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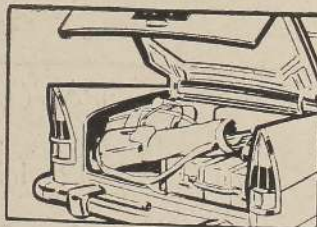


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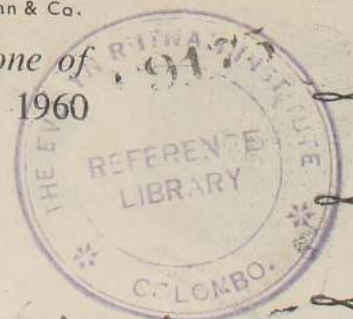
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TIME FOR COMPROMISE

THE emphasis is on nationalism as Ceylon enters the new year. Sinhalese as the official language is to be proceeded with as laid down by law and most of the schools in the country will be managed by the state as the first step to a uniform pattern of education. The transition from the old order has already run into difficulties, and statesmanship of the highest degree will be required to maintain national unity.

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A HAPPY sign is that the Christmas season has been marked by the traditional spirit of peace and goodwill. It is too much to expect, however, that the bitterness generated by events as the old year came to a close will not overflow into the new. A great deal therefore, depends on the manner in which Government policy is put into effect where values cherished by the minorities are concerned.

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IN the case of language, having consented to Sinhalese being the official language by asking for special recognition of Tamil, Federal Party leaders do not help towards reaching an understanding by rejecting out of hand the regulations that have been drafted. It is our view that a responsive attitude would gain for them sympathy and support from the thinking sections of the majority community. Surely negotiation could produce mutually satisfactory modifications.

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IN the matter of the schools take-over again, the continued resistance of the Roman Catholics has isolated them from the rest of the community. How in the circumstances do they hope to be regarded as meriting exemption from a course of action to which all others have submitted? We would suggest that the time for protest would be if in the working of the law injury of Catholic interests is demonstrable. Why should they not consider cooperation and watch the results?

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THE responsibility, however, is on the Government to so use the powers they command as to narrow differences rather than widen them. It is natural that the S.L.F.P. should be in a hurry to claim achievements, and so consolidate its position, but wiser counsel is to act with caution and bear with criticism sincerely proffered. We hope the end of 1961 will record that Ceylon had a year free of social conflict and economic development had made good headway.

THE EDITOR



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—By BRUTUS—

SINHALESE as the official language of the country legally came into effect on New Year's Day. Legislation concerning the change-over engaged the attention of the House of Representatives at late sessions on the last two days of the old year. On Saturday the House sat for more than 18 hours, rising after 8 o'clock in the morning after a meeting which began at 2 o'clock the previous afternoon. It was the longest session of Parliament ever.

The session which began on Thursday and concluded in the early hours of Friday morning adopted an amendment to the standing orders of the House. This provides for the order paper, which will be in Sinhalese, to be translated into Tamil and English; for speeches to be simultaneously interpreted into the other two languages; and for Hansard, which will have the outer cover in Sinhalese and the inside cover in Tamil and English, to record the speeches in the languages in which they were delivered. The Federal Party voted for the amendments and the M.E.P. (Mr. Philip Gunawardena) and the J.V.P. (Mr K. M. P. Rajaratna) voted against.

The Friday-Saturday session passed the Language of the Courts Bill against the opposition of the L.S.S.P., which normally votes with the Government, as well as the Federal Party. The U.N.P. voted for it. The Bill provides for the recording of the proceedings and pleadings filed of record in Sinhalese in courts where the necessary equipment and staff are provided. Where a judge is not conversant with Sinhalese he may obtain an English translation of records or pleadings. There is no provision for the use of Tamil.

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THE Prime Minister had her first holiday since she assumed office when she left for India, accompanied by her two daughters and son, on December 20th. She was due back today.

Her visit to India was partly on pilgrimage to Buddhist centres and partly in acceptance of an invitation from Mr. Nehru. The first stop in her itinerary was Bangalore, from

where she went, among other places, to the scene of the Mysore government's last elephant kraal at which some 30 elephants were captured. She then went to Madras, to Buddha Gaya and other Buddhist centres and finally to Delhi, where she was the guest of Mr. Nehru. She will return to Ceylon via Bombay.

According to statements made by her at press conferences, she was to discuss the question of Ceylon Indian citizenship with Mr. Nehru only informally. There are no officials in her party.

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THE first outbreak of violence in the demonstrations against the take-over of assisted schools by the Government occurred in Paiyagala, south of Kalutara, on December 21st. A Police party which removed an amplifier that was being used at a meeting of Roman Catholics—there is a ban on the use of loudspeakers which is being challenged by some political parties in the Opposition—was reported to

have been attacked with stones, bottles, etc. After failing to disperse the crowd with tear gas, the Police opened fire and one man was killed on the spot and two others later died in hospital.

Not only was Galle-bound road traffic obstructed by the incident but the train service and telecommunication were also interrupted when simultaneously sleepers along a section of the adjoining railway line were set on fire and wires damaged. Normality was restored by midnight.

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A message in Sinhalese recorded for broadcast on Christmas Day on behalf of the Archbishop of Colombo by the rector of St. Aloysius' seminary, Colombo, was abridged when it was put on the air by Radio Ceylon. One of the excised passages, as translated into English, was as follows: "Just as there is none greater than God, so we cannot place any law above God's law. Why is it? Because any law that goes against God's law will be an iniquitous and unjust law. It would be wrong and sinful to obey any human law that is contrary to the divine law... It can happen that in being faithful to God's law



Keeping two babies amused is Mrs. J. P. Obeyesekere, wife of the Parliamentary Secretary to Ceylon's Minister of Health, when she recently visited Dr. Barnardo's Home for Orphan Children at Woodford Bridge, Essex, England. Mrs. Obeyesekere, who is very interested in child welfare work, took a keen interest in the methods employed at the Home. Mrs. Obeyesekere, who spent three months in Europe, returned to the Island on December 22nd.

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we have even to suffer persecution from men. Still the true Christian must be prepared not only to endure affliction but even to sacrifice his very life in order to remain faithful to God".

An explanation given for the excisions was that they might have hurt the susceptibilities of listeners belonging to other religions.

TEA exports to Egypt are expected to increase by the operation of the trade and payments agreement signed between Ceylon and the United Arab Republic in Colombo last week. Before the Suez crisis Egypt bought tea of the value of Rs. 10 million a year from Ceylon, but exchange difficulties reduced her purchases to a negligible quantity in subsequent years. For the first ten months of 1960 exports were valued at barely a million rupees.

Goods Ceylon may buy from the UAR include rice, fertilisers, petroleum products, potatoes, lentils, sugar and cotton yarn.

THE select committee of Parliament appointed to go into allegations that there had been a leakage of the proposal to increase the import duty on cars with the introduction of the budget in August last has cleared those who bought cars during the period.

In their report the committee went into the purchases made by several ministers and members and their relations and held that on the evidence available they had done so in the normal course of business and "not in betrayal of any official confidence reposed in them". They also expressed themselves as satisfied that officials who knew about the duties did not divulge any information and did not leave any room for criticism regarding the precautions taken.

A member of the committee, Mr. B. H. Aluwihare, dissociated himself from the conclusions in the report, which he had not signed, having been absent from the last two meetings of the committee on account of illness. The Chairman, Mr. R. S. V. Poulter, explained that the committee could not wait indefinitely for a meeting at which all the

members were present to agree to the final report. The draft report had been earlier circulated to every member, he added.

A BILL for the creation of an insurance corporation was passed in the House of Representatives last month. The corporation will exclusively carry on life insurance business after an appointed date, when private companies will cease to write life policies. The corporation may also undertake other insurance business.

Provision is made in the Bill for insurance companies to maintain sufficient assets to discharge their obligations under policies not paid



Dr. I. J. Faulkner, a member of the Committee of the British Association, represented the Association at the annual sessions of the Ceylon Association for the Advancement of Science held recently in Colombo. He gave two lectures and also made a broadcast on the world food situation. He is manager of the Ammonia Works of the Bingham Division of Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.

or matured. During the debate on the Bill provision was included for policy-holders and employees having claims against companies to proceed against the directors' assets. The Minister of Commerce, Trade, Food and Shipping, Mr. T. B. Hanganaratne, who introduced the Bill, announced that a second Bill would provide for various matters arising from the Bill.

The Bill also provides for non-nationals to insure in foreign companies and have their premia collected by local agents. Most foreign companies, however, have ceased to do life business.

THE Minister of Finance, Mr. Felix Dias Bandaranaike, presented a Bill in the House of Representatives last week to provide for an embarkation tax.

The tax proposed to be levied is Rs. 2-50 on every passenger embarking by land or sea except children under 2 years and transit passengers. Owners, agents and masters of ships and aircraft would be obliged to supply the authorities with a list of passengers leaving Ceylon.

The revenue from the tax is to be used for the improvement of services and amenities provided for passengers.

MR. Walter Thalagodapitiya has been appointed Commissioner of Assize and assumed duties last week. Mr. Thalagodapitiya relinquished his post as Commissioner of the Bribery Department. He was also Chairman of the Parliamentary Bribery Commission.

CEYLON'S delegate to the New York Herald Tribune's Forum for High Schools next year is Mr. P. G. K. Fernando of Royal College, son of Prof. P. B. Fernando and Mrs. Fernando. His brother, Mr. P. T. M. Fernando, attended the forum in 1959.

Mr. Fernando is an accomplished artist. One of his works was chosen for the Young Asian Artists Exhibition in Tokyo in 1956 and he also exhibited at the Gallery de Zay in Paris. His interests include literature and science.

ON a lecture tour in Ceylon is Christian science exponent Mr. Robert S. Van Atta of Rochester, New York.

A former engineer, he has been a student of Christian science since 1913 and has been a lecturer since 1946. He is an experienced public practitioner of Christian science healing.

THE High Commissioner for the United Kingdom Sir Alexander Morley, left for Singapore on January 2nd, to attend the annual regional Conference of United Kingdom Representatives. He will return to the Island on Sunday, January 8th.

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EMBASSIES of all of the countries of South Asia, including Ceylon, were represented this year in the U.S. national capital's Pageant of Peace. The annual observance, dedicated to the theme "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men", was inaugurated in the second year of President Eisenhower's administration, 1954. One of the last official acts of his eight-year administration last year was the lighting of the national community Christmas tree, highlight of the pageant programme. Other features included a "Pathway to Peace" leading to the towering national community Christmas tree. Along the path were decorated Christmas trees or other displays contributed by various nations and U.S. states. Ceylon contributed a decorated tree to the "Pathway of Peace" and with it a plaque bearing a statement by Ambassador R. S. S. Gunewardene: "To achieve peace a successful war must be waged now against poverty, ignorance, disease and hunger everywhere".

Events of the pageant included an opening concert by the Army band and chorus, including songs from many countries, and many additional band concerts, choral group performances, dancing teams, musical recitals and puppet shows.

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"Oriana"—the most costly liner afloat—called at Colombo on Saturday, December 17, on her maiden voyage. She left Southampton on December 3. The "Oriana" had about 40 Ceylonese among the passengers who disembarked at Colombo. The "Oriana" put into Colombo at 6 a.m. and left the same day on her way to Australia. Large crowds gathered on Galle Face green and on the Marine Drive at night to watch the giant liner sail, fully lit up, as close to the shore as possible. Opposite the Green she stopped for a short while and fired rockets and flares.

