

## ● Cloistered nuns create history

# CEYLON'S FIRST BAND OF MISSIONARIES DEPART

### Prayer for Peace—by the Pope

THE Holy Father has composed a new prayer for peace — and in it prays that world leaders will be "inspired by thoughts of peace and not of affliction."

The prayer, which is indulged if said each day for a month, is 300 words long. It includes this phrase.

"We pray to you, O King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We pray that you will rule all the nations of earth and enlighten the minds of heads of state so that they will follow your example and harbour thoughts of peace, and not of affliction."

The prayer has been composed for use during the International Eucharistic Congress to take place in Munich from July 31 to August 1 next year.

## Destination: East Africa

CEYLON'S first-ever band of missionaries commissioned for service overseas, set sail last Tuesday, 10 March, on the S.S. "Isipingo." The chosen quintette are Poor Clares of Tewatte's monastery, three of them Ceylon-born.

### Archdiocesan Church of Silence Week

Scenes like these conjuring up visions of heroic sufferings of the Church of Silence will be enacted in Colombo from Passion to Palm Sunday.

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They are expected to take up their assignments in far off Tanganyika.

PRIOR TO THEIR DEPART

TURE THE SISTERS CALLED OVER AT ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE, BORELLA, TO RECEIVE THE PERSONAL BLESSINGS OF HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF COLOMBO, THE MOST REV. DR. THOMAS COORAY, O.M.I., UNDER WHOSE JURISDICTION THEY WERE.

The moment was charged with an emotion inexpressible in words — the deep emotion of an Archbishop not so much at losing five of his children as at becoming through them the Patriarch of an overseas establishment.

For the nuns themselves it was a voyage of "no return" for all purposes. They mean to leave their bones in Africa.

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The immediate objective of the Ceylon recruits, the Messenger understands, is the rescue and the strengthening of the Poor Clares' Monastery situated in Mwanza, which is on the verge of extinction there owing to the rapidly dwindling community of aged Nuns.

Meanwhile the Sisters look forward to the brave future ahead of them authenticating the true spirit of the missionaries down the long and splendid course of Church history.

For the Church in Ceylon this voyaging of Ceylon-born girls to work in missionary fields afar, is a proud moment, and for this achievement the faithful of all Ceylon will offer up their thanks to God Almighty.

## The Pope's debt to his father and mother

THE Holy Father recalled the great influence exercised over him by his father and mother, when he spoke last Sunday in special audience to a gathering of women.

Telling these of their duty to protect their children against the "germs of corruption" to be found in some newspapers, shows and amusements, he said:

"The family of your new Pope — we say it with a feeling of great emotion and deep thanks to Almighty God — was, above all, rich in heavenly gifts, and we have carried in our hearts since childhood the example of our parents — our father and mother."

"We owe to them a major part of our priestly vocation, which we acquired in the at-

mosphere of goodness, simplicity and uprightness which permeated our home."

Later, in an adjoining room, His Holiness distributed sweets, toys and clothes to the youngsters of 106 families having four or more children.

Twice he stopped to congratulate the mothers of families of ten children.

During the audience the Pope told the women that, when necessary, they should seek the protection of the law for the defence of their families.

## Catholic doctors may protest to B. M. A.

BRITAIN'S CATHOLIC DOCTORS ARE ALARMED, AND IF THE FINDINGS OF A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CATHOLIC DOCTORS' GUILD WARRANT IT, THE GUILD WILL

MAKE A STRONG PROTEST TO THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The trouble is centred around the B.M.A.'s booklet "Getting Married," which treats of all aspects of the married state. Chief target of the criticism is an article entitled: "Is Chastity Outmoded?"

The Catholic Doctors will decide on a course of action within this week, and, if necessary, will join in the chorus of protest that has already arisen against this publication.

### New Papal stamps

THE first new Vatican stamps of Pope John XXIII go on sale on April 2. They will be of four denominations (25, 35, 60, and 100 lire).



## "Little Flower's" sister dies

THE last surviving sister of St. Teresa of Lisieux, Celine Martin, who took the name of St. Genevieve of the Holy Face on entering the Lisieux Carmel, died last month at Lisieux, aged 89.

Four of the Saint's sisters became nuns, three of them as fellow Carmelites of St. Teresa. Mother Agnes (Pauline), who was to be the Saint's prioress, entered in 1882. St. Teresa followed in 1888.

When Celine celebrated the diamond jubilee of her profession in 1956, she received a special message with the apostolic blessing from Pope Pius XII.

The eldest sister, Marie, entered in 1896, two years after

Celine took the veil. The fourth sister, Leonie, became a Visitation nun at Caen in 1899.

Celine had as her novice mistress St. Teresa, who described her as the "sweet echo of my soul."

Contemporary pictures show them as being facially alike.

And the family resemblance is recalled in the last of several portraits painted by Celine of St. Teresa, executed a few months before the latter's death.

## "Old sly fox" —Red leader calls Cardinal

HUNGARIAN Communist leader Kadar, speaking on Friday in Prague, described Cardinal Mindszenty, Hungary's primate, as "an old sly fox" sitting in the United States legation in Budapest.

He added that he could stay there until he died. KADAR was paying a state visit to Czechoslovakia.

## Pope says Mission Rosarydaily

EVERY day the Holy Father offers a Rosary for the people of the world — devoting a decade to each of the five continents.

The Pontiff disclosed this to an audience with members of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

The congregation is in charge of missionary activities throughout the world.

Pope John told them: "The Pope must pray for the whole world. For this reason, we have dedicated each mystery of the Rosary to one of the five continents."

"The first is for Europe, the second for Asia, the third for the Americas, the fourth for Africa and the fifth for Oceania."

## 34 illegal bishops no

FIVE Catholic priests received episcopal consecration without the consent of the Holy See at Changsha Cathedral, Hunan province, China, according to reports reaching Hong Kong that week.

The bishops were consecrated for sees and apostolic prefectures whose rightful ordinaries, either, been expelled or imprisoned.

## 250,000 close of congress

NEARLY 250,000 people gathered at the end of Vietnam's Marian congress when, at a moment outside Saigon cathedral the country was consecrated Our Lady.

Cardinal Agagianian attended the congress as papal legate and sang the closing Pontifical in the cathedral in the presence of 20,000 people.

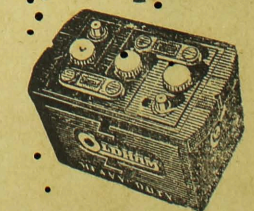
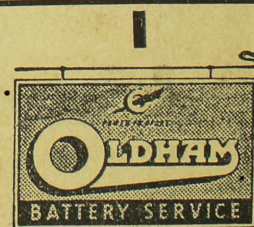
In the congregation were 100,000 government officials.

In the evening 40,000 people walked in a procession to cathedral precincts for the door dedication.

Among them were 27 bishops and 1,000 priests. They the laity represented many Far Eastern nations.

One of the congress aims to honour Our Lady of Loretto during the centenary year of the French shrine.

The congress also commemorated the third centenary of the country's first vicar.



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# WHITHER PHILIP?

A Co-op meeting held at Karandupone the Food Minister appears to have let off the hot steam against the Catholic Church accusing her (a) of trying to bring disharmony in the country, (b) of opposing, not only governmental decisions, but the Government itself, and (c) of making her churches the meeting places of conspiracies. All this comes as a shock to right-thinking Catholics who have all along believed that their church has been wedded to the cause of harmony in the country, and co-operation with the Government in power. Mr. Philip Inawardena is one of those who cannot brook criticism. I believe that he has his pet Paddy's Act in mind which came for some severe but just criticism from Catholic writers who had studied the Act in all its aspects. In a democracy, surely, every one has the right to air his views. Just because the omnipotent Food Minister has evolved some scheme which he thinks is for the betterment of the country, it does not mean that he should belittle all those who do not see eye to eye with him as non-cooperators, nay, even, conspirators. It is common knowledge that when communal feelings ran high during the dark days of emergency '58, it was in the predominantly Catholic areas at least trouble was found. Remember attending Catholic services during this anxious period. The theme of the sermon was unity and harmony and nothing else. Then how can Mr. Gunawardena speak the Catholic Church as promoting disharmony in the country? Let him not equate our Catholic Priests with that Brand "political Bhikkus" who have made politics their vocation. The Catholic Church, as such, is not a political body. Mr. Gunawardena's talk of Catholic Churches being the

meeting place of conspiracies is a pure product of his very fertile imagination. To take Catholic Negombo for example, though the town boasts of numerous Catholic churches, none has been used for meetings to sponsor disharmony and non-co-operation with the Government in power, much less to hatch conspiracies. Let the



Hon. Minister tell the public the real facts of the case instead of indulging in imaginary accusations and in Don Quixotic tilting at windmills that do not exist at all!

A. Selvaratnam.

Negombo.  
(A very large number of letters on this subject has been received. — Editor).

## Halpatota Church

WITH reference to your correspondent Mr. Julian Senanayake's remark in the Messenger of 21-2-1959 that the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes at Halpatota has suffered neglect and obscurity for the last many years, I have to inform you that during the time, when the late Rev. Fr. Alfred Fernando was in charge of Halpatota, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was celebrated without much noise and publicity and pilgrims from Galle and other places attended the festival.

In 1957 the Church and the mission house were renovated and repaired by the then parish priest of Ganegama and the feast was celebrated with due solemnity. Pilgrims from Galle and elsewhere attended this festival.

Matara.

Vesitas.

## Our Paper

MAY I take the privilege and opportunity of expressing my opinion of the past three or four issues of the "Messenger," which really reached very high standards of journalism and at the same time gave us news of Catholic solidarity and Catholic fervour as already demonstrated

and even now being demonstrated in this Island of ours.

News of such Catholic activities make one feel that there is a resurgence in the faith.

Particularly welcome are the reports of Catholic activities in remote villages and towns spotlighted by your various correspondents.

Could you please, Revd. Editor, maintain the high standard and make your already valuable journal increase its worth and be the link that binds the Catholics in Ceylon.

Rex Atukorale.

Nugegoda.

## Bus Halts

TWO Bus Halts on either side of the Galle Road opposite St. Mary's Church, Dehiwela, are now a reality. This is no doubt proving a boon to churchgoers, school children and a large section of the residents of Dehiwela. Please permit me the space to thank Mr. Geo. P. Solomons of Dehiwela who had from time to time agitated for these through your paper and the secular Press. His untiring efforts in this direction have been duly rewarded. Thanks to the authorities too for their ready co-operation in the matter.

Ratmalana.

G. M. Ferdinands.

## Bishop Sheen Speaks

IN days when psychology takes the place of religion, self-aid supplants grace, psychoanalytic denial of guilt supplants pleas for forgiveness of sin, it becomes hard to realize that the great spiritual truths are really the reversal of all the world holds dear. Take, for example, the Beatitudes. While the world says "Blessed is sex," the Beatitude teaches "Blessed are the clean of heart"; when the world says: "Assert your rights, get your way," the Beatitude speaks of the happiness of the meek and the humble. When security and possessions are so much treasured, the Beatitude recommends the spirit of nonpossession.

Happiness does not come to those who want to know all, or to possess all, or to enjoy

all; rather it comes to those who set limitations upon the satisfaction of self. A man, for example, cannot get the whole world into his hands, but he can wash himself of the world. Our powers of dispossession are greater than our powers of possession; there is a limit to what we

can gain, but there is no limit to what we can renounce. In the end, the man who wants nothing is the man who has everything, for there is nothing that he desires. Our Blessed Lord expressed this truth in the gospel of Matthew 10:38:

"He is not worthy of Me that does not take up his cross

And follow Me."

