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• 175 delegates at annual Study Camp at Ratnapura Catholic Students. Condemn Apartheid.

Need for study of economic conditions

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

"WE have no right to remain dormant at a time when dishonest and lying propaganda is freely peddled about by people bent on misleading our countrymen. We must fearlessly spread the truth whilst exposing dishonesty wherever it exists," declared Very Rev. Fr. Peter A. Pillai, O.M.I., addressing a crowd of well over 175 students at the Ceylon Catholic Students' Federation annual study camp held at Ratnapura last week.

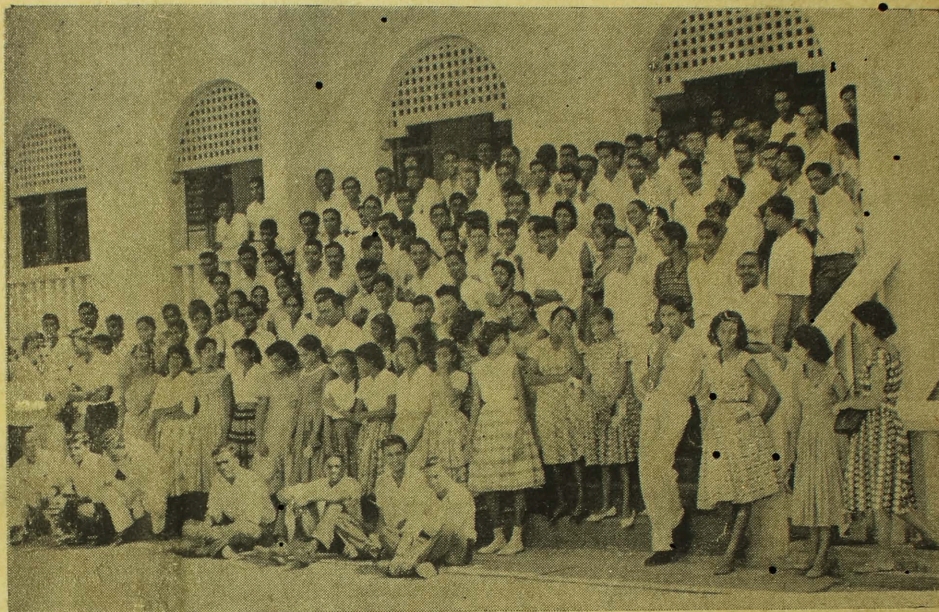
The theme taken up this year was "The Social and Economic Responsibilities of the Catholic Student in Ceylon."

The 4-day annual camp was declared open by Rev. Fr. T. Kuriacose, S.J. Proceedings commenced with the Federationists marching into the assembly hall to the strains of "Namo, Namo Maaha." The Papal Anthem was played, followed by the hymn "Come Holy Ghost."

Among a number of resolutions passed by the group of Federationists was a strong denunciation of the South African Government's Apartheid policy.

"THIS HOUSE STRONGLY CONDEMNES THE POLICY OF APARTHEID PRACTISED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND ESPECIALLY THE INHUMAN AND BARBAROUS METHODS EMPLOYED TO FRUSTRATE THE LEGITIMATE DEMANDS MADE BY THE UNDER PRIVILEGED IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THEIR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS," STATED THE RESOLUTION.

Speaking on "Social and



• The Catholic students at the Study Camp pose for a Messenger cameraman

Economic conditions in Ceylon," Mr. G. I. O. M. Kurukulasuriya stressed the growing necessity for Catholics to make a deeper study of economic conditions.

NOVEL FEATURES

Other speakers included Rev. Frs. Justin Perera, T. Balasuriya, O.M.I., Dr. George Ponnampereuma and Mr. Emmanuel Muttukumaru.

Novel features at the Study Camp this year were the ten-minute meditations given by Fr. Jacob Fernando before Mass and the reciting of Compline every night.

The truly remarkable feature of this year's Study Camp was not the unprecedented numbers that at-

VIOLENCE IN S. AFRICA

Cardinal Godfrey's Statement

THE following statement on the present troubles in South Africa was issued recently by Cardinal Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster.

"All Christians must deplore the violence and loss of life during recent weeks in South Africa.

"We must pray that justice and charity will prevail. We recognise the right of peoples of any colour to work peacefully for the removal of unjust and oppressive laws, particularly those which mean the almost complete suppression of the free movement of citizens in their country."

tended, but the patent keenness, the serious-mindedness, and the sense of dedication to duty with which this large band of young men and women got down to their task.

(Another picture on page 12).

"We must pray also that there will be a radical change in the thinking of those in power, so that the rights and dignity of the human person may be recognised in all men, no matter what the colour of their skin."

Bishop signs plea to S.A. Premier

ARCHBISHOP McCann of Cape Town is among 116 people who have signed a petition to the premier, Dr. Verwoerd, asking him to end the state of emergency in South Africa and remove its causes by immediate consultation with African leaders.

Marxist Doctrine for future Priests

COURSES on Marxist doctrine and on the problems of under-developed countries are included in the new curriculum of the Institute for Social Sciences of the Pontifical Gregorian University at Rome. More than 100 seminarians are at present studying at the Institute, which was founded in 1955.

TOMORROW'S OPEN-AIR CONSECRATION IN ROME

FOURTEEN missionary bishops named by Pope John XXIII are likely to be consecrated in the open air before St. Peter's Basilica at the consecration ceremony which takes place tomorrow in Rome.

It is confirmed that the original number of 12 "Apostles" to be consecrated has risen to 14.

Co-consecrators at the ceremony — which will be attended by many thousands of people — will be Bishop Fulton Sheen, Auxiliary of New York and National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the

Faith, and Bishop La Brie, a French Canadian and National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Quebec.

If, as rumoured, the consecrations take place in the open air, it is thought that this will be the first time such a ceremony has taken place at least in the history of the present St. Peter's Basilica.

Several such tremendous ceremonies have taken place in the past 10 years, notably the proclaiming of the Dogma of the Assumption, in November 1950, by the late Pope Pius XII, the canonization of St. Maria Goretti also in the 1950 Holy Year, and, more recently, the canonization of St. Pius X.

In 1906, 12 French Bishops were consecrated at St. Peter's; in 1926, six Chinese and the first Japanese Bishop were consecrated there, and in 1939 a further 12 Bishops were consecrated in the Basilica; all these ceremonies took place inside St. Peter's.

Among the other names definitely announced for the consecration ceremony on May 8 at 11 a.m., is that of another Holy Ghost Father, Fr. Kilasara, an African, from Tanganyika. The other African "certainties" are: Fr. Peter Dery becomes first Bishop of the new diocese of Wa in Ghana; Fr. Joseph Busimba becomes first Bishop of the new diocese of Goma in the Congo.

AFRICANS

An African White Father is included in the number. He is thought to be Fr. Paul Zoungrana, w.e., whose appointment to succeed Archbishop Socquet, w.e., as Archbishop of Ouagadougou, Upper Volta, was announced only last week. Ordained in 1942 as one of the first three African priests from the area, he joined the White Fathers in 1948.

Two more African Archbishops appointed by the Pope last week may be further candidates for consecrating. They are: Fr. Bernard Yago, named to succeed Archbishop Boivin, S.M.A., as Archbishop of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, and Fr. Jerome Rafotomalala, to succeed Archbishop Sartre, S.J., appointed Archbishop of Tananarive, Madagascar.

ANGLICAN VICAR MAKES ATONEMENT

AN Anglican vicar from Bexhill-on-Sea, England, has sent a contribution to the Tyburn Shrine building fund "as an act of reparation" for the injustice done to the martyrs.

He has asked that his name and the names of his family be inscribed in the "Tyburn Book" so that perpetual prayers are offered for them.

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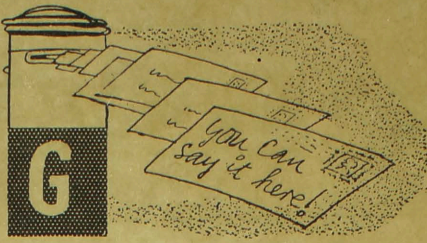
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WHAT PEOPLE SAY

By Spectator

RAJARATNA to Prime Minister: "You must denounce the apartheid policy in South Africa."

Hear! Hear! The silver lining? But, honestly, where would Ceylon's minorities be if K. M. P. were invested with the powers of a Verwoerd?"

Illangaratne to himself: "In the last General Election, the Catholic Church helped the Capitalists!"

Really? T. B., we never dreamt that you were a clairvoyant as well! By the way, where's that bag with the tag 'Das Kapital' which cartoonists delight in showing us as a very precious possession of yours?

Leslie G. Secy., L.S.S.P., to Robert G: "The Working Committee of the Party has decided that you will not be given the platform or a speech at this year's May Day Rally. Yours fraternally!"

Another pilot dropped? How sad indeed!

his letter "A Local Doctor's Dilemma?" in your issue of the 30th April, and I would add that even if Dr. N. M. Perera had been right in his startling "discovery," he would still have been wrong in mentioning it in Parliament, where it had no relevance to the proceedings.

Besides, *The Times* and any other paper or magazine have a perfect right to publish any articles by anybody on any subject, as every citizen has an inalienable right to express his opinion on the political situation, or anything else, since thought and speech are both free in a democracy. However, since Dr. N. M. Perera is quite wrong in any case, all the public can conclude is that sometimes we shall have to take the exact opposite of what he says, and then we shall know the truth. "Great is truth and it shall prevail."

E. R. Tampoe.
Colombo.

"EASTER CONFUSION" - ANOTHER VIEW

I READ with great interest the Short Story entitled "Easter Confusion" in the *Messenger* Supplement of the 14th instant. I also read Mr. S. Sebastianpillai's letter in your column last week. Although the story had a tragic ending, I feel the story was quite appropriate for the season. We can never say that "the nature of the ending is unrealistic." Let me consider Mr. Sebastianpillai's facts for calling it unrealistic.

1. "Soosaimuthu appears to have lived a good Catholic life up to the time of the death of his eldest son." There are many Catholics who lead virtuous lives when their days are bright, and everything goes well with

them, but when dark clouds cross their path and they hit upon the hard rock of tribulation, they make shipwreck of their spiritual lives. They go astray from God and obstinately refuse to go back to Him. Can these people rely on their former piety? Trials are the acid test of sanctity, and only "those who persevere to the end shall be saved." Judas was a good man when Our Lord chose Him as His apostle, but was not his death a tragic one?

2. "Mariamma had always been a devout Catholic." The fact that she was a devout Catholic could not have saved Soosaimuthu's soul when Soosaimuthu had no desire to make his Confession. God has given a

free will to every individual and, with it, we have to walk along the right path. The prayers of others can surely help those who go astray but those who keep on delaying to go back to Him cannot be sure of salvation.

3. The fact that Soosaimuthu never missed a single Perpetual Succour Novena, or his visits to St. Anthony and pilgrimages to Madhu does not necessarily mean that he was devoted to Our Lady. True devotion to Our Lady would have urged him to pray for Our Lady's help — her graces — to enable him to make his Confession.

Instead, he goes in search of his arrack for courage to make his Confession. So, that means he had greater devotion to his arrack! Some "pilgrims" who go annually to Madhu and other such shrines may go there merely to "eat, drink and be merry." Can we say that such people have genuine piety towards Our Lady? Soosaimuthu is the character depicting such people and many of these people might die a death similar to Soosaimuthu's.

4. Soosaimuthu went to church with the intention of making his Confession and he wanted to come back to church to make it. People who keep away from the Sacrament of Penance for a long time cannot easily make a good Confession, when they want to approach it merely because of the insistence of others. The devil always tries to do his part when we go for Confession, but if we have built our spiritual life on deep foundations and if we have nourished and strengthened our soul by frequent Confession and Communion, it is easy to overcome the devil's temptations.

But for those who have weakened their character by being away from the Sacraments, it is extremely difficult to overcome the devil. When we read Mr. Louis' short story we can see that it was the devil's temptation which made Soosaimuthu get out of church and go to the arrack tavern.

Considering these points I wish to stress that those who keep away from the Sacraments for a lengthy period are in danger of losing their souls. The fate of Soosaimuthu might be theirs sooner or later.

We should never take advantage of God's mercy and expect miracles to happen at the eleventh hour. We cannot satisfy ourselves with the thought that we attend Novenas and make pilgrimages to Our Lady's shrines. Jesus Himself has said, "The kingdom of heaven will not give entrance to every man who calls me Master, Master; but only to the man that does the will of my Father who is in heaven." His divine will demands that we obey the Commandments of the Church too. "Easter Confusion" ought to serve as a warning to all those who keep away from the Sacraments, and the ending is not at all "unrealistic" as Mr. Sebastianpillai thinks it to be.

Josephine Ignatius.
Jaffna.

