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★ Unique Pre-Ecumenical Council Press Conference for three hundred newspapermen GENERAL COUNCIL IN 1962

40 Envoys at Mass for Pontiff

MORE than 40 countries were represented, mainly by their ambassadors and ministers, at Mass in Westminster Cathedral, London, celebrating the first anniversary of the Holy Father's coronation. Many members of both Houses of Parliament were present. After the Mass Mgr. Derek Worlock, the Cardinal's secretary, read a telegram conveying the Holy Father's blessing. Archbishop O'Hara in the evening gave a reception.

1000 Bishops, observers too

AT a world Press Conference of 300-strong newspapermen including representatives from the Soviet news agency TASS and the Moscow daily IZVESTIA, Cardinal Tardini, Papal Secretary of State announced that the expected Ecumenical Council will now take place in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, three years hence.

Vatican announces Eisenhower's visit

AN official announcement has been made in the *Osservatore Romano* of the 7th instant, that President Eisenhower had expressed his desire to visit His Holiness the Pope. The Pope, it was stated, would be glad to receive the President in audience on the 6th of December.

In a 2-hour tussle with the reporters, Cardinal Tardini dealt exhaustively with arrangements in hand, clarifying and analysing points on which information was sought.

It was revealed that a total of no less than 1,000 bishops and prelates will be in attendance at the sessions of the Second Vatican Council which is the official name given to the Ecumenical Council.

NO SPECIAL INVITATIONS. IT WAS DISCLOSED, WILL BE SENT OUT TO THE SEPARATED CHURCHES BUT IT WAS SIMULTANEOUSLY EMPHASIZED THAT OBSERVERS WILL BE WARMLY AND AFFECTIONATELY WELCOMED.

Among the vitally significant points made out by Cardinal Tardini were:

● **LANGUAGE:** The official language of the Second Vatican Council had perforce to be Latin. It was almost impossible to use the simultaneous translation system with earphones for each delegate on theological questions requiring both profound knowledge of doctrine and extreme precision of language, it was stated.

● **PRESS:** A Press Office will probably be established, "to prevent shots in the dark" said the Cardinal.

● **TOPICS:** One of the topics that is down for discussion is reform of the Calendar.

An unfinished symphony...

THE Holy Father told 10 bishops and 300 priests exiled from the Ukraine: "All nations sing the praise of the Lord, some in joy, others in tears. You belong to the latter." "You represent all those who cannot come, who cannot make their voices heard." "But in the same way as Christ died to rise from the dead, the Church suffers in the certainty of a final victory."

● **PURPOSE:** The Second Vatican Council said Cardinal Tardini, was not directed against anyone. There was no intention of condemning anyone or anything.

Its purpose was to foster the growth of the faith, to review Christian customs and modernise Church discipline according to needs of the time.

But it would also provide a marvellous spectacle of truth, unity and charity so as to constitute, even for those who were deeply alienated from the Holy See, an invitation to achieve that unity to which many of them sincerely aspired.

TO ATTRACT...

In a word, the Second Vatican Council was designed to attract rather than to condemn, those who are outside the Church, he added.

It was a family affair of the Church and therefore could not include dealings with people or groups outside the Church.

The Church could not change her attitude on any of her dogmas but providence would surely find some other way to fulfil the last wish expressed by Our Lord "that there

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POPE'S DAY • ROME • NEGOMBO • KALUTARA



● Pope John XXIII gives his blessing at an audience.

Silence (by request) greets Holy Father

THERE WAS SILENCE AMONG THE 30,000 PEOPLE IN ST. PETER'S LAST WEDNESDAY AS THE HOLY FATHER WAS CARRIED INTO THE BASILICA IN HIS GESTATORIAL CHAIR FOR MASS MARKING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HIS CORONATION.

The customary shouts of "Viva il Papa" and the cheering and hand-clapping had been stilled — by request.

The pilgrims were told not to acclaim the Pope because of the religious character of the ceremony.

But the silence was broken by the pealing of the silver trumpets and the voices of the Sistine choir heralding the Pope's arrival.

With his Holiness were about 30 Cardinals, Noble and Swiss Guards escorted him.

THE HOMAGE

Cardinal Montini, Archbishop of Milan, offered the Mass. Seated on his throne the Pope received the homage of the cardinals.

Diplomats accredited to the Vatican were present. So was Prince Albert of Belgium.

Italy was represented by its Foreign Minister, Signor Pella. In an address lasting about 15 minutes, the Pope said that true peace might be near though there were still many grounds for anxiety over the "unending violence of error and evil."

Looking down from the Throne of Peter to the far corners of the earth he saw the number of faithful steadily growing and the Church resting on columns of granite.

"Thanks to God, the atheistic and materialistic conceptions of life and of the world shall not prevail," he added.

Govt. Agent presides

(from Josephian, Messenger correspondent)

"It is by manifesting our loyalty and homage to the Head of our Church on an occasion like this that we would be firm and remain united in a crisis," declared Mr. W. Pathirana, Government Agent, Kalutara, who presided over the Pope's Day celebrations held on Sunday, at St. Mary's Church grounds, Kolamulla, in the Kalutara Parish.

Earlier, Rev. Fr. Henry Rodrigo, O.M.I., the Parish Priest, in calling

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Hundreds pack church square

(from our Negombo correspondent)

CATHOLICS of Little Rome gathered at St. Mary's Church, Grand Street last Sunday to express their loyalty to the Holy Father. In spite of the threatening weather hundreds packed the Church Square

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● The Papal Flag is hoisted at Negombo

Rome Synod to open January 25

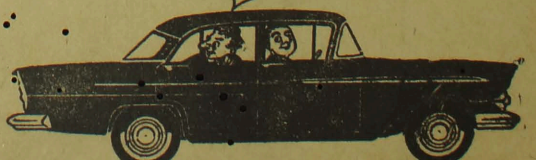
THE Rome Synod will open on January 25, the Holy Father announced last week at a general audience.

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WEEKLY POSTBAG

Crying Necessity: National-Literature-Campaign

IN your "Comment" this week you mention once again the terrible threat to the morals of the present generation through the available printed word.

After the switch-over to the National Languages the present generation has been deprived to a large extent of wholesome reading material as the English Language was able to provide. On the other hand profane and unwanted trash is produced in plenty, while serious Catholic Literature in the National Languages is woefully limited. The people who have been intellectually awakened are thirsting for knowledge. This is the time to put such material before them and diffuse the knowledge of

truth. Else, it will be too late.

If we leave this matter entirely to the inspiration and originality of Catholic writers, I am afraid it will take a long time in coming. May I through your columns, make an urgent appeal to our authorities and associations. In my humble opinion every parish, every Catholic association and educational institution should rally round and work together for this end. The ecclesiastical authorities will have to take the initiative in selecting efficient groups or men and assign to them the translation of suitable books and pamphlets from other languages.

The time when a knowledge gained from the penny catechism and the

Sunday Sermons, was sufficient, is long past. Today, a Catholic has to fight for his faith.

A concerted, well-planned, carefully-organised campaign for the production of wholesome literature in the national languages is a crying necessity. The time for piece-meal, individual and isolated efforts is long past. If we delay any further, our youth is sure to be lost.

A Christian.

Colombo.

Wanted!

WILL any of your readers have the kindness to spare me copies of *The Messenger* in which despatches

of the I.N.C. News Service appeared. The copies concerned are dated the months of April, May, June, July and August, 1959. I am the one who wrote those despatches. The kindness of your readers will prove of great assistance to me.

Leo A. Panakal.

Chittur Road,
Ernakulam 1,
Kerala, India.

Franciscans

I WAS deeply saddened by the omission to give pride of place to the Franciscan missionaries in your editorial of October 24th. It was the Franciscan band of missionaries who,

CORRESPONDENTS PLEASE NOTE!

- Be brief.
- Closing time for letters to the Editor — Monday 12 noon.
- UNSIGNED LETTERS ARE REJECTED, even if the signature is not to be used for publication.

under God, gave us the Faith and watered it with their blood. Their labours in our midst deserve a lasting remembrance.

We of the Franciscan Third Order hope and pray that these pointers

The Ten Commandments —an Appeal

THE film 'The Ten Commandments' is once again being shown in Colombo. I appeal to the Management of the Cinema concerned to kindly consider giving a free Show for the benefit of orphans and destitute children in Convents and other charitable institutions of the City. This act of charity will no doubt be welcomed by the poor unfortunates and above all be appreciated by the country.

Geo. P. Solomonos.

Ratmalana.

may yet be officially recalled to the scene of their heroic labours.

Oscar M. Abeyratna.

Colombo.

Our correspondent refers to the Editorial in which we paid a tribute to all those valiant men and women who have come to our land and laboured for Christ. We merely mentioned a few in passing; the list was by no means complete, as the context shows.

The very tone of the entire leader was one of large-heartedness, of gratitude, and of tribute. Nothing was further from our mind than the omission of any particular missionaries; All of them are God's emissaries; all of them laboured here; to all of them we owe so much. Our plea continues to be for a Catholic heart which looks to every missionary as God's own ambassador to whom we owe so much. — Editor).

The Late Premier

I WAS deep in the pages of your esteemed Weekly of the 3rd October. The article entitled, the Late Premier — An appreciation by Polo Marco greatly arrested my attention, the last paragraph particularly.

The late Premier, Hon. Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, knew his Buddhism as one man seldom knew it. His lectures on Buddhist philosophy and its way of life bore ample testimony to this fact. His last words were words of "maitri," a cardinal virtue incidental to Buddhism. Therefore, it is wrong and does not ring true to state that "his last message was an echo, one might say, of the Christian sentiments of his early life." To say so, in other words, is to label that great man a hypocrite and further declare that Buddhism is bereft of anything good and apparently had no influence on his life.

H. R. Herath.

Kegalle.

(We gladly publish the above letter as it provides a point of view different from that of our columnist. Our only regret is that its publication has been delayed — first due to the censorship, and then due to exigencies of space. — Editor).

Silver Jubilee

IT was a surprise to me and I am sure, to many other of your readers, to find your issue of the 24th October carrying an article on His Lordship the Bishop of Galle, and stating that he was "the first, in a long line of Bishops in this country, to be able to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of his consecration."

This is incorrect as the Catholic Directory published by your Press in 1958 will bear out.

Térence D. C. Philippuppullai.
Trincomalee.

(We regret the error in the article mentioned. We had ourselves realised the inadvertent oversight but no correction was possible at that stage. — Editor).

Teacher: (In Chemistry class): Johnny, what is the formula for water?

Johnny: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O, who

Teacher: Who told you that?

Johnny: You did, you said it was

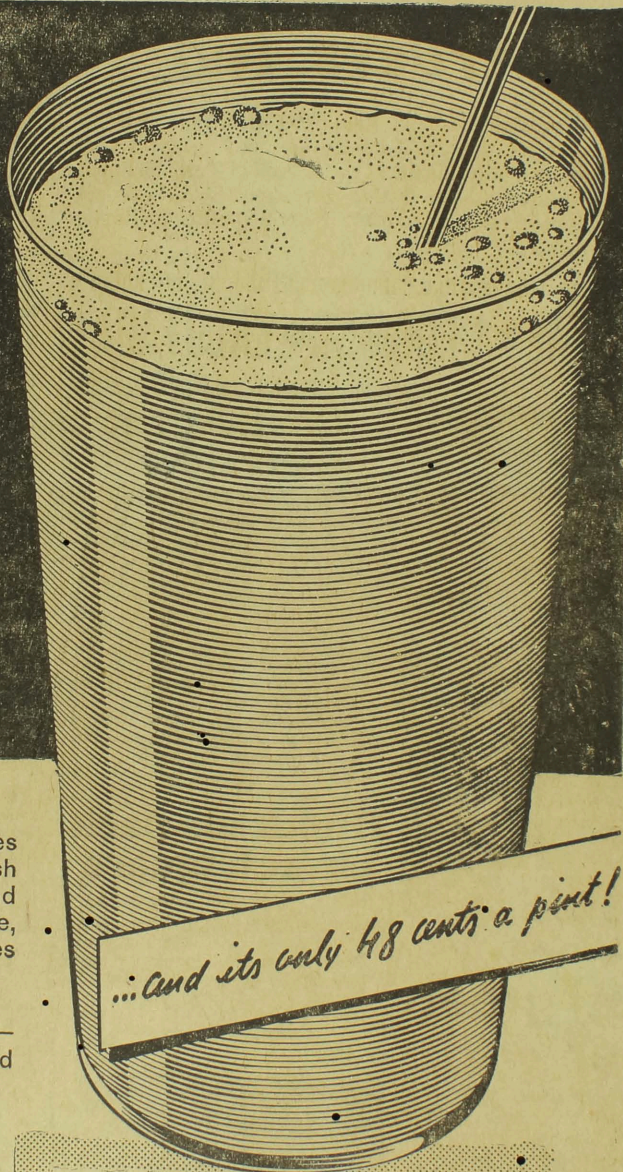
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"God is going to chastise the world, and in a tremendous way... 1960 is not far off, and what will happen then will be a very sad thing for all... if before then, the world does not offer prayer and penance."—LUCY.

THE 1960 FATIMA SECRET

CARDINAL AND ARCHBISHOP SUPPORT FATHER FUENTES.