The design of the "Oriana" is revolutionary in many ways. In terms of passenger capacity, she is the second largest liner in the world in regular service, although in actual size she ranks fourth. Special emphasis has also been placed on the ship's cargo and baggage handling arrangements, the aim being a speedy turn-round at each port. Time tables can therefore be strictly adhered to and overheads are cut to a minimum.

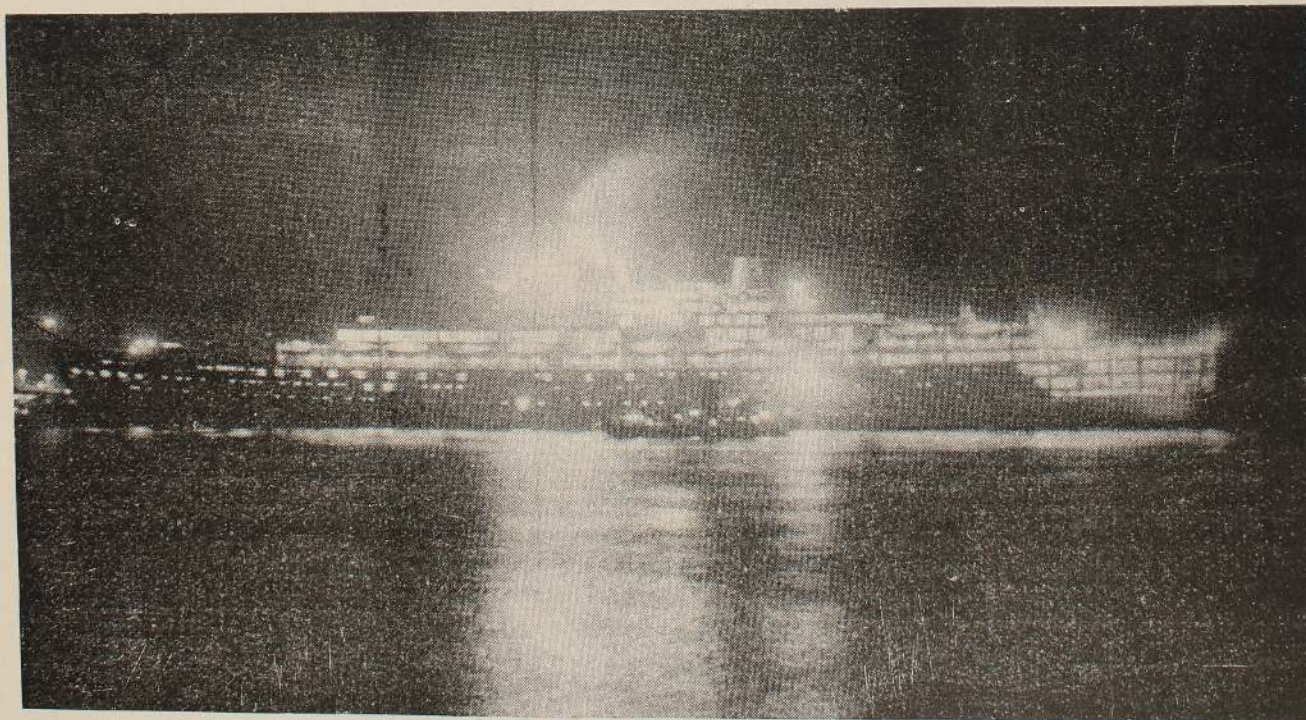
The "Oriana" reached Freemantle in 20 days.

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MR. Chester Bowles, distinguished businessman, United States Government administrator, diplomat, state governor, and author, has been named Under Secretary of

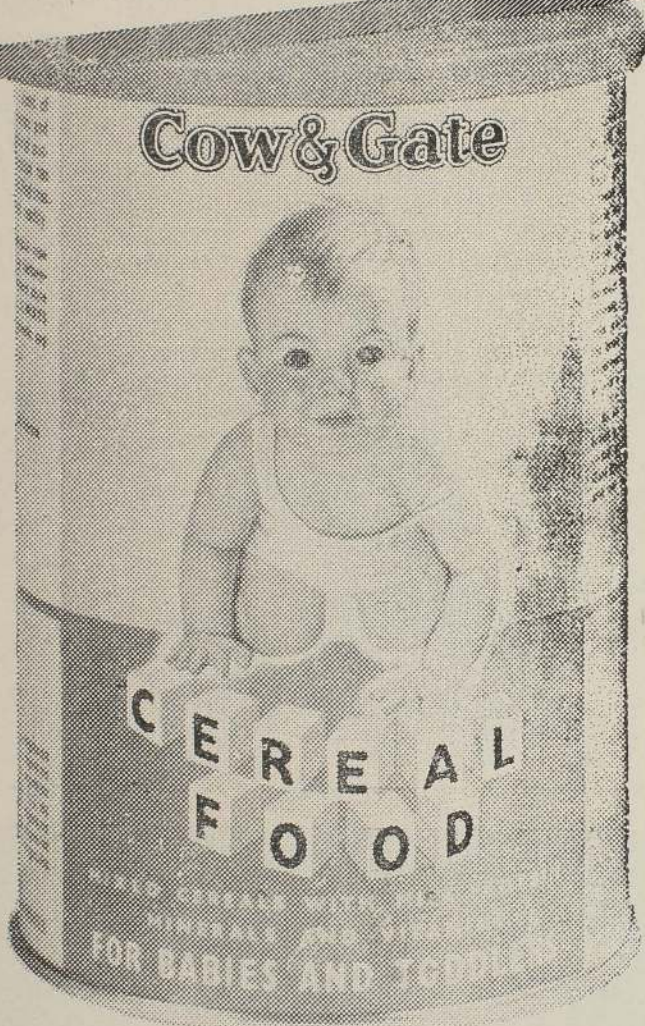
State by President-elect Mr. John F. Kennedy. Interested in international affairs for many years, Mr. Bowles has a deep understanding of U.S. relations with other countries and of world problems in general. His service as ambassador to India and Nepal in 1951—53 led to closer ties between the United States and those countries. Friendly and unpretentious, he sought to "sell democracy" through American technical skills, financial aid and practical idealism. His understanding of world affairs is reflected in six widely-read books published from 1946 to 1956. They are "Tomorrow Without Fear", "Ambassador's Report", "Waging the Peace", "the New Dimensions of Peace", "American Politics in a Revolutionary World", and "Africa's Challenge to America".

He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1901, the son of Charles Allen and Nellie Harris Bowles. After attending Choate School in Wallingford, Connecticut, and receiving a B.S. degree in 1924 from Yale University, he was a reporter for a year on the "Springfield Republican", the family newspaper founded by his great-grandfather and edited by his grandfather.



The "Oriana" ablaze with lights as she leaves Colombo harbour. Large crowds gathered on Galle Face Green to watch her sail past. Rockets and flares fired from the ship lit her up as she passed the Green.

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SPACE TRAVEL AND ISOTOPES

By ERNEST CHISHOLM THOMSON

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

IN spite of their relatively short acquaintance with life on this planet, the young people of Britain are beginning 1961 with every encouragement to investigate existence on other planets. I have been running through the programmes of Christmas vacation lectures in London intended specially for children between the ages of 10 and 17.

A generous allowance of lecture time is given to outer space and inter-planetary travel, quite apart from such other varied themes as plastics and textiles, surgery, the conquest of Everest and the Royal Commonwealth Society's film features on animal life in Australia and Africa.

"Man-made Satellites and Space Navigation" will tempt many youngsters to the Institution of Civil Engineers when Dr. J. G. Porter lends official authority to this beloved theme of science fiction. And at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Dr. R. L. F. Boye's "Space Research by Rocket and Satellite" promises to be no less exciting.

INSTRUMENTS ON THE MOON

A space quiz with audience participation is the entrancing prospect at London's famous Science Museum, where "The Way to the Stars" will tell the young folk all about Rocketry as it affects the Solar System.

And, as if the rocket toys in the Christmas bazaars were not enough to make our youth "space-conscious, we have had Mr. E.D. Anderson chief rocket designer of Bristol Siddeley Engines Ltd., regaling the British Inter-Planetary Society with his account of "really exciting possibilities", including the landing of instruments on the moon.

He foresaw a space station 10 feet (3 metres) wide and over 40 feet (12 metres) long in orbit round the Earth for several years, working as a manned observatory. "The scientific returns from space research", said Mr. Andrews, "will help to provide the basis on which the future prosperity of the Commonwealth will be built".

Meanwhile, millions of young television viewers are now devouring each week a space thriller serial, "Pathfinders to Mars", networked all over the country on Independent Television. I was present at a rehearsal the other afternoon to meet the performers in their "space suits" specially modelled on the protective clothing used at Britain's Harwell Atomic Energy Research Station.

A principal part is taken by dark-haired actress Pamela Barney, from Toronto, Canada. She plays "Professor Meadows", also from Toronto and supposedly the world's leading woman moon expert. "Since I came to Britain last May", said Miss Barney, "I've learnt a whole lot about the Moon!" She enjoys this apprenticeship to British television after appearing on the Canadian television networks in "Tugboat Annie".

RADIO-ISOTOPES BOOM

TALKING of Harwell Atomic Centre, there is jubilation here these days over the tremendous export success with its principal product, radio-isotopes, which are proving so useful in medicine, agriculture and industry. Five years ago, according to the Minister of Power, Mr. Wood, export sales of isotopes were £160,000. Now they are four times as much, and Britain leads the world.

The glory of isotopes is that they are a by-product of nuclear reactors. In fact, as another Member of Parliament said, it is almost like a fairy story, because there was the opportunity of enormously increasing production without a large increase of expenditure. To make the fairy story come true, Parliament is now at work on the Electricity (Amendment) Bill which would allow the British Generating Board to produce radio-isotopes in its nuclear reactors.

More than 700 industrial firms are using isotopes. Mr. George, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Power, told of the great benefits isotopes are conferring on medicine. About 100,000 people are treated annually by radio-therapy. The

healing work done through isotopes, he said, could be of great benefit to mankind.

NEW TYPE OF EGG

AGRICULTURE, too, is not slow to take advantage of isotopes. Britain's farmers are among the most experimentally minded members of the community these days. I see they are even claiming to produce a new type of egg. No, not a square egg, but, nevertheless, a very special type from seven farms in the county of Norfolk which have banded together for the enterprise. Certain strains of birds reared on a special feed are presenting eggs not only of exceptional standard and quality, but, according to a farmer spokesman, with remarkable "eye appeal".

Farmers receive a lot of advice, not only from the Government, but from a well-informed Press. The "Farmer and Stock-Breeder", one of the most widely circulated journals, recently sent me its annual "Year Book and Desk Diary". If, as I understand, this massive tome finds its way into the majority of Britain's farmhouses, the agriculturists have a guide, counsellor and friend at their elbows every day of the year.

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A POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

— BY CROSS-BENCHER —

WHEN the Prime Minister went to India she deputed her powers and functions to two members of the Cabinet. Mr. C. P. de Silva, Leader of the House, officiated as Chairman at Cabinet meetings, and Mr. Felix Dias Bandaranaike, Minister of Finance, was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister in addition to being Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister of External Affairs and Defence. How they divided Mr. Bandaranaike's authority was obscure, for both replied to questions arising from the report of the Parliamentary Bribery Commission.

