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NATURALISM—Heresy of our time

African Cardinal ill

Pope's Fatherly Gesture

THE condition of Cardinal Rutambwa, the newly appointed African Cardinal, seems more serious than was at first thought, say reports from Rome this week. The Cardinal—the first African prince of the Church—entered, Rome's "Salvator Mundi" hospital three weeks ago with a persistent attack of malaria.

The Cardinal was unable to say his Easter Mass on Sunday. On hearing this, the Pope immediately sent his personal secretary, Mgr. Capovilla, to say Mass for the Cardinal in hospital.

After Mass Mgr. Capovilla gave the Cardinal a gift from the Pope—an exquisitely beautiful white and gold chasuble, bearing the coat-of-arms of both Pius XII and John XXIII, which His Holiness had used at Mass that morning. The Pope had expressed the wish that this chasuble would hereafter form part of the liturgical vestments of the Cathedral of Rutabo.

The Pope sees his new Editor

THE Pope has received in audience the new editor of the *Osservatore Romano*, Mr. Raimondo Manzini. He blessed him and wished him success.

Mr. Manzini was presented by Count Giuseppe Dalla Torre, former editor and now editor emeritus.

Public Rosary during Mass

AN official of the Sacred Congregation of Rites has stated—according to the N.C.W.C. news service—that the ruling against the public recitation of the Rosary during Mass, sent recently to Archbishop Heenan of Liverpool, should be taken as a counsel rather than as a prohibition.

The Congregation noted that since the liturgical movement aims at a more complete participation of the faithful in the celebration of the Divine Sacrifice, recitation of the Rosary during Mass is inadvisable, he added.

THE REDS FAIL TO MUZZLE CHURCH

INDIA'S House of the People—lower house—by an overwhelming majority threw out a Communist-sponsored Bill which sought to impose political restrictions on bishops and priests.

It asked the State to debar ecclesiastics from political activity.

Only eight M.P.'s, all Communists, voted for it.

Mr. B. N. Datar, Minister for Home Affairs, said that the Bill was the result of a "sense of frustration" among the Communists, "whom the Catholics threw out of power in Kerala."

The present law was sufficient to prevent subversive activities or mischief by religious institutions, he added.

It would be improper to single out the Catholic community for restricting rights of freedom of religion granted in the constitution.

Supernatural replaced by easy humanism

BASIC to all doctrinal and practical deviations from the authentic teaching and values of the Church is a state of mind best defined as "laicism," state the Italian bishops in a joint Pastoral, dated March 25 and just published in full in the *"Osservatore Romano."*

The Joint Pastoral Letter, having in mind the particular case of Italy where nominal Catholicism is widespread, uses the word "laicism" for what in many another country would be spoken of as secularism or a materialist mentality.

"Laicism," hard to define, the bishops state, may be described as "a tendency or, better, a mentality of systematic and alarmist opposition to the way in which Religion in general and the Catholic Hierarchy in particular seek to influence mankind in its action and its institutions."

Examples of "laicism," given in the pastoral, include criticisms of the Church's teaching, distrust and hostility whenever the Church deals with civic life or criticises campaigns for the recognition of divorce or against Catholic education.

This mentality, the pastoral states, may even affect priests and the fully practising Catholic laity.

Behind this dangerous state of mind lies the view that men have now come of age and may consequently demand a complete independence from the Church in secular matters. It shows itself also in the view that Christianity is no longer capable of solving the social problems of the day.

REMEDIES

Reasons for this "laicist" attitude are to be found both in insufficient theological training and insufficient spiritual formation; in the influence of the secular press which tends to take "laicism" for granted (the bishops recommend the reading

of the Catholic press which in Italy includes many daily, as well as weekly, papers); in too great fondness for hazardous pastoral experiments treated as the only way of regaining contact with the world of today; in the suggestion that the Church needs to be made more democratic.

This state of mind, the Italian bishops insist, can be very dangerous even for the priest since it substitutes an attractive "humanism" for the "supernatural."

What are the remedies?

Seminary professors, editors of reviews and papers, organisers of congresses should furnish priests and lay people with accurate, serene and precise briefing. A very clear state of mind and great attention are needed in order to combat error, just as

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Three Priests in Jail for Life

NEWS has leaked from Communist China that three priests are serving life sentences.

Fr. Thaddeus Huang Kejen, 56, was convicted in 1955 and Fr. Cyril Chou Teh-lin, 52, and Fr. Luke Su Tsung-yang, 36, in 1958.

It is presumed that many others have been similarly sentenced.

Pontiff's concern for doomed seven-year-old

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Katherine Hudson flew back home to the

United States week before last after a private audience with the Holy Father which lasted far longer than those usually given even to the most important royalty or statesmen. Katherine has leukaemia and is not expected to live long. Her greatest wish was to see the Pope. On arrival in Rome with her widowed mother she collapsed and was taken temporarily to hospital. On hearing of this the Pope put the audience forward a day and received her in his private study in the evening. Dressed in her First Communion dress and veil, Katherine sat beside Pope John who spoke to her for more than half an hour asking about her family, friends, and school. He did not refer to her illness but spoke about the meaning of the Cross, about Our Lady, and, finally, gave her an autographed photo of himself saying the Rosary. "When you say the Rosary," he said, "remember the Pope and pray for him." He also gave her a Rosary and medals. Mgr. Emmenegger of the North American College, who arranged the audience, said afterwards that it was a most touching scene. "I have never seen such a display of fatherly affection anywhere in my life," he added.

AT AGE OF 70

Priest's mother becomes a nun

MRS. Ines Dossetti, of Bologna, Italy, mother of Fr. Giuseppe Dossetti and widowed eight years ago, has become a nun at the age of 70.

Her son, ordained in 1959, was formerly a Christian Democrat M.P.

Mrs. Dossetti, now Mother Agnes, is the first superior of the newly-formed Society of the Little Family of Our Lady of the Annunciation.

QUEEN OF MAY.



● The month of May will be with us again. It is especially appropriate that the first day in May is a day of devotion to Mary's chaste spouse under the title of St. Joseph the Worker. To Catholics everywhere this fairest of all months, heralds greater devotion to her.

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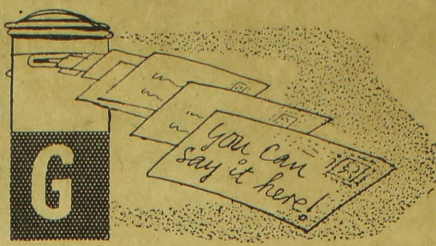
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A LOCAL DOCTOR'S DILEMMA?

IN the course of his speech in the House of Representatives last Friday, Dr. N. M. Perera, with the air of a man who is proclaiming a momentous and unique discovery (and for all we know looking, perhaps, as Archimedes must have looked when he rushed out of his bath — of course, Dr. Perera was, by contrast, very adequately clad, but his tactics were stark and bare as ever) announced triumphantly that “Gamarala” of the *Sunday Times*, was no other than Fr. Justin Perera.

What is the learned Doctor up to? Is he trying to create a wrong im-

pression in the House and in the mind of the general public by making such a statement? Is he hoping that all and sundry will take it from him that to write a newspaper column under a pen-name is a crime, and that the crime is all the greater if the writer in question happens to be a priest?

Or is he suggesting that a priest should be blind, deaf and dumb when it comes to the political situation his country is in — that he should manifest a total unconcern regarding the welfare of his fatherland, that the virtue of patriotism is not a virtue he must practise at all? The logical

conclusion from such a position would be that a priest would not even be entitled to exercise the right to vote, or to speak of any subject outside the field of spirituality and mysticism or the completely non-descript.

In any case, with what authority, and with what evidence, does Dr. N. M. Perera say this? A dramatic declaration is no substitute for evidence. And granted the Marxist concept of what is right and wrong in matters that affect them, I am afraid we cannot be expected to take Dr. N. M. Perera's mere words for it.

In the Easter issue of the *Messenger* (14 April 1960: *Current Comment*) the Editor once again denies categorically that “Citizen Punchislingho and Gamarala of *Sunday Times* fame” are Catholic priests. The denial is formal, unequivocal and emphatic, and carries all the weight and authority of an official statement.

The *Messenger* has on more than one occasion taken up similar mischievous allegations and challenged those who made them to prove their statements or to withdraw them. But I suppose it would be too much to expect people, part of whose technique is to wildly fling around reckless statements with a total disregard for the truth, to do the logical and the decent thing. Is Dr. Perera's much commented-on urbanity, suavity and *savoir-faire* just a veneer?

P. R. Chapman.

Colombo.

Family Planning

IT is amazing how many people one meets who talk glibly of birth control as the answer to the economic problems of the married, and of the nation generally. Sometime ago when a local newspaper presented the views of a planning expert, a medical man and of the “average man and woman” (whatever that may mean), only the opinion of the medical man, who was a neuropsychiatrist, stood out as a stern warning to those who would transgress the laws of nature.

As a mother of eight has rightly said: “What's the use of keeping down the family to three children and breaking up the home in the process?”

The act of sex is the sign, the manifestation and the nourishment of an interior personal love. To reduce it to a mere physical act is to depersonalize both oneself and one's partner and to deprive the act of one of its all-important functions. It is a selfish grasping of an animal value in place of paying a debt of justice, and the homage of love, to another human being. It is to use another person as a means to self-gratification.

In the course of a discussion of this subject, a school principal once said: “Intelligent, planned control of population is a matter of vital and immediate urgency for Ceylon.” May I ask why? A jockey compares children to horses — pathetic. A socialist wants the increase of the Sinhalese population only — at whose and at what expense? Another doctor recommends sterilization. The trouble with some of our doctors is that they presume to know too much. The Superintendent of a Borstal Institute advocates planned parenthood because he fears more criminals are coming under his care. And a woman helper at a Family Planning Clinic says that “the people of the lower income group need accurate instruction on this subject so that they can have children when they want them and as many as they can reasonably afford.” Little does she seem to realise that many women who have once put off or refused to have children are overwhelmed by their own regrets when nature tells them very definitely they are no longer capable of having those children whom they so long refused to bear. We know how the cry of a passing infant can pull at the heart-strings of a woman who once pulled tight at their purse strings as an argument against another baby. Each child is unique. Each is a desire of God and not only a desire of the parents. Each He creates in love,

singly and separately. Finally, children in large families may live under certain economic hardships but they appear to be more than compensated for in social advantage. Girls and boys in large families get an informal course in child rearing at a comparatively early age which may prove sounder and more practical than a dozen books or college classes on the subject. For all but the very youngest members of a large family there seems always to have been a baby or very young child in the family. Loneliness is never known.

W. L. S. C.

Colombo.

Religion and human aid

WHY should the religious require human aid to survive if they are truly Divine organizations established and ordained by a Divine Decree? I would like the people to be enlightened on this point. This is not a political question at all. Surely superhuman beings do not require protection such as oxygen and artificial respiration, etc.

L. Goonewardene.

Moratuwa.

(To belong to a religion or an organization established and ordained by divine decree does not mean that one ceases to be human and one that is no more subject to the laws that govern human life. For that matter, all human beings, whatever religious or other views they hold, are in existence by reason of the Divine Will. Man, in the course of his earthly life, is a composite of body and soul. The soul is spiritual, and does not require oxygen and food and so forth for its existence, but the body is material, and needs these aids. — Ed.)

“Come where the lilies bloom”

MAY I crave a little space in your journal to enquire whether any of your readers could inform me whence I can procure the words and music of the above Glee (for 4 voices) which used to be sung at school concerts.

Thank you.

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The next Elections

THE country has witnessed an alarming trend in National politics in the accelerated tempo of the S.L.F.P. towards the Left as convincingly proved in the events of last week. All those who realised the gravity of the drama enacted on the political stage during the past few weeks will unanimously agree that the last scene enacted by a Party so vehemently pledged to democracy and progress has given them cause for the gravest concern. Fear and suspicion will inevitably be created in the minds of all sensible and freedom-loving people.

The aim of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party should be nation-building, and not mere self-preservation. Those who voted for the S.L.F.P. at the last elections, must be bitterly disappointed to find the S.L.F.P. enter upon an alliance with the Marxists in spite of it being so obvious that democracy will be endangered in the process.

To the vast majority of peace-loving people, to those who cherish the freedom of the individual and the Rights of Man, and above all to those who put Nation before self, no amount of explanations and pleas could allay the grave fears that have arisen in their minds.

The citizens of this country should not allow themselves to become the victims of political manoeuvring. It is of paramount importance, not only for the welfare of the country, but for the sake of our children, and our children's children that we make it clear to candidates for the next election that, though co-existence and

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

By Spectator

MARXIST swain wooing a not-so-Marxist belle: “Come let's pool our resources and prepare a toothsome delicacy for our people, more palatable than their curd and treacle.”