TWO prominent Mexican prelates have warmly defended the Veracruz priest, Father Augustin Fuentes, against the charges that he spread sensationalised accounts of an interview he had with Lucy, the only surviving witness of the Fatima apparitions.

Endorsements of the priest's reliability and orthodoxy came from Cardinal Garibi Rivera, Archbishop of Guadalajara, and Archbishop Lopez Estrada of Veracruz.

Cardinal Garibi called for all Catholics to "abstain from further attacks" on the priest. Archbishop Lopez said he was a "worthy priest," and described the charges against him as "unjustified and false accusations."

His 1957 interview with Lucy

Meanwhile, Father Fuentes issued a statement denying that he is guilty of any "exaggeration, inaccuracy or falsehood" in reporting a December, 1957, interview he had with Sister Lucy of Jesus, one of the three witnesses of the Blessed Virgin's apparitions at Fatima, Portugal.

Father Fuentes is the Roman postulator for the beatification cause of Jacinta and Francisco Marto, the other two children who witnessed the series of apparitions in 1917.

On December 26, 1957, he had a private interview with Sister Lucy, a cousin of the two Marto children. The interview took place at a Carmelite convent in Coimbra, Portugal, where Sister Lucy is a member of the community.

Subsequently, Father Fuentes reported the contents of this interview in a lecture which he delivered at various places throughout Mexico and which was published in *Hacia los Altares*, a publication in the Veracruz archdiocese and of which he is editor.

"Very sad thing for all"

In the version carried by *Hacia los Altares*, Father Fuentes quoted Sister Lucy as saying in part:—

"But believe me, Father, God is going to chastise the world, and in a tremendous way. The chastisement of heaven is imminent. Father, 1960 is not far off, and what will happen then will be a very sad thing for all, and not at all a happy thing, if before then the world does not offer prayer and penance."

Last July, the Chancery Office of the Diocese of Coimbra issued a statement in which Sister Lucy was quoted as saying that Father Fuentes' account of their interview was in part "inexact or untrue."

The Chancery Office itself referred to a "tendentious campaign of 'prophecy'" and said it was issuing Sister Lucy's comments to "reassure" those who had been "alarmed and horrified" by predictions that "cataclysms" would befall the world in 1960.

Coimbra Court criticised

In his reply to the charges against him, Father Fuentes commented: "Certainly the Ecclesiastical Court of Coimbra, not knowing the exact wording of my interview with Sister Lucy, ought not to speak so incorrectly of the Roman postulator, quoting actual statements (within quotation marks) which are unbecoming to

any educated person and much more so to a Religious, as is Sister Lucy."

Archbishop Lopez, in his endorsement of the priest, declared: "In his rebuttal of the accusations levelled against him, Father Fuentes has clearly pointed out their anonymous origin, the lack of knowledge displayed concerning canon law, the customs and objectives of the Church, and shows the inherent impossibility that these attacks originated either from Sister Lucy, a cloistered Religious, or the Bishop of Coimbra."

Traditional since 1917

Father Fuentes stated: "I have said nothing—as is indeed evident to any prudent person who examines it—beyond what has been traditionally taught since 1917, the year of the apparitions

As 1960 approaches, the Fatima crusaders have been intensifying their apostolate to get as many Catholics as possible to heed the Fatima message. Many disasters and untold sufferings might be avoided if, in response to Our Lady's Fatima requests, a sufficient number of Catholics pray the Rosary, make little voluntary sacrifices especially in order to do their daily duties well, wear the Carmel Scapular and observe the First Saturday devotions.

But obviously such a crusade is not to the liking of Satan. And so he is busy sowing confusion and misdirecting individuals to make pronouncements they should not have made. Thus it is that the Rev. Dr. Augustin Fuentes, whose interview with Lucy was recently reported in the Catholic press throughout the world, came to be represented as an impostor with no standing with his own Archbishop, claiming falsely to be the Roman Postulator of the Beatification Cause of the two deceased Fatima seers, and making false statements regarding the Fatima message. In refutation of this we publish extracts from a reply given by Father Fuentes and his Archbishop's endorsement of it as well as extracts from a statement in support of Father Fuentes from the Cardinal Archbishop of Guadalajara.

of Our Lady of Fatima."

The priest said that by comparing his lecture with standard works on the Fatima events, "it should be obvious to any reader that I have not been guilty of exaggeration, inaccuracy or falsehood. I have repeated only what is traditional in the message that our Lady gave the three fortunate shepherd children."

Father Fuentes said his "traditional interpretation" was based on talks with the late Bishop Correia da Silva of Leiria, in which Fatima is located, and his successor, Bishop Pereira Venancio, as well as officials of the tribunal for the beatification cause of Jacinta and Francisco Marto.

Message's true meaning

He continued: "It seems strange then that this lecture is publicised as a revelation of the 'secret of Fatima,' of the great material calamities, 'the catastrophic epoch' of 1960, while overlooking the true meaning of the Fatima message, namely the warning about the eternal loss of souls through mortal sin, not only in 1960 but at all times."

"In regard to the accusations levelled at me that I have announced a 'catastrophic epoch,' I deny that I said that. If therefore some believe I did, it is because my statements have been interpreted in a sense that I did not intend, namely: that in 1960 the world will end and frightful calamities will occur.

"There was no need for me to make such pronouncements to frighten people."

"Threats of great storms"

"Any Catholic knows that nothing happens without the will of God; and in view of the dogma of Divine Providence, it is not by chance that the actual international situation is so strained and overshadowed with looming threats of great storms."

"Nor is it by chance that there are human casualties and misfortunes, individual and collective, such as have occurred so frequently these past years as much in Mexico as in the world."

Father Fuentes stated that no one may interview Sister Lucy without the permission of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office in Rome, "and then only with the express prohibition against speaking to her of the 'secret' which she keeps for 1960."

(This 'secret' is a message given by the Blessed Virgin to the three children during the 1917 apparitions, but not to be made public before 1960).

He continued: "In my memorable interview with Sister Lucy, an interview which lasted some



this secret would be, for all without exception, a sad thing.

"She said that there was yet time to avoid this sad thing, but beyond that she would not go

Archbishop Lopez stated: "All judicious readers will agree with me that Father Fuentes in no way attempted to guess the content of the message supposedly contained in the secret letter to be opened in 1960, since in reality no one positively knows its contents, not even the Holy Father or the Bishop of Leiria."

"All such readers may likewise be assured that in the aforementioned lecture of Father Fuentes only that matter was treated which was considered the traditional teaching regarding the apparitions of Our Lady in 1917."

The Archbishop said accusations against Father Fuentes were unjust "not only to a worthy priest, who holds a special and important position of world interest, but also to a movement in honour of the Mother of God, a movement which has borne much of positive spiritual value."

The idea of the Message

He declared that Father Fuentes "has encouraged many to shun those mortal sins which otherwise cause the eternal damnation of the soul, pointing out that more attention must be given to the idea of the message, the salvation of souls, than to any material punishments."

In his statement on behalf of Father Fuentes, Cardinal Garibi said that "the national episcopate has named him national assessor for the causes of the Mexican martyrs."

He added: "Father Fuentes in his preaching has not predicted terrifying events or things that would foment a spirit of pessimism. Only these has he predicted—that people be urged to say the Rosary, to have devotion to the most pure heart of Mary, prayer, penance," and the practice of charity.

"Father Fuentes neither preaches nor holds in private thinking the conviction that there will be a reign of terror in 1960 nor at any other given date. In this matter he is content to accept the teaching of the Church."

"In virtue of this, I recommend that all Catholics abstain from further attacks in this matter."

two hours, I did not speak directly about the apparitions of our Lady, nor that part of the message which is called 'the secret.' I only discussed with her the life and the sanctity of her cousins. She answered me in perfect Spanish.

Cause of Jacinta and Francisco

"In the process for the beatification of the children of Fatima their heroic virtue is judged independently of the apparitions of our Lady. Nevertheless no one doubts but that the origin and the foundation of their sanctity are to be found in these very apparitions."

"The sadness of our Lady, occasioned by the sins of men and their eventual eternal ruin, is the motive which deeply affected the children, drawing them thereby to personal sanctity and converting them into voluntary victims for the salvation of souls, and into untiring apostles of the urgent maternal warning of the Most Holy Virgin."

The Secret of 1960

"These concepts and the account of the apparitions of our Lady were precisely what Sister Lucy discussed with me with great simplicity."

"However, without any suggestion on my part, she went on to deal with the secret of 1960, telling me that if the world did not pray and do penance, then

into detail, because it was a secret which only the Holy Father and the Bishop of Fatima, did they so wish it, were entitled to know."

In his endorsement of Father Fuentes, Archbishop Lopez stated: "It is my duty, as the Ordinary of the priest in question, to speak in defence against the unjustified and false accusations levelled against Rev. Dr. Augustin Fuentes... in which he refused, point by point, the charges directed against him."

Lectures permitted

He added: "In regard to the accusation that Father Fuentes has preached without permission in Mexico City as well as in the dioceses to which he was officially welcomed by their Excellencies the Ordinaries of Oaxaca, Puebla, Tlancingo, Mazatlan, Sonora, and Toluca, I deny it categorically."

The Archbishop said Father Fuentes had been given "ministerial faculties" verbally by the Vicar-General of the Mexican City archdiocese and later in writing by the secretary of the Archbishop of Mexico City.

"In all of these places," he added, "I am certain that Father Fuentes gave his lectures in the same tenor of expression as found published, with my permission, in the review *Hacia los Altares* in October, 1958, as can be verified by the many excerpts published of his lecture."

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ROME AND OUR QUEST OF THE TOMB

READERS and our search party will be heartened to hear that the Secretariate has received an encouraging letter from Rome. Let us make it clear. When we say Rome, we do not mean Our Holy Father Pope John XXIII: though we do hope that by now he has come to hear at least in a general way that the Cause of Father's Beatification is under consideration. We do not even mean the Sacred Congregation of Rites that has the files of the Diocesan Inquiry in its session, has opened them and already given a ruling that the Cause must go the way of the historical section. We can be sure too that the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda is following the story with kindly interest, since the Cause concerns the missionary lands of India and Ceylon, and His Eminence Cardinal Agagianian, the pro-Prefect, has bestowed his

friendship on some privileged persons from here. Rome here (in our headline) refers to Fr. Postulator of the Cause and even if he had not written to say so, we would know that, scanning as he does every air-mail copy of our Messenger for indications of

to be "introduced" or filed with the personal approval of the Holy Father.

Meanwhile the field is open and we have plenty to do; for we have still to find the Tomb and have the Remains ready for the official identification.

Once mapping, aerial surveying, seismography, X-ray photography and electrical sounding have combined with documentary indications and the feel of tradition and devotion to justify actual excavation, it will be time for His Lordship the Bishop of Kandy to adjudicate the necessary authority (Canon 1214).

It is natural to conjecture that when our pick-axes and spades (guided by God's Angels) come upon it and lay bare the covering slab of what is unmistakably Fr. Vaz's Tomb, His Lordship will suspend operations till (for the solemnity of the event, as well as for the purpose of adequate testimony at the subsequent recognition by the Apostolic Tribunal) His Grace the Archbishop and all the Bishops of Ceylon arrive. For good measure and extra precaution about formalities, Fr. Postulator of Rome, we can surmise, will also be there. Possibly Providence will make the event complete with the presence of Cardinal Agagianian himself.

If only we could "bribe" the Time-keeper of Heaven to arrange for all this to happen in 1961 — along with a Eucharistic Congress for the 250th anniversary of Father's holy death! In that case we cannot wait and watch; we have just time enough. Are our Nuns, our children and our sufferers, knocking loud enough at the gates of Heaven?

FATHER VAZ FEATURE

some movement on our part, he would be aware of our present all-out hunt for the site of Father's Tomb.

Where he goes ahead of our programme is to express his full support and approval of the idea.

That is a precious encouragement for all our knights and workers. All the more since, as pointed out, it comes to us when we are still in the preliminary stage of private, unofficial groping.

Officially, the question of Father Vaz's Tomb arises only when the identification of his remains has to be undertaken and this is the last act of the Apostolic Process — the on the spot investigation by mandate of the Holy See (Canon 2096). Several hurdles have to be cleared before that, for the Cause has still

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 Communist attempt at world domination may fail.

MISSIONARY: That private and public life in Madagascar be imbued with a Christian spirit.

RADIO LOG

NOV. 14 to 16: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Tamil) — A. Jesuthasan, Esq.

NOV. 15: 10-00 to 10-05 a.m.

TALK (English) — Rev. Fr. Claude Lawrence, O.M.I.

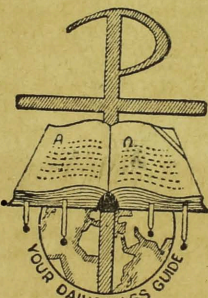
NOV. 16 to 22: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Sinhalese) — Rev. Fr. Ernest Poruthota.

NOV. 22: 9-00 to 9-30 a.m. CATHOLIC HALF HOUR (Sinhalese).

• 10-00 to 10-30 a.m. CATHOLIC HALF HOUR (Tamil).

7-00 to 7-30 p.m. CATHOLIC HOUR PROGRAMME (English.)



Sunday, 15 November: XXVIII SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Green. Mass of the Vth Sunday after Epiphany. 2nd prayer of St. Albert. Omit prayer prescribed. Creed.

