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Why does Government remain silent as trouble-makers spread seeds of dissension?

## RUMOUR-MONGERS ARE BUSY

### OFFICIAL WARNING

It has been brought to our notice again that certain spurious leaflets, handbills, etc., purporting to come from the Catholic Ecclesiastical Authorities, are in circulation in the country and misleading the public. Similar tactics were used at the last elections. Some of these publications even bore the name and designation of the Archbishop of Colombo and carried the imprint of the Colombo Catholic Press, whereas neither the Archbishop nor the Catholic Press Management knew anything about them.

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Sgd. Charles Reymann, O.M.I.,  
Vicar-General,  
Archdiocese of Colombo.

23 November 1960.

### ...and the dangerous game of dividing the nation goes on

(by a Messenger reporter)

TROUBLE-MAKERS ARE UP TO THEIR OLD TRICKS AGAIN. RUMOUR-MONGERING HAS BEEN LONG GOING ON, AND THE VILEST OF ALLEGATIONS ARE BEING MADE OPENLY EVERYWHERE. IN THE PAST WEEK, COMMUNIST PAPERS HAVE MADE BLATANT ALLEGATIONS OF A MOST SERIOUS NATURE AGAINST THE CATHOLICS. WHILE GOVERNMENT CHARGES OTHERS WITH ROUSING THE PASSIONS OF THE PEOPLE, WHY ARE THE FORCES OF LAW AND ORDER DRAWING A VEIL OF SILENCE OVER THIS RUMOUR-MONGERING WHICH HAS NOW ASSUMED SUCH PROPORTIONS?

Just as the rumour-mongers played their dangerous game subtly two

years ago, with disastrous consequences to the nation, they are back at the game again. For some time, the basest insinuations were being made about the activities of the Catholic Church. Last week, they have made themselves more conspicuous and, instead of insinuations, open allegations have been made.

When talk of arms and ammunition being dumped in a church near Kalpitiya was headlined, it was serious enough for people to take notice. The Police officers concerned were contacted, but they have flatly denied any such "discovery."

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES,  
WHAT IS THE GOVERNMENT

DOING TO SCOTCH THIS DANGEROUS AND WILFUL CAMPAIGN OF SUBVERSION? THE SOURCES ARE OBVIOUS. ARE THEY TO BE PERMITTED TO CARRY ON THEIR FELL WORK OF CREATING SERIOUS DIVISION IN THE LAND?

The Communist papers have been trying desperately to make out some sinister connection that the Church is alleged to have with the Vatican. They have openly stated that the Vatican has nefarious plans to subvert the nation. But not a single proof has been produced in support of their allegations. They carry on, as they have always done, with the technique of utter falsehood which any responsible government must put a stop to.

The Premier of Buddhist Burma pays tribute to the Catholic Church and to the loyalty of the Catholics. India's President and India's Food Minister testify to the patriotism of Catholics. But there, as here, the strident voice of the Communist discovers dark plots and sinister schemes.

Some people, of course, are never at home except in an atmosphere of plots, conspiracy and subversion.

### Pope on BBC Television

POPE John may appear on B.B.C. T.V. on December 1, two days before he receives the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury in audience.

### GENERAL COUNCIL:

### "My mind is all on fire"

— says Pope John XXIII

ADDRESSING 500 theologians assembled in St. Peter's, Rome, to begin the preparatory work of the forthcoming Ecumenical Council, the Pope said that although the Council would not be as important as those of Jerusalem and Nicaea, still, his mind was "all on fire" with the design of the great undertaking.

Unlike past ecumenical councils which frequently dealt with doctrinal matters, the forthcoming Vatican Council will aim at a general spiritual awakening to confront materialism, Pope John said.

The attention being given to the Council by other Christians "par-

ticularly consoles us and brings to our heart a foretaste of the joy of unity of all believers in Christ."

The Council, however, will primarily concern itself with the affairs of the Catholic Church, and its present-day internal organisation, he said.

### EIGHTY THIS WEEK



Catholics of Ceylon turn filial hearts this week to Christ's Vicar on earth, POPE JOHN, on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. With love and devotion, we offer our wishes and prayers for the Common Father of Christendom, whom the world has taken to its heart.

### Pope uses Slavonic at Mass

POPE John presided on Sunday, the 13th, at a Byzantine Mass offered for unity and success of the Vatican Council, and gave various blessings in Slavonic.

St. Peter's had taken on the appearance of a great Eastern-rite basilica for the occasion, when the consecration was in Greek, some responses in Arabic and some in Russian.

Ikons were massed near the altar and 13 bearded and colourfully-clad bishops and priests of the Byzantine rite took part in the liturgy.

In the Canon of the Mass they prayed together that Our Lord may

"pacify, guard, gather together and govern the whole world."

### Soviet Missionaries

RUSSIA is training 10,000 Soviet youths for service in Africa, Mr. Edward J. Kirchner, Pax Romana representative to the United Nations, said in Newark, New Jersey.

In Guinea, private associations of youths had been merged into one totalitarian movement under the supervision of experts from Communist Czechoslovakia and Peking, who were laying the groundwork for Chinese-style communes.

### Opinion

### Buddhist

#### Prime Minister U Nu of Burma:

"In common with the adherents of other faiths, the Roman Catholic community has undergone severe trials and tribulations during the last 20 years. It has come through this test with flying colours, and has demonstrated that it is second to none in its loyalty and devotion to the cause of the nation."

"The adoption of Buddhism as the State religion will not affect those constitutional safeguards which guarantee freedom of choice of religion and the right to worship to all our citizens, and non-discrimination on grounds of religious faith or belief."

"A respect for the human conscience requires that religious freedom which allows all men of good will, even when of different religious traditions, to live together without discrimination in civil harmony and peace. We pray that Burma's historic freedoms will endure for all time."

### Hindu

#### The Food Minister of India:

"I cannot be a good Hindu, which I am, unless I train myself to respect every religion in the world. I always had the greatest respect for Christianity."

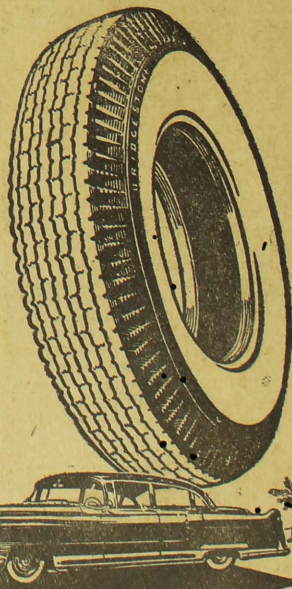
"The Catholic Church, and the Christian Church in general, are dedicated to the promotion of the spirituality of our country."

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# MR. METTANANDA'S "FACTS" AND FICTION

IN his letter of 7 November to the *Ceylon Daily News*, Mr. Mettananda goes on in a triumphant strain to assert "my critics' sins of omission are graver than their sins of commission."

Here are Mr. Mettananda's arguments: (1) (a) He says that 9 Principals of Roman Catholic Boys' schools are foreign Roman Catholic priests and nearly 90 per cent. of the Heads of Roman Catholic Convents are foreign Roman Catholic nuns (C.D.N., 24-10-60).

Of the nine given, five are absolutely wrong. There are 4 foreign Principals. There are about 400 odd boys' or mixed Catholic schools. The principals of four of these are foreigners and what national foreigners they are. (b) 90 per cent. of the Heads of Roman Catholic convents are foreign Roman Catholic nuns. Of the about 150 Heads of Roman Catholic convents about 15 only are Europeans and about 10 are Indians. Is that 90 per cent? Let the honest reader and Mr. Mettananda honestly judge the facts for themselves.

(2) The number of foreign Roman Catholic priests in Ceylon is 210 and the number of foreign nuns is 597.

Now Mr. Mettananda, how in the world do you use this argument to prove "that certain Roman Catholic schools become foreign strongholds in Ceylon." How many Russians and Americans are here in Ceylon? They are a threat neither to our schools nor our country. How do these 210 priests become a threat to our schools. Now, how many of these priests have anything to do with schools? Some certainly are local managers by virtue of the position they hold in the spiritual administration of the Catholics. But local managers are a mere nonentity, aren't they? Let Mr. Mettananda remember that the Government has permitted these priests to stay here. They are not illicit immigrants.

(3) Archbishop Masson's remark about Fr. Serru not being able to pronounce some Sinhalese names and that Catholics should not give Sinhalese names to their children: Mr. Mettananda has shown himself a wonderful historical research scholar in quoting the Hansard date and column. I wish that with regard to other arguments too he had taken the pains to go to the sources with equal zest.

If Archbishop Masson had said that (I believe he has done so) he certainly has done wrong but would the incident give us sufficient warrant to assert "that certain Roman Catholic schools have become foreign strongholds." The conclusion should not be broader than the premises. The most we can say is that Archbishop Masson had committed an error and perhaps hurt the national sentiments of the Sinhalese. That's all and nothing more. What connection has this incident with the accusation?

(4) "It would appear that the French Embassy has undertaken to finance a training centre..." This is how Mr. Mettananda starts in the *Daily News* of 24-10-1960. In the C.D.N. of 7-11-60 Mr. Mettananda says: "The French Embassy has undertaken to finance..."

Dear Mr. Mettananda, you were not too sure of your statement and cautiously you used the words of doubt "It would appear" on 24-10-60 and 7-11-60. You are quite explicit that the French Embassy has undertaken (definitely). Have you had access to any new records between 24-10-60 and 7-11-60 which you didn't see earlier. I wish you could quote those records for me just as you have quoted Hansard.

There is one Salesian priest and expert in Technical Education that we Ceylonese are badly in need of, who is carrying on an immense struggle to start an Industrial school (not a Training centre for Industrial workers) for slum boys. Don't we need technicians, mechanics, etc.? Let that go. This poor priest is going about begging money to carry on his work. Among his many benefactors there is also the French Embassy which has promised some help but it has not undertaken to finance it. The two words have totally different meanings.

Anyhow, Mr. Mettananda, what has this business got to do with our schools being foreign strongholds? Where do the schools come in here?

(5) A Belgian Roman Catholic priest of Bangadeniya who considered himself the sole authority of the area preyed members of the Colombo Social Service League from distributing relief among flood victims." The same statement appeared in C.D.N. 24-10-60.

I challenge Mr. Mettananda to come to Bangadeniya and prove to me that in 1957 or, for a matter of that, for the last 25 years or more there was at Bangadeniya a Belgian Catholic priest or even some non-Sinhalese priest?

(6) Colombo Plan Aid. Mr. Mettananda, why do you take pleasure in flinging mud on lay Catholic high-ups in Government

a Muslim child Rs. 85 00 Let not Mr. Mettananda forget that according to the latest report of the Education Department, i.e. for 1958, there are 47,569 Buddhist children in Catholic schools all of whom also get as per capita expenditure Rs. 108/00, and 77,605 Buddhist children in Christian schools who also get 104 rupees each as per capita expenditure. The same is true of the

## LETTERS

service? As I expect an adequate reply to this section from Aquinas itself, let me be contented with stating that Aquinas got science equipment worth about 1/20 or 1/30 of the Rs. 2,000,000 that you credit Aquinas with! Have Aquinas and the Catholics no right to get aid? Are they "Kallathonis"?

What is all this pother about help from other countries to Aquinas? Have the Catholics in Ceylon only no right to get some gifts from those friendly to them. Have not gifts in various forms from various countries been given to other institutions in Ceylon? Has no assistance been given to the Ceylon University, the Pirivena Universities, etc. You may say they are Government institutions. I concede it. Then aren't there other non-Catholic denominational institutions which have received very substantial donations from countries friendly to them and from the Asia Foundation? Didn't a publication of a certain Buddhist educational Society of Kandy subsidize itself with funds got from the Asia Foundation? Names will be divulged if the necessity arises. Everybody else can get help but not the Catholics. Why this discrimination, Mr. Mettananda?

(7) "Recently it was mentioned in the House of Representatives that the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Bernard Guffler, has promised financial assistance to Roman Catholic schools that will remain private after the schools take-over." The self-appointed watch-dog of the nation who should have been given the portfolio of Defence and External Affairs, with one bold stroke of the pen avers: "The anti-national activities of the Roman Catholic Church on behalf of foreign interests imperil the unity and security of Ceylon." He says "it is now clear that the Vatican's foreign legion gets foreign aid from so many countries to consolidate its position in Ceylon." What a pity that Catholic Mr. Kennedy's election as President of the U.S.A. did not precede Mr. Mettananda's expert studies on foreign relations? Mr. Kennedy might then be said to have promised to finance all Catholic schools or perhaps to be preparing an army to invade Ceylon.

Now I come to that famous statement of Mr. Mettananda which is replete with inflammable material in the present day context of Ceylon's anti-Catholic feeling. This appeared in the C.D.N. of 6-10-60 and was reiterated in half in the C.D.N. of 24-10-60. This statement has never been adequately refuted but only explained away both in Parliament and the Senate.

Mr. Mettananda is speaking of the per capita expenditure. Here are his figures.

Management	Per capita expenditure acc. to Metta
Roman Catholic	Rs. 118 00
Christian	Rs. 107 00
Buddhist	Rs. 64 00
Hindu	Rs. 64 00
Muslim	Rs. 81 00
State	Rs. 80 00

With these facts and figures, without Mr. Mettananda's telling it, the impression created on the ordinary mind is that Government spends per annum on a Catholic child 118 rupees and on a Buddhist child Rs. 64/00—an impression that could set the country on fire. But Mr. Mettananda's calculations are extremely misleading and distort the true state of affairs. If Mr. Mettananda had an atom of honesty, he should tell us how much the Government spends on a Buddhist child or a Catholic child, etc. Taking it for granted that Mr. Mettananda's figures are basically correct, let me place before the readers the correct perspective of the per capita expenditure by Government on a Buddhist child, Catholic child, etc.

