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## Thirteen years after — and still no signs of freedom

**TODAY**  
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### Ceylon's Bishops pay their respects..

(by a "Messenger" reporter)

ON TUESDAY, AT 11 A.M., THE ENTIRE HIERARCHY OF CEYLON PAID THEIR RESPECTS TO THE LATE PREMIER, MR. BANDARANAIKE.

His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, the Bishops of Galle, Chilaw, Jaffna and Trincomalee, and the Vicar-General of Kandy, went to the House of Representatives where the body of the late Premier was lying in state. The Very Rev. Fr. Peter A. Pillai, O.M.I., Vicar-General of Colombo, who accompanied the Bishops, laid the wreath by the side of the coffin.

Later, His Grace the Archbishop and the Bishop of Jaffna, accompanied by Very Rev. Fr. Peter A. Pillai, visited Mrs. Bandaranaike at Rosmead Place, and offered her the condolences of the Catholics of Ceylon.

### ...and the new Premier

At 3 p.m. that same afternoon, all the Bishops paid an official call on the new Prime Minister, the Hon. Mr. W. Dahanayake, at his official residence at "Temple Trees." In the course of the affable conversation that followed the Bishops pledged the loyalty of the Catholics to the new Premier.

### Pontiff alters prayer that speaks of Jews

POPE John has eliminated direct reference to Jews and Moslems from the Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart.

The prayer was prescribed by Leo XIII in 1899, when he consecrated all mankind to the Sacred Heart.

He called the consecration "the great act" of his pontificate.

Last week news agencies wrongly reported that the prayer was a new prayer for unity.

Pope John has ordered changes in the prayer out of respect for other religions. One phrase spoke of "the darkness of Islam."

Last Easter he deleted the word "perfidious" from the Good Friday prayers in deference to the Jews.

### U.N. head is father of 8

THE new president of the United Nations General Assembly, Dr. Victor Belandier of Peru, is a Catholic, an authority on international law, an author and a family man — he has eight children and 18 grandchildren.

His day begins with 8 a.m. Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral and, he says, at least twice each day he tries to get a laugh in the interests of "serenity and health."

### Time up for Tito to free Cardinal Stepinac

In the obscurity and silence of a little village of Yugoslavia, cut off from Rome, his diocese and the world, a Prince of the Church, His Eminence Cardinal Aloysius Stepinac, completed last Wednesday thirteen years of imprisonment and solitary confinement — a victim of the religious suppression and intolerance of Marshal Tito's Communist regime.

Thirteen years ago last Wednesday, there commenced the infamous Communist trial in Yugoslavia of Archbishop Stepinac of Zagreb. It ended as it was expected it would end — with the condemnation of the Archbishop to 16 years of forced labour.

That trial was to be the first in a long series of Communist trials of leading clerics. But subsequent ones were to take a different turn — for, contrary to expectations, Archbishop Stepinac had dared to defy his Communist masters, and to deliver a courageous address at the trial, which

was a scathing indictment of Marshal Tito's pretence at justice and religious freedom. Every single one of the accusations against the Archbishop was torn to shreds... but the sentence followed. Other Princes of the Church were thereafter duly "treated" before they appeared in Court.

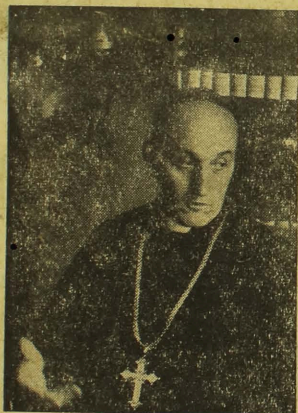
It was while he was a prisoner that His Holiness Pope Pius XII conferred on the heroic Archbishop the dignity of the Red hat, making him a Cardinal of the Church. But the new Cardinal could never go to Rome, nor receive the red hat.

Since 1951, he is no longer actually in prison, but in solitary confinement in his native village of Krasic. He is now 61 and in very poor health. The full term of his sentence expires only in 1962.

But it is time that the free world should unite in asking Marshal Tito who makes such a show these days of justice and liberty (who, in fact, has been wooing Asian countries to such an extent, that he even sent a personal representative to Ceylon's Premier's funeral), to remit part of the sentence and to release Cardinal Stepinac now.

It was barely two weeks ago that Egypt released a well-known prisoner after he had completed half his sentence.

LET CARDINAL STEPINAC RETURN TO ZAGREB AND BE ABLE TO RESUME HIS EPISCOPAL DUTIES NOT IN 1962 — BUT IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR!



### Superior-General spends week in Ceylon

(by a "Messenger" reporter)

AS already announced in the Messenger last week, the Very Rev. Fr. G. Godfrey Spiekman, S.S.S., Superior-General of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, arrived in Ceylon last Sunday night. He left the island on Friday, after completing his second official visit to the foundation of the

Congregation at St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah.

Continuing his visits to the Fathers of the Congregation, the Superior-General proceeds from Ceylon to Manila, Australia, South and North America, and finally Canada, before he returns to Rome shortly after Christmas. This forms part of his regular two-yearly visits to all the missions of the Congregation all over the world.

In the course of an interview, the Superior-General said that in the past ten years, there has been a most gratifying progress of the Congregation. He spoke in particular of Africa, the most promising field of progress, where nine Houses of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers have been set up, and where indigenous vocations are coming in.

Fr. Spiekman who became Superior-General of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers in 1949, has had a very varied career. After his ecclesiastical studies in Rome, he became Professor of Philosophy and Dogma, and later Superior. During the last war, he was a prisoner of the Nazis for two years. Today, he heads a Congregation which works in all five continents of the world.

### Rome prepares for Mission Sunday

(from our correspondent)

IN preparation for World Mission Sunday which falls on October 18th this year, on the Sunday previous, feast-day of the Divine Maternity of Mary, His Holiness the Pope will celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Basilica.

As the official announcement of the event says, the Pope is expected to deliver an address on the occasion, directed chiefly to 300 missionaries of various nationalities to whom he will hand over the missionary crucifixes.

The Pope is giving every emphasis to this year's Mission Sunday, the first of his Pontificate, and next Sunday's ceremony is intended as a direct preparation for the great day.

### EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW



### At today's Consecration at

### Katugastota

## THIS COUPLE WILL MISS A HEART-BEAT!

TWO persons in a crowd four-thousand-strong will miss a rapid heart-beat this morning when St. Anthony's College grounds, Katugastota, will hum and titter with a brimful of anticipation.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Simon Pallegge Nanayakkara — proud and beaming father, prouder and more-beaming mother whose eldest-born will be raised to the dignity of the Church's episcopacy today.

One day last week as I stepped into their quiet home off Devala Road, Pagoda, in Nugegoda, Mr. Nanayakkara lay propped up in bed.

For two-and-a-half years he has been bed-ridden — with paralysis.

Long-limbed, lanky, stretched on his bed in a Spartan room with the eyes of the Blessed Virgin looking down from a picture, Mr. Nanayakkara confessed to me that he had one grand dream unfulfilled.

It will be fulfilled to the last letter this morning. In a halting, belaboured

but still vibrant voice he said: "they will carry me to Kandy for my son's Consecration."

And his eyes grew a little misty, a little sad, with the poignant ache of the old, old memories of a vanished past and a fond son romping about the house. By his side, on the bed lay last week's Messenger.

Mr. Nanayakkara has pots of ink in his veins. He has been a newspaperman for thirty-one years. Attached to a local contemporary, he has worked under seven Editors and found journalism to be a hub of intense activity, guts and plenty of kick in it, he told me.

He downed his pen unwillingly two and a half years ago when partial paralysis of the right arm crept in like a thief in the night, to wrest him away from the enticing fields of journalism he had loved so long.

He questioned him about his son, soon to be consecrated Bishop of Kandy.

"The finest boy a father ever had," — the father labelled the son. "I never had any occasion to reprimand him. He was so perfectly obedient and docile all his life. I never had to use a harsh word to him any day," he said. "His mummy will tell you all about him."

Mrs. Nanayakkara has always been dreaming of a priest-son. Her most sorrowful years, I gathered, came when circumstances prevented her son from his objective and instead drove him to join the ranks of govern-

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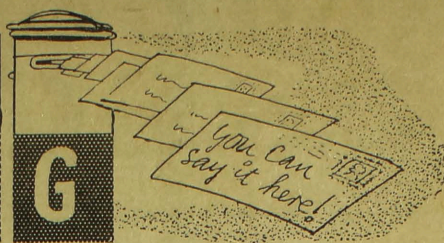
### Polish Reds aid churches

CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI, Primate of Poland, is reported to have thanked Poland's Communist Government for its aid in repairing war damaged churches.

According to the Polish Catholic weekly newspaper Tygodnik Powszechny, the Cardinal praised the Government's policy of aiding reconstruction of damaged churches as part of preserving elements of Polish history.



# WEEKLY POST BAG



## State Monopoly vs. the Denominational System

THE battle of the Schools is on again. The Parents' Right is being challenged by some who urge the taking over by the State of all Denominational Schools and the establishing of State monopoly. Others, no less vehemently, maintain this Right to be fundamental and repudiate the view that the State has the right and power to take it away from its subject.

A little analysis of the constitution of the opposing camps and of the arguments put forward is rather revealing, though also somewhat puzzling, as to the real motives behind the move. Among the champions of State monopoly we find, naturally enough, the Reds and Leftists in general. True to their principle of materialism and inborn opposition to any form of religion, they will not hear of any but the strictly secular education of State Schools. They call themselves "progressives" and the only saviours of the masses. We may not hope to convince them. We also find, rather surprisingly, a section of a religious body, called the All-Ceylon Buddhist Congress who while proclaiming themselves fervent Buddhists, are ready to hand over their own Schools to the State and entrust the education of their children to, professedly and officially neutral

educators. This Congress does not reflect the opinion of all Buddhists, certainly not that of the intelligent, well balanced leaders in charge of important institutions like the B.T.S. the Buddhist Society and others still, nor does it heed the weighty pronouncements of Buddhist religious leaders in the matter. We might be told to mind our own business. But their demand for State monopoly includes all Schools, and this concerns us.

In the other camp we find Catholics, Protestants and other Denominational bodies, including religious-minded Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims. All these place spiritual values first and insist on their right to have schools of their own, in which to educate their children. Denominationalists are dubbed "reactionaries" "anti-nationalists," "imperialists" in the service of America, and Catholics, of course, the stooges of the Vatican. These slogans are pretty well known now.

As for the arguments brought forward the adversaries of Denominational Schools are fond of referring, not always correctly nor carefully, to what they call the modern trend. State monopoly, they glibly proclaim, is the educational system in vogue and operative in most countries, in America, England, Holland, Belgium and other countries. But it is not so, and they should know it. Of late, the lie was given in the Press to these bold, misleading, haphazard

assertions regarding Holland, Belgium and other countries. But the wrong impression had been created and the lie will stick.

The case of America is particularly interesting. Far from enforcing State monopoly by law, the Right of Parents in the matter of the education of their children, has officially been declared a fundamental right and any interference with it to be unconstitutional.

### SOLD OUT!

COULD any of your readers kindly spare a few copies of the Catholic Messenger of the 5th September 1959 please? I have tried hard to get them but every copy has been sold out. — Mrs. M. Perera, 46, Kurungala Road, Minuwangoda.

The "Oregon School Law" was passed in 1922, when the influence of the Klu Klux Klan was at its height. Directed primarily against the Catholic Schools of Oregon, the Law made it obligatory on parents in that State to remove their children from private or parochial Schools and send them to State Schools.

The State action was challenged by the Catholics supported by other educational societies, including non-Catholic Societies.

The Federal D. C. decided in favour of the challengers in April 1924. The case was then carried on behalf of the State to the U.S. Supreme Court which declared the Oregon School Law unconstitutional. S. C. Justice James Clark Mc Reynolds in the course of his written judgement said: "The fundamental theory of worship upon which all Governments in this Union repose, excludes any general power of the State to standardize the children by forcing them to accept instruction from public (State) teachers only. The child is not the mere creature of the State; those who nurture him and direct his destiny, have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognise and prepare him for additional qualifications."

In wild and vociferous demands, the Monopolists have it; but in sober, solid and objective reasoning, the Denominationalists must prevail.

Galle.

### What is the big game?

AMERICA has received Mr. Krushchev with mingled feelings. In spite of Mr. Nixon's request that it should be a decently "courteous reception" there were stonefaced, implacable, silent crowds who lined the route as he passed by and even some who heckled him to the point

of his taking off. Americans appear to have given him a reception ranging uncertainly from boiling point to deep freeze treatment yet in everybody's mind the thought uppermost has been "What now is Mr. Krushchev's big game?"

It was clever timing on his part to have landed on American soil just when his rocket had landed on the surface of the moon. It was perhaps this sense of achievement which gave a touch of bravado to his utterances. But it would do well for Mr. Krushchev to remember that "the race is not always for the swiftest and the battle for the strong."

If the ice of the cold war has begun to crumble just at the moment that an atomic powered ice-breaker has been invented; if Mr. Krushchev has really come to America with open heart and good intentions to agree with President Eisenhower that human beings are more valuable than bread and that groups of people have a right to conduct their lives as they think fittest, then the coming of Mr. Krushchev to America is an event which is almost of an apocalyptic order.

As ordered by Our Lady let us who are Catholics repent of our sins and pray earnestly for the conversion of Mr. Krushchev and Russia for nothing is impossible for Our Lady to achieve, if we would only give her the necessary backing.

(Mrs.) C. P. M. Abeysekera.

Jayanipura.

### Liberty of education

WHEN statism wishes to favour us with a single school system, we thank them gratefully but refuse; liberty of education is closer to our heart. But if we refuse strict uniformity, we must settle for a reasonable pluralism based on mutual respect — respect that does not exclude but rather encourages collaboration of all honest forces.

Colombo.

W. L. S. C.

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My wife and I returned to Ceylon only a few days back after our holiday in England, which followed the pilgrimage and tour arranged by you in 1959. I am now taking the opportunity of writing to express our appreciation and thanks for the wonderful time you gave us.

We are sorry we did not participate in your tour to the Holy Land; but the Coach Tour itself, from Rome to London, which we joined with the rest of the party, proved to us that everything had been well organised to satisfy everyone. Apart from visiting religious places, you had given us the opportunity of visiting very interesting and historical cities right through the continent. It is only now that we can realise the amount of trouble you have taken in organising a tour to maintain the confidence and satisfaction of so many who took part.

Welisara,  
Ragama, Ceylon,  
15th August, 1959.

Your genial personality and your readiness to help and see to the comfort and welfare of everyone was no doubt appreciated by all. We wish you all success in your future tours, which we are sure will be as successful or even better.

With best regards,  
Yours sincerely,  
Walwin Perera."

"Dear Mr. Hettyarachchi,

I think it was a splendid tour. I must say that as one of the members of your 1958 party, I enjoyed the trip immensely and for the modest cost involved the things we saw and the places we visited were many indeed.

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# ARE WE NEARING THE END OF A LONG

WITH each new "strand" in the Messenger it is becoming clearer and clearer that interest in Fr. Vaz and all that concerns him, especially the determination to uncover evidence that will lead to a discovery of the Apostle's grave, is growing apace. Not professional historians alone, but even "laymen," "non-specialists," (ugly word, but it is difficult to avoid it) are beginning to make their contribution towards repaying the debt we owe this great missionary hero of our land.

It was on the 8th September, 1699, 260 years ago, that Fr. Vaz's second Church in Kandy was completed (the first having been razed to the ground) and the first Mass said, with great ceremony, in the midst of a large number of Catholics from the entire district.

