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COMMUNICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF STREET BE LOCAL REDS START OPEN WAR

Pope's message to Prince

HIS Holiness the Pope sent a personal message to Prince Akinito on the occasion of his marriage last week, in the course of which the Pope referred to the cordial relations between Japan and the Holy See. His Holiness offered the young couple his best withes and abundant blessings.

lat 11-30 p. m. last Friday night (Roman time), which was 7-30 a.m. in Tokyo, in the course of the usual programme for Japan, Vatican Radio broadcast another message from His Holiness the Pope to the Japanese nation, in the course of which the Pope said that he shared the joy of the Japanese people in their nour of happiness.

Cardinal condemns imoral depravity

THE Primate of Poland issued a pastoral letter condemn-ing motal depravity which, he said, "with ever-increasing bold-ness expands the frontiers of its rule, transforming good citi-zens into irrational, brutal cre-

"It slowly invades family, home, social and cultural life, infects the arts, cinema, theatre, books and periodicals, and lies as a weight of heavy stone on the thoughts, will, and hearts of the nation's children," he declared.

"We are all ashamed to admit our defects. Whoever, shocked by apprehension for our future, raises a warning voice, is sus-pected of slandering his own nation. And yet the most dan-gerous condition of sickness is to refuse to admit one's illness."

MAHAUSWEWA



• The jungle shrine of St. Anthony at Mahauswewa in the Parish of Puttalam presented a picturesque scene when His Lordship the Bishop of Chilaw, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Edmund Peiris, O.M.L., installed a new statue of the saint. Our picture shows His Lordship arriving for the ceremony.



 The silk-draped chariot which carried the statue was followed by a motor cavalcade of our 100 cars, buses, yans and lorgics. and lorries.

RELIGION

Campaign follows set pattern

(from a special correspondent)

THE Reds have started an open campaign against religion he This is a departure from their policy up to now of pretend to be non-antagonistic towards religion.

Vatican Radio on Papal visit to Venice

VATICAN Radio has denied that it has made any announcement that His Holiness Pope John XXIII is to visit his former See, city of Venice. Father Antonio Stefanizzi, s.J., disctor of the Vatican Radio, Isles the denial following reports published abroad that the station had announced that the Pope will go to Venice on April 25—the feast of St. Mark, its patron. In denying the report, Father Stefanizzi stressed that Vatican Radio could make such an announcement only if it were officially released by the Vatican.

VATICAN NEWS IN BRIEF

His Holiness the Pope has nominated His Eminence Cardi-nal Gerlier as Papal Legate to France's National Eucharistic Congress, to be held at Lyons, from the 1st to the 5th of July

Last Saturday, His Holiness the Pope received in private
audience His Excellency the Hon.
Vincent Auriol, one-time Pressdent of France.

The main form of attack against the Christians appears to be to try to separate the clergy from the l and to cause, if they can, dissension within their rank

It is expected that very soon, as a direct result of the insult offered to the Buddhists by the Chinese Embassy here, the same tactics will be adopted by the Reds against the Buddhists.

The attacks against the Church which were started a few months ago by the local Reds coincided with the Chinese Ambassador's faux pas in relation to the Buddhist monks and the Tibetan

Responsible representatives of all religions here feel that these attacks on religion at this juncture are to be welcomed for these reasons:

The country as a whole has been stirred out of a dangerous complacency to the very real hreat to all religion offered by

 The Buddhists of this coun-The Buddhists of this country in particular who have been wood by the Reds, Iocal and visiting, with typical Red hypocrisy and sham, have been jolted to a consciousness of the danger that exists to ALL religions. Red Ambassadors and Red visitors here have tried to throw dust in the eyes of Buddhists by pretending to pay homage to Buddhism. Unfortunately the Tibetan issue has removed the velvet glove and betrayed the claw underneath.

The timing of this Red at-

The timing of this Red attack against religion has been

faulty from their point of because it has served to l all religious together to fig common foe—the spiri irreligion.

Local Reds have been opletely shown up in their me of attacking religion. It is clear that (a) they do not any respect for religion occurs and the cend to downright rudene dealing with the clergy rich will stoep to cheap it mislead the people deliber (c) They simply cannot be told that they are wron that they can be wrong—the Chinese Ambassadors undiplomatic exhibition of temper at the New Olymerely because a new reel a Tibet was shown in his pres. As far as the Church in lon is concerned, the Red paign is doing just the opp of what the Reds had hop achieve. It has brought Christians closer together they have ever been before, have not been frightened by thought of persecution, be the single with the more continuation. Catholics know that however pow an earthly enemy might be is only human with uthuman limitations, and univietory will come to the Checause the Almighty and nal God is on our side.

Duties and glories of parents

SPEAKING at a recent audience granted to members of the Italian Women's Centre,

the Pope said:

"You have often heard that the new Pope was the son of a modest Bergamo family. We affirm this with great emotion and with a feeling of profound gratitude.

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"We owe a great part of Our priestly and apostolic vocation to our family — not really so poor as it has pleased some to describe it, but rich above all in heavenly gifts. We owe this to the example of Our good parents, father and mother, which is always imprinted on Our heart, and to the atmosphere of kindness, simplicity, and honesty, which We breathed from early childhood.
"A propaganda at times unbridled avails itself of the powerful means of the press, of entertainment and of the amusements, to spread, particularly among youth, the fatal seeds of corruption.

"It is necessary that the family the out of the contraction of the family the out of the contraction of the same of the family the out of the contraction."

of corruption.

'It is necessary that the family should defend itself, that women should take their place in this undertaking with courage and with a sense of responsibi-

lity. They should be untiring in their efforts to correct, to teach, to discern between good and evil, and to take advantage when necessary of the protection of civil laws."

Portrait of Pope Pius XII

TELIX Fabian, Argentine portrait painter, has presented to His Holiness Pope John XIII a portrait of Pope Pius XII which he painted two years ago. Signor Fabian attended eight different general audiences to make the sketches which he used for the large portrait.

Mass near a volcano

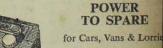


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Bishops of Burma call Catholics to prayer

IN a) movingly worded Joint-Pastoral Letter issued last month, the Bishops of Burma summoned all Catholics of Burma to a nation-wide, united campaign of prayer for the Church in China.

Recalling the repeated summons of "the late saintly Pius XI," and the insistent appeal of Pope John, the Bishops add:

"In this sad hour no true child of Holy Mother Church can remain indifferent and un-moved."

Drawing the parallel between the agony of China and the sufferings of Christ, the Bishops

"Again the ancient formula

is invoked: 'Strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be dispersed.' And thus over the orphan-Church of China there settles that fearsome darkness that is schism.' The united call of the Bishops of Burma received a most overwhelming response, when all Catholic churches all over Burma were packed on Passion Sunday, right through the day, and throngs crowded all ceremonies of the day.

FOR the first time, Mass was said recently near the peak of Sicily's famed volcanic peak, Mount Etna.

Food Minister's Campaign for A Chinese "Pope"? Conquest?

against the Church ap-fring in Mr. Philip of una-dene's Party Journal "Apey ka," and the publicity an it in the columns of "Daily News," things moving fast, Seldom, ever, has there been such frontal attack against the meth by the Marxist Parties Ceylon. As you, Sir, attioned in the course of r weekly "Comment" some ago, this is quite obviously to fa pattern.

t of a pattern.

As for the utter falsity of ry single one of the allegans made, I have not the hiest doubt; and I presume t you will in due course, I with them effectively. But at perturbs me, and I feel should worry any thinking tholic, is that here at last the Communist tactics for

all the world to see — naked and unshamed. In every single one of the "satellites" — countries which once enjoyed freedom, but which today are slave-nations — the pattern of conquest was precisely this: the catshing of religion, and of the Catholic Church in particular, went precisely according to this pattern.

Stage One was always, as you yourself said some weeks ago, the smear-campaign against the Church. This, Sir, as you effectively pointed out, has been going on with increased tempo during the past weeks here in Ceylon.

Stage Two is the campaign to separate the laity from the hierarchy, by posing as the defenders of religion pure and simple, while being against only the supposed commercial and

that something else is show-ing. This is an extreme case,

ing. This is an extreme case, and lower down the scale is the extenuating factor that you read the advertisement

in an old newspaper, did not see the posters on the theatre

hoarding or you went to quite the wrong cinema by

Last week, I suffered a disappointment along these lines, but if you will examine the evidence you will concede

that the cinema management was to blame to a greater extent than I. A cinema in Colombo advertised a

extent than 1. A change of Colombo advertised a change of programme in the daily press on Thursday. On Saturday I presumed that it would still be showing and could not verify because they had not advertised in the

had not advertised in the cinema ads column on that day. When I went there, I discovered, before the show,

I discovered, before the show, that they were screening instead, a film which had been shown about three months ago. There was no time at all to go to another cinema, and as I had not seen this film I bought a ticket. The film was enjoyable in its way, but I could not keep back the feeling of disappointment which came between me and the full enjoyment of the film. This is a situation which could have been avoided.

Namo, namo

matha .

As far as I am aware, the only cinema where the national anthem is played after the show is the Rex Theatre, Borella, that new, attractive cinema opposite the Borella Police Station. But nobody, takes the slightest notice of the

have just read, in today's
"Daily News" that the
Peking regime is considering
putting up a little Chinese Popefor the convenience of the
Catholics of Red China.
Strangely enough, the report
goes on to say that this move
had met with "strong rejection
on the part of faithful Catholies."
One would have thought that

on the part of faithful Catholics."

One would have thought that these people would have been overjoyed to have their own, their very own, Successor of St. Peter, and that too, as it were, on their own door-steps. No need to wait for an infallible declaration from Rome that Catholicism and Communism are reconcilable, that Karl Marx (who of course must be speedily canonised) was really a more profound philosopher than Thomas Aquiother intrigues of the hierarchy,

other intrigues of the hierarchy, Here in Ceylon, Mr. Philip

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nas (who of course must be speedily de-canonised); that Le-nin was the greatest soint

nas (who of course must be speedily de-canonised); that Lenin was the greatest saint of our time, and that Comrades Kruschev and Mao Tse-Tung are the most perfect living embodiments of Christian goodness. All this could have been effected at a single blow, with a single Bull.

But it seems that these Chinese Catholics, thank heavens, are hard to please. I am very sure that the sympathies of the whole Catholic world are solidly with Mao and his Merry Murderers (who are presently engaged in a jolly jamboree on the 'roof of the world') as we lift up our minds and hearts to God on behalf of the poor Chinese members of the Mystical Body.

Badulla.

Gunawardene has launched the campaign against the Church in full-blooded style. He has already moved on to Stage Two of the pattern for conquest. It is for us, Catholic laymen, to give him the only answer that we can give — WE RE-FUSE TO ACCEPT HIS THESIS. We reject it whole and entire. We are with the Church. In fact, we are the Church of Christ — priests and laymen!

Lay Apostle

Salesgirls

SALESGIRLS in shops, especially those in the Pettah area, are expected to be on their feet the whole day long. Even when business is slack they are not permitted to sit down and rest awhile. If they happen to do so, I understand that certain employers severely reprimand them.

Employers should be more considerate since they are members of the weaker sex instead of enforcing such rigid 'standing' orders.

Geo. P. Solomons.

The M.G.M. film "Gigi" The M.G.M. film "Gigi" which will be screened at the Majestic shortly has won nine awards coming next to the classic "Gone With the Wind" which won ten awards. Here are the awards won by "Gigi": Best Film. Best director Vincente Minelli). Best Art Direction. Best colour cinematography. Best costume design. Best film editing. Best musical score. costume design. Best film editing. Best musical score. Best song and Best Screen-

Best song and Best Screenplay.

Susan Hayward won
the Best Actress Award for
her role in the United Artists
Film, "I Want to Live."
This was directed by Robert
Wise.

David Niven received
the Oscar for the best actor
for his role.

enthem. It is played for less than fifteen seconds and yet the patrons hurry out as though their lives de-pended on getting out be-fore the anthem ended. Of course, as in all situations, there are people who will produce arguments to sup-port this form of impolite-ness. There are those who will say that this habit of paying attention to the natiopaying attention to the national anthem in theatres is a relic of colonial days and of Western Imperialism and quite out of harmony with our ancient heritage and local culture, forgetting that now it is our own national anthem! And then there will be the others who will declare that they are quite lare the others who will declare that they are quite confused about whose national anthem it is, not sure how many nations there are in this country today. But that is a different matter, what!

Shorts

Bishop Sheen Speaks

THE release of a Polish woman from a Soviet salt mine is more important than the shooting of an artificial planet about the earth. Our Lord verified this when He balanced a single person against the universe and taught that there was nothing as precious as a person. The Western world has adhered to this philosophy of the sacredness of personality. The Soviets have reversed this scale of values by holding the false notion that production for world conquest is more important

man who committed the crime?
William James tried to get
out of this difficulty by saying
that there is no such thing as
consciousness; there is only
"sciousness," He said that
if on waking in the morning,
we go back and think of the
last thought we had at night,
we thus establish our identity
with ourselves. This is not true.
Any man who has shut off an
alarm clock at five in the morning,
always any something and thinks
something which is not at all
like the thought he had when
he went to bed.