To deny self is to refuse indulgence to lower desires, to put a restraint upon ourselves, to act differently than the way the sensual in our nature would lead us. Self-denial is the test of love, whether it be human or divine. The man who loves his business will deny himself, take up a cross of early rising, work late, just because he loves to make money. So it is with the love of God. An alcoholic would not prove that he loved God by swearing off soft drinks for life. In religion, many will follow God in prayer and even listen to His Word, but will not deny themselves their ease. Sure, there may be pain in self-denial for a moment, but pain in the pursuit of the highest is certainly more joyful than

ease in the neglect of duty. The agony in self-denial is momentary, but the joy that flows from it is lasting.

"If you live a life of nature, you are marked out for death; If you mortify the ways of nature through the power of the Spirit, you will have life." (Romans 8:13).

John of the Cross, who lived four hundred years ago in Spain, and was one of the

# HAPPINESS

greatest of all saints, was fond of writing poetry which contained sublime truths. All that has been written above in dull prose, he put in poetic lines:

"To come to taste everything,  
Do not taste anything.

To come to know everything  
Do not seek to know anything.

To come to possess all things,  
Do not seek to possess anything.

To come to what you do not taste,  
You have to go where you do not taste.

To come to what you do not know,  
You have to go where you do not know.

To come to possess what you do not possess,  
You have to go where you do not possess.

To come to where you are not,  
You have to go where you are not.

When you notice something,  
Cease to throw yourself at everything.

PIUS XII, of revered memory, addressing a convention of editors some time before his death, assured them that their chief aim should be to find out "what the public needs in the way of truth, goodness and beauty, and to discover and encourage talents which answer this deep-seated need of the human soul."

Truth, Goodness, Beauty. Reflected in these shining words is the ideal which the Catholic Press endeavours to embody in

all its productions. A number of recent Popes have called it the right arm of the Church. Logically regarded as such, it is an indispensable aid in guarding

since he became Pope, he was consistently stressing the urgent, if not imperative, need of a well-informed Catholic laity, a condition largely dependent on the

By Cecil Jayawardena

and defending the Faith, especially during these times of social unrest.

The public press had long been a subject of profound concern to the late Holy Father. Ever

right kind of printed matter. With fatherly solicitude for the spiritual and intellectual welfare of his flock he warned them repeatedly of the many pitfalls and snares hidden in secular publications.

The critical social period in which we are living, our Holy Father said, calls for valiant soldiers of Christ, alert Christians, undismayed in fulfilling their duty at all times and under all circumstances. The faithful soldier never tires of learning new ways and means of outwitting the enemy, of improving his service as a defender of country or camp. His zeal never falters while life remains in his body. So, it is, too, with the loyal Catholic layman. Fired with love of Christ, he prepares himself for conflict with an indecent press, by reading Catholic literature regularly. His armour is kept shining by ready knowledge of the Faith, his sword free from rust by his ability to explain Catholic belief to others.

The main purpose of the Catholic Press is to stimulate Catholic thinking and doing, to uplift mind and will, heart and soul, to exalted, far-reaching levels of Christianity. Certainly its chief object is far other than that of the secular press — financial gain. Pius XII once made the following declaration:

"In these days, and in a country where freedom of the press is established by law, it should not be necessary to insist on the importance of the Catholic Press. The power of the written word is being challenged today by the other modern arts of communication. Yet, none will deny the heavy pressure still exercised by the press that would first weaken, then subvert the principles of Christian belief and correct moral conduct."

To counteract the forces at work weakening the Christian way of life, would seem to be well within the power of our Catholic laity. They need do but little more than to heed the voice of the Good Shepherd speaking through the voice of the Supreme Pontiff. Then will they make no delay in becoming

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Ceylon filmgoers who missed seeing the film "Marcelino" and those who want to see it again will have an opportunity of seeing it soon.

## Here is the story:

A FRANCISCAN friar strides towards a sun-baked Spanish village to visit a sick child. On his way he meets the villagers who are celebrating the feast day of "Marcelino." The child's simple parents have forgotten the origins of the celebration and the Friar tells them the story of long ago.

One morning a new born baby is found at the gate of a parish of twelve friars. After making sure that it is a man child, the friars care for it as best they can. The Father Superior orders discreet enquiries to discover the parents or at least the mother. The search is fruitless and further efforts are made to find the child a home.

A few years pass and "Marcelino" is five. He is well loved by his twelve adoptive Fathers, even though he plagues them with his pranks. But the time comes when he has to be disciplined and he is told that one place in the monastery is out of bounds — "the attic." If ever he goes here, he will find a man who will carry him away. Although

greatly tempted, Marcelino cannot pluck up courage to venture up by himself. But he has an imaginary playmate named Manuel and, with him as a lookout, he decides to explore the attic. He mounts the stairs and sees in the shadow a man with outstretched arms.

Curiosity soon gets the better of his fear. Marcelino again goes to the attic. He has never seen any one look so sad, so cold, so thin as the man on the cross. Suddenly a quite naturally hungry Marcelino says "You look hungry" and he runs to the kitchen where he steals some bread which he offers to Our Lord.

Marcelino's thefts become more daring as he spends more and more time conversing with Our Lord, who says that one day your name will be Marcelino, "Bread and Wine."

As a reward to Marcelino, for his goodness, Our Lord asks him to name his dearest wish and it will be granted. Our Lord suggests many things that might please a little boy, but Marcelino answers: "I only want to see my mother and yours". And that is when the event happens, and where it happened is today a place of pilgrimage.

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# THE NEW ADVENTURE

AS the two disciples who had seen the Lord, arrive at the cenacle, they come in shouting, "The Lord is alive!" A whole new world is opening before them. Death has been defeated. The whole of mankind is rising again in Christ who has risen again. Then they hear the apostles gathered there, who have also recovered their morale, saying, "We know! Peter and John saw the tomb empty this morning, and just now, a few moments ago, the doors were shut and He came in amongst us and was with us."

And it was then, in reality, that the new adventure began. That miraculous adventure which goes on its way despite all our stumblings and darkness and sins and betrayals, down all the centuries and throughout the whole of man's world. The miraculous adventure of the message which passes on from one to another like a flame passing from one candle to another. The tremendous adventure of the message of God's love; God who loved men so much that He came and made Himself one of them, content to suffer from their cruelty, to suffer from them even to death and, having died for them, to rise again and be amongst them again, staying with them in the tabernacle until the consummation — until His work should be completed, and all the human beings whom He willed to exist should have been able to know Him through the ministry and the apostolate of those to whom, in every age, He would have entrusted the responsibility of making Him known.

## Disillusionment

There had to be a disillusionment. Those men were generous, but at the same time they were living in an illusion. We must see this and understand it. This too is one of the fundamental aspects of the message we have received and which we are to pass on to the world.

The wholeness of man, in every order and domain of his being, lies in disillusionment; not disappointment and cynicism and believing in nothing, but believing in the truth and, day after day, clarifying our vision and going out of our illusions so as to attain to knowledge and to identify ourselves with reality, with the Eternal Being, God, who is love. This fundamental disillusionment is, at the same time, immeasurable hope.

The certainty of total disillusionment is our sole and most abundant hope; the

certainty that there will be an end to the world, and an end to our own lives — which are illusions to each of us — the certainty that we shall enter into that true and full life in which it will

the order of science or art, so that he may go out of appearances and attain to the mystery of reality. And there must be disillusionment at the level of the spiritual life, at the simplest and most profound level of the mystical life, so as to attain, beyond all that is illusory, to the intimate knowledge of God — God who is love.

## Love

You see, we must never forget that we are in the most total illusion of all, the most opaque and the most destruc-



no longer be possible to fail, in which it will no longer be possible to be a sinner, in which it will no longer be possible to do anything evil; in which it will be possible to bring to realisation the whole of what our hearts are always in anguish for, even when we are sinners.

You know the magnificent line from St. Augustine, that worldly, artistic, intellectual, rich pagan. Disillusionment pierced him, and he discovered reality. "Thou hast made us for thyself, O God, and our hearts are restless till they rest in thee."

## Wholeness

Let us try to understand that the wholeness of our lives is contained in what, in our Emmaus community, we like to call enthusiastic disillusionment; disillusionment — a gradual getting clear from illusions — but a disillusionment which is enthusiastic, in the proper sense of the word, which is "being one with God."

Enthusiasm does not mean being an eccentric fanatic going about with disordered hair and wild gestures. Enthusiasm is the power of a person who is one with God. That is the strict, primary meaning of the word. Enthusiastic disillusionment means the wholeness of a man. It is the wholeness of a man in business; he must quit his illusions if he is to do any good, and know exactly what is useful and how it ought to be marketed. It is the wholeness of a man who desires knowledge in

tive of illusions, both within us and around us, so long as we do not love. And the greater the extent to which we are practising Catholics, if we do not love, the more

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serious and dangerous and sure to damn us that illusion is.

What we must understand is that for God, only one thing is the end, and that is Himself, because that alone exists infinitely and eternally. Now He Himself is love, and the only thing which can concern Him when He creates free, reasonable, responsible beings is that these beings, with their freedom, should achieve love. God can have no other end than that which is, which means that eternal love which He Himself is. And all the other things are only means, ways which He puts at our disposal so as to make it possible for us to advance all together, as a community, mutually helping each other, towards that love.

Let us hold on to this and never forget it.

May this time of Lent — this time of waiting and tension in preparation for the sovereign disillusionment of the Resurrection at Easter — be filled with our prayers to Our Lord that we may offer ourselves to disillusionment, which means to the encounter with Him. Let us ask Mary, who, like every true mother, is forever waiting —

## Recourse to Our Lady

Mary who is the mother of all holiness, the mother of the community of the Church, and through the community of the Church the mother of all humanity, which Our Lord entrusted to her on the Cross;

Mary, daughter of Israel, who lived in the expectation of the Messiah, in an expectation which was so great that the Lord had already chosen her to be the mother who would give us the Child Jesus;

Mary who, while her Child grew, lived, like every mother, waiting for what was to be the destiny of her Child, waiting daily in constant tension and anguish and pain;

Mary who, by her Assumption, is now body and soul in heaven;

Mary who lives now in expectation of the end, expectation of the completion and fulfilment of the world, which is the creation of her Son, the Eternal Word;

Mary the mother who, each day and always, brings to birth not only the life of Her Child but every moment in the life of that Child, bearing Him within her, suffering when He suffers, suffering with us when we are sinners, when we grow shabby and mediocre;

Mary has for centuries granted so many graces, so much help and so much comfort — even more than material help; let us ask her from the bottom of our hearts really to take us in hand, to scold us every evening for not having loved enough during the day.

## Mary will help

May she, throughout the entire world, multiply in the hearts of men and women, and especially of young people, a restless longing to give themselves and to love, so that there may be a hundred-fold increase in these new vocations to be missionaries of distress and poverty. May they increase in such measure as to fill the immensity of the need, these vocations to boys and girls to give themselves, for a part of their life or the whole of it, to their suffering brothers, giving themselves to them to share their conditions, not to give them help from outside but to become incarnate in the midst of them, so as to put into practice what Our Lord put into practice and what He wants us to put into practice with Him: redemption through incarnation, the salvation of all through self-identification with all, suffering with those who suffer, weeping with those who weep, so that the day may come when no one weeps any longer, because together we have found the way of the Lord.

Let us ask Our Lady for this. If we really ask her, and if we do our best each day, she will grant it, and she will help us to see, to realise, that to do the work of God it is

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### Landmark 45: Delft (1704)

ON 27 December 1703, Fr. Saldanha arrived at Kandy to replace Fr. Carvalho who died on 22nd July of that year. As soon as the new missionary had settled down, Fr. Vaz set out on a visit to the outstations.

2. Regarding this expedition Fr. S. G. Perera writes: "The district he visited cannot be ascertained except that it included a visit to one of the

Jaffna islands called Neduntivu, the inhabitants of which numbering about two hundred, desired to receive waters of Baptism at his hands because of the great devo-

## FR. VAZ FEATURE

## 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 MARCH

**GENERAL:** For the general and particular intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

**MISSIONARY:** That many may be stirred to help the Church in Africa in her urgent need.

## RADIO LOG

MAR. 14 and 15: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. **THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY** (Sinhalese) — Rev. Fr. Philip Dissanayake, O.M.I.