In tabling the report earlier Mr. C. P. de Silva had indicated that the Government had in mind the appointment of a select committee with a majority of Opposition members to consider whether the whole or what part of it should be published and the action to be taken on it. During the debate on the report Opposition opinion was in favour of publication of the report in toto. The speeches of Mr. Dahanayake and Mr. Philip Gunewardena clinched the issue. Mr. Dahanayake disclosed that he was one of the members against whom an allegation had been made and the Commission had found it baseless. Mr. Gunewardena pointed out that the Commission had found that there was no truth in the allegations made against him and his wife. In the course of the debate the Leader of the House gracefully acquiesced with the Opposition point of view and announced that the entire report would be published.

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THE other issue that was raised was how those whom the Commission had held to be guilty should be dealt with. Opposition opinion was that they should be deprived of civic rights, and the precedent was quoted of the members of the State Council who were so punished on the findings of the L. M. D. de Silva Commission. Incidentally Mr. J. R. Jayawardene gave the Federalist Party, the LSSP and the Communist Party credit for the fact that no allega-

tions had been made against any of their members. Reference was also made to statements by members of the government party casting aspersions on the Commission, particularly the Chairman, Mr. W. Thalgodapitiya. The criticism was denounced.

Mr. Bandaranaike replied to the question of punishment and in doing so betrayed an ambivalent attitude which was sternly deprecated by the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Dudley Senanayake. Mr. Bandaranaike's view was that there were other courses that might be adopted than deprivation of civic rights. What was necessary would be done, he said.

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THE Government appeared in bad light again when a motion of no-confidence against the Minister of Local Government and Housing, Mr. Mahanama Samaraweera, was debated. The motion was provoked by the Minister taking it upon himself to allocate four houses put up by the Housing Department in Colombo, although in calling for applications for them the Commissioner of Housing had announced that he would make the allocation by holding a lottery.

Government speakers in the debate defended the action of the Minister as justified. The Minister explained that the lottery system as well as a points system had been found unsatisfactory in previous allocations. He had therefore used his discretion and made the allocation taking into account the ability to pay and the necessity to live in the area. He claimed he had acted properly and fairly in all the circumstances.

It transpired that there had been more than 1,300 applications for the four houses. One of them went to a member of Parliament.

The debate was interrupted when Dr. Colvin R. de Silva sought to move an amendment which while condemning the minister's action would delete from the motion the expression of no-confidence. A heated exchange between Dr. de Silva on one side and the brothers Mr. Robert Gunewardena and Mr. Philip Gunawardena on the

other led the Speaker to adjourn the House on failing to bring them to order.

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ANOTHER controversial issue that came before Parliament had to do with the use of Sinhalese as the official language from the beginning of this year, with the moratorium given by the late Mr. Bandaranaike expiring on December 31st, 1960. Regulations drafted by the Minister of Justice, Mr. S. P. C. Fernando (who is in charge of the subject) under the Tamil Language Special Provisions Act (which provided for the "reasonable use" of Tamil) did not satisfy the extremists in either camp. The leader of the Federalists described them as a fraud on the Tamil speaking people. Mr. K. M. P. Rajaratna, who is for no concessions at all for Tamil, declared that the regulations "sent up in flames" the Sinhala Only Act and that they constituted a "gross and unashamed betrayal of the Sinhalese people" by the SLFP. The debate on the regulations stands adjourned.

In the meantime the question of the language of Parliament came up by way of amendment of the standing orders. In a statement the Leader of the House, Mr. C. P. de Silva, said that committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives had discussed the matter and agreed that the President of the Senate and the Speaker should have authority for making suitable arrangements for translations; that the Order Paper, which would be in Sinhalese, should be translated into Tamil and English and that simultaneous interpretation should be made of Sinhalese speeches into Tamil and English, Tamil speeches into Sinhalese and English, and English speeches into Sinhalese and Tamil. Hansard would be in Sinhalese, but with Tamil and English speeches recorded in the respective language.

A suggestion made was that there was no necessity to interpret Sinhalese and Tamil speeches into English. It would do if Sinhalese speeches were interpreted into Tamil and Tamil speeches into Sinhalese. The LSSP moved an amendment to this effect. Eventually the official amendment was adopted after a filibuster by Mr. Rajaratna.



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THE PASSING SCENE

— By SPHINX —

AUSTERITY was the keynote of the celebration of the Christmas that is just past, as far as the largest Christian community in the Island, the Roman Catholics, were concerned. Their point of view was put in these words in the "Catholic Messenger", the organ of the Church in Ceylon, which said editorially:

"Christmas for us this year is indeed shorn of much of that external joy and rejoicing that we have always associated with this feast of joy and love. Instead of being a time of jubilation and colour, it will be for us Catholics of Ceylon a time of austerity and sacrifice this year—definitely not due to the 'cauldron of hate' which others may think has been implanted in our lives, but because of the furnace of love for our children that so fills us. Our grief, and our consequent austerity, and our abnegation are the fruits of the love we have for our children, the most precious and invaluable gift that God has given."

However it was with Ceylonese at home, Christmas for Ceylon students in the United Kingdom was made memorable by a fine gesture by British families in whose homes most Ceylonese students celebrated the occasion. It was estimated that few of nearly 1,000 Ceylon students in Britain spent Christmas by themselves.

Hundreds of them accepted private invitations from British families to celebrate Christmas with them, while the British Council made arrangements for many others to be guests in private homes. There were in fact more invitations issued by British families to overseas students than there were students to accept hospitality!

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RADIO listeners in Ceylon have been deprived of the daily relay by Radio Ceylon of the BBC news broadcasts which had come to be regarded in Ceylon by listeners as models of dispassionate and fair reporting and an object lesson to the news service of Radio Ceylon. A suggestion which has been made justifying the discontinuance of the relay is that it is in some way inconsistent with Ceylon's independent status.

It is still open to Ceylon listeners to tune in direct to the BBC and this is probably what they will do in large numbers. It has happened more than once, particularly when the press has been under censorship, as during the emergency of 1958, and again immediately after the assassination of Mr. Bandaranaike, that Ceylon listeners have been indebted to the BBC for news of what was happening at home which Radio Ceylon, by Government order, blacked out. The relay of BBC news was temporarily suspended at these times.

Radio Ceylon, however, continues to be gracious enough to use BBC transcripts—on what is dignified by the term of exchange basis. But it is no little mercy, for which to be thankful, that these services will continue to be available.

They are without doubt far superior to Radio Ceylon's efforts to entertain or instruct.

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THE BBC comment on the move has been typically conciliatory and restrained. It said. "The BBC has always had friendly relations with Radio Ceylon and appreciates their wish to develop their own news services, while naturally regretting that they are not continuing the re-broadcasts." It saw Radio Ceylon's decision as part of the shifting pattern of broadcasting throughout the world.

The BBC, however, does not propose to change the pattern of its English Overseas Service beamed on Ceylon. These programmes are generally well received in Ceylon on the short wave. It is thought probable that there will be many listeners who will still wish to hear the direct broadcasts from London in the absence of local relaying service. Of that there can be little doubt.

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AN underwater fisherman recently speared a porpoise off the Wellawatte beach. Horrified, Mr. Arthur C. Clarke wrote to the Press that he could assume that this was in mistake for a shark. The two animals, he said, were often confused, though it was very easy to distinguish between them.

Mr. Clarke explained that porpoises, being air-breathing mammals like ourselves, come to the surface for air every few seconds and their fins are therefore visible above the water for much of the time. Sharks, contrary to popular belief, very rarely surface; so, if a fin is seen appearing and disappearing in a fairly regular rhythm, it almost certainly belongs to a porpoise.

Despite their appearance, these creatures are not fish but mammals, with perhaps the only brain in the animal kingdom as large and complex as man's, Mr. Clarke continued. They are extremely intelligent, playful and friendly, and there appear to be well authenticated cases of them helping drowning men to reach shore. For at least 3,000 years sailors have regarded them with affection, believing that bad luck will come to anybody who kills one.

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THOSE now off our coast—quite recently they were in the harbour, where they were molested by ignorant spectators — probably came inshore as one of the females was giving birth. Porpoise babies, like human babies, will drown immediately if they cannot get air and their mothers have to nudge them to the surface to breathe. At such times they are very vulnerable to sharks and, unfortunately, humans, added Mr. Clarke, who concluded his lesson in natural history with the hope that his letter would discourage attacks on a harmless and intelligent creature which, often against its own interests, is one of the very few in the entire animal kingdom which appears friendly to man.

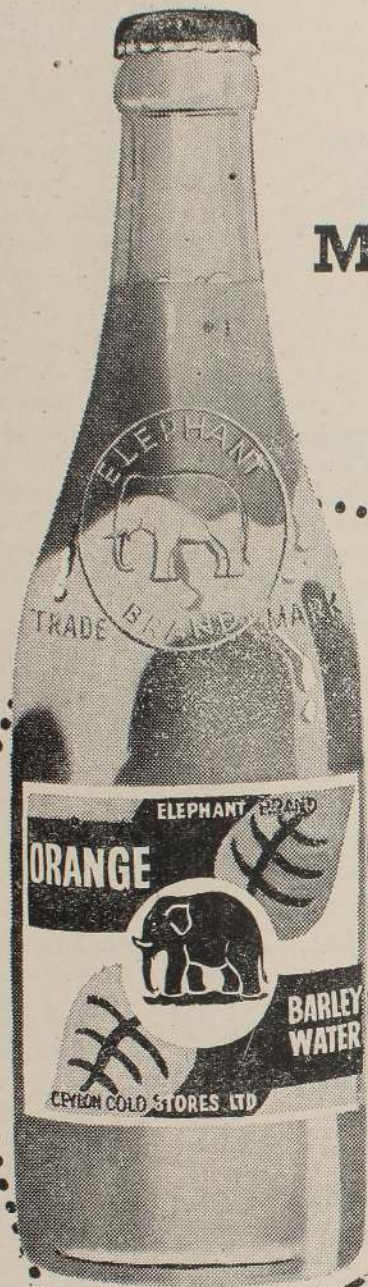
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THE Circarama comes to Ceylon this month. A top attraction at the recent World Fair in Brussels, this will be an outstanding feature in the American Small Industries Exhibition late this month in Campbell Park, Colombo. Incidentally an official message from the new President of the U.S., Mr. John F. Kennedy, is expected to be announced at the exhibition.

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A LETTER FROM MR. W. T. GRESWELL

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

Taunton, Dec. 23

MR. R. AIRD, Secretary of M.C.C., recently addressing the County Secretaries at their annual meeting at Lord's, came into the open with remarks no doubt inspired by higher authority and revealing the grave anxiety felt on the problem of finance in respect of first class cricket in its present form. Rising costs and falling gate receipts can end only in disaster unless the whole system of first class cricket is reorganized "so that more amateurs can take part in the game."

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THERE was never a truer word spoken and it is all the more acceptable coming from Headquarters at long last. As the Committee of Enquiry into the entire structure of the first class game (recently appointed by M.C.C.) will be starting its work soon, Mr. Aird's remarks are more than a hint that very drastic changes will be recommended. For the moment let it be stressed that Mr. Aird's reference to the need for amateurs to come into the game once more is of the greatest importance.