If we are like animals, why

If we are like animals, why do we not call in veterinarians instead of physicians? If

You more important than you think

are

than man. As the Soviet newspaper Prayda wrote: "Soviet Russia has removed the superstitious notion of the intrinsic value of human life and replaced it by the sober and utilitarian approach to human life. A considerable share of the secret of the success of Russian Communism consists in the fact that every Russian knows that if he will not make his life a paying enterprise for his country, then he will most likely lose his life... And his relatives will be politely informed that they need have no anxiety about him, because he is not coming home anymore."

Man is not a tool, though

Man is not a tool, though some credibusty believe that he came from a monkey. But not even these would say he was no different than a monkey wrench. Man is different from an animal. For the benefit of those who still like to think, here are two reasons why man is different from a beast:

why man is different from a beast:

Human consciousness enables a man to reflect upon himself; this would not be possible if man were wholly material, for nothing material can repossess itself. A piece of apple pie cannot bend back on tiself and reflect: "I am an apple pie." Man is the only thing in the universe who can be both subject and object at the same time; who can look at himself as in a mirror, be pleased or angry with himself. If there were no such thing as introspection, there would never be such a thing as psychoanalysis. Man alone can recognize the identity between himself, his thoughts, his emotions and his reasons for acting.

Second, each person is con-

himself, his indigitis, his emitions and his reasons for acting.

Second, each person is conscious of his abiding identity;
he knows he is the same one
who went to a certain school,
worked at a certain job, had
such and such an opportunity,
etc., etc. This sense of identity
endures through life and, with it,
the responsibility. Matter alone
cannot explain this abiding
consciousness. A pencil when
it becomes short from constant
whittling or sharpening does
not bemoan the loss of its size,
nor does it reproach itself for
not having written better. The
cells of the body change about
every seven years; if, therefore, we were wholly material,
and there were no abiding principle of identity, how would we
know that we were the same
person since our material consrituents have completely altered?
Why could not a lawyer argue
for acquittal of a criminal who
committed a murder eight years
before, that since the cells
of his brain and body have
changed, he is no longer the

there is no difference between a man and a cow, why do we not have psychoanalytic couches for cows? Why do not roosters have neuroses, or pigs have psychoses or elephants have an Oedipus Complex and penguins have an Electra Complex? And why do not hounds who go up one hill and down another be-come manic depressives?

come manic depressives?

Only a human being can despair and have a true complex, because only a human being was made for the infinite and possesses a soul which survives his bodily organism. It is much more important to get that soul into heaven than a lunik into the heavens. (Copyright... Reproduction in whole or part forbidden).

ORDER NISI IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BADULLA

since transferred to DISTRICT COURT COLOMBO

in D.C., Colombo Proceedings No. 18710/T

No. 18710/T

In the matter of the Intestate
Estate of Lucy Ariamalar
Vethamanickam nee Chelliah
late of No. 99, Welagedera,
Badulla. — Deceased.
Victor Henry Daniel Vethamanickam of No. 281/1, Galle
Road, Wellawatte, Colombo.
— Petitioner.

Petitioner.

Road, Wellawatte, Colombo.

— Petitioner.

AND

(1) Christine Vanatha Vethamanickam, and

(2) Niles Vethamanickam, both of No. 281/1, Galle Road, Wellawatte, Colombo, minor respondents appearing by their Guardian-ad-litem the 3rd respondent.

(3) Jacob Devasagayam Abraham of No. 281/1, Galle Road, Wellawatte, Colombo.

— Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before D. E. Wijewardene, Esquire, District Judge, Colombo, on the 1st day of April 1959, in the presence of Mr. V. James on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 29th November 1958, having been read.

It is ordered that the petitioner

been read.

It is ordered that the petitioner abovenamed be and he is hereby declared entitled as the husband of the deceased abovenamed to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the deceased abovenamed issued to him accordingly.

named issued to him accordingly.

It is further ordered that the 3rd respondent abovenamed be and he is hereby declared appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 1st and 2nd respondents abovenamed, unless the respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 23rd April 1959, show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

contrary.
Sgd. V. Sivasubramaniam,
Additional District Judge.
This 1st day of April 1959. 45

Unassisted denominational schools

tional schools

ALTHOUGH there may be objections against assisted denominational schools limiting education to children of their own denomination there is nothing to prevent unassisted denominational schools doing this. As a result of taking in children of all denominations these schools are compelled to expand and start building programmes. The members of the denomination have to bear the cost. If education is limited to children of the denomination of the school it will not be necessary to undertake such elaborate and expensive schemes.

Antonia.

Antonia.

Danger ahead!

Danger ahead!

"He free world has never been in greater danger of being absorbed by Communism than it is today," said Syngman Rhee. These words are exactly the thoughts that frequently occupy the minds of freedom-loving people all over the world.

It has been proven to us, time and time again, the folly and futility of nations who have let themselves be led blindly into the throes of Communism Have we still not learned even after the bloody massacre

in Hungary what the doctrine of Communism really is?

If we do not want to give up our political and fundamental rights — the right to worship God, the right to own property, the right to free speech, the right to privacy in our homes, the right to trial by jury — then let us awaken from the lethargic state we have let ourselves fall into and fight back against this vicious and hateful force. Let us act with caution. For, as Confucius says, "the cautious never err."

Trincomatee. Michael Jackson.

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Newsreels

NE of the enjoyable features of cinema go-is the opportunity of eing news reels on the news reels on the
It affords considerpleasure to be able
e, not in the still form see, not in the still form newspaper pictures but live, movie form, a record the main events of the ek. Some of the bigger nemas have arrangements which the latest news els are flown here, and are it very much out of date, ne events recorded in them e quite fresh in the public ind so that the news reels e still topical. Some cineas, even in Colombo, are it very particular about freshness or staleness of e news they screen. To em, this is just one of the number of the standards by which a good cinema ay be judged. Second rate nemas in the backwaters nich do not have a good tronage, and do not re, show stale news. Some nemas even show more an one news reel. There emas even show more n one news reel. There theatres in other parts the world devoted exsively to news reels. sively to news reels.

that I am trying to say is,
ese are very popular and
ould be screened even ough some Ambassadors

Dispappointment

S most cinema goers will readily grant, it is most appointing to visit a cinein order to see an ad-rtised film and then dis-ver when the picture starts



unday, 19 April: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EAS-TER. White. Omit prayer prescribed. Creed.

Monday, 20 April: Feria. Mass of the Sunday.

Tuesday, 21 April: St. Anselm. White. Creed.

Wednesday, 22 April: Sts. Soter and Caius. Red. Thursday, 23 April: George. Red.

Friday, 24 April: St. Fidelis. Red.

Red.

Saturday, 25 April: St. Mark.
Red. 2nd prayer of the
Rogations. Omit prayer
prescribed. _reed. Preface of the Apostles.

N.B. Unless otherwise stated,
the Preface for Easter and
the prayer prescribed are
always said.



WHAT IS IT THAT WE HAVEN'T GOT WHICH COULD BRIDGE THE GULF BETWEEN POWER AND SUFFER-

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS TODAY



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unable to speak, or else, so as to retain their ability to speak, they will hold a little aloof from it and will have • no authority to speak because they are not part of it. They must be right in the suffering, voluntarily sharing the lot of those who

In a group

And they must be in it as a group, so that the group will give them the strength to be right in and yet not be swept away by the torrent.

Finally, while sharing the lot of those who suffer, sharing it as a group so as to retain their effectiveness, they must be resolved to live in that suffering while keeping themselves with some work which will guarantee them absolute economic autonomy.

It does not matter if it is the lowest sort of work there is — scavenging in dustbins and rubbish — but they must be able to stand up and say: I owe nothing to anybody and so I can speak, because I know suffering, I live with those who have to bear it; I am not overwhelmed by it, because the strength of the group sayes me from that, and I can face the whole world as a free man because I owe my bread to nothing

I owe my bread to nothing but my own work.

At bottom, what I am say-ing is that we must have a renewal of the function of the prophet in the city.

Primitive monasticism

The prophet is pro phemi, which means he who speaks for, not he who speaks in advance, not he who makes predictions. In the prophets of Israel, for every ten lines of prediction there are a hundred pages which simply represent a man's voice saying to the prince: "Your power was given for defending and succouring those who ing and succouring those who suffer, not for heaping up more and more privileges for those who are already fortunate." That is what the prophet is.

And that is what has disappeared from the city to-day. It was a function of primitive monasticism; but day. It was a function of primitive monasticism; but the monastery, whose recent renewal of life has been so wonderful in so many ways, has stopped half way and failed to recover its social and sociological significance. Though including so much that is admirrable, the monastic revival of the last hundred and fifty years has stopped half way, restoring something which does not connect with primitive monasticism because it has become something for the select few. A monastery no longer represents the voice of those who have no voice, nor is it any longer a presence in the midst of those who suffer.

Precursors

And perhaps the question that matters is whether we shall prove capable of bringing this thing to life again in our society today.

A prophet cannot be elected, nor paid a salary, nor can he be a trade unionist, who is both paid a salary and elected by his comrades. We have to have members of Parliament, and trade unionists, and civil servants.

But unless their work is preceded by the presence of a few slightly crazy people flinging themselves into the midst of distress in order to share in communion with the suffering of those then however

to share in communion with the suffering of those they wish to save, then however gigantic the efforts made and however huge the am-ounts of financial and oco-nomic aid voted, all these efforts will be powerless and ineffectual, and will often actually have a corrupting influence. influence.

The electric plug

Don't you think that our world today has grown rather like a wonderful ultra-modern house, equipped with all the most superb devices and gadgets? The father of the house is an electrician, and a genius about all the is an electrician, and a genius about all the most amazing niodern techniques.

Then one day, in their ultra-modern house with its techni-cal genius living in it, the most wonderful machine of all, the colour television set, all, the colour television set, breaks down. Father takes off his coat, takes his box of tools and his spare parts, and sets to work. He spares, neither trouble nor expense; time passes; and it still won't work. Why not? Quite a simple reason. For all his scientific genius, he didn't happen to notice that the baby had been playing on

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the floor and had pulled the electric plug.

Isn't that our situation
the world today?

The electric plug am
to practically nothing,
just a tiny little thing,
insignificant in compa
with the colossal cost of
wonderful machine
But little though the
may be, if it isn't p
into the current, there
current, and the most current, and the most nificent apparatus on is good for nothing b be broken up.

RADIO LOG

APR. 18-20: 6-55 to 7-a.m. THOUGHTS FO THE DAY (Tamil) Mrs. Agues Perimpal yagam.

APR. 19: 10-00 to 10-a.m. TALK (English) Rev. Fr. Claude Lawren APR. 20-26:

PR. 20-26: 6-55 to 7 a.m. THOUGHTS FO THE DAY (Sinhalese) Rev. Fr. Lionel Abeyw

APR. 26: '9-00 to 9-30 m. CATHOLIC HA HOUR (Sinhalese), 10 to 10-30 a.m. CATH LIC HALF HOUR(Ta il). 7-00 to 7-30 p.m. (THOLIC HOUR PR GRAMME (English).

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Fr. Vaz Feature

Archbishop's appeal to clergy

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A real step forward in the progress of the Cause is the following appeal (6th April) to the Clergy from His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I.

Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I.
Through the columns of our
Catholic papers you have already received information as
to how the Cause of our venerated Apostle, Fr. Joseph Vaz,
stands at present. The Postulator, Very Rev. Fr. C. Gasbarri, has, besides, written to
Us directly and We wish to
share with you both the information and the anxious
thoughts it causes Us.

Succinctly, the position is as

thoughts it causes Us.

"Succinctly, the position is as follows. As a result of the delay of more than two centuries since Fr. Vaz's death, the Diocesan Process recently completed in Goa has not been able to furnish sufficient oral evidence for the Cause to be taken up according to ordinary procedure and the Sacred Congregation of Rites has decided that it must be presented through the 'Historical Section.'

the 'Historical Section.'

As Fr, Gasbarri explains, this entails a first task of furnishing the Sacred Congregation with the originals or photographic copies of all the documents quoted as sources in connection with the Cause. Then comes the further work of classifying, analysing and summing up these documents with regard to (a) the history of Fr. Vaz's life and work, (b) specifically with regard to his holiness in the eminent practice of each and all of the Christian virtues. eminent practice of each a all of the Christian virtues.

"On a rough estimate Fr. Gas-barri reckons that this two-phase work will take two years, require the services of a Con-sistorial Advocate and three

experts and, in short, cost about Rs. 50,000.

about Rs. 50,000.

Although the Oratorian Congregation has assumed official responsibility for the Cause before the Sacred Congregation, it is evident, dear Rev. Fathers, that we cannot (without ingratitude to our Apostle and grave injustice to ourselves and to our country) neglect to bear our share of the expenses.

expenses.
At the Conference, then, of the Hierarchy held in Easter Week, it was decided that each of the Bishops would take appropriate steps in the matter and, in particular, recommend to the Fathers of his diocese the project proposed by the Postulator to facilitate the personal contributions of the priests themselves.