Government expenditure on:	
a Buddhist child	Rs. 79 00
a Catholic child	Rs. 108 00
a Christian child	Rs. 104 00
a Hindu child	Rs. 82 00

Hindus. So the net per capita expenditure by the State is as follows (we presume that Mr. Mettananda's calculation of per capita expenditure is basically correct):

Studying in a School conducted by	S.	B.	H.	C.	Ch.	M.
Government spends on:						
Hindu child	80	79	82	108	104	85
a Catholic child	80	79	82	108	104	85
a Christian child	80	79	82	108	104	85
a Muslim child	80	79	82	108	104	85
a Buddhist child	80	79	82	108	104	85

The impression created by these figures is different. Now I throw the gauntlet at Mr. Mettananda and request him to tell me from where he has got at the fact that Catholic children in Ceylon were 109,000 when the Buddhist children were 1,209,000. One would expect these facts and figures to be drawn from the latest administrative report of the Education Department, i.e. for 1958, or at least from one of very recent times. But, Mr. Mettananda, haven't you maliciously mixed up statistics of Buddhist and Catholic numbers from reports which are about ten years distant one from the other. Here is a chart for the guidance of readers:

Year	No. of Catholic Children	No. of Buddhist Children
1948	105,995	800,278
1949	110,465	857,559
1950	119,754	931,983
1951	123,815	979,518
1952	134,277	1,028,065
1953	140,054	1,081,703
1954	143,536	1,113,811
1955	151,424	1,135,249
1956	157,067	1,177,014
1957	157,813	1,268,193

Now Mr. Mettananda, is it not a deliberate misleading of the public for you to give the appropriate number of Catholic children in 1949 and of Buddhist children in 1957, a difference of about 10 years? I suppose this is your historical method.

Then you say with much gusto that for 109,000 Catholic children there are 31 A. Grade schools and for 1,209,000 Buddhist children there are only 25 A. Grade schools. What about the approximately 50,000 Buddhist children who also enjoy the benefits of the 31 A. Grade Catholic schools? Then there are about at least 14 Christian A. Grade schools where about 77,000 Buddhist children study, enjoying the same benefits as Christian children. A large number of Catholic and Christian A. Grade schools exist mainly for the Buddhist children who form about 60-75 of the student population. I see Mr. Mettananda triumphing over this fact but I won't reply him now. Then why are you silent about the 56 Central Colleges which are A. Grade schools of which nearly 50 are almost exclusively for the Buddhist children, so that Buddhist children in reality have 25 colleges of the Buddhist management plus 50 of the State management plus about 14 of the Christian management plus 31 Catholic A. Grade colleges plus a very large number of Government Maha Vidyalayas; in all about 120 A. Grade schools plus the Maha Vidyalayas (Senior Schools) which are not few in number.

If on a study of the 1958 statistics one finds that the per capita expenditure between a Catholic child in a Catholic school and a Buddhist child in a Buddhist school is still unequal, it is because of the following reasons: (1) Many Catholic schools teach Science and there is a Science Grant; (2) Catholics especially go all out to get the full complement of teachers and well-qualified teachers; (3) As most of the Catholics live in crowded areas a much higher percentage of Catholic children are bound to attend school, the same couldn't be

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Madam,

Today you hold an honoured place in the land. You are Prime Minister. But forget this for a moment and think of another dignity that is yours: one that you share with millions of others but which is still great for all that—the dignity of motherhood.

A mother loves her children. She nurtures great hopes for their future. For them, the mother feels, only the best is good enough. These hopes, these desires were yours too, madam. Knowing full well the import of education, a mother gives careful attention to the choice of a school. You must have done the same.

But for many the education they desire for their children is beyond reach. And this for different reasons. A totalitarian State will give the mother no choice. Even in democratic nations where freedom is respected her choice may be restricted by circumstances like financial difficulties or over-crowding of schools. But in your case no obstacle barred the way to the school of your choice.

Being wealthy, you could afford the best. Because of the position you and your late husband occupied in the life of the country, any school would have gladly opened its doors to your children. You were a citizen in a democracy. You, madam, were a fortunate mother, able to choose the best education for your children. You had the means to obtain what you chose.

The country knows the choice you made. That it was a free choice is beyond question. The school that you knew best, your own school, was the one you decided on for your daughters. In what better way could you have expressed your confidence in your school? It is the parent's right to choose the type of education he desires for his child. You, madam, had that right. You exercised it—one might add—with firmness and determination.

It is the duty of a democratic government to protect that right, extend it, and remove the obstacles that stand in the way of its full exercise. To forbid private schools and use the tax-payers money to provide an exclusive system of State education is totalitarianism. It is the common practice in Communist countries today. Nazism and Fascism would have been impossible without a State monopoly of education. To use public funds for State-controlled education only, while granting parents the imaginary freedom of sending their children to private schools that they cannot afford, is both unjust and hypocritical. Even if the freedom of running un-aided private schools is made a real freedom because the average citizen can afford them, still the State will be acting unjustly if an appreciable number of citizens has to pay ordinary taxes plus school-fees in order to give their children an education in conformity with the dictates of their conscience.

Tax money must be used for all the citizens. A citizen who has the duty to pay taxes has a right to enjoy his fair share of their benefits without unjust discrimination.

The right you enjoyed, madam, and the benefits your children reaped from the exercise of that right, are today in this country denied to other parents. And this by the government of which you are the leader. That this fell blow has been struck by you is inconceivable. Unprincipled as the world of politics too often is, we do not believe that it could have made you change your appreciation of basic human values overnight. But yet your unwillingness to stand up in public for a right you once appreciated, is disappointing. It seems to us, madam, like a betrayal. Courage and hope are arms enough against an enemy. Against the betrayal of a friend we are nearly helpless.

By sacrificing principle to expediency, short term, illusory victories may be won. But history—and all honest people for that matter—have no kind words for these adventures. Opportunism is always associated with pettiness. In politics as in every other department of human endeavour, the great are those who have the courage to stand up for their principles whatever may be the cost—men like Mahatma Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln. Freeing the slave may not have been very popular in the America of Lincoln's day. But it was right. To Abraham Lincoln this was all that mattered.

When Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated, Bernard Shaw is reported to have said that it is dangerous to be too good. How true. But the truly great are ready to face that danger.

A SON OF LANKA.

## A Christmas appeal

Dear Catholic Friends,

The schools take-over measure of our Government is a measure which rends the hearts of Catholics with grief. We are on the eve of Christmas, and it takes away the joy of Christmas. We feel that it is good that we give external manifestation of the grief that afflicts us.

May we, therefore, appeal to all Catholics, those of our parish in particular, to refrain from:—

1. Purchasing or wearing new clothes for Christmas;
2. Repairing, colour washing, re-furnishing and decorating your homes;

told of the Buddhist villages; (4) The average attendance of Catholic children is certainly higher than Buddhist children for reasons given in (3).

To remove this inequality schools need not be taken over by the State. When once science and good teachers are introduced to the Buddhist and Government schools any apparent inequality is bound to disappear.

I have written enough to show how clever a past-master Mr. Mettananda is in the artifice of *suppressio veri* and *suggestio falsi* and that Mr. Mettananda's arguments are based either on hearsay or on mention of happenings or on distorted and mishandled facts or on the rich fruits of his extremely fertile imagination, the background of which is an inextinguishable hatred of everything that smacks of Catholic and of the Vatican. By now Mr. Mettananda should be vanquished, but I know like Goldsmith's village school master Mr. Mettananda, though vanquished, will argue still.

F. G. Q. Perera.

Puttalam.

(We print the above from an unpublished letter sent by the writer to the *Daily News*, but we do not wish to enter the controversy—EDITOR.)

3. Making Christmas Cake and other sweet meats;
4. All types of enjoyment and merry-making and organising Carols and Christmas parties;
5. Sending any type of greeting cards or Christmas wishes;
6. Entertaining any visitors with alcoholic beverage;
7. Christmas visits to friends and relations;
8. Going to the Cinema or for other forms of entertainment;
9. The use of crackers, fireworks, etc.;
10. Purchasing or making gifts of toys, balloons, etc.

Instead, let us know the Baby Jesus with redoubled spiritual fervour!

Wattala Parish Union.

Wattala.

## Christmas Cards

ALLOW me to make a few remarks on some suggestions for self-denial appearing in your "Letter Page." Most of them can be appreciated except No. 4. "Let us give up the habit of sending Christmas Cards."

It is only in Communist countries that Christmas cards are not sent. True we may save a few rupees; but cards are sent just once a year and in remembrance of Christ's Birthday. We want to spread Christ to the world; is this not one of the ways of manifesting Christ to the world? Sending Christmas Cards is one way of keeping Christ's Birthday and reminding non-Catholics too that it is our Saviour's Birthday. Jesus told Judas, "The poor you have always with you."

Trincomalee.

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# Fatima and Perpetual Adoration

THE Venerable Father Francis Cruz, S.J., whose cause for beatification was begun in 1951, three years after his death, stoutly maintained that the real reason for our modern ills is rooted in our neglect of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. It was through his intervention, even before the apparitions at Fatima, that Lucy was allowed to receive her First Holy Communion at the age of six. This holy Portuguese priest was among the first to believe in Fatima. He could readily see the connection between Fatima and the Eucharist. Father Ryan, S.J., the editor of "Fatima Findings," points out in this regard: "Here is the real significance of Fatima; here is its Divine Secret! Here is the answer to all our modern ills—if we were not only so blind or so preoccupied with the things of time as to miss it."

## "I LOVE YOU IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT"

Mary herself pointed out this fact in the first of her apparitions. She asked the children to endure all the suffering that God would please to send them as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended and to ask for the conversion of sinners. After the children assented, a stream of light poured forth from each palm of Mary's hands, illuminating the hearts and souls of the children. They were urged to fall on their knees and say: "O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You! My God, My God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament."

It is well to note that devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, which is the culminating point of devotion to Mary (in that all true devotion to Mary must of necessity lead us to Jesus), was introduced into the Fatima message by an Angel before Our Lady actually appeared to the three seers at the Cova da Iria.

The Angel of Peace, as he was called, first appeared to the children in the summer of 1916 while they were tending their sheep on a hill called the Cabeco, near Fatima. He taught them to adore the Triune God by prostrating himself, with forehead to the ground and praying: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope in Thee, I love Thee. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope in Thee, nor love Thee."

A few weeks later the Angel appeared again. He repeated the above-mentioned prayer with the children and encouraged them to make sacrifices to the Most High.

When the Angel appeared for the third and last time, probably in late September or early October, it was the most significant of his apparitions. The children were playing in the "cave" at the Cabeco while their sheep grazed nearby. After saying a rosary, they began to recite the prayer the Angel taught them. They recited it but a few times when the same bright light which preceded the Angel's appearances on the other two occasions came swiftly over the valley. There he was again for the third time, in the form of a young man, superbly beautiful and dazzling to the eye. At this visit he held in his left hand a chalice, and in his right, over the chalice, a host from which drops of blood could be seen falling into the chalice. Leaving the host and the chalice suspended in mid-air he prostrated himself touching the ground with his forehead. Then he said the following prayer three times:

### The Prayer...

"Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for all the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart, and through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I pray for the conversion of poor sinners."

The Angel then rose and took the chalice and host into his hands. He communicated the host to Lucy, the contents of the chalice he gave to Jacinta and Francisco, saying: "Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their sins and console your God."

The Angel again prostrated himself on the ground and said three times the prayer, "Most Holy Trinity, etc." and was gone.

The first two apparitions stressed adoration and reparation to the Triune God, the third apparition stressed adoration and reparation to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The fact that reparation for the sins committed against the Blessed Sacrament is needed, especially in our day and age, doesn't leave much room for doubt. Whenever the Communists take over, the adorable Presence of Our Lord in

● ● ● **Reparation! Reparation! Reparation! is the cry that should be flung to the four winds in this hour in which, in spite of the maternal warnings of the message of Fatima, God is more outraged and offended than ever...**

the Blessed Sacrament is outraged and desecrated. For example, when the Reds conquered China, the following incident occurred shortly afterwards.

### Red Outrages

In the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Hankow, China, Father Gervasius Rossat, O.F.M., told how one Sunday plain-clothes men, accompanied by a hostile mob, forcibly entered the church. Quickly the ciborium was locked in the tabernacle and the key hid, but the mob opened the tabernacle with another key, seized the ciborium, scattered the Hosts over the floor and stamped on them. When the worshippers continued to kneel and pray the Communists jeered: "You are crazy." The police made no attempt to restrain the mob.

Another example of Red sacrilege took place in the Catholic village of Thuc-Hoa in Vietnam. Communist rebels there spilled the Hosts out of the tabernacle and ate some of them in ridicule. The rest they trampled under foot, shouting: "There is your God."

These are only two instances of the many hundreds of desecrations of the Blessed Sacrament that have taken place over the years since the rise of Communism. They cry to Heaven for vengeance.

But we may ask, "Are the Communists the only guilty ones?" All around us, even though we take little notice of the fact or are reluctant to admit it, coldness, indifference, and sacrilege is the constant lot of Our Lord in His Sacrament of Love. And as Catholics, are we free from any guilt in this regard? We say we believe in the Eucharistic Presence of our Saviour, but in reflecting upon the matter, can we say that our conduct and lives back up our convictions?

Bishop Sheen in one of his columns seems to sum up the situation quite well when he says: "Because so many make Our Lord second to their comfort, the Communists have come into the world to seize heroic souls and demand of them the same surrender to evil Our Lord demanded of us for good."

Three heroic souls, who did not make Our Lord second in their affections, were the three little children of Fatima. Apart from the actual message of Fatima, it would seem that the story of their heroic practice of virtue would stir even the hardest of hearts. But they are not to be considered apart from the Fatima message; they are a vital part of the grace of Fatima. Our Lady places them before our eyes, with the ob-

vious intention of leading us to imitate them in the faithful fulfilment of her message. In regard to their example of love and reparation to Our Eucharistic Lord we read that they would repeat again and again for hours at a stretch the act of adoration and oblation taught them by the Angel.

Little Francisco was especially drawn to praying this prayer of reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is offended. So penetrated was Francisco with the love of the Hidden God that he often spent a good part of the day on his knees before the tabernacle. When Jacinta and Lucia were sent to school he would walk with them as far as St. Anthony's Church in Fatima. He would tell them: "Look, you go to school and I will stay here in the church near the hidden Jesus. It isn't worth the trouble for me to learn to read. I'm leaving here soon for heaven. When you come back, call me."

When school was over and Lucia stopped at St. Anthony's, there she found him looking at the tabernacle where his silent Friend was so neglected and forgotten by the rest of men. If a little lad of nine could spend whole days in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament it doesn't make sense that any normal, healthy adult should find excuse for not watching at least one hour a week.

Thank God that there are other Franciscans in the world today, and that the adoration and reparation due to Our Eucharistic Lord, a part of the Fatima message, is not left entirely unheeded.

These are the generous souls who are participants in Parish Perpetual Adoration programmes. They make an adoration hour during the day or night and with the children of Fatima they believe for those who do not believe, adore for those who do not adore. In many countries there has been a continuous growth in Parish Perpetual Adoration since the end of World War II.

