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PERSISTENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CHURCH

Mr. Mettananda's anti-Catholic utterances remain unproved

KALUTARA'S JUBILEE DEVOTIONS



• A section of the large crowds that thronged the Golden Jubilee devotions at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Kalutara. Picture also shows His Lordship the Bishop of Kandy, who sang Pontifical High Mass.

MORE ASIAN CARDINALS SOON?

THE HOLY FATHER IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO CREATE NEW CARDINALS NEXT MONTH, ACCORDING TO ROME SOURCES.

Fatima Secret

ECCLESIASTICAL authorities in Lisbon have stated that no decision has yet been taken about the opening and possible publication of the Secret of Fatima.

New Vatican Stamps

TODAY (February 20) the Vatican will issue new stamps to commemorate the Rome Diocesan Synod.

★ In Resurgent Asia—

The Catholic student has tremendous duties

(by a Messenger reporter)

"THE MIGHTY GIANT THAT ASIA IS, NO LONGER SLEEPS," SAID MR. TOM KERSTIENS, A WORLD LEADER OF THE LAY APOSTOLATE, IN THE COURSE OF AN ADDRESS TO THE CATHOLIC STUDENTS' FEDERATION LAST SUNDAY. "IN THIS GREAT RE-AWAKENING, THE STUDENT HAS A TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY."

Speaking to a gathering of well over 200 students of the Federation at the Holy Family Convent, Mr. Kerstiens said that the big word in

Asia today is Change.

In the political field, one sees revolutionary changes and a conscious

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WHY DOESN'T HE TAKE UP CHALLENGE?

FOR some weeks now, the most irresponsible, malicious and venomous charges against the Catholic Church have been flung far and wide, from various political platforms. Stalwarts and pigmies, politicians and some newspaper editors, have joined this chorus of accusations and innuendoes against the Church. Mr. Mettananda has excelled in this rabble-rousing, mischief-mongering campaign. But it has been, for the most, an all-Left assault. Against all this barrage of sound and fury, we throw out a challenge: PROVE THE CHARGES, OR DO THE DECENT THING OF BEING SILENT!

Here are some of the many irresponsible and completely baseless charges that are being repeated with disgusting frequency and obstinacy from certain political platforms:—

- The Church is financing both the U.N.P. and the L.P.F., because both Parties have given an assurance that they would not take over assisted schools.
- The Church has bought up shares in a certain group of papers, and especially taken over the controlling voice in a large-circulation Sinhalese daily.
- Catholic Action is involved in some dark and deep conspiracy to stage a coup in the country.
- Catholics have wormed themselves into a controlling position in all government departments, thereby penalising Buddhists.
- All the time-worn, oft-repeated, completely untrue charges about the educational situation.

Times without number, we have rejected every single one of the charges made against us. But Mr. Mettananda still goes on, in his own way spreading hatred, dissension and division everywhere he goes, in the name of the Compassionate One; his new political ally goes on with his characteristic fire and fury, repeating the most ridiculous allegations; and the leader of the Communist Party goes about, shedding his benevolence and his blessing on Catholics, but his anger and his chagrin on the Catholic hierarchy who are supposed to dabble in politics.

To all of them, we repeat what we have said on more occasions than one before: We deny completely and categorically the charges they make.

And we go further and we throw out a challenge to them and to other disciples of dissension: SUBSTANTIATE YOUR STATEMENTS! PRODUCE PROOF OF THE CHARGES YOU SO GLIBLY MAKE — OR ELSE, DO THE DECENT THING AND BE SILENT! We shall await their answer.

The nun and the burglar!

SIXTY-NINE year old Superior of the Dominican Convent at Umzymbé, Natal, grappled with an armed burglar who entered the Convent and threatened her. She grabbed the knife of the burglar and held him until help arrived. The man, however, broke loose and fled.

Cardinal Mindszenty's mother dies

MRS. Barbara Pehm, 85-year-old mother of Cardinal Mindszenty, Hungary's Primate, died on Friday at her home in the village of Csehimindszent, Western Hungary.

It will be recalled that the Messenger featured the Cardinal's mother as mother-of-the-year in our special Mother's Day Issue two years ago.

The Cardinal last saw his mother at Christmas, when the rule forbidding him to receive visitors in the U.S. legation in Budapest was temporarily relaxed.

Introducing: Messenger Forum

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★ Commencing next week

The MESSENGER begins next week a series of investigations on matters of supreme concern to everyone who calls himself a Christian. YOU ARE WARNED! Every word of it will shock you, but it is TRUE! What would YOU have done with the—

BABIES FOUND IN A MARADANA DUSTBIN?

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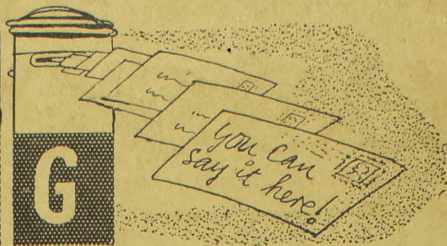
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WEEKLY POST BAG



Morality and the Press

SHOULD we not express our sentiment or repugnance even of a type of suggestive photographic prints and strips which appear in certain sections of the secular press on Sundays especially. Unhappily there is a degree of commercial value attaching to such pictures; but it is good for the press-bosses to remember that it is also part of their business to help build a healthy morality among the people. This comment might expose us to being called narrow and prudish. We would, for justice sake, endure the sinister remark rather than suffer immorality to undermine the nation.

While we support the secular press in its fight for healthy democratic institutions, let it be remembered that one of the chief buttresses of democracy, if not its chief source of strength, is a healthy morality which it is the duty of the press to safeguard, not endanger by catering to unhealthy instincts which it must be the endeavour of all true nation-builders, to restrain, not even unwittingly to foster.

We look forward to greater restraint being exercised in this direction by the secular press.

J. L. Peries.

Negombo.

Norbert C. Manatunga.

Geliyo.

Mr. Mettananda's "Facts" Exposed

THE falsehoods that are to be found in Mr. Mettananda's banned broadcast, published in a certain section of the Press, are so numerous that they cannot all be dealt with in one letter. Moreover many of them are now so familiar to the public, that no one will expect us to expose them. But there are a few that are apparently backed by a parade of statistics which may create prejudice if they are not unmasked. That is why the usual policy of silence in the face of malicious and venomous attack is not being followed on this occasion.

In the answer given by the Minister of Education on the 30th October 1950, to a question raised in Parliament, it was pointed out that Catholic schools received Rs. 28 million by way of grant in 1958-59, other Christian schools Rs. 18 million, and Buddhist schools Rs. 20 1/2 million. Mr. Mettananda states that this is discrimination against Buddhists. What are the facts?

In the Catholic and Christian schools there were 130,000 Buddhist children as against 123,000 Christian children. So that of the Rs. 44 million spent on all the Christian schools Rs. 23 million are for the Buddhist children and only Rs. 21 million for the Christian children. In other words in the Assisted schools, as 20 million rupees are spent in the Buddhist schools, altogether 43 million rupees are spent on Buddhist children, and only 21 million rupees are utilised for the Christian children.

If we now take into account the Government schools, where out of a school population of 1,160,000, there are 900,000 Buddhist and 64,000 Hindu children, already in 1957 (the latest easily available figures), 72 millions have been spent on Buddhist children. Hence the amount spent by Government on Buddhist children is in the region of 115 million rupees as against 21 million disbursed on Christian children. This is certainly a different picture from the one painted by Mr. Mettananda.

He makes the further point that the amount spent by the Government on a child attending a Catholic school is roughly twice the amount spent by the Government on a child attending a Government school, and since the latter is generally a Buddhist, once again the Buddhists are discriminated against.

It has already been pointed out that the child attending a Christian school is very often a Buddhist. Further it must be noted that while there are a fairly large number of first rate Buddhist Assisted schools such as Ananda, Nalanda, Mahinda and Dharmarajah, there are relatively few good Government schools. Except Royal College which spends much more than any Assisted school, the Government Collegiate and Senior Schools are small in number, so that the great bulk of the Government expenditure on its schools is in respect of the Swabasha schools, where the amount spent per pupil (as likewise in the case of the Assisted Swabasha schools) is relatively low. In 1957, the Assisted schools spent Rs. 19 million on its English schools and 21 millions on its Swabasha schools, while in Government schools, only 6 millions were spent on Central schools and 70 million on other schools (mostly Swabasha).

There is therefore no question of any discrimination against anyone. It is true that in many areas such as the Sabaragamuwa, Uva, the North Central and even large sections of the Southern Province, there have not been a sufficiency of good schools, which would diffuse the benefits of bigger education. This should be remedied early by the provision of State or Buddhist schools. There is no one who does not recognise this. But it is a gross travesty of facts to attribute this deficiency to discrimination by the Catholics against the Buddhists.

It is a fact that there is a higher percentage of graduates in the Assisted English schools than in the Government English schools. This disparity is not in any way due to discrimination on a religious basis,

for the Buddhist Colleges are in the same position as the Christian and Hindu schools as regards the percentage of graduates in their schools. Government schools do not accept non-Ceylonese. The graduates in Government schools are much more likely to be transferred than those in Assisted schools and graduates are therefore often reluctant to join Government service.

The graduates in Assisted schools have a loyalty to their school and generally work under pleasanter conditions than in most Government schools. Moreover, the Heads of Assisted schools make every endeavour to recruit suitable teachers for their schools. One cannot evidently expect the same enthusiasm and painstaking effort to fill up the gaps in Government service. There are many other reasons besides these but no one will accuse the Ministry of Education of deliberately wanting to keep the proportion of graduates in Government schools to the lowest possible minimum.

Mr. Mettananda says that the distribution of First Grade schools is grossly unfair. If he had said that the deficiencies of the existing distribution should be remedied as early as possible, we would gladly agree. But these deficiencies are not due to any unfairness. They are the result of the various Assisted school managements doing their best for the children entrusted to them (often at the cost of heroic sacrifice), while the Government has not rapidly enough built, staffed and equipped the necessary schools in those areas which have not been adequately served by the Assisted schools.

The Christian schools do not receive favoured treatment, as Mr. Mettananda falsely asserts. Many instances can be given of the unfavourable treatment that they have been subjected to.

Mr. Mettananda is angry that Colombo Plan Aid has been given to Aquinas University College. Aquinas is an institution of higher learning, open to all irrespective of religion, which has so far received no aid whatever from the Government, and which is desperately trying to maintain high standards despite enormous financial handicaps.

The Pirivena Universities are being entirely financed by Government. The only other institution of higher learning outside the University of Ceylon are Jaffna College, Navalar Hall, Aquinas and the Buddhist University College. Why should not Colombo Plan Aid for which the Government does not spend a cent be extended to them? Colombo Plan Aid is not meant for Government institutions only. In fact it is necessary to ask why so little of Colombo Plan Aid is given to non-Governmental Agencies in a non-Communist country which believes in free enterprise.

Of aid from other countries, the Christians have been helped less than most others. Considerable American Aid has been given to the Pandukabaya Buddhist Training College, the Buddhist Academy Training College, etc. We are not complaining in the least about such aid. On the contrary we cannot believe that the great majority of the Buddhists would object in the slightest to the small amount of Colombo Plan Aid that has so far been allotted to Aquinas.

Many charges were made against the Church by the Buddhist Commission Report. They have all been answered in the Companion to the Buddhist Commission Report which is still available.

Why does Mr. Mettananda persist in making allegations which he knows to be false?

Philip C. Dissanayake, O.M.I.,
General Manager, R.C. Schools.

That Broadcast

Please favour me with a little space in your esteemed journal to make a few comments on Mr. Mettananda's much published 'Banned Broadcast Speech.'

Mr. Mettananda says that it is a disadvantage to be a Buddhist because of the so-called preferential treatment meted out to the Christians in (a) the admission to Schools, (b) to Government Hospitals, (c) to the Government Service, etc., etc., (d) in the allocation of Crown Lands, (e) in allocation of Government Quarters, (f) in the Transfers to Healthy Stations, and (g) in the Appointments in the Public Service by the P.S.C., etc.

Will Mr. Mettananda please tell us on what kind of 'Preferential Treatment' the non-Christian students in Christian Schools, who according to him comprise the vast majority, are admitted? How many thousands of patients are being driven to the floor in State Hospitals simply because they happen to be Buddhists? How many qualified and suitable thousands, or at least hun-

dreds, have been debarred from entry into Government and Mercantile service, solely because they were products of non-Christian Schools? What is the total strength of Christians in Government Service who have been given Government Quarters and congenial Stations, to the exclusion of Buddhists?

Mr. Mettananda's 'Banned Broadcast' contains the old, old ammunition taken out of the same old armoury; the bigger the lie, it would appear the better the chances there are of getting it across!