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COUNTY sides are now almost entirely professional. A man who is playing for his living is obviously deprived of care-free abandon in his approach to the game. The urge to take no risks is understandable, so also the irritation of spectators with long hours of boredom as they watch a spectacle devoid of entertainment. If amateurs are to come into the game once more as of old and assist in lowering the wage bill while giving spectators value for their money, then the game must accommodate them with conditions which will make it possible for them to play week-end cricket, for example.

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IT was not many days after the Press reported this morbid reflection on English first-class cricket that the cricket world was galvanised into life and enthusiasm by the fantastic Test match at Brisbane between Australia and the West

Indies which ended in a tie, never before recorded in Test cricket.

The London "Times", never given to emotional reaction, headed their report on the last day's play with the largest print I have ever seen above a sports item: "THE GREATEST TEST MATCH OF ALL TIME."

And so indeed it was. What is more, it gave first class cricket, through the highest grade of the game, a salutary and much needed "shot in the arm." It is to be hoped profoundly that the patient will now stand on his feet, without the aid of crutches, and go from strength to strength.

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IT is for our "crack" batsmen in England to note well and commit to memory for future guidance the course of this match. Let them note for a start that Worrell's men, having won the toss, made 453 in 445 minutes in spite of three opening failures. The Australians did not hesitate to respond in similar coin. This was the tempo maintained for this epic match to its heart-shattering end, when three Australian batsmen were run out in a final wild effort to make the runs required, six only in the last over of the match!

This match was fought to its amazing finish in the finest spirit traditional to the great game, as all cricket lovers would wish it to be. It can be said quite truly that it was a victory for both sides.

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WE are left asking, who is the world's greatest batsman, Sobers or O'Neill? Is Davidson shaping to be the world's greatest all-rounder? Finally will "bowler" Meckiff come to England next year? If Meckiff and Rorke are not in the Australian side, will it be necessary to have the "throw" no-ball truce until the first Test match?

How interesting cricket is becoming!

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IT is good to read the announcement made recently that Peter May, who has completely recovered his health, has been elected

captain of Surrey for next season. This county, which is losing the stalwart Alec Bedser, who is retiring, is in the doldrums with a heavy financial loss to carry.

• May's return as skipper is opportunistic and will be very welcome. It will be interesting to see if he is offered the captaincy of England against the great Australian visitors next year. There are some who may wonder if he will continue to be the magnificent batsman-captain that he was before his health deprived England of his services. This he may well be; simply because he is Peter May, who is not only devoted to cricket but applies himself to achieve perfection and any honour which the great game can bring him, as a result of studious application. Furthermore, it may be that Cowdrey would gladly see May captain again so that he may be free to recover his batting, which was somewhat below his high standard last season when he led England against the South Africans.

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THIS letter leaves England in Christmas week. It is certainly a holly Christmas, for trees and bushes are loaded with berries to an extent seldom known before.

Consequently decorations in the home may be lavish and gay.

I wish you, Mr. Editor, and the staff of the *Review* a merry and I hope a peaceful Christmas. Thanks to your efforts, the *Review* maintains its high standard and continues to be a welcome link with Ceylon for those of us who spent so many happy years in the Island. Come weal, come woe, may you continue to prosper.

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HOW RURAL INDUSTRIES ARE ENRICHING LIFE

By LEONARD RULE

(Fortnightly Review Special)

THE development of modern industry inevitably attracts workers from country areas to the cities. Not only does this process tend towards congestion and place a strain on the public transport system, it also creates a housing problem and puts up the cost of living.

Much thought and experiment are being devoted to the problem of the drift to the towns, and Leonard Rule, a London journalist, has been looking into some of the rural industries established in Britain. He now tells what is being done to enable industrial skills to be acquired and exercised on the spot.

IN the early days of the Industrial Age the villager who wanted to do better for himself had no other choice than to move to one of the manufacturing towns. He had little or no chance to gain mechanical skill in the country. But with the intensive development of mechanised farming—and Britain's agriculture is the most highly mechanised in the world—came new opportunity. The tractor, the combine harvester and the milking machine demand, for their operation and maintenance, more than hands to use a hoe or guide a plough.

Farm mechanisation in consequence has not only altered farming but brought marked changes in the pattern of village life. Old village crafts have been expanded and a variety of flourishing rural industries developed.

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ALL this work is directly encouraged by the government through a Rural Industries Bureau. This Bureau gives advice on everything from building small factories and buying raw materials to the selling of the products of the industries. It runs apprenticeship schemes as well and members of its staff pay regular visits to these village enterprises to help the people working in them to keep up to date in their methods and machinery. The scheme not only helps village people to remain in their villages instead of swelling the vast multitudes already living in the cities, it also encourages the development of the skill which is present, but largely unused, in the villages, and broadens the interests of the community. The work of the Bureau is thus valuable to the whole nation.

ENGINEERING in villages began to grow as tractors and cars replaced horses. Some blacksmiths found that they could do simple repairs to the new farm machinery and began to interest themselves in internal-combustion engines. This also involved hydraulics and electrical work. From this stage grew the need to learn the techniques of welding and precision engineering. Then it was realised by enterprising men that these techniques could also be used for the production of goods for sale. In recent years this has developed until these village workshops are making engineering products of sufficiently high quality to sell in export markets.

Examples of this are deep-drawn metals for heater casings, cigarette lighters and ladies' powder compacts the making of moulds for shaping plastics and some metals dies for shaping metals under pressure, radar apparatus for navigating ships close to the shore, electric motors and transformers, steel frames for buildings and roof supports, as well as machines cut into sections for educational and exhibition purposes.

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IN the meantime, farming machinery has grown more and more complicated, and almost every farming operation is assisted, if not actually performed, by machines. In turn, this has meant more and more calls on village engineers for repairs and maintenance. Without them, machinery might lie idle for hours or days at important times, waiting for new parts or skilled mechanics from repair depots. To train men in the mystery of these and other machines, the Rural Industries Bureau sends engineering

instructors to groups of craftsmen. These instructors live in the villages where they teach, and go on regular tours.

But these days, it is not enough to know how to repair broken down machines and how to produce goods for sale. Production engineers must keep abreast of new machinery and production methods if their goods are to compete for quality and price. So the Rural Industries Bureau also has its experts in these fields, and they include men who understand what is called "method study". This means studying the methods used by individual craftsmen, as they do their work, to see how they can save time and labour.

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THEN, the craftsmen have to be shown the advantages of putting components in special places on the work bench and using both hands separately to pick them up and put them together. They have to be taught to do things in a particular sequence which will result in quicker work with less fatigue. Even the use of gauges can be made quicker and more accurate by these methods. It follows, necessarily, that the craftsmen must also have the best machines to work with if they are to produce the best results.

All these things are the concern of the Rural Industries Bureau. As a result of its activities, men who used to be despised as village yokels are today turning out work comparable with anything produced in the great factories in the towns.

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PEOPLE

WITH our best wishes for a very happy New Year to our readers, we reciprocate the greetings we have received from many supporters overseas. Among them have been steadfast friends like Sir Henry Moore, Ceylon's first Governor-General, Sir William Murphy, one time Mayor of Colombo, Sir Herbert Dowbiggin, former Inspector General of Police, Sir John Howard, former Chief Justice and regular contributor to the *Fortnightly*, our valued English correspondent, Mr. W. T. Greswell, famous planter and cricketer Mr. P. R. May, and Col. P. A. J. Hernu, former Chairman of the Colombo Port Commission.

We were also happy to hear from Mr. and Mrs. D. H. C. Lewes, formerly of the Rangala district, Miss Eleanor Booker, one-time Information Officer of the U. K. High Commission in Colombo, Mrs. C. A. Laing, wife of the well-known turfite of his day, and Mr. John Weir, who was Managing Director of Brown & Co., Ltd.

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MR. G. Ross-Bell, former Managing Director of Messrs J.H. Vavasseur & Co., Ltd., who left Ceylon a few years ago on retirement and is now living near Haslemere in Surrey, writes:—

“My very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. We are becoming old stagers in this country but we continue to have many connections with Ceylon, one of the most valued being the regular receipt of the *Fortnightly Review*.

I look forward to this very much indeed and there is certainly no other periodical that I read so thoroughly. I feel it is a most creditable effort on your part to maintain its high standard of production and its most interesting features which appeal so strongly to all like me, who have left Ceylon after almost a lifetime spent there”.

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MR. Arthur Gilligan, former England Test cricket captain and Mrs. Gilligan who passed through Colombo recently travelling on the “Oriana”, are paying a short visit to Australia and will witness the third Test match between Australia and the West Indies before going to New Zealand to visit his brother's family and then travelling home to England via America. Arthur Gilligan led the M. C. C. team that toured Australia after World War I and later led the M.C.C. team that toured South Africa. He also captained the M.C.C. team that visited India and Ceylon in 1927. Many still remember the series of matches played by Gilligan's team in Ceylon and the wonderful impression they created in Ceylon. Some of the more prominent cricketers in that side were Maurice Tate, who was England's champion bowler during that period, R. E. S. Wyatt, who later captained England, Geary, and Sandham.

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THE Rev. T. C. J. Peiris incumbent of St. John's Kalutara, attained the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination last month.

MR. J. E. S. Bodger, a former General Manager of the Ceylon Government Railway, now living in retirement in Kemsing, near Sevenoaks, Kent, writes to Mr. Reginald Stork, who was one of his assistants in the C.G.R., to say that he was glad to see in a recent issue of the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* an article of railway reminiscences in which he learned that the latter had attained his 80th birthday. In conveying his congratulations, Mr. Bodger, who has also now entered the eighties, refers to two of Mr. Stork's contemporaries, T. E. Dutton and G. E. Hooper, who are still alive. He says: “I have seen neither of them for years, but Dutton wrote to me last Summer that he was now well over eighty. Brandon and Shillitoe both passed away last year. I am out of touch with Davidson and Horne at present, but again so far as I know they are both well. Mrs. Lambert, who lives in Canada was over here a few years ago, when we met her. She seemed amazingly well, although she must be well over 70. Her husband died in 1942.

“Since I came home I have been employed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and finally retired last September. This gives me more chance to get in touch with and see old friends again.”

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THAT former popular sportsman, Mr. M. P. Davis, who was in Ceylon for many years, planting in Dimbula under A. L. Gibson on Diyagama, Agrapatna, before World War I, and was later with the Colombo Commercial Co., Ltd., has recently been meeting with much success as an owner in Calcutta. After leaving Ceylon many years ago he acquired a coffee plantation at Coorg in South India. While in Ceylon in his early days Davis played cricket and rugger for Dimbula and later in Colombo shone as a golfer, winning the Ceylon Amateur Golf Championship in 1928 on the Ridgeway course, defeating B. J. Lalyett by 5 up and 3. He was also a good soccer and hockey player and had the distinction of playing in all four Test matches for Colombo against Up-country before the second World War.

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DR. Lionel P. P. G. Siriwardene of the University of Ceylon will undertake advanced training in radio isotope production under the 1000th fellowship awarded by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna. The fellowship will enable Dr. Siriwardene to enter the Isotope School, Harwell, United Kingdom, where he will study application and production of radioactive isotopes, radiological protection, and application of radio isotopes to metallurgy.

After completing this training, the scientist will be in charge of the University of Ceylon's Radio-isotope Laboratory now being constructed under an IAEA technical assistance project.