I am sure, dear Reverend Fathers, that in spite of the many needs and intentions that solicit your very restricted number of Masses to be freely disposed of, you will not refuse to reserve at least one this year for the Beatification Fund. If your generosity can provide a large number, that would be very welcome.

very welcome.

Having thus made your token personal contribution, you will, I hope, discuss among yourselves and with your parish councils and Associations what practical means can be adopted to obtain as large a contribution as possible from your parish or institution, so that, in this instance at least, our Island may furnish by itself the full amount required for the progress of this Cause so dear to all of us. There may be good benefactors ready to give generous offerings if appaaled to.

MORNING OFFERING

ANY SORT WHATEVER.

What matters is to know whether we shall be able to bring to life again this trifling thing, this foolish little thing, this infinitesimal little thing which is needed if we are to re-establish a dialogue in society and open a way for passion to enter once more into governmental circles.

The Prophet

What is it that is needed? What is needed, and what we discovered in our little

Emmaus experiment, is what I will call, by a similitude, the function of the prophet

the function of the prophet in the city.

What is needed is that there should be a few fools, just a small number, but that small number is indispensable, who deliberately decide to go, voluntarily, and share the lot of those who are suffering.

Not individually, for then they will either, having plunged into suffering, be overwhelmed by it and become

DIVINE Heart of Jesus, Divince Heart of Jesus, of 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 They does offer They and for all the intentions for which Thou dost offer Thy-self continually in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I offer them in particular for the intentions of the Apos-tleship of Prayer and for those proposed by the Holy Father for this month.

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Reviews Brief in

TWENTY QUESTIONS BOUT RUSSIA by H. Henderson (Catholic Press, Inchi. Locally available W. M. J. Paul Perera, ralessa, Lunuwila. Price 0 postage included).

FERE is an excellent little booklet which should dits way into everyone's nds — well-written, exlently-documented, and ost readable indeed. In t, it is something that uld most usefully be read anyone at all, whater his political complexion.

POPE JOHN XXIII
Rt. Rev. Conrad de Viio,
F.M. Cap. (St. Paul
blications, Allahabad — 2
P. Price 50 cts.).

pamphlet of 47 pages published so soon after e election of the new Pope, nnot of course be a compeon. In fact, the author mself warns the reader. It the great thing is that has been done; and that e Bishop of Lucknow has ovided us, with such speed, breezily written, well-domented little "life" of the vable man who is now the icar of Christ. This is of a dull enumeration of tes, but a sketch which ings out the intensely huan side of the new Pope, ould we not hope for mething fuller and cometer from the pen of the sar future?

PRAY THE MASS by Rt. Rev. Mgr. John T.*Mc Mahon (London — Burns & Oates, Price 2 sh.).

THERE is of course an abundance of books on the Mass. But we have yet to come across one just like this little, attractively got up, well-written and most appealing pamplet of 65 appealing pamphlet of 65 pages. It is meant to be an explanation of the Mass and everything else connected with it, for children — and as such, how well it achieves its purpose, especially with its attractive little verses to help the memory! Of parti-cular value are the expla-nations given of everything around the altar, and of the vestments.

"May this little book," says the author, "continue to help converts to know and love the Holy Mass." And we have no doubt it

Our Lady in the Gospels

As the very title indicates, this book provides the reader with a very fertile ground for study — Our Lady as she is portrayed in the gospels. And as is but to be expected, the text is strewn all over with the gospel references; in fact, there are times when one feels that they are too frequent for the average reader, due to the average reader, due to the continous interruptions of the

text.

It is precisely there that we feel this is not a book intended for that person known as the "average reader"; it would seem to be meant

THE ENEMIES OF LOVE by Dom Aelred Watkin (London, Burns & Oates. Locally available at St. Mi-chael's Bookshop. Rs. 7-85).

chael's Bookshop. Rs. 7-85).

HERE is the type of book that the present reviewer, for one, has long awaited. And how well it fulfils one's expectations!

What the author has tried to do, he himself sets forth in his introduction — "I have first tried to show that human love (if rightly understood) is divine love translated into the terms of human experience, then to examine the assaults which selfishness makes upon that love and, finally, to indicate where and how they may be overcome." In other words, his theme is the great subject of "Love" — of human love as a preparation for and a pattern of divine love. Human love, therefore, must be caught into the current of divine love; further the enemies of human love are likewise the enemies of divine love are likewise the enemies of divine love as well. Dom Aelred singles out these obstacles likewise the enemies of dryine love as well. Dom Aelred singles out these obstacles to love and shows how they should be overcome; and in doing so, leads us even closer to God's love.

This is a most enjoyable book, which should serve as a very effective eye-opener to many. "No love should be allowed to run to waste," says the author. "Each love to whealth if eightly used." says the author. "Each love is valuable, if rightly used, and to learn to love is the truest and noblest education."

By Joseph Patsch |

(London, Burns & Oates, Locally available at St. Michael's Bookshop, Co-lombo 13 — Rs. 18-75).

for one who is bent on deeper study. And for such a person, this is a work which would doubtlessly come in most handy.

And because of this, there are the particularly welcome

are the particularly welcome features of the book — that it places Mary in the setting of her own times and on the background of her own

What better message could Dom Aelred have given any of us and what better message for the world of today?

M.

THE MASS by Canon A Croegaere (London, Burns and Oates. Locally available at St. Michael's Bookshop, Colombo 13. Rs. 22-50).

If we want to promote interest and active participation in the liturgy, the first task is to dispel the prevailing ignorance regarding matters liturgical and to unfold the immense and inexhaustible treasures that lie hidden in the liturgy. Canon Croegaert's book "The Mass," is therefore quite timely especially as the English edition appears so shortly after the "Instruction" of Pope Pius XII, calling on the laity for greater and closer participation in the Mass.

This first volume, which

Mass.

This first volume, which is devoted to the Mass of the Catechumens, is a methodical and pratical book for the clergy and the laity. It begins with a discussion of the nature and significance of the altar, and its furnishings in relation to the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and is concluded with a chapter devoted to the Creed. To the clergy this book is one which will be useful both for their own instruction, and in their apostolate. The book will commend itself equally to laymen wishing

people; and that it develops the wholle life of Mary in relationship with that of Christ in a very complete manner. A few chapter heads will give some idea of what we mean:—"The Mother," "Mary in the Public Life of Jesus," "The Resurrection of Jesus," "The Resurrection of Jesus," etc., etc. And so the book proceeds weaving the texture of the life of Mary into that of Christ and presenting a very complete picture, right up to the Assumption.

to increase their understand-ing of the Church's liturgy in which they are called upon to play a greater part. C. S.

BSYCHOLOGY, MORALITY AND EDUCATION (London, Burns & Oates. Locally available at St. Michael's Bookshop, Colombo 13. Rs. 12-00).

A Symposium edited and presented by the Very Reverend Canon Fernand Van Steenberghen, this book is an introduction to to modern psychology that will be of interest mostly to priests. The book introduces us to one of the modern instruments that can be used for the good of souls. It is meant to help widen the approach to pastoral activity; it is not meant to give psychological brica-brac.

a-brac.
Modern psychology is an instrument that can be used for very great good. This book outlines some of the fields where this is possible. At the same time it sounds

At the same time it sounds a warning against amateur use of the instrument.

The value of the book is its outlines of the fields where the moralist can be helped by the psychologist and the fields where real co-operation is most advantageous. The evolution of psychology in recent years brings it right to the brink of things that matter greatly to a priest.

S. J.

PRIESTS' PROBLEMS (London, Burns and Oates. — 42 shillings).

THOSE who have read
TFr. Mahoney's feature
in "Clergy Review" will need
no introduction to this book.
The late Canon Mahoney
had for nearly twenty years
solved the doubts of priests
from all over the world...
His answers revealed a
clear grasp of the problem; a humble and balanced
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Problems can form a
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field of subjects that the
book becomes a valuable
pastoral guide to every priest
and a source of wide information and erudition
to every layman.
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moderately priced which will
be an useful and valuable
addition to every priest's
bookshelf.

K. P.

WITH THE LITTLE FLOWER

I HAVE GIVEN NOTHING BUT LOVE by Fr. Dominic O.C.D. (St. Paul Publications, Allahabad 2. Rs. 1-25).

ALL MY LIFE LOVE by Michael Day (Herder, London, Locally available at St. Michael's Bockshop, Rs. 3-00).

HERE are two more books to add to the already numerous publications on St. Therese of the Child Jesus. But to be quite sincere, this is a subject which can hardly be exhausted.

The former of the books perhaps covers ground that is often covered; but it has done so with an originality that is most appealing and commendable. Two particularly attractive features of this little booklet are the chapters giving the Saint's message of her "spiritual childhood," and her message of apostolic charity. The link with the world of today brings it right into our daily lives.

Fr. Day's book contains a brilliant translation by Mgr. Ronald Knox of the Saint's poem "Vivre d'Amour," and a commentary by Fr. Day. To anyone who is interested in Theresian spirituality, this should be a most welcome book, particularly as this poem of the saint's, contains her doctrine. In his commentary, Fr. Day shows the close link between St. Therese and St. Paul.



HE CHURCH IS RICH!

THE devil, it seems, has no sense of humour. The Saints have found that if they poke fun at the devil, when he comes tempting them, he goes away in high dudgeon and leaves them alone. This is only to be expected, because the devil is an exceedingly proud fellow, consumed by an overfellow, consumed by an over-weening vanity. And proud and vain persons can't endure jokes against them-

Saints aren't sad.

The Saints, on the other The Saints, on the other hand, are a mercy crew. They laugh at themselves and see something funny in in what they see around. The martyrs, in particular, go jesting to their death.

St. Thomas More had an unconquerable sense of humour, which did not desert him even on the scaffold.

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The writer of this article turns attention with to explode a familiar and oftrepeated charge levelled against the Church from time to time. . .

hour of Mass, and I will show you the riches of the Church."

The captain of the guard and his minors repaired to the Cathedral at the appointed hour. They found the Cathedral crowded with the inhabitants of the slums, the poorest of the poor of

Rome.
"Now show us your riches,"
the police chief rudely commanded.
Opening his arms wide and

said to be raised.

Before I became a Catholic I used to hear that the priests squeeze the faithful dry with their extortions. It so happened that when I did become a Catholic, I lived for two years as a virtual member of a religious community which was hit hard by the first World War, then prevailing. They

Pope John XXIII sends message to Spain'

first National Congress

Preserve Basic Principles of Family Life

vigilance for good mo-rals and increasing penalties

"God has placed in the hearts of men three loves which flourish mainly through His own ennobling love: the love of married couples, the love of a parent and the love of children. To wish to uproot or to paralyse these affections would be like the profunction of something

affections would be like the profanation of something sacred, which would lead fatally to the ruin of one's country and of humanity. The dignity, the rights, and the duties, of the home, established by God Himself as a vital cell of society, are, in virtue of this, as old as the world; they are the basis of social well being.

"Jesus Christ gave dignity to marriage, raising this contract between baptized people to the rank of a sacrament, and He also wished to sanctify family life by His example, making Himself a member of a home, and the mirror of the most beautiful virtues.

"As regards bringing back this institution to its purest essence: provide the family with the material necessities and endow it with the assets and services due to it by society for the fulfilment of its mission; revive in it the Christian meaning which has

Christian meaning, which has a fine history in Spanish traditions, in tune, yes, with the conditions of present day

To uproot or paralyse the love of married couples, the love of a parent and the love of children, would lead fatally to the ruin of of one's country and of humanity," states His Holiness Pope John XXIII in what constitutes the fullest statement the Pope has in a message read by the Apostolic Nuncio to Spain, Archbishop Antoniutti Ildelardo, at the opening session of Madrid's first National Congress on Family Life, recently.

General Franco presided at the Congress which took

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for offences against mod

- the enforcement measures to do away prostitution;
- the encouragement low-priced, hygienic hou and the restriction of his building;
- making it unneces for married women to out to work;
- enforcing decency for public shows;
- support for the duction of movies feat family virtues and athl

PAPAL MESSAGE The following is the text of the Holy Father's mes

him even on the scaffold. Enfectibled by his long imprisonment, when St. Thomas More was brought to his execution, he had not the strength to climb the steps of the Scaffold. "Help me up. Master" INOW snow us your riches, "the police chief rudely commanded. They were living on short rations. These, if any, should have the steeps of the Scaffold. "Help me up. Master" INOW snow us your riches, "the police chief rudely commanded. War, then prevailing. They were living on short rations. These, if any, should have dressed men and women, who was the steeps of the Scaffold. "Help me up. Master" execution, he had not the strength to climb the steps of the Scaffold. "Help me up, Master Lieutenant," he said to his gaoler. "As for coming down." he added with a twinkle in his eye, "I shall manage it well enough." The portraits of the Saint, show him as clean shaven. In prison he had allowed his beard to grow. When he made ready to lay his head on the block for the executioner's blow, he tenderly kept his beard out of the way of the kinife. "Spare the beard," he jested to his executioner, for after all it has done His Majesty no all." The sequel The police chief failed to grow. When he jested to his executioner, for after all it has done His Majesty no all." The police chief failed to grow his fine tradition of St. Lawrence, was sentenced to follow the imperial guards could not discover this wealth. Their chief then went to St. Lawrence and sternly ordered him to show him the riches of the Church. "I will do that," readily assented the Saint. "Come to the Cathedral at the ALWAYS INCLUDE "Now turn me over to the Cathedral at the ALWAYS INCLUDE "Help me up, Master Lieutenant," he said to housed the many institutions are housed the many institutions are housed the many institutions are was united to the Church is that it has hidden hoards of riches. Try as hard as they could, the imperial guards could not discover this wealth, their chief then went to St. Lawrence was sentenced to be roasted over a slow fire on a gridiron. He lay on a gridiron his marty help the lay and the first month's payment he defaulted. So did most of the partishioners. The scheme was abandoned. **ALWAYS INCLUDE** **A

an offertory of 25 cents a week, pretend not to see him. Collection is taken only once a week at Sunday Mass. At this collection when they see the sacristan approach with the bag they assume the non-committal expression of the

ing testimony to Catholic generosity.