Two hundred and sixty years constitute a fairly long period of time, and the Catholics of this country perhaps tend to take their Catholic past rather too much for granted. Of course the memory of Ceylon's Apostle has never, at any stage, altogether vanished from the public mind. And there have been those who have, with a truly commendable zeal, helped to keep that memory green, by their studies and writings and enthusiasm and persevering efforts. Some of them are no more with us, like Mgr. Ladislaus Zaleski, Fr. S. G. Perera, Fr. Philip Caspersz, and Mr. Raymond Perera. Amongst those who are still with us, and very much so, and who still continue to give proof of their tireless and unflagging interest, are His Lordship Bishop Edmund Peiris, Fr. V. Perniola, Fr. Claude Lawrence, and Mr. V. M. A. Ludowyk. I must own that I have mentioned only such names as spring readily to the mind at the moment. But even a complete list would, I am afraid, give us no more than a small and rather select group. It would not, therefore, be wrong to say that it is only now that a popular and more widespread interest is beginning at last to be shown in Fr. Joseph Vaz—in the story of his life and the progress of his cause. My own belated concern in this matter (after a shameful remissness in the past for which there can be no excuse) should be proof and evidence of this.

This enthusiasm must at any cost be sustained, fed by a spirit of faith, a sense of devotion and gratitude, and a realization of how much we shall need the intercession of Fr. Vaz in the dark days to come. That intercession too, thank God, is beginning to be more increasingly sought, as both general observation and private communications give us reason to believe.

## Silver thread

Strands from the Story—12th September, 1959—mentions a Mahaweli Ganga project to be undertaken by the Government during the next financial year, and says that the Mahaweli may well be "the silver thread in our story."

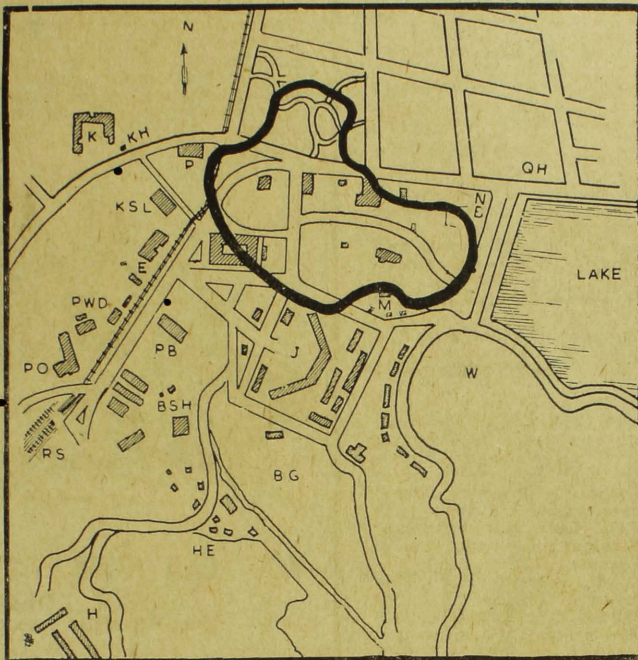
Silver thread indeed, for the silver river of the Mahaweli encircles the city of Kandy where Fr. Joseph Vaz lies buried. And even when we come to locating the site of Fr. Vaz's second Church, the "silver stream" enters into the story once again. For it is known for a fact that this Church was in the vicinity of the place to which the King came every year "to await the water that is brought from the river after the *diyakapuma* or the 'water cutting' ceremony at the end of the Asala Perahera." (S. G. Perera: *Life*, 2nd Ed., p. 158, *The Oratorian Mission in Ceylon*, pp. 16-17).

## ... and striking ceremony

This ceremony of cutting or beating or striking the water is described in graphic detail by the Disave of Vellassa in an account of the Asala Perahera of August 19th, 1817 (*Ceylon Government Gazette*, 13th September, 1817).

The Disave's account says that after offerings were made to the images of the Gods at the devales, the procession proceeded to the river at Gatembe or Ganoruwa. Now we know that "the Church stood at some distance from the road that ran from the palace to the ford of Ganoruwa, over the stone bridge at

## PROGRESS REPORT ON FR. VAZ'S CAUSE



## KEY TO MAP

QH—Queen's Hotel; NB—National Bank; W—Wace Park; M—Mosque; J—Jail; BG—Bogambara Grounds; HE—Hantanne Estate; H—Hospital; RS—Railway Station; PO—Post Office; PWD—

P.W.D. Office; PB—Police Barracks; BSH—Boy Scout Headquarters; E—Electric Station; KSL—Kandy Social Service League Building; P—Police Station; K—Pillayar Kovil; KH—Kumara Hapuwa.

The thick black line outlines the one-time Bogambara Vava. It may have been slightly larger on the south side.

Bogambara... (S. G. Perera, *Life*, 2nd Ed., p. 157).

Among the five ferries across the river to Kandy were those at Katugastota and Ganoruwa. The road to the Ganoruwa ferry ran over the stone bridge at Bogambara. This bridge, at the entrance to the city, is mentioned by the Dutch Ambassador to Kandy in 1747, Gustaf Lodewyk of Libehere.

That the area was called Bogambara there can be little doubt. Richard Van Minnen, another Dutch Ambassador, who had come to Kandy at the very time of the burning down of Fr. Vaz's Church, refers to it in his journal under date 25th March, 1746, as "the church at Bogambara." (*Dutch Archives* D. 633, f. 60, quoted by S. G. Perera, *Life*, 2nd Ed., p. 158). This is confirmed by Juan Mendocce, Sacristan of Wahakotte (*The Orientalist*, III, 40) and by yet others.

As for the exact site of the Church, the first thing to remember is that parts of the old Bogambara Vava (then existing) have been since filled in at various times and built on. Add to this the fact that the old town of Kandy was sacked in 1765 by the Dutch, and in 1803 and 1815 by the Kandyans themselves as they retreated before the advance of the British troops.

A map of Kandy drawn in or around 1745 (when the Church was destroyed), and giving an outline of Bogambara Vava, would certainly help to narrow down the search.

## Kumara Kapuwa?

Fr. S. G. Perera (*Life*, 2nd Ed., p. 158), the late Fr. Philip Caspersz (*Venerable Fr. Joseph Vaz*, Goa, Vol. VI, 1937-38, pp. 169-175, and 219), and others who have made a careful study of the subject are inclined to the view that the church probably stood near the place called

Hapugaha Kadavata, by the side of the road now called Colombo Street, opposite the Pillayar Kovil.

Mr. V. M. A. Ludowyk, that faithful and ardent devotee of Fr. Joseph Vaz, writes to me that Mr. P. Dolapihilla (an authority on this period of Kandy's history; he has written a book on Kandy in pre-British times which is now in course of publication) told him in the course of a conversation that the spot where the King awaited the return of the Perahera after the *diyakapuma* ceremony was the same as that at which the Basnayake Nilame now awaits its return, viz., in front of the Pillayar Kovil at Katukelle. Mr. Dolapihilla went on to say that an attempt by Sri Wickrema Rajasinghe to bring about a change of venue, did not meet with success.

I have been wondering whether this place coincides with that called *Kumara Kapuwa*, referred to by the Disave of Vellassa in his description (which I have already cited earlier) of the Asala Perahera of 19th August 1817. "This being done they land, and having placed the water pitchers and swords in the *randolies*, they return with the procession to the city. The two *adhikaramas* and the chiefs who may not have accompanied the ceremony to the river, meet on the road, when returning, at a place called *Kumara Kapuwa*, and accompany it to Asgiri vihara."

## Palliyawatte

Messenger readers will remember my reference some time ago to a suggestion that a land on which a church once stood would very probably come to be known, and so be mentioned in title deeds, as *Palliyawatte*. An article by Fr. Philip Caspersz entitled "The Problem of Fr. Vaz's Grave" (*The Antonian*, Kandy, 1937; *Venerable Fr. Joseph Vaz*, Goa, March 1948) has this in the concluding paragraph: "... I am informed that this very locality (the land between the

Power House and the Police Station) had formerly been known as *Palliyawatte*..." The land in question is in the vicinity of the Pillayar Kovil.

The tireless and persistent Mr. Ludowyk, on questioning Fr. Caspersz as to the source of his information, was told that it was obtained from either

side the pale of possibility. Add to this the fact that, according to Pedro da Saldanha, that part of the city was cold, especially during the rainy season, and that Do Rego (in his "Life of Fr. Vaz," 195) claims that before the church was built the locality was uninhabited and believed to be haunted.

## LONG TRAIL?

Mr. R. L. Perera, proctor of Kegalle, or his brother (also a proctor in the same town) who had once worked on a land case in the locality mentioned.

On the other hand Mr. P. Dolapihilla has in his possession the title deeds of a land which is situated about two hundred yards away from the Ampitiya end of the Kandy Lake on the right side of the road as you proceed to the National Seminary. Interestingly enough, in these title

As for the mysterious "Anthonimalle," though both the first and the second churches would seem to have been dedicated to Our Lady, there is evidence of the great esteem in which St. Anthony was held. For when, on one occasion, Fr. Joseph Vaz was keen to demonstrate to the people the unrestricted liberty the Church enjoyed in the King's domains, he decided to celebrate the feast of "the wonder-worker St. Anthony" with special solemnity in the city of

## asks Fr. Justin Perera

deeds too, there is mention of *Palliyawatte*. Mr. Dolapihilla believes that it is along this route (which at one stage skirts this land) that Narendra Sinha made his way when he proceeded from Kundasale to Kandy. If this conjecture is correct, then this route must have been one of the roads, possibly the main road, to the old capital.

Could this second *Palliyawatte*, mentioned by Mr. Dolapihilla, be perhaps the site of Fr. Vaz's first church which was destroyed by his enemies during his absence from Kandy? That would explain the name the land subsequently took on.

## Hantanne again?

Or could it possibly coincide with the site on which the second church was built, the "Hantanne site," favoured by not a few, amongst them a man well versed in the topography and history of Kandy, Mr. Albert Godamune?

It seems certain that the new and larger church was built on a site donated by Antonio d'Orta; that it was in the southern suburb of the city, "but lying within the city proper which had been marked off by a ditch from ancient times." (S. G. Perera, *Life*, p. 157).

According to Ralph Pieris, "the city itself extended to a couple of square miles in the immediate vicinity of the palace, an area marked off by a ditch cut by the last King, renewing an old one, with slight alterations. The ditch kept along the hill above Asgiri Vihara, came down to Mahiyawa, near the present cemetery, thence round Udavatta Kale and on the Ampitiya Road, about half a mile from the head of the Lake." (*Sinhalese Social Organization: the Kandy Period*: 1956, p. 3, n. 2).

The author makes reference to Dambuve Nayake Unanase's Evidence in the Malvatta Vihara Land Case (*Temple Lands Commission*, 1857). Udavatta Kale, the King's great thick, was within the city, and was strictly interdicted as a royal preserve. The forest of Hantanne was on the opposite side of the Lake, and outside the limits of the city (the Peradeniya range of this vast forest now belongs to the University of Ceylon). Though outside the city, it was likewise interdicted. That a belt of forest land encircled Kandy is clear also from D'Oyly (*Diary*, 21 and 23 Oct., 1810), and Tennent (Vol. II, p. 203).

If then, Hantanne was outside the city, it could not have possibly been the site of the second church and so of Fr. Vaz's grave. On the other hand, it was in those days a tremendously extensive forest. We have also seen that the ditch cut by the last King, and marking off the city, renewed an old one "with slight alterations." It is not impossible, therefore, that parts of Hantanne forest in those earlier days were within the city. And though interdicted royal forests (like Hantanne and Udavatta Kale), and royal villages, were part of *rajasantaka* or Crown Land, the King, not infrequently, gifted such lands and villages to temples and individuals.

The Hantanne site, then, cannot be ruled out altogether as being out-

Kandy.

## 'Anthonimalle'

"Many people came to the feast, both Catholics and others, and the solemnity was published throughout the whole island." The statues of Our Lady, St. Anthony, and of Saints Peter and Paul (probably all the statues they could command) were carried in procession through the streets of Kandy with music and singing and dancing and the firing of guns.

Heedless of warnings, they carried out their resolve, "trusting to Providence and with prayers to our Saint." The weather kept clear, and "this was reason enough to give thanks to the Lord and praise the power of His faithful confessor and wonder-worker, St. Anthony."

There is also a reference to "the chapel and sanctuary that was recently built, as the church was too small for the people." Was this chapel perhaps dedicated to St. Anthony?

## The mosque theory

Though Fr. S. G. Perera held that the tradition connecting the church of Fr. Vaz with the present mosque cannot lightly be rejected, the evidence tends more and more to exclude this theory. However, I mention it for the sake of completeness. It is held by, among others, the well-known antiquarian, Major C. Raven-

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## ANOTHER PROBE for the TOMB

“Seismological Sounding” — Says Boston Jesuit

TO Mr. Gajanayake of Modera we are indebted for the following cutting from the Catholic Universe Bulletin (U.S.A.) 17 April 1959 that increases our expectancy of coming upon Father's Tomb scientifically. It will not be the less Provisionally, for right from now we can proclaim it “Provisional” that this news of Boston's achievements should have strayed into the poor office of our Secretariate. Without keeping the Reader in suspense any longer here is the cutting as it stands.

## FINDING 2000-YEAR-OLD HOLES

“Dig a hole in your back yard and fill it up,” said Jesuit Father Daniel Linehan, “and we could come back in 50 years and tell you right where it was.”

“Or, for that matter, in 2000 years.”

Father Linehan, director of the Weston Observatory at Boston College, was here last Friday for a talk at Case Tech.

He explained in an interview how his seismological soundings in the early 1950s provided a road map for excavations still going on at the Vatican, in and around St. Peter's tomb.

Using a compact, portable seismograph, Father Linehan's team was able to find ancient buried walls and even places where the earth had been disturbed by man — close to 2,000 years ago.

The seismograph measured shock waves made by small powder charges and — for safety's sake — by hitting a buried metal plate with a sledge-hammer.

Father Linehan said his team found enough to keep the excavators busy for decades.

The Jesuit's Case talk was about recent expeditions to the Antarctic, which he has visited three times.

He was the first to measure the thickness of the ice at the South Pole itself by seismic soundings, and his study of safety factors helped find sites for International Geophysical Year bases. One of them is Wilkes Station, from which Jesuit Father Henry Birkenhauer of John Carroll University recently returned.

Father Linehan has also travelled north in an expedition to pinpoint the location of the north magnetic pole. He said seven seismograph teams from Boston College are doing the groundwork — literally — for engineering projects all over the Western Hemisphere.

They tell road, rail-road and dam builders what kind of earth they'll have to move and build on, and where they'll run into rock.

Father Linehan himself is air-hopping around the U.S. on a tour which has him giving 40 lectures in 36 days, mostly to scientific groups. The tour is sponsored by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Locally, Father Linehan's appearance was sponsored by the Cleveland Geological Society and the geology departments at Case and Western Reserve.

Examining this news-item closely for what hope it holds out to us, we may note the following:

(i) the process, as far as we the uninitiated can grasp, is somewhat different from the electronic method described by the German Exploration Association; for here Fr. Linehan speaks of “shock waves made by small powder charges and by hitting a buried metal plate with a sledge-hammer.”

(ii) the process does not seem to be unwieldy since Fr. Linehan says that one “small” place like Weston Observatory of Boston College has seven teams out at work at the present time.

(iii) their ability has been demonstrated already in several important undertakings, including the underground mapping at the Vatican for St. Peter's Tomb. So that we may take Fr. Linehan at his word when he claims that his seismograph teams can find “ancient buried walls and even places where the earth has merely been disturbed by man close to two thousand years ago.”