Once bitten voters: “Thanks awfully! No! That would be just another pickle, more indigestible than its predecessor, seasoned as it would be with the dregs of the vinegar of '56-'59 vintage!”

Pandit Nehru to his people: “Don't demonstrate against Chou! Let us face our difficulties with People's China and solve them boldly! India must increase her strength and power! She must become fearless, for to be afraid is to go down!”

What a difference between then and now! What price Pancha Seela and co-existence?

Senator Edmund Cooray, Minister of Justice, on the political imbroglio: “Que sera, sera! — whatever will be, will be.”

This won't do. We'll have to consult our astrologers!

coalition may sound very liberal and noble, to co-exist with the Marxists would be like co-existing with a bear, and that no party pledged to democracy and progress has the right to imperil the freedom of the nation.

Norbert C. Manatunga.

Peradeniya.

The Lord's Prayer

TO those who haven't the privilege of reading *Ave*, a leaflet providing a spiritual thought for each day, here is a “reviver” from the month's fare.

Once at a dinner, the famous actor Edwin Booth was asked to give a sample of his acting ability. Booth stood up and paled. Then slowly with tears trickling down his face and a warm glow on his countenance he recited the “Our Father.” The audience was amazed. They did not know so much could be contained in that small prayer. Booth said, “that was one of the severest pieces of rhetoric I have ever recited. I spent nearly thirty years of daily effort to say it in the way I said it just now.”

Is the Lord's Prayer losing its value and meaning, one wonders, as one listens to the Rosary, the most beautiful prayer and meditation recited with gusto perhaps, but with breathless speed.

Would it be of use if Catechism instructors and Christian elocution teachers should teach the young to say these two beautiful prayers “Hail Mary” and “Our Father” as “severe pieces of rhetoric,” so that they may grasp the depth of meaning and beauty in these two prayers; and, so that even if they should on any occasion be said fast, the young may recall and “relish the meaning and beauty and treasures of true devotion and solid spirituality.”

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BISHOP SHEEN SPEAKS

ANGER

DESPITE the floods of books and articles on psychology there is still surprisingly little information available on the emotions. Nothing in the entire field of modern psychology on this subject, can compare for example in depth with the treatise on that subject by Thomas Aquinas, written over seven hundred years ago.



An emotion is a kind of excitement within us which attaches us to some objects and withdraws us from others. By the mere fact that there is a marriage between mind and matter, body and soul, the emotions take our body through that gamut of feelings from better to worse, and from worse to better.

Illustration

There are eleven emotions, with many sub-divisions. All of them have contraries but one. The first three pairs are love and hate, desire and aversion, joy and sadness. The other five are hope and danger, fear and audacity, and anger, which alone has no contrary emotion. Here we limit ourselves only to anger. Anger makes up for its difference from the other emotions because it unites two movements within itself. One is the pleasure the angry man feels. This can be illustrated by the story of a vegetable grower who boarded a train in Washington, went into the dining car and ordered artichokes. There were none on the menu. Immediately he became angry and thundered to the steward: “I spend 125,000 dollars a year shipping artichokes on this rail-road; then when I come into the dining car, I find none.” The steward wired ahead to Baltimore: “Put on artichokes.” At Baltimore they were cooked, and shortly afterwards served. But the angry man refused to eat them saying: “I would rather be mad.” Anger then, can be a positive value for the one who is angry. Very often, in such a case, anger will increase in proportion as a man knows he is wrong.

Hate

But the anger is not only inward; it also takes an outward direction, in the form of vengeance against the one who provoked him to anger and who is, therefore, to be considered as being enrolled in the ranks of evil.

Anger is not the same as hate. It is less impetuous and violent, and is quickly satisfied when it gets a chance to inflict some kind of punishment on the one it thinks deserves it. But hate cannot be satisfied; it does not come to rest

when the opponent is crushed. Thomas Aquinas describes the difference well: “He who hates, wishes his enemy evil as evil, but the angry man does not wish evil as such on him against whom he is angry; but only one on whom he can show his vengeance.” Anger always has at its base a lack of respect for the offended person. This respect is shown in one of three forms: contempt, rivalry and insult.

Rivalry

Contempt or belittling the other person is always very wounding, because of the value each one puts on his own personality. A lawyer did not like the decision of the presiding judge and finally he bundled up his papers as if about to leave the court. The judge said: “Are you showing contempt for the court?” “No,” said the lawyer, “I am trying to conceal it.”

Another motivation of anger is jealousy or rivalry. Few hearts can bear a rival's failure without a sense of triumph — even in the affairs of love. Rare are rivals as gracious as Edward Campbell who opposed Thackeray for Parliament. When Thackeray said to him: “May the best man win,” Campbell answered: “Oh, no, I want to win.”

Moral indignation

Finally, anger shows itself in insult. As Samuel Johnson wrote: “Fate never wounds more deep the generous heart than when a blockhead's insults point the dart.” The insult for the moment, gives the angry man a sense of superiority and thereby flatters his ego.

But whatever be the many effects, it has been well summarized by Victor Hugo: “Pride robs me of God, envy of my neighbour, and anger of myself.” But there can be a just anger too; this is more rare than the unjust, for just anger is controlled. Just anger has almost vanished from the world which has lost the distinction between right and wrong. The sense of moral indignation has been lost and few are those who drive buyers and sellers out of temples.

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I Saw Moscow on Foot

No Escape from Regimentation

I spent nine days in the Soviet capital and came away with one definite impression: There's an awful lot of misleading reporting going on.

Many Western visitors come away unnecessarily overawed by surface impressions. Hence, it is frequently heard that the Russians are doing marvels and we had all better watch out on the economic front.

However, I avoided official guides. I saw Moscow on foot. Maybe I came away a little fatigued, but at least I formed impressions based on what I actually saw and heard.

Nine days do not make one an expert on the mecca of world Communism. However, it is sufficient time to learn a great amount about the joys and sorrows of the Muscovites, how they live and where they are going. It is a depressing picture.

I arrived in Moscow on a Saturday evening. The airport serving the city is no farther away than those of our big centres. The airport is certainly a busy place, full of the most modern commercial jet planes as well as the more conventional types.

Ten Below Zero

I had a dismal welcome for a weary traveller. It was terribly cold — something like ten below zero. The airport may have had a heating system, but it obviously wasn't in working order. The place was dimly lit and the furniture was sparse.

My first view of Russian people was in the general waiting room. They were all huddled up in long overcoats and fur hats, and many wore high boots. They looked frightfully uncomfortable, waiting for their flights to be called. The majority sat on wooden benches in the main hall, looking as indifferent as their cold surroundings.

Shortcomings of Intourist

All accommodation in Moscow has to be booked and paid for in advance at the official Soviet travel agency, Intourist. You pay in dollars at the rate of four roubles to the dollar. When you arrive in Moscow, the rate of exchange is 10 roubles. In any case, by all international money standards, the rouble is overrated at the expense of the dollar.

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Although I had my official Intourist voucher, the agency's representative at the airport said he knew nothing about it. He told the same tale to an impresario from New York who was supposed to be an official guest of the Soviet Ministry of Culture.



An old woman who has no fear of being seen in church, finds comfort in her prayers.

In the end, Intourist managed to get us a car — a 1949 Pontiac — for the journey into the city.

Hotel on Red Square

Although I had paid for first class accommodation, I arrived at my hotel to find it had only a very small room available. The bathroom was far down the corridor and the plumbing was antiquated. The heating, too, left a lot to be desired. The next morning I managed to protest loudly enough to be able to get a larger room with bath.

My hotel, the Nationale, looks out on Red Square, where the towering Kremlin walls protect the inner sanctum of the huge bureaucracy which directs the lives of each and every Soviet citizen.

This Queue is a "Must"

My first view of Red Square, on Sunday morning, was quite revealing. There was a four-deep queue stretching almost all round the Kremlin. The people were waiting, so I found, to enter the mausoleum that houses the bodies of the Red prophets, Lenin and Stalin.

This pilgrimage is a "must" for Soviet citizens visiting Moscow. However, there seems to be nothing spontaneous about it. It's all part of the official sight-seeing itinerary drawn up for the people. Who would dare to leave a tourist group and ignore the official Red "shrine"? Certainly not a Russian, who depends upon the Communist party for his livelihood and wellbeing. Even though it was ten below zero, the people waited patiently.

Seeking Sunday Mass

My Sunday morning was spent in trying to find a place to attend Mass. There was none at the

only Catholic church in Moscow, St. Louis of France. The priest in charge, Father Vitold Bronitski, a Polish priest from Vilna, was away sick and the people turned up only to sing hymns and say prayers.

I eventually was able to find the address of Assumptionist Father Louis Dion, chaplain to American Catholics in the Soviet capital. His apartment chapel housed some 20 people for the 12.30 Mass.

"Capitalist" Music

The first real contact I had with Russians was at dinner in the Nationale dining room. It is supposed to be one of the finest eating places in Moscow. It isn't

Here, as announced in our issue of 19th March, is the

"Messenger" special by Gerard Sherry

Editor of the "Catholic Review," Baltimore's Archdiocesan weekly. For the first time in years, Communist authorities are permitting visitors a glimpse of Soviet life, but even so only selective bits of it and confined to restricted parts of Russia.

too bad by American standards, except that the food is always bathed in grease. More important, the tea is frightful and the coffee unbearable.

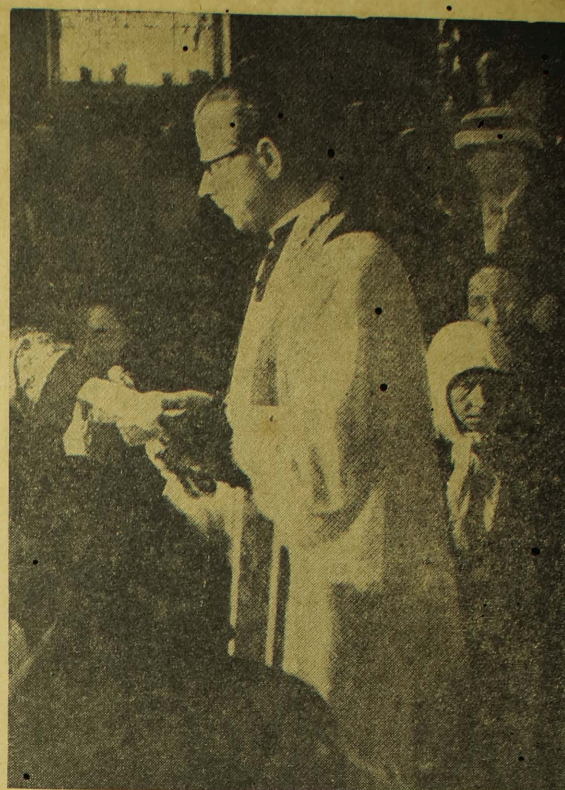
The one redeeming feature of the restaurant is its five-piece orchestra which played nothing but American tunes, including jazz. Russian citizens can use the restaurant and those in attendance were nearly always young people.

A group of young Russians at one table invited me over. Several of them spoke English. They were mostly students who can afford to eat at the Nationale about once a month. They told me they came mostly to listen and dance to the band, which is noted for playing "capitalist" music.

Victims of Propaganda

They spoke about the desire for peace in the world and wished that the American people would follow Mr. Khrushchev's lead. In fact, every vodka toast had this rather plaintive leitmotif.

Their knowledge of life in the U.S. was pathetic and they used all the shop-worn phrases of Communist propaganda. When I mentioned that I own my own house, they showed obvious doubt. They said they knew that many Americans have houses, but that



Only a single Catholic Church remains in Moscow, the church of St. Louis of France, mute testimony to the Kremlin's persecution of man's soul. Here, inside it, the faithful are seen kissing a relic held by their pastor while ominous eyes in black cars outside watch to see who talks to foreigners.

they are the rich ones. They said also that the average American worker is much worse off than his Russian counterpart.

The Car Test

I made it plain that they are the victims of vicious propaganda, which hinders rather than helps world peace. I admitted we have our poor and underprivileged, but told them that we are actively engaged in elevating all our people to a better standard of living.

What is more, I emphasized that many of our so-called poor and underprivileged live better than most Soviet citizens. They refused to believe that the average U.S. worker has a car. Anyhow they said the Soviets are busily engaged in producing cars which will be available to all. However, when I asked how many of their families own a car, I drew a blank.