Fatima and Lourdes

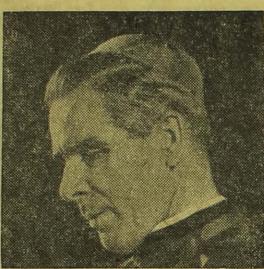
I SHALL thank you to allow me to write a few further facts about the Message of Fatima, as I feel that it has a great bearing on the future of the world, and will therefore be interesting to all Catholics.

In doing so, I will be compelled to quote almost in toto what has been said on the subject in a book entitled "Wonders of Fatima" written by that great apostle of Fatima, Revd. Joseph Caella, and published in New York in 1948. Father Caella draws a comparison between Fatima and Lourdes.

"Clients of Our Lady find pleasure in comparing Fatima with Lourdes. This is easy to understand, since there are numerous points of contact between them and the comparison is not uninteresting. However, to imagine that Fatima is just another Lourdes would be a grievous mistake. We use the word 'grievous' advisedly."

Fr. Caella goes on to say that the devil himself may be making efforts to obscure the vital importance of Fatima, for Fatima is related with the recent war and with world peace. The Catholic world knows too little

BISHOP SHEEN SPEAKS



within us as we talked on the way." In concrete language, the saint is the only convincing argument in all the world.

If the Christian is no different in his thoughts, values, recreations, judgements, politics and business methods than the non-Christian, how can the latter inspire what he has not? Holiness is like salt; its usefulness to others must begin with self. As only the wise man can impart wisdom to others, so only the saintly can communicate sanctity. A man can bring forth to others only those treasures which he already has in his own heart. The physician who is to heal others must not be a leper. The very sense of guilt which evil men feel before the innocence of a child, is a reflection of their self-condemnation in the face of holiness.

Moral piety

• If a thing reflects no light, it is black; if it reflects some light, it is blue or red; if it reflects all colours, it is white. This is probably the reason why the saints in heaven are pictured as wearing "white robes" — because they reflect the all Holy Christ. Arguments can be refuted; persuasions can be ignored, admonitions can be evaded, but the exhibition of moral piety exercises a persuasion which no half decent man can resist. If a man is wholly bad, he will hate holiness and seek to kill it, or else will turn it to ridicule, as did Herod. But the man who is not possessed of evil, will admit a force greater than reason in the presence of sanctity.

Sanctity is not mere morality. No man can be holy who is not moral, but a moral man is not necessarily holy. Holiness is the opposite of egotism and selfishness. The conduct of the holy man is a rebuke without a word. St. Paul gives a list of things which proceed from egotism and which make news: adultery, impurity, luxury, feud, murder, drunkenness and debauchery. And in contrast with those he sets the fruits of the spirit of holiness which never make the news: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, forbearance, gentleness, faith, courtesy, temperance, purity.

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HOLINESS

MINDS today are no longer swayed by reason. As Newman said, the "syllogism makes but sorry rhetoric with the multitude." The 18th century was known as the Age of Reason. Descartes even went so far as to believe that he could discover one simple universal principle of medicine from which one could deduce every possible cure. It was also the custom of thinkers in those days to reduce all thought process to a digest of three or five or ten simple propositions which would serve as a guide for life.

Flight from reason

Today reason has fallen into discard. No advertiser proves that his product is good; he merely affirms that it is. No automobile manufacturer argues that his car is better than any other; he has more ballet dancers floating around it in gossamer worshipfulness. Today cars are sold by men on horseback through the medium of television. A woman is seen doing dishes in a mink coat; no woman in a kitchen is ever over thirty; cigarettes are smoked only by boys and girls in love — all these inanities are part of the conspiracy against reason.

Applying this flight from reason to a higher plane, it is almost impossible to convince anyone of the truth of religion through reason — and yet a whole science of apologetics has been built up for this purpose and has been used for centuries. Shortly before he died, Ronald Knox pleaded for a new apologetic or an approach to religion which would suit our age of unreason and emotionalism.

The saintly

This brings up another question: if the intellectual approach will not bring minds to the knowledge of God, what is left? Here a very extraordinary answer is to be given. Holiness. The modern man is not beyond being convinced, but he will be convinced only by those who bear the imprint of the truths in which he believes. He is very much like the original doubting Thomas who said that he would not believe until he saw the marks of the nails on the Hands and on the Feet of the Divine Master. As Horace put it: "If you wish me to weep, you must weep first." The disciples of Emmaus, as they walked with the Stranger Who turned out to be the Risen Saviour, said, "Did not our hearts burn

Messenger Meditorials

The Christian Worker

LAST Sunday the whole world paid its annual, well earned tribute to that important person known as THE WORKER. On this one day of the year, different groups vie with one another to honour those men who are the very sinews and backbone of our civilization; the men who keep our various means of transportation going, those who till the soil, those who tend the machines of great industries, those who engage in the endless list of workers' skills and professions. Strangely enough, there are some who contend that there is some opposition between the real interests of the worker and the policies of the Church founded by Christ. Only one who is grossly ignorant of the circumstances of Our Blessed Lord's life could make such an assertion. Because He was both God and man, Christ was the only person who could choose the circumstances of His life. It is significant that he selected as His mother, a humble maid of Nazareth to whom arduous house-work was not alien. And for His foster father, He chose a man who earned his daily bread by the labour of his hands, Joseph the carpenter.

The Church gives us this holy Nazarean carpenter as the patron of all Christian workers. St. Joseph is the perfect model, first of all, obviously, because he was himself a worker. Secondly, Jesus and His Blessed Mother were the centre of his worker's life. When St. Joseph made a cradle, it was to hold the Creator of the world. When He made a chair, it was a throne for the Queen of Heaven and earth. His hands were the instruments of his labour, the means of supporting his little family, those two precious charges entrusted to him by God. If Joseph was a great saint, it was because he spent himself in his labours to do God's will, which was to provide for Jesus and His mother Mary.

Serving God is the purpose of every man's life. Like St. Joseph, a man must serve God by doing His holy will, by serving Him in the way He determines and by using the talent and skills given to him. If a man is a carpenter, he serves God best by being a good, upright and honest carpenter. And so for all other trades.

Most workers, again like St. Joseph, have been entrusted by God with the responsibility of a family. They do not have to thumb through volumes of spiritual books or travel to the ends of the earth to find ways and means of serving God. Their duty to Him is clear. God wants them to regard their work as a sacred charge laid upon them by Him. He wants them to enter upon that work with the mind of St. Joseph, with a spirit of dedication to the fulfilment of God's will. Doing one's work well is only part of the worker's duty. One who would then neglect to provide for his family by wasting his salary on gambling or drink would be falling far short of his responsibility.

St. Joseph is not the complete picture of the worker Christ had. He Himself was a carpenter until he was thirty years old. The hands that were raised to bless the multitudes, to serve the sick, to feed the hungry, the hands that were extended and nailed to the cross were the rough hands of a worker.

May St. Joseph, the perfect model of the Christian worker, pray to his foster Son, that every Catholic worker becomes fully aware of his great responsibilities before God.

John J. Heaney, S.J.

Church in Chains in Moscow



ring may stay here, "Pravda," the Communist party newspapers, printed two interesting items. One said that the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church had appealed to the Western world to accept Premier Khrushchev's proposals for disarmament.

The very next day, there appeared a violent attack on the Orthodox Church, its bishops and its priests. The attack was written by a youth who said he was a former believer. He accused his local bishop of all kinds of vile immoralities, adding some choice vilifications against his Orthodox pastor.

Here was an example of how the Orthodox Church is used by the Communists to further their international aims, while at the same time the Reds demagogically sabotage the Church's work.

The Soviet claims of freedom of religion are hollow when one views the actual situation in Moscow. Besides the Catholic church, there are two synagogues, a Baptist church, a Moslem mosque and some 55 Orthodox churches.

Hollow Claims

These 60 churches are filled each Sunday, or on the Sabbath, but mostly by older people, with women in the majority. To understand this situation in its true light, one could ask the question: What are 60 churches for more than six million people?

(On such a basis Ceylon, with its seven hundred thousand Catholics, would have only seven churches to serve the needs of its Catholics. Or Colombo, with a Catholic population of 70,000 plus, would have but a single church!)

The Old and the Very Young

One question I asked about church attendance by Soviet citizens drew an interesting response. I pointed out that it is always said that only old people attend church. But the regime has been in power 42 years, and some of the old people now attending were quite young 20 or 30 years ago. If they didn't go to church then, why do they go now? Here is the answer given by a Soviet citizen:—

Anti-Catholic Action

The constant attack on the Catholic Church is reflected in a recent article published in a Soviet magazine on science and religion. A certain Comrade Chidlov wrote that "contemporary Catholicism in the bourgeois countries is closely connected with imperialism and plays a reactionary role."

This writer complained that, though in the Soviet Union the majority of Catholics "are loyal to the Soviet state and do not propagate theories alien to socialism," none of them "says openly that they do not agree with the defence of capitalism."

ONE ray of light in the darkness of atheistic materialism that pervades Moscow is "Our Lady of Hope."

Our Lady of Hope is the name of the chapel serving American Catholics in the Soviet capital. The title is new, and was recently approved by the superiors of Father Louis Dion, A.A., who ministers to the spiritual needs of American Catholics here.

The chapel's name was suggested by Michael Francis Doyle of Philadelphia, an attorney, and a long-standing benefactor of American priests serving in this citadel of Communism.

Father Dion has been here since January, 1959. He succeeded another Assumptionist, Father Georges Bissonnette, who was expelled by the Soviet government in 1955. The American chapel is on the eighth floor of an apartment building specially assigned to foreigners.

Chapel

The chapel serves some 200 Catholics in the foreign colony, and has a Sunday Mass attendance of about 100 persons. As Father Dion says, half of his "parishioners" have reasons—

"some excellent and some poor" — to keep them away from weekly attendance.

Mass is available every day, however, and several evening Masses are celebrated during the

by Gerard Sherry

week. Furthermore, the prayers after Mass are always prefaced with the invocation: "Let us pray for the conversion of Russia."

Fr. Dion's Status

Father Dion is Apostolic Administrator in Moscow and is entitled by this office to wear the robes of a Domestic Prelate. He always officiates in these robes at baptisms, marriages and at Masses on national holidays.

Among Father Dion's other duties are catechism instruction at various embassies, and teaching French at the American embassy. Despite his denials, he is becoming quite expert in the Russian language.

Father Dion is in Moscow under the Roosevelt-Litvinov agreement of 1933, which guarantees religious freedom to Americans in the U.S.S.R., and authorizes an American priest to reside here for Catholics. He is not a member of the embassy staff and has an ordinary passport and a regular permit. Just recently he had the permit extended for another six months.

Father Dion's residency status puts him in a difficult category, inasmuch as he comes under many civilian regulations.

Moscow's only Church

The other Catholic church in Moscow is St. Louis of France. It has a resident priest, Father Vitold Bronitski, a Pole from Vilna. He has some 3,000 parishioners, mainly of French or Polish extraction. About 25 per cent. of these people attend Mass each week. Some Catholics from embassies also attend this church.

On the two Sundays I was here, Father Bronitski was sick. The

first Sunday, people turned up for Mass and, finding no priest available, simply said prayers. The second Sunday, a priest came from Leningrad to offer the Mass. Father Bronitski was scheduled to return before Christmas.

During my stay I attempted to take photographs of the inside of the Church of St. Louis, but was



IN this second article based on what he observed in the course of a 22-day fact-finding tour of the Soviet Union and other European countries Mr. Gerard E. Sherry, Managing-Editor of the Baltimore archdiocesan weekly, the "Catholic Review," exposes the hollowness of the Communist claim that there is real freedom of religion in Moscow, and tells how he found the Church in chains in that city.

refused permission by the sacristan! He seemed rather excited about my attempt and was quite firm in denying permission.

There were some people cleaning the walls of the church. Several old women kneeling in the pews were praying. Although there was no priest available, the Blessed Sacrament was present.

Prudence

The parishioners of St. Louis are Soviet citizens. They are extremely careful about their relationship with foreigners. They know they are only tolerated by the regime.

Father Bronitski has almost no contact with the foreign colony. Indeed, Father Dion has met him only twice—once at Easter last year when he accidentally met him in the church, and then at the French embassy on Bastille Day.

Prudence dictates that Father Bronitski have little contact with Father Dion, or with any other westerner. Frequent contact could be prejudicial to the Polish.



This is Moscow's Main Street, with its ballet and theatrical centre—the Bolshoi Theatre—in the background.

Children are permitted to go to church until they enter school. After that the party takes complete control of them, and attendance at church is out of the question.

Many of them never completely lose their faith, however. But if they wish to get ahead in their job or profession, they have to toe the party line.