Monday, 16 November: St. Gertrude. White.

Tuesday, 17 November: St. Gregory. White.

Wednesday, 18 November: Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul. White. Creed.

Thursday, 19 November: St. Elizabeth. White. 2nd prayer of St. Pontianus.

Friday, 20 November: St. Felix. White.

Saturday, 21 November: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin. White. Creed. Proper Preface.

N.B. — Unless otherwise stated, the prayer prescribed is always said.

Devotion to the Holy Souls in Purgatory

by Philip Anandappa

IF we wish to trace the origin of the devotion of the Month of the Faithful Departed, we shall find that it dates from the time of the Old Testament and of the people of Israel.

In later times the faithful consecrated an entire month to the holy souls in purgatory.

All Catholics should, therefore, welcome the dawn of this beautiful month of November which answers so fully to the aspirations of our piety and the needs of our hearts. It should recall to us the most tender family remembrances, the most sacred of promises and the most touching farewells.

Glory to God

The first motive which ought to induce us to hasten by every possible means the deliverance of the holy souls in purgatory is the glory that it gives to God. In effect, nothing glorifies the Most High, nothing makes His name more blessed, nothing pleases more His paternal Heart than relieving the souls of the dead. We should remember that in opening heaven to them, we give God more voices to praise Him and more hearts to love and bless Him. St. Augustine says that there is nothing more pleasing to God than the relief and deliverance of the faithful departed. Our Lord spoke one day to St. Gertrude and said: "Each time you deliver one of these prisoners it is as pleasing to me as though you redeemed me from captivity, and I shall know well how to reward you."

The sufferings of this life, whatever they may be, are nothing in comparison to those of purgatory. But like the paralytic man by the pool of Bethesda, these suffering souls are powerless to help themselves.

We alone can help the dead, we alone can be to them a liberating providence. The thought of heaven consoles them but we have to relieve them; the thought of heaven encourages them but we have to deliver them; the saints open their arms to receive them but it is we who have to introduce them into the dwellings of bliss. This then is our power and this is our duty, but do we often think of it?

We can assist the souls in purgatory by our prayers, indulgences, alms and mortifications. We can bear our trials and sufferings patiently with resignation to the Will of God and offer them for the relief and deliverance of these poor souls.

Prayer

The first of these is prayer which is within the reach of everyone. Make a resolution therefore never to let a day pass, especially during this month, without praying for your dear departed. Repeat often the short ejaculation "Sweet Jesus be merciful to them. Eternal rest given unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace."

No means for relieving the souls in purgatory is as powerful and as efficacious as the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which is a most consoling article of faith. The influence of the Holy Mass is so great that St. Jerome says that when a Mass is celebrated for a soul in purgatory, the fire at other times so devouring, suspends its action and the soul ceases to suffer throughout the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice. If our means do not allow us to have Masses offered often for the dead, do not forget that we can offer it in a certain way ourselves, that is by devoutly uniting our prayers to those of Our Lord.

During this month, i.e., from 16th November to 25th November, the Society in Aid of the Souls in Purgatory will celebrate their an-

nual Novena of Masses for the Faithful departed at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena. Mass will be celebrated each day at 6 a.m. and after Mass the Way of the Cross will be performed. The opportunity is, therefore, a favourable one for Catholics to afford relief to their dear departed.

The Rosary and the Way of the Cross are also salutary practices for our dear departed friends and relatives because of the many indulgences attached.

It is true that the holy souls cannot merit for themselves, this being no longer in their power, but they have the means of making their precious merits of value to us. They can obtain nothing for themselves but the prayers they offer for us in the midst of their sufferings avail with God. Yes, the power and gratitude of the holy souls are too little known and appreciated and few think of having recourse to their intercession. St. Teresa used often to say, that everything she asked God through the intercession of the faithful departed was granted to her. We have then everything to gain in the exchange of our prayers with those of our deceased brethren. Let us then pray often, let us pray much for the blessed and grateful souls in purgatory and they will offer for us to God all the merits of their ineffable sufferings.

How great the advantage and what consolations of every kind does not devotion to the souls in purgatory ensure. Happy then, and most happy are they who pray for the dead. "All that we give them through charity," says St. Ambrose, "is changed into graces for us, and after death, we shall find the merit a hundred-fold."

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NEGOMBO'S FAREWELL TO LEADING EDUCATIONISTS

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

OVER 175 prominent persons from all walks of life — Negombians and Maristians — came to express their gratitude and bid farewell to Rev. Brothers Nizier and Stanislaus, who have been associated in a large way with the education of the city.

300th Novena at Bolawalana

(from Leander Fernando, Messenger correspondent)

DESPITE inclement weather that prevailed throughout the day devotees flocked to the Bolawalana church to pay their due respect to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour on the occasion of the 300th Novena held recently.

In the morning at 6-30 a.m. High Mass was sung for the Novenites.

At 5 p.m. the Novena was conducted in the presence of an unprecedented gathering. Many Revd. Fathers participated.

A Preparatory Triduum was held on the three previous days.

While the altar of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour was attractively adorned with fragrant lilies, the Church and its premises were also decorated to suit the occasion.

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Sir Albert Peries, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, in proposing the toast of the two Rev. Brothers referred to Rev. Bro. Nizier who has been closely associated with Maris Stella College for a period of well thirty odd years as a student, teacher, Headmaster and Director of the College. He was loved and respected by all those with whom he came into contact and was extremely popular with the parents of many generations of past and present Maristians. His work in the Primary Department of Maris Stella spread over a period of about 19 years is an achievement which any educationist may justly be proud of.

Referring to Rev. Bro. Stanislaus, Sir Albert said that he took over the responsibilities associated with the Principalship of the College at a time when the educational policy of the country was, as it were in a melting pot. His was the task to preserve the traditions of the past and blend them with the aspirations and needs of the future; his contribution to Maris Stella as Principal is singularly noteworthy.

This was seconded by Mr. G. J. Paris Perera. Bro. Nizier and Bro. Stanislaus replied suitably and thanked them and the organizers sincerely.

Toast of the Guests was proposed by Mr. T. Quentin Fernando and Mr. L. B. de Silva, Commissioner of Assize replied on behalf of the Guests.

ANNUAL REUNION OF MARIS STELLA OLD BOYS

(from a Messenger correspondent)

THE Old Boys of Maris Stella College had their Annual Reunion recently, in connection with the public farewell to Rev. Brothers Nizier and Stanislaus.

At the Annual General Meeting Rev. Bro. Gabriel, President of the O.B.A. presented two souvenirs to the two Brothers on behalf of the O.B.A. In his Presidential Address he thanked very sincerely the Old Boys for their help in the past and their loyalty to the Alma Mater.

The following Office-bearers, were elected for the ensuing year: President: Rev. Bro. Director (Ex-officio); Vice-Presidents: Rev. Bro. Principal (Ex-officio), Mr. G. J. Paris Perera, J.P., Mr. R. I. Fernandopulle, Mr. T. Quentin Fernando, Mr. Arthur W. Fernando, Mr. Lambert Ranasinghe, Mr. J.

N. A. de Croos, Mr. J. E. J. Rodrigo; Mr. M. E. J. Tissera; Hony. Secretary: Mr. L. C. Samarakoon; Hony. Treasurer: Rev. Bro. Hubert; Hony. Sports Secretary: Mr. Michael F. de Silva; Hony. Asst. Secretary: Mr. George Edwin; Hony. Auditor: Mr. Douglas C. Kurera; Committee of Management: Mr. J. L. Fernandopulle, Mr. Ivan Ranasinghe, Mr. Premman de Silva, Mr. Gaston R. de Vaz, Mr. D. A. Siyambalapitiya, Mr. Nicholas Perera, Mr. Oswald Herath, Mr. E. H. Fernando, Mr. Ansem Tissera, Mr. Elias Fernando.

Moratuwa Ladies of Charity Celebrate

(from our correspondent)

"The body must have the minimum comforts for the soul to function," said Rev. Fr. S. Alex Ranasinghe, speaking at the Annual General Meeting of the Moratuwa branch of the Ladies of Charity, held recently at St. Sebastian's Church.

After the Holy Eucharist, he went on to say, the clearest pronouncement Christ made was regarding man's obligations towards his neighbour. In Christian charity he said three points should be considered, viz., to see Christ in one's neighbour; not to be bound by limits such as caste or creed; and not to lose the personal touch, since often it was more an empty heart than a hungry stomach that had to be catered for.

There was a good gathering of benefactors, representatives of other organizations in the parish

and well-wishers at this meeting which was presided over by the Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Edmund J. Fernando, O.M.I., Parish Priest.

The meeting was followed by a social, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and a film show by the United States Information Service.

Communist morality

VATICAN CITY. — Disarmament pacts with Communist nations are "solemn but useless bits of paper," L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily, has declared.

In an editorial on the Communist theory of morality, the daily said:

"For Communism everything is moral that can be advantageous. . . . On this basis it is easy to imagine what the ethics of Communism are."

"For Communist ethics" it went on, "a pact, agreement or treaty are means which at a given time and in specific circumstances seemed useful for the triumph of Socialism. Thus the obligations undertaken do not have to be respected."

"With pacts and treaties robbed of every binding effectiveness," L'Osservatore concluded, "disarmament becomes extremely difficult or downright Utopian. No country will be induced to disarm . . . if it does not first have guarantees of security. . . . But what guarantees of security can one have if one is not certain that the pacts will be respected?"

★ A WHIFF of FRANCE in BORELLA

POURING rain had given way to warm slits of sunshine when a whiff of France — golden-haired, sparkle-eyed YVONNE TAPP — blew into Borella.

On her assignment which takes her to many lands where the Y.C.W. is functioning, she had already seen much of our country and was intoxicated with the heady beauty and charm of Ceylon.

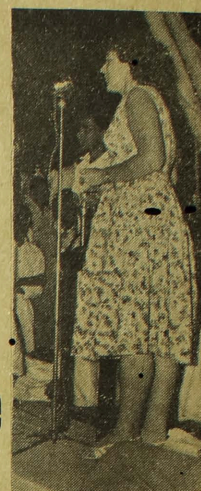
She told me she was saying good-bye to Lanka with a heart as heavy as a galley loaded with lead.

After her school career, at 14 plus, YVONNE TAPP installed herself as a typist in a progressive commercial establishment. Just one year later she came in contact with Y.C.W. personnel in her own office.

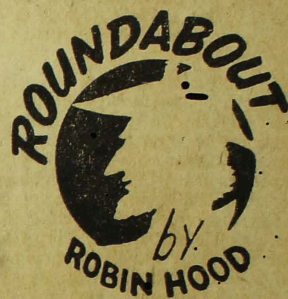
The rest was plain sailing. Fired with the Y.C.W. ideals, Miss TAPP tap-tapped her way from the type-writer, pushed herself up into the Movement with volcanic zeal.

I asked her what she thought of the Movement here. "I'm very glad to notice it is not merely an intellectual force but one of action," she observed.

Singling out for specific mention the Fishermen's Rally she had seen in Ceylon, Miss TAPP thought it was a sign of what she called "genuine Y.C.W. work." "I hope the Y.C.W. spirit will spread out and pervade all strata of society —" were her parting words to us.



Miss Tapp at the mike



★ CHILAW will see...

FOR Chilaw residents there is good news. The two films which have captivated Colombo and Kandy audiences — "THE ROAD TO BOYS TOWN" and "LITTLE BIKE LOST" — will both be screened at Chilaw.

The date is 29 November. There will be a special schools show at 10 a.m. and a public show in aid of St. Vincent de Paul Society at 6 p.m.

Tickets, I am informed, are available at the Cathedral.

★ SONG under fire!

ROBIN Hood's reference to a song (ROUNDABOUT 31 October 1959) has drawn three post cards. Said one: "Mariya Maw Kuse" is not by Fr. Marcelline Jayekody but by Mr. Anthony Jayamanne."

Wrote a school-girl from Colombo 7: "Obviously a mistake. Mariya Maw Kuse, and Nisala Me Reye are one and the same song."

And this from Dhana of far-away Diyatalawa: "For once Robin Hood has been caught napping. There's a confusion in your references."

After diligent enquiries made by Robin Hood, it is now sure that the words of "Mariya Maw Kuse, Nisala Me Reye" (one and the same song) are by veteran teacher of St. Jo-

seph's College, Colombo, Mr. ANTHONY JAYAMANNE. This has been confirmed by Mr. Jayamanne himself who chuckled over the confirmation when Robin Hood contacted him over the week end.

Fr. MARCELLINE JAYEKODY wrote the words of "Samaye Rajaya Ma Mari Kuse."

Both were set to music by Mr. C. T. FERNANDO.

Now that the mist and confusion have been cleared up, Robin Hood likes to take refuge in the age-old statement: "Even Homer nods!"

★ YOUTH get together

MORATUWA youth with their parents will have a wonderful "get-together" at Our Lady of Victories Convent Hall, on 15 November, at 6 p.m.

A talent show will dominate the night. Also included in the programme is the crowning of the Cycling Champions. Remember FLYING WHEELERS' activities?

Coinciding with the talent show is the patronal feast of Moratuwa's parish priest. Admission is free and reports indicate that there will be a very strong turn-out for the occasion.