Dr. Siriwardene at present is a lecturer in the University's Department of Chemistry. He is doing research on Ceylon brasses and on smelting of iron ore from Ceylon. He is a member of the Committee on Atomic Energy of Ceylon, the Ceylon Association for the Advancement of Science and of other organizations.

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THE importance of getting as broad a view as possible of all aspects of labour relations was emphasised in Cardiff recently by Mr. A. Ponnuduray, senior labour officer in the Industrial Relations Branch of the Department of Labour, Colombo. Mr. Ponnuduray has been in Britain since October taking part in the fourteenth course in labour administration for Colombo Plan and International Labour Organisation students. Following six weeks' theoretical study in London with 16 fellow students, Mr. Ponnuduray has just completed a three-week practical attachment in Cardiff.

A sporting event which he much enjoyed while in Wales was the ten-yearly rugby clash between Wales and South Africa, which the visitors won by three points to nil.

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BY attaining the rank of Junior Under-Officer, 21-year-old Lalin Thirath Fernando has become the most distinguished Ceylonese officer cadet yet to attend the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.

The High Commissioner for Ceylon, Mr. Gunasena de Soyza, was among the guests who watched

the Ceylonese cadets at the recent passing out parade before General Sir James Cassels, Commander-in-Chief, Northern Army Group and B.A.O.R.

During his two years at Sandhurst Mr. Fernando, an old boy of Trinity College, Kandy, captained the Victory College hockey eleven and bowled for the Academy cricket eleven. He also passed with flying colours all aspects of the gruelling military and academic course. His most recent achievement was the successful command of a detachment during an internal-security initiative exercise carried out in Portugal.

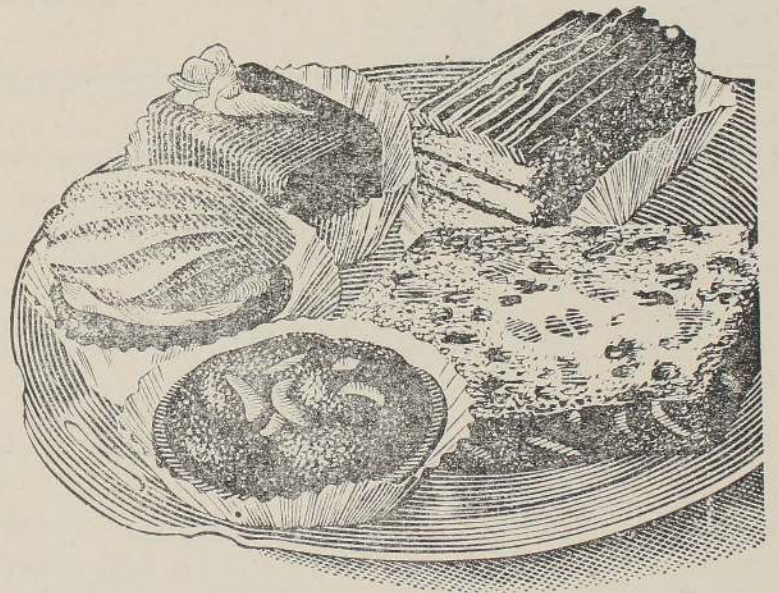
He will be commissioned into the Ceylon Singha Regiment.

Three other Ceylonese officer cadets who passed out as Second Lieutenants were Mr. B. I. Novello, Mr. K. W. P. Gunaratne and Mr. S. P. de Sylva.

MR. F. Arnold. Scott, manager of the Eastern Department of a world-famous firm of biscuit manufacturers—Carrs of Carlisle—who is shortly retiring after 41 years' service, will pay a farewell business visit to Ceylon, India, Pakistan and the Middle East in a few weeks' time. He is due to arrive in Colombo on January 15 and leave for Bombay on February 4.

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DELEGATES from India, Ceylon, Thailand, the Philippines, Jamaica, Malaya and Brazil are attending a twelve weeks' personnel management course in Britain from January 2 to March 26. The course was planned by the Overseas Department of the Industrial Welfare Society London, at the request of the British Council, for a group of people working in the personnel field in overseas countries of rapid industrial development.



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A WORD ABOUT CHEESE

— By A London Correspondent —

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

WAITING for a train at Waterloo, the London rail terminus for the port of Southampton, I came across one of the new cheese bars which are springing up in various parts of the United Kingdom. With my glass of beer, I chose a piece of Caerphilly, perhaps the subtlest and mildest of all Britain's cheeses, flaky as a snow-drift and nearly as white, and gentle on the tongue at any time of day. It was my grief that the train came in before I could enjoy a second heavenly helping.

The ever growing cult of cheese got a splendid boost the other day when a famous soldier of World War II, Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Horrocks, presided over the Ceremony of the Cheeses at London's Royal Chelsea Hospital, home of some hundreds of scarlet-coated old Army pensioners. While the Irish Guards Band played "Soldiers of the Queen", the cheese was cut by 96 years old Sergeant Jones, carrying on a tradition begun in the year 1861, when a London cheesemonger was given the order to supply the pensioners with "cheese from Gloucester at three-pence per pound".

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DELICIOUS BUT POWERFUL

GLoucester cheese was nobly represented at Chelsea. In fact, this time it was full-flavoured Double Gloucester, with a delicious after-kick more powerful, say Gloucester folk, than even the far-renowned Cheddar. Double Gloucester is splendid for export. Maturing late, it can travel far and be in its delightful prime at the other side of the globe.

Like the wines of France and Germany, Britain's cheeses derive their character from their individual territories. For instance, Cheshire cheese with its clean tang of salt is as far removed from Cheddar as a burgundy wine from a hock. Cheddar, nutty but not too sweet, is among the oldest, dating back to the reign of England's first Queen Elizabeth 400 years ago.

The holiday traveller could spend days and weeks of delight, search-

ing England and Wales for each cheese on its home ground. This is scarcely necessary now, however. Nearly 800 hotels all over the land are pledged to serve a full choice of Britain's cheese. Without stirring from the dining-room of one's particular hostelry, one should be able to sample most or all the varieties.

Stilton, I suppose, is the King of cheeses. Exported nowadays to Canada and the United States of America, it gets its name from the village in the county of Huntingdonshire, where it was first sold at the ancient Bell Inn. Creamy white, with blue veins, it began as a Christmas choice, but even the fussiest connoisseur is ready to enjoy it now all the year round.

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FROM MONK'S SECRET RECIPE

CHEESE lore is romantic. Take Wensleydale with its lovely honey after-taste. It owes this partly to the lush limestone pasturelands of the Yorkshire dales where the milk giving cattle graze partly to a secret recipe handed down by the monks of Jervaulx Abbey. Go south and you meet strong, pungent Dorset Vinny, with such a "kick" that it has been called a man's cheese.

For gentleness, take Lancashire, moist as an angel's kiss, spreading like butter and grand for toasting. Derby cheese for the Midland Dale country is creamy, too, and so smoothly grained that it is sometimes broken up with layers of sage leaves, when they call it "Sage Derby". Gourmets, claim the handsomest is Leicester a rich reddish-brown cheese from the very heart of England.

Britain's caterers, we may be sure, will help to create many more cheese connoisseurs during the 1961 holiday season. They will have more time, too, for these civilised attentions, judging by a new work study report issued by the British Productivity Council. Modern methods are enhancing efficiency and adding to the comfort of visitors. One multiple hotel concern reports,

as a particular instance, that breakfast calls in bedrooms are now answered on the average within 2.7 minutes, as against 5.2 minutes. In fact, since time-wasting practices were discovered and abolished, about half the breakfast calls are answered within a minute.

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ECONOMY GADGETS

A group of hotels in the English Midlands found that, after bedroom furniture had been standardised, a chambermaid could clean 15 or 16 rooms in a morning compared with only nine or ten.

Such is "productivity" in practice. It is being applied with impressive effect in a new £241,000 research laboratory extension recently opened by London Transport. Many gadgets for economising oil and machinery defy simple description, but anyone could appreciate a little appliance for simulating a fidgetty bus driver. It reveals how long he would take to wear out the seat of his pants, thereby helping in the choice of the right, long-lasting uniform.

Similarly contraptions for belching continuous puffs of cigarette smoke are used to find the best resistant paints for the interiors of buses. At one time, London's buses had to be painted every 18 months. Now, it is every four years, thanks to such painstaking methods of research, which have also doubled the life of bus batteries saving at least £50,000 a year.

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TABLE TENNIS

IN the Asian Table Tennis Championships dominated by Japan, a depleted Ceylon team could only beat Nepal to save the cellar. Against Pakistan, Ceylon led 4-0, then lost 4-5. In the individual championships Ceylon was routed, Ramchand saving something by his being runner up in the consolation (losers) singles. Even in the Indian Championships Ceylon did little of note, though Nandini Ratnayake emulated an earlier feat by her sister, winning the girls' singles.



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CAPTURING WILD ELEPHANTS IN INDIA

A FASCINATING SPECTACLE FOR VISITORS

KHEDDA operations conducted periodically in Mysore State for capturing wild elephants—are verily the King of sports in the East. It is a fascinating spectacle for tourists. The last Khedda was conducted in 1953 when 77 elephants were caught. The Government of Mysore decided to conduct the operations again last month. Kakankote Forest near Karapur, 50 miles from Mysore City, on Mysore-Manantoddy Road, commanding the enchanting view of green foliage and the silver stream of the River Kapini, was the scene of this event.

Khedda operations in Mysore are not just costly sights staged for their singularity, but represent ancient and scientific methods pursued for capturing wild elephants which are often a source of terror to the cultivators in the forest areas. Many motorists have encountered herds of elephants leisurely crossing roads passing in the forest areas.

THE “Khedda” is generally located in a place where water and other facilities like communications are easily available. A V-shaped trench, ten feet wide at the top and eight feet deep, enclosing an area of about 3 to 8 acres of forest land, through which elephants move up and down a beaten track to which they are accustomed, forms the outer cover. In one place only a gate is erected, to impound the herd of elephants by dropping the gate as soon as they are inside it. Preferably near the forest-end or the river-end, a funnel-shaped stockade is constructed with strong wooden posts and logs. The funnel wings vary in length from 100 to 200 yards. In a convenient spot along the trench where there is a level ground, another round stockade about 40 feet in radius, called the Roping Stockade is built, permitting ingress from the Khedda enclosure. These preliminary preparations also include the clearing of weeds and rubbish from the existing roads, footpaths and fire protection lines to facilitate expeditious movement. This work covers a period of about two to three months engaging about 1,000 to

1,500 persons, including the forest tribesmen.

IMPOUNDING or Khedda is taken up generally from November onwards. Days prior to the actual Khedda operations the wild herds of elephants in the neighbourhood, which may range from 8 to 10 miles from the Khedda site are traced and located and then they are surrounded. It may take a week or much more, depending on the location of the herd. Surround parties keep vigil day and night. During day time small clouds of smoke are raised and during night times blazing fires are maintained to scare and keep the elephants within the surround lines.

The next stage is to drive the herd towards the stockade by cutting off its retreat by posting men along the internal lines. This is done silently with the help of tame elephants (Kumkis, as they are called) and a few hardy well-trained trackers. The movement of the herd is prompted by the trackers by means of a bamboo rattle that sounds like a faint clapping. This is done with considerable skill and intelligence. This is a gradual process by which the elephants are forced deep into the surround area in the direction of the Khedda site and on the final day i.e., the Drive Day, they are driven along a predetermined course towards the Khedda site through the River Kapini.