When they reach the age of 40 or 50, some Soviet citizens have progressed as far as they ever will, either in their jobs or in the Communist party. Hence they have nothing to lose by returning to church attendance. They are indifferent to what the party feels, and the regime does not seem to care too much.

After all, the Communist attitude is that religion is harmless if it is confined to children and the aged.

Even under this arrangement, however, all is not lost. Many parents, even when their children go to school, try to continue religious education secretly in the home. They do not always succeed, but the flame of faith is kept kindled in many hearts and there comes a time when it shines forth again.

The situation of the Russian Orthodox Church is pathetic. Du-

Besides complaining about the Catholic Church, the Soviet government tries to do something about it. In the Catholic Baltic states, the Communist youth organizations arrange their own pagan-style weddings, alleged "feast days," "christenings" and rites for youths reaching maturity. All this is an attempt to defeat the influence of the Church.

And all the while Mr. Khrushchev boasts of freedom of religion!

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So much to be done

IF everything takes time in this world, what helps us to wait is that meanwhile there is so much to be done.

This is true even of Causes of Beatification. On the one hand, Postulators have to wait for a date from the Sacred Congregation of Rites and a date is hard to obtain when there are 1,200 cases pending and the rule (recently made inviol-

able, even for a Cause like that of Pope Pius the Ninth) is that they must take their turn.

On the other hand, each memo from the Sacred Congregation sets the Postulator rummaging for material. To answer a simple point on the Servant of God's life, the whole history of his times may have to be

time, is cautioned by the Oblate Postulator's reckoning that at the rate matters can be handled by the present staff it will take 300 years for all the Causes now on file to be cleared up. That is, if no new Causes are introduced.

One thing we can therefore do is to pray that, as Pope Pius the Twelfth had in mind just before his death, provision may be made to handle more work for the Causes of Beatification.

This will be all the more necessary now that the rule of "take your turn" is being enforced. In recent years the people have got the Saints they were clamouring for (St. Therese, Don Bosco, Pius the Tenth, St. Maria Goretti) because their clamouring got priority for their favourites. Now with the queuing up there will have to be another way out. One thing is certain, Holy Church is not going to be easier on our candidates for the Roll of Saints. The indications are that She is becoming more exacting.

For what concerns the Cause of our holy Fr. Vaz, Postulator Fr. Gasbarri is going to it with a will. In fact he is beginning to feel the strain, but is determined to go on with it till summer brings an enforced holiday with work at a stand-still in the Roman Offices. (Perhaps one improvement for Causes of Beatification would be for work to go on in hill-station offices. On the other hand such an arrangement might not meet Pope John XXIII's warning at the Synod that all office work and no pastoral ministry is bad for priests and prelates).

It is refreshing now to turn away from the headache of procedure and remember (with the Oblate Postulator) that when all is said and done the determining, decisive and final factor in any Cause of Beatification (above all for the date when it "comes off") is Our Lord's own will.

Ultimately, then, everything depends on the people's prayer—the clamour of the multitude knocking at the gate of Heaven.

SECRETARIATE CORRESPONDENCE

From the Parish Priest of Wahacotte: further particulars of the Third Centenary Celebrations which will definitely include a monument (statue) to Fr. Vaz.

Father Vaz Feature

presented in a nut-shell. And each time, the "Devil's Advocate" in the Court will insist on reference to original documents.

We more or less knew that this was the way when a Cause proceeded through the Historical Section, because of its antiquity. What we learn from the Oblate Postulator's Report (1959) is that even in cases that have living witnesses to provide a statement, the practice is becoming stiffer and stiffer for "documents in hand." This, of course, is in keeping with our times where everybody wants everything in writing (even when a nurse has to explain to the ward-sister who dropped the thermometer).

Just how long we may have to wait, if nothing happens in the mean-

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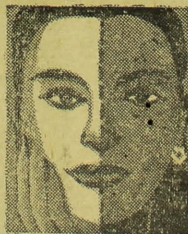
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Atheist Films from Russia

RUSSIAN AGENTS IN AFRICA AND ASIA ARE CIRCULATING FILMS PROMOTING ATHEISM AND DERIDING RELIGION.

Some of these films were shown in London by the Sword of the Spirit, a Catholic society dealing with international affairs. Clergy and laity at the showing were told the films are typical of Communist propaganda methods.

One film illustrates pre-Christian pagan myths intended to convince viewers that Christian beliefs are merely elaborations of such myths. The film links Our Lady with the ancient "goddess of fruitfulness," and God with Zeus.

HISTORICAL ATTACK

Another film attacks the Church's history, "exposing" alleged superstitions, persecutions and exploitation of enslaved peoples.

A third depicts the Church as the "enemy of science," purporting to show that Catholicism opposes scientific progress where Communism brings enlightenment.

Among the series of brief films, all with Russian sub-titles, is one giving a price list for the dispensation of various sins. "Forging a papal document will cost you at least three times as much to have forgiven as will a simple murder," one said.

The films, from the Anti-Religious Museum of Leningrad, are antiquated and naive by our standards. But a priest who translated the captions and sub-titles said they would be effective on illiterate Africans and Asians.



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

Monday, 9 May: St. Gregory Nazianzen. White. Creed.

Tuesday, 10 May: St. Antoninus. White. 2nd prayer of SS. Gorian and Epimachus.

Wednesday, 11 May: Mass of the Sunday. White.

Thursday, 12 May: SS. Nereus, Achilles and Domitilla and St. Pancratius. Red.

Friday, 13 May: St. Robert Belarmino. White. Creed.

Saturday, 14 May: St. Boniface. Red.

Sunday, 15 May: FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. 2nd prayer of St. John Baptist de la Salle.

Unless otherwise stated the prayer prescribed and the Preface of Easter are said daily.

JOURNALISM AWARD ENTRY (Poetry Section)

Pillar of fire

NOT in the welkins' winking eyes,
But past the adit of a star,
Not in the regal bloom itself,
And yet,
Beyond the portals of the rose,
And back beyond
The piled narrative of years,
To when this universe was not,
I sought for Him;
And,
Beyond the sanctuaries of created things:
Birds, beasts and insects, fish and minerals and trees,
Beyond the images of things,
Within the temples of the mind,
And past the atom split,
In the blasphemous fallout of
The fissionable wisdom of today,
I came on Him:
Calm, immutable, serene,

Self-sufficient,
Is,
As He always was,
GOD:
The only integration in
This crumbling chaos of
Matter and mind,
Holds me together
And I am I again,
And He my God,
Both in the making and
Crackup of atoms and the stars,
Beyond the breaking stress of
little minds,
He loometh large and bare.
In Krushchev's blasphemy,
In Russia,
And everywhere,
A Pillar as of old,
In Fire.

V. Lawrentsz

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"Social Justice" wins a plaudit from expert on international affairs

A HIGH encomium for the Ceylon monthly "Social Justice" has been given by the well known expert on international affairs — Mr. RICHARD PATTEE.

In his widely read and syndicated Press column "This World of Ours," Mr. PATTEE writes on what he significantly terms "The Plight of Ceylon" — a candid coverage of this isle.

In the course of his article he states: "One of the encouraging aspects of the contemporary Ceylonese scene is the fact that the small Catholic minority has been speaking its mind regardless of the climate of public opinion, which is certainly far too complacent. "It would be useful for everyone interested in the future of underdeveloped nations to become acquainted with the remarkable Catholic publication in Colombo, called 'Social Justice'..."

An extensively travelled man, teacher, lecturer and a linguist, Mr. RICHARD PATTEE is the author of eight books on international affairs.

"Social Justice," it will be recalled, was featured in these

columns on 26 September, 1959.

reports reaching me. BILL FORBES featured in

ment Flats, Galle Road, Colombo 4.

★ Teacher Vocation Day

A BRIGHT little leaflet has come my way with an appealing picture of the Patron of Teachers — St. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE dominating it.

It serves to spotlight the TEACHER VOCATION DAY: 15th MAY, a day of prayer in honour of St. John Baptist de la Salle.

It is a day specially set apart to ask "Almighty God through the powerful intercession of the Patron of Teachers, for numerous good vocations for the Christian education of youth."

Teachers in all schools especially are requested to make 15 May a day of intercession by assisting at Holy Mass, receiving Holy Communion, visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, reciting the Rosary and making sacrifices.

★ Popular Fan Club

FAN Clubs are fast growing popular here, according to



Bill Forbes

"Roundabout" (5 March 1960) has his own Fan Club. The organizer is Miss CHELVARANI JACOBS, 133, Mohandiram Road, Colombo 3.

There is also a JAMES DEAN Fan Club. President is MR. CLIVE RODRIGO, L/11, Govern-

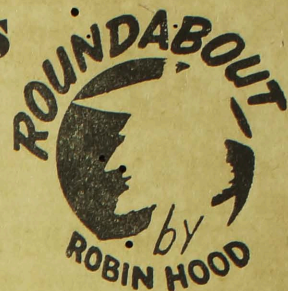
★ A song in the air...

"WATCH out!" was the pertinent brief command issued by Robin Hood's headquarters last week when man featured in "Roundabout" (31 October, 1959) — Mr. C. T. FERNANDO — had a date with a hot spot.

Assigned to the task of tracking him down was Maid Marian who got cracking on the job, and right on the dot at the sultry hour of 2 p.m. last Sunday, she tuned-in to Radio Ceylon's Commercial Service Hit Parade sponsored by Colgate-Palm-Olive.

It was a tense, drama-charged hour. The week previous, the "C. T." song — "Kandulu Bindu Hale" — had just crawled and made its presence felt in eighth and last position. In second position was a piping hot favourite expected to shoot up to first rank.

But, hey presto! last week the complete outsider, the "C. T." song romped home to a comfortable victory. From its tail end the previous week, it rocketed to top position by popular verdict as the Hit Tune of the week!



The self-made vocalist Mr. C. T. ("Make Mine Own Music") FERNANDO must have been a much-surprised and much delighted man.

Man behind the words of the lyric was Mr. GUNARATNE ABEYSEKERA.

A couple of weeks ago, Mr. C. T. FERNANDO also had the distinction of recording four of his popular songs on H. M. V. Discs.

★ A Mudaliyar dies...

HUNDREDS of those who knew him in life mourned the passing away of MUDALIYAR A. J. S. PERERA, M.B.E., J.P.

The late Mudaliyar who was 59 years old, counted a vast circle of friends in all walks of life. May he rest in peace.

ST. JOSEPH — the incomparable

This year again, on the first of May, the Catholic world celebrated the feast of St. Joseph, the worker. This is a feast of recent origin instituted by His Holiness the late Pope, Pius XII of saintly memory. To the world at large this day is May Day, which was selected as an international labour holiday by the International Socialist Congress in 1889

To Catholics, the significance of May Day is now greatly enhanced by the fact of its being the feast day of St. Joseph, who, besides being Patron of the Universal Church, is also the Patron of all workers. There is that other feast of St. Joseph, on March 19, when the keynote of its celebrations is the exaltation of this saint as the foster-father of Jesus and the Guardian of His Blessed Mother, Mary Immaculate. It is this dual role which gained for St. Joseph, the third place, in order of precedence, in the Court of Heaven.

When God required of His Beloved Son to take upon Himself the frailties of a human being as a pre-requisite for the redemption of mankind, He looked for a suitable guardian to take care of Jesus during His infancy, childhood and adolescence. God scanned the world for such a man. In doing so, He passed by Royalty, Nobility and Gentry. God descended lower and still lower, until He reached the lowest stratum of the social fabric of our world, and there He found an unknown carpenter, who could lay no claim to riches, social status or erudition. Nevertheless, God was pleased with him, because Joseph was a just man!

Can we still not plumb the depths of the poverty of St. Joseph, when we know that he could offer nothing more than a pair of doves at the Presentation of the Infant Jesus in the Temple and, moreover, in the heartrending circumstances in which the Saviour

worker

of the world was born. In obedience to a decree of Caesar, Joseph, the poor carpenter, traversed with Mary, the Expectant Mother, long, weary miles from Nazareth to far-away Bethlehem, to have their names registered there. On arrival in Bethlehem, forlorn, travel-worn, Joseph went patiently, wearily with Our Lady from house to house, knocking at each door to gain a day's shelter. "No room" was the only reply he received everywhere, even at the inn. Could it be that they were turned away only because there was no room. Did not their utter poverty contribute in part to the callous reply they received! Would not a couple, in affluent circumstances, have found accommodation somehow in a house or at the inn in Bethlehem?

Then again, when St. Joseph was bidden to flee into Egypt with the Baby Jesus and His Mother, to escape from the wrath of Herod, what a tremendously difficult situation he faced in order to keep the wolf from the door in a strange land and among strange people. This incredibly poor, and also incredibly brave man, with the utmost confidence in God, surmounted every difficulty in the execution of his God-given mission. Hence God placed him in such an eminent position in Heaven. Hence also, the Church's recognition of him as its Patron.