The students pointed with pride to Soviet space efforts and said that America is so far behind that it cannot possibly match Soviet prowess in this field. I said that America is devoted to more than space missiles. Much of our scientific effort goes into the field of human welfare, I told them. After all, I said, under the American system, human welfare is paramount.

The Housing Test

This drew more protests about the coddling of the rich at the expense of the poor. Soviet propaganda has reached them in large measure. They genuinely believed that a few rich Americans are oppressing the majority of the people.

When I spoke about housing, they said what I told them couldn't be so. They used the usual Communist line about the house shown at the American exhibition in Moscow. They said that it is not available to the average U.S. citizen. And why? Well, hadn't Mr. Khrushchev himself exposed the American fraud? All in all, it was a remarkable demonstration of indoctrination under "the dictatorship of the proletariat."

A Regimented People

Moscow is a city of gloom and doom. This is my honest impression. Everywhere I went there were glum or indifferent faces. Put it down to the weather,

if you like. But I got the impression it was the system.

The gloom lies in the fact that the people are regimented to such a degree that nothing can be done or said without some sort of Communist party approval.

Even going to a baker's is an ordeal.

I went into one with Pete Kumpa, head of the Baltimore "Sun" papers' bureau in Moscow. He was buying some bread, rolls and a small cake. Apart from the fact that the prices are outrageous by American standards, the procedure was fantastic.

First Kumpa had to tell the shop assistant he wanted bread. He got a slip for it; took the slip to the cashier; paid her and then went to another part of the shop to collect the bread. The procedure was repeated to get the rolls and the cake.

It's the same way when buying anything in Moscow shops. Even the huge G.U.M. department store has the same procedure. Shopping becomes a real chore, even for those with money.

And the prices of most consumer goods are beyond the reach of the average Soviet citizen. He has to save up for many months to buy bare necessities such as clothes, furniture and the like. The average Muscovite looks well fed. However, food is so expensive that there is little money left for the many extras enjoyed by ordinary American people.

Party Controls the People

The atmosphere of doom is reflected in the fact that there is no escape from regimentation. The party really controls the people in every phase of life.

The mere fact that Russians

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WHILE HOLY WOMEN WAIT

LAST week we promised our Readers that after dealing in detail with all our men (scouts, water-diviners, map makers, geologists, rakers of records, etc.) could do to further our Quest for Fr. Vaz's tomb, we would examine whether there was any room for lady fingers.

The season seems to offer a solution; for the Easter Gospel gives prominence to the Holy Women. They were the first to hear of Our Lord's Resurrection; the stone was rolled away from the Sepulchre under their very eyes and they were commissioned to carry the news to the Apostles.

In fact it was to one of them (Mary Magdalene) that Our Lord first appeared. (This is the first apparition released to the public through the Gospel record. No account of course could be given of that very intimate visit that we cannot without insult to Our Lord doubt

before us. By the time we are through with the "third reading" of our blueprints, our sisters are already on their way back from the operation.

Love took Mary Magdalene to the Sepulchre with the devout idea of adding "spices and precious ointments" to the powdered myrrh and aloes with which Nicodemus had hurriedly dusted the shroud and Body two evenings before. Love made her come only on Sunday morning; for with a woman's delicacy of conscience, she and her companions "rested" on the Saturday after Good Friday. Keeping the Sabbath, they kept even their hearts in check and refrained from the justifiable work of observing the full funeral prescriptions.

This point is of importance. Women are the most eager to see things done; but at the same time they are those who can best impose a delay on their heart's desires. When you come up against a brick wall, the man can clamber over; both men and women come to halt before a blank. The men turn back: woman stays on and hopes.

That is the story of Mary Magdalene and how by staring on (through her tears) into the empty Sepulchre, she finally deserved to see Our Lord. She was looking in the wrong direction; but she was on the right spot just the same since Our Lord was just beside her.

The parallel is too clear to need detailed application. In our Quest of Fr. Vaz's Tomb the mothers, maids and Sisters of our day have to play the part of the Holy Women of the Gospel.

Peter and John both ran to the Sepulchre; both of them misread the signs of the missing Body, the folded head-band, the lightly cast-off shroud. Both of them gave up the cause as lost and retired to nurse their disappointment. If we are not to make a like mistake, our faintheartedness will have to be rebuked by the patient hopeful waiting on of Nuns and simple orphan children. Their Faith will have to warn us that when our Quest seems most humanly futile, it is then that Heaven places the discovery just at our side.

SECRETARIATE CORRESPONDENCE

Air letter from Fr. Postulator, Rome (14/4) announcing receipt of the photostats from His Lordship the Bishop of Chilaw.

Air card from Bombay Propaganda Centre (Fr. J. H. Alvares) — preparations for commemorating Fr. Vaz's birthday, 21st April.

Air letter from Fr. F. Tambimuttu, New York: Weston's requirements for the seismic soundings.

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Father Vaz Feature

that He reserved first of all to the Blessed Mother).

These are the facts. What we must be careful to note is that it did not just happen that the Holy Women were the first with the Easter tidings. They were the first, because they were the only ones at the Tomb so early that morning and what took them there was the delicate, painstaking thoughtfulness that comes so naturally to the gentler sex and puts them a whole day ahead of us men who can only work out a plan with paper and pencil and case-files heaped up

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U. S. to continue seeking release of Bishop Walsh

WASHINGTON—The State Department has assured a U.S. Senator that it will continue to seek "by every feasible means" the release of Bishop James Edward Walsh and four other Americans who are still being held in jail by the Chinese Communists despite a 1955 promise to allow all Americans to return home.

Senator Hubert M. Humphrey, a Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, wrote recently to Secretary of State Herter, appealing for renewal of Official Government efforts on behalf of the Prelate and the other Americans.

Humphrey said "a strong sense of shock and indignation is felt by the people of the United States against the outrageous imprisonment" of Bishop Walsh. Humphrey called the

imprisonment of Walsh, a Missionary Leader in China for 42 years, "the newest insult to the conscience of man" in Red China's "premeditated assaults against civilization."

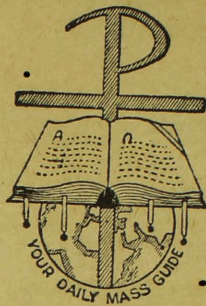
Replying for Secretary Herter, Assistant Secretary of State William B. Macomber, Jr., said he agreed with Humphrey's views, adding that the imprisonment of Bishop Walsh "has made even clearer that (Chinese Communist) regime's consistent policy of flouting the universally-accepted standards of humanity and decency among civilized nations."

Humphrey made Macomber's letter public last Saturday.

"It provides further evidence," Macomber added, "that the true Freedom of Religion is non-existent in Communist China, and that the regime continues to relentlessly persecute believers of all faiths."

Macomber said the five American prisoners in Communist China are "in effect political hostages whom the Peiping Regime refuses to free in flagrant violation of all humanitarian considerations."

Bishop Walsh was sentenced last month to 20 years in prison. The four other Americans have been in jail since September 10, 1955.



Sunday, 1 May: St. JOSEPH. THE WORKER. White. 2nd Prayer of Sunday (2nd after Easter). Omit prayer prescribed. Creed. Proper Preface.

Monday, 2 May: St. Athanasius. White. Creed.

Tuesday, 3 May: Finding of the Holy Cross. Red. 2nd prayer of SS. Alexander and Companions. Preface of the Holy Cross.

Wednesday, 4 May: St. Monica. White.

Thursday, 5 May: St. Pius V. White.

Friday, 6 May: St. John before the Latin Gate. Red. Pref. of the Ap.

Saturday, 7 May: St. Stanislaus. Red.

Sunday, 8 May: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. White. 2nd prayer of St. Michael the Archangel. Creed. Preface of Easter.

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Catholic Associations Rally will be held in May

DELEGATES from the 18 parishes that constitute the Kandy Diocese are scheduled to foregather at St. Mary's Church, Nawalapitiya when the Catholic Associations of the Diocese will hold their Rally on Sunday, 8 May.

The Bishop of Kandy the R.R. REV. DR. LEO NANAYAKKARA, O.S.B. has nominated the following Rally officials:

MR. C. ROBINSON (Rally Chairman), DR. C. J. L. CABRAL, MR. D. M. W. J. PIERIS and MR. A. K. KANDAIYA (Vice-Chairmen), MR. MERVYN ALLES, National President, Christian Workers' Movement (Chief Speaker)

The Rally theme is "The Christian Worker." It is understood that the Y.C.W. will provide group leaders for the specialized discussions that will be held after the Plenary Sessions.

Included in the day's programme is a Rally Brains Trust.

Interested parties from other dioceses desirous of attending the Rally should contact the Secretary, Kandy Diocesan Union, Mr. D. J. N. SENEVIRATNE at St. Sylvester's College, Kandy.

A charge of Rs. 5/- per head,

I'm informed, is payable in advance which is the cost of the Rally Lunch and Tea.

projects he has in view will also find fulfilment.

Chesterton paper-back

APPROPRIATELY enough G. K. CHESTERTON'S biography of the Patron Saint of Animals and Birds — "St. FRANCIS OF ASSISI" has just come out in a paper-back.

It is the most famous short biography of St. Francis ever written and HODDER AND STOUT are to be congratulated on getting out this paper-back edition for the first time.

Local stocks are available from W. D. WILLIS AND CO., P.O. Box 1249, Colombo at Rs. 2/15 per copy.

Another colour film

A NEW one-hour, 16 mm. film produced by FR. NOEL CRUSZ, O.M.I. will have its Ceylon premiere at St. Peter's College, on 29 May.

Titled "Palm-Fringed Isle," the colour film traces the story of the Good Shepherd Apostolate in Ceylon with the accent on the children of the Creche and the works of the orphanage.

Like "ALL MY WORLD" which is proving a box-office draw, the new film takes two case histories and gives a graphic portrayal of rehabilitation.

Punctuated with an intense warmth throughout, FR. CRUSZ in one instance tracks (with a powerful telephoto lenses) a fisherman way out on the ocean and brings him back ashore.

The film is directed by MR. ARTHUR VAN LANGENBERG and it is produced by FR. NOEL CRUSZ for the REV. MOTHER PROVINCIAL of the Good Shepherd Nuns in Ceylon.

It is expected to be shown on the Continent.

Kurunegalle mourns

A BENEFACTOR to the poor and needy and well-known throughout Kurunegalle and beyond its environs, has passed away.



MRS. ESTHER MARGARET PERERA, wife of CHEVALIER C. L. W. PERERA endowed during her life-time many churches, schools, convents and orphanages, and notably "Lourdes Convent" at Polgahawela and the Church of St. Anthony at Hiripitiya.

It is now known that on Good Friday, she attended the Holy Hour for the Catholic Lawyers and their families and followed it up with the Holy Hour for the Archconfraternity of the Sacred Heart which she conducted as President.

She attended the Mass of the Presanctified and took ill after she had venerated the Cross. She came home in a state of collapse and died in the early hours of Holy Saturday.

Like her husband she was also a convert to the Faith. May she rest in peace.

Country... City... Church

In the country, life seems very simple. The sun comes up and it goes down. The sheep have to be looked after, the cows to be milked. When the season is bad, there is little food; when it is good, everyone is happy.

Slow, steady stamp
Woman stamping mealies.
Up down, up down,
Brown arms sweating,
Slow heavy beat,

Women hoeing weeds.
Long Ridge of smooth rock,
Deep gully of scraggy bush;
Long wreaths of evening smoke,
Blessing sheep, lowing cattle.

In the town, life is not an easy thing. Before the sun is up, men have caught the train to work. Long after it has set, they come home to their small, cold houses. Sometimes they get into trouble; many are hungry.

Harsh rough noise,
Clanking shoving trollies,
Horrible rattle of drill,
Deep down in mine.
Quick sharp rush,

Men out on shift,
Sharp line of building,
Cold wind — dirty streets,
Heavy thick black smoke
Shouting, people, crying children.

Living in town is very different to living in the country. The countryman has to be careful when going to the town. Otherwise he will stray very far from the ways of wisdom.

Rounded huts, good food,
Father, mother and smalls
Good company, fine singing,
Healthy life, close to air,

Square shanties, cold drinks,
Mother, no father, few smalls,
Bad friends, juke box,
Dirty air, bad lungs.

God is Great. He is present in all things. He watches over all things.

The Heavens will thunder,
He who makes the rains to come,
The skies will darken,

He who makes men to walk,
He will soon come,
The Great One.

City and country are different. Yet there is something in each to be loved. There is in each a way of life to be worked out. This we have to do.

The City, we love it,
The country, we love it,
The city, because we have made it,
The country, for we are part of it,
The City with its blood, death and fear,
With its hate, filth and sin,
It's white, brown and black

We love it —
It is our present and our future,
The Country, with its charms and whims,
With its green, dark and hail,
Its black, brown and white,
We have it —
It is our past, present, future.