MAR. 15: 7-00 to 7-30 p.m. **CATHOLIC HOUR** (English).

MAR. 21-23: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. **THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY** (Tamil) — A Jesuthasan, Esq.

MAR. 22: 9-00 to 9-30 a.m. **CATHOLIC HALF HOUR** (Sinhalese). 10-00 to 10-05 a.m. **TALK** (English) — Rev. Fr. Claude Lawrence, O.M.I.

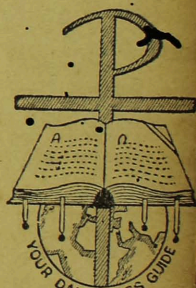
MAR. 23: 10-00 to 10-30 a.m. **CATHOLIC HALF HOUR** (Tamil).

MAR. 23-29: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. **THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY** (Sinhalese) — Rev. Fr. Ignatius Gamalath.

not necessary to start by becoming quite free from all failings. It is enough that we should live, with all our strength, in the tension of hope, in Our Lord's hands, so as to come, with Him, to love enough to be able to recognise and serve Him first of all in those of our brothers who are suffering the most. Amen.

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## Some tips to remember

Brush small rugs, never shake or bang them. That would only snap off fringe and hem.

Release the tension of washing-machine rollers after use; place a cloth between them.

Use plastic tooth mugs in the bathroom. If they fall into the basin, they will not damage it.

Leather suitcases and luggage cases need feeding. Polish them regularly with a good hide food.

Have an air space between wall and book-shelves to prevent any damp affecting the books.

Remove water of warm plate marks on furniture by rubbing camphorated oil well in.

Give rust on window frame a derusting treatment. Painting over is not enough.

YOUTH is the time of dreams and aims and ambitions" writes Miss T. S. "Youth is the restless time of seeking and not knowing what exactly to grasp. I feel that this little Prayer for Youth I picked up from a magazine recently would be very good indeed for all young people."

### Prayer for Youth

Find place that priceless jewel in my hands,  
The pearl content, above all others rare,  
Whether my star ascends or steadfast stands,  
Want that I keep it bright within my care,  
At others, seeing it, may seek and find,  
Through Thee, this jewel, a contented mind.

Youth and content are poles apart, but discontent is not the prerogative of youth alone. There are many old and middle-aged who have never known content—and prayer will do them a world of good.

★  
HOW many women realize the importance of deep breathing exercises? Marie... "Deep breathing keeps you fit and healthy. It helps to make you more useful," she adds, and goes on to give you some simple breathing exercises:—

(1) With arms stretched forward shoulder high, breathe in and deeply and hold. Move arms sideways and, forwards again, several times. Breathe out strongly, completely, mouth wide open.

(2) Arms stretched forward as before. Breathe in and hold. Swing arms in a backward circle, then forward. Breathe out strongly, mouth open.

(3) Breathe in with three long sniffs. At the first, arms forward, shoulder high, at the second, sideways, at the third, above head. Arms down and breathe out, mouth open.

(4) Breathe in deeply, sitting on your toes, feet flat, lower heels slowly,

breathing out through the nose.

(5) Breathe in deeply, rising on your toes. Breathe out through the

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nose while you sink to a squatting position, back straight, then stand up.

"Try these simple exercises for a few weeks and notice how wonderfully different you will feel—but don't stop after that—keep on doing them daily," Marie concludes.

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"I WOULD vote for fruit salad for desert every-time" writes reader J. S.



Would you? There is something so refreshing about a fruit salad that even the most delicious pudding lacks. And there is always room to find for fruit salad even after the heartiest, most filling meal! This recipe I am sending is one of my favourites and I'm sure the readers of CHATTER NATTER will relish it too."

### Orange and Apple Salad

#### INGREDIENTS

4 large, sweet oranges,  
3 small, sweet apples.

3 rounded table spoonfuls castor sugar or to taste.

#### METHOD

First cut the peel off the oranges. When all the skin and pith have been removed, cut the orange crosswise in thin slices, with a plate below to catch any juice.

Peel all the apples except one quarter of one apple, which, keep aside for the decoration—a red-skinned quarter will look best for this. Core the peeled apples, and slice them paper thin.

Put a layer of orange slices in the bottom of a glass dish and cover them with a good sprinkling of sugar, then add a layer of sliced apple. Continue to fill the dish in this way, using up all the fruit. Finally sprinkle the top with sugar, cover it with a plate and leave in the "fridge" for three or four hours. Just before serving slice the quarter apple left unpeeled and arrange the slices round the edge of the dish.

★  
A READER who describes herself as "someone with a flair for cooking" sends in a very valuable contribution to CHATTER NATTER. She calls these ideas she has culled from various sources—and invented for herself—Meals in Minutes, and I think that describes them down to the letter. And what delightful meals.

#### 1. EGGS MIMOSA:

Halve chilled, hard-cooked eggs lengthwise, remove yolks; fill with mayonnaise, top with grated yolks.

#### 2. CURRIED RICE:

Boil rice with as much curry powder as you like; chill; add cooked peas, top with chutney.

#### 3. RUSSIAN SALADS:

Dice in same-size squares and mix together with mayonnaise; cold roast beef, tomatoes, boiled potatoes and beetroot; boiled. Add minced parsley and celery and season.

#### 4. GREEN SHRIMPS:

Boil small prawns, season to taste and smother in mayonnaise coloured green.

# Woman to Woman

## DOING SOMETHING FOR LENT

LENT has only two weeks left of it, and all around us discussions are going on, especially among the children: "What shall we give up for Lent?" Many mothers encourage this, and it is most certainly true that we are taught to sacrifice something dear to our hearts during the time of penitence in preparation for Our Lord's death and resurrection. It cannot be other than good for us to make as big a sacrifice as we possibly can.

Nevertheless, this form of sacrifice as far as children are concerned is, in a way, a kind of negative one. Women who are teachers and mothers know that today the best way to get good results in work and play from a young child is to praise it, to encourage it, and to use the positive approach.

This means that one doesn't say "Don't do that" to a child if one can possibly avoid doing so. It is said to be better to say something on the lines: "Don't you think it would be better to do it this way?" This might be termed "the positive approach."

So if this idea could be brought to bear on Lent, too, it might help mothers and teachers gain more from their children than

### Add and subtract

by merely asking them to give up something; or perhaps it could be combined with the giving-up and children could be asked to add something to their daily lives as well as subtract. It is another small way of bringing home to children our living faith.

I wonder which is the more difficult to remember: that you



are not going to have sugar in your tea, or eat sweets during the whole of Lent; or that you are going to remember to say the Rosary every night before falling asleep, you are going to keep your temper, you are going to be generous with your

belongings, etc.

It seems to me that both methods of sacrifice entail self-discipline and control and sacrifice, but that the positive or "adding" method might be better for children. Don't you agree?

## DO YOU OVER-DESS- FOR CHURCH?

SHE was going my way and I was going my way for Sunday Mass. I looked—and looked again. My eyes were dazzled. Such a mass of shine; of paint and polish. A frock that billowed in the soft morning breeze, showing layers of befrilled petticoats underneath. A neckline that dipped down halfway to the waist at the back, and was almost decolette in front; sleeve-less and heavily trimmed. Where on earth could she be going?

I reached the little niche gate at the side of the church and slipped in. The girl did the same. I gasped! In that out-fit she was actually coming to hear Mass...

Come to think of it, don't you think some women overdress considerably for Church? The procession of women walking into their respective pews on a Sunday morning is more like a mannequin parade than anything else! Now please don't think that the writer is a dodd or a frump. Far from it. She is as fond of dressing-up as any other female and would rather be dead than dowdish for any occasion, but I feel that we women should draw the line somewhere—and church is by far the most unsuitable place for overdressing.

You have seen them yourself, those women who "dress

to kill" for church services. You have seen them in dipping necklines; in slim skirts that scarcely give them room to kneel in; in shining silks and satins and laces; in rustling taffeta; decked in sequins and beads, cluttered up with jewellery, and now they even don the "sack" in its most extreme, vulgar form—for Mass. Don't you think it is all a little horrifying?

Perhaps these women are doing it unconsciously. Let us give them the benefit of the doubt and tell ourselves that they do not know what they are doing. But even ignorance is scarcely a justification. Immodesty in dress at any time for any occasion is wrong, and most of all in Church during the Supreme Sacrifice of the Mass.

You can be modest and chaste in dress without looking like a nun, or aping mediaeval styles. If you bear in mind the chief essentials of neatness and simplicity for all occasions you will be smartly dressed and modest and you will be paying Christ the respect due Him in His place of worship.

It is funny but true that only women are offenders in this respect. Men never make the mistake of overdressing—to Church of all places. This is one instance we could take a leaf out of

## KEEP THESE DATES FREE

25th July — 2nd August

"IN a house of 10,000 rooms you can only sleep in one at a time." The Chinese are famed for their wisdom and that is an ancient Chinese proverb which holds good for all time. It will be the theme song of the Ideal Home Exhibition organized by St. Bridget's and sponsored by the Shell Company of Ceylon, which will be held on St. Bridget's Convent grounds from 25th July to 2nd August. Go to St. Bridget's and see the 2-bedroomed home, which will prove to you beyond all doubt that you can buy ten perches of land and put up a cabook house with Ceylon tiles for Rs. 5,000/-. As the organizers say, "See the house and believe."

There are over 25 surprises in store for you, planned as part of the Exhibition, and the children and young people are being specially catered for. There will be a Hobbies section with many schools offering their own particular contribution, and a "Ham Radio." This will be a real treat, for girls and boys will be able to talk to others all over the world by its means. So keep the dates free, won't you?

### Fr. Vaz Feature

Continued from page 3

The turning point in our strands (if not in the story) is that Neduntivu itself is the Delft of today. The zealous Parish Priest, Fr. John Singarayar, who in earlier days restored the memory of Madhu (where the statue of Our Lady of Madhu was before it started on its "pilgrimage" after the expulsion of the Portuguese and the outbreak of the Dutch Persecution), is not likely to leave Delft without its landmark to Fr. Vaz.

#### THE POOR CLARES

will appreciate orders for vestments, cassocks for the clergy, church linen, paintings—such as the Stations of the Cross, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, etc.

The Poor Clares Colettines, Convent of Mary Immaculate, Tewate, Ragama.



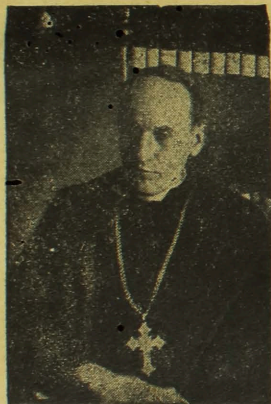
# ● CHURCH OF SILENCE WEEK: *Passion to Palm Sunday*



The  
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why...

From Rome the centre of Christendom has gone out to the ends of the earth a supreme command from Pope John XXIII — to prepare manifestations of prayer and penance beseeching Almighty God to avert the calamity that is now threatening the Catholic community of China. The Holy Father has made pertinent reference to the "consummation of a schism, fearful word which burns our lips and wounds our heart."