By C. A. Senanayake

In the feast on May 1, the Church places the emphasis on the lowliness, the poverty and the industry of St. Joseph. The intention of the Church here is to spotlight God's predilection for St. Joseph, as the embodiment of the spirit of holy poverty. In a world with a new ideology, proclaiming the denial of the existence of God, and a life after death, and presenting the spirit of poverty as an unmitigated evil, the life and the example of St. Joseph are a complete refutation of this materialistic doctrine. This evil doctrine is the offspring not of capitalism alone, but of the wedlock of capitalism and selfishness!

Why did God plan for His Son to be born in poverty, of a poor

mother, and that they should be looked after by so poor a man as St. Joseph? Why? God wants the human race, from generation to generation, until the end of time, to love and help the poor of their kind as they love God's poor Son, His poor Mother, and poor St. Joseph!

This is the lesson that we must learn from this May Day feast of St. Joseph the Worker, and put it into practice to the best of our ability, and always, if we are sincerely anxious to prevent a victory for the forces of evil over all that is godly, good and noble.

At His Feet

I KNELT there before You
My mind numb with pain,
My spirit broken,
Asking
Asking like countless others for relief,
A soothing balm, to heal
This mortal frame.
No doubts assailed me then,
I knew as many times before I did
You would not fail.
Then like sunshine after rain
The cure descended,
Lifting me up the broken reed
Holding it erect,
Giving it Life,
With spirit reborn
To face Life's bitter struggle.

RITA SEBASTIAN

Song

YOU work and play — the stars adorn the night,
The child wakes up and weeps the age-old song,
I kneel and pray, and ask for all the light,
And cry: "O Lord — if it's the dawn, how long?"
For souls who try, there is no wasting now,
If Faith in things unseen are just a sign,
Who dares to ask the reason why — and how
This Cross has come to me — this Cross is mine.

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THE ENEMY WITHIN

ONE of the most important landmarks in the political evolution of Ceylon has been the fact that the vast majority of its citizens have come to understand the real nature of Marxism. The steady dissemination of the truth has had its effect, the Marxist slogans and clichés have worn themselves bare, and the tragic martyrdom of Hungary and Tibet served powerfully to confirm the truth. The mask was torn off Marxism, and its true and monstrous face stood revealed for all to see.

The best proof of all this was the clear and decisive verdict of the average Ceylon voter at the last election. It is difficult to believe that the people will now want to go back upon their convictions, or to jeopardize in any way the liberty they have shown themselves so determined to preserve.

And yet, at the present moment, we are faced with the spectacle of politicians who, though one would expect them to possess a higher degree of political literacy than the man-in-the-street and to be more alert to the artifices and stratagems of the Marxists, are displaying what can only be either a naivety that is too pathetic for words or a shocking willingness to sacrifice principle for the sake of expediency.

If the behaviour we are witnessing is of the latter category, then it is both reprehensible and stupid. The liberty of the people should not be sold for the sake of political advantage, prestige and power. Personal or Party success can never be the test of political rectitude. The thing is not only immoral. It is stupid. For injustice, like murder, will out. The principles of democracy and of justice cannot be ignored with impunity for very long.

To make earnest and pious protestations, as some of the politicians in question have done, that a mere no-contest electoral agreement leaves principles intact, and that there will be no deviation from socialist and democratic policies and programmes, is to be very simple indeed or else to presume that the public are possessed of a truly child-like credulity. But such a presumption, in turn, could only stem from ignorance of the most massive dimensions. The only other possible explanation would be that we are in the presence of a remarkable instance of political blindness.

After all, there is nothing to indicate with any degree of certainty or even probability, that any one Party will win an absolutely sweeping and overwhelming victory. And in these matters it would certainly be prudent and sensible to think in terms of a moderate estimate than to be unduly optimistic.

In the event, therefore, of the winning Party requiring the help of other Parties to be able to secure a comfortable working majority in Parliament, a new Government, if it has come into power by means of dubious alliances, will have no alternative but to fall back upon their erstwhile no-contest partners for support. And at that stage, their slick political manipulations may very well boomerang upon them.

If a Marxist group lends its support to a non-Marxist Party, the obvious question to ask oneself would be, "What is the purpose of it all?" Not sheer selfless benevolence, surely? Nor that the Marxists in question have shed their Marxism, either. Nor yet that while retaining their theory they have abandoned their usual strategy—for one of the most characteristic things about the Marxist is the grim and terrifying consistency with which he combines theory and practice.

Our politicians cannot possibly be innocent of the technique of the united front. Where the chances of direct revolutionary action are poor, and the attempt to build up a mass movement with a view to ultimately obtaining control of the country has not met with spectacular success, the only method left to the Marxists is to pursue the tactics of the united front.

Karl Radek, in his Address to the Fourth Congress of the Comintern in 1922, said significantly: "... the period of the united front has replaced the period of direct attack on Social Democracy. It is much easier and pleasanter to smash things, but if we have not the power to do so, and if this method is necessary, we must make use of it ... in the firm trust that it will do harm to Social Democracy, not to us ... and in the conviction that we shall crush them in our embrace."

The Machiavellian manoeuvre of the united front involves supporting the Right, but not with a view to strengthening it. It is best described in Lenin's words: "I support Henderson by my vote as the rope supports a man who is being hanged." The support of the Right in Marxist politics, therefore, amounts in practice to thrusting upon an unwilling but helpless democratic party, policies which will necessarily involve revolutionary programmes; it will mean the agitation for demands which the workers will welcome but which either the business sector, or the economy of the country generally, will find impossible or difficult of fulfilment. This will make for conflict, and will thus pave the way for the ultimate transfer of leadership to the Marxists.

There is danger, then, ahead of us. And the danger is not so much from the enemy without, as from the enemy within. But we need not fear the enemy within, provided the people are vigilant and refuse to be misled, and provided they do not succumb to apathy and inertia. Freedom can be won and preserved only at the price of further struggle. The battle of freedom is never quite over and done with. The field is never quiet.

Arnold Toynbee, in his *Outline of History*, traces twenty-seven recorded civilizations of the past. He says the pattern throughout is one of a first period of growth to greatness; then comes a period of challenge; finally, according to how the challenge is met, there is either a rise to new heights of greatness, or else inevitable decline.

For Ceylon today, this is the period of challenge. It is also, therefore, our time for greatness. There are those of us who cannot bring ourselves to believe that we will fail. If we fail, we shall have demolished the last wall between us and the dark.

CURRENT COMMENT

by the Editor

CAN THE LEOPARD CHANGE HIS SPOTS?

ALLOWANCE must surely be made for the fact that no one expects political speeches made in the heat of an election campaign to be models of sobriety or to be sermon-like in the severity and chasteness of their diction and in the rigour with which picturesque language and strong statement are eschewed. But when every possible and imaginable allowance has been made for this fact, everybody does expect that they should contain some inner kergel and substance of truth, or at the very least some semblance of it.

In the light of the current political situation, with the L.S.S.P. and the S.L.F.P. making ardent, even if only platonic, love to each other, greeting each other like long-lost friends and talking of nothing but the progressive aims and ideals they share in common, it is difficult to know what to make of the things they said about each other during the last election campaign. Can it be that we are witnessing one of the most inspiring and moving examples in all history of complete forgiveness and total reconciliation in accordance with the great religious maxim, "forgive and forget?"

The public may, in turn, be magnanimous enough to forgive them both, but can the public be expected to forget as well?

The things they say

HERE are just a few of the things the parties to this newly-forged and truly epic friendship said about each other a mere matter of two months ago.

"Dr. N. M. Perera says he always endorsed the views of Mr. Bandaranaike, but in reality, as every one in the country knew, they (Dr. Perera and others of his ilk) all did everything possible to wreck the good work that was being done by my husband."—Mrs. Bandaranaike.

"Marxists are the root cause of the soaring cost of living and the chaotic conditions in the country."—Mr. R. G. Senanayake.

"Dr. N. M. Perera who promised to help the Bandaranaike Government in 1956 did everything to ruin the Government as well as the country."—Mr. A. P. Jayasuriya.

"I am supporting the S.L.F.P. to save the country from the reactionary U.N.P. and the extreme Marxist groups."—Mrs. Bandaranaike.

"The leftist leaders and papers are vehemently criticising and condemning my actions."—Mrs. Bandaranaike.

"... these Marxists who had been the deadliest enemies of the late Mr. Bandaranaike right throughout his career as Prime Minister are now going about the country shedding crocodile tears."—Mr. R. G. Senanayake.

"It was not the S.L.F.P. but the L.S.S.P. and other left parties that destroyed the country by organising endless strikes."—Mr. R. G. Senanayake.

"The Marxist parties, the L.S.S.P. and C.P., are trying to apply the methods used in Russia hundreds of years ago. Those theories are not applicable to Ceylon. ... the L.S.S.P. and C.P. had promised to co-operate with the Bandaranaike Government, but before two weeks passed they joined the U.N.P. reactionaries and began to obstruct the progressive work of the Government."—Mr. T. B. Ilangaratne.

When is a lie not a lie?

THE people who made these statements are surely no babes in the political woods, but tried and tested veterans who know the

Marxist leopard and recognize his spots. Have they been suddenly transformed into such greenhorns that they think they can sit down to a meal with the leopard and talk turkey to him? Do they imagine the leopard has had his claws pared and has changed his spots, and that these erstwhile Marxist "reactionaries," "wreckers" and "obstructionists," these men who are "the root cause of ... the chaotic conditions in the country," these "parties that destroyed the country," have overnight become less dangerous than rival democratic groups? Or are we to believe that consistency, sincerity and truth have lost all meaning, and that the exigencies of politics are such that the end justifies the means; that all is fair in love, warfare and politics; that the answer to the riddle "when is a lie not a lie?" is, "when it is a political lie"; that the old wisecrack about statistics should now be revised to read "lies, d—d lies, statistics, and political speeches?" Or is it that we have reached the vanishing-point of sanity?

Heads I win, tails you lose

IT would be a tragedy if the lessons and experience of the past should be forgotten in the foolish and futile hope that once the initial period of limited collaboration is over, the Marxists can be shaken off. It is a notable fact that wherever Marxist offers of support and unity have been accepted by other parties, the Marxists alone have benefited by such co-operation. Social democrats all over the world have come to realize that by co-operation the Marxists mean something different from the normal connotation of the word. For them, co-operation is a one-way process. Any offer of help is obviously given with the tongue in the cheek. By now social democrats everywhere have learnt, to their cost, that the Marxists are "too clever" to negotiate with, and that they can never be sincere about any offer of mutual co-operation. It would be a thousand pities, therefore, if any democratic group, setting aside all the accumulated experience of others and their own, should succumb to the tactics of the united front which was once so appropriately described by a French socialist in the famous line of Racine: "I embrace my rival, but it is the better to choke him." And it was of such victims, for whom Marxists have the greatest contempt, that Lenin himself once said: "But we have strong stomachs—we are unflinching Marxists. We shall digest all these people."

Comic opera

IT is interesting, no less, to recall what the leader of the L.S.S.P. had to say at the time of the last election about those who have since become their comrades-in-arms.

"The S.L.F.P. is asking for votes in the very name of the Premier whom they killed."—Dr. N. M. Perera.

"The S.L.F.P. is full of opportunists. When it was not able

to work for the country with a statesman of the late Mr. Bandaranaike's calibre, will it be able to govern with Mr. C. P. de Silva at the helm?"—idem.

"Who can expect any service to the country or protection to the masses from the S.L.F.P., if it is returned to power again when it could not protect the life of its leader?"—idem.

"The S.L.F.P. died with Mr. Bandaranaike. It is ridiculous to vote for the comic gang who now ask for your vote in his name."—idem.

The "comic gang" and the L.S.S.P. are now, however, standing shoulder to shoulder in the cause of progress! One would be inclined to dismiss the whole business as comic opera, and indeed, granted the farcicality of the situation, as *opera bouffe* of the highest order, but for the fact that the consequences for the country could be so tragic.

A ray of light

IT is with considerable relief that we turn from the depressing and distressing political situation to a welcome move in the direction of salvaging the nation's economy. Industrial development in Ceylon has so far made only the slowest and most painful progress. Most of our consumption goods are still imported. We still import the bulk of our glass and glassware, electrical goods, textiles, boots and shoes, paints, paper, tea chests, umbrellas, and so on *ad infinitum*. With careful selection of projects and proper organization, we should be able to manufacture some of these goods ourselves. By thus economising on imports, we will be increasing our capital supply, giving a much needed impetus to a programme of industrialisation, and creating new opportunities for employment.

