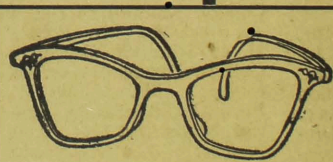
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10-00 to 10-30 a.m. **CATHOLIC HALF HOUR (Tamil)** — J. M. Thangarajah, Esq.

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FR. VAZ FEATURE

If an apology is required for the two-weeks' break in our series, it will be readily accepted when we say quite simply that the diocesan-wide effort that carried our Eucharistic Rally into reality caught us up as well and made a maximum demand on our secretariate. But, if we stopped for a while writing up the "Strands," events themselves were weaving a triple-strand cable to link Fr. Vaz's cause with that deepest of our Catholic instincts: Eucharistic devotion, with Holy Mass as the focal point.

2. Discreetly, as Father himself would have wished, the connection between our Eucharistic heritage and his own brave story was recalled in the Anthem and allocutions of the Rally. We are convinced that, far more than was seen or even sensed, his presence was with us. Throughout the Rally that endeavoured to sum up in one vibrant expression all the tones and modalities of our 450 years old Eucharistic Faith and devotion, he was watching over us with the other Apostles of our history, interceding that we of today be enabled to give a new impetus to the Faith of our Fathers (those same Evangelists and Pastors of our

land).
3. Now the Rally is over. If it has been acceptable to Our Blessed Mother as a tribute of her children to her Son, then it must have a morrow.
4. That morrow, of course, is especially a day-to-day life of greater fidelity to our practical participation in the Eucharistic Sacrifice — the living out of the Rally watchword: *Through Mary, one with Jesus offered on the Altar* (as once of old upon the Cross).
However, we are justified in hoping that the Rally will have a morrow even in the form of another (and more adequate) Eucharistic celebration. "Don't start another tomorrow" a veteran said half playfully as he strove to shake off the stiffness of the 9th February morning. Well, yes. We must have another; and it must be

tomorrow, or else we would have to make an entirely fresh start (with the risk of having forgotten the lessons of the effort just made — and so repeating its shortcomings).

5. When would this tomorrow be? The answer came all on its own, when one of the preachers of the round of Holy Hours (that was the back-bone of the Rally) turned up and blurted out without any preface or introduction: **1961 is the 250th anniversary of Father Vaz's death.**

6. 1961 was already in our minds for another reason (but that was a degree too intimate and personal for us to dare use it as a rallying call to all and sundry). But 1961 as a date connected with Fr. Vaz, — who with any attachment to Ceylon could refuse that as a necessary occasion for some fresh and common expression of Faith

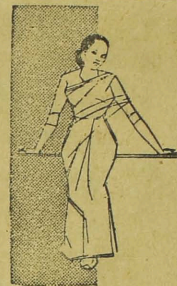
and Eucharistic loyalty? For, if the Holy Eucharist has been ours these centuries, and so much ours today, it was Fr. Vaz who brought us back our Altars, our Tabernacles and the Priests (since then, an unbroken and ever richer flow of them) through whom the Eucharistic miracle that is Ceylon's progress has been worked.

7. For 1961 then; and from today. All Fr. Vaz's devoted children must give themselves to prayer and sacrifice so that through the indispensable decision of our Pastors the 250th anniversary may be marked the way Fr. Vaz would like it best.

Our Secretariate promises to keep an account of every day of prayer and sacrifice offered for this intention if generous souls would be simple and loving enough to let us know. Just a post-card will do to say:

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Fr. Vaz Secretariate,
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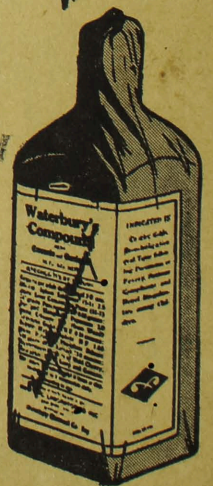


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Woman to Woman

HERE'S SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

ST. Bridget's Convent have thought of something unique. On their extensive grounds they plan to have in July this year an exhibition which is perhaps the first of its kind to be held in Ceylon. It is to be called *The Ideal Home and Home Beautiful Exhibition*. The Shell Co. of Ceylon is sponsoring it and several Government departments are co-operating to make this the show of the year. The blueprints are ready and from the scale on which it is being planned, it is clear this exhibition is going to be a big draw. For the nominal fee

of one rupee, visitors will carry home a lakh worth of ideas. The proceeds will be in aid of the convent's Home Science Department which, though one of the best in the island, is in need of equipment and expansion.