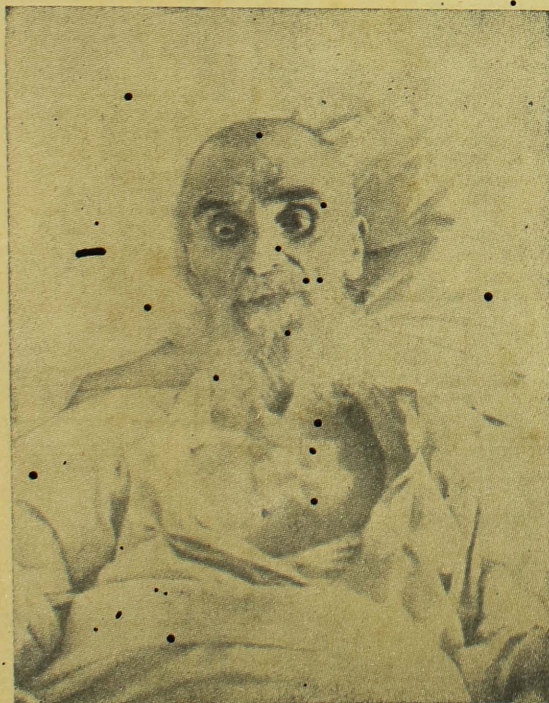
In a circular letter to the Bishops of India and Ceylon, His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, the Most Rev. Dr. James Knox, has himself referred to the "distressing situation of the Clergy and the faithful in many parts of Europe and Asia" and calls for a campaign of prayers. The Archdiocese pledges herself to their appeal with her own "Church of Silence Week" commencing tomorrow, Passion Sunday.



● Still another victim of Communist persecution — Cardinal Stepinac.

## ● Keep these dates free ARCHDIOCESAN CHURCH OF SILENCE WEEK

The Stations of the Cross will be conducted at St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kottahena, on:  
Sunday 15th March at 6-30 p.m. (English)  
Friday 20th March at 6-30 p.m. (Sinhalese)  
Sunday 22nd March at 6-30 p.m. (Tamil)



● A tortured Bishop, the victim of Chinese Reds.

## POPE'S PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

O JESUS, Son of God, You loved Your Church and You gave Yourself for it, to sanctify it and to enable it to appear before You, glorious and immaculate (cfr. Ephesians 5, 23-37). Look once more with mercy upon the sufferings to which Your mystical spouse is subjected in various parts of the world, but particularly now in the great nation of China.

You see, O Lord, the snares that lie in wait for the souls of Your faithful and You know the calumnious insinuations brought against Your shepherds, Your ministers, and Your faithful followers, who long to spread the truth of the Gospel and to spread Your kingdom which is not of this world. You know how insistent and pernicious are the attempts to tear the seamless robe of Your spouse, the Church — one, holy, Roman, catholic, apostolic, — separating hierarchy and local communities from the Chair of Peter, the sole centre of truth, authority, and salvation.

Gazing on the spectacle of such grave evils, we ask of You, above all, forgiveness for the offences perpetrated against You. The words You spoke to Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus — "Saul, Saul, why dost thou persecute Me?" (Acts 9, 4) — may well be repeated again today as they have been repeated in the course of history, recent and distant.

We trust always in the efficacy of the sublime words which You spoke to the Father from the Cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23, 34). Just as Your Sacrifice is the source of universal salvation, so may the martyrdom which the Church, Your spouse and our mother, suffers in various regions be, through Your grace, a means of salvation to all men.

O Prince of Peace, may the bishops and the priests, the Religious and the laity, be always and everywhere "careful to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4, 3). May Your almighty strength defeat every human calculation, that shepherds and flocks may remain obedient to the voice of the only universal shepherd, the Roman Pontiff, who feels in his heart the responsibility of that supreme command of love, "Holy Father, keep in Thy name those whom Thou hast given me that they may be one even as We are one" (John 17, 11).

Lastly, O Saviour, cast a glance of approval on the merits and prayers of Your Mother and ours, the august Queen of the Missions and the Universal Church, and on the toils, and the sacrifices, and the blood of the innumerable heralds of the Faith who have given to You everywhere, and still give, heroic testimony. Mindful above all of Your Precious Blood shed for many as the remission of sins, give Your peace to China and to the whole world, since in no one is there hope, victory and peace if not in You, Our Lord and immortal King of the centuries and of the people.

## Galle Diocese has Triduum of Reparation

IN compliance with the expressed wish of His Holiness the Pope, all the parishes of the Galle Diocese observed a triduum of reparation from 6th to 8th March and thus joined the entire Catholic world in prayers of reparation for the Church of Silence.



● Prince of the Church, Cardinal Mindszenty, victim of Communist persecution.

## ORDER NISI IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO

No. 18639/T

In the matter of the Intestate Estate of the late John Paul Joseph Irugalbandara of No. 32, Church Road, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15. — Deceased.

Edith Irugalbandara of No. 32, Church Road, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15. — Petitioner.

1. Regina Irugalbandara.
2. Prince Irugalbandara, presently Sister Mary of Immaculate Conception, Great Carmel, Mattakkuliya.
3. Roland Irugalbandara.
4. Joseph Irugalbandara.
5. Zeno Irugalbandara.
6. Christie Irugalbandara.
7. Venitia Irugalbandara, at No. 32, Church Road, Mattakkuliya, Colombo.
8. Clarice Fernando of Staff House, Colombo.
9. Marie Irugalbandara.
10. John Irugalbandara both No. 32, Church Road, Mattakkuliya (the 9th and 10th minors appearing their Guardian-ad-litem 5th Respondent abovenamed. — Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before V. Siva Supramaniam Esquire, Additional District Judge, Colombo on the 7th of February 1959, in the presence of Mr. Andrew M. G. de Silva Proctor on the part of Petitioner and the Affidavit of the Petitioner dated 5th February 1955 have been read.

It is ordered that the Petitioner abovenamed be and she is hereby declared entitled as the wife of the Deceased abovenamed, have letter of Administration of the Estate of Deceased abovenamed, issued to her accordingly.

It is further ordered that the Respondent abovenamed be and he is hereby appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the person of and 10th minors Respondent abovenamed, unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 19th of March 1959, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Court to the contrary.

Sgd. V. Siva Supramaniam Additional District Judge 7th day of February 1959.



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## Two Messages for Today

THE real message of the Church of Silence Week that the Archdiocese of Colombo commences tomorrow, is two-fold — the comforting and in fact strengthening comfort of the Mystical Body of Christ; and secondly, the bending ruthlessness of Marxism which is anti-God.

This paper has on more occasions than one — sometimes, too often, for the liking of some of our critics — dealt on the theme of the Suffering Church to which Pius XII of revered memory gave the label, the Church of Silence. We did so, and will continue to do so, because of our deep abiding belief in the Mystical Body of Christ: that we are never alone; that whatever we are, necessarily affects the wider fabric of the family of the Church; that, in short, the entire Christian family, wherever the individuals be and whatever social class they belong, are all one in Christ Jesus.

This characteristically Pauline phrase has its own terrible consequences in the world of today. That is why Pope Pius XII came back over and over again to the Christian's duty towards his persecuted brethren; that is why Pope John XXIII, in the very first Allocutio of his Pontificate and on repeated occasions since then, has spoken with insistence and deep feeling of the tragedy and the doom of the Catholics of China; that too is why His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate has sent out a moving appeal to all the Bishops of India and Ceylon calling for an intensive campaign of prayer for the afflicted members of the Church; and that also is why Ceylon's Chief Pastor, His Grace the Archbishop, has responded to the call.

When the thousands of Catholics all over the Archdiocese commence the Church of Silence Week tomorrow, something big will be taking place. For the first time, the Catholic family here will be on their knees in prayer for the Church of Silence; for the first time, a concerted chorus of prayer will rise up from our shores, for the thousands suffering for the Faith. Flesh of our flesh; bone of our bone; co-heirs with us of an eternal inheritance — Christ Jesus.

The other message of the week we are about to commence, is one which is particularly necessary now: that Marxism, of whichever brand it be, is an implacable, unrelenting and ruthless enemy of all religion. In recent months, we have heard Marxists of various hues, protesting that they have no antagonism whatever towards religion; we have even seen the utter mockery of some of them glorifying the majority religion, partaking in ceremonies, making offerings. It is not our intention today to show utterly false and malicious this typically Marxist propaganda; we shall return to it at some future date. But must say this quite emphatically: Marxism, of its very nature, is antagonistic to all religion.

The people of this country must not fall a prey to the Trojan-horse tactics that made dupes and slaves of the large masses of people in so many East European and East Asian countries. The whole question reduces itself to this: do our local comrades (C.P., L.S.S.P. or V.L.P.) subscribe to the doctrines of the supreme pontiffs of Marxism or do they not? One could quote full pages of pertinent texts from Marx, Lenin and Engels. Here are just two:—

"Marxism is materialism. As such it is relentlessly opposed to religion..." (Lenin: "Religion").  
 "We must combat religion — this is the A.B.C. of all materialism, and consequently of Marxism." (Ibid.).

There are those in this country who are so naïve as to allow the tactical propaganda of the Marxist comrades to mislead them. For them the high-priests of Marxism have entirely different message. And the terrible reality behind the Church of Silence, in terms of torture, imprisonment, de-humanisation, and mass murder, also tells another — tragic, eloquent and commanding.

Let us not be misunderstood. We have never advocated a negative form of anti-Communism. We do not believe that Communism can be defeated or overcome by merely shouting from the house-tops or seeing Reds under every bed. However, we have always urged vigilance against the known wiles, deceptions and carefully contrived propaganda of the Communist hierarchy. Maybe this is a time when we should get on our knees and seek the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is obvious that we all need it.

## Beginning...Polo Marco's Column

# Let's get this straight, Mr. Philip

WHAT'S all this pother about the Church in Ceylon recently entering the field of politics? There is a sense, Mr. Philip Gunawardena, in which the Church has been dabbling in politics from the day Our Lord commissioned his chosen twelve to go forth into the far ends of the earth and spread the message of His Love. Petty political prophets have time and again pitted their pet policies against the tremendous bulwark that has been built out of the Faith, practice and experience of generations of Christians. But the Church has interred their mangled remains and continued each day of the year to pray for the quiet repose of their erring souls.

What exactly had you in mind, Mr. Philip, when you told, the people of Karandupone that the Catholic Church was the enemy of all progressive legislation? No doubt you could get away with it before the villagers of Karandupone. No doubt you chose the Kegalle

area where the Jesuits have nurtured a strong Catholic community. No doubt you were scoring a political point by attempting to create religious disharmony in a paddy cultivating electorate. To be precise, Sir, you were paying off old scores. You are still smarting under the treatment which your Paddy Lands Bill received at the hands of a discerning group of Catholics who plainly pointed out that this was the first step on the road to serfdom.

In the sphere of land reform, as in most other matters, there is no halfway house. The paddy cultivator must be either liberated by making him the owner of some property or he must be made a serf for all time by depriving him of all property: in such a direction as to create a class of independent peasant proprietors or in such a manner as to collectivise more and more land in the hands of the State. What, you may ask, does the Act, now law, purport to do? That is very

clear and is written in very bold type in what, in legal jargon, is referred to as the preamble to the Act. Make no mistake about it. The operative words are: the establishment of collective farms for paddy cultivation.

The social Encyclicals of the Popes have stressed again and again this principle of individual peasant proprietorship (distribution) as against collectivisation. The Church is not thereby encroaching upon the field of politics or economics but is merely fighting for the freedom of the peasant. Take away property in toto and freedom flies out through the window. However, Mr. Philip, did you not during the course of the debate on the Paddy Bill refer jeeringly to the "much-idolised owner-cultivator." You were following in the footsteps of all doctrinaire Marxists who regard the peasant owner as the greatest obstacle to the Communist State in the countryside. You even went further

when you were over-carried by your true zeal in a gust of enthusiasm: "I am not against Communism. I am not afraid to say so. I think that sometime or other the whole world will turn Communist. It is the final stage of socialism and democratic socialism. There is nothing to be scared about."

Certainly, not of the Catholic Church. Then, why, oh why this tirade against the Church? If Communism is inevitable, why this concern for its establishment?

Wake up, Honourable Sir, you may be a veteran at your own game but the Church has seen one too many like you. Throughout history several mighty men like the Roman Emperors, Napoleon, Hitler, have dared tilt at the Mystical Body of Christ (to put it mildly) but to their utter rout.

In your own case, I am afraid, you have begun to sing your own song in politics rather early. Your future will be determined by Him above.