A new government-sponsored corporation has been established for the manufacture of electric bulbs. Last year Ceylon imported about two million bulbs, costing nearly a million and a half rupees. If the new corporate proceeds according to plan, we should have our own bulbs by the end of next year. We will thus be effecting a not inconsiderable reduction in our foreign expenditure.

Of a total capital of one and a half million rupees, Government is contributing 3 lacs, two Japanese firms (one of them the largest manufacturer of electrical goods in Asia) have agreed to subscribe 7 lacs, and the remaining 5 lacs is to be contributed by Ceylonese business interests.

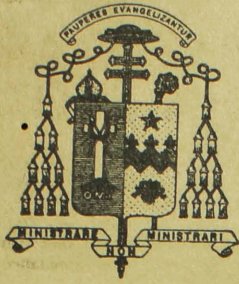
This is a most hopeful and encouraging venture and deserves the plaudits of the public.



After a smart dinner at Trinity College, Cambridge, Fr. Bernard Vaughan was asked what he, as a Jesuit, would do if Henry VIII were to step out of the large Holbein painting of him that hung right over them. Fr. Vaughan replied in a flash: "Why, I should request the ladies to leave the room."

Archbishop Calls for Prayers for Our Country

Circular No. 128.



Archbishop's House,
Colombo 8,
4th May, 1960.

Dear Reverend Fathers and

Dearly Beloved Brethren,

In Our Circular No. 121, dated 24 November 1959, we asked your prayers for the welfare of our country. The perilous and critical period has not passed away. Hence this further appeal to you for more prayers and acts of self-sacrifice.

As for special practices, we prescribe the following. They are the same as those given earlier, with a few alterations, and are to remain in vigour up to the Feast of the Assumption on August 15:

1. The faithful in general are requested to offer their daily Family Rosary or a part of it for the welfare of our country.
2. In religious and other communities, the "Parce Domine" (twice), the "Miserere," and the "Parce Domine" again (once) with the appropriate prayer shall be sung at Benediction on every Sunday.
3. The Oratio Imperata at Mass ("tanquam pro re gravi simpliciter") shall be the one to St. Joseph (19th March), substituting the word "commemorationem" for "festivitatem."
4. A Holy Hour with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament shall be held in all our Churches and Chapels at least once a month, on a convenient day chosen at the discretion of the Priest in charge. (The same practice is permitted once a week).
5. A special appeal is made for the prayers of our dear school children as indicated in our separate letter to them dated 1st May 1960.

All are urged to pray in a special manner to Our Lady of Lanka and to St. Joseph under whose special protection we place the future of our country, and we suggest the recital of the Litany of St. Joseph daily either at Mass or at Family Prayers.

With our cordial blessing,
Yours devotedly in Xt. and M.I.,

✠ THOMAS COORAY, O.M.I.,
Archbishop of Colombo.

To the Reverend Missionaries of the
Archdiocese of Colombo.

N.B. — This Circular should be read and explained to the Faithful at all the Masses on the Sunday following the reception of this Circular.

May day news reports

(from our outstation] correspondent)

• PUTTALAM

THE workers from the early hours of the morning had gathered at St. Andrew's College grounds where at 7 a.m. a microphone called the crowds to attention. The procession was headed by a fleet of motor cycles bearing aloft the Y.C.W. banner. School children carrying posters lined

up the route. Behind the children were the women workers and behind them came the Radio Car conducting the prayers during the procession. The statue of St. Joseph, in a gaily decorated stand, was carried by workers while others followed the statue, carrying their implements of labour. The carpenters, bearing aloft their saws and other tools, were given pride of place.

Behind the carpenters and the

cyclists, came postal peons, fish vendors and the milk-men. Following these was a long line of decorated water-carts, half-carts and buggy carts. A lorry bearing a decorated boat and fishermen with nets followed next. Then came the cars, lorries and tractors from the estates.

Workers from Talawila, Tab-bowa, Mampuri, Kottukachchi, Madurankuli, Karambe, Palavi and from the suburbs of Puttalam were all there to pay their tribute to their worker saint.

After the blessing of workers and the tools of labour, there began the workers' Mass. The altar was constructed by the carpenters, the altar stone placed by a mason, the altar cloths by weaving-girls,

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Thousands gather for games

MAY Day celebrations at Wennappuwa coincided this year with the patronal feast of the

church, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. After the religious services, the workers in their thousands, both male and female, participated in the various games on the church premises. This annual feature provides much entertainment to both young and old.

Tug-of-war, climbing the greasy pole and cycle musical chairs

NOTICE

The Catholic Press will be closed on Tuesday, May 10th.

Archbishop to Consecrate Carmelite Chapel

AT 6-30 a.m. on Wednesday, 11 May, His Grace the Archbishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I., will consecrate the Chapel of Corpus Christi Carmel at Mattakkuliya. This event marks the commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of the foundation of the Convent of the Cloistered Carmelites in Ceylon.

• WENNAPPUWA

were some of the highlights of the celebrations.

Very Rev. Fr. Roland Perera, Parish Priest and Dean of Wennappuwa, presided at the celebrations and gave away the awards.

The Young Christian Workers of Wennappuwa spared no pains to make the day's proceedings a success.

Addressing the crowd, Very Rev. Fr. Roland Perera explained the significance of May Day and invoked on the workers the blessings of St. Joseph, their Patron.



A section of the May Day crowd listening to Rev. Fr. J. Navaratnam O.M.I. at Puttalam. (Picture by Thomas Bamunuaratchi.)

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER TO CHILDREN

Letter No. 16



Archbishop's House,
Colombo 8,
1st May, 1960.

My dear Children,

We have come back once again to the beautiful month of May. Nature herself pays a wonderful tribute to our Mother and Queen. There is no doubt that you collect flowers to adorn the May Queen's altar as an expression of your love to Jesus' Mother and yours. Angels in heaven pay tribute to her as their Queen but they can never call her Mother. This privilege is given to you. So I ask you, dear children, to love Mary as your Mother: love her with all your heart; love her above everything else in this world.

This love for Mary, dear children, is to be shown by a boundless trust in her; a trust that will make you run to her always and everywhere, especially when the enemies of your souls are trying to take Jesus away from you by sin. When the Devil makes a frightful noise to scare you away from duty or plays the haunting tunes of the world to lead you into what is wrong, call on Mary; take refuge under her blue mantle and ask her to keep your hearts spotlessly clean so that your hearts may remain living temples of God. Call on her, always repeating the prayer: "Holy Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death."

During this month, dear children, I ask you to pray in a very special way for the Church in our country and for the protection of our schools. We have counted on your prayers in the past and we do depend on them even today. So band yourselves together and ask the Queen of May to protect our dear country at this grave moment. The enemies of God are trying hard to destroy the freedom of this land of ours and lead her citizens into a slavery worse than that of ancient Rome. There are others who plan to take away our schools, the very ones where you are studying to be good children of God and loyal citizens of this country. Unfortunately even some of our Catholics fail to realise the dangers that are ahead of you. It is you who will lose the heritage that has been given to you at the cost of so much sacrifice in the centuries gone by. That is why we send this earnest appeal to you to go down on your knees before the altar of your Blessed Mother and plead with her to save Lanka, to save our schools and to give stability and peace in public life.

To obtain this great favour I ask you:

1. To say the Rosary every day during the Month of May Devotions in your school.
2. And from now till the Feast of the Assumption (Aug. 15):
 - (a) to offer your family Rosary
 - (b) to attend Mass every Saturday and receive Holy Communion
 for the same intentions.

Besides these practices we would ask you to offer little sacrifices daily for the above intentions.

We would like to see you attend Mass as often, as possible during this month. We assure you, dear children, that if each and everyone of you does what is expected of you during this month, the Church will be safe from all harm and danger and you will be free to continue your studies in wholesome surroundings and thus grow "in grace and wisdom before God and men."

Commending you to the care and protection of Mary, Our Mother, and imparting to you our affectionate blessing as a pledge of the grace to come,

Yours devotedly in Xt and M.I.,
✠ THOMAS COORAY, O.M.I.,
Archbishop of Colombo

• KALUTARA

UNLIKE in previous years Catholic workers mustered strong this year to celebrate May Day and the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker in all parishes of the Kalutara District.

At Katukurunda, the workers carrying their own implements, with the statue of St. Joseph arrived from St. Mary's Church, Kalamulla, at 7 a.m., when they were specially blessed. Fr. Rodrigo in the course of his sermon dwelt at length on the humility and dignity of St. Joseph the Protector of Our Divine Lord and our Holy Church, which has given him as Patron to all workers

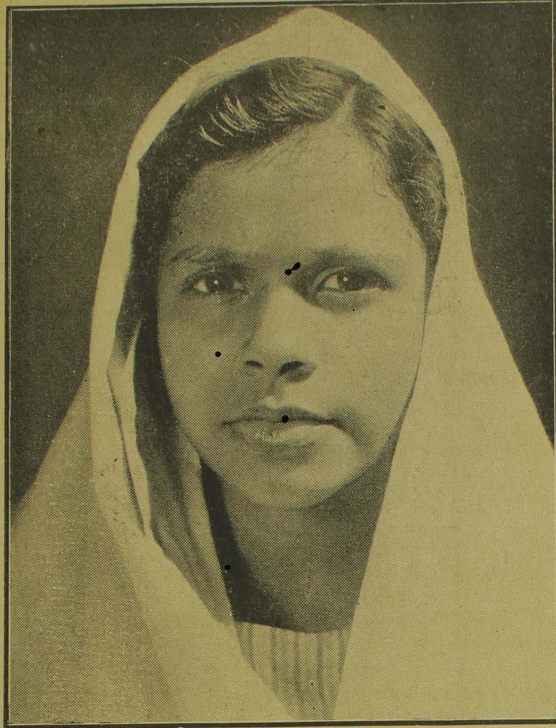
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From the beauty of this flowering May to beauty of Womanhood ...



• It is May-time in Lanka. Soon the flamboyante will break out in flaming clusters of scarlet, and the golden cassia and the purple jacaranda will bloom.

• From the beauty of flowers

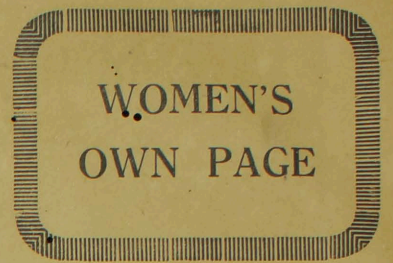


to the beauty of womanhood... We present today a selection of Ceylon's womanhood—especially appropriate when we lift up our hearts this month to the true, pure, and enduring beauty of all time — Mary whom generations have called blessed.

Audrey knoweth not of books
Naught to captivate the wise,
But the soul of goodness looks
Through the quiet of her eyes.

(T. W. H. Crosland.)

Pictures by RALEX



Her wistful face haunts my dreams like the rain at night (Tagore)

It all started when the Redemptorist Priests preached in our Parish last Easter. I remember Father shouting "Pray to Our Lady for purity, every one of you; it brings rich rewards" and then I went day-dreaming. I said to myself: Oh, why should I pray for purity? I don't think there is any need to. I have read some really good books from our Parish Library about Saints and their holy lives. It is true I am engaged to be married, but then I do behave myself. I don't think there is any need for me to pray for purity. I do go for dances and parties but I behave myself, at least I do hope I do. Oh! no, I don't think there is any need to pray for purity. By the time I argued this out to myself the sermon was over.

That night when I was getting into bed, I had a talk with God — O I do have lovely talks with Him. I sometimes wonder if other people talk to Him as I do. Well! First I said, "O God, I feel tired, do I have to kneel down and say my prayers?" and God said "Don't be lazy. Of course you must say your prayers." And after I say the Rosary, I usually think about Death, Judgment, Hell and Heaven. That's because the Mother at Holy Family Convent dinned it into me. I forget

I PRAYED FOR PURITY

my Catechism but it goes something like this: "What are the last thoughts you must have when going to sleep?" And the answer is: "The last thoughts I must have are Death, Judgment, Hell and Heaven. Believe me, it is not so easy as all that, I have the most awful thoughts sometimes. But I trample them down with the name of "Jesus" because before I can complete the "Lord's Prayer" the devil has got me again, well, anyway I trample them down so much, that I even dream of churches.

doesn't matter about the punishment God, if my enemies really love You a little, it is alright by me."

O! God is good. Many times He has saved me from the anger, mischief, jealousy and hatred of some of the people in my firm.

If God talks to us, it is no wonder that so many nuns and priests

by Maureen Siegertsz

are happy, much, much, happier than we are.

If everyone could really try to be a little better (including myself) and try to love each other, irrespective of caste, creed or nationality, trying to replace ugly examples with good ones, I am sure God will give us much more blessings.