Christ is the only answer to our problems. We have to find a new way of life in Him. This may mean suffering, but it will bring about a great strong revolution for the good and the true.

One God — what has replaced Him?
Trade Unions, police or sex?
Our customs, where are they now?
Ripples of the past, ever dwindling,
It matters little where we be or how we be or what we be.
Christ is our Truth, our Way, our Life,

He is our Shepherd and Master — the only one.
He is our fellow-worker, our brother,
Our cry is freedom — His freedom,
Free from ourselves, our fears and our hates,
Free from the sand, wind and stars;
Free, in all love of Him.

Kalutara News

(from "Josephine", Messenger correspondent)

Holy Week

For the first time in the annals of the history of Kalutara Mission, Holy Week and Easter Services were held in all the seven churches of the Mission to the great convenience of the 7,000 parishioners who appreciated the special arrangements made.

Easter Cricket

The annual cricket encounter between Katukurunda and Kalamulla took place at the U.C. Park on Easter Sunday before a large crowd of spectators. It ended in a victory by 5 wickets for the Katukurunda team, which scored 89 and 15 runs for 5 wickets while Kalamulla scored 61 and 39 runs only. Father Rodrigo, Parish Priest, playing for the Kalamulla teams, scored 17 and 16 runs in both innings.

New Jesuit Priest for Galle

The Rev. Fr. Joseph Mazzuli, S.J., who was ordained recently in Poona for the Galle Diocese, celebrated a special Mass at 6-30 a.m. on 21st April at St. Philip Neri's Church, Katukurunda, in the presence of a few hundred parishioners, among whom was one of his own benefactors — a leading Catholic lawyer of the Kalutara Bar. Many received Holy Communion at his hands.

After the gospel, Fr. Joseph, speaking in English, thanked all his benefactors who were responsible for helping him along the road to the priesthood. At the end of Mass, he blessed all those present, individually.

Among the Religious present at the service were the Very Rev. Fr. J. Iannacone, S.J., Superior Regular of the Jesuits of Galle Diocese, the Rev. Fr. Philip Disanayake, O.M.I., General Manager of Schools, Colombo and several nuns of the Holy Family Convent, Kalutara, and the three other convents of the Kalutara Parish.

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THE TASK BEFORE US

AS the momentous events of last week reached their tense but inevitable climax with the dissolution of Parliament, it must have been a sombre and thoughtful mood that descended upon most people — a mood that might perhaps have been accurately and appropriately expressed in that line from *Don Quixote* which, as far as we can recall, is more or less to this effect: *Patience, and now shuffle the cards again!*

There is nothing for it but to deal the pack once more. In the circumstances, it is also the best thing to do. We grant that a fierce legal battle could have been waged around the point of Constitutional Law and Procedure involved in the dissolution of Parliament. But all things considered, we cannot help thinking that even the verdict of common sense would have favoured dissolution.

In any controversy, the weight of reason and of common sense counts for more than the weight of legal authorities; *non tam auctoritatis quam rationis momenta quaerenda sunt*, in the terse phrase of Cicero. The same directive is enshrined in various maxims of the old Roman jurists. The law must be interpreted in terms of the well-being of the individual and the common good of the community, the commonwealth, for that, after all, is the function and purpose, the end and aim of the law.

The alternative to dissolution would have been an uneasy and unholy alliance between parties professing incompatible political philosophies. The end result would have been, in the more expressive language of metaphor, a freakish cross-breed, a sort of political mule, sterile and unproductive, except for its loud brays which would have filled the land and made confusion worse confounded.

In such controversy as took place before the Debate in Parliament, there were those who cited, among others, Professor S. A. de Smith and Dr. Eugene A. Forsey (both of whom are recognized authorities on Constitutional Law and Parliamentary Procedure) in support of their view that if an alternative Government were possible, a Prime Minister would not be entitled to a dissolution — and that the stability of such a Government is not a necessary qualification.

But then, the supporters of this view seem to forget that it is precisely in the interests of stability that they themselves seek to prevent indiscriminate dissolution. Stability is a consideration of paramount importance, because stability is of the essence of good government. Of what use would an alternative Government be if it were not stable, if there were no well-grounded probability that it would be able to carry on for a reasonable length of time? It would seem obvious, therefore, that though Professor S. A. de Smith does not make explicit reference to it in his contribution on the subject to Halsbury's *Laws of England* (3rd ed., Vol. V, *Commonwealth and Dependencies*), stability must necessarily form part of his concept of an alternative Government.

When writing to the *Ceylon Daily News* Professor de Smith must surely have had the concrete Ceylon situation in mind. That would explain why, in his article to the *Daily News* (April 1, 1960) he is more explicit, so as to avoid any possible ambiguity. Hence his insistence that, if the Governor-General is to refuse the Prime Minister's request for dissolution, there should be "the strongest grounds for believing that an alternative Government capable of maintaining a Parliamentary majority for a substantial period of time could be formed without a dissolution."

In the light of this eminently reasonable view, the decision made by the Governor-General at the conclusion of last week's debate was, it must be said in all fairness, entirely correct. In fact, even if the requirement of stability was only a probable opinion, the wisest and most prudent decision he could have made would have been to refer the whole issue back to the people, who are the ultimate arbiters. It has been said that the second, sober thought of the people is seldom wrong, and always efficient. The Governor-General, therefore, could hardly have decided otherwise. Particularly commendable was the precise and careful procedure he observed in fulfilling his role.

If we may return to Cervantes and his pack of cards, the time has come to shuffle the cards once more. And it is the people's turn to bid. But there the comparison ends. For a General Election is not a game of chance, dependent on a capricious and fickle fortune — unless the people choose to make it so. It is a game of skill, governed by certain rules.

And if the game is to be played well, and as it should be, it presupposes that the players are animated by certain ideals and adhere to certain principles. A great Roman, asked what his politics were, replied: "*Imperium et libertas*," "*the Empire and liberty*." If we substitute "nation" for "empire," and give these two words their true and balanced meaning, we have in them a motto that we may well make our own: "The Nation and Liberty," above all smaller and less inspiring considerations. That would be politics in the best and cleanest sense of the word.

Thus will we be dedicating ourselves to the great task before us, the realization of the hope "that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that the government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

CURRENT COMMENT

by the Editor

THE KISS OF DEATH

IN the intense and fateful political manoeuvres that will take place within the next two and a half months, the Party that is in the best bargaining position of all would seem to be the L.S.S.P. And it has already shown signs of being willing to make those compromises that successful bargaining requires.

The Marxists should be feared even when they bring gifts. To be taken in by insidious Marxist strategy, in spite of their notorious record in this field, would be stark lunacy. Lunacy is always distressing. In this instance it will be not merely distressing but dangerous as well. To accept the fraternal L.S.S.P. embrace would be to accept the kiss of death. For the party at the receiving end it will be kismet — and perhaps for the country too.

It has been said that a knowledge of human nature is the beginning and end of political education. If that is true, only a Party that is politically illiterate can be so naive as to imagine that it can preserve its democratic values in an alliance in which the democratic element will depend, for its very existence as the governing Party, on Marxist support. Marxism and democracy are like oil and water. They do not mix. It is good to remember that it is the Marxist oil that will always be on top.

What price success?

IF, however, the sole purpose of such a sinister alliance should be only the negative aim of defeating a rival democratic group, that purpose will probably be achieved. But at what cost? For a democratic party that is willing to buy so negative an objective at such an exorbitant price, it will mean the loss of independence of action and the loss of self-respect and honour; and for the country generally it will mean putting the clock back indefinitely.

The gains of the last elections will be jettisoned with a reckless abandon, and the country will be plunged into a confusion and chaos which can benefit only the agents of revolution. There might possibly be a very brief initial period of calm. But soon enough Government policy, the policy of a Government that is a hotch-potch, a monstrous amalgam of divergent and contradictory elements, will become, if we may mix our metaphors, an incoherent stammer. The stammer will develop, if it develops at all, into a babel of conflicting voices, and through the din the only voice heard will be that of Marx, and perhaps of Leon Trotsky.

Unless practical politics has come to mean the ignoring of facts, it is not possible for any person in his senses not to see that this will be the ineluctable outcome of attempting to achieve an impossible compromise.

The Greeks had a word for it

IS it possible that any sane democratic Party can believe that a Marxist group will support it out of a spirit of sheer altruism, that it will adopt an attitude of willing subservience, that it will be prepared to play stooge to the majority group? The tragic lesson of the original M.E.P. is there for all to see.

That the Marxists cannot hope to fool all the people all the time was made perfectly clear at the last election when the verdict of the country was decisive, and they were thrown out almost neck and crop. That was the greatest thing about the last election. It

proved they cannot any more fool even some of the people all the time. The Marxists themselves know it. Is that victory to be nullified in one single, stupid stroke? Will the Marxists now proceed to show that they can at least fool some of the people some of the time? They cannot do so unless there are people who are moronic enough or irresponsible enough to allow them to do so.

The Marxist moves should be a revealing indication of their own assessment of the other parties. The Party they are most afraid of and are most opposed to, will be a party they consider to be best capable of achieving the economic and social progress of the nation, thereby cutting the ground under the feet of the Marxists. The democratic Party they are most willing to fraternize and flirt with, would probably be the Party which, in their estimation, is less likely to succeed in carrying out a strong, consistent and progressive policy. While the Marxists will be full of flattering protestations that they are willing to work together with a Party that stands for progress, that will be the surest sign that the very ones on whom they lay their thick layers of unctuous praise are those whom they despise the most.

That people should be so blind as not to see through all this Marxist camouflage, or that they should be so pig-headed as to refuse to see through it, is truly amazing. Of course, "amazing" is only one word for it. We can think of several others — but the rules of ordinary courtesy prevent us from using them.

Rift within the lute?

WHAT, meanwhile, is likely to happen within the L.S.S.P. itself? Look out for a rift in the ranks. We do not pretend to

have access to any "inside information." The inner logic of events is information enough. To succeed in effecting a merger with a Party that professes to be democratic and was a political enemy right up to yesterday, the L.S.S.P. has no option but to compromise on some point of principle or other. However temporary such an expedient may be, it nevertheless requires a willingness to adapt one's political programme to suit the exigencies of the moment and a readiness to face the charges of inconsistency that are bound to ensue.

That not everybody in the Party is quite so willing to follow this road was only to be expected. Mr. Robert Goonewardene's violent explosion in the House was only one example of this. The next few weeks should see intensive activity in the L.S.S.P. — argument and counter-argument, charge and counter-charge, protestations, recrimination, and probably, at the end of it all, a parting of the ways for many who were members of the one fold all this long while. Will the result be one more Marxist splinter-group added to the interesting assortment of such groups already in existence? Or will we be told that this is only wishful thinking? We are very likely to be told that it is. But the question will still remain: is it?

Tail-piece

A sightseer once stormed through an art gallery, sniffing an instant at one picture, then at another; and then he stormed out, shouting to the attendant at the door: "Not a thing here worth seeing — not a thing!" The attendant replied calmly: "If you please, sir, these pictures are no longer on trial — the spectators are."

Mahatma Gandhi Centre in Belgium

THE FOUNDATION-STONE WAS LAID LAST WEEK OF AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOUNDED FOR THE YOUTH OF ALL RACES AND FAITHS BY FR. DOMINIC PIRE, O.P., THE NOBEL PRIZE WINNER AND EUROPEAN SOCIAL WORKER.

The centre — at Tihangeles-Huy in Belgium — has been named the Mahatma Gandhi Centre.

At the ceremony were the ambassadors or their representatives of 11 nations and the consular representatives of several more.

The centre is to be a residential one.

For three-month periods 50 boys and girls will live there, receiving training in the spirit and work of Fr. Pire's new organisation, "The Heart Open to the World," which he founded last June.

They will have an assembly hall, small rooms for discussion groups and a "cloister," for the building encloses a small garden round which runs a glass-covered walk.

AUGUST MOVE

The first part of the building will be ready at the end of July and the following month the first students will move in.

They will come from Belgium, France, Italy, Switzerland and Ireland.

Fr. Pire's new organisation has its origin in the words written of

him by a Belgian journalist after he had received his Nobel Prize.

"From now on, you are part of everyman's dream of peace," wrote the reporter.

Fr. Pire during the next six months mused on his responsibilities as a man dedicated to peace.

Out of his meditations was born "The Heart Open to the World," which came officially into existence on June 5.

FRATERNITY

It has six aims, which include help in Africa and Asia.

But its over-riding objective is the creation of fraternity among men.