Our problem is a matter of a mere 20 years. Following up this precious find, our next step seems obviously to be getting into contact with Fr. Linehan of Boston College. This could be done in a variety of ways: (a) through the Catholic Universe Bulletin, (b) through the Jesuit Fathers, (c) through Bishop Fulton Sheen who is such a great friend of mission-lands and wields such power in America. His Lordship might even settle the inevitable question of finances for the project. Space-rocketing our dreams, we can imagine that Bishop Sheen might even bring the Boston Seismo-

graph team out personally himself.

Our Secretariate throws out the idea: there are several persons who could take it up and write to America. Mentioning Bishop Sheen, we have naturally to think of Frs. Noel Cruz and Alexander Ranasinghe. However, we leave the entire matter to our new worker Mr. Gajanayake (127/1, Centre Road, Colombo 15) trusting that our other Knights will not allow him to go to sleep over it.

### LIFE IN SINHALESE

In answer to an inquiry from the same correspondent we have found out that St. Vincent's Home, Maggona, has 200 copies of Mr. Kuruppu's “Life of Fr. Vaz” in Sinhalese. They are available, there at Re. 1 a copy; we should really join hands and buy off the entire stock for distribution or supply from here.

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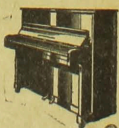
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## FR.VAZ — Progress Report

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Hart, and by Mr. Frank Mudannayeke. The latter suggests that a search in the Land Department of the Kandy Kachcheri may yield the document vesting the premises in the custody of the Malay Regiment.

### Maps

In this great quest for Fr. Vaz's church, old maps of Kandy could help to narrow down the search. The old maps relating to the town of Kandy that were in the possession of the National Museum, Kandy, have been passed on to the Municipality to be used in the re-naming of the streets. An inspection of these maps would be worthwhile.

Mr. S. A. W. Mottiau (formerly of the Government Archives) writes to say that there are not likely to be maps of any particular value to us at the Government Archives as, prior to the British occupation, the Kandyan provinces were more or less “terra incognita.” He makes some very kind and helpful suggestions, though, regarding maps subsequent to 1815

available at the Colombo Museum Library. I continue to be confident, however, that going through the Government Archives with a fine comb will not prove to be unrewarding.

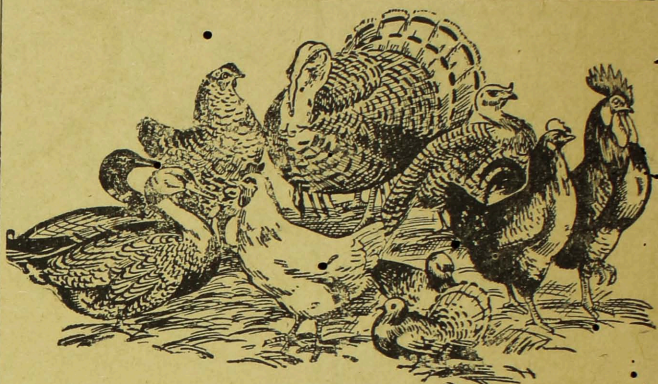
### The final count

For a final assessment of all the evidence, and for significant clues that will lead at last, in God's time, to our longed-for goal, we can count without question on the scholarship, erudition, dogged determination, and devotion to the cause, of that great lover of the Apostle of Ceylon, His Lordship Bishop Edmund Peiris. A great many of the slender hints of evidence thrown up so far may be no more than straws.

But as one enthusiastic worker wrote ten years ago:

“Let us garner the wisps and bind them in sheaves. Holy Church is experienced enough to tell the chaff from the wheat. She can do more:

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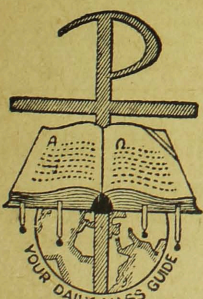
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Thursday, 8 October: St. Bridget. White.

Friday, 9 October: St. John Leonard. White. 2nd prayer of Sts. Dionysius and Companions.

Saturday, 10 October: Mass of Our Lady. White. 2nd prayer of St. Francis Borgia. Preface of B.V.M.

Unless otherwise stated, the prayer prescribed is always said (Archdiocese: “In time of any tribulation”).

## 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 SEPTEMBER

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# YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE MISSIONARY APOSTOLATE

WORLD Mission Day, which recurs very soon, comes to remind those who love "the coming of the Lord" of their pleasant duty of giving thanks to Him for the good work that has again been accomplished in the missions this year and also to quicken in them the sense of their responsibility toward the missionary apostolate.

Events fraught with great consequences, the complication of already existing problems and the rise of new ones, trials and tribulations, all of these combined failed to impede the Gospel ferment from continuing its silent but efficacious work. Truths "hidden from the learned and the wise" continued to be revealed to the humble who come to unite themselves with those who had already found in Christ the restorer

saders in the missionary cause, in a special way to those who are, by suffering for their Faith, contributing more than anyone else to the work of preparing for the coming of the Lord.

From behind the "curtain" their insistent voices reach us, speaking the words of St. Paul: "To this very hour we hunger and thirst, and we are naked and buffeted, and have no fixed abode. And we toil, working with our own hands.

By  
**The Most Rev. Dr. Peter Sigismondi**  
Secretary of the Sacred Congregation "de Propaganda Fide" and President of the Pontifical Mission-Aid Societies

of their humanity, the creator of their personality and the pacifier of their lives.

With increasing rhythm, Bishops, Priests, Religious and Laymen were selected for the honour to serve Christ—in the person of brothers of their own race and faith—aided in that work by missionaries, religious and lay, who are remaining at their posts or are preparing to go there, happy to contribute to the growth and strengthening of the "united witness," which is a proof and, at the same time, a guarantee of real vitality. In spite of the lack of means, always unequal to needs, churches and chapels, hospitals and schools have so increased in number as to make the solicitude of the Church for the good of souls and bodies ever more apparent.

The world, aloof or hostile, erroneously ignores how important Missionary work is in bringing about the union and peace of nations which can be attained not by any external association of interests but only by an internal process, by a return to that which is still the first source of unity: the Word of God.

We must give thanks to God for the continued carrying out of His command: "Go to the whole world, preach the Gospel to every creature." Inspirer and guide, adviser and counsellor, He has caused the troubled flock to grow; He has protected and defended sheep and shepherds, who seem at times left to the mercy of men and of hostile forces but who in reality are always under the His protective wings.

In Him and with Him let thanks be given to those who under the loving direction of the Universal Shepherd of the Church, have worked and are now working for the spread of His Kingdom: to all the humble and generous cru-

We are reviled and we bless, we are persecuted and we bear with it, we are maligned and we entreat, we have become as the refuse of this world, the offscouring of all, even until now."

The thought of the amount of work and of how much is being endured in the missions for the glory of God and the salvation of the world cannot, should not, leave anyone who bears the name Christian indifferent.

In Baptism we were constituted collaborators of God who, having become man in order to unite us to Himself, has called upon us to cause justice and peace to descend with Him, not only in that small corner where we live, but all over the world.

## Rome's appeal goes out to the world...

Such things as God has given us—the gift of prayer, gift of sacrifice, the gift of life—are not supposed to remain closed within ourselves; they are forces that we must transmit to the poorest and humblest of men.

The Missions, where the Word Made Flesh suffers and waits, are urgently asking for the greatest possible part of these gifts of ours.

Let us begin to carry out this duty of ours starting with the less arduous part, the sending of offerings and the gift of our prayer, so as to arrive, when God wills it, at the giving of our lives.

This invitation holds good for those who are the more efficient instruments of the redeeming Will of God, for the humble, the suffering, the poor and the afflicted. May their generous response, on which we know that we can fully count, avail to remind all religiously idle beings that they are retarding the hour of triumph and that their indifference toward work for the Kingdom of God is impeding the workers of the Gospel. May it also be an admonition to those who are exclusively solicitous of their own needs that what they keep themselves, refusing it to the work for the spread of the faith, might be taken from them by the spread of incredulity.

Aware of the consoling degree of collaboration that has been attained to this day, though it is unfortunately always unequal to

needs, we look forward with confidence and joy to this coming Mission Sunday.

Celebrated in charity and sacrifice, with the blessing of the Holy Father who, following in the path of His predecessors, has, from the first days of His pontificate, placed ecumenical and mission problems in the forefront of His preoccupations, Mission Sunday will bring to the sad uncertainties of the present hour an anticipated vision of the day when all the languages of the world, the voices of all the continents, will unite to acclaim the Immortal King of Ages.

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## The Lord Bishop of Kandy

TODAY'S consecration of the new Bishop of Kandy marks still another epoch in the history of the Church in Ceylon. The Catholics of the Diocese of Kandy will naturally rejoice as the consecrating Bishops — their own erstwhile Pastor, His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bernard Regno, O.S.B. — and his co-consecrators raise to the fullness of the priesthood the new Bishop, His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B. For Catholic Ceylon, and in particular for the Catholics of the Diocese of Kandy, today is a day of joy and of blessing, as thousands of the faithful kneel around the newly consecrated Bishop, while he raises his hands in episcopal benediction.

We for our part, as Ceylon's Catholic paper, reiterate together with the rest of Catholic Ceylon, our pledge of loyalty to His Lordship the Bishop of Kandy, and we implore his blessing on the apostolate of our paper. It is in that spirit of service in the cause of the Church that we publish today our special supplement dedicated to His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B., the Bishop of Kandy. It is in that same spirit, that we have singled out one particular aspect of today's ceremony, and given it all the emphasis that we possibly could: the Bishop as the corner-stone of unity in the Church.

Much of what happens in Ceylon's hill capital today will be forgotten with the passage of years. The grandeur, the pageantry, the solemnity, the rejoicing and the festivity — all these will fade away into oblivion. But one thing can never and will never be forgotten: that through it all, the Church of God has been enriched with one more successor of the apostles, one more Bishop, one more person who will embody in himself the promises of the Master, and will be a tower of strength to the Christian people, a light set on a rock to light up their path, to keep them together, and be their rock of unity.

UNITY — that should be the keyword of today's ceremony; that should be the thought that fills the minds of the thousands who flock to Kandy today, and of all other Catholics in all parts of Ceylon whose minds and hearts are surely attuned to the great things happening in Kandy. Unity in the Bishop; unity through the Bishop; unity preserved because of the Bishop...

In our special poem of salutation to His Lordship, it is this same theme that we stress — that he is the rock safeguarding and embodying the unity which should be in the Church. We also publish today a specially written article for the occasion, which too has for its central theme this same truth. We cannot resist the urge to repeat the moving lines of St. Ignatius of Antioch which the writer of the article quotes:—

*"All of you follow the Bishop as Jesus Christ followed the Father. Let no one do anything pertaining to the Church without the Bishop. Wherever the Bishop appears, there let the people be, just as, wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church."*

If there is one thing which the Church needs more than anything else today, it is a spotless, unblemished, untarnished unity at all levels. It should be a unity that is vital and dynamic; one that knows to see the Pope as Christ's Vicar on earth, the fountainhead and source of this unity, and the Bishops who continue the line of unity from the Pope downwards to their own respective regions. A Catholic who cuts himself away from his Bishop, necessarily cuts himself away from Rome, and Christ's Vicar on earth. And one who does that, is dead — broken away from the vine which alone can give life, and therefore bereft of the entire sacramental life which alone gives grace.

"Wherever the Bishop appears, there let the people be, just as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church," says St. Ignatius in words of deep solemnity. It would do well for every Catholic of Ceylon to ponder over the significance of those words, and to avail himself of today's ceremony to reflect somewhat on his own attitudes, and to ask himself the big and necessary question as to where he stands with regard to his Bishop and the Church. No Catholic can rest satisfied with mere church-going. At the best of times, it would be a travesty of his Christian vocation; at a time of travail for the Church, it would amount to betrayal. The Catholic life will be productive of good only if and when it means loyalty, unity and oneness with Christ's Vicar on earth — and this is rendered effective only in and through the Bishop.

Let everyone in Ceylon who glories in the name of Catholic, pledge anew today his faith, fidelity, loyalty and obedience to his Bishop as the symbol of that deeper unity in and through Christ's Vicar, the Pope. And let everyone of us who kneels at the feet of the Lord Bishop of Kandy on this day rendered so sacred to him and to all of us, remember the stern warning of the saint:

*"Let no one do anything pertaining to the Church without the Bishop!"*

## CURRENT / COMMENT

by the Editor

## SALUTE TO A DEAD LEADER... GREETINGS TO NEW PREMIER

FOR Ceylon, and indeed, for the whole of South-East Asia, it has been a week of tragedy, sorrow, and grief. The death of Prime Minister S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike at the hands of an assassin, has shocked persons of every class and way of thinking, and it has been received by the people with a deep sense of horror and grief. The loss of the head of the government is a distinct loss to the country; but when that loss comes about in the manner of this tragedy, it becomes a matter for deep concern and self-examination, for it reveals a serious malaise which has gripped the nation.

As His Grace the Archbishop has already said in a message to the Governor General, the Catholics of Ceylon like all other citizens of the country, feel a sense of revulsion at the tragedy that has come upon us all; and as the Catholic Bishops of Ceylon evinced by their united tribute to the departed leader last Tuesday morning, the Church in Ceylon joins the rest of the country in saluting a leader who sacrificed so much for the country he served. It is in this same spirit, that we extend to that gracious lady, Mrs. Bandaranaike, and to other members of the late Premier's family, our heartfelt sympathies in their anguish.

There have been occasions when we disagreed with the policies of the late Premier; there too were occasions, where we were constrained to be critical of him. And yet, we are second to none in this country in remaining now with bowed heads before the figure of a man who served the country for three decades in the political arena, who rose to the highest office in the country, and who strained every nerve and every ounce of his resources to serve the country he loved so well.

Although we may, at times, have disagreed with him, we have always acknowledged the greatness in him, and today we pay public tribute to a life of service, of dedication, and of constant labour in the cause of the country. He was one of the most colourful personages in the public eye, and the very magnitude of his sweeping victory in 1956 and the social revolution which he ushered in, will certainly go down in the pages of Ceylon's history. A great leader of Ceylon has ended his life; a man who was the herald of a new epoch has come to the end of the road; a man with the silver tongue has been silenced... and all Ceylon mourns the loss!

### The lesson

DEEP as the shock of the Premier's death has been, the deeper shock is surely the rude shaking up it must give the entire nation — that he should end his life at the hands of an assassin. This brutal act is but the culmination of a serious decline in public morals which unleashed forces that had hitherto not reared their ugly head in this land of ours. That is why we make our own the words of Sir John Kotelawala when he said:

*"To my mind, the shots fired at him were fired at all of us — those who want and cherish law, order and decency."*

The flames of every kind of hatred had been fanned by fanatics; racial and religious passions, in particular, had been continuously fanned; most dangerous and explosive forces had been unleashed. No wonder then that in the last few years, lawlessness and violence have been growing in Ceylon. The tragedy of the past week is the logical outcome of this dreadful state of things, and of the dangerous game that so many had been indulging in.

When everyone is in the present mood of grief and mourning, and as a tribute to our dead

leader, the best we could all do for our nation would be to try our utmost to remove the acrimony, the bitterness and the indiscipline which have gripped the land. We cannot think of a better way just now than the suggestion made by an evening contemporary "that an effort be made to extend the scope of the present all-party agreement in order to secure a moratorium on at least some of the bitter issues which have disrupted the nation in recent years, particularly concerning religion and language."

All that has divided and destroyed, spread dissension and devastation, must be battled against. This is the time for the new Government to get down to the task, and for us citizens, to pull our weight. It is not yet too late to take religion and language out of politics. Either we will have the courage to do so; or the Ceylonese nation will descend much lower than even the abyss which has produced a monstrous tragedy such as this week's.