EXHIBITS

A furnished home, built in brick and mortar, will be on display, and around this building will be stalls exhibiting all those things that go to make a home beautiful — music, glassware, flowers, sewing, linen, nursery and kitchen equipment,

hobbies, etc. Two ladies are already planning a tropicalised kitchen. There will be cooking and sewing demonstrations, and there will be embroidery displays and a unique exhibition of orchids by some of Ceylon's well known orchid and gardening enthusiasts. A lady expert will operate a Ham Radio Station and Messrs. Rowlands will run a motor car pavilion where some of the latest and most attractive models will be on show. Several competitions will be held and radios, sewing machines,

electric mixers, bicycles, will be given away as prizes.

ORGANISERS' AIM

At the model home, where construction plans and information will be supplied free, visitors will be shown how to build a low-cost home, how to build a beautiful home without having to spend tens of thousands of rupees on construction. The organisers believe that if the growing generation can be made happy home-makers, ours will be a happy nation of contented families. The organisers expect that ministries like the Ministry of Education will be quick to realize the cultural, economic and educational value of an exhibition such as this, and advertisers would be well advised not to miss this big opportunity for displaying all that is newest and best in the trade. The

PATTERN FOR LIVING

"ONE mustn't lose sight of the hard core which is, do this, do that, love your friends and like your neighbours," he just, be extravagantly generous, be honest, be tolerant, have courage, have compassion, use your wits and your imagination, understand the world you live in and be on terms with it, don't dramatize and dream and escape. Anyhow that seems to me to be the pattern, so far, as we can make it out here."

ROSE MACAULAY.

On the birth of a baby

*In your arms hold him fast
Treasure these precious hours,
For these moments quickly pass
As fleeting as the flowers.
What more wondrous on this earth
Than when a babe first gently lies
Against the mother who gave
him birth?
Tread softly, you're in paradise.*

Chairman of the Organising Committee is Mr. J. L. M. Fernando and its Vice-Chairman is Mrs. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike. The organisers will welcome any suggestions.

Some exciting dining table decorations

A WELL-LAID dining table can lend splendour to an entire house, and it is well worth spending a little time and trouble on making it as attractive as you can. Give reins to your imagination; look around the house for novel containers for flowers and fruits and try to make the whole effect as dramatic as you can. Today we give you some pretty fruit arrangements for your dining table which you are sure to like.

First of all here are some of the items you can select for containers: an old wooden horn, a straw, an old carved box, a cut-glass bowl, a two or three tier cake stand, a wooden salad bowl, a brass tray, a rectangular mirror. Next, go shopping and select the prettiest fruits in the market, not forgetting the more unusual ones like pomegranettes and passion fruits, and the extras like dates, nuts, dried fruits and prunes, etc. Step into the florist's and buy a little greenery. Assemble wire, scissors, knife, clay, pin-holder and, hey presto, you are all set.

For a Buffet Table

The horn arrangement is ideal for a large buffet table. Set the horn upright, but slightly tilted with its base tightly secured by means of wire between 10 ins. by 4 ins. blocks of wood. Then set it in the centre of the table against the wall and weigh it down with blocks or small bricks. Prop the horn around its base with the heavier fruits: a small comb of bananas, grape fruits, big oranges, etc. Stuff the horn part way with crumpled wax paper or foil and heap it with other fruits, tucking in walnuts, cashu nuts, grapes, berries and sprays of cypress at the right spots.

For a Centre Piece

1. Orange Tree

Fill a bowl with crushed chicken wire; then stick in enough greens to cover the

wire completely. Cut wooden sticks 12 ins. to 15 ins. long, insert among the greens; then

mons, oranges and assorted grapes in egg-white, beaten until frothy. Then dip in

All About Coffee

COFFEE is not as homely as you think. It can be made most glamorous if you know how. In America and on the Continent they serve coffee with such a difference that you would not be blamed for thinking you were sipping the nectar of the gods. Here are some charming coffee recipes for you to try out.

1. Italian style

Serve strong, hot coffee in demitasse cups or 4-oz. glasses with a twist of lemon peel and sugar.

2. Viennese Coffee

Make extra-strong coffee; sweeten to taste. Top with Schlagobers (Viennese for whipped cream).

3. Cafe Au Lait

To make this breakfast drink of France, use a pot of hot coffee and an equal amount of hot, rich milk. Pour simultaneously into large cups.

4. Cafe A L'Orange

Add a bit of orange Curacao to each cup of strong, black coffee. Provide cinnamon stick stirrer.

put an orange on end of each. Set bowl on a tray, and place table cloths and salted nuts around base. This decoration is called an "orange tree."