Month after month and year after year large sums and small doles, given gladly and without the least constraint, go to swell the huge amount needed for this national monument. Most edifying is the part played by the small donors who contribute their mite, meriting the reward Our Lord bestowed on the poor widow in the temple of Jerusalem. These are the riches of the Chruch of whom no enemy can rob her.

"Now turn me over to the other side," he laughingly advised his torturers, "this side is sufficiently roasted."

What provoked the savage sentence carried out on St. Lawrence is the familiar charge laid against the Church from that day to this, that it is rolling in money. This charge is sustained by the fact that the Church runs numerous buildings in which are housed its many which are housed its many institutions. It is these which are on eyesore to the Church's

The reason why

Why does the Church spend so much on bricks and mortar? For the same and mortar? For the same reason others spend on bricks and mortar. Because they can't help it. Nobody with a sense of proportion builds just for fun. Where the Church is concerned, every inch of space is used for some useful purpose, and no building is put up until and unless sheer necessity calls for it.

So much, I think, is conceded by all fair-minded persons. What is diverting however are the stories of the methods by which the money

methods by which the money needed by the Church is

Attestation

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I have now been a Catholic for 43 years. I can schemnly and sincerely affirm and declare that no priest has squeezed me for money. No rack or thumb-screw has been applied on me. One does not hear these days of the extortionate practices of the Church. This probably is due to the apparent belief among the faithful as well as outsiders that the Church is surpassingly rich. How and whence this idea originated it would be well to inquire. Otherwise, would so many seemingly well-to-do people studiously and even significantly refrain from putting in their mite when the collection is made at Mass?

Among non-Catholics it

Among non-Catholics it is considered a point of honour for everybody — men, women and children — to put something into the collection bag. So much so, it is said that shame-faced youth who cannot contribute a nickel, put in a metal button in place of a coin. No such inhibition obtains among us. The collection is taken, not, as in non-Catholic places of wor-

Kochchikade's Feast

From Messenger Correspondent

THE annual feast of St. Christopher was cele-brated at the Holy Ghost Church, Kochchikade of the Church, Rochenikade of the Pallansena Mission, on Sunday, the 5th April, with great solemnity. In the morning at 7 A.M. High Mass was chanted by the Rev. Fr. Anthony Padiddian, o.s. B. The sermon of the day was given by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Felix Mavel, o.m.I.

Opposite the church, the groundswere full of lorries and cars from places like Wennappuwa, Dankotuwa, Negombo, and Katana. After Mass the Parish Priest blessed the statue of St. Christopher and all the cars and lorries.

mittal expression of the Sphinx.
This is not to say that Catholics are not generous. Look at that wonderful monstrance of gold studded with precious stones used for the first time at the Eucharist Rally last month. It came from the faithful. Look at the magnificent Basilica the magnificent Basilica of Our Lady of Lanka which is slowly and steadily rising at Tewatte. This is a stand-ing testimony to Catholic

St. Patrick's Church. Molligoda

(from "Josephian" Mes senger correspondent)

Mes senger correspondent)

THE Annual Feast was celebrated this year on the 17th March — St. Patrick's Day. The Parish Priest Revd. Father Patrick M. Fernando, o.m.i. sang Vespers at 7-30 p.m. on the previous day and High Masat 8-30 a.m. on the Feast Day. Mass over, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the procession and alms-giving terminated the celebrations.

The procession started from Kochchikade to Negombo with the Statue of St. Christopher on a decorated car.

living but without the reality's dwarfiing the ve of the basic principles, this can be considered meritorious service for Catholic cause, worth Our approval and pra

" Because of this We wish that every hon converted, in imitation that of Nazareth, in shrine of religious for and a school of virtues. such and a school of virtues. this congress succeed promoting such bene effects, striving to pre in the Spanish family Christian fragrance welevates it, so that influence may be reflein the social order of beloved country and als the community of national process.

"We constantly keep in Our thoughts memories which We coll memories which We colls during Our travels in S. We were very pleasantly particularly impressed by blossoming of its fan with their clusters of chil in whose eyes We saw brilliance of that ray of ca transparency and the innu smile which captivated heart.

"It is with great plet that We formulate the cordial wishes for the stu of these meetings and of these meetings and very gladly send to the nizers and participants of first national congress of family Our paternal apo benediction."

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Warning to Catholics

FLOOD of violent writing let loose in the local Marxist Press against the Church during the past few weeks, would one the impression that some cataclysmic catastrophe was ut to befall this "fair land of Lanka," and that they—the men who have a sordid history in every land they have ped in—are the saviours of the country from the deluge is bound to set in. In fact, a two-pronged attack in true exist fashion has gathered momentum. The V.L.S.S.P. and C.P. have joined forces to attack the Catholic Church—ge the same tactics, the same technique, in fact even the same ruments. The very same pattern for conquest which we know used in Eastern European satellite countries and in China, being employed here. It is not strange to us that these two exist parties should make use of the usual means; but what surprise us is that both of them, apparently treading differpaths, should launch out simultaneously on the identical paign against the Church.

We have dealt elsewhere in this issue with the scurri-

We have dealt elsewhere in this issue with the scurriattack contained in the journal conducted under
aegis of Mr. Philip Gunawardene, Minister of Food and
iculture. We have also referred to the accusations which
Minister himself levelled at the Church earlier, as well as
equally false and utterly untrue campaign conducted by the
munist Party. In all these, one thing is absolutely clear—
necerted attack against the Church has commenced from
sections of the Marxists. It is well that Catholics be warned;
to be forewarned is to be forearmed.

As a correspondent in a Letter to the Editor points out today, As a correspondent in a Letter to the Editor points out today, pattern is quite clear. Anyone who knows anything at all it the Communist pattern for conquest, and about the steps Communists took to complete domination in the countries under Red tyranny, will be able to see exactly the same plan g followed here in Ceylon as well.

In every country that is today under the Communist heel, attack against religion was on top of the list; and it was the nolic Church that was always attacked. For they realised, very persecutor has realised, that the Catholic Church would consistent and unflinching foe in the face of repression and itarianism. And so the Church had to go. And in the paign against the Church, the technique used elsewhere is ag repeated here almost down to the smallest detail. Let us te from the Food Minister's paper:

"There is a vast difference", it says, "between criticising the conspiratory activities of the Catholic Church, and preventing the Catholics from following their religious teachings. Hence the Catholics should not be perturbed."

It was the very same story elsewhere: divide the laity from hierarchy; pose as the champion of pure and unadulterated ion; in fact, pretend to be the defender of the purity of relia, while being opposed only to the supposed commercial igues of the hierarchy. Thus, a wedge is driven between faithful and the hierarchy; once that is achieved, then the upletion of their diabolical campaign of hatred and of mate elimination of the Church, is easily completed.

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Even this dark cloud has, thank God, its silver lining. For indeed providential that this onslaught against the Church come at a time when we are still free to speak and to raise voice in protest. Other countries which can speak no longer, not have that good fortune. They had already been muzzled; clasp of death had already caught them in its deadly grip, when this campaign of vilifying the hierarchy commenced, silence of the tomb had already descended upon them. But can still speak; we can still raise our voice against this naked unashamed tyfanny that wears the mask of patriotism; we still warn even the weak and the gullible among our Catholics, pause and take stock. We can learn the lesson of other ntries; the same tragedy need not befall us, for we have been tries; the same tragedy need not befall us, for we have been

There is a book entitled "Red wheels grind slow" showing Marxist pattern for conquest in its stark and bitter reality. Ceylon, the Red wheels have been grinding for some years; in the past months, the grinding has gone on apace; in the weeks, it has moved to a crescendo. The grinding goes on ely, steadily . . . hoping to break down the resistance of weak.

Weak.

It is to our Catholic readers that we are speaking primarily ay. They and everyone else know quite clearly that the one active of the V.L.S.S.P. and the C.P. is the elimination of the holic Church. Their pretended love for religion and the inction they make between the religious practices of the hitul and the supposed "financial intrigues" of the hierarchy but a frantic effort at repeating here what they have tried to elsewhere; it is nothing but a diabolical attempt to drive redge between laity and clergy, between the faithful and the rarchy.

"Financial Antics" of the Catholic Church ... and a challenge to Marxists

Thas been mud, mud all along the way this week. The gulf between the Communist Party and the Food Minister's V.L.S.S.P. is quite obviously narrowing down, and their common platform against the Catholic Church is evident. Whatever else may be their differences, on one major point of policy they are in complete agreement—the Catholic Church is the major obstacle, and so it must go!

— the Catholic Church is the major obstacle, and so it must go!

During the past week, the newsheets of both these parties have indulged in very copious mud-slinging; in fact, in true Marxist style, the doctrine of the big lie has been in full swing, slanderous accusations have been flung at the Church, and as we point out editorially this week, the technique according to pattern of severing the laity from the hierarchy by well-tried means, has been used to the full. As usual, it is the so-called financial antics of the Catholic Church that seem to irk these righteous men!

* Over to you, Sir!

THE financial position of the Church, they allege, is a closed book; funds are collected in all manners of highly questionable ways; this money is there for a closed clique to enjoy, and the country is left out in the cold. The grim prospect that faces the country, according to them, is ultimate domination by the finances of the Church! How many countries has the Church dominated thus? How many satellite states has she created thus?

May we pass the ball over to you Honourable Sir? What about the funds of the V.L. S.S.P. and the C.P.? They remain a closed book; they are used exclusively for the Party; the country does not benefit one iota from their activities. And what stares Ceylon in the face filtimately? One terrible possibility — One terrible possibility domination by the Reds.

Whatever income we may Whatever income we may possess has always been for the good of the country. Why, it was only the other day that people were crying out against our orphanages and our creches, our schools and our homes for the aged, and our other works of merry. and our other works of mercy and social uplift. Whatever income *they* possess is all directed to one over-riding objective — the subversion of authority, the seizing of power and the reduction of Ceylon to the state of a satellite. The to the state of a satellite. The

Ceylon students overseas

REV. Fr. T. Kuriacose, S.J. (Jesuit Fathers, Clifford Place, Colombo) and Rev. Fr. Haas (Bishop's House, Chilaw) have been appointed to be in charge of all Catholic students going overseas from Ceylon. All those who are leaving for studies in foreign countries are requested to contact either of them. charge of all Catholic students going overseas from Ceylon-All those who are leaving for studies in foreign countries are requested to contact either of them.

world has been it before; the world is seeing it again today.

* Slanderous charges

SOME people were incensed, complains the journal of the Food Minister, that Mr. Philip Gunawardene that Mr. Philip Gunava, Should have accused Catholic Churches to be centres of intrinue and conspiracy. Yes, we protested, and we continue to do so most vehemently. We went further; we threw out a challenge. Here was a responsible Minister of State responsible Minister of State making a very serious allegation against a section of the citizens of Ceylon. As long as we still enjoy democratic freedom — which may sound strange in Marxist ears — we have a right to ask for proof. No man, far less no minister of State, is free to make such serious accusations without any vestige of

to make shen serious accessa-tions without any vestige of proof whatsoever.

We asked for it a fortnight ago. No proof has been forthcoming. Only a slightly mitigated repetition of the original charge — this time in the Food Minister's journal.

Conspiracy is a serious charge. On such a serious matter, the least that could be expected is proof. In its absence, it is time that they observed the norms of decency.

*High Finance

THIS week's attack is, they say, "a blow struck at the power of the capitalists who earn money behind the high walls of church buildings." Their specific charges? Every single one of them without exception, is true to form — a tissue of utter falsehood, deceit and half-truths. Elsewhere in this issue, a columnist takes up some of the charges and insinuations directed at the Church. We add a few comments.

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"It is reported," these self-appointed watch-dogs of the nation say, "that the firm of Engineers, Brown and Company, is going to be bought with the money of the Archbishop of Colombo." Completely, totally and absolutely false! A mischievous charge without the tiniest shred of truth in it.

this that we too shall conquer. The Church may be pashed off the earth in apparent defeat, as her enemies have fondly imagined; she always returns to the combat, reinvigorated and re-freshed.