### The new Leader

IT is in this atmosphere of a nation in mourning, that Mr. W. Dahanayake assumes the responsibilities and the distinction of the Prime Ministership. Our Bishops have already paid him the official respects of the Catholics of Ceylon. The new Premier can, of course, be certain of our loyalty at all times.

Although it is true that Mr. Dahanayake does not assume the responsibilities of his high office in a very pleasant atmosphere, it is nevertheless true that he has already received a very heartening welcome from the nation. We Catholics are second to none in paying him our homage, and we hope that his courage and his fearlessness even in the face of opposition, when principles are at stake, will never desert him. One feels fairly sure that they never will.

In the course of his first two Press statements, there occur two passages which impressed us deeply. In one of them he said:

*"We must have religion. Religion is very important to men. I must begin first by fulfilling my religious obligations."*

And then again, in the course of another interview to the Press:

*"I will hurt nobody. It's not in me to hurt anyone. My policy as Prime Minister is to be fair to all sections of the community. Whatever decision I make, I will always have to answer my conscience."*

Religion and religious influence right at the top; and at the basis of his programme, justice, fair-play and understanding of all. We feel sure that all Ceylonese will welcome these sentiments of the new Prime Minister — for these, precisely, are what Ceylon sorely needs today.

Religion, true and untarnished religion, must be there as the guiding light — religion which, as we said only last week in the course of our leader on a welcome statement by Mr. Bandaranaike,

must not be prostituted for political ends, nor made the base plaything of opportunists. And if, as we also said last week when we spoke of Mr. Bandaranaike's excellent statement on "essential freedoms," religion is to be true religion, it must be accompanied by justice and fairplay to all sections of the people. Knowing Mr. Dahanayake's record of service as Minister of Education, knowing his fearlessness when principles are at stake, even in the face of overwhelming opposition, we somehow feel that he is not the type of man who would easily go back on this statement of policy which he has enunciated on taking over the Prime Ministership.

He has already said that his task will be to provide the people of this country with the security and protection which they need to go about their day-to-day work without trepidation. We are sure that this is what the country needs most today. But if the Government is to secure peace and order in the country, a price has to be paid — discipline has to be maintained at every level throughout society, the rabble-rousers must not be given any truck, and the apostles of division and hatred must be dealt with firmly, even if all this has to be done at the cost of popularity.

### Post Script

AND so, we take farewell of a departed leader who has been laid low in a brutal and criminal manner; we do so with a heavy heart, and salute him as a man who has left his mark on the nation...

And we Catholics welcome the new leader — a man cast in a different mould, and with a different background, but with the same sense of dedication to the cause of his country. We salute the Hon. Mr. W. Dahanayake, Ceylon's fifth Prime Minister, and we feel confident that a man who has made such a solemn pledge to his people ("I will always have to answer my conscience"), will rise to the heights of his high and responsible office.

## RADIO LOG

- OCT. 3 to 5: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Tamil) — Mrs. A. Ponrajah.
- OCT. 4: 10-00 to 10-05 a.m. TALK (English) — Rev. Fr. Claude Lawrence, O.M.I.
- OCT. 5 to 11: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Sinhalese) — Rev. Fr. J. Nettasinghe.
- OCT. 11: 7-00 to 7-30 p.m. CATHOLIC HOUR PROGRAMME (English).
- OCT. 17 to 19: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY (Tamil) — Miss M. J. Manupillai.



## A Special Message from New Bishop

...on the eve of his Consecration



THE thought of a special issue of the Catholic Messenger on the day of my Consecration is a happy one. I take the opportunity to express my gratitude to the Priests, Religious and laity of the Diocese of Kandy in particular and to those of the whole of Ceylon for the kindness and goodwill shown me.

The assurance of their unstinted loyalty and devotion has given me courage and hope. I shall try to be a less unworthy instrument of God's will in the work entrusted to me. By virtue of my office, however, if I have to correct, as indeed I must, I pray God that I be merciful in correction.

If I must guide, as indeed I should, I pray God that my guidance be in accordance with truth and justice. Above all, however, I pray God that He give me a heart ever ready to encourage and to soothe, to console, assist and to bless.

✠ LEO NANAYAKKARA O.S.B.  
Bishop of Kandy.



## OFFICIAL NOTICES

### Sunday 18th, MISSION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, the 18th instant, is World Mission Sunday, when the entire Catholic world makes a concerted effort of prayer and alms for the Missions of the world.

We request all Fathers to do their utmost to make this a great event, in accordance with repeated directives of the Popes. Where possible, it would be advisable to have a triduum of prayer on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (16th, 17th and 18th), focussing the minds of the faithful on the Missions, and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Parents' Day is on Sunday the 11th, and not on the 18th. Fathers are requested to keep the 18th free for Mission Sunday.

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

### Archbishop's Appointments

October 4-6: Pastoral Visit and Confirmation Service at Ratmalana.

October 10-11: Jubilee Celebrations at St. Mary's Church, Chekku Street, Kotahena.

October 11: Parents' Day (Family Day) Celebrations at Tewatte.

October 17: Solemn Pontifical Vespers at Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Maradana.

October 18-20: Pastoral Visit and Confirmation Service at Katukurunda, Moratuwa.

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# THE LATE PREMIER— An appreciation

PERIODS of transition are, in a sense, essential to the course of history. Or else, how could political power, in Ceylon for instance, have passed from the colonial rulers to the rural population? No one will deny, whatever his political affiliation, that long after this country ceased to be ruled from Whitehall, the voice of the villager could not be heard in the assemblies of the State. There had to rise from among the people of this country a leader who would preside over this period of necessary and essential transition—and to the late Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike fell this colossal and unenviable task.

When one takes a look round at the nation's stock of politicians, one feels convinced, now more than ever before, that the late Premier and he alone could have fitted into that role of transitional leader.

He had all the embellishments that adorn the statesmen of the foreign powers that ruled us. Yet his feet were firmly planted in the countryside so much so that he

### By POLO MARCO

paid an almost weekly visit to his ancestral home.

He was hailed an orator at Oxford University and in more recent times at international parleys, yet he could hold audiences spellbound in the villages of the Vanni.

An aristocrat by birth and upbringing; he had access to the best of everything; yet it was he who was to usher in the introduction of social democracy in Ceylon.

### Outstanding quality

Much has been said and written during the past week about his career, but there is one aspect of his character which has struck me very forcibly. There are many Ceylonese in various walks of life who prefer to take things just as they are.

You might call it smugness, complacency or self-satisfaction; whatever you like. In my view, it is that type of attitude which is going to bury this nation.

If there is any outstanding quality which we might copy from the late Premier, it is his ardent passion for changing the old order.

Coupled with that passion was the other essential ingredient of social change: personal sacrifice. Show me a single person in this world who has achieved anything worth while either for his own good or for the welfare of his country without at the same time going through the mill of sacrifice; I would consider him one of God's rarities.

There was nothing to prevent the late Mr. Bandaranaike from going the way of all flesh after leading a life of comfort and ease in his country villa.

He was blessed with the good things of this earth. He realised, early in his life, that he was bound by a severe obligation to dispose of those good things for the service of his fellow men.

### EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

Continued from page 1

ment service.

Journalism, like Art, was hard and long, and cash was short in the family coffers. And her son went out to supplement the meagre income at home.

But Mrs. Nanayakkara prayed hard. And her prayers have been fulfilled.

She recounted one of her most poignant memories. "As a little boy he was devotedly attached to the Crib. Every Christmas he used to make a Christmas Crib of the Christ Child at home with infinite care," she sighed.

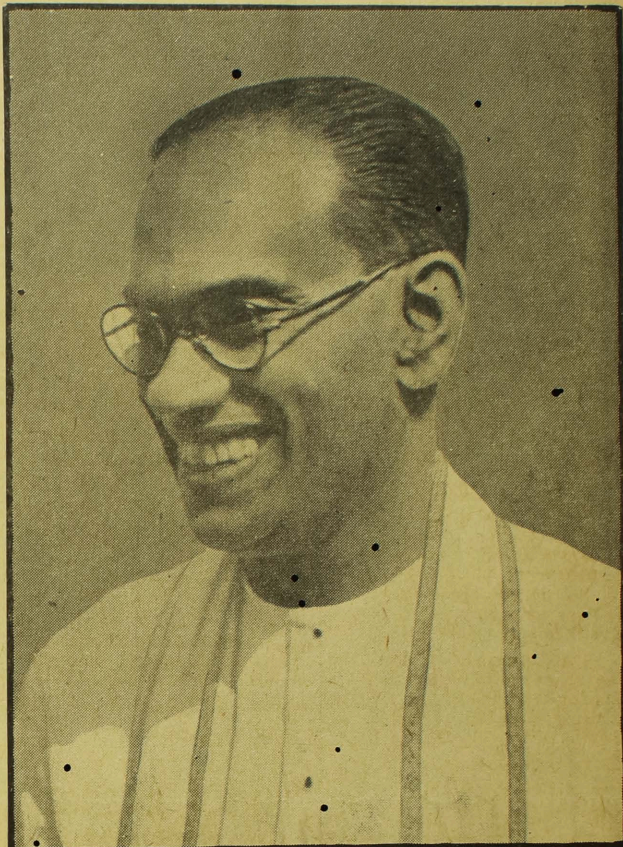
Mrs. Nanayakkara's memories ran down the river of time in a spate of happiness. "It is the greatest and happiest day of my life!" she confided.

I bet it is. Today, when this couple who have sacrificed so much, and who have shared the joys and tribulations down the long years bygone, kneel once more together, it will be a day of blessed peace for them, of a consummation only their deep hearts will experience.

career, he attempted to satisfy every section of opinion in the country.

An impossible task you might remark and one which proved to be his undoing. Suffice it to say that his greatest fault was that he wished to please everybody.

It must be placed on record that his refusal to dance dalliance with the Reds added several cubits to his stature and proved that he



What is more: he placed his time and his talents at the disposal of his country.

possessed classical vision as well as vast resources of determination and grit.

### ... and shortcomings

No man is perfect. Neither was our late Premier. It is not for me to tabulate even a short list of his shortcomings for the simple reason that the dead deserve respect even more than the living.

They have no right of self-defence, a right which our dear departed would have utilised to good purpose.

During his lifetime, particularly towards the end of his political

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With intense sorrow and deep respect, the people have laid him to rest. His record of work as well as his personal qualities will be remembered for centuries.

### The last echo

His last message was one of compassion and sympathy towards his assassin—an echo, one might say, of the Christian sentiments of his early life. May his soul rest in peace.

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### IN MEMORIAM

Francis A. B. Navaratne

Called to rest on 6.10.54

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And let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.

"Chesney,"  
Rajakadalawa. 800

### THIRD ANNIVERSARY



Mrs. Catherine Samarasinghe  
Died 10th October 1956

You were, to us, so good a mother  
So true a mother too,  
That now memory wakens still  
It's still the thought of you.

A Requiem High Mass will be sung for the repose of her soul on Saturday, the 10th October 1959, at St. Philip Neri's Church, Pettah, at 6.30 a.m.

Please pray for her soul.

Sinha Medura Walauwa,  
Kelaniya, 1 Oct., 1959. 716

### 4th ANNIVERSARY



Elizabeth  
(Mrs. J. M. J. Paiva)  
Died 4.10.55

A Requiem High Mass will be sung on Monday, the 5th October, at 6.30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya.

Fondly remembered by her sorrowing husband and children.

8, Ransivi Lane,  
Bambalapitiya. 793

### THANKSGIVINGS

MY belated but grateful thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, St. Anthony, St. Sebastian and St. Jude for numerous favours received.

(Mrs.) K. F. Perera. 788

MY grateful thanks to Blessed Martin De Porres for the many favours received on me and on my pets. H. F. R. 786

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### ORDER NISI IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO No. 18797/T.

In the matter of the Intestate Estate of Kurukusuriya John Vistarini Fernando of No. 155, Silversmith Street, Colombo 12. — Deceased.  
Kurukulasuriya Mary Magdelene Fernando, No. 155, Silversmith Street, Colombo 12. — Petitioner.  
Vs.

1. Joseph Anthony Victor Dudley Fernando.
2. Hilarian Nicholas Oliver Placidus Fernando.
3. Claude Brendon Fernando.
4. Sebastian Neville Morrison Fernando.
5. Immanuel Denis Ignatius Fernando.
6. Francis George Mervyn Fernando all of No. 155, Silversmith Street, Colombo 12.
7. Joseph Robert Fernando of 19, Cottom House Road, Negombo.

The 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th respondents being minors by their Guardian-ad-litem the 7th respondent above-named. — Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before V. Siva Supramaniam, Esquire, Additional District Judge, Colombo, on the 27th day of May 1959 in the presence of D. J. P. Fernando, proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 27th May 1959, having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner above-named be and she is hereby declared entitled as the widow of the deceased above-named to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said deceased issued to her accordingly.

It is further ordered that the 7th respondent above-named be and he is hereby declared appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the persons of 3rd to 6th respondents (minors) above-named, unless the respondents above-named or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 23rd day of July 1959, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. C. Siva Supramaniam,  
Additional District Judge. 746  
This 27th day of May 1959.

### CHURCH FEASTS

### HOLY ROSARY FESTIVAL

#### BANDIRIPPUWA

(Boralessa Mission)

4th OCT. 1959

Oct. 3, Saturday: Pontifical Vespers at 7.30 p.m. preceded by the recitation of the Rosary.

Oct. 4, Sunday: Several Low Masses from 4.30 a.m. Solemn High Mass at 8 a.m. followed by Procession.

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The Parish Priest 752  
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23-7-59: The date for showing cause against the foregoing Order Nisi is extended to 8th day of October, 1959.

Sgd. V. Siva Supramaniam,  
Additional District Judge.

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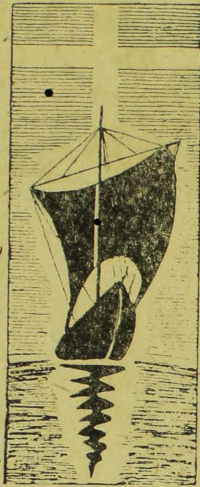


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## ADVENTUROUS PREHISTORIC TRAVELS

● Ratna Mallawaarachy of St. Benedict's College, Kotahena is very keen on Travel. He wrote earlier on "The Romance of Travel" (Schools-Mag, 18 April 1959). In this article the same writer gives readers a glimpse of some great navigators of the past who were really the pioneers of modern day travel.



"MAKE arrangements for my stay in the Middle East" an American oil capitalist says to his favourite travel agent in a big city of the States. The businessman has nothing to worry since the travel agent will make all arrangements from air passage and hotel accommodations to hiring cars and guides.

Travel has fascinated man from time immemorial. It is so convenient now nobody ever takes the trouble to think of the earliest modes of travel which were risky, leaving alone the inconvenience.

### The Phoenicians

As early as 1200 B.C. a sea-faring nation called the Phoenicians began sailing in small crafts in the Mediterranean. This fearless and adventurous nation lived to the north of Palestine inhabiting a narrow strip of coastal land between the Lebanese Mountains and the Mediterranean sea. On the slopes of these mountains were found timber suitable for ship-building. When on the summit of these mountains one could see the dim outline of the mountains of Cyprus. We can well imagine that a bold Phoenician in the early days by the sight of this far and unknown land may have been tempted to put his sailing-craft and trust that it would take him to this land.

In the course of time they explored with improved sailing crafts, farther and farther westwards, hugging the coast by day and steering by the stars at night and by the time of David, the Phoenicians had developed to be the most powerful and important naval power at that time. The two prosperous seaports of Tyre and Sidon held a name because of the trade carried out by the Phoenicians. The Phoenicians carried cargoes of other countries and by trade they became prosperous. They established trade stations in every part of the Mediterranean they explored. The modern city of Tunis in Northern Africa was founded by them as Carthage.