2. Ring-around-the-candle

Secure the biggest, fattest candle you can afford in the centre of a nest of the most beautiful leaves you can find. I would suggest the beautiful small varieties of caladium leaf. Nestle small brightly coloured fruits — tangerines, purple grapes and small green passion fruits — in between.

3. Frosted Fruits

Dip red apples, pears, le-

5. Coffee Punch

Combine 1 1/2 cups light cream, 2 cups hot strong coffee and 2 cups heavy cream. Spoon 1 1/2 pkt. vanilla ice-cream on top, stir to blend. Makes 2 quarts.

Here are few recipes you can try out with the popular "instant coffee mix."

Dreamy Coffee Sauce

In a small skillet, stir 1/4 cup granulated sugar over low heat till it's a golden brown syrup. Gradually stir in 1/4 cup hot water, 1 tablespoon instant coffee. Boil, stirring constantly until smooth. Cool slightly; then fold into 1 cup heavy cream, whipped.

Sugared Coffee Toast

Combine 3 tablespoons gra-

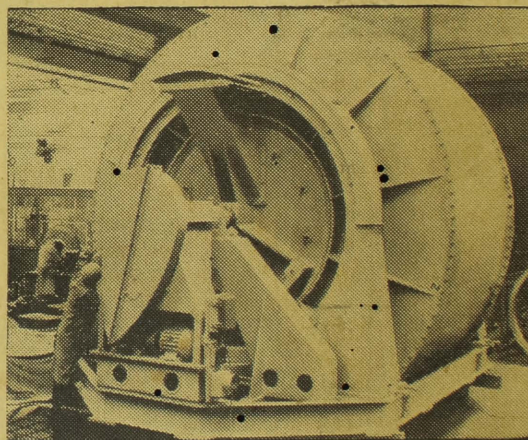
granulated sugar. Keep on cake rack, over waxed paper, until dry. Arrange in a silver bowl or on a cake stand, with green leaves tucked here and there.

4. Table Mirror

At one end of a rectangular mirror, group grapes, apples, pears and bananas in a high-low line, using a can to hold the grapes and leaves high. Conceal can with heavier fruits at base.

5. Grapes on Leaves

Down the length of the table, place a row of green cypress branches. On them group grapes, green, white and red. Mingle nuts of all varieties you can lay your hands on.



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nulated sugar and 1 teaspoon instant coffee. Sprinkle generously over hot buttered-toast triangles. A real breakfast treat.

Company Coffee Cream

Combine 2 tablespoons instant coffee, 1 cup hot water,

1 pkt. marshmallows. Stir over low heat till marshmallows melt. Refrigerate till slightly thickened, then fold in 1 cup heavy cream, whipped. Spoon into sherbet glasses; refrigerate. Serve, topped with shaved unsweetened chocolate.

And finally, here's how...

...to make good coffee every time

The Coffee Itself

Keep it fresh. Freshly ground or vacuum-packed coffee should be used within a week if it's being opened to taste delicious at all times. Keep it tightly covered in original container or cannister. Don't skimp. One pound of coffee, used properly, should make about 45 cups of coffee. Always use the equivalent of 2 tablespoons coffee to each 6 ozs. water. Never guess. Use a coffee measure or measuring cup to determine the amount needed.

The Coffee Pot

Keep it clean. Nothing can ruin coffee so completely, so fast, as a dirty pot. Use a coffee-stain remover to remove rancid oils and bitter coffee stains. It's as easy as making coffee and what a difference it makes. It's a good idea to rinse a coffee maker with hot water before each use and, if it hasn't been used for several days, to clean it thoroughly before using.

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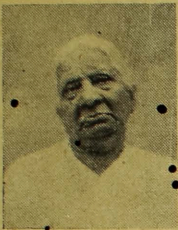
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MADHU LENTEN RETREAT

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Mr. Julius Fernando, 10, St. Joseph's Street, Negombo.

To compute and to facilitate the provision of Railway and En route reservations and accommodations as well, the courtesy of a desiring participants is earnestly solicited in making their payments or surrendering their Railway warrants on or before the 5th March 1959.

"Railway arrangements have been made on Group ticket basis, to and fro. But, because of the expected heavy holiday traffic, only limited accommodation has been made available. Hence those desiring to participate are kindly requested to contact the abovementioned early.

Benny Miranda,
(Organiser). 403

CHURCH NOTICES

WAHACOTTE

Lenten Feast of St. Anthony

SUNDAY 8th MARCH

Saturday 7th March

9 p.m. Pontifical Vespers
10 p.m. Corpus Christi Procession
11 p.m. Holy Hour in Sinhalese
12 p.m. Holy Hour in English and Tamil

Sunday 8th March

1 a.m. Midnight Mass (for our persecuted brethren)
8 a.m. Pontifical High Mass and Benediction.
10 a.m. Procession, at the end of which the pilgrims will be given the relic of St. Anthony to kiss.