No better place could be found to pray than our churches where Jesus waits for us to bestow many graces on those who visit Him. We may recall, that when Our Lady came to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830 in her Miraculous Medal apparitions, she told St. Catherine to "Come to the foot of the altar where great graces will be bestowed on all who ask for them."

### Continuous Chain of Prayer

The continuous chain of prayer in parishes, the sacrifices and inconveni-

ences that ordinary Catholics endure to keep their engagement with our Eucharistic Lord, must surely please the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In 1925, Our Lady appeared with the Infant Jesus to Lucy. She showed her Immaculate Heart surrounded with thorns. The Infant Jesus pointed to His Mother's heart and said: "Have pity on this loving heart, a continual martyr to the ingratitude of men." What better way of consoling this poor mother's heart than by adoring her Divine Infant in the tabernacle.

When Mary asked for reparation to her Immaculate Heart she asked Catholics to receive Holy Communion on five consecutive Saturdays. She asked men to cease offending her Divine Son already so greatly offended. But how was this to be done? Ultimately through the Holy Eucharist.

In an indirect way the Perpetual Adoration programme helps to fulfil Our Lady of Fatima's requests for penance. When Our Lord appeared to Sister Lucy in 1942 and complained bitterly and sorrowfully that there are so few souls fulfilling Our Lady's requests, He said: "The sacrifice required of every person is the fulfilment of his duties in life and the observance of My Laws. This is the penance I now seek and require."

Even if the mystery announced by the Mother of God (the last remain

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## A prayer for Motorists

O HEAVENLY Father Who knoweth well our limitations, send forth Thy Spirit to stress the tremendous responsibility of the steering wheel in our hands. Remind us, before starting the motor, too often an engine of sudden death, to make the Sign of the Cross so that the trip may begin with Thy blessing and by it be happily ended.

Sharpen our wits to keep our eyes on the road, ever mindful that the safety of human lives—so very precious in Thy sight—depends on our alertness and sobriety. Enlighten us to drive with patience, vigilance and consideration for others in cars and on foot.

O dearest Virgin Mother, ask St. Christopher, patron of travel, to see us safely on our way, through thy Divine Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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THE MARXISTS HOPE TO DESTROY THE CHURCH BY SEPARATING THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE FROM THEIR CATHOLIC BISHOPS AND CLERGY. NEXT THEY HOPE TO SPLIT THE CATHOLICS INTO THE RICH AND THE POOR: THEY HAVE TRIED THIS IN MANY COUNTRIES AND FAILED. THEY WILL FAIL IN CEYLON TOO. WE MUST, HOWEVER, BE FOREWARNED ABOUT THESE TACTICS.

Our Church consists of one united and simple organisation of the Pope, the Bishops, the Clergy and the laity. We are united now and we will be united thus to the very end!

In the case of the schools question, the Marxists hope to divide the Catholics into the rich and the poor. What they don't seem to understand is that if there are any rich Catholics today they are rich because the Church gave them education and discipline. We may well ask who were the parents and grand parents of the Catholics who are well-to-do today?

These Catholics, most of them, rose from families of clerks, traders, postmasters, station masters, farmers, labourers, fishermen and the like. It was our schools that made them into what they and their children are today.

Even today our schools help the sons of the poor to get on in the world. Many of the children in the big Catholic schools began their educa-

tion in the small parochial Catholic schools. From there it was arranged for them to migrate into the bigger schools.

In the big schools of the towns many children were free pupils or had many concessions during the days when schools charged fees. In time to come Catholic schools will pay even more attention to granting scholarships to clever Catholic children from any part of the island. Our schools are a system: to save or damage some schools is to save or damage the system as a whole.

### From Village to Town

Take the case of the Catholics in Colombo. They have not forgotten their past. They remember their villages. In the present crisis they want to save our schools both in the villages and in the towns. They

want to have the door open for more village children to take the same road to success that they and their parents have taken. We have to improve the village schools and build a chain of scholarships from the village schools to the town schools. These town schools are what they are because they have grown up for sixty or seventy years. They are more a part of the Church than of the educational system.

### Big Schools and the Church

In every diocese the big schools are a valuable asset of the entire Catholic community. They are the rallying points of the Catholic people. At these schools we hold our congresses and mass meetings, for religious purposes. It is in these schools that we

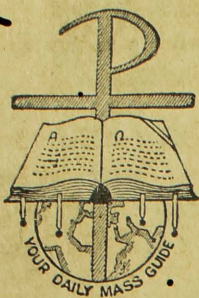
hold our religious events like enclosed retreats, retreats for Nuns or for Christian Brothers. Here we hold our rallies of the sodalities and Catholic associations from all parts of the Island.

If we lose these schools we lose not only a school but also the property of the Church needed for purely religious purposes. In each diocese we must do our best to save these premises for the sake of the entire diocese and not merely for the sake of the school.

We cannot hold our rallies under trees or hire out public halls. Our ancestors and the missionaries have made great sacrifices to build these institutions as Catholic fortresses for the entire diocese. They belong, in a sense, to the Catholic community as a whole and will be defended by sacrifices of the community as a whole.

## BE FOREWARNED!

At a time when attempts are being made by interested parties to set up Catholics against Catholics to sever the links between the hierarchy and the faithful, this article from a Catholic layman raises many important and timely solutions to the present crisis...



## Strands of the Story 265

# FATIDICAL TWELFTH MONTH

**SEEKING** Our Immaculate Mother's intervention in the present impasse as a "sign" for the Beatification of holy Fr. Vaz provides a Canonical reason for a miracle.

Further, presented this way our Petition has better grounds for claiming the miracle right now — to give the Cause all the impetus it could gain from the fact of the 250th anniversary of Father's death (1711).

It remains true, however, that the timing we humbly urge on Our Lady is not the outcome of our impatience and lack of trust in God. It has been imposed on us by the others.

For the dating of "D" day, the initiative always lies with the aggressor, who decides by shrewd or savage calculation and sometimes by occult forecasts.

So it was in the historic crisis of the long distant past when the "People of God" were represented exclusively by little knots of Jewish families scattered throughout the dominions of King Assuerus that stretched "from India to Ethiopia" (see *Book of Esther*, ch. 1 and 3).

The State Minister of the times, whose personal ambitions and resentments were to provide the hangman for the occasion (an evil counsellor for the Crown, a scribe and plumber of the seal for the murderous Edict), was a certain AMAN "son of Amadathi, of the race of Agag."

It was Aman who fixed "D" Day for the extermination of God's people throughout the 127 Provinces of the Medes and Persians, all "in one day." He fixed the date in an occult rite of casting a lot into an urn for what day and

what month. His oracle answered "the 12th month."

It is not recorded by what process Aman found the auspicious day should be the 13th; but Sacred History records that the Edict that he drew up, affixed in the Capital and sent in copy to all the Provinces, gave the 13th of the Twelfth month as "D" day for the extermination of this religious community that

## Father Vaz Feature

"uses new laws and ceremonies, and moreover despises the king's ordinances" (those contrary to God's Rights, of course).

This fixing of a date by the aggressor left no margin for the Providential intervention that was to save.

Similarly in the earlier crisis when God's people were mortally threatened by Holofernes of the Assyrians. It was wrong for the Ancients to have fixed five days for God's succour or the surrender of the Sacred Citadel and children. But confronted with the situation that had thus arisen, Judith was justified in giving God a date on which to "direct her way to the deliverance of His people" (*Judith*, 12).

We, too, have been dated. History as it is read in class-room and by the Catholic fireside a thousand years hence will (as we do now for the story of Aman and Esther) muse over the dates that, sinister in their intentions of compassing the destruction of the structures and finally the soul of the Catholic Community, proved through Our Lady's intervention — real Judith and true Esther — to be fatidical of God's triumph.

Our schools, let us not forget, are not the only structures the Adversary is striking at in the attempt to crush the soul of our community. Still they are the first under attack and the following dates provide the pegs for a complete short story like that of *Judith* or *Esther*:

28 July 1960: the dailies carry a first announcement of the Minister's hostile intentions.

12 August: The Governor-General's "Throne Speech" reveals that the Mahmudian statement really represents the plans of the "July Government."

14 October: The Mahmudian Bill is presented in Parliament.

28 October: Before midnight the Bill goes through the House of Representatives.

16 November: After a brave but hopeless fight by 9 of the Opposition, the Bill is passed by the Senate.

17 November: With the G.-G's Assent the Mahmudian Bill becomes an Ordinance; and Sir Oliver's name is for all time linked with the Edict. The Minister gazettes the 1st of the twelfth month as the Amanian date.

At Heaven's command will these blanks remain unfilled, or will God allow many more dates to be added to the story? Impetuous Peters and Sons of Zebedee, we would rather He sent right now "twelve legions of Angels" and Heaven's flashing horsemen to castigate the modern Heliogorus. However, Fr. Vaz bids us have "the Faith of God" — a trust as long-waiting as God's own justice. What if in His Divine Plan, the crisis is to be allowed to reach the desperateness of the times of David, Judith and Esther, so that His intervention may be more signal and our deliverance more magnificent?

For, from "their" point of view, schools are just a first stage and the Mahmudian Bill "only a beginning." So our good Landylady has declared, adding the assurance that she has "a will of her own." As our own "chicks" are concerned, we may be allowed to pray that it is not just a woman's wilfulness, but that to guide that will there is a head as wise and sensible as our own mothers.

All told, then, neither from "their" point of view, nor from God's is there a compelling reason for a denouement within brief delay. What they plan is encirclement and strangulation by degrees and God can afford to give them rope for He can get them when He wants.

One thing that can constitute a reason for cutting them short is the appropriateness of a Sign to mark Fr. Vaz's centenary next January.

This is where Fr. Alex Ranasinghe's suggestion comes in.

## MORNING OFFERING

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

### INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

**GENERAL:** That the reading of the Bible in families may be fostered.

**MISSIONARY:** For the youth of Japan.

## BISHOP SHEEN SPEAKS

### Kinds of Discipline

**T**HE higher one rises in nature, the greater is the adaptability to change. The higher we rise in the scale of life, the wider is the scope and the possibility of training. For example, water is capable of only three shapes, that of ice, liquid and steam. The dog or the elephant is capable of a greater variety of training than the snail or the butterfly. Because man is endowed with an intelligence, he is capable of choosing his own goals which animals cannot do, for they have their purposes imposed upon them by instinct. Granted this great variety of purposes, the human being is capable of being trained. The range of his possible training is practically unlimited. One never asks a little pig what kind of a hog he is going to be when he grows up; but one does ask a child what manner of man or woman he or she will be. They are, under their parents, little creators of their destiny — even the eternal one.

### Two kinds

Discipline or training is of two kinds — one external, which has to do with the rule, and the other internal, which has to do with reason and conscience. Both are related to obedience. Interior discipline does not so much look to a rule, but to the values which inspired it. It is based upon the fact that everyone is a possible saint.

To tell children that they are lazy or worthless, develops in them a sense of inferiority. In an adult, this sometimes makes a person put forth efforts to overcome the failure, but the extreme sensibility of a child does not cause that kind of reaction. To tell a child that he is a thief may cause thievery to increase, unless some care is administered. Children are apt to take the decision of adults passively. It is a great mistake to limit education to the simple observation of a defect; it is sterile and does no good.

### Sense of inferiority

A French psychologist has said: "At the bottom of all vices, there is a condemnation in which one does believe." It is not wrong to bring out a defect provided one offers a cure. One should never dig a hole unless something is put into it. The French psychologist quoted above should have his statement changed to the effect that at the base of all virtues, there is a value in which one does believe.

The sense of inferiority is increased when the correction of a child is humiliating; no sanction is worthwhile unless it does good to the child. Every humiliation



always brings a defence, hence there should not be a correction without some enlightenment of conscience. A sense of inferiority can also have several bad reactions, such as pride, melancholy and laziness.

### Severity

Severity is primarily an exaggeration of the distance between child and parent, or anyone who holds the place of the parent. It is also a lack of regard for the individual nature of the child. Authority exists for the sake of those over whom it is set, not for its own sake. The military salute is not accorded to the general, but to his rank.

Excessive authority always originates in the false concept of authority. Such parents think they exercise authority for the good of the child, whereas the source of it is an over-estimation of their own ego. The leader who is sure of his position does not need to make violent demonstrations of authority.

### Example more than precept

The greatest authority over the child is the mastery of oneself on the part of the parent. When the child discovers in the parent no passion and no weakness that he can use, he feels himself incapable of destroying the parents. Their tenderness and sweetness will have for him then the value which inspires respect. The child, on the other hand, who is able to communicate his wrath and his impatience to his parents, will soon have no respect but for his own force.

Every child is like a mirror in the sense that he reflects the influences that are around him, and transforms them into his own nature. Hence, the first principle of education is to educate oneself and to be a model. (Copyright ... Reproduction in whole or part forbidden).

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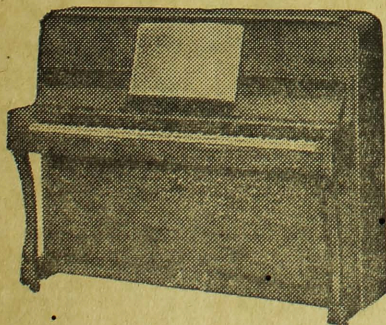
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## Indian Food Minister's Point of View

THE Food Minister of the Central Government of India, Shri S. K. Patil, in opening a new Boys' School in Bombay, made some forthright remarks about Catholic educational institutions which are very apposite in the context of the schools' crisis in this country. This Hindu Minister's remarks which are reproduced below are in dynamic contrast to the Communist-guided attack currently raging against our own schools here.



I have always admired the great service that your Church has contributed to this country of ours. More than a score of Catholic educational institutions in the city of Bombay are, indeed, a pride to our city and a pride to our country. I myself am a product of one such institution and, therefore,

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quite realise that it need not be said that you cater to the needs of everybody irrespective of what religion he professes, what language he speaks. I have always heard, and I have said it from a number of platforms when I got the opportunity of doing so, that these institutions conducted by the Catholic Church, that are in Bombay, are the very best educational institutions that we have got in this city and in this country. I do not say so in any irresponsible way. I have said so on a number of occasions and, wherever there

is any discussion about educational institutions, as there is, — not particularly yours but educational institutions in general — I always say if I had any children just now to send to these institutions, I would very readily send them to those conducted by the Catholic Church. I am proud of these institutions; there is nothing wrong about them. These are humanitarian services that transcend all limitation. Thousands of graduates that you have turned out are today the best patriots of our country. They have learned that patri-

otism through institutions conducted by you. Therefore I do not hesitate to say that in any work you do to promote the educational welfare of this country, you will have our complete support.