My goodness, you must be tired of my talk! Now I must begin to tell you why I prayed for purity. Well! The next morning of the retreat, the first thought that came to my mind was the three Hail Mary's for Purity, and because it kept bothering me I said it, and continued saying it, each morning.

One day my favourite unmarried Aunt telephoned me, requesting that I accompany her to one of her Club parties — the Club consists of women and girls of all ages. We play "Beetle Drive" and sing songs with actions. Now please don't laugh. It is rather childish, but such good fun, and if you give me your address I'll invite you to the next party.

This party was a little longer than usual and we decided to take a taxi home. It was not so very late, about 7-30 p.m. and, by the time I dropped my Aunt, about 8



She can bake, she can knit, cunningly she holds the broom. All her pleasure is to sit in a neatly-ordered room. (T. W. H. Crosland)

o'clock perhaps. As I live just two streets away from my Aunt, I whispered to her that it would be quite safe if I dropped her first and went alone. It was a moonlight night. My Aunt was a bit doubtful and volunteered to leave me home. But I assured her it was quite unnecessary.

On top of the Galle Road, I leaned over and spoke to the driver. I said "Allan Avenue." He drove past it and never turned in. Thinking that I was not loud enough, I spoke again: "Driver, I told you Allan Avenue. But never mind, turn down the next lane; it leads into Allan Avenue." All the driver did was to step on the gas, and I was whisked off to Mount Lavinia.

I was in a panic. I tried to pray, but that would take too long. I hit the driver on the back and shouted: "Driver, turn around, turn around," and then I was in Ratmalana.

It was while I was in this panic, that I remembered my prayers for purity. I thought to myself, it would be better to die on the Galle Road, than not to know where I was been taken. I opened the door of the car and shouted: "I don't know where you are going, but I'm jumping out."

When the driver knew I was seriously thinking of jumping out of the car, it frightened him. He closed the door and said: "Miss, if you don't jump and stop shout-

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Daniel's Flavouring Essences

IN OUNCE PHIALS

Sherry	1 25
Rum	1 25
Brandy	1 25
Peppermint	1 00
Milk Chocolate	1 75
Lemon	1 00
Orange	1 00
Essence of Coffee, 2 oz. ..	2 25
Vanilla, 4 oz.	2 75

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1 oz. phials
Apple Green, Blue, Carmine, Cherry, Strawberry, Rose, Chocolate, Violet
Cts. 80 each

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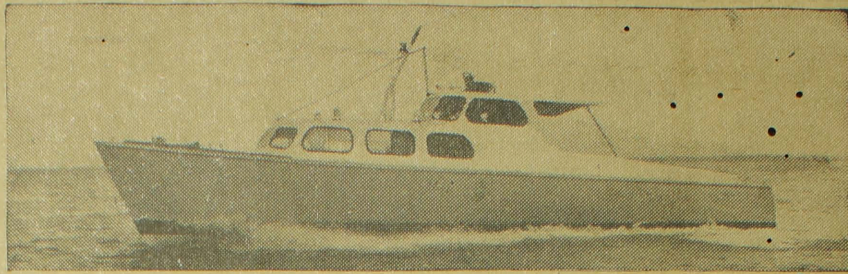
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BAMBALAPITIYA
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JOURNALISM AWARD ENTRY
SHORT STORY SECTION

Somehow I am so glad, and I must tell you that the first thought I have on arising is God. There are no other disturbing thoughts in the mornings — most probably because I need God's help so much that I keep on His good side in the mornings. Lying on my bed I ask Him to bless me and make me a good girl, give me a lot of work to do in office and help me to do it well, and also to help me to love my enemies in office — a thing I hate to pray for, and I don't know why God put it into the commandments! I suppose, He knows how hard it is and wants all of us to really try. Sometimes I tell God, "Alright, I'll pray, if you promise to give them a bigger punishment for making me pray." And then, the next minute I feel sorry for what I have said, and say: "It

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PATROL LAUNCH

This aluminium alloy survey and patrol launch — seen here on trials off the south coast of England — is built for the Belgian Government for service on Lake Tanganyika. Overall length is 40 feet, with a beam of 11 feet 6 inches and a draught of 2 feet 9 inches. The launch is powered by Twin Perkins P-6 diesel engines, each developing 65 horse power at 2,000 revolutions per minute, and has a normal cruising speed of 12 knots with a maximum of 15 knots. (Courtesy; U.K.I.S.).

A Thought FOR THE WEEK

Jesus tell me what to do,
When my boyhood days are through;
Whisper Thou to my poor heart,
And Thy plans to me impart;
Though I am yet young and weak,
Still I will Thy counsel keep;
Say the word and I will be,
Jesus, what You ask of me.

A FREE OFFER

Once more this year I wish to offer readers of the Schools-Mag free copies of the Catholic Digest and other leading Catholic magazines.

It will be appreciated if readers write in enclosing stamps for postage.

Victor Melder.

Nawalapitiya.

THE UNDERGROUND ADVENTURE

LITTLE Tom had been playing in his back-garden for the better part of the warm May afternoon, when he suddenly felt tired. He went and sat in the shade of the nearby mango tree, and started munching the apple his mother had given him.

He was thinking of what to do next before his mother would call him in for tea, when suddenly he saw a snow-white, strange looking creature run right across the garden. Tom curious to find out what it was got up and sped after it. Just as he got round the corner of his garden he saw the white creature run into a dark hole. Wanting to know where the white creature was running at such a speed, Tom at once squeezed himself through the hole and found himself in a long, dark passage, which he thought to be a tunnel.

Dark passage

Although he could not see the

creature now, Tom was sure that this was the passage through which it ran and decided to follow it. He could not see clearly the passage in the dark and therefore could not run. He walked as fast as he could, feeling his way through with his

hands, when he was startled to hear the noise of a door opening and shutting in the distance. But Tom was a brave boy and kept on walking until he came to a door, which was the end of the passage.

Here it was not so dark and Tom could read, written on the door with bold white lettering, "PUSH ME." He was about

to push it when to his utter surprise the door opened inwards and there in the doorway stood, none other than the great white creature himself. He did not seem to be surprised to see Tom there, and said, "Hullo, Tommy, come right in and make yourself

comfortable," much to the amazement of Tom, who had never heard animals speaking English. At first he wanted to run away as fast as he could, but curiosity took the better of him and he went inside the creature's house.

Queer creature

It was well lit inside the house and the creature asked him to sit down. He sat down on a cute little bench and looked at his host with wide open eyes, who was now pouring some tea for his guest and himself. It had dark red eyes, and long leaf-like ears. Tom could not help noticing his white curly tail, which was about three inches long. At length Tom asked, "Who are you?" The creature seemed very surprised at this question, and murmured, as if talking to himself, "Then he knows to talk our language." Tom could have roared with laughter at this, but not wanting to displease his host, he simply kept quiet. After some time, the creature said, "Well, I am called, what-I-am-called." Tom thought this was a queer name but said nothing.

Singing room

After drinking the cup of tea, Tom was more at home—in fact too much at home that he wanted to see around the house. Mr. "What-I-am-called" did not mind this and he led Tom around showing his home. On the door of each and every room was written in neat lettering, what those rooms were used for. Tom understood everything until he came to a room which was marked, "SINGING ROOM." When questioned about this,

A Short Story by Emil S. Nihal de Silva

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FAR and NEAR

Student Cell makes progress

Derrick Lisk reporting from Gampaha

WITHIN a comparatively brief existence of eight months up to date, the Y.C.S. cell now functioning effectively at Gampaha has recorded good progress.

One of the very first tasks to which this student cell devoted its energy was the pressing problem of the many poor children in their midst.

Harnessing the resources of headquarters and parishioners,

Cycling Club organizes outing

Gaspar Gomez reporting from Kotahena

THE Cycling Club of the Junior K.C.Y.M.A. organised the annual one-day Lenten pilgrimage to Tewatte late last month under the patronage of Rev. Fr. Anselm.

Forty members joined this pilgrimage, thirty of whom cy-

cles and the rest travelled by van. Leaving Kotahena quite early—just before sun rise, they reached their destination by 7-30. After breakfast the grotto was visited.

The Stations of the Cross commenced promptly.

During free time after Mass different groups went out shooting, visiting the new Basilica, and the Rosarian Sisters.

Many participated in a thrilling treasure hunt.

The treasure was hidden in the jungle. Competitors had to undergo great difficulties as the path was so thorny.

Benediction wound up the day's programme.

Special mention must be made of the young energetic lads Hilary Livera and Philip Juriansz for their tireless and wholehearted co-operation in making this pilgrimage the success it was.

The treasure hunt prize was gifted by Fr. Saram.

Postman: Phew! I've walked 5 miles to deliver this letter.

Mrs. Perera: You silly man you should have posted it!

Sent by Carmel Gomez.

PAGE-BOY POET (3)

IN THE 'CANTERBURY TALES' HE CREATED THESE UNFORGETTABLE CHARACTERS—



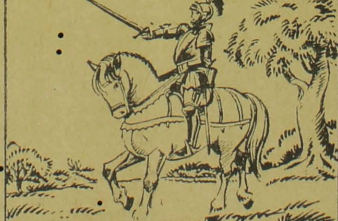
HE DIED ON THE 25TH OCTOBER, 1400, AND WAS BURIED IN THE GREAT ABBEY OF WESTMINSTER, IN THE PLACE NOW KNOWN AS POETS' CORNER.



HIS POETRY LAID THE LITERARY FOUNDATIONS OF THE SPLENDID ENGLISH LANGUAGE THAT WE USE TODAY.

LONDONERS HAVE PAID HOMAGE TO HIS MEMORY WITH A STATUE IN DARK LANE WHICH HE SHARES WITH THE IMMORTAL MILTON AND SHAKESPEARE AND MANY CLAIM HIM AS THEIR EQUAL.

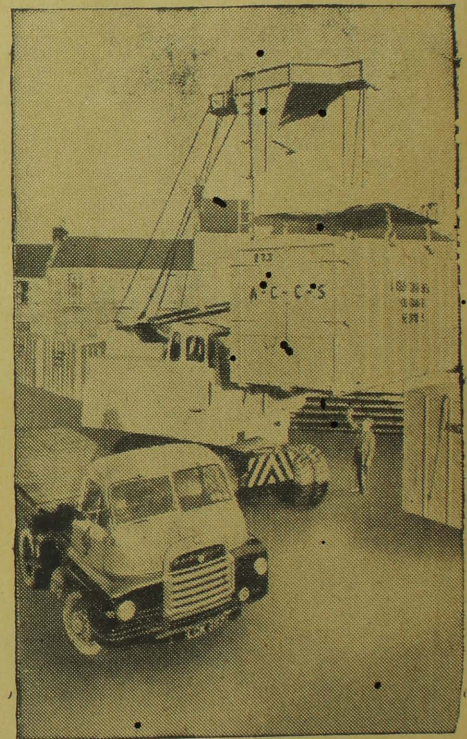
HIS PICTURE OF THE 'PERFECT, GENTLE KNIGHT' REMAINS UNSULLIED BY TIME.



HE LOVED GENTLENESS, TRUTH AND HONOUR, FREEDOM AND COURTESY

SCIENCE Scrapbook

THE EMPEROR CRANE



A new type of "hammer headed" crane which has solved mechanical handling problems of lifting and transporting huge containers. Known as the "Emperor" crane it is capable of working in a narrow aisle, can slew 360 degrees and can hold a load firm so that it does not swing. It has a unique lifting gear. Instead of a normal strut jib it is fitted with a special lifting mast made from rolled steel sections and plates in the shape of a "T" or hammer head and hinged at its lower end in support brackets at the front of the superstructure. The crane is powered by diesel-electric transmission. Maximum lifting capacity, which is based on 2/3rd of the tipping load, is 12½ long tons at a radius of 11 ft. 3 in., at which the lifting mast is in a vertical position required for normal operation. (Courtesy: U.K.I.S.).

LOOK OUT FOR NAMES OF PRIZE WINNERS and a New Cartoon next week!

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SCHOOLS-MAG VOLUMES

The Schools-Mag bound volumes made available for the first time this year have evoked a chorus of praise from those who have received them. We print below some of the comments:

A LIFETIME'S TREASURE

I ENJOYED one of the most wonderful moments of my life when the postman delivered me the beautifully bound 1959-1960 Schools-Mag. I simply couldn't believe my eyes when I saw for the first time our own literary efforts all collected in a neatly bound handsome volume. This is the first time I saw a Youngsters' Paper being published in book form, and hope that we can get this publication of Schools-Mag in book form every passing year. This is really a thing to possess and treasure for a life-time.

Monica D. Felicita Warnakula.

Our Lady of Victories Convent, Moratuwa.

DELIGHTED!

THANK you for the bound volume of the Schools-Mag. I do enjoy going through this volume and I hope you will arrange another volume for this year (1960-1961). I am sure all those who bought their bound volumes of the Schools-Mag are delighted with this.