## CURRENT COMMENT

by the Editor

## ★ FOOD MINISTER'S FIERY WARNINGS AND THREATS

THE Honourable Philip Gunawardena, Minister of Agriculture and Food in the Cabinet of Sri Lanka, is all fire and fury. Warnings and threats have been flowing from his innocent lips with greater ease than that with which some others keep dropping bricks. Reactionaries, capitalists, saboteurs of his favourite bills, bus mudalalis, co-op workers, in short anyone and everyone who dares express any opposition at all to his schemes, have each and everyone been disposed of — each of them has, within recent weeks, received his own specific threat. Threats galore!

And now, it is the turn of the Catholic Church. "Serious consequences" for the Church — that is the threat he has held out to us. If he hopes, by his threat, to silence the Church and its ministers, he is mistaken; and he surely knows it. The answer today cannot be different from the answer of the first apostles in the face of persecution — non possumus non loqui; we cannot be silent.

Don Philipppo's accusation is that the Church has dragged religion into the political arena. We have said it before; let us do so again. The Church does not meddle in politics. But the Church cannot be morally neutral when moral issues are at stake, when slavery is being thrust on the citizen, and when the freedom of man is assailed.

His specific charge is that subsequent to the failure of the token strike, Catholics were making an all-out attempt to disrupt the Government. He goes further: Catholic churches to his knowledge, he said, have become

the centres of conspiracy.

Two can play at a game, Mr. Food Minister. In a land that still remains free, where democracy still exists, and where freedom of expression still remains, citizens can still, fortunately, speak. Hurling accusations is the familiar Marxist game of bluff; and the father of Ceylon's revolution is surely a past-master at the art.

Very serious accusations have been made by a Minister of the Cabinet. We deny them outright; completely and absolutely. We have never entertained thoughts of conspiracy, and far less have our churches been centres for conspiracy. We had no plans whatsoever to bolster up the last token-strike — in fact, our attitude was, if anything at all, pro-Government on this particular issue.

It is perfectly true that we have opposed the Food Minister's pet scheme of the Paddy Lands Bill. But since when has it become a crime to campaign against a proposed bill? Since when has it become a conspiracy to oppose vehemently a piece of legislation that is up for discussion?

In the armoury of democracy as we know it, these are perfectly legitimate things. In the armoury of Marxist tyranny as the "father of revolution" knows it, of course they just cannot be tolerated.

The Food Minister's fire and fury have been blind shots in the air. But we feel they are even worse — they are serious allegations made by a responsible Minister of

State against a section of the citizens of Lanka. Even from him, we had expected more.

### Red books set a poser

"INFLUX of Red books set a poser," said a front-page headline in a secular contemporary a few days ago. One feels consoled that even at this eleventh-hour, someone at least is awakening to the problem that is becoming bigger and bigger. The open-door policy of the government, liberal though it may appear, is in fact suicidal. The time is sure to come — as perhaps it is already coming — when the very architects of this so-called freedom, will regret the step they have taken. One does not need to look very far to see the happenings in other countries; and one does not need to think too deeply to realise the widespread and lasting effects that attractively got up, surprisingly cheap, and often unsuspectingly seditious literature can have, especially on the minds of the young.

Anyone with the smallest experience of the large amount of ridiculously cheap books and magazines that clutter the book-market today, must surely be alarmed. It is for those who opened out the flood-gates to do some rethinking.

### Pornography at large

WHILE on the subject of cheap and easily available literature, we must return to a topic on which we have already commented before. Dangerous and undesirable as the purely Marxist

books are, there is another category of literature that is openly marketed about today, which is far worse, and which spells far greater disaster for the country.

We refer to the blatantly crude and filthy output of magazines, books, leaflets and even mimeographed sheets that are on the open market today. Pornography pure and simple! And in the name of freedom of thought, the morals of our children are being destroyed, dangers placed in their way, and what is most sacred in them prostituted.

If the powers-that-be refuse to see the dangers inherent in their open-door policy, surely at least those responsible for the education of our young should be aware of the assault on the morals of the children. We cannot insist too strongly on this: it is time — in fact, it is perhaps already too late — that all those who think of education in terms of a vocation, and of the children as a sacred trust, bring pressure to bear on the authorities to exercise some curb on the influx of this filth in print.

### OUR EASTER ISSUE

The next issue of the Messenger — a 16-page issue — will be dated Wednesday 25 March, and will be available to sellers on Tuesday, 24 March.



# ★ People and Events

## IN REMINISCENT VEIN

PROMPTED by the "Ninety Years After" of our last issue, one of our readers, Joseph Jayasuriya, has sent in his own recent reminiscences of working on our paper.

ON the occasion of the ninety-year anniversary of the "Messenger," my thoughts fly to those happy days I spent on the staff of this paper just four years ago.

On May 11, 1955, I joined the staff of the "Messenger" as a proof reader. The Manager at the time was Rev. Fr. Dochain. He was a big-built man who spoke with a pronounced foreign accent.

It was on this day, incidentally, that I had the happiness of meeting the well-known poet, Mr. Harrison Peiris. As an ardent reader of his work (his "Down the Nawala Road" simply haunted me to distraction!) I had visualised him as a physical giant, more or less. To my vast surprise, he proved to be the very opposite of what I had imagined him to be! Never before had I longed so deeply to meet a fellow-being, and never had my disappointment been so great on seeing him in the flesh.

Mr. Harrison Peiris shattered all my pet dreams.

To come back to my work. Though my official designation was that of "proof-reader," my work proved to be also editorial by nature. I had the absolute thrill of my life "editing" the Junior Forum—and being a junior himself, the "Editor" hardly thought it improper to include his own excellent articles in the Forum!

Nothing gave me greater delight than to go to work every

morning, and my misery knew no bounds sometimes when illness confined me to bed. This was because my heart was in my work. Looking back on the various activities I have engaged myself in, I do not have the slightest hesitation in admitting that the short period I spent at the Catholic Press was occupationally my happiest.

There is a wonderful sense of fellowship among the members of the scribbling fraternity, as I discovered. This feeling of camaraderie is deepened when they happen to work for a single cause.

But all good things must come to an end. Four months later I received an appointment to a post in the Local Government Service. And so on the last day of September, 1955, I bade a sad farewell to my friends at the Catholic Press.

### Lectures on Thomistic Philosophy

That very enlightening and active discussion group which goes by the name of Logos (reference to it has already been made in these columns) has launched out on a new project in addition to its normal course of work.

Under its auspices, a course of six fortnightly lectures on the Philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas, will be given by Fr. Harold Panditharatne at St. Peter's College. The course is scheduled to begin on May 5th at 6-30 p.m., and will be with-

out any charge. Those interested are requested to send in their names to Mr. J. O. Ebert or Dr. Hilary Cruz.

### St. Patrick's Day

PATRICIANS all over the island will have their big day on 17 March 1959 when celebrations of St. Patrick's Day will commence with a special Mass at St. Philip Neri's Church, at 5-15 p.m.

The O.B.A. of St. Patrick's College will have their meeting at St. Joseph's College, Colombo on 21 March at 5 p.m.

### Personal

The Very Rev. Fr. Francis Perera, Parish Priest of Kurunegala, who has been seriously ill in the General Hospital, Colombo, for some weeks now, was given the last Sacraments last week. Readers, we are sure, will pray for his recovery.

The death of Gate Mudaliyar Norbert Wickremaratne has removed from the soil of Lanka the last survivor of an enthusiastic band of early workers in the field of rural development. So varied were his interests, that he was, in a way, the "father of Montessori education in Ceylon."

He was above all a loyal son of the Church, who gave the Church three daughters who are nuns, and a son who is a priest. His life was indeed one long record of patriotic service to God and country.

## Kandana fetes past Director

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

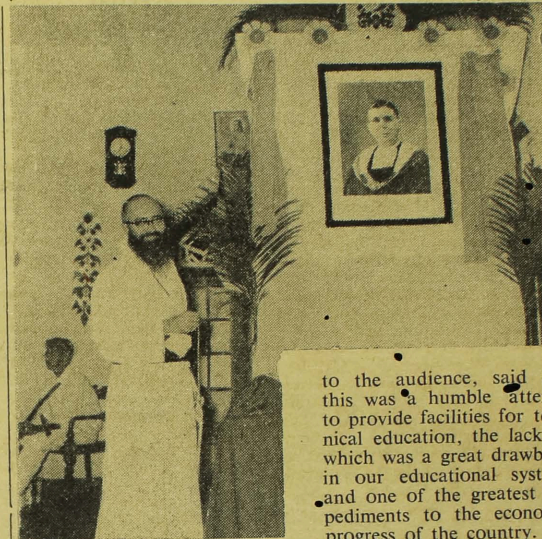
"YOU have been a friend of the student, parent, the Staff, and the Clergy. They all loved you and that is why your name is a household word in this area," said Rev. Fr. Philip Dissanayake, General Manager of R. C. Schools, before unveiling a portrait of Rev. Bro. Athanasius, former Director of De Mazenod College, Kandana, at a Social in his honour, by the Old Boys and the public.

Mr. Percy Valentine in speaking of the various achievements of Bro. Athanasius, said: "Though in theory Free Education existed, yet in practice only a very few had

the privilege of a University Education. But a peaceful revolution in education took place during your Directorate, and today there are over 50 students at the University and one at least in every single faculty. This is an achievement which even a Colombo school would envy."

On arrival in the hall, Rev. Bro. Athanasius and the new Director Rev. Bro. Oliver were garlanded amidst great applause. A new building scheme for technical education was formally inaugurated by the Rev. Bro. Athanasius.

Rev. Bro. Hermengild, in introducing the new scheme



to the audience, said that this was a humble attempt to provide facilities for technical education, the lack of which was a great drawback in our educational system, and one of the greatest impediments to the economic progress of the country.

## 250TH NOVENA

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

THE 11th of March witnessed the 250th Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Succour celebrated at her shrine, St. Mary's College, Negombo. A solemn triduum preceded it. During the Triduum, sermons, sermons, were given by Rev. Fr. M. Weerakody, Rev. Fr. Oscar Abeyaratne, and Rev. Fr. Matthew. The devotion to Our Mother.

Holy Mass was said at the College Altar at 7-30. It was edifying to see many devoted clients receive Communion in a body. Fr. Rector preached a Mass. He said that it would be Mary's true children who should imitate her virtues and give our Mother peace.

At the conclusion of Divine Service—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament imparted.

## A TRAGIC ENDING

THE much loved Ceylon Inspector of Police Dematagoda, Roy Perera was done to death on March by a merciless young assassin who happened to be that very day notified his dismissal from the force. If the untimely death of a red whilst arresting a criminal or a burglar the would record the incident as a gallant officer dying in the discharge of his duty. In this case he died in sanctuary of an assassin with weapons and customs of the law all around him.

The grateful public appreciation of a good departed, decorated the 3-mile route to the Matte Cemetery with nut palms and white flowers.

About 1/2 mile from cemetery gate, 700 of all ranks led by the police band escorted the body followed by a mile-long crowd of friends and admirers. It was a splendid march to the graveyard. At the lych house, Rev. Frs. John Herat, Dennis Boers, O.F.M., Francis Rodrigo, the Priest of Dematagoda, by the acolytes and bearers and chorists headed the procession a fully choral service conducted at the chapel graveside after which salute to the dead was and the last post sounded.

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## TRAILER

FOLLOWING our policy of making the "Messenger" as readable as possible, we have arranged for a weekly coverage of the cinema. Being a weekly that comes out on Fridays it will not be possible to provide regular reviews of current releases. The scope of this column—which will be called the Film Strip—is however far wider than that. Weekly, it will provide information about forthcoming films and the stars appearing in them, give information about the main centres of the film world which will help cinema goers to get a better understanding and appreciation of one of the most potent social forces of the modern world. The Film Strip will always endeavour to entertain without pandering, to educate without being pedantic. All cinema goers are assured that the Film Strip will be one of the most read and most exciting columns on films. Look out for it in the "Messenger" next week.