The most famous of the Phoenicians voyages was that which was undertaken on the instructions of the Egyptian King Necho. He ordered his Phoenicians to sail southwards from the east coast of Africa and return to Egypt by way of the "Pillars of Hercules" if it was, at all, possible. They coasted along eastern Africa, rounded Cape of Good Hope and entered the Mediterranean through the Straits of Gibraltar, with which these navigators were so familiar. This voyage took three years for completion and as the ships were not large enough to carry food, supplies for such a long period, the sailors had to go ashore and sow. After the harvest they set sail again. In this way they proved the existence of a sea-route, whose example was not followed until the time of the Portuguese.

We can guess what fearless navigators, the Phoenicians were when considering their ocean going ships which

were as a rule not larger than a modern lighter.

### The Greeks

The Greeks soon followed the example set up by the Phoenicians. They travelled mostly to conquer new lands unlike the Phoenicians who travelled in search of trade. Herodotus a Greek traveller and historian by his writings gives us a knowledge of the Geography at that time of the places he visited, namely Babylon, Asia-Minor, Syria, Egypt, Northern Africa, the Black Sea and Southern Italy. He included traveller's tales which makes his writings all the more interesting. The greatest of the conquest expedition in the pre-historic era was had by young King Alexander the Great, and his travels to the far away Orient would have definitely added to the geographical knowledge of the Greeks.

### The Romans

The Romans travelled in conquest like the Greeks and in search of trade like the Phoenicians. They travelled within their Empire i.e. the Mediterranean lands to conquer and rule and in the Orient to trade.

Sea-loving Vikings or Norsemen occupied the Norwegian fjords. Vikings sailed the high seas to reach

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Lead thy sheep, under thy tender care  
To the holy realm serene and fair  
On the foot-prints gentle and true  
On the pure ways 'neath the sky so blue.



Oh shepherd — the pride of Kandy  
May thy service lighten our misery  
In each heart  
In each thought  
Thou shalt reign  
And in the pathway of Christ mayst thou lead us on.....



May the benediction fall  
Upon the hills and streams  
Over all Kandy's loveliness.  
May Christ and His holy Mother protect thee  
And forever guide thee.

Cecilia Ratnum

Ratnapura.



## FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGEL

by S. Ronald  
D. M. Perera

GUARDIAN Angels are those angels whom God, through His divine mercy, has given to each and every one of us at the time that we are baptised. Their mission terminates only when we enter into Paradise.

Their main task in this world is to guide and lead us so that we may always be in a state of grace. If at the moment of death a soul in the state of grace is not yet worthy to see the face of the Most High, the Angel Guardian conducts it to the place of expiation and remains there with him to procure for him all the assistance and consolation in his power.

God who will one day send forth His Angels to gather the elect, also sends them from time to time into purgatory there to visit and console the suffering souls. No doubt there cannot be any relief more precious to those souls than the sight of these inhabitants of heaven, that blessed abode whither one day we will go to enjoy glorious and eternal joy.

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## PRAY A MINUTE

WHEN Mass is over and the priest has disappeared into the sacristy, most people immediately want to rush to the door. It sometimes seems that everybody in church has this same idea. They crowd the aisle and then move so slowly that it makes you stop and wonder what the hurry was all about.

Why hurry? What is the great rush? Take a minute to say a few

prayers for the priest after Mass. Such prayers will have a double effect. First, they will help the priest, who needs your spiritual support. Second, you will be rewarded yourself by being able to walk freely no pushing — no waiting — no crowding down the aisle to the door.

Ignatius J. V. Perera.  
De Mazenod College,  
Kandiana.

## Birthday Corner

OCT. 3rd — 9th

October 3: Maxwell Lodwyk (Colombo 12), Christobel Brainard (Dematagoda), Francis de Silva (Negombo), B. C. Don Paul (Colombo 15), L. Nirmala Rodrigo (Kotugoda), Celine Fernando (Ratnapura), Earl Rozairo (Kotahena), Therese N. Perera (Korallawella), Brian Adams (Colombo), Anette Balding (Maradana), Cosmas Perera (Kotahena), Aloma Wickramasinghe (Colombo 5), Dilrukshi Samarasinha (Colombo 12).

October 4: Malanie Gomez (Bambalapitiya), Ainsley Francis (Trincomelee), Mijroy Anderson (Nagoda), Nirmala Paul (Colombo), Martin Abeysekera (Kalutara), Beatrice Rayen (Dehiwela), Sophia Lazerus (Jaffna), Therese Hancock (Gampola).

October 5: Gamin Gooneratne (Colombo), Donald Adamam (Kotahena), Hyacinth Nainthy (Moratuwa), Merita De Almeida (Paiyagala), Therese Wickremasinghe (Kegalle), Mary L. Seemanpillai (Batticaloa), Assumpta Sigmaringam (Jaffna), Suma Fernando (Moratuwa), Joseph Benedict (Nuwara Eliya), A. Aloysius Marianesan (Pandatterippu), Fatima G. Chelliah (Wattala).

October 6: F. C. Philips (Colombo 6), Sherani Perera (Kelaniya), Rosemary H. A. de Silva (Galle), Patricia de Silva (Colombo 15), Cordelia Miranda (Kochchikade), Beatrice Joseph (Jaffna), Eroma de Silva (Mutwal), Rajendra Victoria (Matale), Glennie Hardie (Colombo).

October 7: Sheila Fernando (Moratuwa), Susila Jayawardana (Maggon), Hyacinth de Valliere (Wattala), Peggy H. de Silva (Kohuwella), Arlene D. Weerasinghe (Kandana), Neville J. Fernando (Negombo), Rohan Jayatilake (Colombo 5), Rose Navaratnam (Kegalle), Shirley Weerasinghe (Colombo 13), Antoinette Vaz (Kotahena), Derrick Bastiansz (Colombo 10), Gamin Goonetilleke (Kelaniya), Ushan Ramachandra (Dehiwela), Petrenella Hapuaratchy (Wattala), Merle Casie Chitty (Kotahena), Anton Ludowyke (Nugegoda), Patrick Rabot (Dehiwela), Cynthia Barthelot (Batticaloa).

October 8: Bernadette Candappa

## Members' Parade

2051 — 2100

2051. Rita de Silva (Kandy), 2052. Maureen Costa (Kandana), 2053. Brigitte Koelmeyer (Batticaloa), 2054. \*Rimal Perera (Matale), 2055. Alex Coelho (Slave Island), 2056. Sunimal Perera (Matale), 2057. Linda Alexander (Kandy), 2058. Jeyaseelam Fernando (Kochchikade), 2059. Dawn Elders (Borella), 2060. Shiranthi Perera (Matale), 2061. Therese Abeyratne (Borella), 2062. Noel Nugara (Dehiwela), 2063. Stanley Perera (Kegalle), 2064. Esther Martil (Dehiwela), 2065. Ruby Candappa (Hendala), 2066. Johana Perera (Kandy), 2067. Lalith Lowe (Colombo 15), 2068. Valerie Elders (Colombo 13), 2069. Sebastian Perez (Matale), 2070. Brenda Ammayappa (Kandana), 2071. Rienze Perera (Kelaniya), 2072. Myrtle de Almeida (Tangalle), 2073. Lakshmi Gooneratne (Nugegoda), 2074. Sherwin Dias (Colombo), 2075. Srilee Weerasinghe (Mt. Lavinia), 2076. Felicia Bastians (Hunupitiya), 2077. Puvana Tharumalingam (Colombo 13), 2078. Peter Beekmeyer (Kandy), 2079. Langston Fernando (Wattala), 2080. Priscilla de Almeida (Tangalle), 2081. Doris Ranasinghe (Paiyagala), 2082. Lilian Wijesinghe (Tangalle), 2083. Surangan Kirthisinghe (Negombo), 2084. Bernadette Cooray (Moratuwa), 2085. Angela Tisseverasinghe (Batticaloa), 2086. Leon Van Gramberg (Nugegoda), 2087. Jayasiri Senarathne (Colombo 10), 2088. Ranjan Tilakawadene (Nugegoda), 2089. Pamela Van Gramberg (Nugegoda), 2090. Loretta Alvis (Kalubowilla), 2091. Shirline Van Gramberg (Nugegoda), 2092. Camillus Perera (Dehiwela), 2093. J. P. V. Thambimuttu (Colombo 9), 2094. Phyllis Silva (Moratuwa), 2095. Anne Franco (India), 2096. Danythie Peiris (Moratuwa), 2097. Shiranee de Almeida (Colombo 10), 2098. Therese Wickramasinghe (Kegalle), 2099. Lourdes Brito (Angoda), 2100. Paul Pulle (Kotahena).  
(To be continued)

(Colombo), M. Anselm Benedict (Ingiriya), Cedric Jansz (Dehiwela), Rosemarie Wickramanayake (Kandy), Ranjini Perera (Lunuwila), Therese Marcus (Colombo 15), N. Paliawadana (Kandy), Sherina Pereira (Kandy), Malvani Suraweera (Kurunegala), Antony Masillamany (Colombo 13), Bridget P. Patrik (Batticaloa), Swanie Ferdinando (Moratuwa), Indrance Lusena (Negombo).

October 9: Daphne Ranaweera (Kurunegala), Swereen Bastianpulle (Colombo 15), Swarna Perera (Matale), Rienze Benedict (Hendala), Pamela Peris (Colombo 5), Rosemary Fernando (Moratuwa), Denis Casie Chitty (Kotahena), Miss S. Edirasinghe (Negombo), Donald Gunsekere (Wattala), Pauline Senadhira (Colombo 5).

TALKS  
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## Juniors

## Joys of Spiritual Direction

My dear children,

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The second joy is the consolation of having a friend in need — a friend with whom you can share your every secret heart-ache; a friend who can rejoice with every success you meet with.

The third joy results from the fact that you know that there's one interested in your welfare.

The fourth joy is something beyond description. It is the joy that is the fruit of regular direction. Each visit fires the mind and glad-

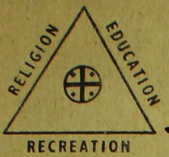
dens the heart, lightens life's yoke; sweetens the cup, and radiates a joy within, that defies description. Believe me, children, you have to experience it to realize the sacred and sublime joys of spiritual direction.

My prayer for you is that each of you will try to find a sympathetic confessor to whom you could go regularly for counsel and direction.

May Jesus and Mary help you to find such a valuable friend, a sure guide; an unfailing comforter. Always in Jesus and Mary,

Uncle Ashley





## Schools-Mag

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### • Well done, Derek!

Dear Editor,

Please extend my congratulations to Derek de Silva of St. Sylvester's College, Kandy, on his splendid poem on the "Virgin Compassionate." It is indeed a privilege to know that he is one of our talented members, and I think that every Schools-Mag member will agree with me.

Clifford Jones.

(Schools-Mag No. 7873).

(We have received a number of letters from Derek's admirers. We hope Derek will some day, God willing, blossom into a first-rate Catholic poet of whom all Schools-Mag members will be proud. — Editor).

### • Which is correct?

Dear Editor,

Miss Julitta Fernando concluded her article published in the Schools-Mag of the 19th September, on "My Favourite Saint" (St. Anthony) by stating "... it was a Tuesday and since that time the people dedicated every Tuesday to St. Anthony."

But earlier in her article she writes "Thousands and thousands flock to the shrines of the Blessed Saint (i.e. St. Anthony) on Thursdays."

These statements are contradictory. I wonder if this was due to a misprint. In any case since an erroneous statement of this nature is apt to mislead especially the non-Catholic readers of the Schools-Mag who

form a comparatively large number, I think a clarification is very necessary.

Ratna Mallawaarachchi.

("Tuesday" in Julitta's article is correct. The "Thursday" is a misprint. We regret the error. — Editor).

### • Happy Birthday to you

Dear Editor,

My Birthday is coming along and Daddy promised to have a big party on my Birthday, and we shall be glad if you will also be present at the party on 10-10-59.

Rukmal Jayasinghe

Matale.

(Many thanks for your invitation, Rukmal. Here's wishing you will have a bright Birthday Party! — Editor).

### I like Poetry!

Dear Editor,

I liked the article on 'How to write poetry' very much. It helped me to improve my poetical talent. I've written quite a number of poems — and oh, it's such fun!

Cecilia Ratnam.

Ratnapura.

### Welcome!

Dear Editor,

Please enrol me as a member of the Schools-Mag.

I am studying in Std. III at Paynter Memorial School, Nuwara Eliya. I am 9 years old.

T. Pereira.

Nuwara Eliya.

## A Painting Competition for you,

The Schools-Mag is happy to announce the fascinating series of new competitions specially arranged for school-going teen-agers and sponsored by St. Michael's Bookshop, the popular booksellers of 6-10 Jampettah Street, Colombo 13.

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We commence the series with a Colouring Competition. I'm sure you will like it. Take out your paint boxes and get ready or, if you prefer, your boxes of crayons. All you have to do next is to colour the drawing which

is below. Isn't that a lovely picture? I bet it will be lovelier still with your gay colours splashed on it.

And now for the prizes: St. Michael's Bookshop is offering two splendid prizes for the boy and girl who send us the best coloured pictures.

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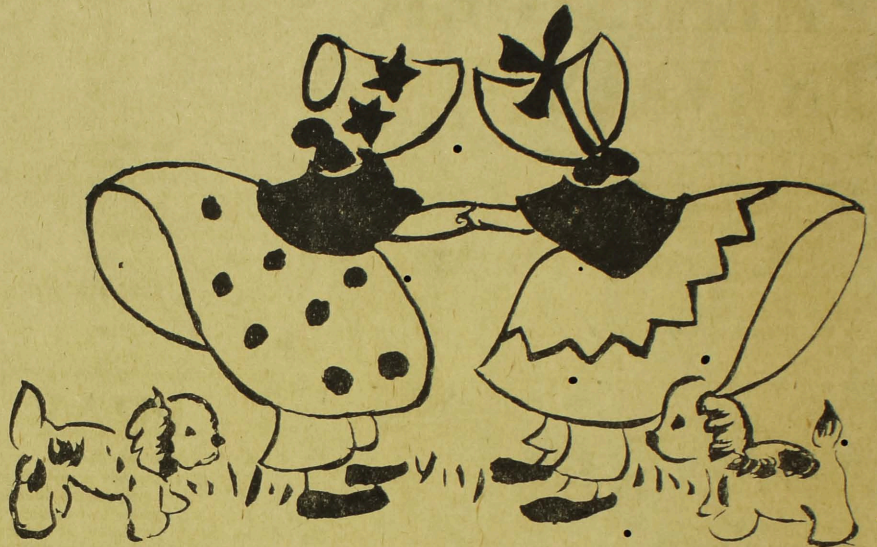
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## THE ROSARY

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meditate on the mystery of each decade of the Rosary. The Rosary is a weapon which Mary gave us to protect our faith. It must be our most treasured and most loved possession in joy or in sadness.

What a beautiful prayer the Rosary is. We must thank our Blessed Mother from the depths of our hearts for this beautiful and most simple prayer. The Rosary is there to protect us against temptation. It also gives us strength to fight temptation.

When Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette her delicate hands held the Rosary. Bead after bead we pass on while lifting our hearts to Mary.

The Rosary is a way of speaking to our Blessed Mother. Though we

recite it daily, do we ever stop for a moment and think about the love Mary had for us and thank her for it?