UNIQUE IN THE APOSTOLATE FOR THE SALVATION OF SOULS

Tribute to the Legion of Mary

ADDRESSING a large gathering of legionaries in Liverpool recently, the wellknown writer and preacher, Rev. Fr. Francis Ripley, Superior of England's Catholic Missionary Society, declared that there is no organisation in the Church which can exercise such a valuable apostolate for the salvation of souls as the Legion of Mary.

Fr. Ripley added that he was convinced of this after working as a curate in four parishes, as an R.A.F. chaplain, and as a member and, later, Superior of the Catholic Missionary Society.

He went on: "If any priest asks

me now what he can do to bring fervour to his parish, bring his people to the Sacraments, reclaim the lapsed and convert the irreligious, my answer is always the same; firstly, start the Legion of Mary."

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The Chinese Puzzle

EVENTS on the Sino-Indian border have been moving with a disquieting rapidity, that seems to have at last disturbed even neutralist Premier Nehru. Strange things have been happening; Chinese incursions into Indian territory have taken a serious turn, and the Indian reaction to these movements have begun to crystallize in a strongly anti-Chinese outcry.

And, of course, in India there are the Communists too — and in their ranks there is utter confusion over the recent performances of Red China. Some of their leaders have gone to great pains to show their fellow-citizens, that India's aspirations and not China's are their chief concern. But the fact remains that the Communists of India are hopelessly divided over the dispute. Perhaps this will really prove to be a test-case, and is the stage when the crucial question should be asked: if the worst were to happen and the situation were to deteriorate, on which side would the Indian Communists fight? The glaring instances of France and Italy are there for all to remember. Mons. Thorez, the Communist leader of France, and Signor Togliatti, the Red leader of Italy, proclaimed to the world some ten years ago when N.A.T.O. was being forged, that if their countries entered upon war with Russia, they would unhesitatingly line up with Russia.

In the present impasse in India, one wonders what Party Secretary Ghosh would have to say — in the event of a worsening of the situation, what would be the stand of India's Communist Party? Would India's Reds relay the Big Brother's Voice from China, or would they be at pains to make a display of some kind of loyalty to their own fatherland, India? The performance of the Indian Communist Party so far has not been very inspiring. Vacillation, strange and most unjustifiable quibbling and hair-splitting, then an occasional burst of patriotism, and ultimately even division. In fact, Mrs. Indira Nehru Gandhi has expressed the very same doubts and fears. And if a lesson is to be drawn from all this, the question in our minds is this: Here in Ceylon, if the choice for our local Reds is one between Ceylon and China or Russia, where will their loyalties lie?

And all the while, the uproar in India has been increasing. The All-India Students' Congress has had a "Throw back the Aggressors Day"; other youth volunteers are also organising; Socialists marched on the Premier's residence to demand stronger action; the Praja Socialist Party has carried on a vociferous campaign against the apparent vacillation and verbal fencing of the Government; certain sections of the Press have spoken out very strongly; and even some of the Indian Reds were criticising China's incursions into Indian territory. Nehru himself has shown a considerable stiffening of attitude, and has begun to talk a tougher language, as we pointed out last week.

But the toughest of the official voices that have been heard so far is undoubtedly a statement made over the government-controlled All-India Radio on Sunday night. What had been brushed aside before as minor border incidents, and what Mr. Krishna Menon with all his verbal dexterity had treated as a minor affair, was now described in very forthright terms in the following words:

"It is a threat to India's security from a powerful nation, which as the Prime Minister has said, is aggressive and showing its pride and arrogance of might."

We sincerely feel that many will welcome this outspoken broadcast over All-India Radio, particularly as it has pointed out a planned campaign, connecting the rape of Tibet with the incursions into India, and with the other Chinese attempts at making inroads into neighbouring countries. Here is the disturbing catalogue. On the Burma-Chinese border there has been constant trouble and claims to Burmese territory have been made in more than one place; "Laos, Cambodia and Siam also have their share of irritation from China," All-India Radio added; on the Sikkim border too, troops are concentrating; and if we are to take the statement of a prominent member of India's Praja Socialist Party seriously, then it would appear that at the recent meeting between Indian Communist leaders and Chinese leaders, the former were advised to prepare Bengal and Assam for "liberation."

What really is Red China up to? Has she given up the period of smooth talk and sweet phrases, the time of courting India and the Asian nations? Does she feel strong enough in Asia, and secure enough in the knowledge of her own strength (North Vietnam's Red President Ho Chi Minh told the Italian Communist newspaper recently that the Chinese will have nuclear weapons in the very near future), that she feels she can sacrifice much else? Has the period of *pancha seela* ended, and is it to be the well-known and well-remembered phase of expansionism?

All-India Radio went on to make a diagnosis of the situation which appeared strange to us. "I should say that Chinese activities have nothing to do with world Communism or even Chinese Communism, but they have something to do with Chinese expansionism," the commentator said. "However correct it may be that China has exhibited a spirit of expansionism before, we feel strongly that it would be utterly folly and naive to divorce the present events from China's Communism."

So far, it was one kind of blindness that closed India's eyes (and the eyes of so many others) to the activities of the Communists; is it now going to be another? So far, it was one kind of myopic vision that led Nehru and his Defence Minister Krishna Menon to think no evil of their mighty Communist neighbour, and to close their eyes to all their nibbling on the Ladakh frontier; for all their brave talk of today, will the myopia continue while they live in a world of make-believe?

It is our considered opinion that unless and until India's leaders take one step further (they have already travelled very far from their original position), and see in Chinese Communism (as in all Communism) the evil thing that it is, and that unless they see in Communist policy a well-knit, well-calculated, well-planned, concerted campaign for conquest, they would still be living in a fools' paradise of their own creation. What is happening in South-East Asia today — in Tibet, on the Indian frontier, on the Burmese, Laotian, Cambodian and Siamese frontiers — is what happened in Eastern Europe some years earlier. All those nations are today "satellites," Red states, without freedom.

CURRENT COMMENT

by the Editor

SOCIALISTS JOSTLE for POSITION — S.L.F.P. vs. Dr. N. M. Perera

S.L.F.P. Trade Union Boss, Dr. W. D. de Silva, has in his forthright manner said just the thing that we have long been wanting to say, and he has asked just the question that we have long been wanting to ask. We have only one grouse against him: he does not allow his mental processes to go far enough to do some self-examination, which would have uncovered for him the indefensible and illogical position that the S.L.F.P. has itself adopted on this entire question.

"Let us remind Dr. N. M. Perera," said Dr. de Silva in the course of a recent statement to the Press, "that socialism is a much prostituted word, and Mr. Bandaranaike's socialism was antagonistic both in approach and result to Dr. Perera's brand."

No truer word could be said than this: that "socialism is indeed a much prostituted word." It is something which we have been trying to say for years now, that under the cloak of "socialism" various things were being foisted on the country, and persons of various political colours were trying to take refuge.

It is not our intention to delve into the doctrinal intricacies of the entire gamut of parties which stake a claim to the label of "socialist" — but suffice it to say that here in Ceylon, we have the S.L.F.P., the L.S.S.P., the V.L.S.S.P., the U.N.P., the C.P., as well as the two more recent creations of Mr. Iriyagolle and of Mr. S. D. Bandaranayake, all shouting out from the house-tops that they indeed are the genuine socialist stuff. And the stranger phenomenon still, has been the dexterity with which Parties of Left and Right have been all claiming that the brand of socialism of the late Premier was just what they themselves have all along espoused!



Dr. N. M. Perera had said very categorically that his Party and that of the late Premier were moving towards the same goal of socialism. This has been the offending statement, and Dr. W. D. de Silva has taken up cudgels on behalf of the late Prime Minister. "Dr. Perera has always claimed revolutionary Trotskyite Marxist socialism, which the late Premier never accepted," he went on to say. "Dr. Perera as a Trotskyite Marxist philosopher will admit that there is no similarity between reformism, and revolutionary movements."

Excellent! Not one word of his would we wish to alter; but there certainly is something we would wish to add. Dr. de Silva as an "S.L.F.P.-socialist philosopher" will admit that there is no similarity between reformism and revolutionary movements.

How was it then, that there was such a close alliance between the "reformism" of the S.L.F.P. and the "revolutionary movement" of the V.L.S.S.P.? How was it that the coalition jogged along for three years, proclaimed aloud all the while that the socialism of the S.L.F.P. was indeed the socialism of the Trotskyite Marxist philosopher and leader Philip Gunawardene? In other words, how is it that the S.L.F.P.-apologist who today defends the socialism of the late Premier as being entirely opposed to the Marxist Trotskyism of Dr. N. M. Perera, remained silent and continues to be silent on the socialism of the S.L.F.P., and the Marxist Trotskyism of Mr. Philip Gunawardene?

We hold no brief for Dr. N. M. Perera. But we do feel that by dragging the very elastic socialism

of the S.L.F.P. to his way of thinking, he has exposed the real weakness of a socialism that is vague, undefined, and ready to be trimmed with every political wind.

Left-wing unity?

A RECENT news-item states that the political parties of the Left have made an unofficial no-contest agreement for the Colombo Municipal elections to be held shortly. Their avowed purpose, we are told, is to keep the S.L.F.P. and the U.N.P. out.

Two thoughts come into our mind: is this the might of the Left which prattled so loud and so long about Left strength, that now they are compelled to close their ranks with the sole purpose of keeping others out? And unless our memory is playing us false, we distinctly remember the L.S.S.P., in an outburst of self-praise, proclaiming not so long ago that they would "go it alone" and would ally with no other party. Are second thoughts proving more realistic when faced with the proximity of the polls?

Dr. Malalasekera and South Africa

CEYLON is reported to have taken up a stand at the United Nations on the matter of racial discrimination in South Africa. And this is as things should be — for, wherever there is injustice, Ceylon should indeed make her voice heard.

At the same time, however, we are amused — and we are certain that others besides us would share our surprise. Dr. Malalasekera is reported to have said that it was Ceylon's "fervent hope" that it would not become necessary to take the "drastic measures" against South Africa that some member states have advocated, as a means of getting the Union to reconsider its apartheid policies. And he went on to say that the "world had been profoundly stirred and shocked" by what was happening in South Africa.

Is it really for a representative of our country abroad to talk about others being "profoundly stirred and shocked" at the racial policies of South Africa, when all the while we have ourselves a most unsavoury racial skeleton in our own national cupboard and the world was "profoundly stirred and shocked" by our own exhibition last year and after? Is it really logical for our government to attempt to settle the racial injustices of others, when we ourselves would be condemned by the very criterion that we invoke against them?

The Ethics of Gambling

THE Home Minister has once again brought this question into the limelight, and is reported to be taking a stern view of those who indulge in betting and gambling. While we do certainly realise the widespread ills accruing to the country as a result of the curse of betting and gambling,

and while we welcome most heartily this healthy interest in what has become a national curse, still, we are ourselves not in a position to say categorically that all betting and gambling are immoral.

We take up this question in passing, as we have been asked for our opinion. The Catholic Church teaches that betting and gambling in moderation and according to the person's means are not sinful, though they can be dangerous, and can very well lead to sin especially in the form of the irresponsible use of money. Hence it is not our belief that betting and gambling are in themselves wrong; they can be so, and does very often deteriorate into something sinful, when indulged in excessively, and without regard to one's own obligations.

What about Christmas Cards?

ARE you going to give expression to your Christmas wish this year in the Christian way, or are you going to say it with elephants and lovely scenes of Ceylon? In other words, is Christmas going to be really Christmas or will it be just another of those days of feasting and rejoicing, without any meaning beyond the cake and the wine?

The purchasing of Christmas cards would already have commenced. There are many Catholics who, thank God, do indeed get the truly "Christian" cards; but even they set a limit somewhere: the "Christian" cards to their Catholic friends; but the holly and the mistletoe and the elephants and cats to others! What a strange state of affairs indeed — that a Catholic, and a good one at that, should, for some reason or other, gently take Christ out of Christmas.

We are reminding all Catholic families to be logical in their Christmas wishes — which means being Christ-ian. We are appealing to all Catholic Action bodies to make it their objective in the weeks between now and Christmas, to persuade and to help all to put Christ back into Christmas. Without Christmas cards that are truly Christ-ian, this would not be quite possible.

Christmas Poster Campaign

Here in Ceylon, a lady with a wonderful sense of Christian initiative, has brought England's Christmas-poster-campaign into our midst. For two years now she has carried on valiantly, and has done her utmost to remind people that Christmas is Christ's birthday. In our paper next week, we shall have more to say about this campaign, and how you can help in it and play your part in making this Christmas more truly Christ-ian.

CATHOLIC ACTIONISTS! — IT IS YOU WHO HAVE TO GIVE YOUR SHARE IN THIS EMINENTLY CHRISTIAN WORK!

We present this article, topical in its appeal, when there is already a spontaneous and universal clamour for the canonization of the late Pope Pius XII

THE MARIAN POPE



Monday the 16th instant, is the patronal feast-day of HIS LORDSHIP THE RT. REV. DR. EDMUND PEIRIS, O.M.I., Bishop of Chilaw.

The Messenger offers His Lordship the prayerful wishes of our Staff, and of our large family of readers.

POPE PIUS XII will be canonized. One need not be a prophet to say so. The clamour for his canonization is spontaneous and universal. Such a wide-spread and enthusiastic recognition of their saintliness has been accorded to very few saints. It has been our good fortune to witness this rare phenomenon in our day. Some of us have been granted the unforgettable privilege of seeing him face to face and kissing his holy hand and the apostolic signet of the Fisherman's Ring on his finger.