Through the international centre Fr. Pire hopes to send the young people back to their countries, resolved to work for the relief of suffering and the spread of good will.

Why is the centre named after Mahatma Gandhi?

Because it was the Indian leader's great wish to see in his life-time the peoples of the world united and at peace.

Ceylon nuns too will change habit

STARTING this Sunday, 1st May 1960, the Sisters of the Holy Cross of Menzingen-Switzerland working in all parts of the world including Ceylon where the work of the Congregation is well known, will change over to a new Veil and Habit.



This change-over takes place at the express wish of and in obedience to the reigning Pontiff, His Holiness Pope John XXIII.

The new Veil and Habit which the Sisters will don (see pictures) were described by His Excellency the Bishop who presided at the General Chapter held in Menzingen-Switzerland some time back, as "simple and dignified."

Interviewed by a Messenger reporter, the Mother Superior at St. Michael's Nursing Home in Alfred House Gardens, Colpetty one of the institutions run by the Congregation here, admitted that the new modification as distinct from the old, is cooler and less tedious and therefore more suited especially to the tropics.

THE NEW...



... and THE OLD

Munich Congress: PROTESTANT FAMILIES WILL PUT UP PILGRIMS

ONE in every five families in Munich, Germany, promised to lodge a pilgrim to this summer's International Eucharistic Congress. Congress organisers say many of the families have expressed a special preference for coloured guests.

Protestant families are among those who have agreed to give shelter to the Catholic pilgrims. Three hundred villages around Munich have made arrangements to provide quarters, and a tent city will have space for 100,000 young men while Munich's schools are prepared to house 50,000 young women.

In this way Munich, a city of a million inhabitants, plans to play host to pilgrims during the July

The late Pope Pius XII it was who first suggested and encouraged these changes. His sane, healthy and progressive ideas on the subject of adaptation were well known. Speaking of the usefulness of adaptation to changing times, new circumstances, new needs, and addressing himself particularly to nuns, Pius XII used to say that while esteeming the special ideals of their own particular orders and remaining faithful to them, they should in a liberal spirit and with a mind open to "any form of timely development," respond readily to any suggestions for adaptation proposed to them by the Holy See even when these suggestions touch on matters concerning the structure of their particular Orders. As for less important matters which play only "a secondary part in the religious life," nuns will surely, he said, be ready to positively "welcome any exchange of ideas and co-operation which the Holy See may propose to them."

Thus will they "help forward," the Pope said, "that vivifying adaptation and development which the Church seeks to promote."

31 — August 7 Congress.

About 150 cardinals and bishops have given notice that they intend to attend the congress. Still more are expected. Rooms for the Papal Legate have been prepared in the former palace of Bavaria's kings.

The German Federal Railways have scheduled 260 trains into Munich during the Congress's final two days alone.

City authorities are already tackling the immense traffic problems foreseen for the congress. Police plan to direct traffic from a captive balloon.

Ten thousand volunteers are being recruited to help prepare shelter for the pilgrims and make ready the congress site. A circular altar-platform about 30 feet high and 300 feet in diameter will be erected on the congress site at Theresienwiese, an immense public square near the centre of the city. There will be seats for 400,000 and standing room for 400,000. Loudspeakers and radio broadcasts will carry the ceremonies to a virtually unlimited audience outside the Theresienwiese.

BISHOP ON TEST TEAM BOYCOTT

ARCHBISHOP Hurley of Durban has made this statement on the suggested boycott this summer of the South African touring cricket team. "Those favouring the boycott are not dragging politics into sport in the narrow sense of party politics.

"They are making use of the opportunity to bring moral pressure to bear against the South African colour bar and its manifest iniquities.

"Most certainly they hold nothing against the Springbok cricketers personally, many of whom I know have the true sportsman's broad view on race relations.

"But the team which claims to represent South Africa and which tacitly accepts South Africa's racial distinctions is an obvious symbol of apartheid and consequently fair game for apartheid's protesting opponents."

HALLIDAY SUTHERLAND — a memoir

OF CONTEMPORARY BRITISH CATHOLIC WRITERS, FEW NAMES COULD HAVE BEEN MORE FAMILIAR TO THE AVERAGE CEYLON CATHOLIC THAN THAT OF DR. HALLIDAY SUTHERLAND. IT IS, HOWEVER, NO MORE REALLY CORRECT TO SPEAK OF HIM AS A CONTEMPORARY, FOR HE DIED ON MONDAY, THE 18TH APRIL, AT THE AGE OF SEVENTY-SEVEN.

My last memories of him are of a sturdy, well-set man, playing interminable games of bridge while he conversed entertainingly and expounded his very definite views at the K. S. C. Club in London in the summer of 1953. As we discussed men and matters he used a phrase which struck me as being characteristic of the man and of his truly Scottish forthrightness and tenacity of purpose: "I believe," he said, "in nailing my colours to the mast." He certainly did. No one who met him or had read his books could have been left in any doubt about it.

ordained in 1953, I think.

His controversy with Dr. Marie Stopes, and the libel action that ensued in 1922, made him a national figure. The first judgment in this libel case, delivered by the Lord Chief Justice, was given in favour of Dr. Sutherland. Dr. Stopes, whom Sutherland had described as a "doctor of German philosophy" (she had a Ph.D. from Munich University), thereupon appealed. She gained the verdict in appeal, and the case then went on to the House of Lords. The Lords, with only one dissident, restored the original judgment in favour of Sutherland.

And then one evening the familiar figure was missing. On his way back home the previous night some "cosh-boys" had waylaid him, hit him over the head with a truncheon or some similar sinister instrument, and made away with his purse. He was already seventy then. But he survived the incident.

The books still continued to flow from his pen. "Spanish Journey" had just appeared, and "Irish Journey" was to follow soon. In Ceylon he will perhaps be best remembered for his "Laws of Life," and the thorough and more authoritative book on birth-prevention, "Control of Life." But it was "The Arches of the Years" that established his fame as a writer; the book went into thirty-five editions.

On reading Belloc's "Path to Rome," Halliday Sutherland made up his mind to examine the Catholic case. He did so, and was received into the Church. That was in 1920. A year later he married. He had four sons and a daughter. One of the sons was killed in the last War. Another, Richard, is a priest; he was

The case dragged on for two and a half years, and the defence cost £ 10,000. Dr. Halliday Sutherland, characteristically, refused from the start to ask his fellow-Catholics for help. Yet the Catholic press launched a defence fund and the entire cost was met.

Dr. Halliday Sutherland was a bold and tireless Catholic apologist, and few men of our time have served the Catholic cause so courageously and so well.

Well, might this great and fearless champion of the Faith have for epitaph lines of Belloc:

"I challenged and I kept the Faith,
The bleeding path alone
I trod;
It darkens. Stand about my wraith,
And harbour me —
almighty God."

J. P.

APARTHEID NO WORRY HERE

SHYNESS is not a quality generally found in pioneers. The exception that proves this particular rule is a 28-year-old cricketer from South Africa called Basil D'Oliveira, who recently joined the Middleton (Lancs) club as a professional.

Mr. D'Oliveira is the first cricketer from the wrong side of the apartheid barrier to play in English league cricket. Technically he is "coloured," his ancestry is a mixture of French, Portuguese and Indian.

This means that in his homeland white cricket clubs, white restaurants and white railway carriages are all closed to him. Since he could easily be taken for a sunburned European, one imagines that South African racial laws must be — apart from anything else — somewhat difficult to apply at times.

One place that is not closed to him, however, is the Catholic church in

Cape Town which he has attended all his life.

When apartheid clamped down, a nearby Anglican church courageously put up a notice saying: "All races welcome at all times." St. Joseph's Catholic Church did not even bother to put up a notice. Europeans, "Coloureds" and Africans continued to kneel side by side, just as they had always done — and do to this day.

Basil O'Oliveira played his first games of cricket in the back yards of his native city. Soon he was playing for a coloured league team, and later travelled to Kenya with a team of non-Europeans to play against a similar representative side there.

Needless to say, the official South African team was closed to him.

Before long the South African Government put a stop to these unofficial, non-European "Tests." Mr. D'Oliveira, with a batting average of 60 and 80 centuries in 12 years to his credit — realised that if he was to get any further in the game, he would have to leave South Africa.

He wrote to John Arlott, the well-known B.B.C. commentator. "Through the good offices of Mr. Arlott and John Kay, of the Manchester Evening News," an offer came from the Middleton club.

The decision to leave for England was a difficult one, for it meant that he must leave his bride of three months behind. She bravely agreed that he must grasp the chance with both hands; if all went well, she would join him in England later on.

However long he stays in England, Mr. D'Oliveira is determined to return to South Africa one day. "I must pass on to others what I learn here," he says. "It is not right that I should stay to enjoy a life of comfort when my fellow-countrymen could benefit from my help."

Messenger Meditorials

The Good Shepherd

THIS second Sunday after Easter is called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the new title that Our Lord gives Himself in today's gospel. Many of the nuances of Christ's parables and illustrations are lost to our age of sophistication, but somehow we have preserved something of an appreciation of the devotion of a shepherd to his sheep and they to him. It does not surprise us that a hireling would not risk his life to defend another man's flock. But a true shepherd regards his flock as part of himself. He will not hesitate even to risk his life to save his sheep from some calamity. Jesus did more than "risk" His life to save the human race from the worst of all calamities, sin and its consequent eternal damnation.

How foolish it would seem to us for a single sheep to separate itself from the flock and from the protective vigilance of the shepherd. And yet how many there are who, while priding themselves on being faithful members of Christ's true fold, do not hesitate to take occasional excursions into the unprotected wilderness. At times they may even be ashamed to take occasional excursions into the unprotected wilderness. At times they may even be ashamed to be known as members of the fold. They feel that a person must not endanger his popularity by getting the reputation of being "prudish." They are convinced that standards of modesty and decency change with the times and one of the things they fear most is to be labelled "old fashioned."

It is uncanny how sheep recognise the voice of their true shepherd. One that would fail or be very slow to respond to its master's call, would obviously not be a true member of the fold. Are we always attentive to our Shepherd's words contained in the New Testament? How long has it been since we have actually taken up the New Testament to read a chapter or two? Is it that we find it too difficult to fit such spiritual reading into our crowded schedule of reading murder mysteries, westerns and, perhaps, love stories?

We should hear the voice of our Shepherd in the authoritative teaching of the Church founded by Him. When the Shepherd shields his flock from the attack of the enemy by making certain regulations regarding what can or cannot be safely read, there are some sheep who feel that such "regimentation" has no place in an "age of liberty and self realization." When His Church's doctrine on the sanctity of the married state does not agree with the popular opinions of the day (including those of certain non-Catholic churchmen), some of the fold feel that their personal liberties have been unduly curtailed.

One of the strongest desires of Our Lord is that there should be but one fold and one shepherd. We can be sure that He will give every grace and help to the current movement to bring about the union of all Christian peoples. Our Holy Father and the hierarchy are preparing the great council which has this union as one of its chief purposes, but every individual Catholic has a tremendous responsibility in this regard. The individual Protestant must be influenced towards the Church by the individual Catholic. It is only when Protestants see the true picture of the Divine Shepherd in their Catholic friends and associates that there will be any mass movement towards the Church. May the Good Shepherd increase our love for and devotion to Him and make us ever more efficient instruments for drawing others to the fold.

John J. Heaney, S.J.

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Theology Without Tears...

"THE FAITH EXPLAINED" by Leo J. Trese (Geoffrey Chapman Ltd., London S.W. 1. Locally available at St. Michael's Bookshop, Jampettah Street, Colombo 13. Price Rs. 20/60).

IN RECENT TIMES THERE HAS BEEN A REGULAR OUTPUT OF BOOKS PROVIDING AN EXPLANATION OF THE FAITH—FOR CATHOLICS AND NON-CATHOLICS ALIKE. WHEN STILL ANOTHER COMES ON TO THE MARKET, ONE IS INCLINED TO BE RATHER SUSPICIOUS ABOUT ITS CAPABILITY TO STRIKE ANY NEW GROUND. AND THAT IS JUST WHERE LEO TRESE'S "THE FAITH EXPLAINED" IS A MOST PLEASANT AND WELCOME SURPRISE. FOR HERE WE HAVE A 464-PAGE BOOK ON THE FAITH, A VERITABLE ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF CATHOLIC DOCTRINE WHICH DEALS WITH ALMOST EVERY ASPECT OF OUR RELIGION IN NO SUPERFICIAL MANNER, AND YET IS IN A CATEGORY ALL BY ITSELF. FOR, IT IS A BOOK OF DOCTRINE WITH A DIFFERENCE; AND THAT STRIKING DIFFERENCE IS NONE OTHER THAN THE AUTHOR LEO TRESE HIMSELF, WHO HAS LEFT HIS MARK ON EVERY LINE AND EVERY PAGE OF THIS ENTHRALLING BOOK.