THE final drive just precedes the approach to the Khedda site. Between the wings and the gate, at intervals of two furlongs lines are cleared along which combustible material is piled in heaps. The wings themselves are covered, the gate is held up by a strong manila rope and tied up to a branch of a high tree where a man hides for releasing the rope as soon as the signal of the officer in charge of the drive is received. The gate is dropped, the Khedda proper and the immediate vicinity is cleared of all human beings and no disturbance of any kind is allowed to be caused. Arrangements are also made to provide fresh drinking

water to the impounding herd to keep the wild animals in good health.

Towards the late afternoon, generally fixed for the final drive, the driving party of beaters, more than one hundred strong with tame elephants start driving the wild elephants towards the enclosure. The beaters, having now come in contact with the wild herd, are alert and move from cover to cover carefully and cautiously, and climb up trees in case the herd takes an obstinate stand and turns back.

FIRES are set up only on the surround lines during night time to keep the herd within the surround. On the drive day, the parties advance from the base lines with din and noise forcing the herd to move in the direction of the Khedda site. Once the leader of the wild herd which is generally an old mother cow-elephant, passes the gate and gets into the enclosure, the others scramble towards it. The gate is then dropped down and fastened well. A couple of tame elephants with some men are posted outside, day and night, until the wild elephants are all roped in and removed.

The River Drive is the most spectacular part of this whole drama when the wild elephants in the final drive are forced to swim up the river for a furlong or two before being driven into the Khedda proper. The elephants are first surrounded on the bank of the river Kapini opposite the site and on the final day they are driven into the river. The river is blocked by the floating bridge of bamboos and the elephants are made perforce to swim up the river. They naturally hug the Keddah bank, which is safeguarded by stockades. The elephants go along trying to find a means to land. At the point where they have to get to the gate, a few powerful tuskers are posted on the river facing the path of the herd. In trying to avoid these tame tuskers the wild ones get to the land and enter the gate which is made accessible.



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MAHSIR MADNESS

By DOUGLAS RAFFEL

THE next week - end found me there to discover the river "gin clear". I used the same fruit bait and inside fifteen minutes had a nice 6-pounder. Then I smoked a pipe while I surveyed the beauty of those sylvan pools. The river at this spot drops about fifty feet in about half a mile. There are seven pools, the third being the largest. I preferred to fish at the head of the second pool, where there is a swift current and an easy drop into the third pool, over which one can play a fish without any undue risk of the line fraying. The play of sunlight and shadow on these pools is exquisite, the delicate tracery of light and shade on the rocks and sand and water being a never ending witchery. On the opposite bank you may find a leopard watching you, as it is the start of a wide belt of virgin forest. Kingfishers, orioles and other lovely birds and butterflies go up and down in an endless procession, in pale pastels or rich reds and blues. I once watched a green bulbul, the chlo-ropis, at its nest not far from where I was fishing. Truly a place of peace and calm and quiet, and my pipeful of "Four Square" was an appreciative companion.

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BUT back to business. Having examined and tested line and trace and hook and threaded more fruit on it, I cast into the depths on the opposite side, and under a large rock which juts out over a dark spot, for the next fifteen minutes I cast and recast before I get any response. It is only a very slight pull, and only 3 or 4 inches of line go out with it, so I wait. No action. Then I decide to cast again and when I move my rod to achieve this, off goes my reel with a whirr.

I am hooked on to something and there he goes plunging about in the pool. He takes the slight drop into pool three with a leap and I hold my breath, while he plays ducks and drakes with the line. Every moment I fear I shall lose him, but he tires faster than I expect, and in ten minutes I land him safely, a nice three-pounder. After that no luck, so I return to Colombo. The Rest House Keeper is quite sure I am a mental case.

A month passes before I next arrive at dawn and before 8 a.m. down at the pools. The boy whose house I passed on my way to the R.H., and whom I spoke to, and a man, are at the pools to greet me. The first few casts are unsuccessful. Then a "son of a rogue" sucks the bait off my hook but does not get caught. I try again and again unsuccessfully, so decide to stop for a smoke. The man tells me he has seen a "lokumalu" in the third pool, so I try there. I cast several times in various spots, and at last get one where he is pointing. Immediately I am taken and hitched on to a railway engine!

By Jove how that fish tore about. He was here one second and gone the next. He had over a hundred yards of line out and I had my work cut out reeling in furiously after his mad rushes. I see once or twice the flash of dorsal or caudal fin, and then he skulks in the deep, while I mount a rock and keep the line clear and taut. Then I get him apparently "all in" into the shallows, and only then do I realise how large a fish he is. I gasp and my blood pressure begins to rise, and my heart races like Kunj-lata. Boy, would I succeed in landing this beauty? Would I Could I? Y-es, he appears to be finished.

No! He is off again! I realise the tension on the brake. If he makes a wild dash, I do not want to lose him by placing too much strain on the line. He starts another rush, going "hell for leather". And Jumping Jupiter!—he is in pool four and still going all out. Look out! My line is caught on a snag and I switch it off not realising what I am doing, it is all so much a matter of "touch and go". He is still racing to the end of the fourth pool,—My word! he is in POOL FIVE.....

My rod tip comes up, my line has SNAPPED somewhere and the mighty giant of pool three is free once more. IT IS BETTER TO HAVE HOOKED AND LOST THAN NEVER TO HAVE HOOKED AT ALL. I sit back and pant, the man and the boy gesticulating wildly together. They are trying to describe to me how the fish made his last dash for freedom, while I

sit sucking an empty pipe and trying to control my hands and regain my normal breathing. I enquire how heavy they think the fish was. The boy with a wide sweep of his arm says "Rarthal seeak" 100 lbs! The man scratches his scalp and thinks it was at least 'rarthal hattuck' 60 lbs! I cannot say myself how heavy that fish was, sixty?—eighty? one hundred lbs? Does it matter? I LOST HIM.

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I visited those pools often and often in the months following, and I had bad luck as well as good sport. I even landed a forty-pounder once. But the monster of the third pool will always live in my memory. I never saw him again. Is he still there? Has he grown to a record of 127 lbs? Has he fallen to any other brother of the angle? Or has a stock of dynamite got him? Who can say, If he lives he certainly inhabits the loveliest bit of water I have come up with during all my angling experiences. I salute him.....Did you hear this one?

The novice came to see the Veteran angler. Says the Novice—"when are you next going out to catch a messiah? Can I come with you?" Replies the Veteran. "My dear chap, I've heard of Jew baiting, but Heaven preserve me from attempting to lure the Almighty with spinner or spoon".

RUGBY FOOTBALL

CEYLON Rugby, 1961, is due to be run on new lines—with the accent of encouraging as many players as possible to participate in first class rugby.

The Clifford Cup Tournament will be run in two parts. In part 1, the teams have been divided into three leagues—one, Up country (four teams); two, Colombo (three teams); and three, ten lesser teams, including Kelani Valley, the Colombo Clubs' second teams, three Service teams, Police, Varsity and Aquinas (ten teams).

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PART 11 of the tournament will be a knock-out to a set plan—involving the top two teams Up-country; the two teams Colombo and the first three teams in League 111. The set plan virtually ensures an Up-country-Colombo final.

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—BY "ITINERANT"—

RACING

THE annual Boosa Christmas race meet of the Galle Gymkhana Club got off to a flying start with a fair crowd going home satisfied with the day's results.

Trainer A. Selvaratnam had a field day sending out four winners, including Kubaishan, who won the Southern Cup (6 fur) for Class 1 Arabs, and Balfour Declaration, who won the J. G. Abeydeera Cup (6 fur.) for Class 1 horses. The facile victory of the welter-weighted Kubaishan against top competition and the hard fought successes by Balfour Declaration provided owner Mr. C. Sathanathan and jockey Mohideen with a good double.

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PATAKHA'S neck win in the opening event, the Walahan-duwa Stakes (7 fur) and Star of Confidence's mild surprise in the Udugama Handicap (6 fur), provided Trainer Selvaratnam with his other two winners and jockey A. P. Perera with a brace, which he converted into a treble, ably steering Pippa's Brother home in the Closen-burg Plate (1 mile) and then withstanding an objection. Pippa's Brother fell into jockey Perera's lap when jockey Gibbens, who was to ride him, was seriously injured in the previous race after being thrown by his mount.

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WARDUST chalked up his fourth win in four outings, winning the J.E. Perera Cup (6 fur) in champion style and the aged Tiger Tim came back into the win column, winding up the day's proceedings by withstanding a strong challenge in the Harbour Handicap (1 mile).

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THE second day of the Galle Gymkhana Club meet at Boosa last Saturday proved most interesting though favourites fared badly. The chief event—the Galle Gymkhana Plate over a mile was won by Mrs. Asker Moosajee's Muni al Khair, ridden by apprentice R. Bulathsinha, who beat the strongly fancied Mashur and Mohan's Pet with ease. The chestnut pony won stylishly to repeat his success of last year. Mashur was second and Mohan's Pet third.

Judar running strongly and showing his best form in the seven furlong Elpitiya Stakes got the better of Nicorango and the favourite Confair in an exciting finish, being cleverly ridden by Mohideen. Nicorango flattered his supporters in the early stages of the race and did all the running with Minnette and Royal Coronet in close attendance. Nicorango finished second and Confair third.

The Rampart Stakes—7 furlongs—was a gift for Hill Castle who was prominent from the start and romped home by eight lengths from Bridge Inn and The Locksmith.

The starting in the last three races left much to be desired, all three races providing upsets. Windrose won the Buona Vista Handicap, 6 furlongs, very easily from the favourite, Star of Hope, while Charmalaine was a bad third.

The Boosa Handicap over 1½ miles provided a thrilling finish, Salmat Mahmud, ably handled by the veteran Willie Silva, winning on the post from Karikalzo with Za'eer third.

In the Deniyaya Stakes over a mile, the well fancied chestnut Pancha Kalyan lost to Neon Lights the winner owing his success to a fine piece of riding by Gunadasa. Jamal Karim was second and Pancha Kalyan third.

Training honours were shared by Samarawira and Walles who saddled two winners each.

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QUADRANGULAR CRICKET

MERCANTILE met the Rest, last year's champions, in the final of the Cricket Quadrangular and scored a fine victory in a game that provided all that is good in cricket. The Rest batted first and were routed for a mere 93 runs, only veterans M. Sathasivam with a chancy but stylish 51 and the ever-so-correct F.C. de Saram, 21, saving them from a worse fate. R. B. Wijesinghe bowled best taking 4 for 22. Mercantile, after a shaky beginning, settled down to a big score as C. I. Gunasekera raced to 101 in 68 minutes. Michael Tissera was 51 not out when the declaration was made at 249 for 5.

In their second essay the Rest scored 244 for 9 (declared), C. T. Edwards (66), and M. Shawardie (78), contributing the major portion and getting support from the tail, supplemented by the injured Sathasivam going last man. Set 89 runs to get in 40 minutes, Mercantile accepted the challenge and after losing 2 wickets for 4, overcame it, thanks to C. I. Gunasekera's (31) hitting and a brilliant unfinished innings of 51 by Michael Tissera, who at last confirmed all his early promise.