God's design was surely clearly discernible when this providential pontiff came to the throne. The war clouds were gathering. The Nazis were preparing to spring like

a man-eating tiger, hungry for its prey. Pope Pius XI, who had done his best to check the predations of the Fascists at home and abroad, had come to the end of his regime. During his pontificate he had groomed his Cardinal Secretary of State for the role which he along with the Catholic world had expected of his successor. Cardinal Pacelli was just the man for this stupendous task. Even before he was summoned to the Vatican for the highest diplomatic office he had shown his mettle in an unmistakable fashion. As Papal Nuncio in Munich he had come to grips with the armed marauders whose authority he had challenged when they invaded his chancellery.

The single dissident

It was said at that time that Hitler was intriguing to prevent the election as Pope of this fearless champion of the Church. If he did so, he could not have given the Cardinals a surer pointer to their choice. After the death of Pius XI, when the Cardinals met for the election of the new Pope, among them as well as in the world at large complete unanimity prevailed regarding their choice. Unanimity — with one exception. There was one dissident — Cardinal Pacelli. He

Prayer for the Beatification of Pope Pius XII

"O JESUS, Eternal Pontiff, who designed to raise Thy faithful servant Pius XII to the supreme dignity of Thy Vicar here on earth and to whom Thou gavest the grace of being the intrepid defender of the Faith, a courageous proclaimer of justice and peace, a luminous model of charity and of all the virtues, who with devotion glorified Thy Most Blessed Mother, deign now, in view of all his merits, to grant that being certain of his efficacious intercession with Thee, we may one day see him in the glory of the Altars. — Amen."

Permissu Superiorum.

documents are got ready for the canonization. The pious and not only the pious, would be inclined to believe the notion as authentic. What else but divine intervention could

Maho honours Patron of Travellers

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

MUCH fervent splendour marked celebrations at Maho on Sunday, 8 November, feast of St. Christopher, patron of travellers.

Preparatory novenas were sponsored by the Health, Police, Archaeological and Railway departments.

Vespers were sung on the eve of the feast by Very Rev. Fr. Marcelline Fernando, Parish Priest. St. Christopher's Choir was under the baton of Rev. Fr. S. M. D. Reginald.

Solemn High Mass on Sunday was preceded by several low Masses.

Highlight of the evening was a colourful procession of a large number of cars including several from other parts of the island.

The Pilgrim Virgin in the cemetery

THE statue of Our Lady of Fatima which has been touring the entire Parish of Thandavani in Batticaloa for the last six and a half months, was taken in procession to the Parish Cemetery at Kalliankadu on the eve of All Souls' Day. An improvised chapel with a tastefully decorated altar was erected in the cemetery by the youth of the Parish. Our Lady was solemnly installed at the cemetery and the faithful gathered in large numbers and kept vigil both night and day. The Rosary was recited continuously for the conversion of the Communist countries.

For the first time in the history of the cemetery, a Requiem Mass was offered at 4-30 p.m. by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. G. E. I. Wambeck. A sermon was preached by Rev. Fr. A. Sellar, Parish Priest of Pu'iyadikudah, before the Mass.

The proceedings closed with the blessing of the graves.

Novena of Masses for the dead

THE Annual Novena of Masses in Commemoration of the Faithful Departed conducted by the Society in Aid of the Souls in Purgatory, Kotahena, will be celebrated this year from Monday, 16th November to Wednesday, 25th November, 1959. During this period Mass will be offered each day at 6 a.m., at St. Lucia's Cathedral for this intention and during Mass the Rosary and other intercessory prayers will be recited.

OLD ANTONIANS FETE KANDY BISHOP

(by a "Messenger" reporter)

OLD Antonians gathered in large numbers last Sunday, when the Colombo Branch of the St. Anthony's College Old Boys' Association feted His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayakkara O.S.B., Bishop of Kandy.

R. I. P.

REV. Fr. Alfred Huctin, O.M.I., of Jaffna Diocese died last Sunday. The funeral took place on Monday. We request the prayers of all our readers for the repose of his soul.

The mother of Rev. Fr. Joseph Jayasuriya, O.M.I. died at Panadura on the 31st October. The prayers of readers are kindly requested for the repose of her soul.

Holy Rosary Church, Alutgama

(from Josephian, "Messenger" correspondent)

AT the extreme boundary of the Archdiocese of Colombo, there stands a small Church, by the side of the Bentota River, where the Annual Titular Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary was celebrated recently.

Solemn Vespers on Saturday was sung by the Very Revd. Fr. P. Selmer, O.M.I. and the Solemn High Mass was sung by the Revd. Fr. E. A. Bourgeois, O.M.I., on Sunday. The preacher was the Rev. Fr. Alex Fonseka, O.M.I. The procession and alms-giving followed the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Kalutara's Legionaries progress

(from JOSEPHIAN "Messenger" correspondent)

AT the inauguration of a new women's Praesidium for Kalamulla and Katukurunda, on Sunday last, the Rev. Fr. Henry Rodrigo, O.M.I., Parish Priest, said that it was remarkable that the womenfolk here were more active

than the menfolk. It is the fourth Praesidium to be established in the Mission, of which two are women's, one a mixed and the other is men's.

Mr. J. C. S. Fernando, the President of the Moratuwa Curia, explained the purport of the Legion and the functions of the officials.

Addressing the Old Boys at the Annual Mass, which was said at St. Joseph's College Chapel, His Lordship stressed the subject of loyalty, and emphasised the necessity of three factors in the life of the Catholic; a deep knowledge of the Faith, love of the Church, and an alertness to the problems of the day. Catholics should be ready, said His Lordship, to meet every attack against all that the Church stands for.

After Mass and breakfast, there was a group photograph followed by the Annual General Meeting.

The luncheon in honour of His Lordship the Bishop was held at the G.O.H. After the toasts of the Pope and Sri Lanka, Fr. Justin Perera, in his own inimitable manner, proposed the toast of the College in a speech that was packed with witticisms and anecdotes. Fr. Hilarion Rudolph, O.S.B., Principal of St. Anthony's, replied.

Mr. H. J. Billimoria, proposing the toast of the O.B.A., paid glowing tributes to the Branch Association. The President, Mr. Dodwell Berenger, replied. The toast of the Chief Guest, the Bishop, was proposed by Mr. L. A. Wijeyesinghe in a very humorous speech. His Lordship the Bishop replied, thanking the speakers for their kind references to him and the O.B.A. for arranging that function in his honour.

Toddy Tappers

(from N. T. I. Jayawardene, "Messenger" correspondent)

NOVEMBER 1st, All Saints Day, was a special religious Sunday for all the Toddy Workers within the Maggona Mission.

A special Mass was said at 8 p.m. at the St. Mary's Church, Maggona by Rev. Fr. K. D. A. Nanayakkara, O.M.I. About 50 toddy workers attended Mass and received corporate Communion.

After Mass, a special talk was held in Tamil for the toddy tappers by Rev. Fr. Alex Fonseka, O.M.I.

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voted against himself, but all the rest voted for him. Thus, in the quickest election, the Pope of Peace was elected, amid universal acclaim. How he promoted peace during his historic pontificate is now a matter of history.

But it was not peace at any price. The one quality above all others which won for Pius XII the wonder and praise of all right-minded people irrespective of race and creed was his unflinching vindication of right and his equally uncompromising condemnation of wrong: Nor was this confined to matters which came strictly within his purview as supreme head of the Church. Over and above all and what lent his high office an unquestionable importance was the fact that as Vicar of Jesus Christ there was nothing foreign to his jurisdiction. As God's spokesman, he spoke as few popes have previously spoken.

Amazing range

The amazing range of subjects on which he touched with expert knowledge it would be impossible to catalogue except in a full-length biography. Month after month and almost week after week he addressed delegations of learned men from all parts of the world, who deemed it a rare honour to listen to him on subjects peculiarly their own. He brought to these allocations a degree of certitude, born of knowledge, which it would take an ordinary man a lifetime to achieve. How did the Pope in the midst of a life full of labour and anxiety find the time and the strength for all this? He was old, and he had been dangerously ill. Once his doctors were momentarily expecting his death. The newspapers had already in type lengthy obituary notices. When they were waiting to print them off, the patient makes a sensational recovery. He shakes off disease like an old garment. Within a few days he was back at work without any trace of his struggle with death. How was it done?

In St. Peter's Square there is a picture shop. It is situated right in front of the famous second storey window which has been the tynosture of millions of eyes. This is the window from which the Pope used to bless the pilgrims gathered below. This shop had a picture which is believed to represent what took place in the sick-room of Pius XII. The aged Pope was shown, pale and haggard, stretched on his bed. By his side was shown his Divine Master raising him up to go about his Lord's business.

Supernatural manifestations

What basis there was for the artist's inspiration we do not know. Perhaps we shall know only when the

have not only restored the desperately sick Pope but so swiftly equipped him with vigour to carry on to the end of his life. The healing hand of God was surely there as the artist had delineated it. The plenitude of the Pope's mission had yet to be accomplished. To be sure, he had kept the faith and nobly adorned it. But his course was not yet run. Then in the fullness of time, when the world least expected it, he, who had defied death and given a marvellous proof of vitality, was stricken down. Before the world could get over the shock, he was dead.

There was another supernatural manifestation which set the crown on the late Pope's reign: his Divine Lady's especial favour. Devotion to the Holy Mother of God is God's precious gift to His Church. By this sign she has conquered. Whenever her Son's prerogatives have been challenged, it was by virtue of His Mother's intervention His Church has triumphed. This is historically true at all times and in all places. It was however granted to Pius XII to enhance the dignity of the Mother of God by an act which won for him the Catholic world's gratitude. The doctrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary had been implicit in Catholic belief from the earliest times. Pope Pius XII made it an article of Faith.

Dance of the sun

Our Lady's recognition of her servant's filial devotion was unmistakably clear. When the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was proclaimed, the Blessed Virgin set the seal of her approbation by the apparitions to St. Bernadette at Lourdes. At Fatima she had appeared to the three children. At the close of these apparitions the believers as well as the unbelievers were granted a sign which none could gainsay: The Dance of the Sun. On October 13, 1917, in the presence of more than 50,000 persons, the sun began to turn on itself like a wheel of fire, projecting in every direction rays of light whose colour changed many times. Thrice it stopped and then continued its strange manifestation till suddenly it seemed to detach itself from the firmament and come down in zig-zag bounds towards the earth.

God's fiery signature

That happened in 1917. Nearly forty years later, according to well-founded belief, Pope Pius XII, walking the Vatican Gardens, was vouchsafed a repetition of this portent.

It was God's own fiery signature, confirming all that had been done and said by one who will be known for all time as the Marian Pope.

**Classified
ADS**

IN MEMORIAM

Signor Alberto Baldarelli

Father of Very Rev. Fr. D. R. M. Baldarelli O.S.B.

Died in Italy on 14-8-59

A Requiem Mass will be said for the repose of his soul at the Church of Mary Immaculate, Seeduwa, today. Please pray for the repose of his soul. 990



Anthony Xavier Machado

Called to rest on 16 November 1946

Thirteen years ago you left us sad and lonely
And ever since that day we've prayed for you,
Through thirteen years of ceaseless love and sorrow
We keep you in our aching hearts so true.
Merciful Jesus grant him eternal rest.

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School Avenue,
Wellawatte. 21



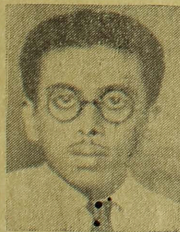
J. Cuthbert Fonseka

Born on 13.8.39
Died on 12.4.59

Sad and sudden was the parting,
Hard and painful was the blow,
God only knows how much I miss you,
And may He grant you eternal rest.

A Requiem Mass will be sung at St. James' Church, on 17th Thursday at 6.15 a.m. for the repose of his soul.

Inserted by your loving sister,
Mrs. J. Soyza of Mutwal. 967



Tilaka Leonorus Fernandopulle

Born 1st July 1927
Died 14th Nov. 1946

It's thirteen years since you departed from us,
We miss your sweet face and lovely smile.
But Jesus found it best to take you dear,
May God grant you eternal rest.
Fondly remembered and sadly missed by his sorrowing mother and sisters.
Morukkuliya,
Dankotuwa. 987

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



Annie Maria Dabrera

Died 16.11.58

Sweet Jesus grant her eternal rest.

Fondly remembered by her daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren. 934

Please pray for the soul of
Mary Beatrice Wilson

who departed this life on the 12th November, 1957.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Fondly remembered by her sorrowing husband and children. 993

Abraham Peter Casie Chetty
expired on 16.11.52

A Requiem High Mass for the repose of his soul will be sung at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena, on Tuesday the 17th November, 1959, at 7.00 a.m.

May he rest in peace. 1

Gertrude Nicholas
(died 14.9.59)

"They pass beyond our touch—
beyond our sight,
Never, thank God, beyond our love and prayers."

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Grant unto her eternal rest.