The Independence gained by the people of Ceylon will end in a National holocaust, if stability, tranquility and peace are to be sacrificed on the altar of racial and religious aggrandisement.

Norbert C. Manatunga.

Geliyo.

A call to save the Assisted Schools

We have received the following letter from the Hon. Mr. W. Dahanayake, Prime Minister:

THIS letter is addressed to all those who believe that religion should be the foundation of a sound education. We believe that man cannot live without religion. Therefore, we believe that our children should be educated in the principles of religion and in a religious atmosphere. Thus education without religion would be something false.

It had become necessary to safeguard the position of religion in our schools because certain forces have arisen in the world which wish to destroy religion. It is not easy to destroy religion. But the forces of evil have very cleverly thought out a plan to destroy religion. Their plan is to take religion away from the schools. This is a master plan that has been devised by the Communists. The Communists work in devious ways. They have their fellow travellers everywhere. In countries where there are political parties, Communists penetrate into various political parties and foster their Communist principles. In Ceylon, the same thing has happened. The Communists have penetrated into most of the political parties. They

have also converted political parties into their ways of thinking. The most subtle of these plans has been to kill religion in the schools of Ceylon. During the last few years the Communists have spread their ideas on this question through the so-called national press of Ceylon. This press, for three years, has kept on saying that all denominational schools should be taken over by the Government. This was Communist propaganda. The so-called national press made people to think that this was a burning topic of the day, but the common people were not so interested. The common people are for religion. They want a religious basis in the education that is imparted to their children.

I discovered this Communist plot in time. During the last three years I have had to fight the Communists single-handed. But for my proper guidance, all the denominational schools would have been taken over by the State. It was a critical juncture in the history of education in Ceylon. I am happy that I was able to save the denominational schools. I am still happier that I am today able to lead a political party that will save the denominational schools in the future, and thereby ensure a

religious foundation for the education of Lanka's children in the generation to come.

The Marxist parties desire to destroy the denominational schools in order that religion itself may be destroyed. This is the true aim of political leaders like Dr. N. M. Perera, Mr. Philip Gunawardene, Dr. S. A. Wickremesinghe and Mr. Pieter Keuneman. They do not hide their policy. They want to take over the denominational schools to the State, so that the religion that is the life and soul of a denominational school can be removed.

There are two other parties, the United National Party and the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, which have a certain policy about denominational schools. These two parties say that grants should be given to a denominational schools only in respect of pupils who belong to the religion of the school. This means that if a Buddhist child attends a Christian school no grant will be paid in respect of this Buddhist child, if Mr. Dudley Senanayake or Mr. C. P. de Silva comes into power. Now let us examine this policy. Here are the figures of attendance in 13 Christian schools, classified into five columns, as on May 31st, 1959:—

Name of School	Denomination	Total number of pupils as on denomination 31-5-59	Pupils of like denomination	Other Pupils
1. St. Anthony's College, Panadura	Roman Catholic	774	264	510
2. Holy Cross College, Kalutara	Roman Catholic	823	417	406
3. St. Joseph's College, Colombo	Roman Catholic	1,293	1,073	220
4. Wesley College, Colombo	Methodist Christian	1,227	211	1,016
5. St. Aloysius' College, Ratnapura	Roman Catholic	371	99	272
6. St. Aloysius' College, Galle	Roman Catholic	1,239	336	903
7. Richmond College, Galle	Methodist Christian	1,092	64	1,028
8. St. Anthony's College, Kandy	Roman Catholic	1,226	295	931
9. Kingswood College, Kandy	Methodist Christian	901	81	820
10. St. Patrick's College, Jaffna	Roman Catholic	1,244	1,026	218
11. Jaffna College	American Christian Mission	1,401	—	1,401
12. Jaffna Central Methodist	Methodist Christian	1,121	118	1,008
13. St. Anne's, Kurunegala	Roman Catholic	1,218	477	741

The U.N.P. and the S.L.F.P. have both accepted the policy enunciated by Mr. P. de S. Kularatne, the U.N.P. candidate for Ambalangoda, that grants should be paid only in respect of pupils of like denominations. If the U.N.P. or S.L.F.P. came into power, and their policy is carried out, of the above 13 schools, 11 will have to close down. The two schools, St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's, will be able to survive. The Kularatne plan is a plan of administering slow poison to the denominational schools.

There is another aspect to this question. What is going to happen to the 1,016 non-Methodist children in Wesley College? What is going to happen to the 1,003 non-Methodist children in Jaffna Central College? Nearly 900 of them are Hindus. Mr. Kularatne, by depriving these children of the grant, will drive the children out of the schools, or these children will have to pay excessive fees to remain in their present schools, or these children will have to be given equally good schools run by government or belonging to their own religion. Thus Mr. Kularatne will be driving large members of Buddhist, Hindu and Muslim chil-

dren into the streets, depriving them of the sound education they are receiving now and causing educational ruin in the country.

This is the wonderful Kularatne plan which has been accepted by the U.N.P. without much thought. The U.N.P. was never guilty of deep-thinking. Otherwise, it would not have raised the price of rice from 25 cents to 70 cents. This party has a very superficial policy. It has been carried away by what they thought was a popular issue, and Mr. Dudley Senanayake has thrown himself into the arms of Mr. Kularatne. The Kularatne plan will, by one fell blow, ruin the denominational schools and also ruin the chances of large numbers of students attending our schools.

To zealous Buddhists, Christians, Muslim or Hindus, this question is a cause worthy of their greatest zeal and devotion. Their schools are in danger of annihilation by the Marxists as well as by the U.N.P. The Marxists have succeeded to the extent of being able to carry their subtle propaganda through into the policies of the U.N.P. and the S.L.F.P. The Marxists are aiming at the destruction of religion in a certain way.

Their fellow-travellers in the U.N.P. and the S.L.F.P. have planned the destruction of religion in another way. Both roads lead to the same destination. The Marxists' plan or the U.N.P./Plan will destroy religion in our schools. Thereby religion as a living force in the country will be very much weakened. There is a sacred duty which all those who love their religion have to perform. That is, to fight against those who seek to destroy the denominational schools.

Dear friends, your schools are the dearest possessions you have. They are dearer to you than your worldly possessions—your wealth, your estates, your employment and everything else that you have. These schools are the nurseries in which your children must learn to live as good men and women who follow the precepts of your religion. Therefore, dear friends, rouse yourselves up and protect your schools.

W. Dahanayake,
Prime Minister and
Minister of Education.

Temple Trees,
Colombo.

★ On October 2, 1946, the then Archbishop Stepinac stated at his trial: "The accused Archbishop of Zagreb knows not only how to suffer but also how to die for his convictions." Those words have been fulfilled to the letter, and down the corridors of time they will continue to ring, symbolic of the Cardinal who lived his martyrdom.

PRISONER-CARDINAL WHO LIVED HIS MARTYRDOM

The MESSENGER carries today extracts from the speech by Archbishop Stepinac at his trial on 2 October 1946 which brings into clear focus the real stature of the man who said: "if we have to perish, well, then we shall perish while doing our duty."

Government set up in Palestine? Or was it Mihailovich, who was not known at that time? Or was it your Government, functioning 'in the woods' — which did not even exist then? Is it possible to serve two masters at the same time? It would be against the moral law, and against international law. We could not ignore the Government in Zagreb, though it was an Ustashi Government. You have the right to question me and to make me answer for my misdeeds since May 8th 1945 — only.

"As to my so-called 'acts of terrorism,' you have no proof; nor will anyone believe you. If Lisak, Lela Sofijanetz and others came to me under assumed names, and if I received a letter which I

In prison, the late Cardinal Stepinac devoted most of his time to reading and meditation.

Thus, for example, the parish priest of Podravska Slatina, the Rev. Fr. Buerger, as a member of the Kulturbund,

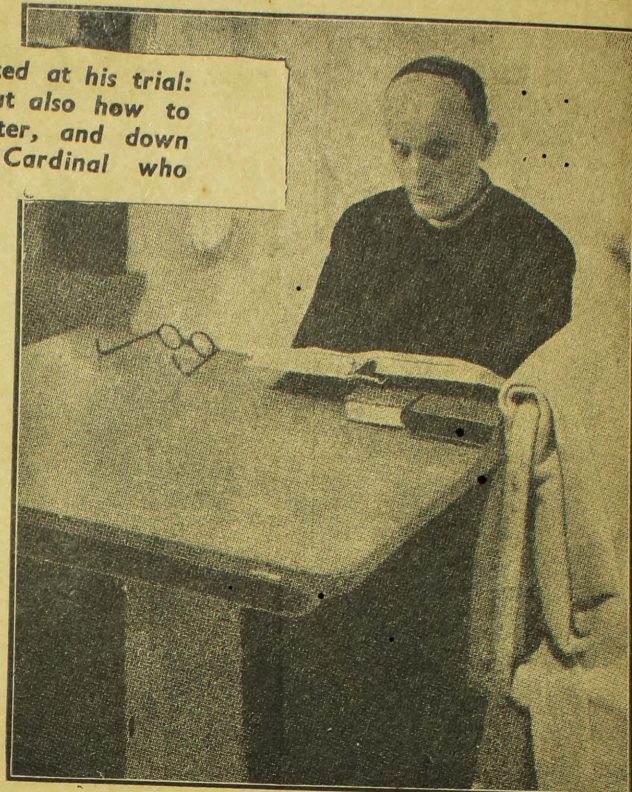
Cardinal Stepinac is dead, but his sufferings and those of others who underwent this treatment, will be enshrined centuries ahead, in the story of the Church Militant.

never read — then, if it be a crime, because men came to me, I shall receive the verdict with equanimity. It does not trouble my conscience if I issued a certificate of free movement to the Rev. Fr. Maric, for I did not do so with the purpose of creating disorder. For such a crime I should go to the other world with my soul at peace. Whether you believe me or not does not matter. The accused Archbishop of Zagreb knows not only how to suffer but also how to die for his convictions. Premier Bakaric (of Croatia) himself acknowledged to the Rev. Fr. Mila-novic: 'We are convinced that the Archbishop stands behind these acts, but we have no proof.' That is for me sufficient acknowledgment of my innocence.

THE CORE OF THE CONTROVERSY

"And now, what is the core of the controversy, and of our vicissitudes? And why has not a peaceful solution been reached? The Public Prosecutor has many times asserted that nowhere else is there such freedom of conscience as there is in this State. I shall give you a few facts showing just the contrary.

"Again I declare: between 260 and 270 priests have been killed by the National Liberation Front. There exists no civilised country in the world where so many priests would have been put to death for such 'crimes' as you have brought up against them.



KEY DATES

- 11 OCTOBER 1946: ARCHBISHOP STEPINAC IS CONDEMNED TO 16 YEARS IMPRISONMENT.
- 6 DECEMBER 1951: HE IS RELEASED FROM PRISON BUT PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST.
- 12 JANUARY 1953: POPE PIUS XII MAKES HIM A CARDINAL, THOUGH A VIRTUAL PRISONER.
- 10 FEBRUARY 1960: CARDINAL STEPINAC DIES.

an enemy of the State and of the people's authority. Do tell me, please, which was the lawful authority for me in 1941. Was it the Simovic Government, which as you say, put in a King illegally, against the Government? Or was it the 'traitorous,' as you call it, Government-in-exile in London? Or was it the

"TO all charges brought against me here in this Court I answer that my conscience is clear in every way — even though those present ridicule this. I shall not try to defend myself; nor shall I appeal against the verdict. For my convictions I am able to bear not only ridicule, hatred and humiliations, but, because my conscience is clear, I am ready at any moment to die.

"Hundreds of times here in this Court I have been called 'the accused Stepinac.' There is no one so naive as not to know that with 'the accused Stepinac' here on the defendant's bench sits the Archbishop of Zagreb, the Metropolitan of Croatia, and the head of the Catholic Church in Yugoslavia. You yourselves have many times appealed to the accused priests here in the Court to acknowledge that only Stepinac is guilty for their — the people's and the clergy's — stand. The ordinary Stepinac could not have had such an influence; only Archbishop Stepinac could. For seventeen months there has been waged a campaign against me in public and in the press. Furthermore, for twelve days I have borne actual internment in the Archbishop's Palace.

"You accuse me of being

(● These poignant lines are the offering of a Religious on the eve of her departure from Lanka where she served faithfully for well over two decades).

Let me carry your Cross for Lanka, Lord

LET me carry your Cross for Lanka, Lord, The hour of her trial draws near And the fang, and the pain, of the sacrifice, May be borne by comrades dear. But, Lord, take me from the offering throng, There are many far less prepared. Tho' anxious and all that they are to die, That Lanka may be spared.

Let me carry your cross for Lanka, Lord, Let me suffer the pain and shame. I bow my head to their rage and hate, And take on myself the blame. Let them do with my body what ever they will, My spirit I offer to You, That the faithful few who heard her call, May be true to Lanka and You.