## SHELL GUILD AT WAHACOTTE

(by a "Messenger" correspondent)

THE members and families of the Shell Employees' Catholic Guild went on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Anthony at Wahacotte, on Saturday, 28th February 1959.

The party left Colombo after lunch and reached Wahacotte just before dusk. They participated in the evening novena in preparation for the Lenten Feast and, after dinner at the Bravi

Home Orphanage, conducted a half-hour of private devotions in the church. On Sunday, after Holy Mass, the pilgrims went round the premises of the Shrine and left for Colombo via Matale and Kandy.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Guild which took place four days earlier, the Secretary in his report stressed the importance of Catholics participating in Catholic Action and, because of the trend events, of redoubling their efforts to exert their Catholic influence in society. He called upon them to fulfil their social and moral obligations in a true Christian spirit.

The following were elected as office-bearers for the year: President A. G. E. P. Gunawardena; Vice-President B. J. M. Mendis; Hony. Secy. A. E. F. Perera; Asst. Hony.



## KALUTARA NEWS

(From "Josephian," Messenger correspondent)

## Ladies of Charity

## Patricians

GO, meet the poor in their homes, realize the dignity of your calling, see Christ in the poor and treat them as our own," said Father Henry Codrigo, O.M.I., Parish Priest of Kalutara at the inaugural meeting of the Ladies of Charity of Kalutara, held recently.

The following were elected office-bearers: President Mrs. Eugene Fernando. Vice-President Mrs. T. P. E. Jayawardene. Secretary Mrs. Lucy Moray and Treasurer Mrs. Violet de Silva.

At the fourth Patrician meeting held on Sunday last at the Holy Family Convent, presided over by Mr. D. O. Abeysekere, the subject for discussion was "Family Planning." The lay speaker for the day was Mr. Angelo Rajakariar and the priest speaker was Revd. Fr. Manik Muttukumaru.

The speakers dwelt on different aspects of this very topical problem which gave rise to ample discussion, and after each of the talks, many questions were asked and answered.

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## New Church for Talgahapitiya

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

TOMORROW His Lordship the Bishop of Chilaw, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Edmund Peiris, O.M.I., will bless a new church built of cadjan and dedicated to St. Sebastian at Talgahapitiya, and say Holy Mass in it at 7-30 a.m. The little church stands on a plot of land in Tissagama, on the road from Bowatte to the Sugar Cane Plantation and the Deduru Oya, and this site was purchased from Mr. Weerasuriya of Dandugama. The parish consists of 35 Catholic families, most-

ly poor people, and all those who have at heart the building of the Church invisible, would do well to pray for the preservation of the unity and brotherly spirit which binds this young Catholic community together.

## Atuvana

A new church is to rise this year on the ashes of the old church of St. Anthony at Atuvana which was burnt down in 1957. All those who generously responded to the appeal made in the Messenger for funds for the new church are gratefully remembered at Mass which is at present offered in a small house nearby.

## Catholic School Front

4. Payments to Newly appointed Teachers.

An extract from my Circular No. 12 of 1-12-58 regarding the appointment of teachers is appended below for the information of the Principals of English Schools.

(a) Normally newly appointed teachers to those schools which receive monthly salary payments from Borella, are paid only after their appointments are approved by the Education Officer.

(b) The payment of these teachers may however be considered if their appointment papers have at least been forwarded to the Education Officer, for his approval, and if documentary proof to that effect has been annexed to the salary sheet.

(c) Therefore, Rev. Local Managers and Principals of English Schools for which monthly salaries are received from Borella, are kindly requested to attach to the monthly pay sheet, documentary evidence, preferably a copy of the acknowledgment of the General Manager, which is sent to them when forwarding the appointment papers to the E.O. in respect of each new name that appears in the pay sheet.

(d) No salary will in future be paid to any new teacher appearing in the salary sheet, until such proof is produced.

Fr. Philip Dissanaya, a O.M.I.

## Jesuit Priest leads a Strike

FR. HECTOR MAURI, a Jesuit, is leading thousands of sugar plantation workers in the Negros island of the Philippines in a strike for higher wages.

The strikers walked off more than 20 plantations.

The sugar workers have always been treated as slave labour, except in a few plantations.

Many of them are paid

only about six shillings a day. Yet the "sugar barons" are wealthy.

Some workers actually finish a season in debt to their employers.

## ECUMENICAL COUNCIL MUST BE ONE OF CHARITY

## DISUNITY: "WE MUST TAKE SHARE OF BLAME"

CATHOLICS ARE NOT WITHOUT FAULT IN THE DISUNION OF CHRISTIANITY FOR THE PAST 1,000 YEARS, SAYS COUNT DALLA TORRE, EDITOR OF THE VATICAN NEWSPAPER OSSERVATORE ROMANO, IN A SIGNED ARTICLE COMMENTING ON THE CALLING OF AN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

The faults of Catholics, he said, consist:

IN NOT having prayed to God enough to make smooth the converging paths to His Church.

IN NOT having felt Christian charity to the full.

IN NOT having used it always towards our separated brethren, preferring the rigour of learned, compelling,

logical dispute to the patient love which influences more deeply in the long run.

He also accused Catholics of the "egoism of having been satisfied with our dogmatic certainty in Catholic teaching without feeling eager and anxious to share it with others who wanted it but did not know how to obtain it."

When we Catholics recited the Confiteor the faults for

## The Pope Revises Old Lenten Customs

THE Holy Father, making his 13th excursion into Rome since his election, revived last Sunday an ancient Lenten custom when he joined priests and people at devotions at the Church of Santa Maria in Dominica, the Lenten "station" for that day.

His Holiness took part in a 1,000 strong procession from the Church into the Piazza Celimontana and back into the church.

After leading the people in prayer, His Holiness gave a short address in which he exhorted them to observe "fully and faithfully" the ancient tradition of the Roman stations.

"The Pope sets a good example," he said.

He told them that he would join them again in their Lenten and Easter devotions.

On Palm Sunday he would visit the basilicas of St. Paul, the Lateran and St. Mary Major.

On Easter Sunday he would join them in St. Peter's.

In so doing he would be carrying out his duties as Bishop of Rome.

The custom of the Pope taking part with the people in their Lenten devotions was started by St. Gregory the Great.

The practice lapsed when the popes moved to Avignon in the 14th century, was revived by Pope Leo XII in the last century and was again discontinued when, after the seizure of the papal states, the pope became the "Prisoner in the Vatican."

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## POPE JOHN XXIII SPEAKS to YOU

THIS is the new Holy Father, coming in spirit to speak to you, dear children of the Catholic schools. And We want to tell you, first of all, that it is a great pleasure for Us to send you this, Our first message of greeting.

We come to you at this Lenten season, as did Our Predecessor, the late Holy Father Pope Pius XII of happy memory, whose voice was familiar to all of you; the message We bring to you is a message of love: God's love for all mankind and especially for you, and your duty to love God in return, and your neighbour for His sake.

Almighty God never ceases to show His love for all His creatures.

In return for His goodness, Almighty God expects you to love Him and to be obedient to His commandments. Always be faithful, therefore, to the practice of your religion—the daily recitation of your morning and night prayers, attendance at Mass, not only on Sundays and holy days but as often as possible; the frequent reception of Our Divine Lord in Holy Communion. Pray especially to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother also, and ask her to keep you pure and innocent and free from sin.

We know that you are good, dutiful children, and that, in addition to loving God yourselves, you are anxious to show Him how grateful you are for His love and for all the great gifts He has given you. We suggest to you, therefore, a way of proving your gratitude: it is by showing your love for other children.

You know that there are other children, millions of other children in the world who are far less fortunate than you: orphaned children and children from broken homes, who have never known parental care or affection; refugee children, compelled to flee from their homes, who now live in miserable conditions; children whose parents would gladly work in order to support them, but they are unemployed and they have to watch their little ones languish and grow weak through lack of proper nourishment; sick and delicate children, whose parents are unable to buy them the medicines they need so badly; children living in over-crowded conditions, in hovels and make-shift dwellings, unfit for human habitation; children trembling from the cold, because they have not enough clothing to protect their under-nourished bodies from the harsh weather; children living in countries where the enemies of God do not allow them to attend Catholic schools nor to practise their religion freely. These are but some examples of the suffering children of your own age, who look with pitiful eyes towards you, expecting to be helped.

How can you help them? You can help them first of all by praying for them. As you recite your morning and night prayers, add an extra Hail Mary for them; as you receive Jesus in Holy Communion, whisper a prayer to Him on behalf of those children of your own age whose faith and spiritual welfare are endangered by the conditions in which they live.

Secondly, you can help them with material gifts. The toys and clothing you discard will be gladly received by them and bring joy and warmth into their young lives. During Lent, you—like all good Catholic children—will be making sacrifices: the money which you save by those sacrifices, or which you otherwise collect

### Holy Father writes to Kandy Students

The students of St. Anthony's Convent, Kandy have received the following letter from His Holiness, Pope John XXIII.

Segreteria Di Stato,  
Di Sua Santita.  
The Secretariat of State of His Holiness is directed to ex-

press the Holy Father's sincere appreciation of the devoted message of good wishes and prayers addressed to Him on the occasion of His anniversary and to convey, as a pledge of abiding divine grace, the paternal Apostolic Blessing of His Holiness.

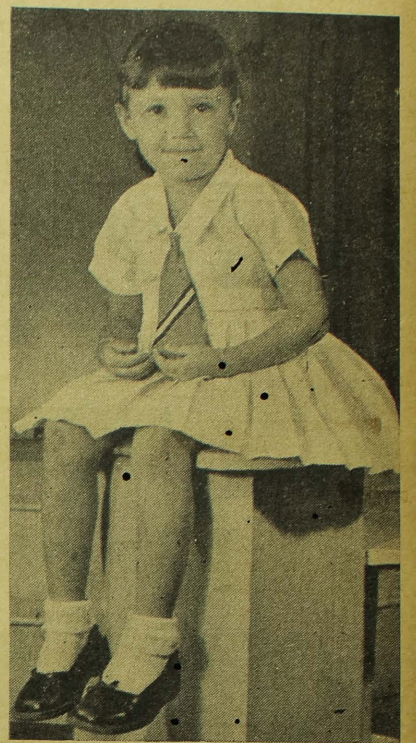
can be used to buy food and clothing and medicines for children who are hungry and cold and sick. Your priests and sisters and teachers will tell you how you can direct your contributions in money or in kind to those who are most in need.

You may rest assured that you will be amply rewarded for any help you give to other children who are suffering and in want. Our Divine Lord made no secret of His love for little children; He even told us in the Gospel that He will consider as done for Himself anything you do for them: "As long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me" (Matth. 25, 40). He will certainly repay any assistance given to them in His Name.

We feel it Our duty, as the Good Shepherd of the flock of Christ, to continue the relief work which Our beloved Predecessor was sponsoring during His reign. And even during these early months of Our Pontificate, it has grieved Our heart to learn of the great need for charity which still exists. Every day appeals from various parts of the world reach the Common Father here in Rome; they come from children who are hungry and cold, and who hold out their shivering hands, not asking for luxuries but for the bare necessities of life, for bread to satisfy the pangs of hunger and for clothing to warm their under-nourished bodies.

We feel sure that you, dear children, will not fail to come to their assistance once again, and that you will choose this means of proving to Our Divine Lord how grateful you are for all the gifts He has given you.

And you may be sure that the fervent prayers of those suffering children who benefit by your generosity will call down upon you and your country an ever more abundant share of heavenly favour. That is also Our earnest prayer for you, as, with a heart full of fatherly affection, We impart to you, to your parents and families and to your teachers and priests, Our special Apostolic Blessing.



Maurina Anne Douglas—the youngest pupil at St. Anthony's Convent, Kandy, joins the Schools-Mag.—Maurina is just 4 years old.