31, St. Alban's Place,
Bambalapitiya. 6

THANKSGIVINGS

MY grateful thanks to Our Lady of Fatima and Perpetual Succour, St. Jude, St. Anthony and for the prayers of Carmelite Sisters of Mattakuliya and to my brother Cuthbert for a very great favour received. Mrs. J. Soyza, Mutwal. 968

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**FEAST OF
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SEEDUWA**

Nov. 21 Saturday
7.30 p.m. Vespers

Nov. 22 Sunday
6.30 a.m. Low Mass
8.00 a.m. High Mass

Parish Priest. 998

LEGION OF MARY

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Mary, secondly, make sure that all the rules of the Handbook are observed, thirdly, get as many people into it as you can and fourthly, make the Praesidium work according to its fullest capacity.

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"The method of the personal approach to souls must be regarded as primary and essential. Other methods which seem to promise equal results may be easier or more glamorous, but the experience of twenty centuries has proved that they are always secondary and play nothing more than a supporting part, arousing interest and complementing what is done by the personal approach. "House to house visitation for

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example, has its sanction in the Holy Scriptures and the constant practice of the Church.

"I regard it as a tragedy that comparatively few praesidia are operating according to their fullest capacity.

"Most are deficient in members and such members as there are, are not using the Legion machinery for the great things it can accomplish for God and souls. Recruiting is an urgent necessity; it is the obligation of every Legionary.

I believe that if every Praesidium were being used according to its fullest capacity we would have gone a long way towards solving our major problems which are connected with the leakage and young people."

**ORDER NISI
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
COLOMBO
No. 16994/T.**

In the matter of the Intestate Estate of the late Pingamage Dona Isabellahamy of Drieberg Avenue, Colombo. — *Deceased.*

Jayasooriya Aratchige Don Elbert Jayasooriya of No. 41, Drieberg Avenue, Colombo. — *Original Petitioner.*

Vs.

1. Don Thomas Jayasooriya.
2. Dona Rita Jayasooriya both of No. 41, Drieberg Avenue, Colombo.

3. Pingamage Carolis Appuhamy of Niwandane, Ja-Ela. — *Original Respondents.*

Don Thomas Jayasooriya of No. 41, Drieberg Avenue, Colombo. — *Present Petitioner.*

AND

1. Dona Rita Jayasooriya of No. 41, Drieberg Avenue by her guardian-ad-litem.

2. Pingamage Carolis Appuhamy of Niwandane, Ja-Ela.

3. Prema Dissanayake Jayasooriya.

4. Francis Gamini Jayasooriya both of No. 41, Drieberg Avenue, Colombo. — *Present Respondents.*

This matter coming on for disposal before J. E. A. Alles, Esquire, Additional District Judge, Colombo, on the 20th day of October, 1959, in the presence of Mr. G.E.M. Mutukisna, Proctor on the part of the present petitioner and the affidavit of the present petitioner dated 16th September, 1959 having been read:

It is ordered that the present 2nd respondent abovenamed be and he is hereby declared appointed guardian-ad-litem over the present 1st respondent minor, abovenamed and the present 3rd respondent be and he is hereby declared appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the present 4th respondent minor abovenamed:

It is further ordered that the present petitioner abovenamed be and he is hereby declared entitled as the eldest son of the deceased abovenamed to have Letters of Administration de bonis non, issued to him accordingly, unless the respondents or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 26th day of November, 1959, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. J. E. A. Alles,
Additional District Judge.
This 20th day of October, 1959.

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Pope's Day

• KALUTARA

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upon Mr. Pathirana to preside over the celebrations said that those celebrations demonstrated our allegiance and loyalty to our beloved Holy Father, John XXIII, who during his first year of Pontificate alone has so aligned himself with the common man that a chorus of voices has acclaimed him as our own beloved Pontiff.

A march past, by the Scouts, Junior Red Cross Girls, preceded the hoisting of the Papal flag and unveiling of the Pope's portrait by Mr. Pathirana, who received the salute at the base of the flagstaff.



• NEGOMBO

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which was gaily decorated in Papal Colours.

At 4.30 p.m. the big bells pealed loud and clear and the Guard of honour stood to attention when Rev. Fr. Ignatius Gamlath, flanked by two little boys in the colourful uniform of the Swiss Guards, hoisted the Papal Flag to the strains of "Long Live the Pope." Fr. Gamlath then took the salute at the impressive march past of units of the Junior Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girls Guides and Crusaders from the schools of the area.

Rev. Fr. Navaratnam addressed the gathering in Tamil. He was followed by Fr. Gamlath who spoke in Sinhalese and English. The speakers dwelt on the spiritual loyalty of the members of Christ's Church to His Vicar on Earth, the successor of Peter. The recorded voice of His Holiness blessing the people was then relayed over the amplifiers.

The ceremony reached its climax when all assembled proclaimed aloud their pledge of loyalty to the Holy Father.

Rev. Fr. Gamlath assisted by Rev. Frs. Raymond Peris and Navaratnam imparted Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Papal Anthem was sung and the bugles announced the end of the ceremony.

**ORDER ABSOLUTE
(IN THE FIRST INSTANCE)
In the District Court of Colombo.
No. 18956/T**

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Wijemuni Sarah de Soya of No. 35/1, De La Salle Street, Mutwal, Colombo. — *Deceased.*

Attanayake Mathew Denzil Fernando of No. 80/3, Temple Road, Mutwal, Colombo. — *Petitioner.*

This matter coming on for disposal before J. E. A. Alles, Esquire, Additional District Judge, Colombo, on the 7th day of September 1959, in the presence of Mr. Lucian V. Perera, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner, dated 8th September 1959, having been read:

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament bearing No. 34, made by the deceased abovenamed on the 3rd day of November 1956, and attested by Mr. J. T. de Silva Abeysena, of Colombo, Notary Public, the original of which has been produced and is now deposited in this Court be and the same is hereby declared proved and that the petitioner abovenamed is the executor named therein and that he is hereby declared entitled to have Probate thereof issued to him accordingly, on his payment of estate duty and taking oath of office.

Sgd. J. E. A. Alles,
Additional District Judge.
This 7th day of September 1959.

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IT IS OUR DUTY TO PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

"ETERNAL rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them."
How conveniently do we tend to
forget the dead, even to pray for those

who, when alive, were near and dear,
to us.

Hence the Church reminds us
during the month of November, to
pray for the helpless souls who are
beseeching us to help them. During
these days we are made to hear their
soul stirring appeal, "Have pity on
me, at least you my friends, for the
hand of the Lord has touched me."

It is not only during the month of
November that the Church awakens
us to this duty. All throughout the
year, at every Mass, the priest prays

says
Nihal Jayawardene
(Schools-Mag No. 1923)

for the "Suffering Church." He
invokes the blessings of Our Lord
on all these helpless souls.

LIFE IS CHANGED

Everyone has to face that inevitable
end — death. To many, death is the
irrevocable loss of a loved one. But
the priest, even when he dons the black
vestments in a token of mourning, uses
these words, almost of exultation:
"For thy faithful, O Lord, life is
changed — not taken away." The

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THE POLKA DANCE



• IS YOUR NAME

Maurice?

ST. Maurice was a martyr who
lived during the third century.
He is the Patron Saint of Foot-
soldiers and the Pope's Swiss
Guards.

Maurice was the chief captain
(primicerius) of the celebrated The-
ban Legion, the story of which is
briefly as follows:—

In the army of Maximian Her-
cules there was a Legion (6,600 men)
consisting of Christians reunited in
Upper Egypt.

When the Emperor marched his
army across the Alps to suppress a
revolt in Gaul, he camped near Aga-
num, in Switzerland, and prepared
for the battle with public sacrifices.

The Christian Legion refused to
attack (another version says that
they refused to attack innocent
people) and were in consequence
twice decimated (every tenth man
killed).

When they still persevered in their
refusal, they were massacred en
masse.

In Art, St. Maurice is shown as a
warrior with a banner.
Feast September 22.

The Schools-Mag brings you
the team that entertained hun-
dreds recently. The Polka
Dance at the Concert by the
pupils of St. Lawrence's Con-
vent, Wellawatte, held at St.
Peter's College.

(Photo by Elroy Lourensz).

Members' Parade

2251 — 2300

2251. Luke Joseph (Bambalapitiya),
2252. Jayantha de Almeida (Gane-
mulle), 2253. Marian Fernando (Mo-
ratuwa), 2254. Vasantha Nagendra
(Kalmunai), 2255. Ashley Gerard
Oorloff (Colombo 4), 2256. J. Rienzie
Nanayakkara (Pilmatalawa), 2257.
Mary Joan Fernando (Panadura),
2258. Trevor Fernandopulle (Kotahena)
2259. J. W. Lalini Fernando (Moratuwa),
2260. Royce Fernandopulle
(Kotahena), 2261. Maureen Fernandopulle
(Kotahena), 2262. Angela Therese
de la Motte (Kandy), 2263. Pushpam
Fernandopulle (Kotahena), 2264. Sel-
varaja Perumal (Kotahena), 2265.
Patricia Saverimuttu (Colombo 4),
2266. Kathleen Antonette Livera (Nu-
gegoda), 2267. Zena Cole (Kelaniya),
2268. Sriyanthie De Andrade (Wellawatte),
2269. Dagmar Stephen (Colombo 14),
2270. Pearl M. Grand (Grand-
pass), 2271. Derrick Lisk (Gampaha),
2272. Annesley Malawana (Colombo 8),
2273. Leon Donovan Edema (Nu-
wara Eliya), 2274. Bernadette Casi-
nader (Kotahena), 2275. Brian Pereira
(Colombo 12), 2276. Shrimali Mendis
(Moratuwa), 2277. Therese Sebastian
(Kotahena), 2278. Clarence de Silva
(Colombo 6), 2279. Philomena Nirma-
lie Samaranyake (Moratuwa), 2280.
Bernadette Assey (Trincomalee), 2281.
G. Lawrence Aryanayagam (Colombo 5),
2282. Upali Silva (Colombo 10),
2283. B. Agnes Dunumale (Nugegoda),
2284. Nihal Jayasekera (Mirigama),
2285. Nihal Romauld Offen (Kandy),
2286. Premlal Jayasekera (Mirigama),
2287. Joan Maureen Schucoff (Kotahena),
2288. Nimal C. Fernando (Mo-

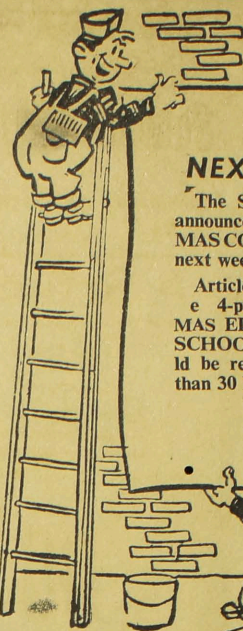
News

• Kandy

ON a recent Saturday, the Junior
Seminarists of Kandy Mount
St. Joseph's played a friendly cricket
match against the acolytes and
choristers of St. Thomas' Church,
Matale. The match was played at
St. Thomas' College grounds. The
Juniorate won the match by an inn-
ings and 33 runs.

Kandy.

T. A. S. Fernando.



NEXT WEEK!

The Schools-Mag will
announce its CHRIST-
MAS COMPETITIONS
next week.

Articles and poems for
the 4-page CHRIST-
MAS EDITION of the
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be received not later
than 30 November 1959.

SOLVE THIS RIDDLE AND WIN A PRIZE

JULITTA FERNANDO of Ave
Maria Convent, Negombo has sent
in a Riddle. We reproduce it below.

My first is in love and also in hate.
My second is in speed but not in rate.
My third is in ship and also in sail.
My fourth is in cricket but not in bail.
My fifth is in schools but not in nag.
My sixth is in horse but not in nag.
My whole is the person we all meet
On Saturday in the Schools-Mag so.

sweet.

Competitors are requested to write
the answer on a Post Card and address
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Press, Borella to reach him before
Tuesday, 17th November 1959. The
sender of the first correct solution
drawn will get a copy of THE WILD
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Ryder, etc..

We all scream for Ice-Cream

EVERYBODY — well, almost eve-
rybody likes ice-cream. If you
have a frig or a freezer you'll enjoy
making and (of course) eating this
delicacy. And even if you haven't
one you can still serve wonderful
frozen sweets if you buy a 'brick'
and dress it up with fresh fruits and
sauces. Ice cream besides being a
good mixer, provides extra entice-
ment to fresh fruits as well as to pies
and steamed puddings — says NOR-
MA DE ZILVA of Holy Family
Convent, Dehiwela. She sends these
recipes.

the ingredients except gelatine which
should be dissolved in warm water,
and, added just before the mixture
is frozen. Beat at least once during
the freezing process.

• Rosy Snow Peak

1 pt. vanilla ice cream, 4 ozs. coarse
coconut (dried), Cochineal.

METHOD: Stir two tablespoons
of coconut into the ice-cream, before
you freeze it. Pour into the refrige-
rator drawer, leaving the separating
sections, in place. Freeze until really
hard. Colour half the coconut pink
by sprinkling a few drops of Cochi-
neal on it and tossing it until it is an
even, delicate pink. Take the ice-
cream squared from the refrigerator
and quickly toss half the number in
pink coconut, half in white. Pile in
pyramid shape on a glass dish and
serve at once.

• Vanilla Ice-cream with Gelatine

1 pt. milk, 1/2 tin condensed milk,
4 tablespoons powdered full cream
milk, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 dessert
spoon gelatine (dissolved in 1/2 cup
hot water), 1 teaspoon vanilla.