Let me carry your Cross for Lanka, Lord, For Lanka; weak with tears. For the aged man with the clouded brow, For the child of tender years. For the empty homes on her golden plains — For the hope of the future too, Let me carry your Cross for Lanka, Lord, That Lanka may be true.

Let me carry Your Cross for Lanka, Lord, My cares in this world are few And few are the tears will fall for me When I go on my way to You. May Thy tender Heart its mercy shed On this land so dear to me, Let me carry Your Cross for Lanka, Lord, That Lanka may be free.

CARDINAL Stepinac — he was then an Archbishop only — was the first of the great Latin prelates to be victimised by the Communists.

Until four years ago two other members of the Sacred College — Cardinal Wyszynski in Poland and Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary — were also the close prisoners of their countries' Red regimes.

Tito's government was prepared to see him go to Rome to receive the red hat from the Holy Father.

But he knew that if he left Yugoslavia he would never be allowed back.

So he remained in Krasice. So has ended a valiant life.

He promised to remain with his people — and at the price of his freedom he kept his word.

"Now look at our Catholic schools. We built them in difficult times, and with great personal and national sacrifices. You have thrown us out and taken them away from us. Had not American friends sent us this year seventy tons of various materials we should not have been able to re-open the work in our provisional seminary, since we can no longer use the original one. And who are the seminarists? Capitalists? No; they are children of our poor peasant population. You have looted

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SEARCH AND RESEARCH

AFTER the big slices of documentation we have been giving our Readers week after week on the Quest for Fr. Vaz's Tomb, a little flavouring may be welcome today in the form of facts regarding the Cause as a whole.

In fact, only our attachment to the main objective of obtaining the Canonisation of our Apostle can minister the courage required to go on doggedly seeking and examining the clues to the whereabouts of his grave.

Incidentally, a paragraph in "News from Israel" (Vol. VII. No. 3, p. 5) tells us that "Israel town-planners, who wish to preserve the historic nature of the city (of Acre) in their future constructions, have devoted considerable time to collecting fragments of all maps and documents and to studying ancient buildings and monuments.

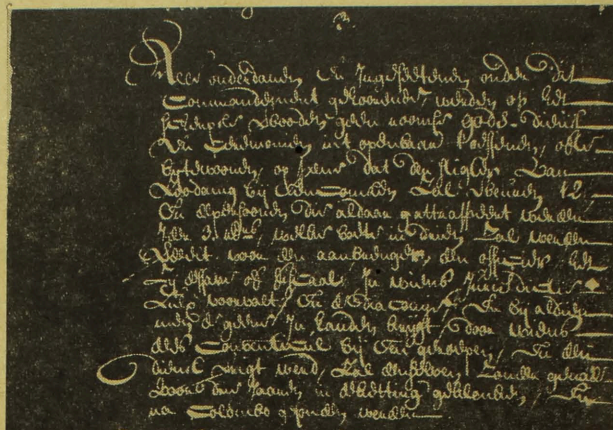
This is exactly what we have been doing for Fr. Vaz's tomb and how much more justified is the time and trouble expended. We are not out (like Israeli town-planners) just for history for history's sake. For us the recovery of history (and its sites) is linked up with the vital issue of bringing to our Catholic life the tremendous resources that the Canonisation of our old-time Apostle will make available to the children of our generation.

In fact, all the delving into documents that our search for Father's tomb leads us to is helpful to the general purposes of the Cause as well. We need an immediate objective to be on the alert for clues; but these clues necessarily contribute towards making the over-all picture of history more clear-cut and colourful.

With all that, we have not been neg-

lecting those documents directly needed by Fr. Postulator in Rome. The block on this page shows a photostat copy of one of the two

edicts (plankaaten) and stipulates the penalties for those caught holding or attending Catholic rites or ceremonies.



A true photostat copy from the Compendium of Dutch Plankaaten under my custody. Government Archives: Codex. 2393.

15th October 1959.
Government Archives Department,
Nawara Sliya.

Government Archivist.

priceless pieces His Lordship Bishop Edmund Peries has unearthed in our Government Archives and that should now be safe in Fr. Postulator's hands.

It is an extract from one of the Dutch

Our Readers will probably ask how this document will do its work towards establishing the case of Father Vaz's outstanding holiness.

Presented to the Sacred Congregation along with a mass of other material, it will be quoted by the Advocate in support of the point (a capital one) that there was active persecution in Ceylon at the time of Father's ministry. Here is

FATHER VAZ FEATURE

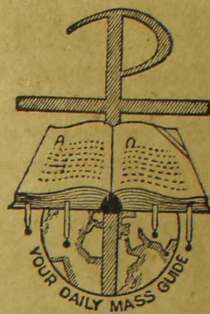
documentary evidence (first-hand and unassailable) that each time Fr. Vaz and his disciples conducted a Catholic service in the Dutch-occupied zones of Ceylon, they were running a very real risk of being "thrown into chains for three years." For, this is the penalty the Edict promises them if they are caught. From other sources we know for certain that the way Fr. Vaz and his companions went about saying Mass and giving the Sacraments, there were many chances of their being "caught." The "Devil's Advocate" will be the first to realise how helpful this document can be to the Cause. He will therefore strain every nerve to prevent it from being accepted by the Historical Section.

That the document is genuine cannot be questioned. Here is a photostat copy authenticated by the Government Archivist. The point is the place and period to which it refers. The photographed extract does not mention the country or the date. That it is Ceylon of Fr. Vaz's time has to be established by further reference to the "source" from which it is drawn—that is, from the complete document and the Archives where it is found. This is where the authority of recognised scholars comes in. Procedure by documentary proof is a painful process, we can see. How much easier it is when there is a living witness to come up before the Tribunal and swear to the facts he knows from personal experience. Holy Mother the Church is both wise and kind when She prescribes that normally the first canonical inquiry into the reported holiness of one of Her children should take place within 30 years of his death. Pope St. Pius the Tenth used to insist: the sooner, the better.

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Wednesday, 24 February: Feria. Mass of the Sunday. Violet.

Thursday, 25 February: St. Matthew. Red. Creed. Preface of the Apostles.

Friday, 26 February: Feria. As on Wednesday.

Saturday, 27 February: Mass of the Blessed Virgin. White. Preface of B.V.M.

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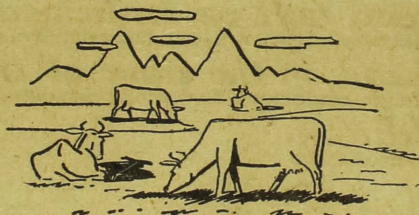
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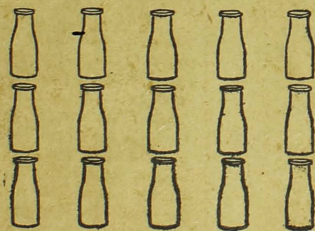
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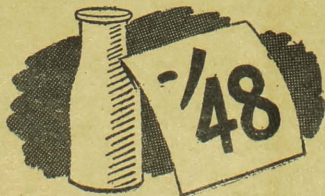
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Addressing the Diocesan and Local Directors of the Apostleship of Prayer, Pope Pius XI said, "Your duty will not be fulfilled as long as there is one soul still to be enrolled in this Apostleship."

If you wish to be a member, send your name and address to a Local Centre. Fr. R. Chiriatti, S.J., of St. Aloysius' College, Galle, is the National Director of the Apostleship of Prayer for Ceylon. The Messenger of the Sacred Heart is the organ of the Apostleship which propagates this devotion and publishes all information relative to it.

Pope Leo XIII, when he was Archbishop of Perugia, said, "The Apostleship of Prayer is so beautiful a work and unites so much fruitfulness with so much simplicity that it assuredly deserves all the favour of ecclesiastical authority. I rejoice to see it established in my diocese, and I shall never tire of promoting it. Our wish is that all Parish Priests and the directors of pious associations should devote themselves to introducing and fostering this work in the parishes and confraternities under their charge."

BRO. ANTHONY OF
PADUA, F.S.C.

HIS SEVENTH NOVEL FOR PRESS WEEK

VETERAN teacher on the staff of St. Joseph's College, Colombo, Mr. ANTHONY JAYAMANNE, has pots of "red" and "blue" ink in his veins.

A man of many parts, this prolific pen-pusher throughout his life has wielded his pen in many spheres.

Robin Hood uses the colours "red" and "blue" advisedly; Mr. JAYAMANNE has been responsible for a considerable output of anti-Red literature in this country, in Sinhala.

Between bouts of teaching lessons in class-rooms and out, he has been organizing Catholic Broadcasts, contributing to many local magazines and newspapers besides editing the "Samaja Samaya," the Sinhalese counterpart of "Social Justice."

A novelist with a high reputation too, Mr. ANTHONY JAYAMANNE has just brought out his seventh novel "Isibawa" ("Leisure"), dealing with the priestly life.

The foreword is by Fr. ERNEST PORUTHOTA.

Simultaneously released with this novel is also a translation in Sinhalese of the religious life of the Dominicans by Mr. Jayamanne.

Both books have made their appearance in time for the Archdiocesan Press Week.

LEONARD Wolf and a Ceylon Artist

VISITING literary celebrity, Mr. LEONARD ("Village in the Jungle") WOOLF who sojourned here after 50 years must have been heavily taxed by

the increasing influx of people who wanted to meet him.

Stealing a march over everybody was Mr. JAMES BULNER, the well-known artist who turned out the Messenger Christmas Cover of last year.

Mr. BULNER, who had cartooned the famous writer's novel in the Ceylon Observer, was one of the first to chat with the visiting author who is also head of the well-known Hogarth Press.

CEYLON Monastery in London news

Far from Ceylon's palm-fringed shores, way out in England, people are talking about our Rosary Ashram, in Tholagatty.

London's "Catholic Herald" carried a feature on it, and of its pioneer, Fr. B. A. THOMAS, O.M.I.

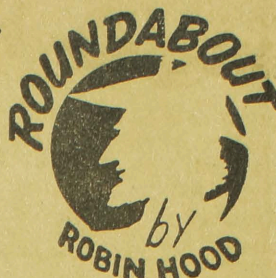
25 YEARS a teacher

COMPLETING her twenty-five years as a teacher last week was Mrs. EDITH FLORENCE THYRIAR of St. Anne's Convent, Wattala.

Way back in 1935 she took up her first appointment at St. Anne's during the tenure of Rev. Mother Angel of the Blessed Sacrament.

She was also attached to St. Sebastian's English School, Hulsdorf for thirteen years.

In 1949 she was recalled to St. Anne's, Wattala.



Mrs. THYRIAR is in charge of English in the Upper Forms.

PERSONAL

THE Head Teacher of St. Anne's Mixed School, Kurana, has been appointed as an Assistant Inspector of Schools.

The onerous services rendered by him to the School in particular and to Kurana in general were eloquently referred to at a farewell accorded to him, recently.

GENIAL and popular Conductor of the Colombo Municipal Tramways, O. A. FERNANDO, has retired from active service owing to ill-health.

He counts 33 1/2 years service of which 18 years were under Messrs. Boustead Brothers.

CEYLONESE in Australia

BRO. ANTON SELEMBRAM who left Ceylon to join the Order of the Blessed Sacrament will don his robes on 27 February, 1960. He is presently at the headquarters of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers at Eymard House, in Queensland, Australia.

Card. Stepinac is dead but...

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the seminary of all its furnishings, of all its property. You have done no less damage than the Gestapo, who robbed the seminary of its farmlands at Mokritza. Why have you done all this? We are not against agrarian reforms — the Holy See has issued many Encyclicals on social reforms — no; but we say that reforms concerning Church property ought to be made in agreement with the Holy See. Is it not manifestly scandalous to maintain that nowhere does the Church enjoy so much freedom as here?

"All our Catholic press is destroyed. All our Catholic printing plants have been taken away from us. We have no longer a press of our own. That press which you have so savagely attacked here in this Court exists no more. The

Dominicans gave a spiritual book, which I had translated from the French, to be printed at a cost of 75,000 dinars. But they never received these books. How much damage was sustained? Is that your freedom of the press? The Society of St. Jerome has ceased to exist. It is a grave offence against the whole people thus to treat their greatest and oldest cultural institution.

"Look also at our Catholic orphanages and institutions for the poor. You have liquidated them. Not the buildings, but those who gave help and consolation there. Our nursing Sisters in the Catholic hospitals must bear untold miseries and hardships. And yet you have the temerity to say that the Church is nowhere so free as in Yugoslavia. You have reproached me here for the work of my Caritas. But I tell you here in this Court that Caritas has performed untold services for our people and your children.