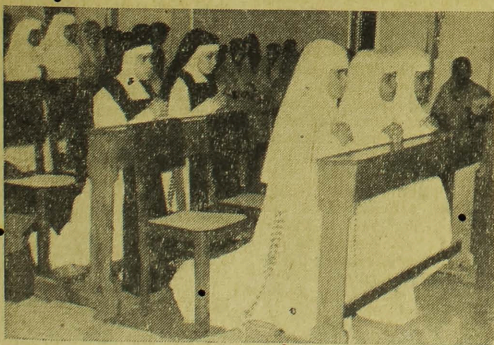
Fr. Peyton has said: 'a family that prays together stays together.' How strong must be the Rosary, that binds our families together.

When the sun sets and the day's work is done, what a wonderful thing it is to see parents and their children on bended knees reciting the Rosary.

As for me my day never feels complete unless I say the Rosary with my parents and sister. Oh! what a glorious gift our Blessed Mother has given us. Come, I say, all you Schools-Mag members, remember every night to say the Family Rosary.

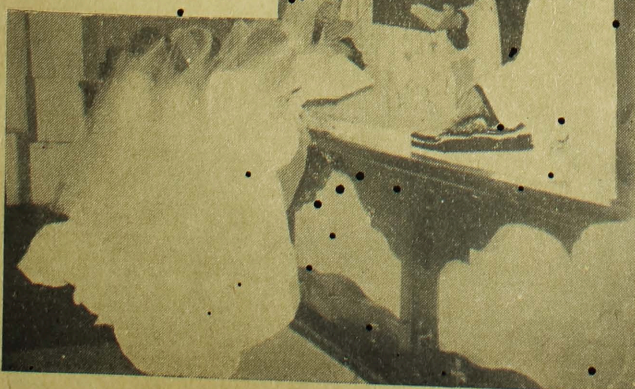
St. Joseph's Girls' School, Nugegoda.

## • Patience Hope on Religious Congregations of Nuns in Ceylon (13)



### KOTTE NOVIATE

Pictures show the recently held clothing ceremony at Our Lady of Lourdes' Noviciate at Kotte.



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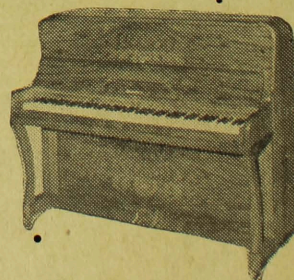
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# Feminine Forum

## LIFE'S PROBLEMS

### WHAT MUST A GIRL DO?

#### THE QUESTION

"What does a girl do when her family criticises every young man with whom she goes? I'm already twenty and feel I'm old enough to marry, but my family acts as if none of the boys in our neighbourhood is good enough for me. Dad doesn't say much; it's mother and my two brothers who do all the talking. Although I want to follow my parents' advice, how am I ever going to get married at this rate?"

#### ... AND HERE'S THE ANSWER

YOU know, Betty, your letter puts me on the spot a bit! I have always insisted that parents are obliged to exercise watchfulness and care in helping their children select suitable companions, since friendship leads to love and marriage. Likewise, I have stressed the serious obligation of children to obey their parents and to follow their reasonable advice. When applying these principles to your case, emphasis must be placed on the term reasonable.

It is a fact of experience that many parents, and mothers in particular, tend to regard the future mates of their children with a jaundiced eye. I suppose few women feel that another woman could raise someone who would be quite worthy of their own cherished "pride and joy." This is perhaps a necessary consequence of parenthood. All parents nourish glowing hopes for the future of the infants they bear, and long years of loving care frequently contribute little

to bring these hopes into focus with reality.

Perhaps an added factor in parental opposition is the unconscious fear of loss. Marriage does take children out of the home and consequently narrows the family circle. Particularly when

by  
**Rev. J. L. Thomas**

fathers and mothers have not grown closely together as husbands and wives, they tend to centre their interest and affection on their children. The possibility of the child's marriage then appears as a threat to this type of parent-child relationship and will be opposed in various ways. Opposition arising from this cause is all the more difficult to deal with

## I Went to a Wedding

THE church was fragrant with flowers — the altar laden with lovely blossoms. The arch of flowers over the seats of the bride and the groom rather spoilt the effect — cutting off the beauty of the floral arrangement on the altar.

The church started filling up, though quite a crowd was waiting for the bride on the verandah. The women were all very smart in all their wedding finery. How much time and careful preparation must have gone into those lovely outfits — how much trailing around from shop to shop to to get those matching accessories. How many of us, I wondered, give as much care and thought to our souls, how much time do we give to the preparation of our souls to meet our Maker.

#### Complexions and Sharkskins

Some of the women's clothes could have been more modest. A few were an outrage to modesty.

because its source is seldom recognized or admitted. Rather, parents rationalize it as an honest effort to seek the child's best interests.

Under these circumstances, criticism of a possible prospective mate becomes the usual procedure. It is such a subtle, devastating weapon because it gradually destroys respect for the person, whereas true love can be founded and developed only on the basis of mutual respect.

#### ON YOUR OWN

I gather from your letter, Betty, that past criticism has already caused you to drop several young men from your list. You wonder how long this is going to keep up. Well, if the criticism stems from some of the factors I have mentioned, it will continue, no matter what kind of man you meet.

What should you do? In the first place, you're old enough to know your own mind and to stand on your own feet. You can't go on picking your friends according to the likes or dislikes of your family. Above all, in selecting your future partner, remember it will be you and not your mother or brothers who will share married life with him.

Second, you know the qualities to look for in a mate. Does he have an adequate sense of responsibility, that is, can he hold a job, and is he capable of supporting a family? Is he emotionally balanced and mature, that is, has he grown up yet? Does he respect you and your sense of values? Etc., etc.

Third, although common sense tells you to weigh carefully what your parents say, you should not let your judgment of others be swayed by that shallow, carping criticism which belittles everyone outside the family circle. No young man is perfect, but then, neither are you!

#### IF YOU IGNORE

What will happen if you do ignore family opposition? Fortunately, Betty, although studies show that a good percentage of future brides or grooms were originally not wholly acceptable to their partner's parents, parental coolness proved temporary in the majority of cases. On the other hand, if it should persist unreasonably, this would be a clear indication that it was unhealthy, and you would have done well to ignore it. Remember, you are looking for your man; it is your life and your own happiness that is at stake.

Of course, it was a dreadfully hot day, sizzling even in the morning at half past eight — so much so that some complexions were in danger of disappearing altogether. Yet what struck me forcibly was the fact that if the heat was an excuse for the scanty, immodest clothes of women, what of the men. There they were, all covered up from neck to wrist and down to the toes — in shark-skin, tussore, etc., and even in tweeds. All perspiring freely with only their faces and hands not enveloped in clothing! Well! Well!

Pealing of bells announced the bride's arrival. It was a beautiful procession up the aisle — the radiantly smiling bride and her four attendants so modestly attired, yet looking very bit as if they had walked out of the pages of a fashion magazine.

During the service I noted several ladies with their heads uncovered — non-Catholics, of course. What a pity, was my first thought. Why can't we enforce the rule that all ladies must cover their heads when entering a church? After all, we respect the feelings and customs of other sects if we ever enter their temples. But came another thought — isn't it good that they who do not have the privilege of the Faith at least have the grace of coming into the Presence of Our Divine Lord in the Tabernacle because of one of His Sacraments.

#### Whispers and Giggles

It was really very saddening to see many Catholics themselves talking even during the Mass. Two girls in front were whispering and giggling all the time — a man behind had so lost all sense of time and place that he was audibly relating a racy yarn. During the homily a few young men and a couple of old walked into the garden to smoke. The whole service was over in about an hour. Could they not have waited just one hour?

It was a source of great edification to see not only the bride and groom, but all the members of their respective families receive Holy Communion. What greater gift could anyone offer?

No sooner did the bridal couple repair to the vestry to sign the register than the whole congregation seemed to start talking. Isn't it a lack of respect to treat the House of God as a drawing room? Social etiquette demands that the congregation should remain in the pews till the bride and groom walk down the aisle. It really doesn't take long to sign the register and then walk down, but if it is too much to ask and one cannot just wait another

minute to burst out with the news, isn't it better to offend etiquette and leave the church than be in the least way disrespectful to God Himself.

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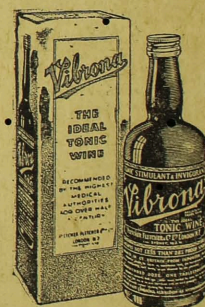
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# Total Disarmament: Does Khrushchev Mean It?

By Douglas Hyde

**BETWEEN** Mr. Khrushchev and acceptance by the West of his proposal for total disarmament stand some rather substantial ghosts. Some date from the days of the U.S.S.R.'s infancy, some from the more recent years of her strength.

Fear of war and the deep longing of ordinary folk for peace have been used by the Russian Communist leaders over the years for their own purposes. They have been used so frequently and so cynically that they have only themselves to blame if the proposals which they now make tend to be greeted with some reserve.

In Geneva in 1922, at the first international conference attended by representatives of the new Soviet government, they proposed total general disarmament. This proposal was welcomed by millions of people in a war-weary world. It helped to prepare the way for a period when large sections of the working class of the West looked to Russia as the champion of peace.

When the Disarmament Conference was held in Geneva, 10 years later, in 1932, Maxim Litvinov spoke in support of a proposal he had made to the Preparatory Commission in 1929; it was almost identical to that made by Mr. Khrushchev last month at the United Nations. It called for total disarmament in four years.

### SUPPORT

No Communist at that moment supposed for one moment that it was a practicable suggestion. But pacifism was a powerful force in almost every country of the West. It was, therefore, aimed at cashing in on the prevailing pacifist mood, getting the support of the great trade union and labour organisations of Europe—and of the liberals, too. It succeeded to a remarkable extent.

It is worth recalling Mr. Litvinov's actual words to the conference. "From the very first days of the Soviet Government's existence," he said, "it condemned war as an instrument of national policy, by deeds as well as by words, declared against all contributions and territorial annexations, and the oppression of any nation by any other, and proclaimed the principal of national self-determination."

"Ever since it has in its own policy pursued with strict consistency the line of peaceful and loyal co-operation with other States. Once war is excluded as an instrument of national policy the Soviet Government sees no need for maintaining armies and other armed forces . . ."

### SUSPECT

There was relatively little in Russia's record up to then to make those words sound insincere to people who, above all else, wanted peace. The campaign conducted by the Communist parties in support of the Soviet Government's total disarmament programme, helped to create a climate of opinion in which Communism spread as never before.

Out of it grew the great Popular Front movements which brought millions of people into line with Communist policies. Among them were Continental Right-wing socialists, liberals, Catholics and a great many intellectuals in Britain, in Europe and in the U.S.

Since those days Communist Russia has attacked Finland and Poland, annexed Latvia, Lithuania

and Estonia, oppressed half a dozen countries of Eastern Europe and mercilessly frustrated the will of the Hungarian people.

Since then, too, Russia has been joined by another great Communist Power, China, whose record in Korea and Tibet already shows that aggression does not belong simply to the Stalin period in Russia but is common to Communist countries everywhere.

It is this record which makes Mr. Khrushchev's job more difficult than Mr. Litvinov's. For it makes every Western statesman fear that Mr. Khrushchev's proposals (a) are propaganda, and (b) if accepted might be used by Russia and China in an attempt to achieve world conquest.

## Catholic School to celebrate centenary

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

**T**HE oldest Catholic English School in the Kalutara District will celebrate the centenary of its establishment in 1960, according to a resolution unanimously passed at the anniversary meeting of the Diyagoda Boys' English School Old Boys' Union held on Sunday.

The anniversary was celebrated with a cricket match between the past and the present pupils.

At the annual general meeting the Hony. Secretary's report and the Hony. Treasurer's statement of accounts were tabled.

At the end of the meeting there was a tea party for the members present.

## LASALLIAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE: Commemorative Stone Blessed

(by a Messenger reporter)

**A** VERY large and representative gathering of friends and well-wishers braved the inclemencies of the weather, and attended last Wednesday's ceremony at Diyagala Estate, for the blessing and laying of the commemorative stone for the second stage of the Technical Institute of De Mazenod College, Kandana. The Chief Guest was the Very Rev. Bro. Lawrence O'Toole, Assistant General of the Christian Brothers.

Addressing the vast gathering of ambassadors of foreign countries and representatives of various administrative departments, Old Boys of the Christian Brothers and friends, an imposing gathering of clergy and Brothers, the Assistant General expressed his satisfaction at having to preside at such a function, and added: "A function so well attended by so many distinguished guests, is a clear testimony of the general approval this latest move in Lasallian enterprise in education has evinced."

During 1958, he said, 25 new institutions had been opened by the Order, thus increasing the number of pupils to over 600,000. "But," he added, "it is clear that financial support and goodwill must be there to back up the Brothers in their new ventures." The Very Rev. Brother O'Toole then laid the foundation stone.

Earlier, the Rev. Bro. Hermenegild Joseph, Manager of the Sri Lanka Technical Institute, in welcoming the Chief Guest, said that the new Institute would educate "men of character, lovers of work well done, excellent citizens and men who would be leaders in the various spheres where they would be called upon to work."

## St. Xavier's, Kalegana

**S**T. Xavier's Junior Seminary, Kalegana, where Galle's new priest, Fr. Terence Liyanage, who was ordained last Sunday, received his early training, has outgrown its original purpose and there is need now to extend the building to meet the requirements of the diocese and to cope with the increase in vocations, for many applications have had to be refused for lack of sufficient accommodation. It has now 29 students and of its past students there are about a dozen preparing for the priesthood at the National Seminary, Ampitiya and the Papal Seminary, Poona.

## Rector's Jubilee AQUINAS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Rev. Fr. Rector's sacerdotal silver jubilee and patronal feast will be celebrated at Aquinas on Sunday, 4th October, 1959.

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# A Messenger Supplement on the occasion of the Consecration of the Bishop of Kandy

## PORTRAIT of A BISHOP

**N**ESTLING among the central hills of the country, walled-in by the Knuckles and the Hunasgiriya range, snugly set at their foot, is the little town of Matale. But for its geographical position at the valley of impregnable, hoary hills which rendered it admirably suited to serve as the northern gateway to the kings of Sengkadagala, it was little known.

To the lonely missionary from Kandy in the early nineteenth century who would risk the perils of the jungle to serve a handful of Catholics, Matale was only a Mission-station.

It was from this little, unknown, out-of-the-way place that Divine Providence had deigned to choose the first Ceylonese Bishop of the Diocese of Kandy, the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Dom Bede Beekmeyer, O.S.B., who had his education here under the late Mgr. Pius Fernando of revered memory. It is once again from this little town that Providence has chosen the second Ceylonese Bishop of Kandy, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Dom Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B., whose happy consecration takes place at Katugastota today.

### A BISHOP IS BORN

It was in the year 1917 when the first Great War was almost coming to an end, on the 26th of November, by some strange coincidence the feast of St. Sylvester, that Gerard Conrad was born, the eldest in a family of six brothers and three sisters. To Simon Pallegge Nanayakkara and Liliath de Silva it was a happy day. But soon circumstances changed. In a few years Conrad's parents had to leave Polgahawela where he was born and take residence at Matale.

### MILESTONES

#### 26th November 1917

On the Feast day of St. Sylvester, GERARD CONRAD was born at Polgahawela.

#### 9 September 1924

He was admitted to St. Agnes' Convent School, Matale, by Rev. Mother Mary Magdalene.

#### 1 September 1925

Entered St. Thomas' Boys' English School, Matale and came under the direct influence of Chas Robinson and the late Very Rev. Fr. D. Clement Marri, O.S.B.

#### 25 June 1936

Left school after passing the Senior School Certificate Examination.

#### 15 September 1937

Provisionally registered for 3 years at St. Thomas' Matale, as a teacher.