The Catholic Church, and the Christian Church in general, is dedicated to the promotion of the spirituality of our country. It is very necessary, indeed, I cannot be a good Hindu, which I am, unless I train myself to respect every religion in the world. I always had the greatest respect for Christianity. And I can tell

you my religion tells me — and it is the very essence of my religion — that every good man, no matter what religion to which he belongs, must be respected — that is the injunction of the religion to which I belong. And, therefore, Christianity I respect as if it is my own religion. Christians have given something to humanity that now has become a very precious possession of the whole of humanity. In that respect, you have enriched the spiritual heritage of this country by the very noble work you have carried on for this country

for the last four or five centuries or more.

It is not the work in the educational field alone, but even in many walks and in many fields, the work that you do is for the nation and it is not restricted to only one country but is spread throughout the world. From that standpoint I welcome every effort that the Catholic Church has made in this country. Christianity would not be what it is today, and there would not be millions and millions of people professing it, if it was not an open religion — open for everybody to draw spirit and inspiration, and we have drawn inspiration from it, just as millions of others in various other countries have drawn inspiration from it. I am myself very much agreed that whatever I am today, it is due to the influence of the Christian Churches around me, because all my education and earlier training was in one of the institutions conducted by the Christian Church.

## 25 COLOMBO GUILDS STEP UP MESSENGER CAMPAIGN

THE MESSENGER-sponsored "CHRISTMAS FOR THE POOR" Campaign high-lighted in these columns for the last three weeks has found a chain of response.

Reader ALEX FONSEKA from Etul Kotte writes: "When I explained the campaign to my 5-year-old son, he was overjoyed at the idea and insisted that I should bring two kids to spend Christmas with us."

This is the spirit that should burn in every Christian heart this year.

Meanwhile, information received from the Hony. General Secretary of the CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC GUILDS reveals that all the 25 affiliated guilds are being circularized regarding the Messenger campaign, and guildsmen will soon be actively engaged in pushing the campaign up to the peak.

Readers and well-wishers of the Campaign who have already written in, are hereby informed that no acknowledgement will be made, but immediately after 15 December, when the Campaign closes, they will hear from THE MISSION BUREAU, Archbishop's House, Borella, about the arrangements.

### Keep a date!

MANY people "keep a date" in December. With the year's end close at hand, Robin Hood suggests you keep a date too with the FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE, Lewella, whose schedule of Retreats for December was published in last week's "Roundabout."

One of the distinguished visitors to be greatly impressed by the good work done at Lewella, is CARDINAL AGAGIANIAN who is seen praying in the Fatima Retreat House chapel when he visited it.

Get in touch with the JESUIT FATHERS of Fatima Retreat House, Lewella, Kandy, who will freely give you all the information you desire.

### Desk Calendar

FOR the first time a CATHOLIC DESK CALENDAR has made its welcome and much-needed appearance.

This strikingly modernistic pic-

### Old Boys' Get-together

SCHEDULED for 27 November is the 34th annual general meeting and re-union of St.

Anthony's College (Kandy) O.B.A., Colombo Branch.

Proceedings get started with Holy Mass at St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah at 5-15 p.m.

The annual general meeting will be held at St. Joseph's College, Colombo.

The re-union and an *al fresco* dinner will wind up the programme.

Expected to be present are HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF WADDUWA and REV. FR. PRINCIPAL.

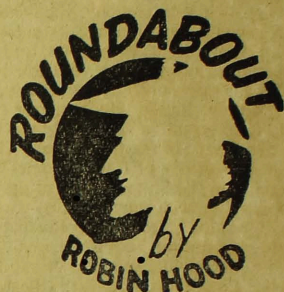
Subscription fee, I am informed, is Rs. 4/- per head. Guests including ladies will be charged Rs. 3/75 per head.

### Cultural horizons

THE RASANJALI ART GROUP, our spies report, has recently been widening the scope of its cultural activities.

At an informal discussion recently between the Cultural and Information Officer of the JAPANESE EMBASSY and delegates of the Art Group, ways and means were explored whereby they could establish relationships especially in the field of Music, Literature and Drama.

The RASANJALI ART GROUP has also announced the initiation of its Orchestra. Music lovers are invited to join it. Classes



in vocal and instrumental music are held regularly.

Scheduled for 10 December at Wadduwa is a Variety Entertainment sponsored by the group's Orchestra.

### Judges, lawyers get ready

ADVANCE reports reaching Robin Hood indicate elaborate preparations now taking shape for the annual pilgrimage to Madhu sponsored by the NEGOMBO CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD.

The dates are 5 to 8 January 1961. The preacher will be FR. T. KURIAKOSE, S.J. Also present will be HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF JAFFNA.

The Negombo Guild is expected to run a Canteen at the church premises for the benefit of the large number of families who want meals provided.

More information could be obtained from MR. C. M. FERNANDO, J.P., U.M., 16, Main Street, Negombo.



ture of the Madonna and Child is artistically reproduced in flamingly vivid colours on the CATHOLIC DESK CALENDAR FOR 1961 just off the Catholic Press.

All Government and Public Holidays are listed together with Catholic information re Days of Obligation.

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### You can help the needy and destitute!

A Fancy Bazaar will be held in aid of the Fatima Canteen for the needy and destitute, at Our Lady of Fatima Church hall, Dean's Road, Maradana.

Keep these dates free: Dec. 1, 2, 3 (3 p.m. to 8-30 p.m.); Sunday 4th December (8 a.m. to 12 noon and 3 p.m. to 8-30 p.m.)

### In Memoriam

A DOUGHTY champion of the Catholic cause, 53-year-old MR. L. B. FERNANDO of Kandy, has gone by his eternal reward.

A nephew of the late FR. LEO FERNANDO, the erudite Sinhalese scholar and parish priest of St. Andrew's, Mutwal, the late MR. L. B. FERNANDO was born in Kottahena, and received his entire education at St. Benedict's. May his soul rest in peace.

## Willorawatte Feast

(from our correspondent)

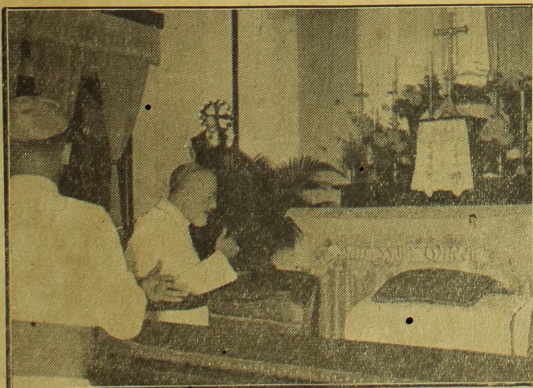
THE CATHOLICS OF MORATUWA HONOURED ST. CHARLES BORROMEO, THE CARDINAL SAINT, LAST WEEK WITH DUE POMP AND SOLEMNITY AT THE CHURCH IN HIS HONOUR AT WILLORAWATTE, MORATUWA.

### Fatima Young Men's Association

THE Second Annual General Meeting of the Fatima Young Men's Association was held at the F.Y.M.A. Hall, Fatima Church, Colombo 10, on 23rd October 1960 and the following were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing year.

Spiritual Director: Parish Priest Fatima Church; Patron: Dr. L. A. P. Brito-Babapulle, B.Sc., M.R.C. V.S., D.T.V.; President: W. A. Fernando; Vice-President: S. R. Perera; Secretary: C. M. Jason; Sports Secretary: M. J. John; Treasurer: W. S. Jason; Asst. Treasurer: M. Fernando; Auditor: E. Anthonypillai.

On Sunday morning the festive High Mass was chanted by Very Rev. Fr. E. A. Bourgeois, O.M.I. A very impressive and a soul-stirring sermon was preached by Rev. Fr. Aloysius Dassanayake, O.M.I. He exhorted the Catholics to emulate the shining example set by their illustrious Patron, St. Charles. During these days of much anxiety, the Catholics should be more united and stand steadfastly by their Faith. Ancient history reveals the heroism of the early Catholics of Moratuwa, during the turbulent days of the Dutch persecutions. The attempt of this government to take away their schools was a blow to their fundamental rights. He said that whatever tempest or storm may try to shake the barque of Peter, it shall never capsize.



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## The Rape of Our Schools

DECEMBER 1st, 1960, will go down in the annals of Ceylon's history as a day of destruction. For some, we are told, it will be a day of commemoration as "national education day"; for us Catholics — and we dare say for many others who are of our way of thinking, and who have been with us in trouble, in protests, in suffocation, and now in suppression — it will be a day when the State's assault on the children of Sri Lanka would have reached its culmination when the axe falls once and for all on the rights of parents, and when we who have always made the education of our youth a vocation and a mission filling our lives, will be denied the freedom to educate our youth and to practice the tenets of our faith without undue hindrance or burden. For us then — we say this quite frankly and unhesitatingly — December 1st will indisputably be a day of sadness, of frustration, of indignation, of mourning and of tragedy. When the history of Ceylon comes to be written — the history that will be taught in the State schools of our country — we can imagine what will be said of these stormy months, when a government's steam-roller majority rolled along recklessly, reducing democracy to the farcical mockery of a mere counting of heads, even to the point of trampling upon and crushing the inviolable rights of a minority; we can also well imagine what will be said of November 17th (the day on which the nefarious Bill became law when the Governor-General gave his assent to it), and of December 1st, when the law commenced moving inexorably into action. Let others say what they will; but for us, in the history that we shall keep and the memories that will never die, November 17th and December 1st will be days of stark tragedy when the parents and the children of this nation were pushed aside, when religion was relegated into the background, and the State stepped in.

The week that is just ahead of us is, therefore, one that is heavily charged with immense issues, and one that will go down to posterity as a week of tragedy in the course of which the axe fell not so much on Catholic schools or on Assisted schools, but on religion as a whole. The sooner the people of this country realise this unpalatable fact, the better it will be for all of us, and the stronger the chance that the future may yet be saved. The battle is one against religion as a whole; the assault is one that is directed at religion as a whole; and the axe is falling on all those who uphold spiritual values, and cherish religion in their lives. And the day may not be far off when those who today glory in the discomfiture of Catholics, will find themselves plundered of their rights and their freedom in the very same way — for, it should be known quite definitely that the long arm of the axe that falls on us today is wielded not by those who have any love for the country, but by those who hate religion, and whose one objective in life is the annihilation of all religion.

To return to the question of the schools, and the imminent happenings of the week to come, the most tragic part of it is that the victims are finally the children — the most priceless possession of a nation. That is why we pose the question today, for every reader to ask himself: "DO YOUR CHILDREN BELONG TO THE STATE?" On the answer to this question will depend one's entire attitude to the rape of the schools.

We have said it all along, and we repeat it today — there are three factors governing this entire drama of the fight for the schools, and the life of sacrifice that has built up our schools over the past 100 years. These three factors are the children, the parents, religion. It is because we cherish our children, because we consider the rights of the parents sacred, and because, therefore, religion is essential in their living, that we have never counted the cost where our schools were concerned.

The children do NOT belong to the State. In totalitarian countries, in the communes of China and elsewhere, perhaps even children are made the merest cogs in a huge Communist wheel. But no democratic country has ever conceded that children are the property of the State. They belong to the parents and to none other. It is the parents, therefore, who have to decide their education, their formation, and the type of school they will attend.

As though to add insult to injury, those who will take away our schools, deny parental rights, and be guilty of this wholesale assault on our children, now keep saying that it is being done "solely in the interests of the education of all children." It sounds strange to hear a Special Education Bulletin being repeated over Radio Ceylon at frequent intervals, proclaiming to the world "Your children's education is precious. It must not be broken." They will deny the rights of the children; they will treat them as pawns in a huge game; they will decide their future as though they were lifeless beings who have no thoughts nor feelings; they will deny that children have a soul that must be respected; and then, after this supreme assault on the children who are our dearest possessions, they will turn round and tell us all that the "children's education is precious."

It is because we, more than many others, have realised this and have defended it always, that we hang our heads in grief this week. The axe falls; the schools are being taken away from us; our children are being wrested from our care. But before God there can be no surrender; our love and our concern for the little ones of His flock will endure. That will always endure as long as the Church endures — and that is for ever.

## CURRENT COMMENT

by the Editor

## Who are the Reactionaries and the Subversive Elements?

AFTER weeks and weeks of a blatant witch-hunt for "Catholic reactionaries" subversive elements and conspirators, the men who were responsible for creating, fostering and propagating the scare, have now gone much further, and they have come out into the daylight with even more serious allegations than in the past. Either we Catholics are really the wily conspirators that we are being made out to be, or the men responsible for the scare are alarmists dabbling with fire, who should be dealt with. Why is the Government silent and inactive, when the Communist papers have carried on this type of invective for so long — a campaign which can have the most disastrous consequences for the nation as a whole?

Whatever certain persons may say, we are sure of one fact: the Communists have no need for religion of any kind, and they will do their utmost — as they have always done wherever they have gone — to ridicule, vilify, and destroy religion. Here in Ceylon, they have done the ridiculing; they have indulged in the vilifying; and now they are proceeding in hot haste, hoping that they will be able to do the destruction as well.

If the Government is honest in its declarations of impartiality towards all citizens of Ceylon, if it is sincere in its campaign for a Press that is fair to all sections of the country, if it is really eager to hold the scales evenly, then we ask: why does it not act firmly at a time when there is a systematic campaign with the calculated purpose of rousing the people? We protest, and we do so with all the force at our command.

We shall wait and see whether Ceylon is really a country of the free, or whether it is a land only for those who agree with the Government in all its actions.

the country, and they will see the educational, religious, social, charitable and other institutions, which have been made possible partly through this assistance.

In any case, what have the Communists to show for all the financial assistance that they receive? It was not so long ago that Prime Minister Nehru made certain comments in India's Lok Sabha about how the Communist Party was receiving financial subsidies. That is one problem — another is: show us your works! Let the nation see something positive and concrete that has been accomplished. Apparently, the only thing they are able to do is point the finger of scorn at us, while we work and struggle and sacrifice, and come to the succour of the poor and needy and the underprivileged. Our institutions are there for all to see; in fact, today, they seem to be an occasion for envy and prejudice.

as we ask for a Catholic education), which, however, in his capacity as Permanent Secretary, he labels as a pernicious influence that contributes to segregation and narrow-mindedness?

In any case, this plea for the broad-mindedness produced and fostered by the State schools is something that we have already dealt with. For frankly, we would hate to think that the Prime Minister himself, and the other Ministers of the Cabinet who are products of Catholic Schools, are persons who have imbibed the segregationism, narrow-mindedness and intolerance of Assisted Schools!