"Then there is the question of religious instruction in the schools. You have laid down the rule; in the higher grades of the schools religious instruction is forbidden, and in the lower grades it is according to choice. How can you give to children the right to determine for themselves when they have not grown up, while those in the higher grades, who are capable of deciding for themselves, are not allowed freedom of choice?

"Against the overwhelming opposition of the people you have introduced civil marriage. Why did you not interpret this freedom in accordance with the mentality of our people?

"No; the material question is the least of our problems. The sad thing is this: not a single Bishop, not a single priest in this country knows in the morning if he will be alive that evening, and knows

at night if he will see the light of dawn.

ATHEISM IN THE SCHOOLS

"Here are, so that you may understand why we fight, some three or four more examples of your freedom. In the classrooms it is officially taught, in defiance of all historical proofs, that Jesus Christ never existed. Know ye then: Jesus Christ is God. And for Him we are ready to die. And today it is your teaching that He never actually lived. If a teacher dared to teach the contrary, it would be certain that he would be cast out. I tell you, Mr. Public Prosecutor, that under such conditions the Church is not free, but will be annihilated in a short time. Christ is the foundation of Christianity. You have concern for the Orthodox Serbs. But I ask you: how can you conceive of Orthodoxy without Christ? How can you conceive of the Catholic Church without Christ? That is an utter absurdity.

"In the school books it is stated that the Mother of God is an adulteress. Do you not know that for both Catholics and Orthodox the Mother of God enshrines the holiest of thoughts and affections?

"You have ordained, as the official doctrine, that man originated from the apes. Perhaps some people may have that ambition. But why order that as an official theory when today no scholar of world renown holds to that belief? According to your understanding, materialism is the only worth-while system. And that means the erasure of God and of Christianity. If there is nothing but matter — then thank you for your freedom!

TO THE COMMUNISTS

"Finally, I want to say a few words to the Communist Party, which is my real accu-

Messenger Journalism Awards

SIX major awards constitute the current year's MESSENGER Journalism Awards. Here is the complete list of prizes now offered to readers of this paper:—

(1) THE MESSENGER WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD — for the year's outstanding article with a Catholic background awarded by His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I.

(2) THE J. P. DE FONSEKA AWARD — for the year's outstanding poem with a Catholic setting presented by the Catholic Press.

(3) THE JOHN LEO DE CROOS MEMORIAL PRIZES — (a) Rs. 250/- presented by Shri A. L. J. Croos Raj Chandra for the best essay on the Blessed Virgin. The theme this year will be "Cause of our Joy." The essays should be within the 1000-1500 word range. (b) Rs. 50/- also presented by Shri A. L. J. Croos Raj Chandra for the runner-up.

(4) THE A. X. MACHADO MEMORIAL AWARD — for the year's best short story presented by Mr. Joachim R. Machado, M.B.E. Short stories should not exceed 1000 words in length.

(5) THE ST. MICHAEL'S STUDIO AWARDS — (a) for the year's best poem and (b) for the year's best article presented by Mr. Michael Rodriguez. This contest is open only to Schools-Mag members.

(6) THE PERPETUAL NOVENA AWARDS — (a) for the best poem and (b) the best article on the subject "Our Lady of Perpetual Succour" presented by NOVENA NEWS. The prizes will be Rs. 100/- for each of the two sections.

ser. If you think that I have taken the present stand because of material things, then you are wrong, for we remained firm even after you had made us poor. We are not against the workers obtaining greater rights in the factories, for this is in the spirit of the Papal Encyclicals. Nor are we against reforms.

But let the leaders of Communism allow us to say: If there is to be freedom to spread materialism, then let us have the right to confess and propagate our principles. Catholics have died, and will die, for that right. When you ask for our loyalty, then we are obliged to ask you to respect the least of our rights.

"I conclude: with goodwill, an understanding can come about. The initiative lies with the present authorities. Neither I nor the Episcopate are the ones to enter this basic agreement that is a matter between the State and the Holy See.

"As to myself and the verdict, I seek no mercy. My conscience is clear."

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Elections and Voting

EXACTLY four weeks from today, the country will go to the polls, and for the fourth time in our history as a free and independent nation, the common man in the street will be the master, electing the representatives who will govern the country for the next five years. For all the talk that we have heard of democracy, and the facility with which this magic word is being bandied about by the leaders of each of the twenty-three political parties contesting the election fray, we are yet to hear of any one of them who talk of the *duties*, both of the elector as well as the elected, in the framework of democracy. Speaking of rights, and crying out from the house-tops that democracy must at all costs be defended, is only one side of the story; the much bigger aspect of the question — certainly the more difficult and the less pleasant aspect of it — is that democracy demands certain duties as well, and that unless and until a genuine and serious attempt is made to fulfil these duties, the entire content of democracy is nullified, and it becomes an empty and meaningless thing.

That really is one of the dangers that confronts us today; and it is one to which we must address ourselves at least now, well before the elections are upon us. We would wish to focus the minds of our readers on one aspect of these duties — those of the average man-in-the-street, the voter, who elects the men and women who will govern us.

For that one brief day, it is this much-maligned man-in-the-street who will hold the destiny of the nation in his hands; it is he who will, in large measure, decide how the country will be governed and it is he, who by the exercise of his vote, will perform an act fraught with immense responsibility and consequences for himself and for the nation as a whole.

A few weeks ago, we published a series of articles — which we hope to continue next week — intended to educate the Catholic citizen in the realisation of his civic consciousness, and of the immense responsibility that is his or hers especially at a time of elections. Parliamentary elections are something far more important than municipal or urban council elections — for here, we are dealing with the legislature of the land, with the men and women who will frame the laws, dictate the policy, and shape the future of our country.

And yet, despite the seriousness of the vote, there still are those who will remain loftily unconcerned; there still are those who will prefer, as they imagine, the calm and tranquillity of their comfortable parlours; there still are those, in other words, who on some pretext or other — laziness, ignorance or sheer cussedness — will not exercise this right to vote. It is this aspect of democracy that we wish to emphasise today. Let it not be said that there is even one Catholic citizen, who through cowardice or indolence, turns a deaf ear to the call of his country.

We consider it our right and duty to draw the attention of our readers to the extraordinary importance of elections and the *moral responsibility* which rests on everyone who has the right to vote. We consider it the obligation of a Catholic newspaper to alert all Catholics against the terrible malady of "isolationism" and of aloofness, as though it were some kind of high virtue to abstain from voting. Politics, some of these people will say, is a dirty game; and they do not wish to have their hands soiled by the battle of the arena. But these same people who will, therefore, refrain from voting, will surely sully their Christian conscience by a great act of abstention completely in violation of all Christian duties.

Pope Pius XII had some very forthright words to say, in the course of an address to the Delegates of the International Conference on Emigration on October 17, 1951. He said on that occasion:

"It is a strict duty for all who have the right, men or women, to take part in the elections."

The recent Kerala elections have a pointer for all of us, when the Reds received a resounding defeat, due largely to a large turn-out on election day. If, out of the bitterness and chaos of Communist rule, the men and women had learnt the great lesson of voting, surely we in Ceylon could take a leaf from their book, realise the immense issues facing us in our own land, and fulfil our civic duty with a sense of responsibility.

Abstention is a real and grave danger here in Ceylon; and this year, in particular, with the restrictions on transport, it becomes an even greater danger. There can be no excuse whatsoever for a so-called "educated Catholic" to desert his or her post of duty on election day; in fact, it is everyone's duty to exercise whatever influence he possesses, and to awaken others to a realisation of their civic duty.

Voting is one thing; but voting correctly is the greater duty. That is why in the four weeks remaining, Catholic citizens have a serious charge placed on their conscience — it is the sacred trust of seriously and systematically looking into the policies offered by the various parties, and then making up their minds before God, devoid of all passion and prejudice. Pius XII put it succinctly and clearly, when he said:

"Everyone has to vote according to the dictates of his own conscience. Now, it is evident that the voice of this conscience imposes upon every sincere Catholic the duty of giving his or her vote to those candidates, or those lists of candidates, who really offer sufficient assurances for safeguarding the rights of God and the souls of men, for the real good of individuals, families, and society, according to the law of God and moral Christian doctrine."

Democracy is something far more than a catch-word; it is a sacred charge placed upon us. And in the context of the chaos and indiscipline that seem to have gripped our land, the charge becomes all the more grave. Let it not be said after March 19th, that there was even one Catholic citizen anywhere in Ceylon, who through sheer indolence, preferred to be inactive, silent and unresponsive to the call of his country and his Christian conscience!

CURRENT / COMMENT

by the Editor

"THE CHURCH HAS DECLARED A HOLY WAR"—the trouble-mongers say

WE have been hearing it repeatedly the past few weeks; we have seen it in print on a number of occasions; we have even had it actually hurled straight at us. Well, they ought to know! It is we who have been asking for trouble; it is we Catholics who have started the quarrel; it is we who have declared, as they say, a "holy war." They, poor things, are the innocent ones — as innocent and simple as doves, exuding simplicity and innocence at every turn. And we Catholics, we are the arch-villains of the piece — sometimes scheming, sometimes challenging, sometimes engaging in open warfare.

Now what is all this talk about a "holy war" that the Archbishop is supposed to have waged with his New Year Message, and which Catholics, and in particular Catholic Action, is accused of pursuing with a vengeance, ever since? What is this crusade that we are supposed to be engaged in — a "holy war" that we have launched against Leftists and Marxists?

These critics of ours, who will arrogate to themselves the prerogative of judging what is Christian and what is not, who will imagine that they are some kind of depositaries of Christ's teaching (while all the time worshipping at the shrine of Marx, Engels and Lenin — and what came of Stalin?), seem to conveniently forget that, as the Archbishop himself pointed out in his Message, there was nothing new whatsoever in the guidance he was giving his flock. He was merely reminding them of their Christian duties which had been there all along, which had been enunciated clearly far earlier, and which will stay on long after the rabble-rousers of today are no more. And he was merely stating the position of Catholics in the face of persons who had made it their life-job to crush the Church and in fact all religion. To anyone who will pause and reflect, the situation becomes clear: if a robber and a thief, turning on his most charming smile, tries to gain entrance into my house, I will resist it with all the force at my command, knowing full well what his ultimate objectives are. My resistance then does not become a "holy war"; it does not become an intolerant tyranny; it is mere commonsense.

Anyone who knows the past (and the present) of Marxism, will see the application. Anyone who reads the heroic words of the Prisoner-Cardinal Stepinac which we publish today, will see the parallel. Anyone who looks around the world, listens occasionally to Radio Moscow, and gets the opportunity (as we have had) of gazing personally on some of the "relics" of Communist religious freedom, will know...

But then, of course, it would be "un-Christian" to see these uncomfortable facts; it would be "un-Christian" to be forewarned and to act in time. That is the only kind of "Christianity" that certain people seem to know!

Surely, it is something diabolical — and something that has been seen elsewhere — when men will stoop so low as to pretend that they are indeed champions of the religious freedom of Catholics, but enemies only of the so-called political activity of the hierarchy... when all the time, they know full well, that religion of every kind will be wiped out as a hopeless relic of the past, in the fullness of their own time!

The Nun's Story

AS expected, our comments on the film have raised a flutter, (sometimes minor, sometimes major) in certain dovecotes. And we have even received letters from some irate readers, who have taken objection to our film-re-

viewer's comment that this film is "theologically sound." The entire trouble is that that particular phrase was, as was then said, a quotation from the Legion of Decency's verdict on the film! And if, despite the obvious defects of the film (serious ones too!), the Legion of Decency, with its exigent standards, went out of its way to make out a case for the film, then, surely there must be some good in it after all. This is the least one could say.

To the critics of our editorial comment, we have little to say beyond asking them to read our comment with care. We pointed out some of the defects of the film; we stressed that it sinned fundamentally against fact and truth, for neither the film nor the book can claim to be a true biography; we even indicated some of the many untrue statements and insinuations; and we said that it gave a dismal and unfaithful impression of the religious life, which in fact is something dynamic, cheerful and beautiful.

But despite these and other drawbacks, we still feel that the film has certain advantages: one of which is, to our mind, that at last Hollywood has been able to get away from the hackneyed theme of a love-affair in the monastery! Here is a nun who has an entirely different crisis, who has obviously missed the point of her religious life, but who, despite it all, is not in the usual love-tangle that Hollywood introduces. Discipline and self-restraint, if exaggerated in the film, still remain the essence of the spiritual life.

We would wish people to look on this film not as a series of incidents — on which ground it is a pathetic hotch-potch of hopelessly imaginative scenes — but rather as a new concept in handling the religious vocation theme. As such, it represents a welcome departure from the kind of thing that has disgusted us so often before. The over-all message of the film is not that the religious life was a failure, but that Sister Luke had failed — "I couldn't take it, and I failed," as she herself said later.