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In vain will Marxists in Ceylon and elsewhere, look for the death of the undying. The Church that survived Neros and Julians, Domitians and barbaric invasions, Hitler, Lenin and Stalin, will live to sing the requiems over our petty local dictators. They can do their worst; they can indulge in their armour that not all their calumnies and slanders could ever armour that the Church has always endured; it is in this that the Church has always endured; it is in the combat, reinvigorated and re-freshed.

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The Church goes on forever.

• Millions of rupees are being earned, they say, thro-ugh the "Catholic Univer-sity" Again would that this were true—
it would have helped to pay
off the huge debt incurred!

Buildings at Wanathamulla? We cetort—since

mulla? We etort—since when has it become a crime to put up a School (shifted from another site) for poor children? Any projects for the distant future are for social institutions.

social institutions.

Bishops procure government office for the Catholics! And the proof? Nil.

Our Bishops have a much bigger and far loftier mission in life than "fixing" Catho-

The heads of the armed The heads of the armed services, due to Catholic wire-pulling are all Catholics. The old, old story—a bubble which has been pricked so many times before. A thief thinks every body else is also a thief.

* Landlords

THE Communist Party has taken over the refrain from the V.L.S.S.P. Their trump-card seems to be their latest discovery: a truly for-midable list of property that midable list of property that the Archbishop is supposed to own in the Municipal area, and from which, according to them, the "Church derives an income in rent that am-ounts to about 2 lakhs of rupees a year." High finance indeed!

But the truly mischievous nature of this campaign is evident to one who reads through the allegations with some care. Here are the prophets of doom speaking of the vast income of the prophets of doom speaking of the vast income of the Church, of the millions the Church ropes in from her "valuable commercial properties;" but in the very same article, tucked away in a corner is the face-saving formula which alone would a save them from a libel charge, which says: which says:—
"The majority of the

above-mentioned premises houses Catholic Churches and other institutions." •

and other institutions,"
That precisely is our contention as well. How, we ask our Comrades of the Communist Party, do properties or buildings which are supposed to be "valuable commercial properties" suddenly become on their own admission "Catholic Churches and other institutions?" How, we ask these gentlemen ches and other institutions?"
How, we ask these gentlemen
who seem least concerned
about the truth, do Churches,
social and charitable institutions, suddenly become
income producing enter-

But we do admire the zest with which our local Com-rades take to their job of

Distinguished Visitor

A DISTINGUISHED visitor to Ceylon this week is Little Sister Annie of Jesus — General Adviser to the Congregation of the Little Sisters of Jesus. She is in charge of the Fraternities of the Little Sisters in South Asia.

While in Ceylon, Sister Annie of Jesus will be giving two public talks in English, about the life of the Little Sisters around the world. The talks will be accompa-nied by colour-slides.

• At Ave Maria Convent, Negombo, at 6 p.m. on Sunday, the 19th. A Sinhalese translation of the talk will be given.

• At Good Shepherd Convent, Kotahena at 6-30 p.m. on Monday, the 20th. All are cordially invited.

destruction and vilification. destruction and vilification. They have gone to immense pains, and have produced what they term "the list of premises owned by the Archbishop of Colombo." We too have done some work on the same lines, and what do we find?

In the list provided by the

we find?
In the list provided by the Comrades, some occur twice; some house numbers which they provide, are in fact multiple numbers of the same premises (for example, St. Joseph's College); and by far the greater number, in fact most, are numbers of premises on which the Church pays taxes but from which premises on which the Church she does not obtain one single cent's rent—for the very simple reason that these premises are either Churches or schools or buildings used for some social work or other.

Our Challenge

We in our turn throw out a challenge to our Marxist Comrades. Will they take Comrades. Will it? We shall see.

Comrades. Will they take it? We shall see.

Is there any country in the world where Red Party funds are used, or have been used, or are likely to be used (going on precedent) for the benefit of the whole country—all the communities, sections, etc., of the country—and not for the benefit of the Party alone, and perhaps also for the Party's hangers-on?

If not, what right have our Comrades to point an accusing finger at the Church—whose social, charitable, educational institutions are there for all the world to see?

Youth Movement holds first Camp at Chilaw

(by a " Messenger" Reporter)

THE Boys' Youth Movement in his diocese was not based an numbers but on leadership, said Bishop Edmund Peiris O.M.I., at the opening of the Camp held at St. Mary's College, Chilaw, from 10 to 13 April.

Just as Christ, said His Lordship, himself trained the few men to whom as His apostles He entrusted His mission, and who at Pentecost received the gifts of the Holy Ghost to enable them to commence their tremendous work for souls, so the Youth Movement should train its members to accomplish the great undertaking of the Lay Apostolate by making them pray and think and act according to their special obligations and responsibilities.

Present at the Camp were Youth Movement boys from Marawila, Madampe and Chi-

Fr. Nereus Fernando addressing the Legionaries

Wennappuwa

law, together with their respective chaplains. The Camp clearly revealed the competence of the boys themselves to run their own show. There were among them discussion leaders, chairmen, sports leaders, and they all shared willingly the bigger and lesser tasks that had to be accomplished in a work such as this. Understanding and teamwork prevailed throughout the Camp, and that made every boy come out of his shell and freely express his views and aspirations.

Among the observations made was that a gap existed

between religion and life owing to the prevalent notion that religion was confined purely to things spiritual. It was necessary, they said, that Christ be brought into life and life be united to Him, for it was in Christ we had to rediscover the truth that love of God and love of neighbour were inseparable. Another observation made was that social action necessitated social survey and there sitated social survey and there was general agreement that an investigation of the real an investigation of the real situation youngsters were living in had still to be made. But before all that, it was necessary to get to know Holy Mass as the basis of Christian living. It was the sacrament of unity and this was well demonstrated at the liturgical celebrations that took place during the Camp.

LEGION RALLIES

(from MESSENGER correspondents)

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The Wennappuwa legionaries marched in procession to meet the rest and as the joint procession headed for the church with the Comitium president bearing aloft the Legion vexillum, they looked like "an army set in battle array."

Very Rev. Fr. Nereus Fernando, the Spiritual Director of the Senatus of Ceylon, addressed the legionaries in Sinhalese. His was a clarion call for united effort in the ranks of the Legion. The effort of each individual leglegionary would count very legionary would count very much, he said.

THERE was a mammoth gathering of Active and Auxilliary members of the Legion of Mary when the Legion praesidia of Wennappuwa, Katuneriya, Nainamadama, Waikkal and Kattimahana participated in the Acies function held at St. Joseph's Church, Wennap Dehiwela

A HUGE gathering filled St. Mary's Church, De-hiwela, on Sunday, the 12th

instant, when legionaries from the praesidia of Wellawatte, Dehiwela and Ratmalana gathered at 4-30 p.m. for their Acies function. It was a function conduct-ed in all three languages, to meet the needs of legionaries

meet the needs of legionaries from the various centres. After the Rosary, Rev. Fr. L. D. Eusebius, o.m.t., addressed the legionaries in Sinhalese, after which, the priests went up to the Legion standard, and renewed their own promise. Then Legion standard, and renewed their own promise. Then followed a most touching sight, when unending ranks of legionaries—from every possible strata of society— came up two by two to renew their promise.

their promise.

There followed the Catena, and the collective Act of Consecration, after which Fr. Manik Muttukumaru addressed the legionaries in English.

ANOTHER MESSENGER SPECIAL

by everyone who reads it.

Another mother (this time seven kids!) — Betty M. Ha sen — writes a provocat article which will prove vo profitable reading.

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I am a regular reader of the Messenger. I am a Catholic and I am interested in the Women's-Mag.

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WHO WILL DOMI-NATE SRI LANKA?

WE are living in an age of transition. That fact has been dinned into us over and over again so that I dare not repeat it once more. But when the successive transits have been gone through, a state of stability has to be reached; some sort of Pax Ceylanica, if you get what I mean. Now, the burning question of the hour is: Who will preside over the destinies of Sri Lanka during this coming Golden Age?

during this coming Golden Age?

The answer is: the Vatican, according to the Communist Party. That is, if the average Ceylonese does not look sharp or prevent individual Catholics from entrenching themselves "in leading positions in the repressive organs of the state."

Strange enough (or, rather, what's so strange?) the same fears are being harboured by a periodical called "Ape Lanka," which, being interpreted, means that the ownership of Sri Lanka will soon be vested in Don Philippo and his coterie, if we don't look sharp.

I am really not going to draw any distinction between the allegations made against the Church by the C.P. and by Don Philippo.

For all factual, as well as

Church by the C.F. and c., Philippo.
For all factual, as well as theoretical, purposes they are one and the same thing.
Take it from me, the decision to go at the Church was a single decision. It was a decision that was made not at Cotta Road

or Reid Avenue but in the Kremlin itself.

The charges

Here is the full list of charges

Here is the full list of charges and insinuations:— The Church is involved in conspiracy and treason against the State. The Church makes political use of religion. The Church amasses wealth by indulging in commercial activities. The Church opposes all progressive legislation.

The next set of charges are really against individual Catholics: They control the liquor trade. They earn money behind the high walls of church buildings (whatever that may mean). They are more loyal to their Church than to the State.

The third set of accusations is directed against the State itself. The State succumbs to pressure from Bishops in making public appointments. The State alpoints Catholics to high Government office. The State allow Catholic trade union leaders to come here and influence the workers.

Now let me tell you that I have workers.

Now let me tell you that I have

whole mountain of mud in the hope that some of it will stick? Of all the balder-dash that has appeared in print, I quote

That the firm of Brown and Co. is to be bought by the Archbishop. That millions of rupees are being earned through the Catholic University. That Father Schram came to Ceylon with the special permission of the U.N.P. Government. That the Catholic Church financed the local liquor industry in its -POLO MARCO

Philippo's broadsheet, inaccuracies and delibertakes a look at Don and lists the factual ate falsehoods in it.

The decision to go at the Church was made not at Cotta Road or Reid Avenue, but in the Kremlin itself!

the only sentences that have any iota of veracity:—

"Freedom of religion is one thing but to make political use of religion is another thing. Just as Buddhists should have the freedom of religion, so must the Catholics' and

"Nobody can criticise Catholics holding the highest offices in the Government. It is their birthright to hold high position as people born in this country and it is their duty to serve their country." Now let me tell you that I have carefully gone through the entire liteny both in the C.P. organ and in Don Philippo's broad sheet.

Not one of those diatribes is true. If these slanderers must insist on making these accusations, cannot they set out to prove them?

Or is it a case of throwing a "Nobody can criterise Cathering the highest offices in the Government. It is their birthright to hold high position as people born in this country."

Falsehoods

Among the deliberate falsehoods are the following:—

initial stages.

Even if the utterance of untruths is something one could normally expect from the orthodox Communist, one is surprised that so many factual inaccuracies should have entered into their articles. The very idea of truth is alien to the Marxist mind; however, I have always credited them with some measure of astuteness. But they do slip up on more than one occasion:

Eather Schram is referred to

Father Schram is referred to as a Jesuit. It is stated that a Jesuit may operate in plain clothes.

Father Joe de Mel is referred to as the Secretary to the Arch-

bishop, and the biggest howler is the allusion to the "Cooray family to which the Archbishop belongs."

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belongs."

I have it on the highest authority that His Grace became aware of Senator Edmund Cooray's association with the gin trade only on reading the offending article.

Now, look here, chang article.

association with the gin trade only on reading the offending article.

Now, look here, chaps, when when you next decide to pull a fast one, take care you get your minor facts correct, at least.

Reverting to the subject of Communist falsehoods you can rest assured that our local Commies will be able to support their disreputable conduct with good authority — for, doesn't Lenin in his "The Infantile Sickness of Leftism in Communism" say: "It is recessary to use any ruse, cunning, unlawful method, evasion, concealment of the truth."

Or, as Arthur Koestler put it in his "Darkness at Noon": "The Communist is damned always to do what is most repugnant to him, to become a slaughterer in order to abolish slaughtering, to sacrifice lambs in order that no lambs may be slaughtered, to whip people with knouts so that they may learn not to let themselves be whipped, to strip himself of every scruple in the name of higher scruplousness."

Don Philippo seems to indicate that his quarrel is not winteligion but with the abuse of it. His strange solicitude for the cause of religion is not compapatible with the official Marxist view which I have, for brevity, set down in a series of quotations from Communist sources: Marx: "The people cannot

be really happy until it has to deprived of illusory happing by the abolition of religion.

Lenin: "We must combat ligion. This is the A.B.C. Marxism. The Marxist must an enemy of religion. Peking Daily Worker, Nember 28, 1956: "To overce religion and superstitious is we must distroy the roots funding the most of the propaganda of atheism. Peking Daily Worker, Nember 28, 1956: "To overce religion and superstitious is we must distroy the roots funding highest probability on the gift of God on Buddha's mercy for happiness."

Aid to Political Self-Ed.

happiness."