METHOD: Heat the fresh milk
and add the other milks. Add all

Remember me

DEAR Jesus remember me,
Every day of my life,
Do not let me go astray,
As the prodigals of the fold.



Dear Jesus guide me
In my thoughts, words and deeds,
Protect me under thy mantle,
And never let me fall into sin.



Dear Jesus remember me always,
When I come to you for peace,
Do not let me die dear Jesus
Except in thy merciful love.

Winifred C. A. Alapart.

His first day in school

A non-Catholic was attending
a Catholic school for the first
time. Across the aisle, he saw
another boy printing the letters
J.M.J. (Jesus, Mary, Joseph)
across the top of his paper. He
was greatly puzzled, but wasn't
going to be outdone.

Across the top of his paper,
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Congrats Derek!

Dear Editor,

I read the poem by Master Derek de Silva which appeared recently and it was very interesting.

I pray to God that he may improve his talent.

Sebastian Peerez.

Matale.

Our Schools-Mag

Dear Editor,

I appreciate the interesting articles which appear in the Schools-Mag every Saturday. It is with great pleasure that I read its contents, specially Uncle Ashley's talks to teenagers. God bless Uncle Ashley for his hard work.

Emerald de Croos.

Negombo.

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Dear Editor,

The Schools-Mag is very interesting and I anxiously wait till Saturday dawns to read it. I am a student of Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya and I am in the second form.

Andrea Billimoria.

Bambalapitiya.

Bouquet for Uncle Ashley

Dear Editor,

Please tell Uncle Ashley that I'm learning a lot from his talks and that I'll always pray for him.

God bless you both.

Anthony Jackson Leitan.

Colombo 12.

The Departed

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Church thus reminds us that this life is only temporal and that we are here to prepare ourselves for the life everlasting. "What profiteth a man even if he gains the whole world and suffereth the loss of his soul?"

We can offer to God for the consolation of the poor souls in purgatory no more efficacious intercession than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Church declares that there is a purgatory and the souls detained therein are assisted by the aid of the faithful but especially by the most acceptable sacrifice of the Altar. Maybe it was this belief that inspired the dying words of St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine: "Bury my body where you will but remember my soul at the Altar of God."

OUR DUTY

Even this great saint begged for intercession. So, what greater assistance will the less-saintly souls in purgatory need! Hence it is our duty to help these poor departed souls by our prayers and by giving alms, by acts of mortification and above all by offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

What greater pleasure can man have than the happy thought that he has assisted helpless souls to enter the Kingdom of Our Heavenly Father? And O! how thankful, would they be to us. They would undoubtedly intercede for us when our time comes to face the just Judge. And He, too, will look upon us with mercy and judge us with compassion, when our sinful souls appear before His Majestic presence.

Let us, therefore, remember these helpless souls in all our prayers. Let us always thus invoke the blessing of Our All-merciful Creator: "May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

St. Anthony's College,
Wattala.

A Schools-Mag Special

DO YOU KNOW?

YOU ARE THE GIFT...

WHY does the priest wash his fingers at Mass, just after he has offered the bread and the wine to God? Surely since coming to the altar he has done nothing to get his hands dirty. So why wash his fingers now? To answer this question we must take a journey backward through time, back let us say to Rome in the year 558.

You are a boy named Mark. You and your sister Lucy have come with your mother and father to assist at Mass. Right after the sermon it is time for the Offertory. The people line up in the centre aisle and walk up to the sanctuary bearing their gifts. Your father carries a large flask of wine and, your mother some small loaves of bread. Many people carry things they have produced on their farms or made with their hands.

There is a silversmith who is bringing a large silver plate. There is an olive grower with a pot of olive oil. There is a weaver with a bolt of woollen cloth over his arm, and there is a goldsmith bearing a golden cup. You yourself are an apprentice in your father's copper shop, and so you are proudly carrying the first copper candlestick you have hammered out all by yourself. Lucy is bringing a piece of linen she has woven with her own hands.

This is the Offertory procession. You and all the people sing a psalm as you come to the altar with your gifts. There at the sanctuary gates the priest (or the deacon who helps him) takes your gifts and places them on a table. When all the gifts have been given, some of the bread and wine is carried to the altar where it will become the body and blood of Jesus and will come back to you in

MOTHER MARY

MARY DEAREST, MOTHER OF ALL,
HEAR MY LITTLE PRAYER,
BLESS AND GUARD ME EVERYDAY,
JESUS' HEAVEN TO SHARE.

Bernadette Pullenayagam.
Good Shepherd Convent,
Kotahena.

By Fr. LEO TRESE

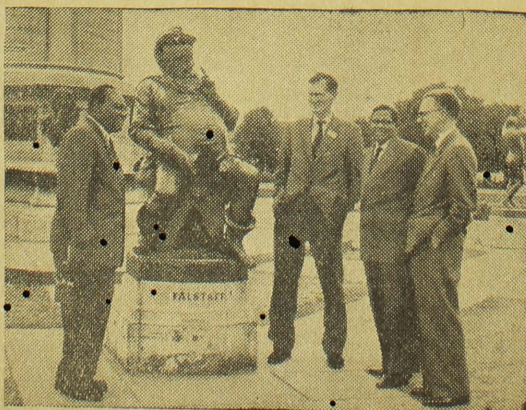
Holy Communion. The extra bread and wine plus all the other gifts will be used for the support of the church and to help poor people.

The gifts you and the other people have brought are meant to represent yourselves. When you gave your copper candlestick it was as though you said, "Here, Jesus, take me and join me to Yourself. Make me a part of the Gift which You are going to offer to God—the Gift of Yourself. I give myself to God. I promise to do always whatever He wants me to do."

We no longer have the Offertory procession at Mass. But at the Offertory we still should offer to God, through Jesus, the gift of our self. That really is the gift God wants the most.

Oh yes, and why does the priest now wash his fingers? Because in olden times his hands might be soiled after handling all the gifts. He no longer handles the gifts, but the custom of washing his hands still remains. As he does it, ask yourself: "Have I now really given God my most precious gift—myself?"

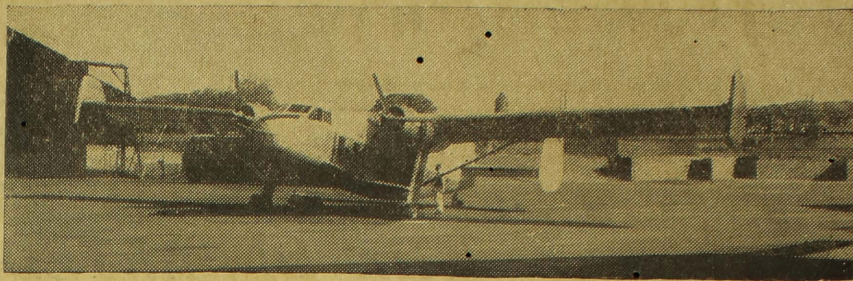
THIS IS FALSTAFF!



A statue of Shakespeare's roistering character, Falstaff, joins in a joke with four Commonwealth educationists, who visited the poet's birth-place at Stratford-on-Avon. — (Courtesy: U.K.I.S.).

SCIENCE Scrapbook

..Geophysical Survey Operations used this...



This "Twin Pioneer" aircraft was in use on geophysical survey operations. The aircraft carries prods on the wing tips which house elec-

tro-magnetic transmitters and receiver coils for use in survey work. It has a take-off run of 104 yard and a landing run of 140 yards. The

16-passenger twin engined "Twin Pioneer" offers great scope for limited landing strips. — (Courtesy: U.K.I.S.).

TALKS WITH

Juniors

THE FOUR ENDS of: SACRIFICE

My dear children,

Last week I promised to write to you on the "four ends of sacrifice." Let us examine them.

1. **WORSHIP.** — The best way of showing God our dependence and submission, of praising God and His infinite perfections, of paying our homage of worship and adoration is through the offering of Sacrifice.

2. **GRATITUDE.** — We must all be grateful to God for all His gifts and mercies. Our sacrifices meaningfully offered is the best "Thank You" we can offer to God.

3. **PETITION.** — We are needy creatures. Many are our needs, indeed. We cannot beg more sincerely and dis-

pose ourselves to receive more surely than through sacrifice.

4. **REPENTANCE.** — or Propitiation. Many are our faults, many our failings and weaknesses, many even our sins and acts of base ingratitude towards our loving Father, God. All this calls for pardon and in no better way can our repentance be expressed than through sacrifice.

All this which was true for the sacrifices of the Jews is true for us too. May God help you to offer your Masses in the same spirit.

Always in Jesus and Mary.

Uncle Ashley

(Next week: HOLOCAUST and PEACE OFFERING).

A NEGRO woman walked into an insurance office and asked whether they dealt in fire insurance.

"We do," replied the clerk.

"What do you want insured?"

"My husband."

"Then you don't want fire insurance," smiled the clerk as he reached for another form.

"What you want is life insurance?"

"No, Ah don't," exclaimed the woman.

"Ah want fire insurance. Mah husband been fired three times in de last two weeks."

PEN-GEM

Winner of last week's book prize is PHILOMENE RASIAH of St. Anthony's School, Colpetty.

What is a retreat?

LOOK up your dictionary and you will find that the word "retreat" means "to go back." Actually it is the same thing we are doing during our retreat. During a retreat we look towards the past. In the sermons the preacher reminds us about the sins we have done in the

past, explaining the faults. He also gives advice. If we adhere to his advice, we will surely be able to select the path to heaven. The question is, do we stick to his advice? Repetition helps us to gain a thorough knowledge. That is the reason why retreats are repeated.

In our childhood our young minds are very impressionable. If we are shown the proper pathway we will be remembering it for ever. A person can be corrected only in his childhood. These are some of the reasons why we should make our annual school retreat.

To our Holy Father

[On the anniversary of his Coronation]

OUR memories linger with affection,

On the fourth of last November; 'Twas the day of your coronation, Yes, this day we fondly remember. Then with the triple crown

Thou wast endowed with power divine; The children proclaimed thy renown For three roles in thee did combine — Ruler of Princes, Shepherd, And of Christ's Church the Head.

We the lambskins of thy fold Unite with stout hearts in every land To follow thee we make bold; By thee we take our loyal stand. We thank God for His gracious bounty;

For the Father whom we all revere; We pledge anew to thee our fealty — For Peter's barque thou dost steer; May Jesus bless thee, the Eternal Rock

This our wish and fervent hope — That thou gather into one fold, His flock;

— Long may you reign. God bless our Pope!

Winifred Ohlmus

All Saints' College,
Borella.

The Feminine Forum

THESE CHILDREN— who

teaches them?

THE STACKS OF BOOKS, THE SHARPENED PENCILS, THE NOTEBOOKS, THE SCRAMBLE FOR THE BEST PENS IN THE HOUSE, THE CHILDREN'S NEW SHOES... ALL PROCLAIM THE FACT. AND PARENTS IN GENERAL WELCOME THE HOUR WHEN THE CHILDREN GET BACK TO SCHOOL.

BUT THAT shouldn't mean that we retire from action. Too often parents send their children off to school and then sit back complacently. Those parents figure that they have done their duty.

True, the child is getting a good education, but there is more to it than that. The home must co-operate with the school. After all, the home was the first school of the child; and mother and dad were his first and most important teachers. They can't retire from these roles even though the youngster has graduated into the classroom.

It is the parents' definite responsibility to see that before the child reaches school age he has had religious and moral instruction. The seeds of religious devotion and true moral concepts should be sown by the parents when the child is young.

PARENTAL OBLIGATION

THE CHIEF methods of teaching a child are by instruction and example. By far the more powerful of these is example. This imposes an obligation on parents. They can't expect results with a "do as I say, not as I do" attitude.

You can't expect your children to say their prayers if you don't. You can't expect them to be truthful if they see you deal lightly with the truth. And if you go only infrequently to church how can you expect more of them? It's a child's natural impulse to imitate.

AS PARENTS we are definitely on the spot. Surprisingly enough, children can and often do alert mother and dad. The simple sincere example of the fervent faith and devotion of a child can bring the entire family closer to God.

Many a school teacher today can tell you of the hours she spends



teaching her pupils prayers they should have learned at mother's and dad's knee. But this isn't the most discouraging part—it's the

they've forgotten their prayers because they haven't said them for a long time. Many of those who could go to church haven't done so because "no one else at home did" or because "mother and dad didn't go either."

By

Mrs. James B. Cronyn

fact that the child doesn't say the prayers at home when he does learn them. Teacher's can't perform miracles. Parents have to help. It must be appalling to teachers to hear from youngsters that

REMEMBER... our children's secure religious future depends almost entirely on our present attitude towards God, His Church and on our way of life.

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GARNERED SHEAVES

Under this heading we bring you every month beautiful poems that are worth knowing. This particular poem reproduced below was found in the desk of Charles Dickens after his death:

THE CHILDREN

When the lessons and tasks are all ended
And the school for the day is dismissed,
And the little ones gather around me
To bid me 'good-night' and be kissed;
Ah! the little white arms that encircle
My neck in a tender embrace,
Ah! the smiles that are haloes of heaven
Shedding sunshine and love in my face.

And when they are gone I sit dreaming
Of my childhood too lovely to last,
Of love that my heart will remember
When it wakes to the pulse of the past,
Ere the world and its wickedness made me
A partner of sorrow and sin
And the glory of God was about me
And the glory of gladness within.