### Graduates

ANOTHER argument that was used in the course of the Radio discussion, was that the take-over was necessary so as to ensure a more equitable distribution of graduates in the teaching profession. Assisted Schools were charged with the crime of entailing the greater number of graduates into their staffs, thus leaving State schools in a pitiable condition. Of course, some strange figures were quoted.

One begins to wonder how Assisted Schools are able to exercise this sinister influence over the graduates of Ceylon! How is it that graduates will willingly teach in our schools, while, on their own admission, State schools could do with many more?

The Permanent Secretary also knows that many of our priests and religious teaching in schools are qualified; he knows that for these priests and religious, education is a vocation, and that theirs is a life of service. Does he expect them to leave Catholic schools for the sake of providing that "equal distribution" of qualified teachers that they so desire?

### Catholic President of USA

NO champion of lost causes has yet discovered some "Vatican plot" in the election of a Catholic as President of the U.S.A. in the recent elections. In fact, we have been wondering why some of our local discoverers of Catholic conspiracies, have not yet found a sinister connection between the Vatican, the results of the U.S. election, and the schools take-over in Ceylon. Surely, that will not be long in coming — for, after all, has not the U.S. election been synchronised to fit in with events here?

Speaking for ourselves, we must say that the election of John Kennedy as the President of the United States means that American Catholics are no longer "second class citizens," who could be called upon to fight for their country, but were debarred from holding the post of Commander-in-Chief. We go further: for we see in his election an immense step forward in overcoming the forces of religious bigotry (and bigotry, of course, is not all on one side). The time when a Catholic could not be a President of U.S. is no more — and that is a welcome thought indeed for all men of goodwill, of whatever religion they may be.

### Radio Ceylon

A NOVEL feature has commenced in the broadcasts of Radio Ceylon within the past few days. We are not referring to the Special Education Bulletin and other communiques which are repeated at frequent intervals, telling the gullible how the schools' take-over is meant to save the children who are indeed "precious in the eyes of the State"; nor are we referring to the Prime Minister's statement of some time ago, which in effect was a reply to the Bishops, and which gave a most unwarranted and unfair reply to our case. But we are referring to something that is new and strange even for Radio Ceylon (not forgetting the notorious "Political Notebook" as well).

Some kind of an educational forum, presided over by the Permanent Secretary himself, is the latest innovation. Perfectly innocent questions are asked, and even more innocent answers are given. Take, for instance, that brilliant one about the excess of graduate-teachers in Assisted schools, and the school that permitted itself the luxury of 25 graduates for a negligible number of students!

### Broad-mindedness

SOME strange theories are being put over the air in the course of these broadcasts. One of them, for example, is that it is only in State schools such as Royal College that a healthy "broad-mindedness" is developed. And this from the Permanent Secretary who is at the same time an important figure in the Buddhist Congress, which in its Report, asked very categorically for Buddhist schools, and added:

"Buddhist education require a mode of teaching, a curriculum and system of discipline inspired by the Dhamma. A few minutes set apart for pansil each morning or the practice of lighting lamps on Poya days is nothing but the outward show of Buddhist education."

We are wondering. Is it just possible that the Permanent Secretary in his capacity as a high Buddhist Congress official asks for a specific Buddhist education (just

### The Vatican

CATHOLIC Action is supposed to be moving all its battalions into action "to defend the Rs. 28 million that it has extracted as tribute from the various Governments of Ceylon every year until now." And in the process, the conspiracy of the Vatican (so say the Communists) involves arms, ammunition, booze and bibles.

Do we have to deny these ridiculous and base charges for people to know the truth? Do we have actually to say that the pattern of the campaign of propaganda shows a strange resemblance to that which was employed (and subsequently proved conclusively to be utter falsehood) in 1958? People who dabble in arms, and hand bombs (what came of the Police discovery that the hand bombs used in a certain Communist-led strike in 1957 were of a certain imported foreign make?), and are happiest in an atmosphere of conspiracy and the toppling of governments, try to impute to us things that have never been in our wildest dreams.

Anyway, who are these people who will talk of the sinister connection between us and the Vatican, when they know very well that the local big-wigs of the Communist Party were only recently huddled together with the Red bosses of Poland, China, and others at the Red Summit held in Moscow? What were they doing anyway? Talking culture, presumably, from morning till night, in much the same way as the Russian cultural delegation in Ceylon indulged quite innocently only in cultural pursuits during their stay here in recent weeks?

### Your works, please!

THE Communists are vociferous about the financial assistance Catholics receive from abroad. But we have never made any secret of it — nor have we made any secret of what we do with the assistance we receive. The Communists need only to look around

**OFFICIAL****Evening Mass****Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8**

Priests in charge of parishes are hereby authorised to arrange for Evening Mass on the feast of the Immaculate Conception if they judge this necessary for a notable part of the people to observe the Day of Obligation without great inconvenience.

This permission carries with it faculty to binate or even ternate if necessary.

✠ Thomas Cooray, O.M.I.,  
Archbishop of Colombo.

**Notice to the Clergy****Fast and Abstinence**

CIRCULAR No. 121 of 24 November 1959 reads as follows: "At the request of the Hierarchy of Ceylon the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide, has issued a Rescript transferring the Fast and Abstinence prescribed for the Vigils of the Feasts of the Immaculate Conception and Christmas to the Friday immediately preceding these Vigils."

This year, therefore, the day of fast and abstinence prescribed for the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception is the 2nd December and for the Vigil of Christmas the 23rd December.

Vicar-General.

**School Front****CHILDREN'S DAY, TEWATTE****3rd December 1960**

To the Reverend Fathers and Principals of Catholic Schools.

Please be good enough to note the following directions regarding the programme at Tewatte:

1. A Low Mass at 6-30 a.m. for early arrivals will be followed by Pontifical Low Mass at 8-30 a.m. (His Grace the Archbishop will officiate and preach).
2. For the Pontifical Mass, girls are to be placed on the Epistle side and boys on the Gospel side.
3. As in previous years it will help considerably if the children "fall in" at the parking grounds and come up to the Grotto enclosure in processional order.
4. To prevent unnecessary commotion, children going to Holy Communion should be placed at the outer edge of each group.
5. All are expected to join in the singing and care should be taken to give the children some practice.

The following will be sung:—

(a) At the Holy Mass: Kyrie, Gloria and Sanctus (Mass of the Angels). Credo III (or preferably a Sinhalese Hymn instead during the Offertory: "Ma Ma-wuni").

(b) After Consecration: Aho Divya Sathprasadayeni.

(c) Other Hymns (Sinhalese): (i) Ma Premavu Divya Hurdayani, (ii) Three Loka Rajiniye, (iii) Sri Lanka Rani Maniye. (English): Jesus, My Lord, My God or Sweet Sacrament Divine.

(d) Benediction: O Salutaris, Tantum Ergo.

(e) A Tamil Hymn after the Offertory: Emai Muluthum Umakalikka.

(f) A Tamil Hymn during the Holy Communion: Yesu Nir Thame.

Philip C. Dissanayake, O.M.I.,  
General Manager of Schools.  
Borella, 24th November, 1960.

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● On the eve of the Government's take-over of assisted schools and with the Communist axe possibly finding its first victims here, and the lights going out, one by one, a Ceylon mother looks back to another Black-out way back in 1940:

**BLACK-OUT****...but the lights will shine again!**

TO me, a mother, the present hour is a temporary blackout which reminds me of the previous blackout of 1940. Then it was World War II. Ceylon was a pearl of great price in the Indian Ocean. Colombo was the Clapham Junction of the East. Trincomalee was a British Naval Base. Therefore Lanka was in great danger. Military and naval troops moving about in battalions, Air Raid Stations, dug-out shelters, evacuation of women and children from the city, even evacuation of schools into the rural districts, and a complete black-out helped to heighten the excitement of the war.

Some panicked and left their palatial homes in towns to make do in little cottages in the villages. Some bought up food and material to hoard. Others made plenty of money selling things at enhanced and exorbitant rates. But every heart beat with fear and trepidation at every practice siren, when with ears plugged with cotton wool and with pencil or stick between the teeth we had to run to our dug-outs and shelters to wait there till the "All Clear."

The normal reaction in times of such stress and fear is "prayer." Every church, every temple, every mosque was thronged with prayers. We Catholics, fell at the feet of our powerful Heavenly Queen and pleaded of her to save us all — Catholics, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims. We implored her to save Ceylon from the throes of the war and she would always remain our Queen of Lanka. We pulled forth our most efficacious weapons — our rosaries — and prayed them morning, noon and night, at home, at school, in the bus and train and on the road. The old, the young, the feeble and the sick rolled the beads between their fingers while their lips moved in suppliant prayer, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, save us from the War."

And the war got closer and closer to us. News arrived of the fall of Malaya. The first shipload of Ceylonese from Singapore

brought blood-curdling news of dead bodies floating in the harbour and unheard of atrocities of the war. We talked in whispers while our hearts thumped as loud as ever. Our turn was a matter of days or even hours.

That fateful Easter Sunday dawned. The enemy planes were sighted. The sirens blew. The "ack," "ack" of the guns boomed loud.

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, save us, now or never. Queen of Lanka, come to our aid and save us."

We prayed with still more fervent faith and childlike confidence. Miraculously and unbelievably so, the enemy planes, with little or no damage done to us, disappeared — never to return again.

This event, still close to us, in our own times is recapitulated in many thousands of homes in Lanka. The power of prayer was established in Lanka.

Today, we are faced with the threat of another war which is going to rob us parents of our right to educate our children in the manner we want, under the care of the people we choose, and in the schools we have spent our blood and sweat to build.

Is this Freedom? Is this Communism? Is this Nationalization? Is this Justice? What is this?

This is a complete black-out. Nevertheless, let us not lose hope. Let our faith in that wonderful Mother be as steadfast as it was in that former black-out. Let the Schools' Principals confer and the Ministers decide. Let the Bill for the taking over be drawn and ready. But we will pray on. Pray as we never did before, pray unceasingly with penance and sacrifice.

Oh Queen of Lanka — Queen of our Schools — save our precious children — give us the right and liberty to do what is good for them — to give them a Catholic education, in a Catholic institution, in a Catholic atmosphere."

MARCELLA

● **As Ceylon Catholics face  
their gravest hour...**

**INDIA WILL NOT FORGET**

"WE cannot forget Ceylon in her travail. When our borders were in danger, when Kerala was on fire, Ceylon had public prayers and imperata were ordered at daily Mass," states a communique received here from the National Office of the Union of Prayer for China which has its headquarters at St. Teresa's Church, Girgaum, Bombay 4.

It is also revealed that the Union will be undertaking an 11-mile walking pilgrimage on 18 December for the Silent Church and Ceylon will be included in their prayers.

The Union calls from readers here a Spiritual Bouquet to be sent to Pope John XXIII for Christmas.

Extracts from the request are as follows:

"Let us especially pray at Christmas for our persecuted brethren in their millions.

"From every quarter of the Communist world, which is the Church of Silence, news comes of more savage and diabolical cunning and fury of the persecution.

We cannot forget Ceylon in her travail. When our borders were in danger, when Kerala was on fire, Ceylon had public prayers and imperata were ordered at daily Mass.

"Let the candle burn at the windows of our heart fed by the continuous prayers and sacrifices offered by each one of us, and thus give proof of our living faith in the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ.

"Thus the Red Star of the Kremlin, that casts hatred wherever it shines, will soon be extinguished by the Star of Bethlehem. The Infant Jesus whose mangled body is crucified to the sickle and hammer will soon be the Prince of Peace, giving us the Peace only He can give and no man can take away."

**LEGIONARY ENVOY- WELCOMED**

(from J. M. de Alwis, "Messenger" correspondent)

THE Envoy of the Legion of Mary to Vietnam, Miss Joan Lynch, was given a rousing reception recently at St. Joseph's Convent, Negombo, by over 300 Legionaries.

Accompanying the envoy were the President of Ceylon's Senatus and Comitium.

The President of the Curia, Mr. G. W. Mendis welcomed the envoy.

Miss Lynch, thanking the legionaries, recounted the heroic experiences of Legionaries in other lands. A social followed.



● Miss Joan Lynch with a Negombo Legionary.

**Legion Auxiliary Rally**

(from our Kegalle correspondent)

A VERY large number of active and auxiliary members were present at the Legion Auxiliary Rally held in Kegalle on 20 November.

Proceedings commenced with the opening prayers and the Rosary.

Mr. H. Godwin Mendis delivered a stirring talk in Sinhalese. After the recitation of the Catena, a social followed.

Rev. Fr. Lanza, dwelling on the theological aspect of the Legion, emphasised how intimately the movement is associated with the work of God's mission on earth. He exhorted all Legionaries to fulfil their duties faithfully in heeding the call of Christ.

Proceedings ended with the final prayers, the Spiritual Father's blessing and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**MATALE NEWS**

(from R. Anthony "Messenger" correspondent)

THE Annual Celebrations of St. Thomas' College Science Association were held on 20 November. At the Annual Dinner, covers were laid for one hundred. His Lordship the Bishop of Kandy was Chief Guest.

His Lordship speaking on the schools take-over appealed to all Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and Christians to unite against Communism.

● **Teachers' and Well-wishers Association**

The inaugural meeting of St. Agnes' Convent Teachers and Well-wishers Association was held on 20 November, at the Convent Hall.

There were more than 300 in the audience. Very Rev. Fr. Paul Perera presided. Accommodated on the platform were also the Rev. Mother Mary Agnes, Superior, Rev. Mother Vice-Principal, Professor Cuthbert Amerasinghe of the Ceylon University and Mrs. Amerasinghe.

● **Bharathas**

AT the Annual General Meeting of the Negombo Bharatha Association held recently, at Maris Stella College Hall, Negombo, the following Office-bearers were elected for the year 1960-1961:—

President: Mr. John Rodrigo; Vice-Presidents: Mr. H. R. de Croos, Mr. T. E. K. de Croos and Mr. M. L. Croos Moraes; Hony. Secretary: Mr. J. V. Christy de Croos; Hony. Treasurer: Mr. Dennis Fernando; Hony. Auditor: Mr. S. L. E. Fernando; Executive Committee: The above-named Office-bearers and Messrs. Linton Mirando Moses Mirando, G. R. de Vaz, George Croos Moraes, B. W. de Lambert, Hubert de Croos, John Coonghe, Mrs. T. E. K. de Croos and Mrs. Merlin Croos Moraes

**NOT a "Black" Christmas**

IN reply to numerous enquiries reaching our office this week, we would wish to clarify that no official encouragement is given to a campaign which seems to be gathering momentum in certain quarters, for what is called a "Black Christmas." Either the spirit of mourning or any external signs of mourning are entirely foreign to the spirit of Christmas, which is a season of love, of joy, and of spiritual happiness. For, Christmas is not a Lenten season of fasting, but a period of God's own joy.