N.B. This feast is not on the 15th March as stated in the Messenger Almanac. Parish Priest. 422

NAWAGAMUWA CHURCH

St. Joseph's Feast

Vespers Saturday 7th March 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 8th March:

Low Mass 6.00 a.m.

High Mass 8.30 a.m.

381 • Parish Priest.

Our Lady of Lourdes DAMPE

15th February: Novenas commence 6.30 p.m.

28th February: Solemn Vespers 7 p.m.

1st March: Low Mass 6 a.m.
Festive High Mass 8.30 a.m.

J. Lanfranc Fernando,
Parish Priest. 394

PILGRIMAGE

TO

Our Lady of Lanka

The XXV Annual Pilgrimage of the Ladies of Wattala and Kotahena to Our Lady of Lanka, Tawatte, will take place on the 28th February 1959.

Those who desire to join are kindly requested to contact

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Kotahena, and

Miss D. Florinda Hapuaratchy,
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Wattala. 412

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NEGOMBO

Testy. Juris. No. 3927

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of M. Anthony Waas of 4th Kurana. — Deceased.
Mihidukulasuriya Francis Xavier Waas of 4th Kurana, Negombo. — Petitioner.

Vs.
Mihidukulasuriya Patabendige Joseph Emmanuel Martial Fernando of Chilaw Road, Negombo. — Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before C. Thanabalasingham Esquire, District Judge of Negombo on the 27th day of January 1959, in the presence of M. E. J. Tissera, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner above-named and the affidavits (1) of the petitioner dated 22nd January 1959, (2) attesting witnesses and the attesting Notary dated 22nd October 1958 having been read.

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament bearing No. 35532 dated 13th October 1956 made by M. Anthony Waas the deceased abovenamed and attested by J. F. Gunaratne, Notary, original of which has been produced and is now deposited in Court be and the same is hereby declared proved and it is further ordered that the petitioner abovenamed is the executor named in the said Will and he is declared entitled to have probate thereof issued to him accordingly unless the respondent abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 20th February 1959 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. C. Thanabalasingham,
District Judge,
Negombo, 27th January 1959.
Drawn by
Sgd. M. E. J. Tissera,
Proctor for Petitioner. 374

Fulton Sheen

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troy all true creativeness. One wonders if a symbol of the decline of the value of a person is not to be found in what is standardized equipment for the average American, namely, the automobile. In one of the most amusingly written books in this decade, John Keats in the "Insolent Chariots" shows how personal desires in automobiles have been ignored by the industry. But more to the point of this article, it is rather significant that as automobiles grew larger and larger, there was less and less room for persons. Of the Cadillac Eldorado Brougham he writes: "This contraption is more than eighteen feet long and more than six and half feet wide, but it stands only five and three-tenths inches high — and once you're inside it, you discover that there is less than one yard from foot to ceiling, and only 43.7 inches allowed for your legs. Only one-fifth of its massive 503.1 cubic feet is reserved for human habitation; four-fifths of the Eldorado is not concerned with people who ride in it.

Thus even automobiles reflect the spirit of the anti-personal drive of modern civilization; there is room enough in the trunk for more meat than hangs in the average A and P; but in the back seat there is room only for pretzels, contortionists or jockeys.

• The restoration

Persons are being pushed around, ignored, encrusted, grouped together, massed, merged and lumped to a point where creativeness, worth, dignity of humankind is being lost. It will be universally found true that the man who believes his neighbour has a soul is the one who treats him with the greatest dignity and respect. The Son of God Who came to this earth to restore to man the dignity that he lost, revealed the right proportions between the world and the person when He balanced the cosmos against a person and found one person worth more than all gold and the atoms in it: "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?"

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MINDSZENTY—the greatest living martyr of our time

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Within a week of sentence being passed on the Cardinal, Pope Pius XII summoned a special Consistory of the College of Cardinals to publicly express his "bitter grief" at the "serious outrage" perpetrated on the Hungarian Cardinal. A week later, in a discourse broadcast to the people of Rome, the same Pontiff declared: "The sentence inflicted, and reprobated with one mind by the whole civilized world, on the banks of the Danube on an eminent Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, has echoed here, on the banks of the Tiber, a cry of indignation worthy of the City."