Ah! my heart grown weak as a woman's
And the fountains of feeling will flow
When I think of the paths steep and stony
Where the feet of the dear ones must go;
Of the mountains of sin hanging o'er them,

Of the tempests of fate blowing wild,
Ah! there's nothing on earth half so holy
As the innocent heart of a child.

Seek not a life for the dear ones
All radiant as others have done—
But that life may have just as much shadow
To temper the gleam of the sun;
I would pray God to guard them from evil
But my prayer would bound back to myself
For a seraph may pray for a sinner
But a sinner must pray for himself.

The twig is so easily bended
I have banished the rule and the rod
I have taught them the goodness of knowledge
They have taught me the goodness of God.
My heart is a dungeon of darkness
Where I shut them, for breaking a Rule
My form is sufficient correction
My love is the law of the school.

I shall leave the old house in the autumn
To traverse its threshold no more,
Ah! how I shall sigh for the dear ones
That meet me each morn at the door
I shall miss the good nights and the kisses
And the gush of their innocent glee,
The group on the green and the flowers
That are brought every morning to me.

I shall miss them at morn and at eve
Their song in the school and the street,

If you have money problems

IS money your servant or your master?

"Some people seem to have a gift for managing money," says a story in the October Catholic Digest. "Others are forever being made unhappy about money problems."

The first group, the magazine explains, regard money as a medium of exchange, nothing more. The second group allows money to become a symbol of something else: power, affection or guilt.

To check your own attitudes toward money, ask yourself these questions:

- (1) Do you find it difficult to buy things you need and can well afford?
- (2) Are you making life drab by denying yourself or your family ordinary pleasures?
- (3) Do you often squander money?
- (4) Are you always giving more presents than you get, especially to people whose esteem you crave?
- (5) Do you use money-making ability as a yard-stick for judging people?
- (6) Do you constantly work to capacity, fearing that, if you stop, disaster will overtake you?
- (7) Do you think that if you just had more money all your troubles would vanish?

Musings on Bombshells!

"EVERYTHING depends on keeping up the supply of bombshells," said a great man. What a sensational world this would be, if we could only contrive to retain unspoiled, the childish capacity for wonder!

One day, my little grand-son and I set out for a walk. But we didn't go far. He stopped by the wayside, every now and then. Once he picked up a large, beautiful shell, held it near his ear and came running to me, exclaiming, "Listen! there is music in it." Then he darted towards some oleander trees, to look for butterfly-eggs. "Oh! here they are on this leaf," he shouted and "now let us go home," he decided. Thus ended our walk. But watching the different stages, till a chrysalis slit and a beautiful butterfly flew away from a large bottle, was a thrilling experience for the child.

Why, for a moment, my thoughts turned to this earthly life of ours. Our "buying and selling" and our petty squabbles that often keep us down on the ground in the "grub-b" stage. Oh, for wings of noble thoughts and acts, to set us free to fly higher!

I think a convert is like a child, full of glorious amazements. The Mass, the central act of Catholic worship, prayed with the priest, supporting him, yet guided by him, opens new vistas of treasures to a convert as years go by.

I always like to be in a place where I could see every movement of the priest. Sometimes I wonder how crowds, on special occasions, far away from the altar, could follow Mass. Then I wish there were three or four altars where all could pray the Mass with the priests without distraction! But where are the priests to be found? "The harvest truly is great but the labourers are few." Perhaps that is a challenge to the young.

"I will go unto the altar of God." It is an inspiring sight, when a young priest "with the holy oils still fresh upon his consecrated hands" exultantly says those words. So it is, when we see a priest of mature age, with his experience and perhaps honours too, and when the older one, who is nearing eternity says the same words "who giveth joy to my youth?" with exultation, it is still more wonder-

I shall miss the low hum of their voices
And the tramp of their delicate feet.
When the lessons and tasks are all ended
And death says the school is dismissed
May the little ones gather around me
And bid me 'good-night' and be kissed.

ful, and, to me, the silent, pleading sort of gesture by the priest, as he says "Ora te Fratres" is soul-stirring. I wonder if all are responding to that plea. "My sacrifice and yours..." How rich it will be if the whole church could fervently respond in our hearts. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, at your hands...

by R. P.

I am still like a baby among the bombshells of my new experiences. Oh, that I may contrive to retain unspoiled, the capacity to wonder! "To me nothing is so consoling, so piercing, so thrilling, so overcoming as the Mass..." While I was reading that wonderful book on the life of St. Bernadette, I came across the following lines on the Eucharistic Procession: "At the moment, the Virgin is left alone in her grotto. The Aves are silent. There is no voice but for the host. The mother withdraws from sight."

She sends all her children to make a royal body-guard for her Divine Son. Rejoicing to hear Him hailed by the lips of thousands, she unites her prayers to the voice of the crowd:

"Lord, he whom Thou lovest is sick."
"Lord make me see."
"Only say a word and I shall be healed."

Perhaps, I say to myself, "that is what the mother wants us to do during Mass, to make a royal body-guard for her Divine Son," and "She withdraws from sight." Some say they recite the Rosary during Mass, if they feel distracted. Oh, that we may become wise enough to recapture the glorious amazements of the Mass!

Smile awhile

Four-year old Peter was hugely intrigued by his new baby sister. His parents had to warn him constantly not to touch the baby.

One hot afternoon, his father's nerves were strained too far. "Peter," he roared, "I told you not to touch the baby."

"Why, Daddy?" Peter innocently. "Does the baby bite?"

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★ Principal of St. Benedict's College says: **PARENTS MUST EXERT GREATER VIGILANCE**

(from a MESSENGER correspondent)

"THE MAJORITY OF TODAY'S PARENTS ADOPT A PASSIVE ATTITUDE AND OF TOTAL INDIFFERENCE; TOO EASILY THEY EXCUSE THE LACK OF REGULARITY AND PUNCTUALITY OF THEIR CHILDREN," DECLARED REV. BRO. ATHANASIOS, F.S.C., PRINCIPAL OF ST. BENEDICT'S COLLEGE, COLOMBO, IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT READ OUT AT THE COLLEGE PRIZE GIVING, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER, 1959.

Very Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai, O.M.I., Rector of St. Joseph's College, presided and distributed the prizes. Alerting parents to a greater vigilance and cautioning them on present trends, Bro. Athanasios added that too often the efforts of teachers in the class-room were nullified in the home.

"Today the school does not play the important part it did fifty or even twenty years ago; its influence is greatly shared by the home and other agents," stated the Principal.

"The work of the School has to be complemented in the home. Parents cannot pass on their responsibility to the School, much less to the private Tutor. But along with the Teachers, the Parents can become the greatest influence in the formation and education of their children. Consequently they will have no regrets, they will have no sad disappointments."

Adverting to Parent's basic rights, Bro. Athanasios urged them to a greater awareness. He said:

"Parents have another duty to perform at a time when repeatedly the question of the Denominational Schools is at issue. It is for them to state boldly their right to choose the School, according to their own desire and conviction, and to demand of a Government, which they have elected into power and which they support by paying taxes —

the basic rights of democratic freedom, fairness and equality of treatment. Let them make it clear that not only will they not support any infringement on this democratic right but that they will openly oppose any attempt at curtailing the freedom of their rights as Parents."

Father Peter Pillai's Address

Very Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai, O.M.I., drew pointed attention to the problem of providing every able student with the means of attaining high intellectual performance, and he stressed the necessity of tackling the problem of synchronising language media at the school and University levels.

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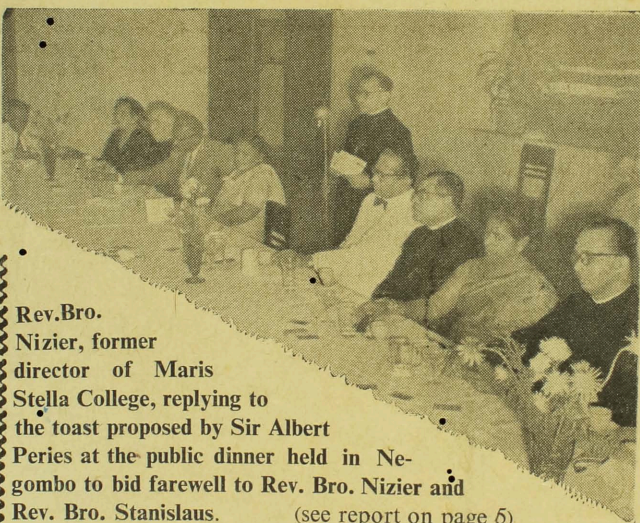
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Negombo fetes two Marist Brothers



Rev. Bro. Nizier, former director of Maris Stella College, replying to the toast proposed by Sir Albert Peries at the public dinner held in Negombo to bid farewell to Rev. Bro. Nizier and Rev. Bro. Stanislaus. (see report on page 5)

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Include Protestants in unity talks

THE Eastern Orthodox Church will never take part in any talks with the Catholic Church unless the eventual aim of unity is to include Protestants, said Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox diocese of North and South America, in Geneva.

He was speaking officially on behalf of the ecumenical patriarchate when he made the statement at the headquarters of the World Council of Churches.

General Council

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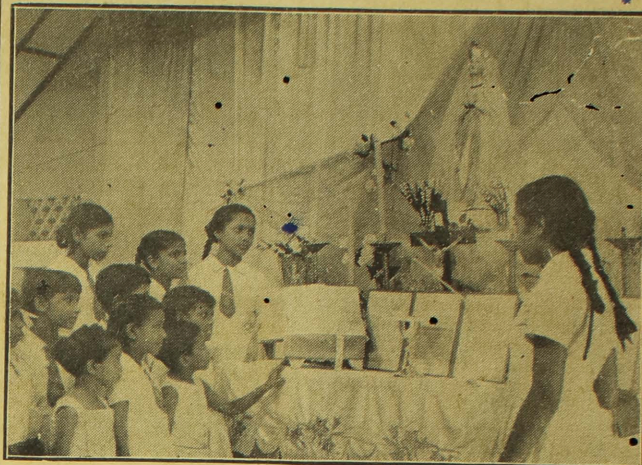
may be one fold and one shepherd."

Cardinal Tardini added that up to date more than 1,700 exhaustive replies had been received to 2,700 questionnaires sent out. "It will rest with the Pope to establish specifically what subjects are to be debated," stated Cardinal Tardini.

The Press Conference was the first ever to be held preceding an Ecumenical Council and by the Papal Secretary of State.

T.V. and newsreel cameras covered the conference.

Batticaloa Sodalists' Unique Exhibition on Holy Mass



A section of the Living Mass Exhibition

(from our correspondent)

A LIVING Mass exhibition visually presented with altars, posters, vestments, and consecrated articles used at Mass and prefaced by verbal explanation by Sodalists, drew many hundreds to St. Cecilia's School, Batticaloa recently.

It was the joint effort of the Batticaloa Regional Federation.

Rev. Fr. G. Cook, S.J., Diocesan Vice-Director, declared open the Exhibition in the unavoidable absence of His Lordship the Bishop.

Four altars representing four parts of the Mass were put up by the Sodalities of St. Cecilia's and Mt. Carmel Schools. Graphic explanations of the altar linens, altar stone, candles and actions of the priest at the altar were provided by these Sodalists.

The Sodality of St. Sebastian's School turned out neat, life-size cut-outs of priests representing six different stages in vesting. Comprehensive explanations on how the priest vests for Mass, right from the washing of the fingers to the commencement of the Mass, were provided.

The Sodality of St. Michael's College was responsible for over twenty posters on Sacred Signs. Explanations were carried out in three groups — action signs, non-

action signs and specific altar signs.

The beauty of the Holy Mass and its connection with the Sacrifice of the Old Law were depicted on other posters turned out by the Sodalities of Carmel Convent, Kalmunai and St. Cecilia's, Mt. Carmel and St. Michael's respectively.

Erected at one end of the hall was the Calvary which linked the Mass with the Sacrifice on Golgotha and the Last Supper.

To help defray expenses in connection with the Exhibition the Sodalities of Thandavanvely Parish and St. Therese's School sold paper flowers on the spot while cool drinks were sold by boys of St. Michael's.

General arrangements and publicity were in the hands of the Sodalities of Puliyantivu Parish.

It was estimated that over 450 people visited the 3-hour Exhibition.

Nuns want to run their own radio station

SISTERS of Charity in Cincinnati, Ohio, are asking the U.S. Government for permission to run a round-the-clock radio station featuring music, news, public affairs, discussions and commercials.

They want to build a station — costing about Rs. 270,000 — in Pittsburgh.

If the request is granted, it will be

the first venture into broadcasting by a woman's religious congregation.

Congregations of men own and operate several radio and television stations.

"We feel we cannot dwell and dawdle in an age of the horse and buggy if we hope to do the job that is so necessary for modern America," the sisters said.

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VARIETY SHOW

featuring LYLIE GODRIDGE, GERRY CRAKE, CAMMILLUS ANANDAPPA, DUDLEY PERERA, THE FOUR CHORDS, ITALYAIRES, ETC.

at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 22nd Nov., '59
AT ST. PETER'S COLLEGE, BAMBALAPITIYA

IN AID OF

ST. MARY'S CHARITIES, DEHIWELA and
GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT, KOTAHENA.