Bryan Landsberger. Trincomalee.

LOVELY!

THANK you for the lovely book which I received. I was happy when I turned the pages and saw the past articles of our Schools-Mag members. I think it is really a lovely bit of work.

Felicia Davidson. Colombo.

HAPPY!

I WISH to tell you how delighted I was when I received the Schools-Mag bound volume. I am really happy that many members have contributed articles and I enjoyed reading them.

Delrine Dabara. Kandana.

A TREAT!

HEARTY congratulations! The Schools-Mag bound volume is a "treat!" We enjoyed going through its pages. We are

Short Story

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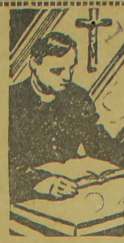
The next thing Tom saw, was a white marble plate fixed to the floor, on which was written in big black letters, "DO NOT TRAMPLE ME." Again his curiosity got the better of him and he lifted his foot to trample it. At this moment, Mr. "What-I-am-called" saw what was happening and opened his big mouth to shout something, but alas, it was too late! Tom had trampled it, and found himself falling down, down, down in pitch dark space.

He was just thinking that he must be surely falling to Hell, and shuddered at the thought of being burnt alive, when at last to his great relief, he found himself fallen on a heap of straw. It was still dark and Tom was very much afraid and wanted to cry. But as brave boys do not cry, he hid not. Then suddenly he heard a familiar voice calling, "Tom, Tom where are you?" He got up and rubbed his eyes. He saw his half-eaten apple lying on the ground besides him. He took it up and ran to his mother who was calling him. After all, Tom had been day-dreaming!

Celia Fernando.

A LITTLE boy recited the second part of the "Our Father" in the following manner: "Give us this day our daily bread and plantains." His mother rather surprised, asked him why he recited the prayer in this manner. The little boy promptly answered: "Why mother, how can I eat plain bread? So I ask God for plantains too!"

sent by Winifred Mackay



Talks to Teen-Agers

By Uncle Ashley

ture from the house when dressing, when bathing, when going to bed, when rising on all occasions, they trace their Sign of the Cross on their foreheads."

only, to sign themselves on the foreheads, lips and breasts. The symbolism of the triple sign was "to enlighten our minds, inspire our words and transform

SIGN of THE CROSS

My dear children,

Before we get to the Gospel I'm sure you will be interested to hear something about the Sign of the Cross, which we make so many times each day.

The first Christians did not make the Sign of the Cross as we make it today. The early Christians merely signed their forehead with the Sign of the Cross, with just one finger. Tertullian, the famous writer has left for us these words:

"At each entry and depart-

Later in the fourth century the Christians traced the sign on their foreheads and on their breasts and a little later they traced the sign on their lips too.

The Sign of the Cross as we make it commonly today, is not so ancient; it began somewhere about the tenth or eleventh century.

Two things the early Christians never failed to perform; first, to stand at the Gospel as a mark of respect to the word of God and sec-

our hearts."

We should read the Gospel attentively and prayerfully. They present words of life and unction. Each time we read the sacred pages of the Gospel we discover fresh lights. We can never exhaust the riches of the revealed word—God's messages of love, hope, and mercy to his creatures.

Always in Jesus and Mary.

UNCLE ASHLEY

looking forward to the next bound volume!

Callista Poorajah.

St Xavier's Girls' Eng. School, Mannar.

ANTICIPATING!

I AM very happy to get the bound Schools-Mag volume for 1959. I am looking forward to reading it.

Would you please enrol my brother in the Schools-Mag. Thank you.

Kamala Kumaraswamy. Bambalapitiya.

ADVANCE BOOKINGS!

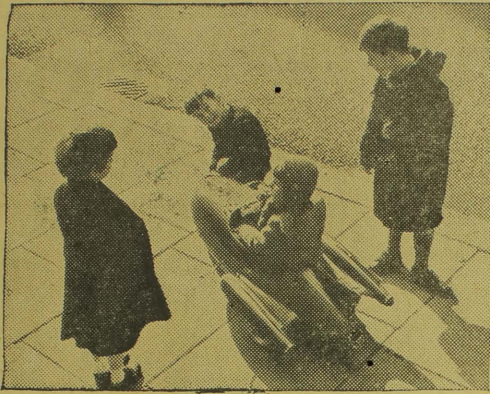
HOW happy I was to get my bound volume of the Schools-Mag. I hope you will continue to have this year's one also next year so that my little brother Tyrone can also get a copy.

Denham Wallis.

Negombo.

A few copies are still available at the rate of Rs. 5/- each. Those interested should send in their remittances by postal or money order to the Editor, Schools-Mag, Catholic Press, Borella.

Jet-age Toy for Children



This youngster is the envy of his small friends as he sets off for a trip in his "supersonic" aeroplane in a London street. This newest British toy, which was shown at a Toy Fair in London recently, is a streamlined, jet-type, pedal-driven, aeroplane constructed of pressed steel and finished in a flamboyant blue. The realistically swept back delta type wings are fitted with electric red and green navigation lights and red rear lights. The wheels are fitted with white cushion tyres. (Courtesy: U.K.I.S.).

A NUMBER of girls were returning after a first aid class when they saw a girl lying on the road with an injured leg. These girls quickly used their rulers and handkerchiefs as splints and bandages and began attending on her leg. But the girl still cried with pain. A doctor passing by came up to the spot and examined the leg and said: "Well girls you have bandaged the leg correctly, the splints and bandages are placed correctly but you have bandaged the wrong leg, that is why the girl cried with pain."

Sent by Delrine Dabara. Kandana.

WHY WE BECAME SODALISTS

The Schools-Mag spotlights today the Junior and Senior Sodalists of Ratnapura. They contribute a symposium on "Why I became a Sodalist." These energetic young sodalists under their Principal, Sr. John, hold weekly meetings, morning meditation, they visit hospitals and estates, distribute clothes to the poor. They also hold debates and even a Quiz on the "Messenger."

MARY has been repeatedly requesting that people should pray to her and she has promised that if we do pray enough, she shall save us. Mary will not do anything without a good reason and the fact that she wants us to pray more and more shows that she has a very good reason for this.

The conversion of Russia is, I believe, one of her desires. God will refuse nothing that Mary asks of him, because she is His Mother and she in turn has promised us very clearly that she shall save us if we pray enough. Therefore, I have joined this Sodality so that, with the other Sodalists, I can pray to her, not only for my own salvation, but for the salvation of all.

BEFORE I became a Sodalist I noticed that the Sodalists behaved better than the non-sodalists. That made me become a Sodalist. A child of Mary is very different from the other girls. That is why I became a Sodalist.

Celia Fernando.

I BECAME a sodalist because I wanted to love Our Lady in a very special way. I liked to be pure and good as Our Blessed Lady was. I wanted to imitate her.

Prior to my joining the sodality I observed that the sodalists were holier and better than the non-sodalists. They gave alms to the poor and cheered them. I was determined to be like them.

I want to be a girl like Mary. I have heard that Our Lady protects and loves the sodalists more than ordinary children. I like to be a special child of Our Lady. That is also a reason why I became sodalist.

As long as I am a good sodalist I'm certain that Our Lady will guard me and never let me fall into temptation.

As a sodalist I have to say special prayers to Our Lady. The sodality motto is "To Jesus through Mary." I hope that Mary our mother will help all the Junior Sodalists to love her and her Son, and to be good sodalists.

Ethel Nanayakkara.

AS a sodalist I know there are certain prayers that I must say daily. I never forget these prayers. I have heard that a sodalist is loved by Our Lady in a very special manner. When I go to heaven I too can be close to Our Lady like other sodalists.

I am sure I will never go astray as long as I am a sodalist. My sisters, brothers and parents are all sodalists.

Monica Fernando.

The Hidden Secret

OF all the higher and finer forces that are inherent in man, Faith is the Highest and Greatest Force he can exercise.

To define fully this Faith to be understood by mortal mind, will be a vain and unsuccessful attempt; true Faith is something that must be spiritually discussed and felt than understood.

Faith is not mere belief, neither is it a doctrine about anything that was, is, or is to be. Faith

and belief have nothing in common. Belief is human; Faith is more than human; Belief knows nothing; Faith knows everything.

Faith is truly a spiritual attitude of mind, a superior understanding that is deep and beautiful beyond description. It is a Gift of indescribable beauty, and of inestimable worth given to man by the Most High and which transcends every form of limitation and opens the mind to the limitless and inexhaustible powers of the Soul.

It is Faith that emancipates the person; it is Faith that unfolds the unbounded greatness of the soul; it is Faith that removes that veil of mystery and

A ST. MICHAEL'S STUDIO AWARD ENTRY

have Faith in Faith and only then will Faith at all times move mountains.

When we have entered the very soul of Faith we have entered into the very presence of the Infinite; thereby placing ourselves in the very life, the very power, the very wisdom, and the very love of God.

God then is with us in everything we undertake to do; we feel His presence and we are filled with His Life. We then

Malory Wallis

reveals to man that wonderful, that limitless, the divine beautiful world—that Kingdom of Heaven that is within.

Faith has been the Secret of Secrets through which all miracles have been wrought throughout the ages. It is through Faith the Prophet gained his wisdom and his power.

No attainment is greater than the attainment of Faith. Faith is the royal path to unbounded power, immeasurable wisdom and limitless love. Faith is the Key to unlock the gates of that Kingdom of the Most High which first must be sought if all other things are to be added.

Faith works upon the principle that whatever we have the desire to accomplish, we have the power to accomplish. It is Faith that gives us that strange determination which carries us successfully to the mountain-top of attainment and achievement. It is Faith that makes sorrow, sickness, trouble and misfortune vanish like the morning mist with the rising sun.

Faith is absolutely indispensable to existence. We all have Faith just as we all have life.

To find Faith therefore, we don't have to search for something that is new, or not known to us. We are required only to have more Faith in the Faith we already possess, and the greater things will invariably follow.

We must know Faith; to know Faith we must acquaint ourselves with Faith; to acquaint ourselves with Faith, we must as often as we can concentrate attention upon the inner meaning of Faith trying at the same time to feel the Spirit of Faith and steadily and calmly entering more deeply into the real soul of Faith. By so entering this superior state of mind one will live perpetually in the light and thereby eliminate mortal mindedness from existence. It is only through Faith that we may know God, and when we know God we are with God, and when we are with God all things are possible.

Have therefore Faith in God; have Faith in ourselves; have Faith in man; have Faith in all that belongs to God; and finally

speaking to the Infinite in the beautiful language of Faith:

Eternal and Almighty Father, That Thou hearest our prayers — We thank Thee.

That Thou hearest us always — We thank Thee.

That Thou hast given us all that our heart can wish for — We thank Thee.

That Thou hast given us all that our lives may need for the time that is, and the eternity that is to be — We thank Thee.

With supreme joy and unspeakable thanksgiving we come to receive Thy gifts, and from Thy loving hands Thy divine blessings that Thou hast, from all eternity treated for us. — Amen.

Birthdays

It is regretted this week's names will appear only in the next issue.

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Calling all prospective members

Will all those who send in their enrolment forms make it a point to cut out their coupons neatly, without leaving any jagged ends?

Write their names and addresses, etc. very clearly and legibly?

Mention their home addresses to which their membership cards will be sent and not the school address only?

Please treat this as very important. Any enrolment form received in future which does not conform to the above rules will be ignored.

(To be continued)

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Catherine Costa
Died 8-5-59

"Those who sleep in the Lord,
sleep in peace."

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
Let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen. 725

25TH ANNIVERSARY
In affectionate memory of



B. Solomon Philip Mendis
May his soul rest in peace.

A Requiem Mass will be sung on
12th May at St. Mary's Church,
Bambalapitiya at 6-30 a.m.

Inserted by his ever sorrowing
wife and children 720

XXV ANNIVERSARY
Theresa de Sampayo

Died 6th May 1935

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all at "Syracusa."

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St. Anne's Road,
Wattala. 706

Peter Gnanapragasam

A Requiem High Mass will be
sung for the repose of the soul of
Mr. Peter Gnanapragasam at St.
Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena on 9th
of May 1960 at 7 a.m. 703



Dr. Maria Montessori
Died 6-5-1952

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

Holy Mass will be offered for the
repose of her soul at St. Lucia's
Cathedral, Kotahena, on Friday,
May 16th at 7 a.m.

Good Shepherd Maria Montessori
Training Centre,
Colombo 16. 708



Mudaliyar A. J. Simon Perera
M.B.E., J.P.

Died 10th April 1960

A Requiem High Mass will be
sung for the repose of his soul at
St. Joseph's Church, Grandpass on
9th May 1960 at 6-15 a.m.