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IN the earlier round, Mercantile were lucky to scrape past Govt. Services with a 20 runs first innings lead, two vital catches going abegging. Tissera again shone with a good 61. With Sarath Silva scoring 119, D. H. de Silva 99 and Sathasivam 72 n.o., the Rest had it easy against the Combined Services whom they beat by an innings.

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CEYLON'S HOCKEY TOUR IN INDIA

CEYLON'S brief hockey tour of South India ended in poor showings by the visiting team. Despite the absence of 'stars' Fred White and Douglas Wijekoon, the team should have done much better than it did—but, inexplicably, the Ceylon eleven failed to live up to their recent form.

They began by losing the Corera Cup match to Madras 5-0, only good keeping saving them from double figures 'against', so completely were they outplayed. It was the same story in the other Corera Cup match against Mysore, 4-1 being the margin of defeat this time, Ceylon's solitary goal being off a short corner, the only time the Mysore goalie was tested.

Yet in between Ceylon played a Madras XI, virtually the Corera Cup side and went down by only the odd goal in five, the margin of the home team's victory coming off a penalty bully. Ceylon in this game played as we are accustomed to seeing them play, but in the two big matches they failed so miserably that we cant help wondering why.

A SPORTS CAUSERIE

RIFLE SHOOTING

THE Ceylon version of Bisley was recently conducted by the Ceylon Rifle Association at the Panaluwa Range and Zahira College schoolboy, A.K.M. Mohideen, won the coveted Queen's Cup. Mohideen tied with K. G. Koch for the trophy, but, by virtue of having four "bulls" at 1,000 yards to Koch's two, was awarded the prize.

A high standard of shooting was maintained throughout, with K. L. Siebel, Sam J. Kadrigamar and Capt. E. G. Rajakaruna winning two prizes each. That veteran marksman, Brigadier C. P. Jayawardene, added yet another trophy to his collection when he won the Associated Newspapers Cup, in addition to placing in a number of other events. Siebel won the Times of Ceylon Cup and A. G. Wright the Merchants' Cup. The I/C.L.I. won the Maxwell-Johnston Challenge Cup.

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AUSTRALIA WINS DAVIS CUP

THE remarkable form shown by the Italians in their clash with the United States whom they beat after being two down in their two opening matches made them favourites against the holders who had not been too impressive recently. Neale Fraser, the Wimbledon champion, on whom Australia relied most, was reported to be playing below form, but he showed in his Singles match against Orlando Sirola that he was as good as ever and later in the Doubles with Roy Emerson he rose to great heights to clinch the issue for Australia.

Neale Fraser and Rod Laver paved the way for Australia's great victory when they defeated Orlando Sirola and Nicola Pietrangeli respectively in the first two Singles played on the first day at Sydney. They combined brilliantly in the Doubles to score a memorable victory over Sirola and Pietrangeli and to help Australia gain their tenth success in the Davis Cup since the second World War.

In the first two Singles Neale Fraser beat Sirola 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, and Rod Laver won against Pietrangeli 8-6, 6-4, 6-3. In the Doubles Neale Fraser and Roy Emerson beat Pietrangeli and Sirola 10-8, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

NEALE Fraser lost his second Singles to Nicola Pietrangeli, but Rod Laver's victory over Orlando Sirola gave the Aussies a convincing 4-1 win. Thus Australia maintained their position as the world's leading lawn tennis nation. Though the real pressure of the challenges round was off and Fraser was below his best, Pietrangeli produced the form which had been expected of him from the first day. Glorious ground strokes flowed from his racket and his return of service and interceptions at the net showed vast improvement of the efforts of his first day's singles and subsequent doubles. The Italian was much more consistent than Fraser. Should Pietrangeli remain amateur and Sirola, who is 32, decide not to retire from the game, Italy must have a great opportunity to be challenging Australia again this year.

Rod Laver had the distinction of winning both his singles in straight sets, his defeat of Sirola 9-7 6-2, doing him great credit.

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"CRICKET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP"

A plan that six top cricketing nations will meet and compete in a different country every four years and play championships comprising three-day test matches totalling 30, will be considered by the M.C.C. Committee recently set up to inquire into the future of first class cricket. The six cricketing countries named are Pakistan, India, the West Indies, Australia, New Zealand and England.

Mr. Ronald Aird, Secretary of the M.C.C. confirmed this week that he had received full details, including the estimated cost, from Mr. Charles Jones, 64-years-old London cricket enthusiast, who has the wholehearted support of Leslie Ames, probably the greatest wicket-keeper-batsman of all time and now manager of Kent. It is proposed that the first "world cricket championship" will be held in England. The estimated cost, including paying each member of the 16-strong parties from each competing country £1,000, is £180,000.

Such a figure is startling but Messrs. Jones and Ames are convinced that by playing 30 matches in places like Cardiff, Swansea, Liverpool, Leicester, Southampton, Bristol, Hove, Southend, Chesterfield, Taunton, Canterbury, Scarborough and Northampton as well as at Lords, the Oval, Trent Bridge, Old Trafford and Headingley, gate receipts would be very high. In four years' time it would be India's turn to play hosts—then Australia, and so on.

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ROWING

THE 'Henley of the East', the Amateur Rowing Association of the East's Regatta held in the Beira Lake, ended with all course records being smashed.

For the first time a Rangoon Team won the coveted Willingdon Fours as the Rangoon University 'B' crew beat the Karachi B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Sam Medora of the Calcutta Lake Club won the Macklins culls while the Lake Club 'B' (Medora and A Mitra) annexed the Venables Pairs.

The Hooghly Cup for the highest scoring Clubs was won by the Lake Club. Colombo's only showing was by G. E. M. Pereira who won the Losers' sculls and the Colombo 'A' in the Losers' Fours.

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GAMINI GUNASENA PLAYS FOR N. S. W.

GAMINI Gunasena made his debut for New South Wales while their Test stars were away, and got himself a match bag of 5 for 115, helping considerably in the victory over West Australia.

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WRESTLING

THE Indo-Ceylon wrestling 'Test' for the Governor-General's Cup ended with Ceylon being routed, winning only one (H. V. Perera) of 16 bouts. Two friendly matches were also lost.

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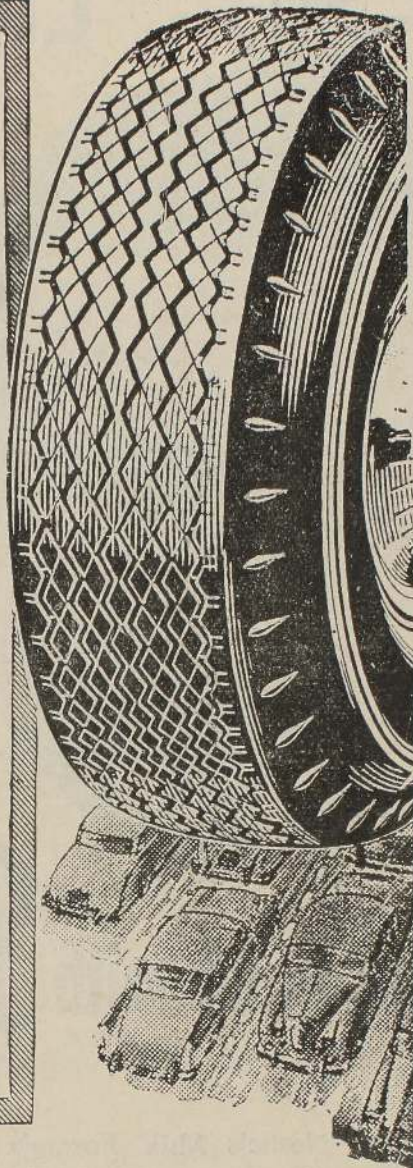
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A WOMAN'S DIARY

—BY "BETA"—

A form of entertainment which has never gained much popularity here is the children's Christmas party. Yes, I know that at this season almost every office club and sports club holds its annual Christmas party to which members are asked to bring their wives and families, and Santa Claus usually puts in an appearance, with gifts for the little ones, but this part is considered by most people a mere interlude, and the main business of the evening is the enjoyment of the adult members of the group. Most Sunday Schools, too, run some kind of Christmas party for their students, but that, too, is not exactly what I mean. What I am really referring to are private parties in homes, specially organised just for the children.

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THERE are several reasons for this, I am well aware. For one thing, we tend in this country to make a big thing of children's birthday parties. Most children, when speaking of a birthday party mean a big "do" to which all the other children in their class at school are invited, and quite a lot of time and trouble and expense must be gone to entertain and please the little guests if the party is to come up to expectations and, most likely, bear comparison with the parties given by other children in the class. Another thing is that Christmas is such a busy season, with numerous weddings, and heaps of "family" visiting to do, that there just does not seem time to organise and prepare for a special Christmas party for the children. Other reasons too, make it difficult, and that, I feel, is a pity.

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FOR Christmas is pre-eminently the children's time. We tend to give too much weight to enjoyment, and do not pay sufficient attention to the children. Yet this is a time which admirably lends itself to children's parties, and there seems no end to the original ideas with a seasonal tang which could be employed to make a Christmas party a memorable one. Most of our homes are decorated at this season, and that lends gaiety to the atmosphere, and helps the party to go with

a swing. The quickest way to combat the shyness of some children would be the sight of the pretty coloured balloons—and, of course, the Christmas tree.

This is the most suitable time, too, to have a fancy dress party. Children love to dress up, and would thoroughly enjoy an evening's fun masquerading as one of their favourite characters. The costumes, naturally, should not be so elaborate that the children are unable to play about—the simpler the better, if what we want is to ensure their pleasure.

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THERE are so many games too—balloon races, in which a balloon has to be patted along a certain course by each competitor is great fun, and even the tinies can do it. Passing the snowball—a Christmas version of passing the parcel—in which the snowball goes from hand to hand round a circle of children to music, the one who holds it when the music stops peeling off a layer of snow, till the last one gets a tiny gift, is also greatly enjoyed. Versions of treasure hunts in which the children can search for Santa's reindeer or Christmas stockings, or something on those lines, is another game the children would like. With a little thought and organisation there need be never a dull moment at a children's Christmas Party.

The crowning glory of such a party of course, from the children's point of view, would be a visit from Santa Claus—and I suppose it is just that item which would put people off the idea of holding a Christmas Party, for it must be admitted that it is an expensive one. The way round this difficulty, of course, is to ask the parents of the children you wish to invite whether they would either subscribe something towards the cost of the gifts or provide a gift for their own children (a "ceiling" price could be fixed so that all gifts would be about the same in value). I am sure the parents would be quite willing to help give their children a good time.

The children, I am sure, will be delighted with a Christmas Party, and anyone who would organise one for them would feel well repaid for all the trouble taken by their joy.

THE PASSING SCENE

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outer circumference. Behind these screens on an elevated walk are eleven 16-mm. synchronised projectors each throwing its portion of the 360-degree image across the viewing area to the screen directly opposite it.

Incidentally, the exhibition will include over 30 individual sections ranging from lumber processing to pottery making and will show some of the machines and equipment typical of American small industry.

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THE temporary recruitment of medical graduates abroad is advocated by the Director of Health Services, Dr. W. A. Karunaratne, in his report for 1959. Taking into account doctors in private practice and in the public service, he puts the available number at one to 5,600 of the population. Judging by the demand as reflected by the number of indoor and outdoor patients in all institutions he estimates the requirement to bridge the gap at 1,800 medical graduates.