#### 28 February 1938

Joined General Clerical Service at Matale Kachcheri.

#### 22 December 1941

Received the Holy Habit of the Sylvestro Benedictines at Monte Fano, Ampitiya, after resigning from the Public Service on 1 December 1941.

#### 10 February 1950

Ordained a Priest of God forever. Took up duties at St. Anthony's College, Katugastota.

#### 16 January 1951

Appointed Head Master at St. Anthony's College, Katugastota.

#### 26 July 1959

Rome announces Rev. Fr. Leo Nanayakkara has been appointed Bishop of Kandy.

#### 3 October 1959

CONSECRATION

The perspective before him was clear. He had to seek employment.

### TEACHER

On the 15th September 1937 he joined his Alma Mater, St. Thomas', as a teacher, provisionally registered for three years. By hard work and dint of perseverance he brought into his home that peace and joy which he alone could give then. But then the remuneration of a pedagogue in the thirties was worse than a

by  
**R. Anthony**

miserable pittance. "To fresh fields and pastures new" therefore he had to turn in order to smoothen his way to the monastery. After nearly six months of service as a teacher he relinquished his post.

Like the elusive pimpernel, the bud of the priestly vocation seemed to have deserted him, or rather, he had lost sight of it in the mist and cloud of the work-a-day world. The noble profession put into his purse only a negligible few rupees. But in the "dull drudgery of the desk's dry wood" he saw scopes of a fatter purse. It was an urgent necessity for him.

### IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

On the 28th of February 1938 he joined the General Clerical Service at the Matale Kachcheri. For almost four years he toiled, patiently, assiduously and with utmost joy. At length there appeared the long looked-for silver lining in the dark cloud. Domestic affairs seemed brighter and a younger brother had passed his S.S.C. examination and was able to add to the family income. He was satisfied that at last he could go freely and with a clear conscience to answer the call of many years.

He resigned from the Public Service on the 1st of December, 1941 and on the 22nd of the same month, full of the glory and the freshness of boyhood's dream, he received at Monte Fano, Ampitiya, the Holy Habit of the Sylvestro-Benedictines.

### AT THE CROSS-ROADS

When he left College on the 25th of June 1936 after passing his Senior School Certificate Examination all expected him to enter the Monastery. But to everybody's surprise he remained at home. What had happened to his vocation? Had the world succeeded

"To make her foster-child, her inmate, Man,  
Forget the glories he had known"

in his boyhood dreams? Here was a young man at the cross-roads. On one side was the irresistible call of Christ and on the other the vigorous weight of the fourth Commandment.

### A WHITE DAY

This was the day when he declared himself dead to the pomp and glory of the world. This was the day he had looked for, dimly through the years, ever since that day in 1932 at that impressionable age of 15, when on the eve of the Third Diocesan Rally, vested in the red robe and white surplice of an altar boy he knelt with the writer before Our Lord, candle in hand, a Knight of the Blessed Sacrament, keeping the all-night Eucharistic Vigil. This was the day when a mother's prayer seemed to have borne its first fruit. Perhaps it was then she saw the realization of her ardent wish to be like Mary,



## SALUTATION

To Rev. Dom Leo Nanayakkara, O. S. B.  
Bishop-designate of Kandy

MY Lord!

thou who dost represent most perfectly  
Christ the Head of the Mystical Body  
which is the Church;  
thou who dost represent  
the unity of life and worship of Christians  
with that of the Bishop;  
thou who dost represent  
the respect and filial obedience  
due to the Bishop;  
aware and deeply conscious of this three-fold nature  
of thy exalted office  
we hail thee and salute thee, this day . . .

Accept this day our salutations  
when this day we witness  
thy solemn consecration and elevation  
to the episcopacy of Kandy —  
Kandy, fairest city of our ancient land  
Kandy, Queen of our cities  
girt by the Mahaweli  
crowned with the loveliness  
of Hunasgiri and Hantane . . .

Bearer of the sweet yoke of Christ  
heavily burdened, pressed with the wheel of God  
on thy head the mitre of protection and salvation  
thou shalt march forward  
guarding thy flock  
vouchsafed by the Holy Ghost,  
tending the flock  
discharging thy duty  
the prop and stay of thy people  
the terror of the enemies of Truth  
spreading the fragrances of Virtue  
and charity around thee;  
so God bless thee  
My Lord  
Bishop of Kandy!

Harrison Peiris

model of the Christian Mother, as urged by His Lordship Bishop, Bede at the 1932 Rally Mass, assigning her first-born to the Lord's vineyard.

duties at Monte Fano culminated on the 10th of February 1950.

### ORDINATION

Rev. Bro. Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B., went through his novitiate with his younger companions who joined him a short time later, namely, Rev. Bros. Justus, Ildephonsus and Lanfranc. His mature experience and age were to him not a hindrance but an urge to go through the mill of the novitiate. Nine long years rolled by, and the daily routine of studies at the Papal Seminary and other

The day of days arrived and Bro. Leo, along with his companions, was made "a priest for ever according to the order of Melchisedech," the Lord's anointed, another Christ.

Tears of joy rolled down many a cheek that hallowed morning. One could not help but see the mingled feelings of the happy mother who gave vent to all her

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# Today's event

BY the banks of the Mahaveli, preparations are afoot for the episcopal consecration of Mgr. Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B. These preparations, material and spiritual will end on the vigil of the 3rd October, for on that day, according to the Roman Ritual for Consecration of a Bishop, the Bishop-Elect and the Consecrator have to fast—an outward expression of their inner readiness to accept the great grace of the following day, and a suitable human and ascetical preparation to receive the divine gift of Pastorship.

The Ceremony is called Consecration. Natural use of a thing might make it venerable with use and age, but it does not hallow it in the true sense of the word. Consecration is a separation, a setting apart, a hallowing. One readily understands how even the word 'consecration' has had an aura of deep Christian meaning since the word used without any qualification refers to the great central act of the Church, the Transubstantiation, the changing of Bread and Wine into the Body and Blood of Our Blessed Lord.

While Cardinals are 'created,' Bishops are consecrated and Priests are ordained. In the two last rites (Cardinalate is not an order), the sense of possession by God is intensified; the setting apart is for a high

purpose. It is the same thing, the same person that belongs to God by Creation, now belonging to Him in a different way.

The solemnity of the ceremony is expressed in some way by its length, for, does not the Church embellish the words of the Eucharistic Consecration with half an hour or an hour of ceremonies, and the Consecration of a Church, the House of God, does it not take five to six hours. That of a Bishop is no exception to this rule.

## • Four Sections

The consecration of a Bishop can roughly be divided into four sections after the Oath and Examination:—

Before the Consecration the Bishop-Elect makes an oath of allegiance and loyalty to the Holy See. This is followed by an Examination in dialogue on the

# THIS IS HOW A BISHOP IS CONSECRATED

... It was by a river that heaven and earth met when Christ entered the Jordan river for His Baptism; it was by a river, the Gave, that his Mother appeared to a little girl so late as the last century to console and pray for straying humanity. It is by a river, the Mahaveli, that the Power of the Most High will overshadow a humble son of St. Benedict on the feast-day of the Patroness of the Missions.

of the Bishop-elect are also anointed.

The Preface is interrupted, according to the Roman ritual, in order to

that he should goad on the lazy.

The rich symbolic part of the ceremony finally gives way to:

4. THE ENTHRONING: Vested

## • CEREMONIES and RITES of EPISCOPAL CONSECRATION

observance of all the virtues of Pastor.

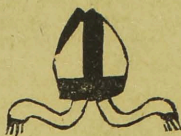
The Consecration takes place at the Mass; which is concelebrated by both Consecrator and Bishop-Elect.

Ceremony of consecration:—

1. THE IMPOSITION of hands: while the open book of the Gospels is held on the shoulders of the Bishop-Elect, the Consecrator and the co-consecrators each impose hands on the head of the Bishop-elect saying, "Receive the Holy Ghost."

This rite is mentioned in St. Paul's Epistle to Tim. (II), i. 6., and its constant usage is attested in canonical collections of the third & fourth centuries. It can safely be said that this rite was handed down from the time of the Apostles.

2. THE ANOINTING: the consecrator anoints the head of the Bishop-elect with holy chrism in the form of a cross as he says: "May thy head be anointed and consecrated by heavenly blessing in the pontifical order"; the hands



anoint the head of the elect. English pontificals like the one of Egbert of York, of Jumièges and of St. Dunstan of the 9th & 10th centuries, speak of a double anointing of head and hands. The anointing of the head signifies the power of jurisdiction and the doctrinal 'magisterium' (teaching authority), while that of the hands and thumb refers to the power conferred on him to ordain priests (he ordains by imposing hands), and to confirm (he signs the person's fore-

on full pontificals, the new Bishop is enthroned and as the Te Deum is intoned he passes through the Church, accompanied by the consecrators, and blessing the people.

## • Oath and Examen

The four parts described above as belonging strictly to the Consecration are preceded by the Taking of the Oath, and the Examen.

When all have taken their places in the Sanctuary, the Consecrating Bishop vests (at Throne or faldstool). At the Altar of the Bishop-elect vest the Assistant Bishops and the Bishop-Elect himself. The Mandate for this consecration is asked for, and is read. Peter's power is given through Peter's

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head with his thumb). The Oriental rites however, used a triple signing with a cross instead of using oil. The crosses were signed on the head or forehead to show that the new Bishop must bear in him the image of Christ.

3. THE BLESSING AND BESTOWAL OF THE EPISCOPAL INSIGNIA: the crozier, ring, mitre and gloves.

Although in the other parts of the ceremony there has been much historical borrowing from the consecration of the Bishop of Rome, in this third part little or nothing has been borrowed. The Bishop of Rome does not use the crozier. The conferring of the crozier and ring are customs from the church in France of the 9th century. Around the same time or in the 10th century, the mitre came to complete the series of insignia.

The mitre is derived from a round soft cap with an ornamented circular band. In the upper part of the cap an indentation was made and the puffs in the sides developed into horns or peaks which tapered to a point. About the middle of the 12th century, the manner of wearing the mitre was so changed that the horns stood over the forehead and the back of the head, the lappets added on at the back as in contemporary civil headgear. The horns of the mitre symbolise the love of God and of one's neighbour. The circular band is the image of the Bishop who from the treasures of both Testaments enriches the faithful, and the lappets symbolise the spirit and the letter, the mystical and the literal interpretation of the Sacred Scriptures. The mitre is also symbolic of the Crown of Thorns, and in the consecration ceremony it is regarded as the helmet of salvation.

The gloves, introduced in the 10th century were white. From the 13th century their colour varied, but like the buskins and sandals, they are not worn with black vestments. They signify purity of heart with which the Bishop should approach the Holy Sacrifice.

The crozier, held in the left hand by the Bishop, is pointed at the bottom, straight in the middle and bent at the top. This last, apart from signifying his limited jurisdiction means that he should bring back those who are wandering from his fold, as a faithful shepherd does. The shaft shows that he should support the weak, and the pointed end,

successor, the same power by the same Christ of the shores of the lake Tiberias; and that power will be given from the shores of the Danube to the Mahaveli till the end of time. The Bishop-elect swears allegiance to the Holy See. He promises never to hinder or harm either physically or morally the person and right of the Roman Pontiffs and their successors. Positively he promises to uphold and defend them, taking care to preserve, and increase their rights, honours and privileges, extending his promise even to laying bare of any plots against the Pontiff and the Holy See. All this he does *totis visceribus*, with all the powers of his soul. Thus does he promise to obey all the rules and decrees of the Holy Fathers, to go to an Ecumenical Council when invited, unless canonically hindered. He further gives assurance that he will send a report of his diocese if he is unable to make the *ad limina* to the threshold of the Apostles. He finally promises to preserve the territory of his See.

He ratifies his promise when the Book of the Word of God—the Holy Gospel—is brought in, and on which he places his hand and swears to keep his promise.

## • Examen

Having assured itself of the allegiance in all things to the See of Peter, the Holy See through the Consecrator proceeds to a more close examination of the Candidate's doctrinal and moral goodness. To each of the questions, the Bishop elect, slightly rising, and uncovering his head, answers "I will," in a supernal use of human liberty. The Church shows herself supremely realist in this examen, for she is ever conscious of human weakness—her Founder knows of the "dust of which we are made"—and also of the divine help that is never failing. If the Bishop elect is asked whether he promises to teach orthodox truth and preach it, whether he would refrain from evil, whether he would give loyalty and fealty and obedience to authority, be chaste and sober, estranged from earthly cares, gentle and tender to poor and strangers, she always adds "*quatenus in capax es*" in so far as you are able, and then adds again: "with God's help," "with the Lord's help," and "for the sake of the Lord"—redo-

and 144. God's strength which the young cleric has seen all during his seminary days, long after his confirmation, was more intensified at his Diaconate (ad robur i.e. strength), still more at his priesthood, and now he gets greater strength when he feels himself weakest to bear the burden of the flock: *Virtus in infirmis perficitur*: virtue is made perfect in infirmity. Further questions on the central dogmas of the Church are asked from the Bishop, and to them he answers: I do believe, or I assent and such in all things is my belief.

## • The Mass

The Mass begins after the Examen, when the Bishop has kissed the hand of the Co-consecrator. The full sacerdotal vestments showing the fulness of the Priesthood are worn now by the Bishop-elect who begins Mass at his altar. At the end of the Gradual and Alleluia, the Consecrator tells him what he should do as Bishop, viz., to judge, interpret, consecrate, ordain, offer sacrifice, baptize and confirm. However much there may be a certain commonness in the consecration of a Bishop, this Bishop, this particular person, Leo Nanayakkara is prayed for, when in a short prayer the consecrator says: Let us pray brethren that this his elect receive plentiful grace from God.

The Bishop elect prostrates now for the Litanies of the Saints, as he did on the 10th of February 1950 for his priesthood, and twice earlier when he received earlier major orders.

At the end of the Litanies, the Consecrator and Assistants touch with both hands the head of the Electus and say "Receive the Holy Ghost." The Preface follows. The Consecration proper has begun as described in the four points above.

During the Offertory of the Mass an old custom is revived in that the Bishop-Elect presents two barrels of wine and two large candles to the Consecrating Bishop. The ancient ceremonial of the Offertory, when the faithful brought in materials to be offered at the altar, ceased about the 11th century when unleavened bread took the place of leavened.

And thus the Consecration of another Pastor assures us of the continuity of Christ's stupendous work of love—the Church. "Rivers of living water will flow from Him" he assured us, and his words have always been fulfilled.

## Portrait of a Bishop

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pent up joy and sorrow in the form of pearly drops from her eyes. One could not but see the tears of the one who had fashioned and moulded this vocation in the early years, who had that day added joy of seeing his own son, Theodore, a priest of God.

The ways of God are not the ways of men. It was not into the mission field, the field of the young energetic missionary, that Fr. Leo was sent. Instead he was posted at St. Anthony's College, Katugastota, to look after God's little ones, to teach them his ways and His message.

## APPOINTED HEADMASTER

His appointment to the Collegiate section was on 16 January 1951. He was transferred in two years to the Primary Section where since the resignation of Mr. P. B. A. Weerakoon, the present Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education, he has been been Head Master.

Fr. Leo's work at St. Anthony's over a period of eight years has been one of unstinted loyalty. To him the school was the Lord's vineyard and to serve therein was a joyful duty. His capacity for work was always entirely at the disposal of the authorities. He has held at various times various offices in addition to teaching. He was the Tennis Coach of the College, Warden of "Rainbow Cottages" and until his election as Bishop he was Chief Warden of Hostels. He has also on several occasions acted for the Principal of the College. One wonders how, in the midst of his multifarious duties, he could have sat

for and passed a public examination in Sinhalese, Pali and Sanskrit. His must have been a tremendous capacity for hard work.

