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Evangelistic Festival at Delft

The Evangelistic festival of the Vaddukodai Evangelistic area comprising the Vaddukodai, Pandaterruppu, Karainagar, Moolai, Araly, Pungudutivu, Velanai and Delft Churches was held at Delft on the 21st and 22nd of May. About seventy five persons went from the Churches outside Delft and arrived at Delft at 4.30 p.m. on the 21st. These persons were divided into three groups, each group visited the Christian homes and held Prayer meetings.

The main programmes commenced at 9.00 p.m. The high lights of the programme were a 'Kathaprasangam' conducted by Mr. S. Jebenesan and plays presented by the Youth of Delft and the members of the Delft Church, and the showing of a Video film. A special feature was a medical clinic conducted by Dr. Chandrapal for two full days.

A Holy Communion Service was conducted on the 22nd. The Celebrant was the Revd. S. Sugunanandhan and he was assisted by the Revds. T. S. Premarajah, S. Manobavan, and Chandran Arnold. Revd. J. C. Mather led the Prayer of Litany. Hospitality for all the participants was provided by Dr. Chandrabal, Messrs. Thiisarajah and Yogendran. The members of the Delft Church contributed their best to see that the festival was a success.

— Cor.

Gospel meetings at Inuvil

A two days Gospel meetings organised by the Inuvil Church was held at Inuvil on the 12th and 13th of June 1982.

The days programme on the 12th commenced with a special Service for the members of the Hospital Staff. Rev. D. R. Am. palavanar conducted the Service. Bible studies for children was held at 4.30 p.m. Mrs. A. R. Thambiappah and Miss Vanitha Sinnathamby conducted the studies. A public meeting was held at 6.00 p.m., presided over by Mr. V. Rajkumar. The meeting commenced with a Prayer by Rev. N. W. G. Sugunarajah. Special songs were sung by the members of the Inuvil Choir. Rev. Sam Jeyatillekerajah was the Speaker. The days programme terminated with a play staged by the youth of the Navaly Church.

The programme on the 13th commenced with a Holy Communion Service, celebrated by Rev. N. W. G. Sugunarajah. A meeting for youth was held at 4.30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Sam Jeyatillekerajah. The public meeting held at 6.00 p.m. commenced with a Prayer by Mr. P. J. Suriyakumar. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Sam Jeyatillekerajah. The days programme ter-

Human Rights Seminar in Sri Lanka

The first UN sponsored Human Rights Seminar for countries in the Economic and Social Commission for Asian and the Pacific Region (ESCAP) was inaugurated on 21-6-82 by President Jeyawardene at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute.

Thirtyfive countries participated at the Seminar. The Leader of the Sri Lanka delegation was Mr. H. W. Jeyawardene, Q. C. The main objective of this seminar will be to work out the initial steps for the creation of a Council for the promotion and protection of human rights in Arian countries.

The discussion of incidents of violations of human rights in Asian countries will not fall within the scope of this Seminar.

Human rights in Sri Lanka, according Mr. H. W. Jeyawardene, are protected by the Supreme Court. A more recent innovation is the "Ombudsman".

'Human rights' is not a mere declaration, said Mr. Jeyawardene. There should be institutions for the protections and promotion of human rights which includes obligations which the State owes to the people as food, shelter etc.

With this objective in view, "human rights" will be introduced as a subject in schools and universities in Sri Lanka by 1983.

The Seminar will continue till 2-7-82.

Philatelists International

The Inaugural meeting of the Philatelists International was held on 10-6-82 at 121, 1st Cross Street, Jaffna and the following were appointed as office bearers:—

Mr. C. S. S. Muttucumaru (Notary Public, Sworn Translator and Director of A. C. S. Group Firms), President.

Mr. R. Kamalanathan (Attorney-at-law), Vice President.

Mr. B. A. Jebarajan (Insurance Agent), General Secretary.

Mr. T. Sooriakumar (Attorney-at-law), Treasurer.

Rev. W. R. Stephen (Evangelist), Publicity Officer.

A committee of six members was also appointed.

At the above meeting the President Mr. C. S. S. Muttucumaru said that the club should take immense measure to introduce the stamp collection among the student population to make them better citizens of Sri Lanka. By the stamp collection students are given the correct chance of learning about various countries world over.

— Cor.

minated by the showing of a video film titled "Jesus of Nazareth" by Rev. R. Thurairajah.

— Cor.

IN MEMORIAM



Ariam Hudson Paramasamy

(March 16th, 1975)

..... Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. (phil. 1:20)

We start on our journey to Gods' promised land, Where time is not counted by days, months or years... And in that Fair City That God has prepared Are unending joys to be happily shared With all of our loved ones who patiently wait On death's other side to open "THE GATE"!

(son Mahil and Family)

Remembered on Her BIRTHDAY JUNE 24.