Thirty Day Retreat

SOMETHING new and something big in the spiritual life of Ceylon is due to take place next month: the thirty-day retreat for priests which will be conducted by Rev. Fr. M. K. Claude, the Indian Jesuit preacher who has earned for himself a reputation in this sphere of the apostolate.

The Ignatian ideal of a thirty-day retreat for priests has been tried out in India on a number of occasions, and the response, from what we hear, has been most heartening. This is the first occasion that Ceylon will be blessed with this movement, and one can only hope and pray that right through the thirty days of March, when about twenty of Ceylon's pastors will be in the Jesuit Retreat House of Lewella, entirely absorbed in the things of God, the Catholics of Ceylon will be with them, sustaining them by

their prayers in this all-important and unique undertaking.

Vice in the Headlines

ADDRESSING a gathering of over 800 legionaries of Mary in London recently, in the course of a two day conference on the Legion's Youth Work, Cardinal Godfrey strongly condemned an unsavoury aspect of life in modern Britain, "the blatant publicising of evil and vice." "I am of the opinion," the Cardinal said, "that all the talk there is about vice is only helping to produce it."

Referring to the parading of vice in literature, magazines and newspapers, the Cardinal castigated those who were responsible for this as placing additional difficulties in the way of youth who were trying to be good.

In the context of what we have ourselves said about similar evils in our own country, Cardinal Godfrey's warning would be an eye-opener to all who have anything at all to do for youth. Instead of helping the young of today in their uphill task, let us not be silent when magazines and newspapers become an additional obstacle in their way.

Religious Prejudice and the U. N.

AT a time such as this, when there are people who will create and foster religious prejudice, with the hope of riding into power on a wave of religious bitterness in Ceylon, it might be useful to recall that a resolution condemning recent manifestations of anti-Semitism and other forms of "national hatred" and racial and religious prejudice, and proposing measures aimed at their eradication, was adopted unanimously by the United Nations Sub-commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

The Sub-commission also gave unanimous approval to another resolution urging support and wide dissemination for an extensive study on religious discrimination prepared by the special rapporteur on the subject, Dr. Arcot Krishnaswami of India.

It is interesting to note that the Krishnaswami Report contains a set of 16 basic rules or principles, which are meant to be of help to governments in their efforts to combat religious discrimination.

It is sure to be highly beneficial to a country such as ours, passing through the present crisis, when racial and religious differences are being exploited by unscrupulous men, to give wide publicity to the contents of the Krishnaswami Report, and so to create public opinion with the hope that its provisions will wield some influence in our presently highly-charged atmosphere.

PERSONAL

WE request the prayers of our readers for the soul of Rev. Fr. L. R. Anthony's mother who died this week.

R. I. P.

CATHOLIC PRESS WEEK

6 to 13 March 1960

WHAT YOU can DO ABOUT IT

The Archdiocesan Catholic Press Week this year begins on Sunday, 6 March 1960.

His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I., in a circular issued to the clergy and the faithful stresses the importance of Catholic Literature in the everyday life of the Catholic, and as an antidote to the flood of irreligious publications. Below we reproduce His Grace's circular:

Archbishop's House,
14 February, 1960.

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. Organized 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 on 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. Adequate 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 PRABODANAYA, the GNANARTHA PRADIPAYA, the MESSENGER OF THE SACRED HEART, the SATHIYA VEDA PADUKAVAN.

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, 6th March to Sunday, 13th March, we earnestly request you:

1. On the Sunday preceeding Press Week, i.e., on 28th February, 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 6-3-60 is for the support of Catho-

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 6th to 13th March, 1960, 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, Legionaries 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, 1960, 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. Literary Secretary,
Colombo Catholic Diocesan Union.

C. B. D.,
St. Philip Neri's,
Pettah, 15-2-60.

lic 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.

Puttalam's Farewell to Pastor

(from our Puttalam correspondent)

THE Catholics of Puttalam were visibly grieved as they bade farewell to their Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. L. J. Augustine, who, during the two short years of his ministry there, changed the face of Puttalam. He it was who introduced the Legion of Mary and the Young Christian Workers to Puttalam.

After the Parish Mass on Sunday, 14 February, the parishioners gathered round their pastor for the last time. Two touching address papers were read and, as a token of the esteem in which he was held, a presentation was made, after which he posed for

two group photographs—one with the Legionaries of Mary and the other with the members of the Y.C.W.

On Monday, ten priests of the Chilaw diocese accompanied Fr. Augustine to Jaffna where he assumes duties as Parish Priest of the Cathedral. Puttalam's loss is undoubtedly Jaffna's gain.

Block Rosary at Waragoda

(from our Kelaniya correspondent)

REV. Fr. Vincent Dep, Parish Priest of Peliyagoda, spoke

feelingly of the significance of the Rosary Crusade when a few days ago he blessed a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes and consecrated the altar which was constructed to support it in the premises of one of the families of the sixteen Rosary groups at Waragoda which held a candlelight procession on this occasion, before the usual evening recitation of the Rosary.

Fr. Dep appealed to them to carry out the Block Rosary obligations without interruption and in a spirit of holy unity. The ceremony ended with the singing of hymns specially selected for the occasion.

1960 MESSENGER JOURNALISM AWARD COUPON No. 5

I submit herewith my entry for the 1960 Messenger Journalism Awards

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

SECTION (State here for which of the 5 Awards you are entering).....

Jubilee Celebrations at Dehiwela

(by a Messenger reporter)

WITH great pomp and splendour, in the presence of a large number of priests, and a throng of parishioners, Dehiwela's Jubilee celebrations took place last week-end. His Lordship the Bishop of Kandy presided at Solemn Vespers on Saturday, the 13th, and His Grace the Archbishop celebrated the Pontifical High Mass on Sunday.

One of the highlights of the celebrations was His Grace's reading out of a special blessing received from the Supreme Pontiff:

"Holy Father thanks Parish Priest and parishioners for message of loyalty and cordially imparts Apostolic blessing to Father Peries and parishioners occasion 125th anniversary St. Mary's Church, Dehiwela." CARDINAL TARDINI.

When His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B., arrived on Saturday evening, he blessed the statue of Our Lady which was taken in solemn procession. Pontifical Vespers followed, after which His Lordship

addressed the vast gathering. A grand display of fireworks brought the day to a close.

On Sunday, His Grace the Archbishop sang Pontifical High Mass. In the course of a touching sermon, he referred to the large number of vocations to the priesthood from the Parish, and paid a tribute to the devoted pastors who had worked in the Parish, mentioning in particular, the late Mgr. Don Peter, the late Rev. Fr. Theobald de Silva, and Rev. Fr. Romuald Fernando, O.M.I.

Both on Saturday and Sunday, the Army Band was in attendance, and the facade of the church was illuminated for the celebrations.

New Bishop's Pastoral Visit

(from W. G. P., "Messenger" correspondent)

THE parishioners of Bandarawela accorded a cordial welcome to His Lordship the Bishop of Kandy, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayakkara O.S.B., when he paid his first pastoral visit to Bandarawela recently.

On His Lordship's arrival, he was met at the Post Office junction by the Parish Priest, Very Rev. Fr. Abaysekera, and Mr. M. J. Peiris,

President of the Catholic Association. After the other members of the clergy present were introduced to His Lordship, he was taken in procession to



His Lordship the Bishop of Kandy, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayakkara, O. S. B., on his Pastoral Visit to Bandarawela. With His Lordship in our picture, is Rev. Fr. Huctin O.M.I.

(Photo: Silva Studio)

the church, preceded by a troupe of Kandy dancers and followed by a large gathering of the parishioners.

At the church, after the customary ceremonies, His Lordship officiated at the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The following morning he said the 7 o'clock Mass and preached an eloquent sermon, exhorting the parishioners to stand fast in the Mystical Body in order to face the dark and difficult times ahead. Later in the forenoon, he held a Confirmation

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R. I. P.

We request the prayers of our readers for the repose of the soul of Fr. G. Cazuguel, O.M.I., who died on Monday, the 15th. The funeral took place the same day.

A fuller obituary notice will appear in a subsequent issue.

Women's

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★ FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE HOUSE-PROUD ...

Women's-Mag
Members Parade

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375. Mrs. L. Dawn Fernando (Colombo 5), 376. Mrs. B. G. Perera (Grandpass), 377. Miss L. S. E. de Silva (Peradeniya), 378. Miss Joyce Dep (Colombo 13), 379. Miss Therese Fernando (Colombo 4), 380. Mrs. T. A. Krishnaratne (Wattala), 381. Mrs. E. Muttukumaru (Colombo 5), 382. Miss Antoinette Therese Gunawardene (Wellawatte), 383. Mrs. Frank L. de Silva (Kegalle), 384. Mrs. S. C. R. Manatunga, 385. Mrs. Irene Eunice Alphonso (Colombo 13), 386. Mrs. Beatrice De Soysa (Kandy), 387. Miss Matilda Satianathan (Kegalle), 388. Miss Janet Edirisinghe (Colombo 13), 389. Mrs. Reggie Ameresekere (Kalutara North), 390. Mrs. Teresa Morais (Angulana), 391. Mrs. Celine Roche (Ratnapura), 392. Mrs. Carmen Motha (Mattakuliya), 393. Mrs. Esme Vaz (Mutwal), 394. Mrs. Grace Wijegoonewardena (Mount Lavinia), 395. Mrs. Catherine Hettiaratchi (Dehiwala), 396. Mrs. Philomena Perera (Dehiwala), 397. Lady Rodrigo (Mutwal), 398. Mrs. Isabella Marcus (Wellampitiya), 399. Mrs. N. E. Bulner (Talawakelle), 400. Miss Mary Philomena Abraham (Bandarawela).

(To be continued)

THERE IS A MORAL HERE

THE Scripture story of Martha and Mary, while providing an interesting topic for discussion is at the same time a tale with a good moral for those of us who are house-proud.

The narrative goes that Jesus Christ paid a visit to his friends — Lazarus and his sisters at Bethany, Martha and Mary. Although they were two sisters, they were as poles apart in temperament. The New Testament does not tell us much about Martha, so we have no opportunity of judging her character, but from the incident that transpired during Our Lord's visit, we can infer that she must have been an exceedingly hospitable and house-proud woman. We can also infer from the personality conflicts and friction between the sisters that Mary was a perfect study in contrast.

As far as we can gather, they were in much the same circumstances as we are today. Owing to the scarcity of servants, as we have to cope with every kind of housework, Martha was always busy about many things and especially so when their Lord and Friend had deigned to visit them. She went through each dull, domestic rite with infinite care and patience, getting the food ready and making all preparations for

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the Master's meal. She was conscious of the great honour that was being bestowed on them and she was keen on giving her distinguished Guest, due hospitality. She was determined to have everything as perfect as possible.

Was it surprising, then, that she was finicky and flurried? And also annoyed with Mary who sat idly listening to Him, not lending a hand nor even so much as lifting a finger to help her? With little understanding and less sympathy she gave vent to her feelings. "Lord is it no concern of Thine that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her therefore to help me."

To those of us who are supposed models of efficiency as housekeepers, to us who make a fetish of hospitality, this petulant complaint is quite understandable, as coming from an overwrought mind encumbered with much service. But Our Lord evidently didn't think so for He gently rebuked her. "Martha, Martha thou art anxious and troubled about many things and yet only one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the best part and it will not be taken from her."

He would not have commended Mary even after Martha drew His attention to her negligence if He thought it wrong for her to behave like a lady of leisure while Martha slaved.

Those of us who have more of Martha's traits might be puzzled at our Lord's apparent lack of sympathy. We wonder why He did not feel it necessary to stick up for poor, harrassed Martha. Although she was no paragon of virtue, in her own way she gave of her best to Him and undoubtedly He loved her in spite of her

faults and foibles. From His reproof we can only gather that He was not favourably disposed towards house-proud women. When the duties of hospitality were translated into a ritual of much fussing round every detail, much concern that everything was just so, even He, the honoured Guest, must have felt ill-at-ease. He wanted to make her realise that it is possible to be an efficient hostess and yet retain the same sweet graciousness of spirit and intentness of purpose as Mary. He wanted her to see that Mary's peaceful conversation and absorbing attention to what He said, was more conducive to the enjoyment of His visit than all the fussing.

Like Mary let us lay aside our "business" and listen attentively at Our Lord's feet. Let us lay aside our occupations while we seek communion with Him; and be more interested in seeking spiritual refreshments, for it is then and only then that we can hope to hear the same tribute He paid to Mary of Bethany — "Mary has chosen the best part and it will not be taken from her."

Woman's-Mag
Spotlight

● After the household chores, a spot of music.

A KEEN reader of the Messenger Women's-Mag, Mrs. N. E. Bulner has been a resident of Kurunegalle for over three years.