This American priest is now well-known in the field of spiritual writing; and not only well-known, but much loved and very much sought after. For, his writing is always crisp and stimulating, always entertaining and attractive. And these very qualities which have made his previous books best-sellers, are amply found in the present work, transforming

what may have been a heavy and dreary book of theology, into a

work of compelling beauty and lasting value.

Fr. Trese divides the vast field of the faith into three general headings: the Creed, the Commandments, the Sacraments and Prayer. And in these three sections he explores the whole of the Catholic Faith. There is, of course, nothing new by way of theology; but there is everything new in the manner of presentation. Here, Fr. Trese is at his best, and not only Catholics, but non-Catholics too, we feel sure will be grateful to him for this eminently successful book of theology without tears!

T.

SAINT JEROME

by Jean Steinman. (Geoffrey Chapman. 27 sh. 6 d. Available at St. Michael's Bookshop, 6 Jampettah Street, Colombo 13, for Rs. 20/60.)

AMONG the giants of the primitive Church, Jerome, the priest who never exercised his priestly office, stands out as a leader. He is the greatest translator of all time. He produced the Vulgate, the Latin version of the Bible, which in its majesty and poetry far surpasses Augustine's *Confessions* and Ambrose's hymns.

To translate the Bible is to re-live it and bring it to light again. It is to converse with the Infinite incarnated in human speech. In the light of this, the most original creations seem pale and insipid. Often in translating the great Hebrew poets, Jerome soars to the heights of their splendour. A man could hardly aspire to greater glory than that of being the interpreter of God Himself.

And yet this great scholar was also a brilliant controversialist and an incomparable letter-writer. His letters to friends and tracts against heresy, of which this book contains a generous selection, demonstrate how intense were his loves and his hatreds. With an unquenchable admiration for the pagan authors of Greece and Rome, balanced by a preoccupation with the ascetic life of the Church of the fourth century, he combined in himself the ideal of all Christian scholars: an unceasing striving for truth until Truth Himself is possessed.

Jerome had terrible human failings: a fiery character, frequent outbursts of impatience and a burning Italian temperament with perhaps a touch of the Greek. It is thought that he would not have talked so often of the flesh if he had not been tempted by the fleshly life. Yet if you psychoanalyse this obsession of Jerome's, you begin wandering if the old rhetorician has simply not taken



St. Jerome at work

you in. And there was an obverse side to his violent hates: his touching and almost child-like friendships. The violence of his style may convey a mistaken impression and it would be presumptuous to deduce from it that this was his everyday attitude. In a single incisive sentence, one balanced commentator has justified Jerome's anger thus: "Whoever had him for opponent was always the vilest of men."

This book is addressed to the scholar as well as the general reader. It is at once a valuable piece of historical research and an attractive and brilliantly written account of the life of one of the least known of the great saints.

W. P.

What is a Priest

by Joseph Lecuyer, C.S.S.R. (Burns and Oates, London. Price 7 sh. 6 d.)

THIS book, done by an expert in the field, deals with the nature of the Sacrament of Holy Orders from the time of the Apostles right up to the present times. The volume is divided into seven chapters. Such interesting topics as the celibacy of the clergy in the West, the function of the Minor Orders, the significance and importance of the diaconate which may play a very important role in the modern world, and the nature of the rite of Ordination are discussed in the light of Catholic teaching. A chapter which seems to be most topical is the one on the priesthood of the faithful. The lay apostle should find much food for thought in this chapter. It should serve as a sound doctrinal basis of the apostolate to which he is called. The book is complete with a select bibliography.

N. C. F.

A Mary-Book for Theologians

MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER edited by Kevin McNamara (Dublin, Gill and Son Ltd. Locally available at St. Michael's Bookshop, Colombo 13. Price Rs. 18/75).

LET us say it straightaway—this is not at all a "popular" book, nor is it meant for the average reader. It is, instead, a series of scholarly chapters written by a team of highly competent writers (each an authority, in his own sphere), which provides readers with "some of the finest fruits of the Mariological movement of the past hundred years." In other words, this is a first-rate and authoritative work on the theology of Mary, which deals with every aspect of Marian doctrine; it contains the text of fourteen lectures delivered to priests at a Summer School in Mariology held in Marynook, Ireland, two years ago.

While stressing the theological and scholarly aspect of the book, the devotional aspect is not ignored. For, the sound theological basis leads quite naturally to a balanced understanding of Our Lady's role in the life of the individual Christian; further, there is an excellent chapter on "The Meaning of



Lourdes" which is sure to give a fillip to the devotional side.

A truly excellent book for the theologian, and the student of Mariology—one which is all the more valuable because of the very liberal quotations taken from the writings of recent Popes, as well as the excellent bibliographies provided occasionally.

G.

THE NATIVITY

by St. Bernard of Clairvaux (Scepter Ltd., Dublin. Price 11 sh. 6 d.)

THE writings of the classical spiritual writers are of perennial interest and continue to inspire the present day Christian to better living. St. Bernard's Book on the "Nativity" is a collection of sermons wherein the Saint has used some of the most beautiful images, inspiring thoughts and saving lessons that are contained in Holy Scripture.

The writings of the Melifluous Doctor have always had a particular charm but the present volume embodies some of the most characteristic sermons of his life. It should therefore be a source of rich spiritual nourishment to men and women of goodwill and be able to foster a deep personal love for the Incarnate Word and to radiate that love in human society afflicted as it is by that cold evil of materialism.

This book should find a place especially in a priest's bookshelf as an aid for sermons for Christmas and its octave.

N. C. F.

FATHERING-FORTH

by John H. McGoey, S.F.M. (Milwaukee, Bruce Publishing Company. Locally available at St. Michael's Bookshop, Jampettah Street, Colombo 13. Price Rs. 17/50).

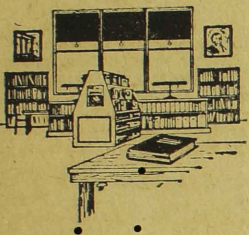
THE refreshingly original title of this book may not be self-explanatory; it is, in fact, a book on the priesthood. Different from many others, it should interest both priest and seminarian alike. And the result is a rich and lively book, especially the seminarian (who is advised as to how he is to respond actively to his seminary training), to the new priest (who receives very salutary advice as to his first appointments and his possible reactions), and the middle-aged priest (who refreshes once more the full spiritual person, the mediator between God and man, that he undertook to be on his ordination day).

Perhaps there is not much that is so very original in these 188 pages, but few priests will not be the richer for the perspective that this book seeks to give. The title

"Fathering Forth" suggests two main things—the eminently spiritual vocation of the priest to be a father, and the dynamism that must permeate every moment of his life. Both these keep shining out right through the book. On Chastity, for instance, there is one chapter on the "martyrdom" that it is; but immediately following is a brilliant one entitled "Celebrate but not sterile." And so the book proceeds, exemplifying the grandeur of the priesthood as consisting pre-eminently the task of saving souls (his own and that of others), and helping both to look to Christ for every facet of his life.

What, another book on the priesthood? Yes. And we recommend it most earnestly to priest and seminarian alike.

G.



CATECHISM

for First Communion and Confirmation

(St. Paul's Publications, Allahabad. Price Rs. 1/00.)

THIS booklet is designed for boys and girls who are preparing for their first Communion and Confirmation. Besides the common prayers, this Catechism has 38 lessons with beautiful and attractive coloured illustrations to meet the spiritual needs and abilities of a child.

The story method is used in the presentation of the lesson and the illustrations for conversational exercise. This booklet should be an additional aid to priests, nuns, teachers and parents in preparing children for First Communion and Confirmation. The printing of colour pictures is above standard.

N. C. F.

A Catholic Catechism

St. Paul's Publications, Allahabad. Price Rs. 5/50 (cloth) and Rs. 3/90 (paper).

THIS is the English version of the famous original German book. It is in most part faithful to the original, but some paragraphs have been, adopted to meet the needs of our countries.

This Catechism is noted for its coherence of thought. The systematic exposition of doctrine is

quite in keeping with the present day trends in Catholic theology. It uses the modern psychological knowledge to bring down the truths of our Faith to the level of children and takes into account their spiritual needs.

It departs from the hitherto accepted practice of presenting Christian doctrine in question and answer form. The Catechism is presented as a book for correct living. The practical suggestions under the caption "For my life" at the end of every chapter awakens the will to do right.

The illustrations will certainly appeal to the creative imaginative powers of children. The more children are taught to look at them, the more meaning will be found in each one of them.

The present volume is a cheap edition well within the reach of everyone. It should serve as a ready reference book to the teacher of religion. For the children it should be an aid for comprehensive repetition. This Catechism would certainly be a means of grace and salvation to all and a help to know God and Jesus whom He has sent.

N. C. F.



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A pupil of the fourth form at the Chase Cross School in Romford, Essex walks down between the desks to show off the school's new acquisition, — a young lamb. The school has adopted the lamb which was saved from the slaughter house and named it "Larry" to become founder-member of the school's Pets' Corner. The young lamb was born in February in a South London slaughter house and after his mother died he was due to be



the girls are delighted to have him, "and when he is full

grown we shall use his wool for spinning and weaving."

● Courtesy U. K. I. S.

A Thought FOR THE WEEK

THANK God every morning when you get up that you have something to do which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, content, and a hundred other virtues which the idle never knows. — JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

Birthdays

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

April 30th

Maureen Wambeck (Anuradhapura), Genevieve Madawela (Kotahena), Marie S. Selvaratnam (Hendala), Norma Fernando (Moratuwa), Bryan Thiele (Mutwal), M. F. Sarath Perera (Nugegoda), Mary Edema (Navalapitiya), Benedict Devota (Galle), Joseph Liyanage (Cotilaw), Yvonne Ferdinands (Kotte), V. P. A. Chandra (Kegalle), Keith Holmes (Dehiwela), Stanley De Silva (Kelaniya), Sylvia Chidambaram (Kotahena).

May 1st

Nelson P. Damasiens (Moratuwa), Ian B. Hill (Ratmalana), Paula Cruz (Colpetty), Tennyson Weerasinghe (Kelaniya), Marie Carwallio (Wellawatte), Philip Van Reyk (Nugegoda), Mary J. P. de Silva (Mutwal), Sunil L. F. Mendis (Moratuwa).

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PAGE-BOY POET (2)



BUT HIS LIFE WAS SPARED AFTER BEING RANSOMED, HE RETURNED TO ENGLAND AND CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION. LATER HE ENTERED GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

THE KING SENT HIM ON VARIOUS IMPORTANT JOURNEYS OVERSEAS

WELCOME, YOUR EXCELLENCY!

I DON'T THINK I SHALL EVER TIRE OF THIS

EVENTUALLY HE SETTLED DOWN IN ENGLAND. HE BEGAN TO WRITE POEMS. ONE OF HIS FIRST WAS IN HONOUR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

LIVING IN KENT, HE BECAME FAMILIAR WITH THE SIGHT OF THE MANY PILGRIMS WHO VISITED THE SHRINE OF ST THOMAS A BECKET, AT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL



LATER

I'LL WRITE A STORY AND I'LL CALL IT THE CANTERBURY TALES!



A Lamb in school

Meet Italy's "best little girl!"

GRAZIA Lupinetti is the best little girl in all Italy.

So it was decided by a jury of wise and prudent men. And so it was that Grazia, dark eyes shining, received her reward from the Mayor of Rome himself.

Grazia, 11 years old and a student at the town of Rossano Calabro in the toe of the Italian boot, got a gold medal, a certificate and 200,000 lire (about Rs.1535/-). This was Italy's way of thanking her for four years of daily visits to her ex-teacher, who lay paralyzed in a hospital.

Since the age of seven, Grazia has walked a full mile through fair weather and foul to the hospital where her former teacher has been confined. She took with her whatever gifts of fruit and pastry kind towns people would give her.

The prize is a yearly one, donated by the father of a boy who lost his life.

This is the ninth time the prize has been awarded.

The two-fold ceremony took place in Rome's Town Hall and in the adjoining Ara Coeli Church. Among the many dignitaries of Church and State who watched Grazia get her reward were His Eminence Marcello Cardinal Mimmi, Secretary of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation and Archbishop Rizzo, of Rossano.

BIRDS

BIRDS are God's darling creation. If human beings love them so much for their innocence, their gentleness and their song, what must they mean to Him?