Aid to Political Self-Ection (Moscow) July, 1957; must be emphasised with greatest force that the Connist Party has not changed cannot change in its attitud wards religion, Marxists always and will always car an implacable ideological against religion, bearing in that religious beliefs and are a serious hindrance in building of Communism."

It is now clear to you,

It is now clear to you, reader, that this subtle dition between religious print private and "organizeligion is nothing but so It would appear that the mies are anxious that we strevert to the Christianity of Bible and the sermon of Mount. To this I can reply in those memorable of Chesterton:
"Talk about the pews

"Talk about the pews steeples And the cash that goes the with, And the souls of Chris peoples, Chuck it, Smith."

ooking back on eleven years of freedom,

Spectator asks -

WHAT PRICE INDEPENDENCE?

FTER eleven years of freedom from foreign mination, the racial and dejous minorities in Ceylon is and to ask: "what constrained to ask: Independence?" It boast that Ceylon's ependence was won with-shedding a drop of blood, anted that there is cause justitiable pride here, even the lustre of this unique r justitiable pride here, even, the lustre of this unique chievement has since been reatly diminished by distinuatory acts, and by the enial of the freedoms of deocracy, to which the minoty communities here are attitled as nationals of Ceylon. Much bad blood has been reated during these few years independence; and, alas! independence; and, alas!
independence; and, alas!
inch blood also flowed in
racial clash of 1958.
e world will look upon
pious resolutions we pass m time to time condemnthe aggressiveness of one on against another as tion against another as ire sham, unless we see it that co-existence and nicha Seela, like Charity, gin at home.

Minority-Leaders

When we realize how the norities stood shoulder to oulder with the majority, d moreover, how minority en took the lead in every ttle waged in our "war

independence days, the un-worthy attempts being made now to reduce the position now to reduce the position of the minorities to that of "hewers of wood and drawers of water" to the majority, and to keep them there with the whip-hand, compel them to ask once again: "What price Independence?" IT WOULD

....By **SPECTATOR**

APPEAR, THAT IN
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SELFLESS EFFORTS FOR
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FRYING PAN TO THE
FIRE!

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FIRE!
Ramanathan, Arunachalam, James Peiris, H. J. C.
Pereira, E. W. Perera, E.
J. Samarawickrema, E. J.
de Silva and A. A. Wickramasinghe, were all minority men who fought so valiantly, not for this or that community, but for all communities. They are no more, but their names shall live for evermore. In the Buddhist-Muslim riots of 1915,

some of them braved the perils of enemy-submarine-infested seas to lay the case of the Buddhist majority for review and obtain redress from the irate and harnessed

for review and obtain redress from the irate and harnessed British, who were themselves waging at the time a fearful war for their survival from the attacks of a ruthless and mighty enemy.

Writing in the "Sunday Times of Ceylon" of August 24, 1956, Mr. Justice Walter Thalgodapitiya, then District Judge of Colombo, in his article, "Ceylon's Famous Trials — The Kegalle Shooting Commission," and referring to the late Messrs. E. W. Perera and A. A. Wickramasinghe, two Christian heroes who battled fearlessly until they wrested a measure of justice for the Sinhalese Buddhists from a reluctant, alien Government extends." "Mr. E. W. measure of justice for the Sinhalese Buddhists from a reluctant, alien Government, stated: "Mr. E. W. Perera went to England to agitate for a commission of enquiry. It is said that Mr. E. W. Perera smuggled some important documents in his shoe." Of Mr. A. A. Wickramasinghe, whose persevering and tenacious efforts resulted in the setting up of the Kegalle Shooting Commission, he said: "The unrelenting Mr. Wickramasinghe had done his duty by his people." To the ardent

Arab Nationalism vs Communism

THERE is no longer any doubt that the crisis in the relations between Communists and Arab Nationalists is a serious matter. It has taken shape almost simultaneously in three countries-Syria, Egypt and

Most recent example was the outbreak of violence last month between Communists and Arab Nationalists in

Irak.
In the Syrian part of the United Arab Republic an anti-Communist campaign was launched shortly before Christmas.

The Communist daily paper

Catholic, Mr. Albert Wick-ramasinghe, the Sinhalese Buddhists were "his people." But today, what are the Sinhalese Catholics to their Sinhalese Buddhist brethren?

Let them answer this ques-tion. The Sinhalese Chris-tians are only a few lakhs, but they have their Sinhalese Buddhist relations and their

Sinhalese Buddhist friends, and also all those other Sinhalese Buddhists who

Sinhalese Buddhists who know what "Maitriya" means. Is it too much to expect, that in an emergency

expect, that in an emergency they will come to the aid of the Sinhalese Christians, as the Sinhaless Christians went to their aid in their time of distress? Those who endeavour to set up one section of the Sinhalese against the other reckon with-out their host

Pseudo-Nationalists

The hatred-filled, voci-ferous minority in the Bud-dhist majority have short memories indeed. They have forgotten also that these same

forgotten also that these same Christian leaders with those of other minorities fought for the lives of Sinhalese Buddhists who were languishing then in the gaols of our country, and who later became the leaders of Ceylon. The screeching pseudonationalsts of today aspire to be leaders without any effort on their part to make themselves fit to lead a a heterogeneous nation in an enlightened age. Like the ostrich who has buried its head in the sand, they see nothing beyond the narrow confines of their petty, personal ambitions. Twenty centuries of a changing world

personal ambitions. Twenty centuries of a changing world have not made any impression on them. They yearn for the dim, despotic past.

Foreign Religion

They are the ones who say that only a Sinhalese Buddhist can be a genuine nationalist, and also that Christianity is a foreign religion. They are blind to the fact that all religions in Ceylon are of foreign origin. Hinduism and Buddhism came to Ceylon from India. Islam

are of loreign origin. Hindusism and Buddhism came to Ceylon from India. Islam from the Middle East and North Africa. All religions, including Christianity, were introduced to Ceylon at different times. From the time of Vijaya's arrival in Lanka to the reign of Devanampiya Tissa, the Sinhalese were either Hindus or followers of some other religion, certainly not Buddhists. Foreign religions still continue to come to Ceylon. With Communism, perhaps the last has arrived to do away with all religions, for, according to its founder Marx, every religion is a a dope-factory" which

out their host.

dhists "Maitriya" wch to

was closed down and Khaled Bagdash, the leader of the party, once again decided to disappear behind the Iron Curtain. This was followed by large-

This was followed by large-scale arrests of Communists in Egypt and closing of Left-wing publishing houses.

In Irak, too, tension between Communists and Nationalists has becreased, but there it is of a somewhat different character.

The Communists in that country are not formally outlawed, as they are in the United Arab Republic, but

In the Middle East, this development is as unavoidable as it is elsewhere.

INEVITABLE CONFLICT

The Arab Nationalists work for the triumph of Arab national unity, the Commu-nists work for the victory of Communism and the inte-rests of Soviet foreign policy.

rests of Soviet foreign policy.

These two objectives cannot be reconciled, at least not for any length of time.

The Kremlin may reasonably judge the time ripe to begin in the Middle East the classic long term manoeuvres towards the Communist State.

Such a decision could be

towards the Communist State. Such a decision could be reinforced by the visit that President Tito of Yugoslavia paid to Cairo last February, by the independent line the Arab States took in the United Nations on the Lebanese

John Benedict .

are one of the four parties of the National Front, supporting the Government of the new Republic.

The Communists forced crisis, and by the rebuffs Russia suffered at the recent economic conference in Cairo of the Afro-Asian States.

But on the other and shorter communists forced crisis, and by the rebuffs Russia suffered at the recent economic conference in Cairo of the Afro-Asian States.

The Communists forced the resignation of two leading nationalists in the Government and have won the control of the police, the Press

and radio.

The case of Irak is a perfect example of Communist United Front tactics.

In every alliance between Nationalists and Communists there comes a moment when the alliance outlives its usefulness from the Communist point of view, and when the allies of yesterday become the Fascists, imperialists or capitalists as the case may be.

should be wiped off the face of the earth!

This "anti-foreign" feeling that some Buddhists have

This "anti-foreign feeting that some Buddhists have for Christianity is really paradoxical when viewed against everything else here which is foreign. Were we to take away from Ceylon all that is foreign, where would we find ourselves but somewhere beyond even the Stone Age? What is remarkable in this "anti-foreign" clique is that there are in it men who have received all their education in schools conducted by foreign missionaries. Not only that, they have gone further and married even foreign women!

Independence Day

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The first Day of Independence was hailed with joy by all sections of the Ceylonese nation. Bells in Churches and temples of all religious denominations rang lustily. Catholic churches were filled with worshippers come to thank God for their country's independence. They still crowd their churches on the anniversary of this memorable day to sing "Te Deum" and implore God to bless their country and all people therein, and guide the leaders of their nation to work for the happiness and prosperity of all.

How long can they do

How long can they do it and celebrate Independence Day, when the question on the lips of every man, woman and child in the minority communities today is: "What price Independence?"

But on the other and shorter term policy elevel it still remains necessary to ensure that President Nasser does not turn back to the West for financial help, and therefore the Soviet aid programme for the Aswan Dam has to be continued.

· TITOISM

The real proof of Soviet intentions on the Middle East can be found in a statement broadcast from Moscow

It warned Arab listeners against "the activities of the Yugoslav revisionists in the Arab East."

Yugoslav revisionists in the Arab East."

One can well imagine which aspects of Yugoslav revisionism the Communists deem the most dangerous for the Middle East.

These are Yugoslavia's denial of the leading role of the Soviet Union, and her opposition to military blocs, including the Eastern Bloc.

It is also no secret that the Yugoslav Communists consider Soviet Russia as being herself not free of imperialistic tendencies—a view Tito may have imparted to Nasser on more than one occasion.

The "revisionism" against which the Communist spokesmen have warned is therefore not a variety of ideological

men have warned is therefore not a variety of ideological Communism, but rather an-other name for an Arab na-tionalism which will not sell out to Moccow, but remain critical of the Russian co-

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LIFE IS REAL!

NE of the many interesting films shown at the German Legation recently, was titled "How German Children paint." In colour, it showed the keen delight with which Germany's teen-agers take to painting. Many close-ups of the children's own work were realistically reproduced on the screen.

CHILDREN'S

FILM

 In response to numerous requests for a Girls' Own Corner on the lines of the Schools-Mag Altar Boys Corner we have commissioned PATIENCE HOPE to conduct thi feature. In her preliminary articles, Patience Hope will give you a glimpse of life and what it means. She will conclud this series with a complete coverage of all Congregations of Nuns presently established in Ceylon. The series will be fully inustrated .- Editor.

LIKE this picture? I chose it especially for you be-cause it is full of youth, full of LIFE!

Life is the most precious thing on this earth, given by God, and youth is one long golden dream.

It is in your own hands to make this life, this golden youth-time of yours a life-time's success or a life-time's failure.

As a school-girl myself, in the years long gone, I reflected on those lines of a great poet:

"Life is real, life is earnest And the grave is not its

And the grave is not its goal,
Dust thou art, to dust returnest
Was not spoken of the soul."

We, as Christians, know that our life on earth is only temporary, and that there is a life eternal awaiting us.

Life, then, is not something to be wasted in the pursuit of things that bring us only pain and sorrow, but a gift and a talent to be used only in the way God wants it to be

Many young girls I knew, in the inexperience of their youth, chased after pleasures, thinking that would bring them happiness, but alas, they have come to grief.

Others chose the better path and lived nobler lives and today they know they have not lived meaningless lives.

Another great writer put this way: "If I could get ear of every youth for but word, it would be this: in the most and the best of your There is no tragedy like a wallie."

The choice belongs to Your youth can be hitche the stars, or to the mire. can work for Christ, or can slave for Satan.

Two things are clearlevidence today: Good and And God has given you free will to choose what want. You have to d for yourself.

In this series we shall further glimpses of life, in the meantime here i little prayer which I comm

little prayer which I comme to you:

"Sweet Mother Mary, me to know what my voca in life may be. From all entity God thought of me planned some special work me to do. Ask Him to me grace and courage to fo His Holy Will, And if should call me to be one His chosen ones, ask Him prepare me for so holy happy a vocation, by pof life and greater love of And if He should intend to live for Him in the we then pray, dear Mother, I may never do anything Holy Church forbids, but all be true to her, that I may a shining light to those as me. Sweet Mother, I place vocation in your hands."

(More next week)

(More next week)

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A little prayer

to my Lord

BE thou the light across my path, dear Lord.
Be thou my guide and grant me thy light.
Keep me in Thy Holy sight forever, my Lord, That whatever I do will be the right.

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THE Kandy Catholic Players put up two performances on 30th and 31st March at the Kandy Convent Hall,

Kandy Convent Hall.

The play was "The Little Madonna" written and produced by Mr. Basil Mendis of the University of Ceylon.

"The Little Madonna" is based on what we know of the life and death of little Maria Goretti who died in 1902. Most of the adult parts were played by teachers of schools and the parts of the young people were taken by teen-agers themselves.

taken by teen-agers themselves.