As you will observe from her picture, she is enamoured of her Piano-Accordeon!

Reading, cooking, dress-making go to make up her daily routine and her little daughter Wendy takes up much of her time too.

Incidentally, Mrs. Yvonne Pietersz was one-time winner of the Catholic Hour Quiz Programme. Two valuable books she won as prizes were gifted to the Kurunegalle Catholic Library.

Her husband is a government servant attached to the Kachcheri.

RECIPES

● Pineapple Pudding

Ingredients: 1/4 lb. butter, 5 1/2 ozs. sugar, 4 ozs. flour, 1-3 cups of milk, 3 eggs, 1 medium size pineapple.

Method: Peel and cut pineapple into small pieces, sprinkle a little sugar and leave aside, melt butter and the remaining sugar together, add milk and strew the flour carefully and boil, add pineapple only reserving the juice for syrup. Remove from the fire and add yolks of eggs. Lastly add whites of eggs beaten into a stiff froth and mix thoroughly. Put the mixture into a buttered dish and bake. Serve with the juice made into syrup.

● Baked Sago Pudding

Ingredients: 1/2 lb. sago, 2 pints milk, 1/2 lb. jaggery, 1/4 lb. chopped cadju-nuts, 1/4 lb. plums, 2 ozs. butter.

Method: Heat the butter in a pan, put the sago in and keep stirring till brown, add 1 1/2 pts. of milk and the jaggery and boil till it is soft, take off from the fire and then turn the mixture on to a greased dish, adding the remaining 1/2 pt. of milk. Add all the chopped fruits (plums and cadju-nuts) and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes.

Sent by Deanna De Silva.
Kotahena.

Cigarette Ash

Nothing ruins highly-polished furniture quicker than cigarette ash. Absentminded card players are the worst offenders — but a gentle reminder in the form of a card ashtray will work wonders.

Plum Cake

When making plum cake, warm both fruit and sugar (the latter not too much). It will be easier to mix, and the fruit will not sink. Do not put it at the top of the oven. Moderate heat is better.

Bacon Rind

Clean bacon rind and save it for flavouring soups and vegetables.



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WOMEN'S-MAG

I am a regular reader of the Messenger. I am a Catholic and I am interested in the Women's-Mag.

NAME (Miss/Mrs.).....

ADDRESS.....

IS THERE SORROW
IN YOUR LIFE?

LOOKING back over the past years some of us may find that sorrow has been our constant companion. How many hearts wrung in pain and sorrow send forth this anguished cry: "Why oh why should it be me, what wrong have I done?"

God, we can be sure, looks on us with pity and with love in every dark hour. It is His wish that we live and bear up. He is there all the while so close that one has only to reach out to clasp His dear hand.

Let us not fear to face sorrow

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or suffering or think of it as a punishment.

We could not be further away from the truth. It is only to those who can help to carry a fragment of His tremendous Cross that He sends suffering.

Suffering is a test of character, of greatness and nobility. Then let us make haste to live and consider each day a life. Live today so that you can say tomorrow: "What a lovely yesterday!"

When the spring and summer of life are over and autumn winds herald the coming of winter, then looking back we would understand His ways more clearly. Sorrow, pain and suffering come into the lives of all of us at some time or other. Let us then not question God's justice but bow to His decree.

Let us ask not only a share in His crown but also in His cross. With Christ as an example, sorrow and suffering become deeply beautiful and significant. After the blood-red blackened skies of Good Friday, three days of anguish and heartrending sorrow, come the glory, the joy, the unending happiness of Easter.

"I walked a mile with pleasure
She chatted all the way
But I am none the wiser
For all she had to say
I walked a mile with sorrow
And never a word said she
But oh the things I learned
from her
When sorrow walked with me."

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WOMEN'S PAGE WILL
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FORTNIGHT

Oranges

Oranges are much easier to peel after they have spent a few minutes in hot water.

When cleaning knives

When cleaning knives add a little baking soda to the cleaning powder. This helps to remove stains.

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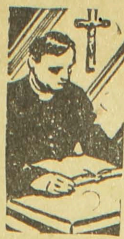
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TALKS WITH JUNIORS AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR

By
Uncle
Ashley

My dear children,
During the first centuries the altar
table was a stone slab placed

over the Tomb of a martyr. The sacrifice was offered upon this stone slab and today we have the altar-stone in its place. There is on the altar stone a little cavity in the centre. This cavity is also called the sepulchre for in it is buried the relics of saints and martyrs. When the priest ascends the altar He kisses the altar stone seven times during Low Mass (and eight times during High Mass) in reverence to the saints whose relics are contained therein and prays to them in that beautiful prayer "We beseech Thee O Lord by the merits of those thy saints whose relics are contained herein and of all the saints that thou wouldst deign to for-

give me my sins."

The altar was always an object of veneration and sacred respect. Early Christians kissed the altar respectfully for they not only loved the relics of the saints but it was the new cradle on which Christ was born every morn. This explains why the Priest incenses the altar at High Mass.

As we watch the Priest kissing the relics of the saints we too shall beg of those Heroes to increase our Faith and generosity in the service of the Master.

Always in Jesus and Mary,

Uncle Ashley

A SAINTLY CHILD OF OUR TIMES MARGUERITE MYERS

The Schools-Mag brings you today the true story of a remarkable girl who loved God very much and loved doing good throughout the days of her short life on earth. Written by a Sister of the Holy Family it is an exemplary life which could be imitated by all teen-agers in Ceylon.

FIRST blades of greenest grass were carpeting Mother Earth and bright spring flowers were nodding their heads in the gentle breeze; for it was May, the beautiful month of our Blessed Lady, when, on the fifth day in 1947, in Seattle, Washington, a precious child was sent by God to happy parents, Mary and Peter Myers — a blue-eyed, curly-haired little girl, Marguerite. Her little soul was made pure and holy with the saving waters of Baptism and dedicated to our Blessed Mother, just thirteen days later there in St. James Cathedral. Little did these parents dream what lay ahead of the sweet child God had entrusted to their care.

From the time Marguerite was nine months old, mother and daddy took her to Mass. As she began to toddle, she would stand up on tip toe to try and reach the holy water font. God's House, she knew, was a holy place and Marguerite was always good and well behaved in church.

RIGHT AND PIOUS

It was in October of 1950 that Marguerite, just about three and a half years old, first came under the care of the good Sisters who care for the little ones whose parents must work and Marguerite's mother was obliged to work. At that age Marguerite was in pre-kindergarten, and later in kindergarten groups. Even from the time she was very young, she was always obedient and most anxious to do as she was told. She was a bright child and ever eager to learn. She was always the first in her class to learn the words to any song or poem, for she had a remarkable memory. Little Marguerite always loved to help the Sisters, even though it was simply putting away the peg boards and crayons, or dusting the shelves and putting the band instruments in order. It was not easy to find a young child that could tidy things in a way which did not demand re-doing, and the Sisters were happy, too, to have such a wonderful little helper. It was "Holy Time" that was Marguerite's favourite part of the day. During that time she would sit wide-eyed, drinking in each word Sister spoke of the lives of Christ and His Blessed Mother. Day by day that knowledge and love for "our dear Lord," as she called Him, seemed to grow and influence her entire little self. At night she always told her mother what Sister had taught the children that day about "our dear Lord." When asked if she loved her mother best, Marguerite always emphasized that she loved God first. On passing a church one day, she spontaneously bowed her head and said, "Dear Jesus, I love You." Our Lord and His Blessed Mother were very real to her and very near.

SACRIFICES

Like the little children to whom our Blessed Mother appeared at Fatima, the idea of sacrifice played a prominent part in her young life. In the dining room one day, a little girl apparently

did not like her vegetables, and did not hesitate in saying so. Marguerite was overheard saying, "Well, I don't like beans either, but I'm eating them for a sacrifice." It was this spirit of sacrifice that kept her obedient and quiet at times when she would happily have been chattering. "Mother," said Marguerite one night, as she was being put to bed early, "I really don't want to go to bed early but I'm offering it up for a sacrifice to our dear Lord for something Sister told us to pray for." Unlike most children of her age, once called, she obeyed, even though it meant giving up the game she liked to play. She knew that our Lord "loves a cheerful giver" and that prompt obedience would make her more like the Christ Child.

VIRTUES

Marguerite's short life was rich in virtues which can be imitated by other children. Among these, unselfishness was probably one of the most outstanding. She never had to be urged to share. It seemed a most natural thing for her to offer to her playmates the toys she loved best. Often her generosity had to be stopped, or her toy box would have been completely empty. In kindergarten, although she loved to be leader in line or in games, Marguerite was always anxious that other children have their turn as well. Even in sickness she did not seek favours. While she was in the hospital, other children who were allowed to be up, would come to her bed to play with

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Subject of the month



THE SCHOOLS-MAG introduces a new Corner. It is labelled "SUBJECT OF THE MONTH."

Each month you will be set a different subject and members are invited to write an essay or a poem on it.

Essays should not exceed 150 words in length while a poem should be confined to no more than 20 lines. The subject for this month is "THE NUN."

All entries close on the last day of each month. For this first subject the closing date is Monday, 29 February 1960.

Address all entries to the Editor, SCHOOLS-MAG, Catholic Press, Borella.

Send your entries early and don't wait for the last date.

Two very special prizes will be awarded to the writer of the best essay and poem each month.

A selection of the better entries will be published in the Schools-Mag.

Schools-Mag Enrolment Form

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Cut this out and post the completed form to the Editor, SCHOOLS-MAG, Catholic Press, Borella, to get your Membership card and number.

To Our Lady of Lourdes

AVE Maria! dear Lady of Lourdes,
Health of the sick, to Thee do we cry,
Deign, dear Mother, to list to our words
And intercede for us, from on high.

Writhing in pain, and in tears,
We look to Thee for relief.
Thou alone canst drive our fears,
Hasten to reward our belief.

Heal Thou our bodies and souls,
Lead us thro' life's vale of tears,
Without Thee we are lost souls,
Be Thou our haven Mother dear.

FELICIA PEREIRA.

St. Anthony's Convent,
Kandy.

IMMACULATE!

IN glowing splendour we see thee,
spotless Queen,
MYRIADS of stars pale beside thy sheen;
MILLIONS on earth sing thy praise,
AS heart and voice to heaven they raise:
CRYSTALLINE, brilliant, thy shining purity,
UNVEILED, thou standest in radiant beauty;
LOVELINESS and majesty meet in thee,
AND we rejoice thy wondrous grace to see:
THY children delight, thy beauty to contemplate,
EARTH and heaven hail thee immaculate.

MARIE REZEL.

All Saints' College,
Borella.

Is Your Name Hugh?

THERE are many saints named Hugh, and it is a very popular name for boys.

Amongst these saints is one who was Bishop of Lincoln in the twelfth century. He was born at Avalon in Burgundy in 1140 and was professed as a canon regular, but afterwards joined the Carthusians at the Grande Chartreuse.

In 1175 he was sent to England to find the first charter house there at Witham in Somerset, which he did under great difficulties with King

Henry II.

He was elected Bishop of Lincoln in 1186, and was a vigorous defender of the rights of the people. He was simple in his tastes and hated display, and his servants and little children loved him. His fondness for animals is well known.

St. Hugh died in London in 1200. His funeral at Lincoln was attended by the Kings of England and Scotland, and by such an assembly of bishops, abbots and nobles as had never been seen in England before.

He was canonised in 1220, and his feast is observed in several English dioceses and by the Carthusians on November 17.

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Birthday Corner

20th FEB. — 26th FEB.

Feb. 20th: Lourdes Arulanthan (Jaffna), Maureen Fernando (Moratuwa), Winifred Perera (Ambampitiya), B. Don Joachim Mary Sebastian (Madampe), Lorna Martel (Kandy).

Feb. 21st: Glenroy Speering (Pannipitiya), Evva Fernando (Nugegoda), Felicia Saverimuthupulle (Colombo 13), Antoinette Wijesekera (Kelaniya), Sriial Jayatilake (Kaltara), Rajam Rodrigo (Negombo), Bernadette Pulenayagam (Colombo 13), Dawn Lodewyke (Ampitiya), O. Ranjith Fonseka (Divulapitiya).

Feb. 22nd: Shanti Jayawardene (Borella), Shiromi De Alwis (Bambalapitiya), M. Antoinette Don (Rajagiriya), Dorothy Pereira (Trincomalee), Terrence G. Fernando (Ja-Ela), Anne Fernando (Moratuwa), Desmond Decker (Colombo 6), Ranjit Perera (Rajagiriya), H. D. Cyril (Gampaha), Anton Cowley (Nugegoda), Austin Rodrigo (Colombo 15).