**... But Austerity**

But we would certainly appeal to Catholics to make this Christmas an occasion to return to the simplicity of the first Christmas. Being, in addition, a time of grave travail for the Church, when much that is sacred to us is challenged and even villified, we would also appeal to readers to make Christmastide this year a season of sacrifice. Let Christmas then be a time of less spending and less external show even at the cost of some sacrifice, so as to build up a fund for our Catholic schools for the dark days that are upon us.

But, above all, Christmas should be a time of deep spiritual fervour with the Divine Babe of Bethlehem — days of happiness and joy in the family, days of rejoicing in the home, mindful that in every Christian Home the Christ-Child of Bethlehem abides with the joy that He came to give.

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## BOOK PAGE

## The Fathers and Doctors of the Church

by Rev. Ernest R. Simmons (Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee. Locally available at St. Michael's Bookshop, Colombo 13. Price Rs. 20/-).

TO the modern layman the Fathers and Doctors of the Church are only a part of Catholic history. Their writings are not easily available in English and so one is not much conversant with the valuable treasures they have bequeathed wherein they have clearly expounded our Christian doctrine and safeguarded it from the attack of the enemies of the Church.

Very little is mentioned of the doctrines developed by the individual Fathers because it is not possible for an author to do so within the limited space of a single volume of about 180 pages but he has admirably portrayed the lives of these thirty remarkable men who were extraordinary for the holiness of their lives, for the orthodoxy of their teaching and for the fact that the Church has declared them Doctors of the Church.

While reading through this book one does not fail to notice the extraordinary diversity of their characters, thus exhibiting the truth that grace perfects nature without destroying individuality.

R. D.

## ALSO RECEIVED

● **SUCCESS IN 30 DAYS** by A. P. Pereira (St. Paul Publications, Allahabad 2, India. Price Rs. 2/50), which is something new in the way of the psychological approach, opening up new avenues of thought and action to the reader.

● **HOME TO ROME** by Peter Reddy (Assisi Press, Quilon. Locally at St. Michael's Bookshop, Colombo 13. Rs. 1/-), which is a life sketch of the late Prof. Peter Reddy.

● **THE JESUITS** by Peter Lippert (Herder and Herder. Locally at the Catholic Book Depot, Pettah, Price Rs. 9/-). An excellent, truly classic self-portrait of the Jesuits, written by a distinguished Jesuit. A book that gives a wondrous insight into the Society of Jesus, and its spirituality.

● **THE HISTORY OF THE BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS** by W. J. Battersby (Waldegrave Ltd., London. Locally at St. Michael's. Rs. 15/-). Another well written story of a religious order that has contributed wonderfully to the growth of the Church. In pleasing style, the author takes the reader from the very beginnings of the Order, through its suppression to its dispersion. Perhaps a link with the later story of the Order may have made the book more complete.

G.

## Your mental make-up?

Written competently and in popular language, **OUR EMOTIONS AND OUR MOODS** by Fr. Alfred Martin, O.F.M., available for Rs. 5/- at St. Michael's Bookshop, 6-10, Jampettah Street, Colombo 13 is an invaluable guide to one's mental make-up.

H. P.

## RANDOM SHOTS

by GUNNER

AFTER his glorious success and victory over the Assisted Schools take-over Bill, our learned Minister of Education, the Hon. Mr. Badiudin Mahmud has decided to join the "A.C.U.G.T." i.e., the All-Ceylon Union of Globe Trotters. It is a pity, that the Hon. Minister has not included Arabia and Siberia in his lengthy itinerary. Siberia would certainly have provided excellent models for State-monopolized Education.

Anyhow, this is what the present Minister of Education, in England, Sir David Eccles, has said recently: "I am a great believer in denominational education, and I have no doubt that if all our Schools were denominational it would be a good thing not only for Britain but for all those parts of the world where we exercise influence" ("Catholic Herald," 10th June, '60).

Recently in Parliament, Mr. Robert Gunawardena, the aggressive M.P. for Kottawa, was about to attack the eminent Dr. N. M. Perera, with a shoe. Thus it is high time to introduce a Bill either to ban the wearing of shoes by Members of the

House or, in the alternative, they should be compelled to sit barefooted, at least, while in the House.

In regard to shoes, we must say that Mr. Robert Gunawardena has amply demonstrated that a shoe can be put to other uses in an emergency. He seems to believe that like the proverbial stitch, the shoe in time also saves nine!

Bellowed Mr. Philip Gunawardena, at Mr. R. S. Perera, the Member for Kelaniya: "Will you shut your mouth and open your ears and listen." Of course, to shut one's mouth is not difficult, but to open one's ears seems rather an extraordinary anatomical feat and performance. Normally, a person's ears remain open. Perhaps, with Mr. Philip Gunawardena it may be otherwise.

It is understood that the Government's law officers have declared that it would be *ultra vires* to restrict the construction of places of worship. Hang it all, does not the Government have a Himalayan majority in the House? Hence what is this absurd talk about "ultra vires" for the powers that be? On the other hand, the Government believes in "ultra vires" treatment against all reactionaries who oppose their progressive measures.

Hon. Mr. T. B. Illangaratne has threatened to introduce another anti-Bribery Bill for the Co-ops soon. Wisely, he had said that he is not concerned about the past; he is worried only about the future. It is always safe and sound to forget the past, specially if one has more than one skeleton in the cupboard.

Since Mr. Roy Rajapakse asserted in the House, rather dogmatically, that S.S.C. qualified teachers are the most capable, why not introduce a Bill to ban the employment of Graduates and Trained Teachers in all Schools? Indeed, a little learning is a dangerous thing.

## Gift for Teen-agers

THE Red Indians had a phrase for her: they called her "the fairest flower that bloomed among the Redmen."

The reference is to Kateri Tekawitha whose cause for beatification was introduced in Rome in 1939 and whose life is ably recounted for boys and girls in **KATERI TEKAWITHA** sub-titled Mohawk Maid by Evelyn M. Brown, another Vision Book published by Burns and Oates and available locally for Rs. 9/35 from St. Michael's Bookshop, 6-10 Jampettah Street, Colombo 13.

Teen-agers will revel in it. The book is studded with beautiful illustrations.

H. P.

## BOOKS

## for the HOME

**THE CHRISTIAN HOME** by Celestine Strub. Price Rs. 1/75; **ADVICE FOR BOYS** by T. C. Siekmann. Price Rs. 1/25. (St. Paul Publications, Allahabad).

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These are two excellent books for the HOME.

R. D.

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H. P.

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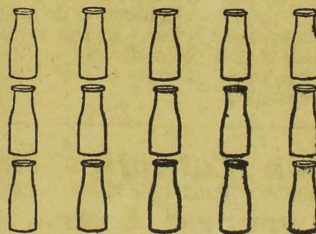
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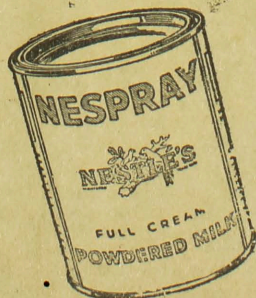
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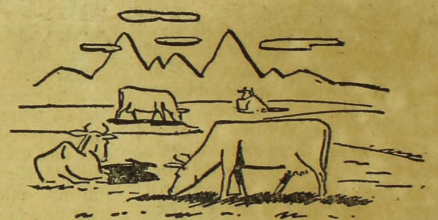
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## AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR PRIME MINISTER

— from **FELICIA PEREIRA**

★ *On the eve of the Government's taking over of assisted schools we have received this open letter addressed to our Prime Minister from Schools-Mag member Felicia Pereira of St. Anthony's Convent, Kandy. It is expressive of the thoughts and feelings of thousands of Catholic school-boys and girls throughout the island...*

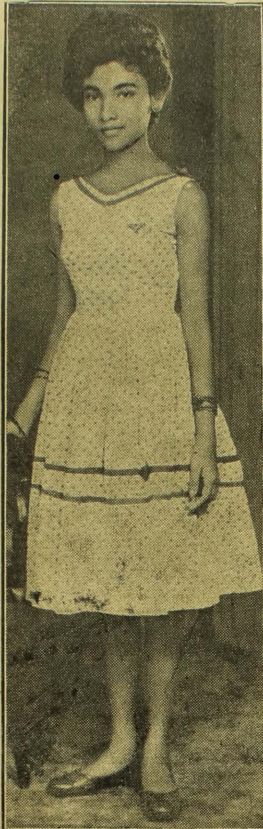
St. Anthony's Convent, Kandy. AS a student who has been educated in a Catholic institution for the past decade, I beg to voice the feelings of thousands of Catholic children of Lanka.

A good majority of us realise the implications of the schools take-over. It would mean a crushing blow levelled at us children. Ever since we were four years and nine months old, we have been nourished in that kindly maternal care which is, and ever shall be, an outstanding quality of our priests and nuns, who run the denominational schools. It would doubtless be a very unkind act, if our schools should be wrested from us. This will result in depriving us students, of the peace and contentment which has been ours irrespective of caste, creed or nationality, ever since the dawn of our educational career. We all feel convinced that with the take-over of denominational schools, our peace and contentment will be taken away from us. This fact cannot be denied as we have ample proof before us of how our fellow students who attend Government schools are brought up.

On behalf of so many of my Catholic student-companions of Lanka, I beg of you to reconsider the take-over of schools. We are aware of the fact that you have not taken into count the number of protests forwarded by our parents, priests and nuns. However, I sincerely hope that my humble request on behalf of all students, will be given thoughtful consideration and will not be ignored.

I hope that you will consider this as well as the pleas of so many others and thereby relieve our anxious hearts and minds. We do not have any enthusiasm

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to forge ahead now, and we feel that our educational careers have already been blasted. We cannot concentrate on our studies in this unsettled state of mind, and are more worried and upset than even our parents and elders are.

Felicia Pereira.

## Even at this late hour... let justice be done

By

**NOEL SENANAYAKE**

WE students are very sorry to find that our country is being divided into opposing groups. Right-thinking Catholics, Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims have protested against the government's decision of taking over our schools. The government's adamant attitude has pitted students against students, and parents against parents.

The Catholics have protested vehemently, because they know

that a religious background is necessary for their children. This fundamental right is cherished and upheld in each and every country, except in the Communist countries.

In a democratic country the people have the liberty to educate their children in schools which they think the best. Therefore

if the government takes the schools, it will be an act which will violate our human rights.

In the Throne Speech it was clearly announced that fairness and justice will be done to the minorities. Is it fair, I ask, for the present government to take over the schools without giving heed to the minimum demands which the Bishops and the priests have asked for? Is this the justice they promised to give?

I hope that the present government will not be so cruel as to ignore the wave of growing protests, made by the people. As students we still look up to our Madame Prime Minister even at this late hour to reconsider the matter with her ministers and to be fair and just to all.

Noel Senanayake.

St. Aloysius' College, Ratnapura.

DISCUSSING the value of books, the English professor asked one pretty girl student what book she would choose if she could have only one.

This little lady thought very carefully for a moment before she came up with her reply: "A CHEQUE BOOK."

Sent by Stanley Pereira.

Kegalle.

## Ceylon Metropolitan's Call goes out to all school children...

### COME TO TEWATTE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF COLOMBO, IT IS EXPECTED THAT EVERY SCHOOLS-MAG MEMBER IN THE ARCHDIOCESE WILL GATHER AT THE FEET OF MARY AT TEWATTE, ON 3RD DECEMBER MORNING. PRESENT AT TEWATTE WILL BE THOUSANDS OF CATHOLIC CHILDREN ON THAT DAY—CHILDREN'S DAY AT OUR LADY'S SHRINE AT TEWATTE. TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND BE PRESENT AT THE FEET OF MARY.



## An Open Letter to the Members of the Schools-Mag

"If the schools battle is lost, everything will be lost for us citizens of tomorrow. So let us join in the protest and become active participants. Let us, too, be alert and help our Bishops and priests to safeguard our fundamental human rights," says Oreen Leonard of All Saints' College.

from Oreen Leonard

Dear friends,

This is our grave hour. Our country is placed in a perilous position. The government is still insistent on its decision to take over ALL Assisted Schools, despite numerous protests against it. We, the Members of the Schools-Mag who will be affected more than anybody else, should be warned of the tragic calamity that awaits us. With a stroke of the pen, as it were, the schools we cherished most dearly will be snatched away from us. Soon we would be orphans in the world, lamenting the death of our dear ALMA MATER. The religious environment in which we are being brought up will be wiped out. The strong bond of friendship that binds the different religions of Lanka will be shaken; the traditional unity between the Catholics and the non-Catholics will be in peril.

We Catholic children need Catholic schools because, according to our religious tenets, Education and Religion are inseparably linked by a common bond. The government is too adamant to realize this despite the clear explanation the Bishops have furnished.

Many non-Catholic students attend Catholic schools because they are wise enough to realize that the discipline in our schools is exemplary. Therefore, as a result of the take-over, we will be losing this discipline too!

Some ignorant people say that it is not advisable for children to interfere in these political issues. Could we remain nonchalant, minding our (children's) own business, unmindful of what is happening in the world around us, when the rights we cherish are being denied us? It is time we realized and took more interest in the burning question of the day rather than being passive onlookers of such matters of vital importance. If the schools' battle is lost everything will be lost to us, citizens of tomorrow. So let us join in the protest and become active participants. Let us too, be alert and help our bishops, priests and other champions of the Faith to fight for this great, worthy cause—to safeguard our fundamental human rights.

We can accomplish this best by PRAYER AND SACRIFICE. There is no other weapon in the world that is more powerful than PRAYER. As Tennyson said "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." And it is this weapon that we should make use of—when all efforts for freedom seem useless—to ward off attacks on our rights. We should turn to Our Lady at this critical juncture of our nation's history. We should ask her to give us light and guide us safely through the storms that rage around us. She will help us if we only ask her. Let us from today make up our minds to offer up little sacrifices for the same intention. And I am sure that Our Lady will give ear to the resounding chorus of over 5,000 school children who form the SCHOOLS-MAG!

### FOR ALL THE HOLY SOULS

N—Never forget the Holy Souls  
O—Our friends and relatives may be there  
V—Voices of those to us who were dear  
E—Ever would linger in our memories clear  
M—Mortify ourselves and pray we must

B—Bearing in mind there need and ours  
E—Each soul you save will praise the Lord  
R—Rest eternal grant them O God!