### Altar Boys' Corner

#### First time I served Mass

I CAN still remember the first day I served Mass. It was eleven years back, one sunny morning in December. All the altar servers were absent, while I was the only one to serve. I entered the Sanctuary with the priest and knelt on the right. As I was shivering I could not answer the prayers well, but I served well with a lot of mistakes. It was time for me to

change over the Missal to the left. As I was not tall enough the priest himself gave it to me, but unfortunately it was so heavy that I fell flat on my back. I picked up the Missal and placed it upside down on the left. The "Lavabo" was over but I didn't know when to ring the "Sanctus" bell. In excitement I rang the bell at once when I just heard the "Omnia." I heard some of my friends laughing in the Church but I did not give up serving Mass. I am now the "Emir" in our Church.

J. D. JUSTIN VERNON  
SAMARANAYAKE  
(Altar Servers' Association)  
Dehiwala

THE Altar Boys' Corner is infinitely one of the most instructive features in the Schools-Mag.

It is a great source of information not only for the altar-server who should know these facts, but for everyone in general. Altar-boys may come, altar-boys may go, but the Church goes on for ever.

It is these little aspirants who some day may become God's eternal priests.

The lessons they learn at altar steps form an indelible impression in their minds and they may thus decide to follow Him more closely.

Therefore here's wishing to this most essential corner of the Schools-Mag.

ALEXANDER GUNASEKERA  
(Schools-Mag No. 4)

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## WHAT WE THINK—more tributes

LIKE the Schools-Mag because it is edited just for us, schoolgoers. Here, in a part of a "grown-up" paper, we are given a number of delightful news items, jokes, competitions and letters, about things we love

to read, and which we are very interested in. The Schools-Mag has a distinct flavour of Catholicism about it. And it is a thing—our religion for instance, is it not natural that we should like those things which

savour of it too, very much?  
SUNIL GOONEWARDENE  
(Schools-Mag No. 294).

FROM the very inception of the Schools-Mag I knew it would be something interesting. The wholesome articles and exciting competitions in it not only interest young people but also hold elder people's attention. No wonder more and more girls and boys join the Mag family. For me, the Schools-Mag is much more interesting than any other weekly magazine. Reading it we derive not only pleasure but also gain knowledge. Most of the convent girls are members who like the Schools-Mag very much.  
LORRAINE DIAS.  
(Schools-Mag No. 970).

ALWAYS like to eat a meal with many tasty curries in it. A meal rich in vitamins. Just as I like such a hearty meal I like the Schools-Mag because it feeds my mind with a rich and tasty meal every week.

The Schools-Mag pages carrying the Science Scrap Book, Mirthquakes, etc., are like a table laden with dishes of knowledge.

D. J. CLAUDE FERNANDO.  
(Schools-Mag No. 1476).

LIKE the Schools-Mag, because it covers a wide range of subjects, from mere frivolity

and jokes, to articles on the age of space ships and moon-rockets.

It is both interesting, instructive, and provides good thoughts for all teen-agers. It maintains a certain Catholic atmosphere too, which differentiates it from all other junior magazines.

I wait for this Mag, as a little child would wait for a promised slab of chocolates. It's a great pity that it is not a weekly feature.

RANGANIE GUNAWARDENE.  
(Schools-Mag No. 148).

Ranganie and many others will be delighted to know that with this edition the Schools-Mag will appear every week.—Ed.

LIKE the Schools-Mag, as there are very interesting stories in it. The jokes under the heading "Mirthquakes" afford very pleasant reading. The Members parade gives us an idea of the membership of the Schools-Mag, which keeps increasing. The Birthday Corner is very helpful in keeping in mind the birthdays of our friends. The Altar Boys Corner is a spiritual guide for all boys who wish to become priests. The examples given in Uncle Ashley's Talk to teen-agers are of great interest to everyone.

MARCIA FRANCKE.  
(Schools-Mag No. 343).

THE Schools-Mag has acquired a reputation. It is "the most interesting and widely read" Catholic journal, of our times. It is not only interesting, it is also an inspiration to all those who read it. Through the medium of its sublime features, it instills into our minds the spirit Christ's message to the world, and the sort of life He wants everyone of us to live. It does also point out the shortcomings in our lives and helps us to follow Christ more closely.

MORRIS ALWINES.  
(Schools-Mag No. 137).

LIKE the Schools-Mag because of its interesting little articles and poems, written by boys and girls of our own age. Uncle Ashley's talks to teen-agers are very interesting too. The little column on "Mirthquakes" makes me roll with laughter. I also like to read the names of the members and see them increasing in number. Its competitions are most interesting. The winner is awarded a useful prize. All the articles in the Schools-Mag are written in simple language which every child could understand. Articles on schools help me to know more about other schools and their doings.

CARMELYNNE ANDERSON.  
(Schools-Mag No. 443).

Are you studying your lessons daily? If not watch out! you will be haunted by your Marks!! (Courtesy—"The Singing Fish," Batticaloa.)

Lyo! THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR NOT STUDYING—I'M BEING HAUNTED BY MY MARKS







## Schools-Mag

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# TALKS TO TEEN-AGERS... By Uncle Ashley

## Wanted: Apostles for the Schools-Mag

## BIRTHDAY SONG

**HAPPY** Birthday to you dear Schools-Mag, And many happy returns too, May you prosper always dear Schools-Mag From year to year too.

Boys and girls are fond of you dear Schools-Mag, And spend their leisure with you, They are proud to win prizes from you dear Schools-Mag, I'm sure they'll treasure them too.

I wish all the members of the Schools-Mag Could join and have a big party too, With lots of sweets and ice-cream dear Schools-Mag, And have Uncle Ashley in our midst too.

Oh! what fun it will be dear Schools-Mag, To meet together and greet you, God's choicest blessings be yours dear Schools-Mag, And on her members too.

CLARINDA BASTIANS.  
(Schools-Mag No. 927).  
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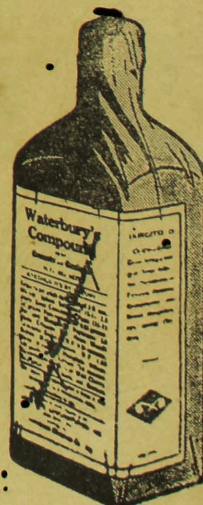
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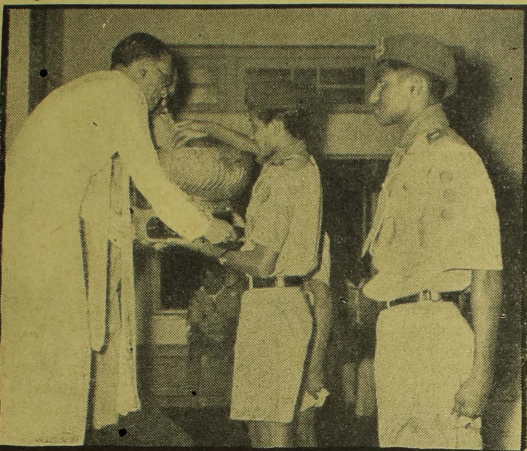
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## Panadura Scouts gain recognition

THE Second Panadura St. Anthony's College Scout Group was awarded the Sir Andrew Caldecott Bowl for the year 1958

in recognition of the group having earned the largest sum of money in the chips for job campaign.



### Calling all Scouts

The Schools-Mag will regularly carry a special column for Scouts, in future. Address all news to "Pathfinder" c/o Schools-Mag, Catholic Press, Colombo 8.

This award was made by the Honourable the Prime Minister, presiding at the Annual General Meeting of the Ceylon Scout Council.

### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE GROUP

The group has also had the distinction of winning the District Flag awarded to the Smartest Troop in the Kalutara-Panadura Totanines in 1956 when the group was just two months old. The group still possesses this flag.

The First Scout Cord ever to be awarded in the District was also won by one of their Scouts. The group had three representatives at the world Jamboree in 1957. Today the group has 6 Queen Scouts, 12 First Class Scouts, 10 Holders of the Scout Cord, 4 Leaping Wolves.

## Wennappuwa Takes to Scouting

(from our own correspondent)

THE investiture ceremony of twenty Boy Scouts was held at Joseph Vaz College, on Saturday, 21st February, before a large gathering of College students, well-wishers and parents of the scouts. The function was presided over by Dr. Liyanage, the District Commissioner of Scouts for Wennappuwa.

Before the investiture, the scouts were blessed by Rev. Fr. Theodore Perera, Parish Priest of Wennappuwa.

Addressing the gathering he said that the ideals of the Boy Scouts were really excellent ideals for all boys — namely to be loyal to God and country and to be of service to the neighbour.

Complimenting the Scout Masters of the college, Rev. Brother Paul and Mr. Pannikar, on the smart training of the recruits, the District Commissioner explained to the gathering present, particularly to the parents, the various aspects of

Scouting and how all that would help their children to become good and useful citizens.

The Principal of the College speaking next, exhorted the Scouts to be faithful to the promises made by them at this ceremony and to set an example to the rest of the school in everything. Mr. P. Aloysius Fernando, father of two of the newly invested scouts spoke on behalf of the parents.

The colourful ceremony and the function came to an end with a variety show given by the Scouts in the open air.

## Our Schools-Mag

"You are old, Schools-Mag," the young members said,  
"And your numbers grow increasingly long,  
And yet you incessantly stand on your head.  
Do you think at your age it is right?"  
"You are old," said the members as I mentioned before.  
"Your page has grown uncommonly fat  
And as interesting too  
You are as old as the hills  
As young as the dawn  
As bright as the sun  
And you are called the Schools-Mag."

St. Joseph's Convent,  
Kegalle.

FATIMA RAMBUKPOTHA.



### LETTERS from

● Marlene Le Mottee (Colombo 4) ● Antonio Wijeyesinghe (Wellampitiya) ● A. X. Rabindram (Jaffna) ● A. Milroy Paes (Colombo 10) ● Henry de Mel (Kandy) ● Happy Davidson (Trincomalee) ● Marcelle de Silva (Mutwal) ● Phyllis and Therese Silva (Colombo) ● Shirley Perera (Mutwal) ● Terence D. C. Phillippuppullay (Trincomalee).

Dear Editor,

This is my first letter to you and I am sorry to tell you that my name was written wrong in the "Birthday Corner." If you will notice it is "Le Mottee" and not "De Motte."

With best wishes,  
Marlene Le Mottee.

Dear Marlene,

What a calamity indeed! We are very sorry about the "printer's devil," and here's assuring you that we shall take extra care in future to keep off all such "devils" from our Page! Let's hear from you again. — Editor.

Dear Editor,

Enclosed please find an article in "Temperance" for your Schools-Mag. I hope it would prove useful reading for our members.

Antonia, Wijeyesinghe.

Dear Antonia,

Temperance is a virtue worthy of practice. You will see your tempt in print one of these days. — Editor.

Dear Editor,

Please be kind enough to publish in your next issue of the Schools-Mag, that I, Master A. X. Rabindram of Jaffna would like to form a stamp club for the benefit of those in Jaffna, those who are interested can write to me at "Raj Mallika," Aranathanai South, Kays.

Yours sincerely,  
A. X. Rabindram.

Dear Rabindram,

Hope this will please you. You like to write to us about your hobby? We have a Stamp Corner in our Page too! — Editor.

Dear Editor,

I hope my article entitled "Come to Ceylon" will be published in a future issue of the Schools-Mag.

Yours sincerely,  
A. Milroy Paes.

## Schools-Mag Enrolment Form

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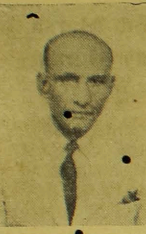


P. M. Aloysius Corea  
Died 14th March 1955.

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

Inserted by his children:

"St. Clair,"  
Kotahena. 501



David Alexander Sanarasinghe  
Died 19th March 1958

Divide no one at all can him  
from us,  
Almighty God to us this  
grace has given.