To attract birds to the grounds of their homes, bird-lovers suspend lumps of suet in small containers, baskets made of wire for instance. The birds love this food and will flock to it.

Empty coconut shells filled with honey and water or sugar and water put in the crook of trees will lure them, too.

killed. Then a woman kennel owner calling at the slaughter house to buy meat for her kennels saw Larry, pleaded for his life, and took him home. The girls at the Romford school are looking after Larry and are feeding him glucose and infant's food. The headmistress of the school Miss E. L. Dickens said that



THE PRIEST

by
Srilal Perera

From 30 April to 3 May, for the first time in Ceylon, school children will have the opportunity of seeing a unique Exhibition—a new Wild life show called the Wild Life Preservation Exhibition at the Ceylon Turf Club. The accent is on kindness to animals. It will be recalled that the late Pope Pius XII condemned cruelty to animals and imparted His Blessing during the Holy Year to all those who protect them from unnecessary suffering. We carry today a special article on St. Francis of Assisi who, as you all know, is the Patron Saint of Animals and Birds.—Editor.

St. Francis of Assisi PATRON SAINT of BIRDS and ANIMALS

IN the life of St. Francis of Assisi two things stood out very poignantly — his kindness to animals and insatiable love for nature. In the coldest of climates he refrained from wearing nothing but an old shirt and lie on the snow, his bare body exposed to the darkness, and utter, "Sister Snow, I'm your brother, why do you treat me so harsh?" or to a scared fox, "Brother, why do you run away from me? Am I not a poor fellow like you?" Or glorify God seeing a swarm of birds winging to their nests with the fall of dusk, "Thank you Lord, you have made me like unto those little creatures."

Already interesting stories — and most of them were true — were gaining ground in the countryside. Some wondered how a playboy of long ago turned out to be a saintly man, spending most of his nights in prayer in the company of wild beasts and birds. Some said he ate

grass with worms in it. Others said that at evening fall a halo of light shone around the head of the holy man-of-God.

His Brother Birds were wanton above him in the clear, open air. A rabbit hopped around him and even let him

caress it. They were his only companions in this solitude.

Francis addressed all that was in his sight — birds, animals, trees and flowers — as brother or sister. "We are all brothers serving one common Father," he said. And he compared himself to a harp on which God plays His tunes.

The Sun rose majestically one morning over the snow-capped cliffs when Francis and two of his followers went preaching. As they drove on through the wood something unusual was going on before them at a distance. Swarms and droves of birds — storks, nightingales, crows, pigeons, larks, sparrows and birds of many other varieties — sang flying about. As Francis approached them the twittering and chirping grew even louder. The whole atmosphere was vibrant with their singing. They all flew around Francis' head. "Listen Brothers," he was addressing them and they all perched quickly on the ground to listen to his sermon. Finally at the end he raised his hand in benediction and they all dispersed with one jubilant song.

BROTHER WOLF

On another occasion Francis met a group of villagers armed with scythes, crow-bars and flails. "Where are you going brothers," he asked. "To kill the wolf" and they told how a ferocious wild wolf was terrifying them all. "I like to speak to Brother Wolf," he said at which many exchanged glances, fear glowing in their eyes.

They followed him into the forest till they came in sight of the fierce creature. With one fearful look he headed towards them. Villagers took to their heels but Francis remained where he was and made the sign of the cross towards the raging creature. It retreated and stood there mild as a lamb. Francis approached

The Priest offers the same sacrifice, which Christ offered on the cross, on Mount Calvary.

The Priest makes us children of God, by removing original sin in the sacrament of Baptism.

The Priest, forgives our sins in the name of the Lord by the sacrament of Penance.

The Priest offers the Body of Christ or food for our souls by the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Priest, offers the body and blood of Christ to Almighty God in the name of all the faithful congregation.

St. Joseph's College, Colombo 0.

★ A MIRTH- QUAKE

BY
A. M. BURROWS



A FRANCISCAN missionary travelling through the jungle came suddenly upon a lion. Flight was hopeless; the missionary dropped quickly to his knees in anxious prayer. Minutes later he was greatly comforted to note that the lion had fallen on his knees beside him.

"Dear Brother Lion," exclaimed the missionary in great relief. "How good it is to see you joining me in prayer! Only a minute ago I despaired for my life."

"Quiet!" snapped the lion. "I'm saying grace before meals!"

Sent by A. M. Burrows.

Slave Island

it and taking its paw in his hand conversed with it. Then he said to the villagers, "Feed it daily and it will leave you at rest." So from that day the wolf walked the roads of the village and town, visiting every home for its daily meal. He lived up to be a faithful pet of Francis.

★ NEXT WEEK The Underground Adventure

BY
EMIL S. NIHAL De SILVA



Schools Mag

Roundup

Catholic Students' Day celebrations were cancelled as Havana went into mourning after a munitions ship had exploded in the harbour with the loss of scores of lives and injuries to 200. Instead of celebrating their day, students lined up to give their blood for the injured. A passenger on the wrecked ship — the French freighter Le Coubré — was Fr. Raoul de Fobry, a Dominican. He was only slightly injured. Priests rushed to the harbour after the explosion to minister to the dying and the injured.

Wendy Lewis, the 19-year old girl from Liverpool who won the Butlin race (schools' section) from John o'Groats to Land's End, is planning to walk to Rome to see the Pope. When Wendy a member of the Legion of Mary, and her sister Joy first did the walk together, they offered their hardships for the poor people of the world. They said rosary after rosary as they walked. At home the family said daily prayers for them. During the Butlin race, Wendy often slipped into churches for a rest and a prayer, offering her hardships for the conversion of Russia. She has received loads of flowers from well-wishers up and down the country. The best of them have gone to her parish church of All Saints. The whole idea of the walks began as a joke round the family table. Wendy is one of eight children. Her mother has also brought up four more following the death of a married daughter.

Kaethe Korpitsch, the 18-year old Austrian girl who entered a convent against her parents' will, must not be ordered to return home and she may, if she wish, become a nun. This is the ruling given last month by the Supreme Court in Vienna. It upholds the decision of a lower court against which the parents had appealed. The diocesan office said that the girl's mother had been pressing her to marry a man whom even her father considered unsuitable. The girl had been removed to a convent at Zams, in the Tyrol, as supporters of the parents had openly demonstrated their sentiments.

Lacking time to print a series of Christmas stamps, the National Postal Director in Argentina had recourse to an ingenious solution. On Christmas Day all mail was cancelled with a special cancellation mark picturing a holy wreath surmounted by a star and enclosing the Virgin Mother, the Christ Child and a lighted candle. The cancellation carried the date "25 Dec. 1959" and the inscription "Navidad Argentina." (Fides)

Vatican City issued on April 7 a set of six stamps marking World Refugee Year. They depicted Fra Angelico's



A MIRTH-QUAKE
by Noel C. Emmanuel.

THE little girl had been to Sunday School where she heard the wonders of heaven detailed. On returning home, she was thoughtful for a while, then asked, "Do cats go to heaven, Mummy?" "Of course not," replied her mother. "Animals have no souls and consequently can't go to heaven." "Where do angels get the strings for their harps?"

Matale.

Birthdays

Continued
May 2nd

Anian de Silva (Moratuwa), J. P. Simmons (Nugegoda), Carmen Patternot (Grandpass), Manil de Mel (Colombo 1), Asoka Perera (Colpetty), Jayakantha de Mel (Moratuwa), Tyrone C. Mendis (Colombo 13), Janette Koelmeyer (Colombo).

May 3rd

N. Sunethra Dias (Wattala), Malory Walles (Wellawatte), Christopher Gonsal (Borella), Edward Rozairo (Kotahena), Carl Rozairo (Kotahena), Priyanie R. Cruse (Seeduwa), Kenneth Christie (Kotahena), Joan B. de Silva (Negombo), Gary Sugamaram (Anuradhapura).

May 4th

Delryn Fernando (Kalutara), Cedric Anderiesz (Nugegoda), Paulette M. Perera (Nawalapitiya), Johana Perera (Kadugannawa), Ramee Munigam (Kotahena), Maria Halliday (Maradana), Marius Wijesinghe (Kalutara North), Lorenzo Welsh (Nuwara Eliya), Caryll Perera (Colombo 13).

May 5th

Clarence de Silva (Colombo), Marie Ferdinand (Borella), Royston Leonard (Maradana), Maureen Candappa (Colombo 9), J. A. P. Jayawardene (Moratuwa), Patrick Jansz (Kotte), Marie Ebert (Kandy), Jean Bottoni (Angoda), Harindra Perera (Kelaniya), Champe C. Jayasuriya (Colombo 6), Helen de Silva (Kelaniya), M. K. Joseph (Nuwara Eliya), Jennet Soysa (Maratara), J. Rosairo Kanegam Corera (Colombo 13), Bernadette Bandara (Colombo).

May 6th

John Soza (Negombo), Melvyn de Costa (Kochchikade), B. Chitra Perera (Kotahena), Carmalita de Silva (Moratuwa), Vernon Davidson (Colombo), Mrinalini Perera (Dehiwela), Pushparanee de Silva (Moratuwa), Shiranthie Perera (Kalutara South), Jannet Walpola (Colombo 3).

"Flight into Egypt," Masaccio's "St. Peter's Alms," and Piero della Francesca's "Madonna of Mercy."



Talks to Teen-Agers

By Uncle Ashley

My dear children, In the fourth and fifth centuries there were many readings (Epistles) and after each reading or lesson, a Psalm was chanted by a Deacon, usually specially trained for the purpose. This is how the Gradual and Tract came into use. When the Epistles were cut down to one, the Psalms were shortened and a versicle or two of both the Gradual and Tract remained.

The "Alleluia" which means "Praise the Lord" has an interesting history behind it. It is an old Hebrew exclamation. The "Alleluia" entered into the sacred services very early in

Divine service only as late as the thirteenth century. When the Missal was revised, the Council of Trent did away with many of the sequences retaining first four — the pick of them, namely

THE GRADUAL-TRACT "ALLELUIA" SEQUENCE

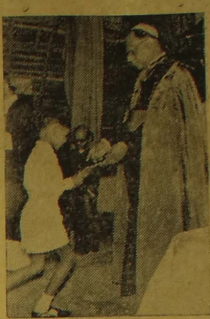
Christian history. As early as the fourth century the "Alleluia" had become a kind of Christian Greeting. St. Jerome records farmers singing it while they worked; History also records that "Alleluia" was even the war-cry of the Breton Christians against the Saxons.

the "Victimae Paschali Laudes," "Veni Sancte Spiritus," "Lauda Sion" and the "Dies Irae." These are gems of literature and Catholic theology.

Next week we shall learn about the "Gospel." Always in Jesus and Mary.

UNCLE ASHLEY

He won 3 prizes



Shanthi L.M. Megawarna receiving the prize for General Proficiency. Congratulations!

THE PRIEST a symposium

RENOUNCING the world, they are tirelessly labouring in God's garden, spreading the Gospel, redeeming the seeds of the parable, that have fallen by the wayside, on rocky ground, and among thorns, and tending those that have fallen on good ground.

They are holy, for Christ the most Holy offers Himself daily to God, by their hands in the Holy Mass and also because by their hands, God baptizes us, ties nuptial knots, and anoints us during our last hour.

They have the Divine right to hear confession and absolve sin.

They are God's ministering angels, and heroes of His church.

Philomene Rasiah. St. Anthony's English School, Colpetty.

I KNOW that the priest is absolutely necessary for the offering up of the Eternal Sacrifice, and for the administering of the Sacraments. Without underestimating this all important function of the priesthood, I like to think of the priest as another Christ, who like the Christ of the gospels, is approachable at all times; one to whom we can always go with our problems, big and small. I like to picture the priest as a shepherd of souls, who like the Good Shepherd, goes tirelessly after the straying sheep; yes, though his feet may be bruised, and his hands bleed in his attempt to save one from falling over the precipice. Hunger, thirst, fatigue, sleepless nights do not count in his quest for souls. Many a soul wallowing in the mire of sin, needs the strong hands of the priest to lift up to nobler things; many a heart struggling along the path of virtue, needs his encouraging word and guidance.

Yes, at some time or other in our lives, all of us feel the need of the solace, that the priest alone can give, as an ambassador of Christ.

Geraldine Kelaart. All Saints' College, Borella.

TO appreciate the dignity of the priesthood, and to realize its indispensability, let us imagine the world for a moment, without the priesthood. It would be a world bereft of life and light. Without the priesthood we would have no Mass and no Sacraments, the only channels of this life and light.