Fondly remembered and sadly
missed each day to day, by his
sorrowing wife, daughters, sons-in-
law and grandchildren.

"Into Thy kingdom, O Lord,
receive Thy servant."

"Kentwood",
Stace Road,
Grandpass. 726

THANKSGIVINGS

MY grateful thanks to the Mother
of Perpetual Succour for restor-
ing my eye sight. — Mrs.
Margaret Seneviratne, Imbulgoda.
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MY most humble and grateful
thanks to Jesus in the Most
Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of
Perpetual Succour, Our Lady of
Madhu, St. Anthony, St. Jude,
all the saints and Pope John the
XXIII for many favours received.
598 M. C. L., Colombo 4.

OUR grateful thanks to the Sacred
Heart, Mother of Perpetual
Succour, St. Anthony and St.
Gerard Majella for favours
granted. — J. N. F. 702

MY grateful thanks to Our Lady
for having completely cured
me of Laryngitis from which I
suffered for 17 years. I was com-
pletely cured by the healing waters
of Lourdes on my first pilgrimage
on 4th May 1950.
Mrs. Sergi Wijeysooria. 746

MY grateful thanks to Our Lady
of Perpetual Succour for a
great favour received. Apologising
for delay in publication.
704 Berty Aloysius, Wellawatte.

MY grateful thanks to Our Bless-
ed Mother, St. Joseph, St.
Pius X and Pope Pius XII for the
miraculous cure of my brother
and to Pope Pius XII for a very
great favour received.
723 Mrs. M. Nicholas.

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and applications from Secretary
of the Training Centre. 709

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GOLDEN JUBILEE

A Thanksgiving High Mass will
be sung at 7 a.m. on Tuesday,
the 10th May, 1960, at St. Lucia's
Cathedral, Kotahena, on the occa-
sion of the 50th Wedding
Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. S. D.
Stanislaus of 174, Skinners Road,
Kotahena. Friends and relations
please accept this intimation.
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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-
cession and Almsgiving.

Rev. Fr. D. E. Weerakkody O.M.I.
Parish Priest 661

Prayed for Purity

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ing, I'll turn."
While he was driving me back
I prayed: "Mother Mary, please
see that he takes me back safely."
At the top of Allan Avenue, he
dropped me. The money I had
in my hand to pay him was full
of perspiration. I threw it at him
and walked down the road.

Our family were at dinner when
I arrived. I could not eat. I
kept saying to myself "Thank
you Mother dear," over and over
in my mind. My little brother

was teasing me about the party:
"You are so greedy for cakes,
Sonia, you must have eaten many,
that is why you are not hungry."
I thought to myself, "cakes indeed,
its prayers that saved me, and yet
I am so lazy to say them pro-
perly sometimes. How many
times have I skipped them, with
only just a passing thought to
God — "God dear, please excuse
me today, I am a working girl,
and I have hardly any time to
read, so I'll read this book and
not say my prayers?" How
many times have I said them
badly? O dear, how many times
did I have distractions? I must
try to be good, I must, I must,
I must.

Chatting with a London policeman,
an American tourist remarked on
the difference between London's thorough-
fares and the avenues of New York
City.

"Why, I could get across with my
eyes closed," he boasted.
The policeman smiled. "I once
knew a chap who made the same
boast," he remarked.

"Well," demanded the visitor,
"didn't he get across?"
"Yes, he did," replied the other.
"A marble one." — *Catholic Fire-
side.*

A group of tourists went to visit
a cave on one of the mountains in
Scotland.

"Has this cave been always a
cave?" asked one of the tourists.

"No, Sir," explained the guide.
"Formerly it was only a small hole
made by a mole."

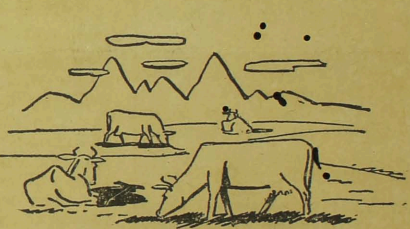
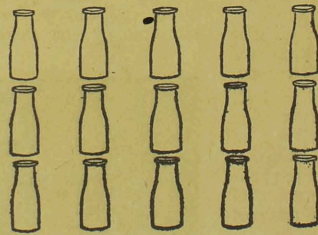
"And how has it become a cave?"

"One day a Scotsman lost a coin
inside the hole." — *Our Lady of
Graces.*

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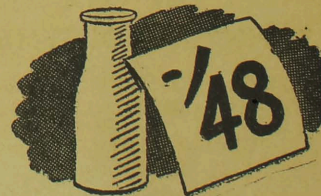
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An Oasis of Prosperity in Asia

In his 72nd year Chiang Kai-Shek begins his third term as President of Nationalist China as the country's "indispensable man."

Chiang's first arrival in Formosa is described by Scripps-Howard Newspapers (March 26) as follows: "The Communist-ousted Nationalist Government of China arrived on under-developed, war-torn Formosa with barely a shirt on its back ten years ago."

The paper then describes the conditions existing in Formosa today as a "miracle."

"The very suggestion that it may soon become self-supporting, needing no further economic aid from the U.S., highlights a miracle of sorts that has taken place on the island."

"Phenomenal advance"

Recent dispatches from correspondents in Formosa report of Free China's "phenomenal economic advance."

The cautious U.S. Ambassador, Everett Drumright, predicts that Formosan hopes of self-sufficiency are "not without ample substantiation."

What then are these booming Formosan prospects that make living conditions among the highest in Asia?

Here are some of the facts:

- Per capita national income has trebled between 1951 and 1953.
- Power output has increased four-folds.
- Industrial production has risen by 80 per cent.
- In 1959 farm production was more than three times that of 1946.
- Farm exports largely of sugar and pine-apples are netting £ 12 million yearly.
- Overseas Chinese have begun investing money in Formosa.

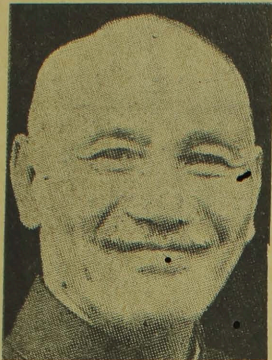
Austere life

At 72 Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek is keen and briskly energetic. He remains slender, but a little stooped with the passing of years.

He lives comfortably, but simply. Of an evening he retires to a retreat in the Formosan mountains.

Up every morning at six, Chiang then prays and reads Chinese classics. A convert to Christianity, he is a devout Methodist. Then follows a mountain walk, a simple breakfast — and to work.

On the island, Chiang heads



CHIANG KAI-SHEK

an armed force of more than 600,000 men, well equipped, tightly trained, always ready. The U.S. News and World Report (April 4) asserts: "Chiang's army is the mainstay of Western policy in this area of the world."

The Generalissimo's accomplishments have now largely silenced his previous critics. The U.S. News and World reports of a time when criticism of Chiang was at its peak:

"After an interval of contemplation, Chiang came up with a plan. He ordered that first priority be given to establishing goodwill between the two million

soldiers and civilians who came with him from the mainland and the eight million Formosan natives.

"This he bolstered with his land reforms, improvements in educational activities, and government jobs for the Formosans. He set about clearing corruption out of the Administration."

The Generalissimo, who has been a hero to his followers for 35 years or more, has few personal friends. His decisions are his own; to make them he sometimes retires for days to his mountain home.

In another respect he also had few friends. The neutral bloc in Asia were embarrassed by his unflinching stand against Communism, for he stood out in contrast to their complacent flirtations.

But recent events have made even a man like Nehru of India to appreciate the stand that Chiang has taken all along.

Nehru, it is now maintained, would oppose any attempt to return the island of Formosa to the Communists without the consent of the Formosans.

But Chiang has not adopted the attitude of "I told you so?" to the one time neutralists of Asia. His attitude to the neutralists who are now disillusioned with Communist China would be: "It doesn't matter whether you were wrong in the past. Let us unite and act together now."

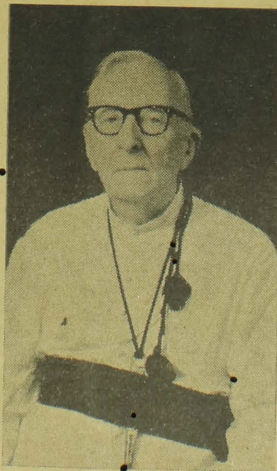
Eighty-one not out

TWENTY-ONE years ago, a distinguished past student under the pseudonym Aquilla, described Reverend Father Mathews in the College magazine as follows: "His gait is still erect, his mind still as keen, his personality still as overwhelming as it has been ever before. Today at the age of sixty he has still to seek ease after war." These prophetic lines flashed across my mind when, twenty-one years later, Father Mathews walked into my house on Christmas Day 1959 . . . his gait still erect, his mind still keen and his personality still overwhelming.

From the moment of his arrival, conversation ranged from the bring up of Patricians to the making of Priest-Missionaries in the Regional Seminary at Kandy; from the merits of the secular Clergy and of Religious, to ecclesiastical finance;

by S. Thommanupillai

from the families of Old Boys in Ceylon, to his own nieces and nephews in Europe and America. After about an hour he left us to keep his appointment with the Holy Cross nuns at Alfred House Gardens. When almost all Colombo residents were away in the hill country for their vacation



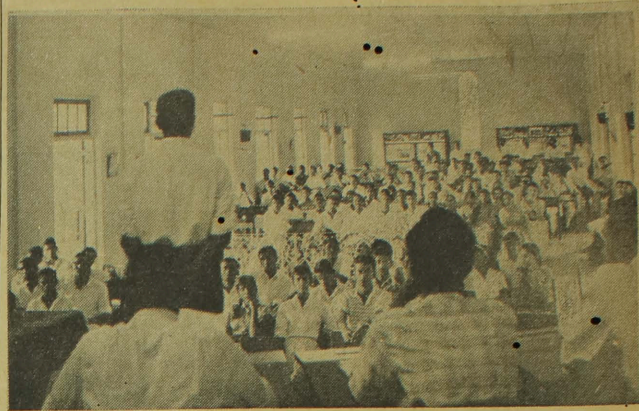
FATHER MATHEWS

Father Mathews was on duty using his vacation to minister to the spiritual needs of the nuns. Today at the age of eighty-one he has still to seek ease after war. May health, happiness and helpfulness attend on him for the next twenty-one years.

TURNING POINT

The first turning point in the life of Father Charles Soubry-Mathews was the death of his

Catholic Students' Federation



● The Federation Study Camp in session at Ratnapura (see page 1)

May Day at Mattakuliya

(from Douglas Jones, "Messenger" correspondent)

"NOBODY could become the worker's master, but the worker himself," said Mr. Chandra Silva of the Y.C.W. addressing a meeting of the workers of St. Mary's Parish, Mattakuliya, on May 1st, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, "because nobody has tasted the salt of his sweat, no one has felt the anguish of his wounds, no one except the worker himself."

He traced the history of the working class movement in his short lucid talk. "Christ was a worker," he said, "like Joseph, His foster-father was. He chose workers to be His disciples. And right down the ages the worker

has proved indispensable."

After Holy Mass, four workers carried the decorated statue of their Patron in procession round the church, beneath fluttering flags of red and white.

A representative gathering was present at the meeting, the Parish Priest taking the chair.

The proceedings terminated with tea.

PUTTALAM'S MAY DAY

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the cross and bell were carried by blacksmiths, the flowers were placed by the gardening-girls, the vestments borne by embroiderers, the candle sticks carried by the sacristan and the Kachcheri clerks bore the altar cards and the Missal.

A unique feature of the day was the Mass celebrated by Fr. Harry Hass, facing the people. The workers themselves made the responses at the Mass.

During Mass Rev. Fr. Pantaleon Jayawardene preached in Sinhalese and Rev. Fr. Navaratnam in Tamil.

At the Offertory, farmers brought in the hosts, the wine and the water. At the memento of the living the workers prayed for various intentions: for the unemployed, for workers misled by false leaders, for the sick, etc.

After Mass over 2,000 breakfast packets were distributed by the five legion praesidia and the Y.C.W. lads among the workers. The tea van did splendid service with the aid of the legionaries who did gallant work.

After the tea followed a workers' variety entertainment consisting of Viridu, dances, magical tit-bits, etc., and the celebrations terminated with a sing-song and a Baila session provided by the Y.C.W. boys with Mr. Nihal Rodrigo playing the piano accordion.

with him on picnics, I have been a member of the group he used to take to Madhu. I have been with him on walks and in the boarding house, I have known him in all his moods, in all his phases, but if I am to remember him for any single phase it will be for his friendship during the hour of adversity, trial and difficulty. Thousands of young men all over the Island today owe everything to him. In thousands of homes his name is being pronounced with veneration and gratitude. All honour and glory to you, Father Charles Soubry-Mathews, the friend in need.

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