Vineyard, in which both he  
and we did work,  
Is God's, and of his toil is  
God sole Judge,  
Day in, day out, our mer-  
mory holds him dear.

God gave him and God  
took him.  
May he rest in peace.

A Requiem High Mass will  
be sung for the repose of his  
soul at Holy Cross Church,  
Gampaha, on Saturday 21st  
March, 1959 at 6.15 a.m.

(Inserted by his ever loving  
and sorrowing wife and  
children)

"Sinhasthan,"  
Gampaha, W.P. 510



Frank Lionel Peiris

May he rest in peace.

Of your charity, pray for the  
soul of Frank Lionel  
(Died on 6.3.56)

A Requiem High Mass will  
be sung for the repose of his  
soul at 6.30 a.m. at St. An-  
thony's Church, Galle on  
14-3-59.

40 Perera Place,  
Kawdana,  
Dehiwela. 442

A Requiem High Mass will  
be sung for the repose of the  
soul of the late Douglas Jaya-  
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Wellawatta. 470

## THANKSGIVINGS

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Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
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great favour granted. A. A. 503

OUR grateful thanks to  
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safe confinement, and Vic-  
tory in the Law Suit.  
W. P. & L. P.,  
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RELATED but grateful thanks  
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## ORDER ABSOLUTE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO

No. 18649/T

In the matter of the Last Will  
and Testament of the late  
Charles Paul Stephen Vita-  
nacy of No. 1, Windsor  
Avenue, Dehiwela. — De-  
ceased.

And  
Margaret Helen Vitanacy of  
No. 6, Windsor Avenue,  
Dehiwela. — Petitioner.  
This matter coming on for dis-  
posal before V. Sivasubra-  
maniam, Esq., Additional  
District Judge of Colombo,  
on this 13th day of February  
1959 in the presence of H.  
M. A. Jayasinghe, Proctor  
on the part of the Petitioner  
and the affidavit of the Peti-  
tioner dated 29th day of  
January 1959 and the affidavit  
of the Notary and the wit-  
nesses dated the 8th day of  
January 1959 and the affidavit  
of Hugh Cyril Fonseka one  
of the executors named in  
the Last Will of the deceased  
Charles Paul Stephen Vita-  
nacy dated 5th February  
1959 having being read.

It is ordered that the Last Will  
and Testament bearing No.  
468 made by the deceased  
abovenamed on the 29th day  
of April 1955 and attested by  
F. N. Dias Abeyasinghe,  
Notary Public of Colombo  
the original of which has  
been produced and is now  
deposited in this Court be  
and the same is hereby de-  
clared and that the Petitioner  
is the Executrix named there-  
in and she is hereby entitled  
to have probate thereof issued  
to her accordingly.

Additional District Judge.  
The 13th day of February 1959.  
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## ORDER NISI IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO

No. 18581/Testy.

In the matter of the Intestate Estate  
of Don Edwin Heendeniya of  
No. 11/0 D, Etul Kotte, Kotte  
— Deceased.

Dona Caroline de Silva Heendeniya  
of No. 11/20 D, Etul  
Kotte, Kotte. — Petitioner.

And  
1. Dona Swarna Heendeniya.  
2. Dona Saetha Heendeniya.  
3. Don Raja Heendeniya.  
4. Dona Soma Heendeniya.  
5. Don Jayampathi Heendeniya,  
all of No. 11/20 D, Etul  
Kotte, Kotte, the 3rd, 4th  
and 5th Respondents  
minors appearing by their  
Guardian-ad-litem.  
6. Don Walter Heendeniya of  
Chitranganie, Raymond  
Road, Nugegoda. — Res-  
pondents.

This matter coming on for disposal  
before M. M. I. Kariapper,  
Esquire, Additional District Judge,  
Colombo on the 19th day of  
December 1958 in the presence  
of Mr. Martin Weeraratne,  
Proctor on the part of the Peti-  
tioner and the affidavit of the  
Petitioner dated 13th December  
1958 having been read.

It is ordered that the Petitioner  
abovenamed be and she is hereby  
declared entitled as the widow  
of the deceased abovenamed to  
have Letters of Administration  
to the Estate of the deceased  
abovenamed issued to her ac-  
cordingly.

It is further ordered that the 6th  
Respondent abovenamed be and  
he is hereby declared appointed  
Guardian-ad-litem over the per-  
sons of 3rd, 4th and 5th Respon-  
dents minors abovenamed un-

D. A. P. Rapasinghe,  
Proctor for Plaintiff.

## NOTICE

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NEGOMBO

Action No. 19141

Ratnasekera Kinigama Acharige  
Don Alexander of Weligampitiya. — Plaintiff.  
Vs.

1. Mandalawali Kinigama Acha-  
rige Don Christopher.  
2. do Dona Marcelina.  
3. do Don Simon.  
4. do Dona Clara.  
5. do Don Albert.  
6. do Don Julian.  
7. Manuwendra Acharige Euginu  
Silva.  
8. Manuwendra Acharige Robert  
Silva.  
9. Manuwendra Acharige Stephen  
Silva.  
10. Manuwendra Acharige Agnes  
Silva.

11. Manuwendra Acharige Josephine  
Silva.  
12. Manuwendra Acharige Julian  
Silva.  
13. Dewendra Acharige Girigoris  
Perera.  
14. Dewendra Acharige Marshal  
Perera.  
15. Dewendra Acharige Juwan,  
Perera.  
16. Ratnasekera Kinigama Acha-  
rige Dona Maria Grace.  
17. do Dona Lucy.  
18. do Dona Marsalina.  
19. do Dona Nicolina.  
20. do Don Cyril.  
21. do Don Peduru Alcanter.  
22. do Dona Margaret.  
23. Kirindi Acharige Violet Perera.  
24. Kirindi Acharige Berdie Perera  
all of Kapuwatte, Weligampitiya.  
— Defendants.

It is hereby notified that action  
No. 19141 has been instituted  
in the District Court of Negombo  
under the Partition Act No. 16  
of 1951 for the partition of the  
allotment of land situated in the  
village of Weligampitiya in the  
Colombo District.

The defendants in the aforesaid  
action are summoned to appear  
in Court on the 24th day of  
March 1959, at 10-30 o'clock  
in the forenoon.

By Order of Court,  
Sgd. K. Senanayake,  
Clerk of Court.  
This 27th day of January 1959.  
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show sufficient cause to the  
satisfaction of this Court to the  
contrary.

Sgd. M. M. I. Kariapper,  
Additional District Judge.  
This 19th day of December 1958.

15-1-1959. The date for showing  
cause against the foregoing Order  
Nisi is extended to 19th February  
1959.

Sgd. V. Siva Supramaniam,  
Additional District Judge.

19-2-1959. The date for showing  
cause against the foregoing Order  
Nisi is extended to 19th March  
1959.

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Additional District Judge. 466

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is no such thing as a divine  
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cerned. This salutary warn-  
ings clearly in Our Blessed  
Lord's own words: "HE THAT  
IS NOT WITH ME, IS AGAINST  
ME: AND HE THAT GATHERETH  
NOT, SCATTERETH."

## Pope goes ahead with Rome Synod's Preparations

THE HOLY FATHER  
appointed a commission  
of 13 members to make pre-  
parations for the synod of  
Rome diocese which he  
announced when he declared  
intention of calling an Ecumeni-  
cal Council.

The commission will  
directly under his control.  
Deputising for him at  
sessions will be Mgr. L.  
Traglia, vice-gerent for Rome.  
The synod is expected  
take place at the end of  
year or the beginning of next  
year.

His Holiness, in a letter  
to the Catholics of Rome, de-  
scribes the synod as the mark-  
ing of the bishop with  
priests "to study the prob-  
lem of the spiritual life of the  
faithful, and to give or restore  
vigour to Church laws  
extirpating abuses, foster  
Christian life and strength-  
ning worship and religious  
practice."

The Pope adds: "Basically  
it is a question of continuing  
the work of Jesus Christ,  
Redeemer, for the salva-  
tion of men."

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# RED CHINA'S VOLTE FACE

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## Disowns original concept

**A**FTER a session which lasted 12 days, the Chinese Communist Central Committee has carried out a complete volte-face regarding the problem of the People's Communes.

In the first place, it has produced an entirely new ideological interpretation of the communes, disowning the original concept formulated in the directive of the Central Committee of August 21, 1958.

This directive stated that the introduction of the People's Communes would complete the building of Socialism "ahead of time and promote the gradual transition to Communism."

The Central Committee added that the realisation of Communism in China was "already not something far away."

Now the Chinese Central Committee says that all this was a "misunderstanding." According to the latest statement, those who spoke of China entering the era of Communism were over-eager and impetuous people.

More than that, the statement suggests that it was dangerous to talk about Communism in China at the present stage, for such talk greatly lowered the standing of Communism in the minds of the people, distorted the Communist ideal and vulgarised it.

Contrary to the statement of August last, the era of Communism which will give "to everybody according to his needs" seems to be

once again something very remote in China.

It seems obvious that the sensational reversal of attitude towards the People's Communes and their ideological significance has been prompted by the most serious reasons, probably strong internal and external pressures.

It stands to reason that a tough fight has taken place during the past few months inside the Chinese Communist leadership.

Last August the Left-wing of the Party scored a short-lived triumph over its Right-wing opponents, which urged caution regarding the People's Commune experiment.

Now the advocates of the more moderate policy have once again won the day.

However, the conflict may be still far from solved, and the rift within the Party is likely to continue for some time.

This may be one of the reasons which determined Mao to concentrate in future on Party and ideological work.

His task will be to make some order in a chaotic situation.

The latest policy change has hardly enhanced his prestige. Many Chinese will suspect that the Right-wing was able to impose its view

on the rest only because of Soviet interference. It will be difficult to deny this assertion.

It is no secret that the Soviet Communist Party never approved of the original Chinese Communist thesis that the establishment of the Communes meant the establishment of Communism.

The few Soviet Press statements about the Communes were unenthusiastic, and Russian leaders preserved an ominous silence on the whole matter.

There must have been some irritated and bitter exchanges of view between Moscow and Peking on the issue.

The Russians, no doubt, drew attention to the ideological confusion which the Chinese propaganda was

bound to create throughout the Communist world.

In all probability, they warned the Chinese against the possibility of an ideological split in the Communist camp should the setting up of the People's Communes further be identified with the dawn of the Communist era.

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## 21st Soviet Party Congress triggers off— FRESH ASSAULT ON RELIGION

**H**ARD on the heels of the Communist Party's 21st Congress has followed a series of assaults on Religion according to authoritative Soviet sources.

Singled out for specific mention is Islam. Castigating the Muslims for impeding the work of the Communist Party, Soviet Turkmenistani stated recently that Islam was "the root of the reactionary customs and traditions of the past."

Billed for immediate action and labelled among the main Party tasks is "to free women from all influence of religion" said the regional Soviet organ.

An article in Moscow's Literary Gazette said: "The problem of religion" demands more and better atheistic propaganda.

"The decisions of the 21st Soviet Party Congress unfolded before our eyes the great prospects of holding the people's morals and consciousness. We must learn to conduct atheistic propaganda better. The arsenal of atheistic propaganda has been enriched by such a wonderful weapon as the Soviet sputniks. We must struggle even more persistently than we have done so far to free human souls of religion's baneful influence," said the Literary Gazette.

Radio Moscow, in a long commentary, asserted that the attitude still held by some people in the Soviet Union that Religion and Communism should be compatible "is completely contrary to the facts."

The Soviet Radio charged that "not only the whole activity" of religious people,

but the religious view of the world itself contradicts the interests of Communism."

The proper attitude, the broadcast concluded, is based on recognition that Communism "stands opposed to all religious theory" and the belief that increased Party work will help prove "the fallacy of religious views and their incompatibility with the struggle for Communism."



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