FENDLA FERNANDO.

St. Joseph's Convent, Kegalle.

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# Schools Mag

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## POPE'S DAY AT COLPETTY

THE staff and students of St. Anthony's English School, Colpetty, gathered together in the school grounds on Friday, 11th November, to pledge their loyalty to the Supreme Pontiff in a colourful but moving ceremony.

Celebrations began with the hoisting of the Papal flag by the Principal of the school. The Papal Anthem was then sung. This was followed by a March Past of school children, and a Drill Display in which both Catholic and non-Catholic children participated.

Later all assembled in the

## First Stamp of Pope John XXIII's Pontificate

THE first regular postal issue of the pontificate of His Holiness Pope John XXIII was released on November 8.

The series of 10 stamps are on the theme of the Works of Mercy. Denominations are of 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40 and 70 lire with two special delivery stamps of 74 and 100 lire.

The stamps are regular issues as distinguished from a number of limited commemorative issues

School Hall where a portrait of the Holy Father draped in papal colours was unveiled.

A poem—"To Our Shepherd"—was recited, after which a playlet entitled "Above all a Shepherd" was staged.

Celebrations ended with the singing of the Papal Anthem.

## Stamp Collectors' Corner

that have been released during Pope John's reign. A similar regular issue on the theme of the popes was produced during the reign of Pope Pius XII.

The subject of the first seven stamps happen to be the corporal works of mercy on designs taken from the bas-reliefs of Giovanni Della Robbia in the city hospital of Pistola, Italy. The eighth stamp of the series, the 70 lire one, pictures Pope John flanked on each side by the symbolical figures of Faith and Charity.

The special delivery stamps bear the coat-of-arms of the Pope flanked by allegorical figures of virtue.

## Stamp of Lisieux Basilica

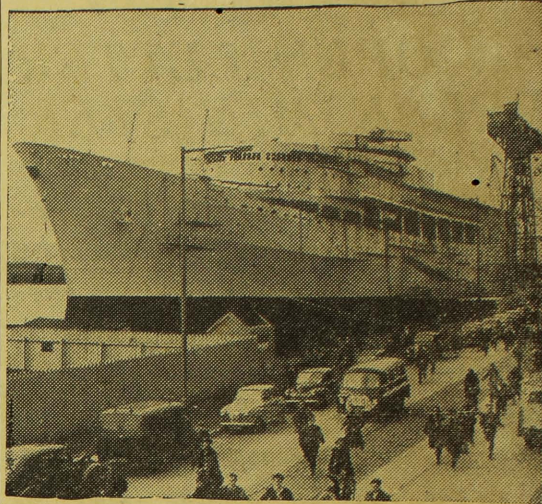
FRANCE has issued a 15-centime (three-cent) postage stamp portraying the Basilica of St. Therese in Lisieux.

## Words to live by

THREE things to govern—temper, tongue, conduct.  
Three things to cultivate—courage, affection, gentleness.  
Three things to wish for—health, friends, contentment.  
Three things to dispise—cruelty, hatred, ingratitude.  
Three things to admire—dignity, gracefulness, wisdom.  
Three things to give—alms to the needy, comfort to the sad, appreciation to the worthy.

Sent by Christine Dias. Moratuwa.

# SCIENCE Scrapbook NEW LOOK LINER HAS NO FUNNELS



The new liner "Canberra" for the Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., which is now being fitted out has no funnels; instead two slim streamlined stacks are set unobtrusively aft. These have been designed after innumerable wind-tunnel tests to disperse smoke from passenger areas. (Courtesy U.K.I.S.).

The insurance office was rung up by an excited woman. "I want to insure my house," she said. "Can I do it over the phone?"

"I'm afraid not," said the agent, "perhaps I'd better send a man there to see about it." "I have to do it immediately," the voice said, "the place is on fire."

Sent by Claude Alexander.

## A PRAYER FOR TODAY

● The Schools-Mag reproduces a moving Acrostic written by an Irish school-girl—Kathleen O'Dwyer—which will find an echo in the hearts of all Catholic school children in Lanka.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Dear we place our trust in Thee,  
Accepting all our trials with resignation to Thy will,  
Come to us, dear Jesus, be our comfort, hear our plea,  
Remember Thy Great Promise, Thou art yearning to fulfill.  
Ever from Thy loving lips we hear a gentle sigh,  
Divine Redeemer, please forgive our sins that cause Thee pain,  
Hear us in our saddest hour, give ear unto our cry,  
Entreat we, Jesus dear, help to offend Thee ne'er again,  
All the love within our hearts we offer up to Thee,  
Resolving reparation to Thy Sacred Heart to make,  
Turn Thine eyes of Mercy on our souls that we may see  
Only Thy out-pouring love o'erflowing for our sake.  
Fondly are Thine arms outstretched to tenderly enfold,  
Just and sinner to Thy breast with whispered words so dear,  
Each of us to them must cling with confidence untold,  
Seeking there a refuge from the burdens we now bear,  
Until at last we will find rest within Thy sweet embrace,  
Succour us, dear Jesus, till one day we shall behold Thy face.

# ATTRACTIVE PRIZES FOR YOU IN CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS

ONCE again this year the Schools-Mag announces a series of Christmas Competitions with an attractive line-up of prizes for the lucky winners.

The closing date for these competitions is Wednesday, 30 November. This rule will be strictly followed and those wishing to take

part in these competitions are advised to send in their entries as early as possible. Don't wait for the last day!

Competitors may take part in one or more competitions as they please, but no one is eligible to capture more than one of the prizes. All entries must clearly specify

the title of the respective competition entered for, on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Don't forget to put down your full name and address and your Schools-Mag Membership Number on your entry.

Names of prize-winners and a selection of prize-winning entries

and the best of the other entries received will appear in the 4-page special CHRISTMAS EDITION of the Schools-Mag issued with the MESSENGER Christmas Number. Prize-winners will receive their prizes before Christmas Day.

## Christmas Essay Contest

Write an essay not exceeding 250 words on any one of the following subjects: (1) CHRISTMAS; (2) CHRISTMAS IN MY HOME; or (3) CHRISTMAS AND THE POOR. Two prizes will be awarded in this section for the best entries received from a boy and a girl.

## Christmas Poetry Competition

Write a poem not exceeding 16 lines on the subject "BABY JESUS." Two prizes will be awarded in this section for the best entries received from a boy and girl.

## Christmas Letter Competition

Write a letter to the Infant Jesus on His Birthday. No letter should exceed 100 words in length. Two prizes are offered for the best entries received from a boy and girl respectively.

## Santa Claus Competition

This competition is open only for the Schools-Mag members who are under eight years of age.

Write a simple letter to Santa Claus and tell him in not more than fifty words what you would like to have this Christmas. Two prizes are again offered for the best entries from a boy and girl respectively. Entrants must state their date of birth.

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## IN MEMORIAM



Y. Joseph Perera

Called to rest 29th Nov., 1955

A Requiem High Mass will be sung for the repose of his soul on Tuesday, the 29th of November, 1960, at St. Mary's Church, Welivita, at 6.30 a.m.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Bandara Newesa,  
Ambatela,  
Kaduwela.

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Mudlyr. T. S. C. Manathunga  
Died 27.11.57

A loving father he has been,  
Many a trouble he has seen,  
For all of us he did his best,  
Good Lord grant him eternal rest.  
Please pray for him.

114, Vivekananda Hill,  
Kotahena.

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## SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

S. A. Fernando  
(Periyatalai)

Called to rest 2nd December, 1953  
May he rest in peace.

"Jeyagiri,"  
Nuware Eliya 24.11.60.

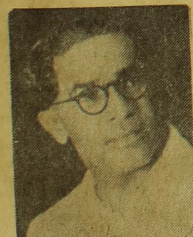
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J. A. Cyril Fernando  
Died 30. 11. 55

Deep in my heart lies a picture  
Worth more than treasures untold  
The image of my only brother  
Whose memory will never grow old.  
Fondly remembered by his sister.

Merle Fernando,  
80, Kanatte Road,  
Borella.

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Mr. Michael Rodrigo

Died: 30th November, 1959

I often sit and think of you dadie  
And think of how you died;  
Many times I have longed for you  
dadie

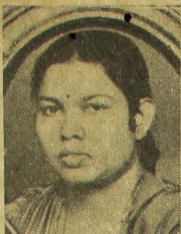
And many times I have cried.  
We never knew that morning  
What sorrow the day would bring  
The blow was sudden the shock  
severe

To loose our dadie we loved so  
dear.

Inserted by his ever-loving wife  
and children.

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## FIRST ANNIVERSARY



Mary Helen Fernando

Born: 22-5-1915 Died: 28-11-1959

(beloved wife of Mr. J. P. Fernando  
of Messrs. Cargills (Ceylon), Ltd.,  
Colombo).

A day to remember, sad to recall,  
How we miss you darling Mary.  
Thy happy smile, thy loving face,  
We now no more behold.  
The lips that spoke with kindly grace  
Are now for ever closed  
All we have now are memories of  
your happy past  
And your sweet photograph in a frame  
The darling one that loved in life  
Has left this earthly shore a year ago  
Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take your  
rest  
Upon your Saviour's breast who loves  
you best."

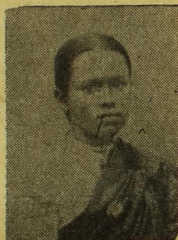
A Requiem High Mass will be sung for  
the repose of her soul, at St. Anthony's  
Cathedral, Kandy, on Monday,  
the 28th November 1960, at 6-30 a.m.  
Fondly remembered and sadly missed  
by her sorrowing husband, seven  
children and relations.

J. P. Fernando,  
c/o Cargills (Ceylon) Ltd.,  
Colombo.

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## 25th ANNIVERSARY

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

Soosaialmmal Rodriguez  
(wife of Late Mr. M. C. Victoria)  
of Vembar

Died 26th November, 1935

Fondly remembered by her  
loved ones.

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Stella Margaret Casie Chetty  
Died 28th November 1955

A Requiem Mass will be said for  
the repose of her soul on 28th No-  
vember 1960 at 7 a.m. at St. Lucia's  
Cathedral, Kotahena.

135 Mutwal Street,  
Colombo.

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## FIRST ANNIVERSARY

M. D. S. Jayawardana

Born 31 July, 1909  
Died 30 November, 1959

The call was sudden, the shock  
severe,  
We little thought such grief was  
near.

Those only who have lost can tell,  
The pain of parting without fare-  
well.

A silent thought, a silent tear,  
His memory keeps e'er fresh and  
dear.

Fondly remembered by his wife,  
children and relatives.

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## KELANI RALLY

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Messrs. W. Dahanayake  
Stanley de Zoysa and  
J. C. W. Munasinghe

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## MATRIMONIAL

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## THANKSGIVINGS

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thony, the wonder-worker, St.  
Joseph, St. James and other  
Saints for my success in securing  
a business venture. May it con-  
tinue. J. Navis. 1570

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## MARIS STELLA COLLEGE O.B.A.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEET-  
ING of the Old Boys' Association  
of Maris Stella College will be held  
tomorrow (Sunday, 27th) at 5 p.m.  
in the College Hall.

All Maristonsians are requested to  
be present to pledge their loyalty to  
their Alma Mater.

L. C. Samarakoon,  
Hony. Secretary.

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## St. Peter's College Welfare Society

A Meeting of well-wishers of  
St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya,  
will be held in the College  
Hall at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 27th  
November, 1960, to discuss the  
formation of a Society to pro-  
mote the welfare of the College.

All Old Boys, parents of stu-  
dents, teachers and well-wishers  
are kindly requested to attend  
this important meeting.

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## ORDER NISI IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO

Testamentary Jurisdiction

No. 19520

In the matter of the Intestate  
Estate of the late Isidore John  
Fernando, of No. 20, Initium  
Road, Dehiwela.— Deceased.

Jane Constance Fernando, of  
No. 20, Initium Road, Dehiwela.  
— Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Derek John Paulinus Fer-  
nando of No. 7, Sri Mahabodhi  
Road, Dehiwela.

2. Christine Antoinette Con-  
stance Fernando of No. 20, Ini-  
tium Road, Dehiwela.

3. Iralanda Germaine Therese  
Fernando of Lady Ridgeway Hos-  
pital, Borella.

4. Rev. Fr. Thomas Michael  
Fernando of Sacred Heart College,  
Shembaganur, Kodaikanal, South  
India.

5. Isidore Joel Fernando of  
No. 20, Initium Road, Dehiwela.

6. Mary Charmaine Delphine  
Fernando of Our Lady of Lourdes  
Convent, Kotte.

7. Miriam Persis Rosarine Fer-  
nando.

8. Joseph Marius St. Thomas  
Fernando.

9. Desmond Lucian Fernando,  
and

10. Gerald Cedric Fernando  
all of No. 20, Initium Road, De-  
hiwela.

(The 5th to 10th Respondents  
abovenamed being minors appear-  
ing by their Guardian-ad-litem  
the 1st Respondent abovenamed).  
— Respondents.

This matter coming on for dis-  
posal before, J. E. A. Alles, Esquire,  
Additional District Judge, Co-  
lombo, on the 23rd day of Septem-  
ber 1960 in the presence of  
Mr. P. C. Seneviratne, Proctor  
on the part of the Petitioner and  
the Affidavit of the Petitioner  
dated 21st day of September 1960,  
having been read:

It is ordered that the 1st Res-  
pondent abovenamed be and he is  
hereby declared entitled as the  
Widow of the deceased above-  
named to have Letters of Adminis-  
tration to the estate of the said  
deceased issued to her accordingly  
unless the Respondents above-  
named or any other person or  
persons interested shall on or be-  
fore the 1st day of December 1960  
show sufficient cause to the satis-  
faction of this Court to the  
contrary.

Sgd. J. E. A. Alles,  
Additional District Judge.

This 8th day of October 1960.

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## ORDER NISI IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO

Testamentary Jurisdiction

No. 19548

In the matter of the Intestate  
Estate of the late Handunkuttige  
Benedict Fernando of "Agneta,"  
Marawila.— Deceased.

Vs.

Udugampolage Elizabeth Fer-  
nando of "Agneta," Marawila.—  
Petitioner.

(1) Handunkuttige Edwin Fer-  
nando of St. Elmo, Ragama.

(2) Handunkuttige Bernard Ni-  
hal Fernando.

(3) Handunkuttige Augustus  
Pathmalal Fernando both of "A-  
gneta," Marawila.