The aim of the Kandy Players is to give the Kandy public one good play each year in March or in April. The entire profits from performances will be used for religious purposes. Moreover the Kandy Catholic Players are willing to perform outside Kandy, if expenses are paid for, and a part of the proceeds reserved for the needs of the Kandy parish.

Eric Labrooy, (Schools-Mag No. 384).

Rita Joyce de Silva. Convent of Our Lady of Victories, Moratuwa.

THE Schools-Mag presents today the Bridget Teens — teenagers of St. Bridget's Convent, Colombo, who under the guidance of their conductor, Mr. Thomas Scherman, are rapidly carving out a name

The Little Orchestra Society first performed at the Jubilee of Mother St. Doria who had served St. Bridget's Convent for 50 years. This small band of musicians was formed overnight to provide music for the occasion.

Since then they have not looked back. Conductor of the Bridget Teens, Mr. Thomas Scherman, a man devoted not only to the development and musical finesse of his orchestra but to training children in the appreciation of good music says:

"I have noticed that in Ceylon there is the habit of making a division between National music and Western music. This division is all wrong. There is only one form of division in music that is music either good or bad. I teach good jazz music too. It is just as good as a good Sonata or Symphony."



The Bridget Teens hope to add to the band with a bass, electric guitar and several other novelties. Already they have played for 3 functions and Radio Ceylon too is anxious to have them — they hope to add several National music

numbers to their programmes and give many of the Bridgetines a chance of joining the Band. With the co-operation of Rev. Mother Superior of St. Bridget's, the Bridget Teens hope to keep on marching to music and more music.

CHIRTHQUAKES

from Bird-land

• The Mynah

TRYING to eclipse his bro-ther's gift of a Cadillac, a Hollywood producer paid 10,000 dollars for an amazing mynah bird, to give his mother on her birthday. The bird spoke eleven languages and sang grand opera!

On the night of her birthday he put through a long distance call. "What did you think of the bird. Mamma?" he asked. "Delicious!" she said.

• The Parrot

A man bought a handsome parrot for 25 rupees at an auction. When he went to pick the bird, he asked the auctionees "Is he really a good talker?"

"You ought to know" said the auctioneer. "He was the only one bidding against you."

• The Peacock

GRANDMA kept a peacock' on her farm. We were visiting her one day, when little Mary wandered out into the yard and discovered it. After gazing in silent admiration, she ran back into the house and cried



out, "Oh! granny, come see! One of your chickens is in bloom!" Sent by Anton S. Fernando, (Schools-Mag No. 8).

"Don't stand there like a fool," said the motorist to the townsman who had witnessed the accident. "Run and get the D.M.O."

"Sorry, Mister," came the slow reply, "That's him you just ran over."

The priest was asking one of his flock why he had not at-tended church last Sunday.

"Well you see, Fr," said the man, "I've been troubled with a bunion on my foot."
"Strange" said the priest, "that bunion should impede the pilgrim's progress!"

Sent by Valentine Obeysekera, (Schools-Mag No. 414).

Birthday Corner

A Happy Birthday to the following members who will be celebrating their birthdays this week.

APRIL 18-24

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Apr. 18th: Brenda Fernandopulle (Dankotuwa), Godrick Kelaart (Kalubowilla), Marlene Pietersz (Trinco.), Clifford Collom (Ratmalana), Loraine Dias (Moratuwa), G. E. Christopher Peiries (Colombo 5), Leonide Panaluwa (Hendala).

9th: Marcus Fernandopulle (Negombo), Sextus de Silva, (Mutwal), Arulappu Sebamalai (Puhutudiyiruppu), Satyendra Fernandopulle (Kochelikade), Ashley Remigius (Kandy), Joseph Tillekesatne (Nugegoda), Kshama Alles (Talangama).

0th: Nimal Dias (Dalugama), Rani Silva (Moratuwa), Antonette Wijesuriya (Thimbirigasyaya), Tania de Jong (Colombo 6), N. de Silva (Kandy), K. S. T. M. Christy Fernando (Dunagaha), Astrid Silva (Moratuwa), Antoneline Motha (Moratuwa), Angeline Motha (Moratuwa), Ist: Marie Don Paul (Kotahena), Dilys Ebert (Colombo), Ivor Don (Rajagiriya), Chanddrawathie Edward (Jaffna), Anslem Alwis Paranavithana (Haputale).

2nd: Benildus Stainwall (Kurungala), Belinda Miranda (Harungala), Belinda Miranda (Harungala),

(Haputale).
2nd: Benildus Stainwall (Kurunegala), Belinda Miranda (Haputale), Sybil Jayasekera (Moratuwa), C. Patricia de Zilva (Waragoda), Joseph, S. Megawarne (Hendala), Nalani Wickramasinghe (Kegalle), Ranjan Tilakawardene (Nugegoda).

jan Hakawardene (Nugegodu).
23rd: Vifien Kodithuwakku (Matale), C. Maxine Pereira (Kandy),
Georgiana Jayasundera (Mayingama), B. Patricia Rodrigo
(Kandy), Howard Perera (Kirillapone), Camillus Manricks
(Colomba).

(Kandy), Howard Perera (Kritlapone), Camillus Manricks (Colombo).

th: Denham Walles (Negombo), Romany Anandappa (Kotahena), Francis W. Samuel (Wellawatte), Denham Walles (Kandy), Stanislaus Devotta (Grandpass), Bona C. Chetty (Kotahena), Bernard Doh Paul (Kotahena), Bernard Doh Paul (Kotahena), Leon D. Edema (Nawalapitiya).



Dear Editor,

I do enjoy reading your
"fine" Schools-Mag pages and
it is very encouraging to see
that there are more than two
thousand members,

I am sending you some jokes,
I have enrolled six members
from my class,

I wish the "Schools-Mag"
every success.

every success.

May God bless you.

Joseph Philips.

Joseph Philips.

Dear Joseph,
It's nice to hear from you.
It's still nicer to know that you
like the Schools-Mag. But it's
nices to hear that you've enrolled
six of your class-mates. We
want more Apostles of the Schools
Mag like you. — EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am very glad to send you this story on St. Bernadette and Lourdes. I hope that you will publish it in one of our future Schools-Mag editions.

E. A. J. de Soysa,

Your article on St. Bernadette was interesting. It will appear one of these days. In the meantime write more articles, will you?—EDITOR.

Prayer for Repentance

"COME unto me ye weary,"
I hear a voice whisper clearly,
It's the blessed voice of Jesus,
With a burning desire to please

The message, "I will give you

e speedily sends to hearts opprest.

That loving voice so appeal-

That foring voice so appearingly,
Is pleading, and from Heaven
He is bending,
To give us joy that hath no
ending.
He gives us pardon, grace and
neace.

with a love that cannot cease.

This answer I humbly send,
To God my good and loving
friend,
Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
My sinful heart to Thy dwelling doth fly,
Ah! hear me Saviour or I die!'
Felicia Pereira
I. Anthony's Convent,
Kandy.

More Mirth Quakes

Teacher: (looking over Junihome work) — "I don't see it's possible for a single pet to make so many mistakes." Junior: (proudly) — "It wit a single person, M. Father helped me."

Grandpa: "Who's the m popular boy in your school?" Jack: "Last term young Jo was. He gave us all the meast Sent by Maureen Perera (Schools-Mag No. 2

DATE AND YEAR OF BIRTH..... Cut this out and post the completed form to the Editor, SCHOOLS-MAG, Catholic Press, Borella, to get your Membership card-and number.

Schools-Mag Enrolment Form

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BELIEVE in the saying that laughing a lot makes one grow fat, Therefore, since I like to grow fat, I have to laugh. The "Mirth-quakes" make me laugh.

The collection of Mirthquakes to me is like a bottle of laughing gas. It is my favourite feature in the Schools-Mag.

K. S. J. CLAUDE FERNANDO. (Schools-Mag No. 1876).

ROMANCE OF TRAVEL



Y of the school ildren are en laster vacation the school going n are enjoying r vacation now. essential for people sses because they on away from the s are essential for people classes because they person away from the routine of life. Life dull without holidays, e of the best ways of a holiday is to travel.

is why people flock to ountains of Switzerland e beaches of Southern

in little Ceylon people the mountain resorts of Eliya and Bandarawela hers prefer the beaches of and Hikkaduwa.

e travel for three dif-reasons. Firstly, as reasons. Firstly, as atatives of their countries, was businessmen and thirdly as tourists. It is in this third group that all students who like etravelling can be classified.

Travel is beneficial to us in many ways. Geography can-not be learned from text-books

each other, their views, their

language, etc.
During wars soldiers had to move from one country to another. This type of travelling also helped such civilizations as ancient Greek and Roman Empires to spread

mm By mummummmmm Ratna Mallawaratchy

only. A lorry driver would be able to give a better detailed geographical account of Ceylon than a student whose knowledge of Ceylon is confined to the text books.

Travel promotes friendship het-ween communities. When dif-ferent communities mingle to-gether, they begin to respect

English owes its recognition as an international language, to the travels of the British explorers.

If only all people recognized that travel is a part of one's living, our world would be much more pleasant to live in!

THIS WEEK'S PEN-GEM

this week's "Pen-Gem" comes from A. Milroy Paes of 222, Silversmith Street, Colombo. Milroy book prize for the "Pen-Gem" of the week. The Schools-Mag is in the process of distributing prize every week for the next fifty weeks. "Pen-Gems" may be in either prose or verse. There ard rules to be followed, and no entry feesmor coupons. What we want is good and effective writing. It literary attempt of the week to be published which, in the opinion of the Editor merits recognition starred as the week's "Pen-Gem."

HE MOST INTERESTING

E are some people in world who are irresisvable. You cannot help by them, not for what but for what they are. Peter A. Pillai, St. sown a man who is ked, admired and loved, is something at once and arresting, typical aracteristic that singles t from among his neighand stamps him with action.

talk to him once and on talking for ever. him once and you can orget him.

talks on everything with ng desire to teach. His mere talk signifying not a voice crying in the ess. It has the true and tang of a human with its rise and fall,

COMPETITION DR

There was a non-Catholic gent from Negombo, Who travelled by train up to Colombo, A kind fellow passenger, Lent him a 'Messenger,'

MERICK COMPETITION

Children are requested to compose a last line to the above li-nerick. A prize of Rs. 5/- will be awarded to the best entry. All entries should reach me on or before the 21st April, 1959. Please address all entries to:—

its freshness, spontaneity, charm, surprise expression — the wonderment of an authentic teacher.

That is what makes him a

That little chap was not far wrong who said that "Fath" Peter is an authority on ane

mmmm by mmmmm A. MILROY PAES

friend to all and a foe of none. His talk is the test of true companionship.

You never tire of him. He never grows old. He is ever hale and hearty.

Easter Echoes ..:

[ESUS Christ is the Saviour

He has confidence and the never-failing joy of a child, the magnanimity of a hero.

He once said to his pupils "I envy you. You have so much to discover." A pupil silently remarked "He's the eighth won-

Geo. P. Solomons,

No. 7, Windsor Avenue, Dehiwela.

subject. He is inspired by the Holy Ghost."

JESUS Christ is the Saviour of mankind. He suffered and died to save us. Three days after His death He rose again. This Anniversary of the Resurrection of Christ the Saviour is called the Feast of Easter.

Ever since the fall of Adam and Eve man was subject to the weakness of sin. The penalty was eternal suffering. But Jesus Christ redeemed man from such punishment and availed him of opportunities of escaping eternal damnation. Therefore Easter is the focal point of Catholicism.

Rosemarie Pereira.

(Schools-Mag No. 1507).

Good Shepherd Convent,

Kotahena.

A MAN was arrested for assault and brought before the

and brought before the judge.
Judge: "What is your name, occupation and what are you charged with?"
Prisoner: "My name is Sparks. I am an Electrician, and I am charged with battery."
Judge: "Officer, put this guy in a dry cell,"

TALKS JUNGOJUA

* THE DUAL LIFE

My dear children,

Whether we like it or not, realize it or not every Catholic lives a dual life. On the one hand there is his natural life which he shares in common with the rest of mankind.

Yes! his natural life which grows from childhood to boyhood; from boyhood to manhood, and ends up in a dark and dismal grave.

On the other hand there is another life which is the heritage of every baptized Christian.

every baptized Christian.

With Baptism he is born into a
higher and nobler life, a life
beyond the natural, a supernatural life. Yes! by Baptism
we are made children of God
and we share in God's own life,
through the mysterious action of

The natural life needs to be sus-tained — air, food and drink and exercise are not just acci-dentals but necessities of life.

The natural life needs to be sustained — air, food and drink and exercise are not just accidentals but necessities of life.

Similarly, the spiritual life, the life of grace within our souls, the life of virtue needs to be trained and this is often a point we tend to forget.

Death will come —

Judgement will follow —

And then Heaven or Hell for ever . "

God bless you all.

Always in Jesus and Mary,

Uncle Ashley

In this and subsequent articles we shall consider how best we can keep the life of the spirit ablaze within our souls, how best we can keep developing our spiritual lives.

spiritual lives.

Today, dear children, let us convince ourselves that God wants, nay demands that we take care of our immortal souls. "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul."

the talks that follow we shall see how best we can deepen our appreciation of the life of God in our souls.