Feb. 23rd: Anton Mendis (Ja-Ela), Jean Fernando (Grandpass), Menolie Fernandopulle (Kochchikade), Dulcie De Bond (Navalapitiya), Herman Fernando (Negombo), Mary M. Vannamany (Akkaraipattu), Madonna Pereira (Kotahena), Sharmine Cabraal (Colombo 4).

Feb. 24th: Michael Perera (Kandy), Gwendolyn Perera (Grandpass), Heather Williams (Colombo 6), Marlene Le Motte (Colombo 4), Sudharani Abeyratne (Moratuwa), Alphonsa Simon (Jaffna), Manonmani Candappa (Dehiwela), Patrick Anandappa (Wattala), Betsy de Waas (Trincomalee), Fay Sathkanan (Rajagiriya), Anne Isaacson (Gothatuwa), Tyrone Devotta (Chilaw), Marie Felthman (Kelaniya), Elizabeth George (Kirillapone), Christanthie Edirisinghe (Rajagiriya), Donald De Silva (Colombo 5), Albert Oswald Sambo (Kegalle).

MARGARET MYERS

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her. She'd whisper to her mother that she was playing in a way that the other child would be winner of the game.

LOVE FOR PARENTS

Marguerite's love for her parent's knew no bounds. When her mother came home from work and looked a little tired, Marguerite would ask to set the table or peel potatoes, or help in her small way. She was saving her money in a "Piggy Bank" for a house "with a yard."

Yet in her generous little way she always kept some out for the Sunday collection, and during Lent for the "Pope's Poor Children." After her death the sacrifices of, no doubt, ice cream cones or candy, which were in her Lenten mite box, were given to her pastor for the missions. He saw fit to send it directly to Bishop Sheen. How pleased he was to receive the offerings of a little child who was now with her Creator, were expressed by him in a letter to her mother.

Charity, too, was remarkable in a child so young. She was always excusing the faults of others and quick to say, "I guess they just don't know any better," all the while firm in her resolve to do the right thing always, "because it pleases our dear Lord." Marguerite delighted in pretty things, yet was always satisfied with what was given to her. She never craved anything that she knew her parents were not able to get her. Always her thoughts were for others.

Marguerite always looked forward to the holy days, for they are celebrated in all their fulness among the little ones at the Day Home. She loved to march in the "holy procession" in honour of the "dear Sacred Heart" on First Fridays and was ever so happy when Sister would choose her to put away the "holy medals." When Marguerite was five,

her joy was complete, for she was chosen to carry one of the streamers from the pillow which carried the crown for Blessed Mother on May Day.

The applause was great for little Marguerite as she stood on the large stage as she finished singing her song, sweet and clear, at the 1952 Christmas Programme. "Who is the talented tiny little one?" the audience asked.

Sickly from infancy, Marguerite's condition became more serious in the summer of 1953, and from that time on, every few months, required hospitalization. Doctors and nurses marvelled at the co-operation of their little patient, so oblivious of the seriousness of her illness, and so eager to be up and about.

SCHOOL DAYS

School days began for Marguerite in September, 1953. Now she was big enough to go to school and the Sisters there realized that they, too, had a little treasure under their care. As the school yard did not open as early, as her mother had to go to work, Marguerite spent the first part of the day at Mass. It was almost as though the Divine Master sought to shelter her close beside Himself in the Blessed Sacrament, awaiting the day when she would receive Him in Holy Communion. It was after her death, when her mother went to the school to get the things from her desk, that Sister told her that the little shrine of the Immaculate Conception, which Marguerite had brought from home, was always placed in the ink-well hole in her desk each morning and was the last thing to be put back at the end of the day, showing Marguerite's tender love for our Blessed Lady. When asked her favourite colour, she always answered with great simplicity, "Blue because it's Blessed Mother's colour."

(To be continued).

THE INFANT JESUS

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Once when Alphonsus D'Alberque found himself with his fleet in danger during a tempest, he took in his arms an innocent child who was on board his ship, and lifted him

By Antoinette de Silva

towards Heaven and said, "If we are sinners, this creature is certainly free from sin; O! Lord, for love of this innocent, save us from this danger." Then the Eternal Father listened to his humble prayer and subdued the storm.

St. Leonard takes this little story as an example and says, that during the Holy Mass when the priest lifts the thrice holy Victim and shows to

To the Infant Jesus

I LOVE you my dear Baby Brother
I love you my maker and Lord
I long for all children to love you
And to seek you alone for reward.

I love you my Jesus I love you
My dear little Brother so sweet
You will come into my heart this moment
I shall lay all my cares at your Feet.

I know your small heart is throbbing
Quite close to the heart in my breast
Oh! stay with me Jesus forever
Away from You there is no rest.

Rosebud Ginus.

Good Shepherd Convent,
Kotahena.

the Eternal Father the most spotless, innocence of Jesus, His Divine Sons Our Lord's passion cannot resist the sight of the most spotless innocence

of Jesus and he will provide for all our necessities.

The best offering we can make to the Eternal Father is the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. A novena of Masses and Communion—that in the greatest novena we can make in honour of the Infant Jesus which will win for us the spiritual and temporal graces from our Infant Jesus.

St. Cecilia's Girls' High School,
Batticaloa.

SCHOOL CHILDREN VISIT EXHIBITION



Feb. 25th: Carmelita Vanderwall (Navalapitiya), Charmaine Perera, (Navalapitiya), Savithri Jayasuriya (Colombo 6), Asoka de Silva (Bambalapitiya), Desmond Gunasekera (Wattala).

Feb. 26th: Mallika Benedict (Jaffna), Antoinette Fernando (Moratuwa), Patrick de Hoodt (Hatton), Lucille Amerasinghe (Kotahena), Indrani Rodrigo (Dehiwela), Mervyn Perera (Kegalle), Manel Perera (Nugegoda), M. B. Perera (Kegalle), Rita Ranasinghe

The Commonwealth Exhibition now being held in Liverpool, is proving a great attraction for school-children of all ages. Among the many thousands of visitors to the exhibition have been parties of school-children who, during their visits have used the exhibition as a "class-

room." Here a party of them is seen sketching in one of the seven sections of the exhibition. The exhibition is designed to present to the British people a comprehensive picture of the independent members of the British Commonwealth and the dependent territories.

News

• Borella

THE 28th of January was a red-letter day for All Saints' College, Borella. On this day the pupils accorded Mother General of the Apostolic Carmel a hearty welcome on her first visit to the school. In song and verse and dance they unrolled to her vistas of the glory of the isle on which she was setting foot for the first time. Crowning this glory, was the Queen of Lanka with Her lovely Babe, guarding her treasured land.

In her speech, Rev. Mother said that she was delighted with the charm of the island; she hoped to see more of its beauty, in the course of her visit. She urged the children of this beautiful island to grow in grace and inner beauty, and to scatter its fragrance wherever they went.

GERALDINE KELAART.

All Saints' College,
Borella.

• Ratnapura

THE Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul celebrated the Annual Feast of Corpus Christi with great solemnity.

The Altar-boys followed by various religious groups all carrying their banners formed the front line of the procession. Then followed our girls' Sodality headed by their banner, wearing their beautiful blue mantles and long white veils. Our group was conducted by our Sodality director, Rev. Mother Superior, and other sisters. Then came the most important part of the procession, the little flower girls sprinkling petals of red roses at the feet of Our Blessed Lord who was being carried with great glory and majesty by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. J. Chianese, S.J., accompanied by several other priests. Rev. Fr. Lanza preached a touch-

MIRTHQUAKE

The old man was creeping round the floor searching under the seats of the Theatre. "What are you doing down there, mate?" asked a patron.

"I am looking for a caramel," said the old man.

"You're making a lot of fuss about an old caramel aren't you?"

"It's not so much the caramel. My teeth are in it."



Hari: I'd like you to paint a portrait of my late uncle.

Artist: Bring him in.

Hari: I said my late uncle.

Artist: Well, bring him in as soon as he gets here.

ing and most impressive sermon on the significance of the Holy Eucharist.

The singing of the *Te Deum* followed by the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament brought the proceedings to a close.

MARJORIE SORIS.

• Kandy

WE Catholic children at St. Anthony's Convent, Kandy, consider ourselves very fortunate in that we have the happiness of having Holy Mass and Benediction on First Fridays and big Feast Days in our school hall, from the commencement of this term.

The teachers and the Catholic children from the Kindergarten upwards assemble in the hall, where a temporary altar done up very tastefully is set up, and Mass is said at 11 a.m. as this is our Religious Knowledge Period.

On the 2nd February — Candlemas Day, candles were blessed and distributed to all the children, and we sang hymns to Our Lady.

We are thankful to our Convent Chaplain who has made it possible for us to have these privileges.

FELICIA PEREIRA.

St. Anthony's Convent,
Kandy.

Members' Parade

2801 — 2850

2801. Rita De Fry (Wellampitiya), 2802. B. A. Sunil Perera (Dehiwela), 2803. Jean Jennifer Juriansz (Ratmalana), 2804. Minoli De Croos (Girilla), 2805. Gladwin Perera (Kotte), 2806. Lourdes Lalitha Jayasuriya (Manning Town), 2807. Kevin Raux (Pagoda), 2808. Quilla Moses (Nugegoda), 2809. Terence McLeod (Mirihana), 2810. Preshantha Amerasinghe (Kandy).

2811. June Perera (Navalapitiya), 2812. Ajit Fernandopulle (Kochchikade), 2813. Ranjini Massillamany (Borella), 2814. Ranjan Abeysekera (Madampe), 2815. Dawn Marian de Silva (Colombo 14), 2816. St. Jeanne Christian (Jaffna), 2817. Mervyn D' Rozairo (Dalgama), 2818. David Samarasinghe (Mirihana), 2819. Desmond Gerald Berenger (Kaduganawa), 2820. Patrick Anandappa (Wattala).

2821. Yvonne Vandort (Mt. Lavinia), 2822. Bernadette Soares (Kandy), 2823. Clifford Jones (Kotahena), 2824. Aloma Therese Herft (Mutwal), 2825. Robin Corera (Nuwara Eliya), 2826. Tyrone Juriansz (Ratmalana), 2827. Cedric J. Meynert (Negombo), 2828. Carmeline Mack (Colombo 9), 2829. Gerard Babapulle (Colombo 7), 2830. Claude Juriansz (Ratmalana).

2831. Callistus Perera (Bambalapitiya), 2832. Daphne Adams (Mattakuliya), 2833. Frances De Silva (Navalapitiya), 2834. Mary Anne Lieversz (Bambalapitiya), 2835. Christine Perera (Navalapitiya), 2836. Shermalene Silva (Munivangoda), 2837. Devendran Fernandopulle (Kochchikade), 2838. Sherard Walpola (Dehiwela), 2839. Jacintha De Silva (Peradeniya), 2840. Neil Fernandopulle (Kochchikade).

2841. Tony Phillip (Colombo 5), 2842. Christopher Fernando (Maradana), 2843. Marie De Silva (Peradeniya), 2844. Llewellyn Roch Quyn (Colombo 3), 2845. Anton Ludowyke (Nugegoda), 2846. Gwendoline G. Graham (Kohuwela), 2847. Pamela Laven-dhal (Kotahena), 2848. Antoinette Karunaratne (Gangodawilla), 2849. Christine D. Francke (Kelaniya), 2850. Fredrick Elias (Grandpass).

(To be continued).

Wonders of space

• The 5th article in this series will appear next week.

Classified ADS

IN MEMORIAM



Don Robert Ephrem Perera
Abayasekara

Born: 7th June 1888
Died: 23rd November 1959



Margaret Elizabeth Constance
Abayasekara

Born: 11th April 1891

Died: 23rd November 1959

Eternal rest give unto them,
O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Inserted in memory of our dearly beloved parents, who departed this life under tragic circumstances, by their sorrowing children and grand children. 393

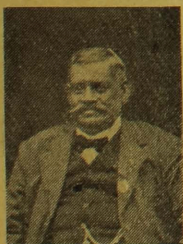


Anna Grace de Silva

A Requiem Mass will be sung at St. Anthony's Cathedral on the 22nd of February, at 6.45 a.m.

"The Maze,"
3, King's St.,
Kandy. 375

XXVth ANNIVERSARY



John de Sampayo

Died 15th February 1935

A Requiem High Mass was sung on February 17th at St. Lucia's Cathedral, for the repose of his soul.

Fondly remembered by his wife, children and grandchildren.

93 Barber Street,
Colombo.

Please pray for the soul of



Susai Salvadore Mathew Miranda
(Died 23-2-1943)

Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord
May he rest in peace.

A Requiem High Mass for the repose of his soul will be sung at St. Lawrence Church, Wellawatte on Tuesday the 23rd February 1960, at 6.30 a.m.

21, Charlemont Road,
Wellawatte. 442

Fernandopulle — First Anniversary of the death of our darling Christine Alma Kumudhini.