## CONSECRATION

It is no wonder then that his clean and straight character, his strong-willed nature, his marvellous energy for hard work and his scholarly attainments have caught the eye of Rome. On the 26th of July 1959 came the announcement that Rev. Fr. Leo Nanayakkara had been appointed Bishop of Kandy. No other news has thrilled the Diocese in recent years as this has. One year and a half of speculation, of waiting and hoping, one year and a half of ceaseless prayer to the Holy Spirit has at last ended. Here in the Diocese his appointment has been received with universal acclaim. The hills of Malate resound with jubilation that one of her sons has been raised to the high honour of episcopal status.

On this happy day of his consecration, His Lordship may rest assured that the entire country raises its heart to God Almighty in thanksgiving for giving us as prince of the Church in the ancient hill capital, a son of the soil. It is our earnest prayer that God may bless the dear parents who offered their son to the priesthood and the priests and teachers who fostered and nurtured his vocation. We pray God to bless him, and all his work. May he have a long and fruitful episcopate. That God may protect and guide him in his arduous duties is the humble prayer of all those who have known and loved him. *Ad Multos Annos.*



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# UNITY—THE NEED OF THE HOUR

## The Bishop, its Symbol and Source

A COMMUNIST WAS ONCE HEARD TO REMARK, WITH THAT GRIM EARNESTNESS SO CHARACTERISTIC OF THE INDOCTRINATED MARXIST, THAT UNITY WAS SO VITAL TO THE STABILITY AND PROGRESS OF A PEOPLE, THAT IT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AT PISTOL-POINT IF NECESSARY.

Of course only those who are dedicated to the cause of totalitarian tyranny would subscribe to such a view. But it is one of the chief sources of their strength. And one can well imagine how pitifully poor would be the chances of any who engage in the struggle with Communism, if all they can pit against this massive and monolithic unity is a halt and miserable caricature of what unity ought really to be.

But there is a unity of the spirit, natural and super-natural, that is a powerful, colossal, impregnable bulwark, against which the serried ranks of the Communists, for all their bullets and bayonets, and their mechanical and military unity, will batter in vain.

And that is the unity Christ's Church must present in the crisis of today. Unity is one of the Church's four essential marks; it is fundamental to the very nature of the Church. It is something towards which the

Catholic must for ever strive. But never more so than in our own day. He must be blind who does not see that the greatest danger facing us is the evil thing that goes by the name of Communism, that thing which Pius XI once described as "this Satanic scourge," "the synagogue of Satan." It is not some hypothetical danger we are concerned with, some sinister but faint red glow on the dim and distant horizon. The thing is already in our very midst.

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When in our own country the Portuguese conquistadores were followed by the Dutch, our forefathers in the Faith were subjected to a ruthless persecution of unparalleled ferocity. There were those who emerged triumphant. There were those who faltered and failed. But when a man went over to the enemy, there was no hiding the fact from himself or from others. He knew himself to be an apostate, and was considered such. What was wrong was wrong, but there was at least something frank and open about it. Far more subtle and insidious, however, will be the danger from that diabolical thing known as the People's Church. When this abomination of desolation sets itself up in the holy place, the Catholic will find himself in very different case.

All the elements of confusion and bewilderment will be piled up together in strength. The Catholic will be told that he can continue to subscribe to the same Faith, and follow the same forms of worship. He will be told that all he is being asked to renounce is the foreign connection of the Vatican and Rome. It would be rather like telling a Tibetan Buddhist living abroad that all he has to do is to disavow the spiritual headship of the Dalai Lama.

### Chicanery and fraud

But the proposition will be wrapped up in all the deceptive tinsel of chicanery and fraud. Even the elect may be in danger of being deceived. There may be genuine puzzlement. Weakness may tend to find refuge in a compromise formula. A dozen sincere, intelligent and God-fearing Catholics may suggest a dozen different ways out of the impasse. Confusion will be worse confounded. There will be those who arrive at the perhaps sincere but mistaken conviction, or deceive themselves in their fear and weakness into thinking that the only way to save the Church from being wiped out altogether would be to accept a compromise. They may even begin to think and to say that they are the sincere and zealous and sensible Catholics who are saving the Church from destruction, while we others are

the pig-headed and foolish ones who will bring ruin upon the Church.

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The forces of division and dissolution will be at work, and well will the enemy know it. If he succeeds in dividing us, he will have won more than half the battle. He will use every trick and artifice in his armoury to speed up the process. All the factors that make for division will be pressed into service. Every attempt will be made to exploit the sentiments of race

Christ's presence in the diocese. Of the Bishop's priesthood, the pastors have a permanent but limited and derivative participation. Thus Bishop and pastors form a united, corporate priesthood; his pastors are the Bishop's presbyterium, his team, his body, his college of priests. St. Ignatius, one of the most outstanding and most lovable figures of the Early Church (he became Bishop of Antioch about the year 69), has it that "the Bishop is in the place of God; the priests are the senators of the apostles." (Epistle to the Magnesians, c. VI. cf. Cayre:

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and community, in a general atmosphere of confusion. National will be set up against foreigner, if possible "secular" clergy against "religious," laity against priesthood, caste will be pitted against caste. All the devilish machinery of dissension will be set in motion.

### In unity alone

One thing alone will be able to save us in that day: one thing alone, besides the ever indispensable, energising and comforting grace of God—unity. We must preserve unity at any cost. That will not be possible if we should branch off along different roads in the wake of different leaders, however sincere, intelligent and well-meaning these leaders may be—some of them might even be possessed of a passionate conviction that they are right. There is only one way that will lead to unity and salvation: the way that will be marked out for us by those "whom the Holy Spirit has set up to govern the Church of God"—the Bishops.

Already in the early Church St. Cyprian, amongst others, had laid it down, that "age has followed age and Bishop has followed Bishop in succession, and the office of the episcopate and the system of the Church is founded on the Bishops, and every act of the Church is directed by these same presiding officers." (Epistle XXXIII, 1. cf. Documents of the Christian Church: ed. Bettenson: p. 104). In another Epistle he says: "... the Bishop is in the Church and the Church is in the Bishop, ... if any one be not with the Bishop he is not in the Church." (Epistle LXVI. 7. *ibid.*).

### Pius XII's warning

Not without reason did Pope Pius XII warn us: "Today the Church is joined in one of her hardest battles; the close union of all her members is therefore more necessary than ever, for unity of action and mutual support. The faithful must be united round their pastors, and the pastors round those whom the Holy Spirit has appointed to govern the Church of God." (Address to Rectors of the Major Seminaries of Latin America, Sept. 23, 1958). Indeed the intimate unity that, according to the very nature of the Church's constitution, binds pastors to their priests, should be to us a model and exemplar of that unity which we must all strive to attain.

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There is the unique Priesthood of Jesus Christ, the great High Priest. In this priesthood, all those who are baptized—Bishops, priests and faithful—share in varying degrees. The Bishop has the fulness of the priesthood. He is the image and 'sacrament' of

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In the ceremony of ordination, the ordaining Bishop refers to the young levite as "co-operator ordinis nostri," "a helper of our episcopal Order." An isolated, individual, self-contained priestly life is almost a contradiction in terms. For a priest 'realizes' his priesthood in a real, living union with his Bishop and his fellow priests. An apostle is, by derivation, "one who is sent." The Bishop sends the priest on his work, on his mission. But he is not sent to fulfil his work, to live his life; he lives the life of the Church, and carries on her work. "That they may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me, and I in Thee ... that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me." Thus do Bishop and priests, by their unity, witness to the very divinity of Christ's mission.

### The symbolism of unity

The Ceremony of Ordination to the Priesthood gives perfect expression to the idea of the corporate, collegiate priesthood, with the Bishop as the source of unity. The ordaining Bishop is surrounded by his Presbyterium. Those ordained are aggregated to the Bishop's Order, and join in the celebration of the Mass with the Bishop. One of the new Subdeacons sings the Epistle, and one of the new Deacons the Gospel. Then all the new priests, from the Offertory onwards, concelebrate the Mass. In fact, in the Early Church, concelebration by the Bishop and his College of Priests was common. When on certain feast days the priests said Mass for their people in their own parishes, the symbolism of unity was still maintained by the Bishop sending a little particle of the Consecrated Bread from his own Mass to his parish priests, who mingled it in their own chalice during theirs.

Broadcasting to the Catholics of India in 1952, Pius XII appealed to the Catholics of India to close ranks and stand together. For in that union and concord, said the Pope, would lie their strength. So will it be with us, in this troubled land. As the storm clouds gather above us, may we be guided and inspired by these beautiful lines of St. Ignatius of Antioch:

"All of you follow the Bishop as Jesus Christ followed the Father. Let no one do anything pertaining to the Church without the Bishop. Wherever the Bishop appears, there let the people be, just as, wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church." (Epistle to the Smyrnaeans, c. VIII. cf. Documents of the Christian Church, ed. Bettenson, pp. 89-90).

To these words, then, may we pay attention, "as to a light shining in some darkened room—till at last the dawn breaks, and the day star rises in our hearts."

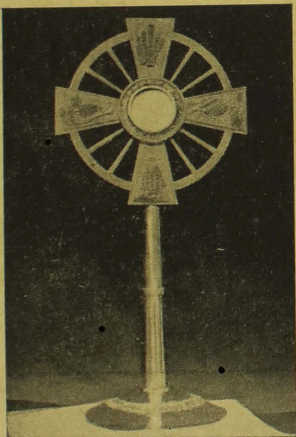
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# WAS IT ROBBERY?

"It is impossible to get you to be reasonable, Charlie!" said Linda in some exasperation, as she rang the bell for the bearers to clear the dinner table. Then she added:

"You can be so stubborn, you know."

Mr. Charlie Fernandes shuffled in his chair, picked up a box of matches and lit a cigarette. He then turned to his wife:

"What are you driving at?" he asked half sneeringly.

"As if you didn't know? At you, of course, and that gold watch and chain of yours!"

She looked irritated and in earnest. "That watch and chain are a legacy from my father. They don't belong to you!" he mouthed rather bitterly as if he were talking to a stranger.

"But you belong to me," she protested, "and therefore I have a right to demand..."

"Demand what?" he interrupted. Mrs. Fernandes refused to be intimidated. She would have the last word in the argument. So she turned round on him like a startled viper:

"I demand," she said authoritatively, "that when you next go out for your after-dinner walk you leave your gold watch and chain on your table!"

"Since when, may I ask, did you learn dictation?" he put in mockingly.

"From the Russian nation!" she rhymed in delightful sarcasm. But before he had time to reply, she continued:

"But that's not the point. I've asked you more than once—I've begged, beseeched, supplicated, implored you—never to go out with that gold watch and chain of yours on your nightly walks. But you don't listen. One of these days you'll rue it!" she said categorically.

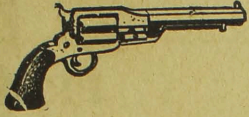
"That day will never come!" he snapped back.

## • AFTER TWENTY YEARS

Mr. Charlie Fernandes, after twenty years of happy married life, was al-

ways proud of saying that after that span of experience a man should know the psychology of women. He didn't give his wife's threats the slightest attention. He blew circles of smoke to the ceiling and looked quite satisfied; even self-satisfied.

After all, he was a hard-headed business man. Unlike his wife, who was of the sanguine type, he prided himself on his stoicism. After years of service and experience, like many of his co-religionists in the banks of Bombay (he had forty years to his credit in the Imperial Bank), he now



enjoyed an enviable position in life.

Stocky as a barrel, Charlie could still carry his 52-inch girth with a swagger. His wife liked to refer to it as "Charlie's waste-line" to their friends. But he despised such remarks as childish.

Mr. Charlie Fernandes was an apostle of fresh air and the free, open country. As a substitute for the High Road he consoled himself with a daily walk down the Marine Drive of Bombay between nine and ten-thirty every night. He firmly believed in exercise—in moderation. For a man well nigh sixty, it was his belief that walking was the most bracing and invigorating of bodily exercises, especially after a hearty dinner.

So every night saw him striding it out in a free and easy style along Marine Drive. Lesser men might, in Whitman's fine phrase, "loaf and invite their souls" in shorts and glad-necked shirts; but not Mr. Charlie

## Today's Short Story

Fernandes. He must go fully dressed with waist-coat, gold watch and chain.

But one night, the week before Christmas, Charlie met his match. After locking the main door of his old-fashioned house in Wodehouse Road, he slipped the large key in his

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right trouser pocket, lit his cigar, and wielding his Kashmir walking-stick in carefree abandon, he took the road to face the strong briny breeze blowing from the sea-face of Malabar Hill.

As he turned the corner at Nariman Point, the southern end of the long drive to Chowpatty Beach, he saw a man attired like himself coming up the pavement. They were the only nocturnal walkers on that lonely sea-board. Mr. Fernandes pretended not to notice the stranger. But when he saw that the gentleman was mak-

ing straight for him, he grew slightly alarmed. As soon as they came within hand-shake distance the stranger was the first to speak.

"Will you kindly lend me a match, Mister?" asked the stranger.

## • MIDNIGHT ROBBER

With that kindness of heart that was almost second nature to Mr. Charlie Fernandes, he grunted assent apologetically. Instantly he rummaged his pocket for a box of matches and with the art of a practised smoker he soon was helping his unknown friend to draw in the aroma of a Capstan. As he beheld the end of the stranger's cigarette glow, he felt two hands gently exerting pressure on his waist-coat. In a flash he realised the situation. He was face to face with a crook.

He rammed the match-box into his pocket. He gripped the stranger by the throat. He pulled out the large key from his right trouser pocket and lunged it into his ribs.

"Give me back that watch, you rogue!" roared Mr. Fernandes, "or I'll fire!"

The stranger, on the verge of asphyxiation, could make no reply, except emit clearly indistinct sounds like a man on the point of drowning.

"Give me back that watch!" repeated the infuriated Mr. Fernandes, "or I'll fire. One... two..."

The stranger, ostensibly an expert in sleight-of-hand, instantly replaced the watch in Mr. Fernandes's waist-coat. When Mr. Fernandes noticed that his watch had been returned, he loosened his grip on the stranger, but still kept his key pointing in revolver fashion.

The stranger meanwhile took to his heels and vanished from sight.

## • AFTER VICTORY

It took Charlie some minutes to regain breath. That had been a harrowing experience. The words of his wife came rushing into his mind. He caressed his waist coat to make sure of his watch and chain. They were there all right, safe and secure. Then he retraced his steps homeward, but now at a more leisurely pace, like



a general surveying a battle field after a victory.

When he reached home that night Linda was surprised to see him back so early. She looked him up and down. Before she had time to cross-question him, he burst out in exclamations of triumph.

"Didn't I tell you, my dear," he began, "that no one will dare pilfer my watch and chain?"

"Go on!" Linda replied roguishly, suspecting something sinister.

"Honour bright, a chap round Nariman Point came up to me and asked me for a light. As I rummaged my pocket for a match I noticed him fiddling with my waist-coat. In a flash I understood the situation. I throttled the fellow, pulled out my key, dug it in his ribs and threatened to shoot if he didn't return my gold watch and chain."

By this time Linda's giggling had started. She clipped him with:

"Did he return it?"

"Of course, he did! and ran for his life!"

He had hardly finished his words when he saw his wife catching her sides, laughing, laughing.

"Now what's the matter? What are you laughing at?" the irate Charlie snarled.

"You've..." and at that she burst into a gale of laughter.

"I've what!" he shouted.

"You've," she cackled in between the bursts of laughter, "you've robbed an innocent man of his watch and chain!"

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