The 2nd and 3rd Respondents  
are minors appearing by their  
guardian-ad-litem the 1st Res-  
pondent.— Respondents.

This matter coming on for dis-  
posal before J. E. A. Alles, Esquire,  
Additional District Judge of Co-  
lombo, on the 7th day of October  
1960, in the presence of Mr. D. M.  
L. Mendis, Proctor on the part of  
the Petitioner and the affidavit of  
the Petitioner dated 2nd day of  
October 1960 having been read:

It is ordered that the 1st Res-  
pondent abovenamed be and he is  
hereby appointed guardian-ad-  
litem over the 2nd and 3rd Res-  
pondents abovenamed for the  
purpose of these proceedings.

It is further ordered that the  
petitioner abovenamed be and  
she is hereby declared entitled as  
the widow of the deceased above-  
named to have letters of adminis-

## Perpetual Adoration

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ing secret) were immediately made  
known, the world would not lose the  
dissolute aspect which characterises  
the times in which we live. The sins  
of all clamour for fire from heaven.  
Let us straighten our crooked ways,  
repair the sacrilegious outrages and  
offences that are being committed  
around us, with the full knowledge  
that God is being offended. Let us  
associate ourselves with general re-  
paration for the sins of the Nations.  
Let us occupy before the Lord, the  
place of those who do not believe,  
nor hope in, nor love Him, and thus  
wipe out the crimson marks which,  
on the human horizon, are the signs  
that the justice of the Most High is  
imminent. Reparation! Reparation!  
Reparation! is the cry that should be  
flung to the four winds in this hour  
in which, in spite of the maternal  
warnings of the message of Fatima,  
God is more outraged and offended  
than ever.

## FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

BOPITIYA — PAMUNUGAMA  
11th DECEMBER 1960

Programme:

December 2nd, Friday, at 4 p.m.:  
Hoisting of flagstaff. At 7.30 p.m.:  
Novenas.

December 8th, Thursday, at 5 and  
6 a.m.: Low Masses. At 7 a.m.:  
High Mass, followed by blessing of  
children and distribution of alms.

December 10th, Saturday, at 8  
p.m.: Vespers presided over by  
Very Rev. Fr. C. Reymana O.M.I.,  
Vicar-General.

December 11th, Sunday, at 5, 6 and  
7 a.m.: Low Masses. At 8.30 a.m.:  
High Mass and procession.

There will be a Retreat from  
December 4th, Sunday.

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## ORDER NISI IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO

No. 19582/T

Testamentary Jurisdiction

In the matter of the intestate estate  
of Moragodage Richard Felix Pinto  
of "Halcyon," No. 19, Right Circular  
Road, Jayanthipura, Battaramulla,  
Talagama North, Colombo.  
— Deceased.

Sybil Mura Pinto nee Abey Ratne  
of "Halcyon," No. 19, Right Circular  
Road, Jayanthipura aforesaid. —  
Petitioner.

and

1. Trevor Felix Nihal Pinto and  
2. Halcyon Rita Manel Pinto,  
minors, both of "Halcyon," No. 19,  
Right Circular Road, Jayanthipura  
aforesaid by their Guardian-ad-litem  
the 3rd Respondent.

3. Leonard Shelton Abey Ratne,  
c/o The Roman Catholic Church,  
Halpatota, Baddegama. — Respon-  
dents.

This matter coming on for disposal  
before J. E. A. Alles, Esquire, Addi-  
tional District Judge, Colombo, on  
the 1st day of November, 1960, in  
the presence of Mr. B. James St. Valentine  
Perera, Proctor on the part of the  
petitioner and the Affidavit of the  
petitioner dated the 31st day of Octo-  
ber 1960, having been read:

It is ordered that the 3rd Respon-  
dent abovenamed be and he is hereby  
appointed Guardian-ad-litem over  
the 1st and 2nd Respondents, minors  
abovenamed for the purpose of these  
proceedings.

It is further ordered that the peti-  
tioner abovenamed be and she is here-  
by declared entitled as the widow of  
the deceased abovenamed to have  
Letters of Administration to the estate  
of the said deceased issued to her ac-  
cordingly unless the Respondents  
abovenamed or any other person or  
persons interested shall on or before  
the 19th day of January 1961 show  
sufficient cause to the satisfaction of  
this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. J. E. A. Alles,  
Additional District Judge.

This 5th day of November, 1960.

tration to the estate of the deceased  
issued to her accordingly unless  
the respondents abovenamed or  
any other person or persons inter-  
ested shall on or before the 15th  
day of December 1960, show  
sufficient cause to the satisfaction  
of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. J. E. A. Alles,  
Additional District Judge.  
The 12th day of October 1960.

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## ● ROUND-UP OF SCHOOLS' TAKE-OVER PROTEST MEETINGS

### Buddhists, Catholics unitedly oppose Education Bill

## Mahajana Sabha Holds Mass Meeting

(from our Moratuwa correspondent)

### • Adampan

(from our Mannar correspondent)

"HOWEVER poor we may be, we will not be taken in by the false promises of Mr. Mahmud," declared Mr. S. Arulappa, Head Teacher of Arippe R. C. School, addressing a large gathering of Catholics of Adampan assembled in the school hall.

Mr. Arulappa further said that Catholics were accused of being an obstruction to the national system of education and the Catholic clergy, who had carried the torch of education to the darkest parts of Africa and in the leading universities of the West were now accused of obstructing the education plans of Mr. Mahmud. But before Mr. Mahmud was born, before the Government even thought of the education of the villagers in the Wanni, the Catholic Church had built schools to produce good citizens for this country.

Rev. Fr. S. Mariathasan, O.M.I., who presided, was confident that the Catholics of Mantota, who carried the statue of Our Lady of Madhu when they were persecuted, would stand united at the feet of Our Lady.

### • Naranthanai

(from Prima Francis, Messenger correspondent)

POINTED reference was made to the compulsory acquisition of Church lands in Minuwangoda and Wanathamulla by the Government, at a protest meeting held on 20 November at Naranthanai R. C. Boys' School.

The speaker, Mr. S. M. J. Louis, sounded a note of warning that the nation has been carried away by a sweeping tide of Communism.

Mr. Arulanandam said that the socialism of the present government was paving the way for Communism.

Rev. Fr. Alfred addressing the assembly declared that unless the people acted now in defence of their rights, Ceylon would be under the Communist heel.

Dr. James Nicholas presided.

## Parent-teacher association formed at Borella

(from our correspondent)

NEARLY 250 parents and teachers were present at the inaugural meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association held at All Saints' College, Borella, on 18 November.

Mr. Horace Perera outlined the grave spiritual dangers facing children consequent on the take-over. Quoting extensively from the Buddhist Commission Report in support of the need for a truly religious atmosphere in the school, the speaker said that at a seminar on education attended by him, even the Russian Communist delegate had expounded that it was not education but influences that children would carry away on leaving school.

Mr. Perera exhorted parents to be more vigilant than ever before and to co-operate closely in the achievement of the aims and objects of the Parent-Teacher Association which had now to take upon itself the safe-guarding of the spiritual aspect of the child's formative growth if the

future was not to be endangered. The following office-bearers were elected:

**Patrons:** Rev. Fr. John Herat, O.M.I., Rev. Mother Delegate, Apostolic Carmel, Colombo; **President:** (Hony. and Ex-Officio) Rev. Sister Principal; **Vice-Presidents:** One parent and one teacher; **Hony. Jt. Secretaries:** One parent and one teacher; **Hony. Jt. Treasurers:** One parent and one teacher.

A panel of ten parents and five teachers was also elected to serve on the Committee of Management in addition to the elected Office-bearers. Copies of the constitution and proposed rules of procedure were circulated and distributed to all those present.

The meeting commenced and ended with prayer.

THE MORATUWA MAHAJANA SABHA, WHOSE MEMBERS COMPRISE VARIOUS RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS, STRONGLY DEPLORED THE TAKE-OVER MOVE OF THE SCHOOLS AT A MASS MEETING HELD AT THE MORATUWA TOWN HALL LAST TUESDAY.

"It is a diabolical lie to say that only Catholics were against the Education Bill," declared Mr. P. F. C. Perera, an Honorary Joint Secretary of the Mahajana Sabha.

The Ven. Weliveriya Gunasiri Nayake Thero stated that if various religions were to be taught in a school there would be religious disputes among the pupils and very soon the Prime Minister would have to establish character reformatories!

Mr. A. E. Gunasinghe, referring to the five thousand mothers who visited Temple Trees to represent facts, and the petition signed by over twenty-three thousand mothers, said that the imperious disdain with which the so-called Mother of the Nation ignored the women whose support elevated her to the premiership warranted for her the status of a "Step Mother."

Mr. Arnold Ratnayake, M.C., deplored the statement of

the Prime Minister to the appeal of the Catholic Bishops where she had termed it "ill-advised and ill-conceived." "Does she think that the Catholic Hierarchy of Ceylon and eminent persons like Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai are ill-advised in their forthright statements?" asked Mr. Ratnayake.

If all parents pay equal rates it is not just for the State to treat their children in two different ways, said Mr. Reggie Dias.

Proctor A. V. Fernando, President of the Sabha, presided.

Messrs. Austin Kumarage, C. M. Fernando, J. A. Perera, Proctor S. O. Stembo, J.P., U.M. and Mrs. Catherine de Silva also spoke.

## THEY WAIT IN THE RAIN



● A section of the 5000 mothers who stood opposite "Temple Trees" two weeks ago, and who were refused an interview by the Prime Minister.

## MEETING AT PAMUNUGAMA

"IT WAS NEVER THE POLICY OF THE LATE MR. BANDARANAIKE TO TAKE OVER THE ASSISTED SCHOOLS. IF THERE IS ANYTHING IN THE TEN YEAR PLAN TO SHOW THAT IT WAS, I SHALL VOTE FOR THE GOVERNMENT," SAID MR. SHELTON JAYASINGHE AT A MASS MEETING HELD ON THE GROUNDS OF GONSALVES COLLEGE, PAMUNUGAMA, RECENTLY.

Men, women and children from Dungalpitiya, Kepungoda, Bopitiya and Uswetakeiyawa came in procession to Pamunugama church where they consecrated the schools to St. Sebastian and then proceeded to the meeting, reciting the Rosary.

Mr. Paris Perera, M.P. for Jaela said he would be with the Catholics to the very end in the fight against the take-over. Mr. P. B. A. Weerakoon said that the Marxists had tried to gain power for the last 25 years and had failed. Now they had joined the Government to try to destroy all religions in the country.

Weliveriya Gunasiri Thero said that the Communists were anxious that the schools be taken over in order to be able to indoctrinate the children, a thing they would not be able to do in denominational schools. If Communists were allowed to have their way, the religions of Ceylon would soon be destroyed, said he.

Mr. Newton Jayamanne and Mr. Francis Jayamaha also spoke.

**DOES  
YOUR  
CHILD  
BELONG  
TO THE  
STATE?**

## "INJUSTICE IS BEING CONTEMPLATED"

—Mr. W. H. Samaranayake  
(from our Polgahawela correspondent)

"TWENTY-FIVE years ago no one ever thought of giving the children of Polgahawela any education. It was left to Catholic missionaries to start the school that caters today to Buddhist children who constitute 99 per cent of the pupils attending St. Bernadette's College," declared its Principal, Mr. W. H. Samaranayake, at the Past Pupils' Association revived after 10 years and held recently.

Continuing, Mr. Samaranayake said that that day's meeting was an important one and in view of the many changes that were to be made in matters of education he thought he was speaking to them for the last time as principal. And therefore he wished to say goodbye to them.

Certain events and circumstances indicate, said the speaker, that injustice is being contemplated in certain quarters.

"However, if an injustice is done to me or to my Catholic staff who have so devotedly worked for this institution, I for one will not tolerate that. My self-respect will not permit me to cringe for the crumbs or the chunks that fall from any quarter," continued Mr. Samaranayake.

Mr. Samaranayake exhorted past pupils to be good citizens. He advised them not to forget the past pupils' association. They should make it a point to hold their annual general meetings re-

gularly and to have the interests of their Alma Mater at heart, he said.

Rev. Fr. Don Emmanuel Fernando, Mr. J. C. Weerakone and several others also spoke.

The following Office-bearers, were elected at the meeting:

**President:** Mr. W. H. Samaranayake; **Vice-Presidents:** Mr. J. C. Weerakone, Mr. J. Senanayake and Mr. Jayasenada Silva; **Secretary:** Mrs. K. T. Dharmaraja; **Asst. Secretary:** Mr. B. W. W. Gunawardene; **Treasurers:** Mr. H. B. Jayatileke and Miss I. Morugama; **Auditors:** Mr. G. M. de Silva and Mr. W. H. Romanis; **Committee:** Mr. D. Nanayakare, Mr. P. A. Senanayake, Mr. H. Udathawa, Misses A. M. Nandawathie, Suddharma Subasinghe, and Seneviratne.

## Pitipana Calls for United Front

(from our correspondent)

"IN the event of another blood bath over the schools issue, it is not I, who am fighting for the fundamental rights of the people, who should be arraigned as the leader responsible for such a calamity, but the Prime Minister, the chief wrong-doer, the first accused who should stand in the dock," said Mr. W. Dahanayake addressing a mass meeting held on the premises of St. Mary's Church, Pitipane.

Accommodated on the platform were representatives of various denominations such as the Rev. Weliveriya Gunasiri Thero, the Rev. B. D. Dareju of the Methodist Ministry, and Messrs. Quentin Fernando, M.P. for Negombo, J. C. W. Munasinghe, Newton Jayamanne and M. F. Costa, all of whom without exception, denounced the totalitarian methods the Government employed to introduce the Schools Bill and called upon all right-thinking people, irrespective of religion, to form a united front to stem the steam-roller tactics of the Government whose hand was indeed the hand of the S.L.F.P. but its voice was the voice of the Marxists.

In his very challenging speech, Mr. Dahanayake said that the take-over of schools revealed the same totalitarian pattern followed in countries like Tibet, Kerala and Hungary.

He was aghast, said Mr. Dahanayake, at the manner in which the Minister, who appeared to be wreathed in smiles, accepted the amendments of Mr. Keuneman without any reference to the Cabinet. In all his parliamentary experience of 17 years, he had never seen amendments to a bill by an opposition member accepted with such alacrity by the Government.

Mr. F. J. Marshall Fernando, Proctor, who presided at the meeting, next moved a resolution on behalf of the parents of Pitipane protesting against the take-over of schools. The resolution, which was seconded by Mr. E. Paul Fernando, was carried unanimously.