As we consider the Cardinal's fortunes, from the time he was a humble parish priest, through his arrest in 1919 by the Communist Government of Bela Kun, his second arrest in 1944 by the Nazis and his trial in 1945 by the new Communist regime, we see not only the consistency of this greatest living martyr of our time but the inescapable need for him to take the uncompromising stand he did against Communist domination of the Church. His pastoral Letters, fearlessly attacking the Communist Government, embarrassed the country's leaders so much that they offered him safe exit from the country. But he had no desire to save them any embarrassment. "I remain here" was his firm answer, while completely realistic about the fate awaiting him.

HIS MOTHER

When in November 1948 he learned of the arrest of his secretary, Father Andrew Zakar, and of the drugging and brutal physical torture inflicted on him, he knew it would be his turn next. It is said that those sinister drugs, spawn of the devil himself, were probably actedron and mescaline — one to stimulate and one to de-personalize the victim. When Mindszenty was told of the complete change they worked in Father Zakar and of the weirdly bizarre remarks uttered by the sufferer, he remarked: "Within a short time, I too shall be talking in the same manner." He knew the methods of the secret police and he knew what actedron and mescaline could do to the most stalwart victims. And so he sat down and wrote that most dramatic memorandum to the Hungarian Bishops to be delivered on his arrest, stating that he "had not participated in any conspiracy," but that if they should hear of any "confession" to that effect, they should regard it as null and void.

His mother was with him when he was arrested. He had barely time to embrace his weeping mother who had known in her

heart that this hour would come. That brave woman was not one of those to urge escape. Quite the contrary. She stood beside her son, facing the armed police, and the hearts of all Catholics have gone out to her who that day must surely have been reminded of the Mother of Sorrows standing by helplessly when they apprehended her Son.

TORTURED AND DRUGGED

The torture to which the Cardinal was subjected before his trial makes the hardest soul flinch. Despite every effort to keep the proceedings secret, despite the transfer and even murder of the guards, the facts came to light as all grave misdeeds will. Imprisoned in the infamous "chamber of horrors," Number 60 Andrássy Street, the head quarters of the secret police, he was questioned for hours on end with hands held high above his head and facing a glaring white wall upon which a bright light shone, and with just enough food given him to keep life in his body. Kept standing in this position for forty hours at one stretch, he refused to "break" and shouted denial to literally thousands of questions, some of which were repeated hundreds of times. For more than three days and two nights he resisted unflinchingly.

When he persisted in his denials they brought before him his secretary, Father Zakar, a physical wreck with his face and body tortured beyond recognition. At last, when they had broken his body but not his will, they began the sinister treatment of the drugs. Riddled with punctures from a hypodermic needle, by which time he hadn't the faintest idea of what he was doing, he tragically signed the "confession."

PRISONER STILL

With this document and others of an equally dubious character, they opened the farcical trial to show the world that he was given the benefit of "democratic" judicial procedure. It was so democratic that forged documents were introduced as evidence. So democratic that the Cardinal appeared to the blindest as a totally changed personality — dazed, confused, automatically responding as though under the influence of a powerful hypnosis. So democratic that the press, alleged to represent "the public opinion of sixteen nations," consisted, with two exceptions, of Communist sympathisers. The

two exceptions did not understand the language and had to use translators carefully selected by the Government. The trial was so democratic that no radio commentators or news photographers were allowed to enter Hungary. So democratic that "Radio Budapest," broadcasting from the courtroom, was systematically interrupted whenever the Cardinal's testimony began to throw doubt upon the charges. So democratic that Mindszenty's own choice of defence attorney was refused, and that the man appointed in his stead, in

his final summing up, agreed completely with the prosecutor's charges against his client. Democratic to a degree that the Government witnesses came straight out of the dungeons of the secret police. In fine, it was so "democratic" that the free world shuddered.

Sentenced to life imprisonment and freed eight years later by Hungarian freedom fighters during the heroic but ill-fated October revolution of 1956, Mindszenty still remains a virtual prisoner in his own country since he sought asylum in the American Legation when the rebellion was crushed by the overwhelming might of Soviet armoured tanks that thundered into Hungary. There the Cardinal's life, though comfortable enough, is that

of a prisoner, and daily it grows more and more insecure. The building is not U.S. property and the Legation is taking no chances on its charge being either the target for a bullet or for some sort of demonstration. It is matter for sorrow and weeping that the freedom which the Cardinal and his people so dearly purchased should have been so short-lived. The Cardinal, however, and his brave countrymen have not given up the struggle for freedom and the independence of the Church. It is certain therefore that throughout the Catholic world, and wherever courage and freedom are loved and tyranny despised, Mindszenty and his heroic people will be constantly and prayerfully remembered.

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