In the meantime the Government has approved a proposal by the Minister of Health Mr. A. P. Jayasuriya, that medical graduates of the University of Ceylon should be compelled to work for five years for the state or make a payment of Rs. 10,000 to the Government.

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— By "LYRICUS" —

THE Arts Centre Club puts Colombo in its debt again with the opportunity it has provided music lovers of listening to one of the best known orchestras of the present time, the Masterplayers of Lugarno. This famous orchestra arrives in Colombo shortly in the course of an Asian Tour.

The orchestra, which has several distinguished soloists, is conducted by Richard Schumacher, who is also its founder. A native of Lugarno, he studied with Alceo Galliera and Paul van Kempen before making his musical debut in 1958 at the age of 27, conducting the Swiss Radio Orchestra.

In 1954 Schumacher gathered together the most notable virtuosi of Switzerland to form a chamber orchestra, the Collegium Musicum Helveticum, which later developed into the Master Players of Lugarno, comparable in every way to the Berlin Chamber Orchestra which was heard in Colombo last year.

Among them, to mention only one, is the celebrated Hungarian-born pianist (whose fame has been spread by his magnificent recordings) Julian Karolyi, who is 46 years old.

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A rare musical treat, also organised by the Arts Centre Club, was a concert by the Danish singer Agnete Obling, who was assisted at the piano by Raneé Gibbs.

The main work presented for the evening was Schuman's song cycle *Frauenliebe und Leben*, and works by Faure, Beethoven, Wagner, Tschaiakowsky, Smetana and Scandinavian composers.

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THIS column pays its tribute to Mary Wilson, wife of Sir Stuart Wilson, who died in Madras at the end of November. She was in Ceylon until a few weeks before her death.

Her contribution to the musical life of Colombo was immense. She was a cellist of much talent and was of great assistance to the Symphony Orchestra of Ceylon.

ON the music calendar during Christmas, besides those already mentioned, were the annual carol service by the Dutch Reformed Church Musical Guild and the Carols by Candlelight by the Ceylon Police, a popular annual event.

MATTERS OF MOMENT

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THE Leader of the U.N.P. Mr. Dudley Senanayake, his chief lieutenant Mr. J. R. Jayewardene, Mr. I. M. R. A. Iriyagolla, the former member of Parliament, and former City councillor Mr. R. Premadasa were, on their own plea, convicted by the Colombo South Magistrate last week of having used a loudspeaker without a permit at a public meeting. They were found not guilty of two other charges of conspiring to contravene the ban on the use of loudspeakers and disobeying the order of a Police officer. The Magistrate warned and discharged them.

All four of them made statements in pleading to the charges. In the course of his statement Mr. Senanayake said: "The right of public meeting is an essential ingredient of the democratic process and must not be denied except during an emergency or on a particular occasion when a breach of the peace is imminent. No such circumstances existed when a general ban on the use of loudspeakers was imposed; nor on the occasion in question. . . . It is in the spirit of my devotion to democracy and my opposition to discriminatory administration of the law that I defied the ban".

Mr. Jayewardena said, in part: "I understand that the prosecution against me has been directed by the Cabinet. No prosecutions are being entered against members of the Government who have violated this law. This prosecution, therefore, I have the right to assert, is a political prosecution. This totalitarian action of the Government is calculated to deny its critics the right of free speech and to deprive the public of the fundamental right of a free people to hear what the party in opposition to the Government has to say".

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MR. M. Ismail, the first Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, went on retirement on December 31st, 1960. Educated at Kingswood, Kandy, Mr. Ismail joined the Police, which he left after 31 years to take up the parliamentary post. He was then Superintendent of Police, Colombo, the first Ceylonese to be so appointed. He had earlier been associated with Mr. P. N. Banks, afterwards Inspector-General, in organizing the Police Training School when it was first set up in Bambalapitiya.

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THE degree of doctor of divinity has been conferred on the Rt. Rev. Saba Pathy Kulendran, Bishop in Jaffna of the Church of South India, by the Serampore College. The bishop has had several published books in Tamil as well as in English and is at work on a comparative study of the doctrine of grace in Christianity and Hinduism.

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Education at St. Thomas' College, Mr Peiris was ordained as a deacon in a service in Sinhalese, by Bishop E. A. Copleston in Holy Emmanuel Church, Moratuwa. He became a priest in 1914.

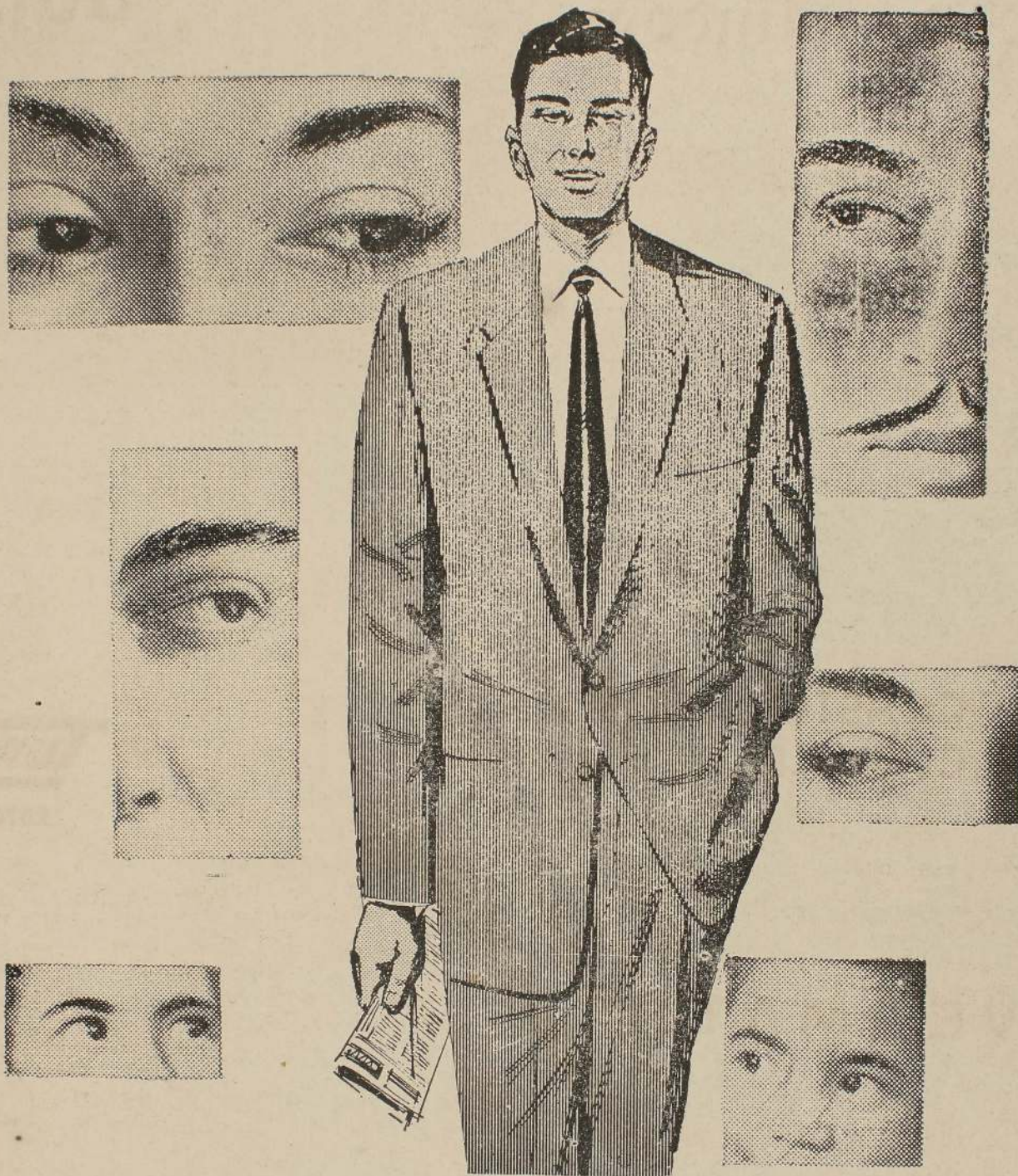
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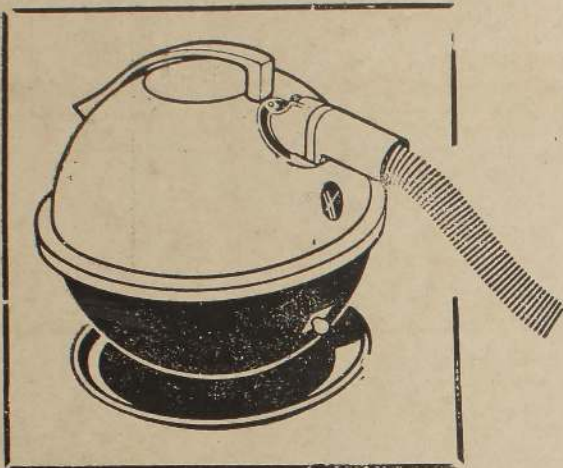
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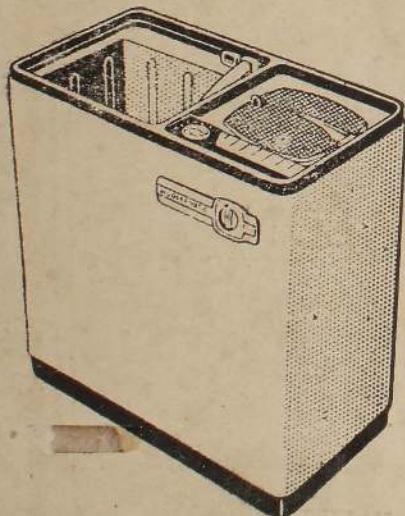
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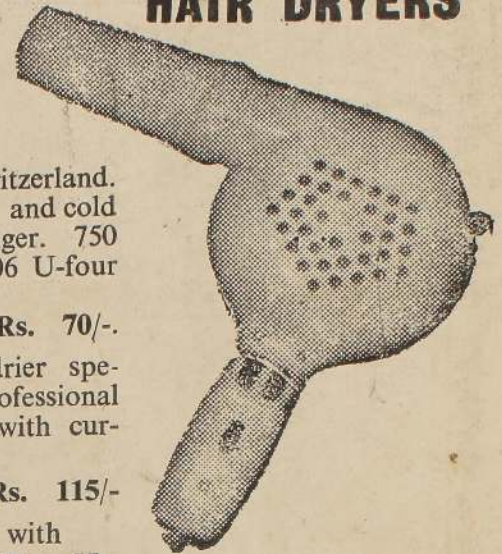


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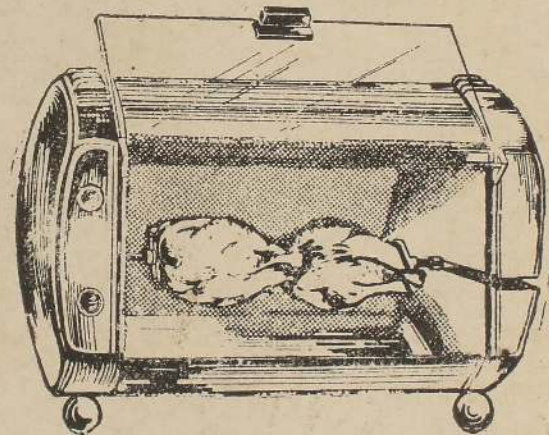
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