IN MEMORIAM



IN EVER LOVING MEMORY

Cyrus T. Ethirnayagam Mills

Called to rest: 28th June 1978

"In the sweet by and by We shall meet on that beautiful shore."

Affectionately remembered by his loved ones.

"Green Villa", Manipay.

The Mahaweli Ballet

A modern Ballet, *Run Diawara* was staged at the BMICH on 21-6-82 under the patronage of the President and Mrs. Jeyawardene. The Ballet was performed by Somapala Mudunkotte and troupe. The music was by Victor Ratnayake, the well known composer and singer.

The Sri Lankan 'Terrorists' in India

The 'Liberation Tiger Terrorist' leader Uma Maheswaran and Parabakaran and four others will be given quit notices, according to Indian law, if they had entered the country 'illegally' without valid travel documents, according to a high police official in India.

But the destination of the deportee is a matter that could not be decided by the Indian government. The Embassy of the country of origin of the deportee could restrict his travel.

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Apply to the Medical Superintendent, Green Memorial Hospital Manipay, on or before 15-7-82.

Advertisement

There is a vacancy for an Overseer in the Unified Mission Medical Service. Preference for G. C. E. (O. L.) candidate with experience in check roll work and labour management. Knowledge of building management and electrical work would be added advantage.

Apply to the Medical Superintendent, Green Memorial Hospital, Manipay on or before 15-7-82.

IN MEMORIAM



Mrs. Pakiaratnam Mather nee (Curtis)

Departed 28th June 1963

Ever remembered by her loved ones in Sri Lanka and outside, with deep gratitude to God, for her selfless services and noble ways.

5, Nimal Road, Bambalapitiya.

EDITORIAL

The Face of Contentment

There are 22,000 young people (19,000 girls and 3000 boys) between the ages of 18 and 20 in regular employment in the Free Trade Zone earning Rs. 20, a day.

This was disclosed at a 'Question and Answer' Session which the Director-General of the Greater Economic Commission had, with the *Majlis*, members of the Moors' Islamic Cultural Home.

In addition to the 22,000 youth in permanent employment, there are also some 40,000 who are in indirect employment earning Rs. 10 a day.

The FTZ, according to the Director General has, since its establishment four years ago, given a return of twice the money spent on it. (CDN 18-6-82).

The progress made has been adjudged so "phenomenal" that a number of even middle level West German companies have, according to the FTZ Director, decided to invest on electronic projects at *Katunayake* because of "high wages in Germany".

'Cheap labour' in Sri Lanka has been a siren song which foreign entrepreneurs have always found it difficult to resist.

The result today is that production at FTZ at *Katunayake* has moved from garments to electronics and from electronics to agriculture. 'Fine weather lost is never found again' runs on old adage.

But when the 'cheap labour' (of Rs. 20 per day and Rs. 10 per day) relate to Sri Lankan youth between the ages of 18 and 20, who are "the users of the future" of Sri Lanka, the problem assumes a grim dimension.

Charles Dickens, the Victorian Novelist who, in many of his novels, sought to avenge his own sordid and pathetic childhood, says in one of his novels that the feasting of the rich "causes a multiplication of orts which are the heirlooms of the poor".

Here in Sri Lanka, it is not 'orts' in the sense of fragments of food that are offered by foreign entrepreneurs to our famished children but 'orts' in the form of "fragments of jobs" which today appear to be the "heirlooms" of our unemployed youth in search of easy money in a country which paradoxically spends 200 million rupees a year on the Education of its children.

The reason for the very high school drop-out rate in our 9500 schools (some of them with high rise buildings in rural areas) employing some 24,000 teachers, can be traced to these 'orts' (fragments of jobs) which, perhaps, help many families to ward off the wolf from the door, but yet leave an emptiness in the minds of the young.

It is true that during 'the previous regime' controls of every kind did grate on our spirit. But today the country's new affluence concentrated on a few individuals and business establishments run by individuals, tends to blind us often to the deeper concerns of social justice.

From a Christian standpoint, man's fulfilment in every sphere lies in mutual responsibility for his fellows. This applies to the production of consumer goods too.

The words of Canon Selby in his book *Spirituality of Monasticism* has today a potent relevance to contemporary Sri Lanka:—

"The production of consumer goods should primarily be designed to meet human needs and build up reciprocal relations of support. It cannot be the means of exploiting other people for private advantage"

Opinion

Expatriate Experts

Is there any doubt that all thinking people in this country respond to the plea of a "Science Wallah" in regard to what he says about expatriate Sri Lankan scientists who want to spend the winter months in their homelands at the behest and with the blessings of the multinationals who control not merely the UNDP and many UN agencies but also the Foundations, Organisations, and even University Faculties, which have adopted these Sri Lankan scientists and pay them remuneration no Third World Country can afford to pay now or at any time in the future.