At the Last Supper, Christ's heart throbbed with love for the children of men. He yearned to give Himself to them, to be their food. Hence He instituted the Eucharist, and he ordained His first priests, to perpetuate this stupendous miracle, when He said, "Do this in commemoration of Me." The essential purpose, though not the only purpose of the priesthood, is the celebration of Mass. We, who have so often been refreshed



...by Ceylon teen-agers

with the Body of Christ, Whose Blood courses through our veins, know that we are gifted with Divine Life, by means of the priest.

Mary conceived Jesus but once; the priest conceives Him as it were, each time he celebrates Mass. Mary held out her Infant God to wondering shepherds, to adoring Magi, and to the trembling Simeon; the priest holds Him out every day to thousands, if they only care to receive Him.

Mary Hakel. All Saints' College, Borella.

The essential act of a priest is the offering of sacrifice to God. Jesus Christ performed this supreme act of his priesthood when he offered himself in sacrifice to his Heavenly Father on the Cross. The priest is the only person who administers the sacraments of God and by his calling helps us to save our souls from the Eternal fire.

S. Peiris.

AS the first rays of the rising sun illumine the sky, there is offered up to Our Heavenly Father His Beloved Son who suffered and died for our redemption, and the man to whom this unique privilege belongs is the Priest of God.

Though the priest's prime duty is to offer sacrifice, he performs many others as well. When our souls are burdened with sin, it is the priest who relieves us from our sins and fills our souls with the Grace of God and also when we are at the point of death it is the priest who helps us in the final preparation of our souls before we appear in the presence of God.

The greatest vocation on earth is undoubtedly that of the priest's. It is God Himself who chooses His representatives and if this call should come to any of us, poor or lowly though we be, may we have the courage to leave all and follow the Lord.

Francis Samuel.

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THE dignity of a priest is higher than any earthly dignity for he is the representative of God. The humblest priest by his words can call down God upon the altar and convert bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. What earthly dignity can compare with this!

Thus we owe the priest reverence due to his dignity as representative of Christ. In recognition of the dignity and respect and support we owe him, we should not neglect to help our priest. There's no better way to honour Christ than to be his Minister.

Shirani Machado. Jaffna.

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In Loving memory
of
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Joe Mortier

Died 5th May 1950

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And in our home
Your memory will always stay.

Your daughter Karen and the
son-in-law and grandson you neve-
lived to see. 695

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY



Mary Josephine Ragel

Died 1st May, 1956

Four lonely years thy absence we
have borne
None can fill the void at home
Unforgotten, unforgettable as the
days go past

Only a beautiful memory to trea-
sure in our aching hearts.

Affectionately remembered by her
sorrowing husband, sons and daugh-
ter-in-law.

65, Lady Manning Drive,
Batticaloa. 657

Anne Malini Sureweere

Died 26th April, 1960

A Requiem High Mass was sung
at St. Anne's Church, Kurunegala,
on Tuesday the 26th April 1960 for
the repose of her soul.

Fondly remembered and sadly
missed each day to day.

Please pray for her.

No. 2, Suretissa Veediya,
Kurunegala. 658



Clarice Antoinette Perera

Died 1-5-53

I call upon the prayers of all
those who have known me, of all
those who have loved me.

297/8, Skinners Rd. North,
Colombo 13. 648

Stephen Corera

A Requiem High Mass will be
sung for the repose of the soul of
Mr. Stephen Corera at St. Lucia's
Cathedral, Kotahena on 4th of May
1960 at 7 a.m. 674

Of your charity please pray for
the repose of the soul of

Christie Seneviratne

Died 30th April 1956

Eternal rest grant unto him O
Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon him. May he rest in peace.

In Loving Memory of
my aunt

Mrs. Helena Weerasinghe

Died 6th February 1960

Eternal rest grant unto her
O Lord. 687

THANKSGIVINGS

MY grateful thanks to Our
Lady of Perpetual Succour,
St. Joseph, St. Rita, Sister Mary
of the Cross and Father Alexan-
der Guillaume for a great favour
received.—E. A., Negombo. 655

I offer my grateful thanks to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mother
of Perpetual Succour and St.
Francis Xavier for the successful
and happy marriage of my son.
Mrs. T. G. 653

MY grateful thanks to the Sacred
Hearts of Jesus and Mary,
St. Joseph, St. Anthony and St.
Jude for a great favour received.
A. B. C. A. 660

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ly of Miss Charmaine Fernando of
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College, Kotte, younger daughter
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Colombo Municipality and of Mrs.
Fernando of Willorawatta, Moratuwa
with Mr. Marian Malcolm Lowe of
the tutorial staff of St. Joseph's Col-
lege, Grandpass, son of Mr. and Mrs.
W. M. Lowe of Morakelle, Koswatte.
"Sri Ransiri,"
Willorawatta Road,
Moratuwa.

Church of our Lady of Fatima DIPPITIGODA

The first solemn High Mass of
Rev. Fr. John Gilbert Perera O.M.I.
announced for the 8th of May is
postponed.

Parish Priest,
Dalugama

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MIRIGAMA

Feast of Our Lady of Holy Rosary

Novenas from April 29th at 7 p.m.

Vespers on Saturday 7th May
at 7-30 p.m.

High Mass on Sunday 8th
at 8-30 a.m., followed by Pro-
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Rev. Fr. D. E. Weerakkody O.M.I.
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Novena to

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Feast of St. Anthony

Sunday, 19th June 1960

NOVENAS will begin on the 5th of
June. Those who wish to join
in them are requested to send the
usual contribution (Rs. 10).

Divine Service. There will be the usual
Pontifical Vespers on Saturday, the
18th at 8 p.m. and Pontifical High
Mass at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Travelling. The Railway is issuing cheap
return tickets and conducting rail-
road co-ordinated bus service be-
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vice between Kurunegala and Wahac-
cotte. There will be ample parking
space for private cars and buses in
the church premises.

Accommodation. Cadjan huts of 10 by
10 ft. are being pitched in the Church
premises. These will be rented out
at Rs. 10 each. These have to be
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Parish Priest.

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Rev. Fr. W. M. Nicholas Perera,
Parish Priest,
St. Anne's Church, Wattala.

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MOSCOW

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coming from other parts of the
country have to have internal
passports to visit Moscow or any
other city is bad enough. How-
ever, it goes well beyond mere
travel restrictions. Nothing can
be done, from the cradle to the
grave, without some party func-
tionary having a hand in it.

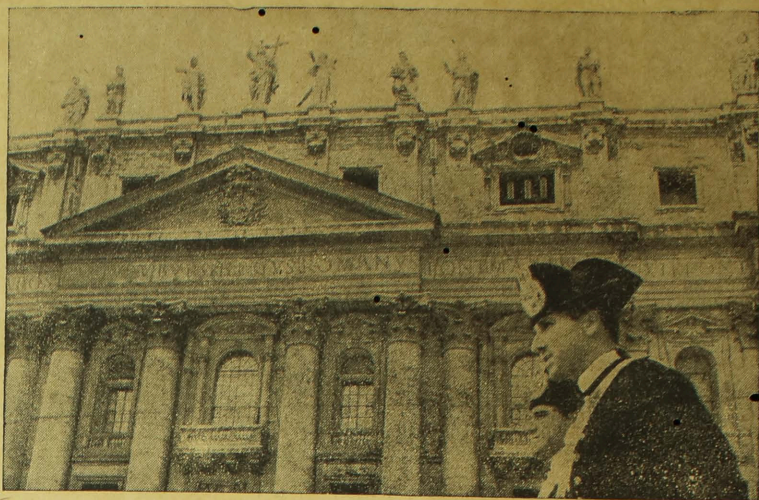
Everything is directed towards
the welfare of the State. Human
welfare is secondary. The Mus-
covite's contribution, in work and
leisure, is useful only in so far
as it consolidates the bureau-
cracy at the top.

It is probably that no one
actually starves in Moscow. But
very few live. They merely ex-
ist. Therein lies the reason for
the obvious indifference shown
by many of the people in Mos-
cow. Only the young appear
enthusiastic. From what I could
gather, they get wiser as they
get older. They become sowed
with the regime. However,
there's little they can do about
it. They are doomed to that
existence.

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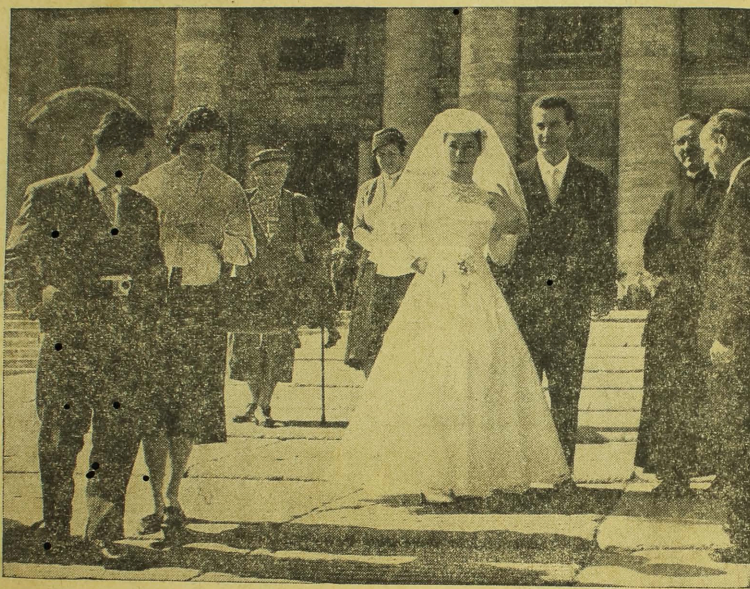
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For great festivals and celebrations, enormous multitudes gather at the piazza extending in front of St. Peter's basilica to see the Holy Father and receive his blessing. But even on any ordinary day, pilgrims and tourists by the thousands, moved by fervent faith or simple curiosity, arrive from all corners of the world and pass through this most famous and beautiful of squares to enter the most famous and beautiful of churches.



Two gendarmes walk their beat across the square. The facade of the basilica was added by Maderna after the death of Michelangelo, who became chief architect of the church in 1546. The balcony over the central entrance is where the Holy Father appears when he gives his blessing.

A DAY AT ST. PETER'S SQUARE

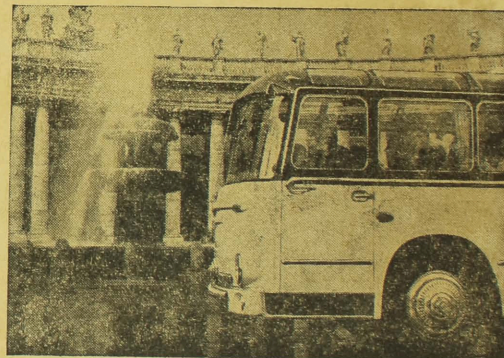


Happy newlyweds pause for a picture.

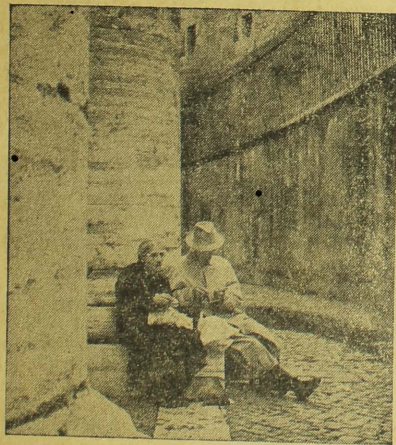


Three Dutch priests gaze with admiration at the 162 colossal statues which surmount the colonnade.

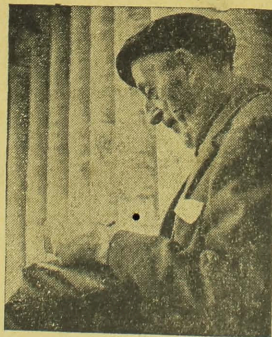
Modern-
day
travel
in
Rome



Pilgrims of today may arrive at St. Peter's comfortably by bus. Few make the journey on foot or horseback as in ancient times.



An elderly couple rest and have their lunch after visiting the largest church in the world.



A French pilgrim writes down impressions for a letter home.

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and culture proportionate to secular learning and culture are necessary.

"Moreover, the clergy in the formation of the laity should avoid any exaggerated authoritarianism and respect those with whom it collaborates in the apostolate." Anti-clericalism is often the result of contact with bad Catholics rather than a conscious rejection of Christian teaching.

The coherent practice of the Christian life rather than mere

argument will conquer "laicism," the bishops conclude. "Laicism" is the negation of the supernatural.

The great realities of grace, prayer, union with God, mortification, humility, recollection, giving ourselves over to others—these are the means of combatting the "facile temptations of an increasing naturalism," the Italian bishops insist in a passage addressed especially to the priests.