Died 17th February 1959

One year ago you passed away
As silent as a dove.
Your sufferings ended here below.
To wear that crown above.

Remembered by her parents and brothers.

421 Manik and Mandira.

Bastiampillai James Arasaratnam

Died 9th January 1940

Lord of Mercy, Jesu blest
Grant your servant light and rest.

Fondly remembered by his wife and children at "Ranistan," Station Road, Mannar.

R. I. P.

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Birthday Remembrance

In undying memory of

Mrs. A. G. Tillekeratna

• Too dearly loved to be forgotten

R. I. P.

Affectionately remembered—Florrie
12, Matha Road,
Manning Town. 441

THANKSGIVINGS

OUR thanks to St. Jude for curing our son, Anthony, of high fever and diarrhoea within twenty-four hours of our asking his aid. Thomas and Anne Viswanathan. 415

MY thanks to the miraculous statue of St. Anthony's at Kochchikade, Colombo, for discovery of money and thief within three hours of asking his aid. 416 Thomas K. Viswanathan.

OUR heartfelt thanks to Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mother of Perpetual Succour, St. Jude Thaddeus and St. Joseph for safe confinement.

Joe Warnakulasuriya.

Henegama. 417

GRATEFUL thanks for favours received through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, St. Joseph, St. Dominic Savio, St. Raphael, Pope Pius X, St. Nicholas, St. Rita, St. Philomena, Father Joseph Vaz. 420 O. P.

THANKS to Sacred Heart of Jesus, Blessed Mother, St. Gerard Majella, St. Jude for a great favour received. M. J. A. 428

IN thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes, through the intercession of Pope Pius XII for curing me of a long standing ailment. Q. Lewis. 544

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"Give me a match, Bill?"

"Here it is."

"Well, can you beat that? I've forgotten my cigarettes."

"Too bad, give me back my match." — *The Mangalorean*.

DAMPE

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

February 27th: Vespers 7 p.m.
" 28th: Low Mass 5.30 a.m.
Festive Mass 8.30 a.m.

K. J. Dalpatado O.M.I.,
Parish Priest.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

AVISSAWELLA

From 24th February: Triduum
27th " 7.00 p.m.:
Rosary, Sermon, Procession, Vespers
29th February from 5.30 a.m.
Low Masses
8.30 a.m. High Mass and Benediction.

Parish Priest,
Avisawella.

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour PARAKADUWA

ANNUAL Feast will be celebrated on 27th and 28th February. 27th at 6-30 p.m. Vespers, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Procession.

28th at 6 and 7 a.m. Low Masses. 8-30 a.m. High Mass, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Almsgiving.

Any little help for the worthy celebration of Our Lady's Feast will be gratefully received.

Parish Priest.

St. Therese's Church,
Dehigahapitiya,
Avisawella. 418

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A CENTENARY

THE Church of St. Francis Xavier built on a mound from which St. Francis Xavier is believed to have preached is one hundred years old. The Novena of Grace in preparation for the Centenary celebrations will commence on the 19th February and end on the 27th.

Saturday, the 27th February: 6-30 p.m. Rosary, Pontifical Vespers and Benediction.

Sunday, the 28th February: 7-00 a.m. Pilgrim Procession from Galle. 8-30 a.m. Pontifical High Mass and Benediction.

The Rev. Fr. Mark Anthony Fernando, S.J. will preach a Mission in Sinhalese from the 22nd February.

Petitions and Contributions may be sent to:

Fr. Rector,
St. Xavier's Seminary,
Kalegana, Galle. 406

Editor (returning a bulky manuscript): Your narrative is too highly coloured.

Disappointed Author: In what way?

Editor: Why, in the very first chap chapter you make the old man turn purple with rage, the villain turn green with envy, the hero turn white with anger, the heroine turn red with blushes, and the detective turn blue with cold." — *India*.

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NEW TEN YEAR PLAN FOR YOUTH

Will CEYLON follow Britain's example?

(by a Messenger reporter)

THE new Ten Year Plan for developing the youth service in Britain, which was recently presented in the British Parliament, has been welcomed by Catholic Youth leaders in the country. Some of the recommendations in that plan are of considerable interest to youth workers in Ceylon too.

Canon T. Fitzgerald, a former Chairman of the Westminster Catholic Youth Association and Representative of the Archbishop of Westminster on the London County Council Youth Committee, commenting on the ten Year Plan has pointed out to the "Catholic Herald" that if the recommendations in it were accepted, many hard-hit Catholic youth organisations and clubs throughout England and Wales would be able to make valuable and timely progress.

His view is that Catholic Youth Clubs which could at present get a grant covering 50 per cent. of the capital cost of premises and equipment—maximum expenditure £ 5,000 (approximately Rs. 70,000)—would be able to apply for a higher capital grant, particularly where such a grant would enable them to provide residential accommodation.

In Ceylon there is no provision for adequate State grants for maintaining or developing youth services which fall outside school programmes. A Catholic youth worker told the "Messenger" that the bulk of the assistance for youth in Ceylon work today came from private benefactors. This assistance generally went to youth organisations which

were non-communal and non-religious in outlook but who helped affiliated clubs irrespective of the religious or communal tags of these bodies.

Among the organisations, he said were the Youth Councils in the island. These Councils, he said, had a network of affiliated youth clubs and they could considerably expand their service to youth if they received grants from the State and from local authorities.

The Western Division Youth Council was now implementing a scheme for opening Junior Clubs in the City for the benefit of children who did not have any leisure time activities in the crowded parts of the City. The Mayor of Colombo had promised to help the Council by providing club-house facilities in the Municipal playground pavilions and other Municipal property.

An official of the Council stated that the Council would be prepared to organise clubs in church or school premises if club-house accommodation could be made available to the Council.

INVESTIGATIONS MADE BY THE COUNCIL HAVE REVEALED THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 10,000 CHILDREN IN THE CITY WITHOUT ANY FACILITIES FOR LEISURE-TIME ACTIVITIES. THERE ARE A FEW HUNDRED CATHOLIC CHILDREN IN THIS CATEGORY.

Will Catholic landlords who are prepared to set apart a little room anywhere in the City help to tackle this problem? By doing this they could make a big contribution to the task of building up good citizens and keeping the incidence of juvenile delinquency down.

Note: the British Ten Year Plan makes recommendations for an immediate arrangement to be made to put in hand a scheme for training professional youth leaders. The number of full-time leaders is to be increased from the present 700 to a provisional 1,300 by 1966. Other proposals include a national campaign for more voluntary helpers and development of the voluntary principle at every level; establishment at once of a Youth Service Development Council; and provision of opportunities for young people to participate as "partners" in the Youth service.

Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at Parakaduwa

ELABORATE arrangements are being made at the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at Parakaduwa for the annual celebrations of its feast which falls on 28th February, 1960. The Novenas started on 7th February.

Parakaduwa is a little known hamlet on the Colombo-Ratnapura Road, 13 miles from Avisawella.

This church is under the Parish Priest of Dehigahapitiya, who is sparing no efforts to bring to the notice of Catholic Ceylon the existence of this church dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, the only such church in the island.

A devout Catholic who has

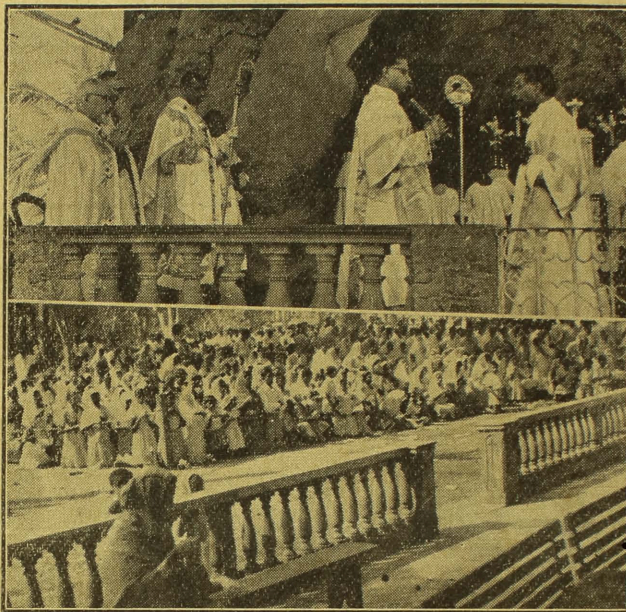
been blessed in many ways by Our Blessed Mother is donating a large statue of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour to be placed high up on the facade of the church. This statue will be blessed on the Feast Day and placed in its position for the greater glory of Our Blessed Mother.

On 27th February 1960, Solemn Vespers will be followed by a candle light procession and on Sunday, 28th February, there will be Low Masses from 6 a.m. and High Mass will be sung by Rt. Rev. Mgr. T. N. Alles, Vicar-General of Galle. Benediction and an Alms-giving will follow to close up the celebrations of this little known chapel in the little hamlet of Parakaduwa.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

- (1) Very Rev. Fr. Jerome D' Souza, S.J.
- (2) Cecil B. de Mille.
- (3) St. Louise-Marie de Montfort.
- (4) The Church of the Visitation.

At Tewatte last week



- Last week, His Grace the Archbishop presided at the celebrations in connection with the feast of Our Lady of Lanka, at Tewatte. Our picture shows (top) Mass in progress, and (below) a section of the vast crowd that assisted.

Help drifting youth!

—says Cardinal Gracias

INDIA'S rising generation is throwing off religious, social and moral ties and drifting into "religious and moral nihilism," says Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay.

It is the mission of the country's Catholic colleges to reclaim youth, he added.

The Cardinal referred to the "marked decline in moral and spiritual ideas" in India and said that many were relegating religion to the background as a purely personal affair.

RADIO LOG

- FEB. 20 to 22: 6-25 to 6-30 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Tamil) — Rev. Fr. L. R. Anthony.
- FEB. 28: 9-30 to 10-00 a.m. CATHOLIC HALF HOUR (Tamil) — Rev. Fr. Severinus Fernando, O.M.I.
- MAR. 5 to 7: 6-25 to 6-30 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Tamil) — Rev. Fr. M. Mathew.
- MAR. 19 to 21: 6-25 to 6-30 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Tamil) — B. G. Emmanuel, Esq.

KALUTARA GROTTO JUBILEE

(from Josephian, Messenger correspondent)

A special message from the Pope was read by His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Kalutara last week.

The cablegram signed by Cardinal Tardini, Secretary of State, said, "Supreme Pontiff thankful devoted message occasion fiftieth anniversary Lourdes grotto Kalutara. Cordially imparts Father Rodrigo, parishioners, paternal apostolic blessing."

The celebrations were held on a grand scale. The candle light procession after the vespers on Saturday night was one of the main features of the occasion.

His Grace the Archbishop, addressing the vast congregation

on Saturday night after Vespers, reminded them of the message of prayer and penance of Our Blessed Mother at Lourdes, and of the fervour and generosity of local Catholics who had built the grotto at Kalutara.

On Sunday, the Bishop of Kandy, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayakkara, officiated and preached at the Pontifical High Mass. Rev. Fr. Jeremias Fernando who was Deacon of Honour had the distinction of having been Deacon of Honour at the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Grotto in 1934 as well.

In the distinguished gathering present at the celebrations, was Chevalier C. L. M. Perera, one of the veteran Old Boys of Holy Cross College, who had helped in the erection of the Grotto in 1908.

The singing on Saturday and Sunday was ably rendered by the Catholic Choral Society under the baton of Fr. Ignatius Perera.

Newslets from abroad

BY special permission of the Holy See, the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo and Sanctus were sung at an evening Mass in Mangalore, India, in the Konkani, the dialect used by the Catholic community in the area. The Mass was offered at the close of a "Cultural Week" held to encourage Indian religious art.

GINA Lollobrigida is suing two Italian priests for defamation following an article about her role in a film published in the Catholic weekly "New Life."

MR. Olav Roerdmam Bonnevie, a 54 year old former Lutheran pastor in Denmark, has been given permission by the Holy See to be ordained a priest and continue to remain in the married state. Similar permission has been given since the war to about half a dozen married convert Ministers in Germany.

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attempt to form a democratic system. In China, is a reign of terror and here progress is made at the expense of liberty. In Ceylon and in India, the democratic machinery is being put to a severe test, and it would be interesting to see the outcome.

The student has a great responsibility to adapt himself to the changing conditions and place himself at the forefront of these changes. In preparing himself for the task the Catholic student had the duty to get a religious education on par with his secular education, for otherwise he would be a liability to the Church.

The Federation, the speaker said, should awaken in the student an interest in and a concern for national problems. At the same time, it provided an excellent opportunity of fostering unity among Catholics—for in the Church there is no place whatsoever for any form of discrimination.

A lively discussion ensued.