As the Redemptorist Mission leaflet reminds us "Dear Christian you have but



Ashley's **Talks**

HERE is priestly uncle never falling in his appointments to pop up and deliver a few heart-rending words that we all adore. Uncle Ashley's talks have become my favourite feature in this delightful magazine because his stirring words make us pause to proder on life and bring us to reality, to mould and fashion our lives in the true Christian tradition. My favourite feature? They're the articles by our favourite uncle Ashley.

[Schools-Mag No. 401].

Good Shepherd Convent, Kandy.

A South American describing his country to an English family: "Our most popular sport is bullfighting." "Isn't it revolting?" commented the schoolgirl. "No, that's our second most popular sport."

Sent by Morris Alwines, (Schools-Mag No. 137).

CANDLE It is said that the man who

Edited by Schools-Mag Member H. X. Y. Saverimutu, and published by the Vth Form B I of St. Patrick's College, Jaffna, the first number of "CANDLE LIGHTS" provides good reading. We reproduce below a well-written article in it which should interest other members.

PROGRESS IN MEDICINE

MOTHER inserts the thermometer into your mouth, much to your disgust, and exclaims when she takes it out and holds it to the light: "Johnny, better go to the Doctor's!" Well, you mutter to yourself and look up into her face, see her frowning, think the better of it and go down to the house of the doctor like a nice kid. There he gives you a shot of Penicillin and

by N. MOHANRAJ

although it pains you a bit, you trudge homewards with the satisfaction that you will be O.K. thanks to the invention of Sir Alexander Fleming. Not only he, but many others toiled hard and even now are working, unceasingly with dauntless courage and the glimmer of hope that the fruits of their labours would be of some help to mankind. Doctors are making steady and remarkable progress and in the subsquent paragraphs we shall try to give you an idea of how greatly medicine has advanced. The man-on-the-street may not believe it, but it is true—now we can get spare parts for our bodies! Just as you get a new tyre if the old one of your bicycle gets wasted, you can get a piece of cartilage to fit in the place of a damaged one. These injuries are no more irreparable and the "Saving-Banks" are always prepared to donate bones, arteles, pieces of skin, corneas of the eye and even nerves for patients who need them desperately. And the tender but strong hands of the doctor fit them in the proper places; transplanting and grafting are no more "new."

Then there is another bit of interesting news — it may be incredible but it is true and is really a great thing. Your heart can be stopped temporarily, put out of action, and may be operated on, while an apparatus constructed from a special type of nylon substitutes for it. The hearthas stopped beating, but you are still alive!

The bitter fight against the dreaded diseases Tuberculosis and Polio is almost ended. Literally, almost all those who are treated with the famous Salk vaccine are not attacked by polio, and deaths caused by the T. B. bacillus are almost

unheard of.

Crowning all these achievements is the increase in the life expectancy of the average man.

expected sixty-five years of life in 1949 hopes to live for an additional five years in 1959! And no wonder, our descendants of the second or third generation may all be centenarians, thanks again to the praise-worthy work of countless numbers of doctors.

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IN MEMORIAM

In fond remembrance of W. St. G. Raymond (Major) Died 19ih April 1958

'We have loved him in life, et us not forget him in death." A Requiem High Mass will be bung on Tuesday 21st April, at Sacred Heart Church, Rajagiriya at 6-30 a.m.

10, Rodney Place, Borella.

Please pray for the soul of



Gnanapragasam P. Rayen Called to God 20-4-57. Second Anniversary

O most sweet Heart of Jesus ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive Souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Gnanapragasam.

pragasam.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

May Jesus have mercy on him.

My Jesus, be not to him a

Judge but a Saviour.

Judge but a Savie De Saram Place, Rajagiriya, 62

In commemoration of the first anniversary of the death and in ever loving memory of

Maria Natchathiram Corera

(beloved wife of late Soosai Louis Fernando of Manapad)

A Requiem High Mass for the repose of her soul will be sung on Saturday the 25th April, 1959, at St. Joseph's Church, Grandpass, at 6.30 a.m. Your kind presence and prayers on that day are solicited.

Fondly remembered by her children and grand children. 278, Madampitiya Road,

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Lenslyn Perera (nee Wijesinghe) Born 16th July 1930 Died 19th April 1953

Lonely and sad we still remember

you
Each year that passes by.
No day's sun rises and ever sets
Serenely, without a sigh . . .
Loved one, for you we always pray
Your memory grows fresh day to

Now that you are gone away . .

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

Inserted by her ever-sorrowing husband, daughter, parents, brother and sister.

Raja Maha Vihare Road, Mirihana, Kotte. 19th April, 1959.

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Wattalage Gratiano Fernando Died 16th April 1942.

In treasured memory of our beloved father. Fondly re-membered by Jocelyn, Patricia and Aloysius, "Patricia Villa," Lazarus' Road, Negombo.

OF your marity, please pray for the repose of the soul of



Mrs. Engalthina Gunaratne

Died: 14th April 1958 One year of grief has ended Each day we mourn your loss In silence we watch you daily In a frame that hangs on the wall Your Memory is our comfort Whenever sorrow steals in through

For your cheerful face doth tell us That in Jesus von

That in Jesus you are safe with Him. (Inserted by her sorrowing daughter Matilda and son-in-law Vincent)

175, St. James St., Matwal.

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ENGAGEMENT

THE Engagement is announced and the Marriage nounced and the Marriage will take place shortly of F. H. BRITTON W. SILVA (Govt. Hospital, Ingiriya), son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Joseph Michael Silva, "Gladlyn") Sarkikka-limulla, Moratuwa with F. H. THOMOTHIA MERCY SILVA, "Silvasa", Koralawella, Moratuwa, daughter of late Mr. F. H. Juan Silva, Manager, Lanka Light Mateh Factory Ltd. and of Mrs. Franciska Michalia Fernando.

THANKSGIVING

MY grateful thanks to Mother of Perpetual Succourt Sister Alphonsa and St. Gerard Ma-jella for answering my prayers for a safe confinement. Mrs. Henry Perera, Stafford Place, 49

MY grateful thanks to dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mary Help of Christians, Mother of Perpetual Succour, St. Joseph and Pope Pius XII for averting an operation. Jose-phine.

MY grateful thanks to Our Mother of Perpetual Suc-cour, The Holy Face, St. Jude, St. Anthony and St. Francis Xavier for great favour re-ceived. A. G.

GRATEFUL thanks to St. Jude, for favours granted. Birdie

MY belated thanks to Blessed Martin De Porres for a great favour received. S. F. F. 68

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ing at 1/- each — Chicks off purebred White Leghorn, Rhode Island and Minorca. Custom hatching also under-taken. BERMANS, 5 Man-



Chetty Community on Pilgrimage

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

NEARLY forty-two families, accompanied by Rev. Fr. C. Cartilano, s.J., participated in the fifth annual pilgrimage of the Chetty Community to the shrine of Our Lady at Madhu recently.

Fr. Fr. Cartilano conducted the Retreat during the four days' stay at the shrine.

In his discourses during the Retreat the preacher stressed the importance of family life.

Newman contemporary still active



FR. Denis Sheil who completed 70 years in the priesthood recently was a contemporary of Cardinal Newman and was one of the witnesses called before the diocesan tribunal that is compiling evidence for Cardinal Newman's beatification cause.

"Correspondent)

In order to instil into the n of the pilgrims the dutic husband and wife, he had strate instruction classes for and women.

On Friday, 3rd April, a Hour was conducted from p.m. to 7-30 p.m. Vewas sung on Satur 4th April, at 6-30 p.m. and festive High Mass was cele ed at 7 a.m. on Sunday, the April. On Sunday evening, the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the pilg went in candle-light proces to the Grotto of Our Lad Louries. The incelement we er that was prevailing at time did not deter the pilg both young and old, from g in procession, singing the profit their heavenly Mother, arrival at the Grotto, the C was sung and the Rev. Prea delivered a short homily on Lady. This was followed the recitation of an Act Reparation to Mary, Vi Mother Immaeulate. With imparting of the Papal Bles the retreat was solemnly cle

Fr. Sheil was a pupil of Oratory school during last years of Cardinal N man's life.

He went to the Oral School in 1875 and rec the day in May that y when Cardinal Newman great friend, Fr. Amb St. John, was buried.

It was from Cardinal N man that he received Oratorian habit on Janu 13, 1890. The Cardinal on August 11 the same y

From 1925 to 1932 heil was superior at

Oratory.
Despite an accident which he received injurie few years ago, he is still y

Circulation National

THE printed word is generally the most effective way in which to spread knowledge and

influence opinion. Since we resess a widespread, varied, vigorous Catholic press, where we support reasonably well might appear that we are indefectively spreading the priples of truth.

A little thought, however, raise doubts. Any newspapublisher or public relatification and will point out that the total publisher of an application's influence the number of and calibreits readers. The sensation tabloids do not influence may professors, for they do not rethem. Even more pertinently, specialist quarterly does spread knowledge, although may increase it, because layed not read it.

Currents of opinion, like trawinds, are well settled. Cathomagazines are read almost clusively by Catholics.

Widely read Catholic perion cals are completely unknown to well-read non-Catholics, are not, at first hand, make our faith and philosophy known to the outside world througherss.

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This press has a tremendou important mission; it for and energizes those who alrea possess the faith, and its pote tial influence upon non-Catlics is great but second-har The power of our press to bti knowledge to non-Catholics apends upon the ability and w of those who read it to relicits philosophy in their lives. The direct spread of the knowledge to the second-har the second has been described by the second hardward of the second hardward hardwa

The direct spread of the kni ledge of Catholicism whi under God, might bring a lar scale increase in faith with resultant good, depends up the words and acts of individu Catholics.

Unlike the Catholic press (
Catholic individual's circulation is national. He is read by a unless he hides himself.—Brya M. O'Reilly in *The Magnifico* Manchester, New Hampshire.

Silver Jubilee celebrations at Matale

(from Noel C. Emmandel)

THE 25th Annual Celebrations of the Old Boys of St. Thomas' College was held from Friday, 20th to Sunday, 22nd March.

On the 20th the College Prize Giving was held at 5 p.m. The chief guests were the ex-principal, Mr. Charles Robinson, and Mrs. Robinson who distributed the prizes. After the prize distribution the chief guest spoke a few words of encouragement. A variety entertainment followed which was staged by the College boys.

on the 21st, a cricket match was played between the old and present boys. The old boys won the first innings. A lunch was given by the Manager to both teams. The same evening the old boys held their Silver Jubilee dinner at which the bief guest was Mr. Nimal Karuna-tlake, Junior Minister and M. P. for the area and most of the old boys were present.

On Sunday, the 22nd, at 10 a.m., the 25th annual general meeting was held with Mr. Jayanetti, the President, in the chair

The Rector, Fr. Aidan de Silva O.S.B., in his speech thanked the old boys for their deep affection for their association and their alma mater.

THE HERMIT OF CAT ISLAND

the Hermit of Cat Island
by F. Peter Anson (Burns and
Oates. Locally available at St
Michael's Bookshop, Colombo
13. Price Rs, 15/75).

The subject of this book,
Mgr. John Cyril Hawes,
who died three years ago at the
age of eighty, was a remarkably
talented man whose call away
from the world was in no sense
a call away from the work that
could have brought him fame.
Though a contemplative by
nature, he always remained
active in the exercise of his vocation. He was passionately devoted to the liturgy and to
ecclesiastical architecture. A
practised stone-mason and sculptor and artist, he designed the
building of churches, schools,
convents and even cathedrals.
He had a Franciscan love of
animals and such an expert
knowledge of breeding horsesy
that his parishioners were delighted to find a priest who not only
improved equine standards but
trained horses for the track and
on one occasion won the Geraldton Cup in Australia as a jockey.

After nearly twenty-five years
as a goldfield missionary in the
diocese of Geraldton in Western
Australia, this one-time apostolie Anglo-Catholic clergyman,
whoelven in his Anglican days
showed a predilection for the
contemplative life, finally retired
to the Bahamas to live an eremitical life in a hermitage he
had built himself on Cat Island
where his seclusion was con-

stantly interrupted by the demands made on his pastoral ministrations by the natives whom he served until his death. No one is better fitted than Mr. Anson, himself something of a hermit or a roving recluse, and a friend of Mgr. Hawes, to tell this fascinating story of a bizarre yet balanced character which, with its underlying spiritual significance, constitutes a challenge to purposeless mediocrity and cheap exhibitionism. W. P.

Banking Bill

THE struggle for the Cooperative Banking Bill
is already in the air. In this
atmosphere, it may perhaps
be interesting to keep the
following gems in mind:

"We have stumbled along for two and a half years
pulling in different directions."—Mr. Stanley de
Zoysa (Minister of Finance).

"Several Ministers are
pulling in different ways."

—Mr. T. B. Subasinghe
(while Parliamentary Secretary).

"The Cabinet in Ceylon
is not a very homogenous

is not a very homogenous one. There are members of the Right and Left wing, and some are in every wing." - Professor Kaldor.