That if this scheme is adopted it is a sure way of driving out the remaining "resident scientists" in Sri Lanka to look for richer pastures elsewhere.

Tribune—5-6-82.

The Flood in Sri Lanka and its Aftermath

The flood-ravaged places in Sri Lanka (during the first week of June this year) are Ratnapura, Galle, Kalutara and Matara. Some of these were the very areas where communal riots in August 1981, left their worst scar.

In *Pathupane* in the Pelmadulla area, occupied mostly by Plantation workers, the homes of over a dozen people were buried in a massive earthslip. No survivors have been reported.

It is estimated that as many as 250,000 people have been affected by the floods. Nearly 1 million rupees has been disbursed for emergency expenditure to the Ratnapura, Galle, Matara and Kalutara Kachcheris.

The death toll in the floods is 14, most of whom were victims of the earthslips.

Who is who of the CCA Presidium

Comment

Ceylon Scheme for Church Unity

The Christian Conference of Asia has four new Presidents who will serve for the coming quadrennium. They will serve till the Eighth Assembly which will be held in 1985.

The Rev. Canon Alan Chan an Anglican, is Lecturer in Pastoral Theology at Chung Chi Theological College, of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is parish minister among the poor fishermen of *Shatin*. He is a member of the WCC Central Committee. He is married and has two daughters.

Miss Prasanna Kumari (23) is from Shoranur, Kerala, South India. She is a member of the CSI and is involved in youth work in her Parish. She is a teacher in a Church school.

Mr. Victor Oorjitham is a Methodist layman from KulaLumpur. He is a practising lawyer and moderator of the CCA—URM Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Jan Cormack is a Presbyterian lay woman from New Zealand. She is a teacher and a member of the Executive Committee of the NCC in New Zealand. She is married and has three daughters.

CSI Delegation to West Germany

Twelve representatives from the Church of South India, involved in various spheres of Mission work in their respective dioceses visited West Germany and a few neighbouring countries during April—May this year. It was a reciprocal visit. A twelve member delegation from *Pfalz* and *Baden* Groups of Protestant Churches in Germany had visited the CSI institutions and Churches during November—December 1981.

The visits were arranged by the Association of Churches and Missions in Western Germany in Stuggart (EMS) through the Exchange Programme between the Protestant Churches in West Germany and the Church of South India.

Mr. L. S. C. Canagasingham a nominee of the Bishop of the JDCSI was one of the members of the team.

A Report of the delegation to the *Pfalz Group* to which Mr. Canagasingham belonged, will be published in the columns of the *Morning Star* from 3-7-82.

Press Council (Sri Lanka)

The present Council members have been re-appointed for another three year term from 14-6-82. The Members are:— Mr. J. W. Subasinghe (Chairman), Mr. Mohamed Hussain, M. Tennekone Wimalananda, Mr. K. B. Sugadasa, Mr. D. F. Kariakarana and Mr. K. D. Mendis.

Mr. Hussain will act as Chairman until the return of Mr. Subasinghe who is out of the island.

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What happened at the Colombo Diocesan Council in October 1981, revealed much ignorance about the Ceylon Scheme for Church Unity and many failures among clergy and laity to study and understand discuss and gain light on the Scheme where there were doubts and difficulties and above all the need for a great deal of true fellowship and good will despite any disagreement there may be.....

There is a clear and urgent need for a call to sustained Prayer for Church Unity in every parish, for much understanding of the theology and practices not only of the other uniting churches but also of our own, careful study of the Scheme under competent leadership and above all possible help to prevent those who disagree from being disagreeable.

[Italics are ours]

The Ceylon Churchman

(January—February 1982)

In brief

○ 498 students complained to the University Grants Commission that errors have been made in respect their admissions. Mr. D. G. Dayaratne, a former Secretary of the Ministry of Education was appointed to go into the complaints. According to a report from the Secretary to the Ministry of Higher Education, Five of the applicants were found to deserve admission. In respect of two of these candidates, their marks were increased on re-valuation. The other three candidates were found to have supplied wrong data in their applications and these errors were rectified and the students admitted.

○ The Ceylon Tobacco Company has donated Rs. 10,000 to the Mayor of Jaffna for the re-equipment of the Jaffna Public Library.

○ The Minister of Justice has recommended that the Department of Prisons be re-named Department of Corrections.

○ Eighteen Political Parties in Sri Lanka have sought recognition under the Parliamentary Elections Act. The Parties now recognised are:— UNP, SLFP, TULF, CP, LSSP, MEP, FP, TC, and CWC (Political Wing).

○ A Select Committee of Parliament of six, will probe into an allegation that six bags, presumably cash, had been delivered at the Rosmond Place Residence of former Prime Minister, Mrs. Bandaranayake.

○ The President has announced that the Parliament will be dissolved in July 1983, at the end of its full term. The General Elections will be held within four months of the dissolution.