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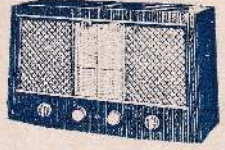
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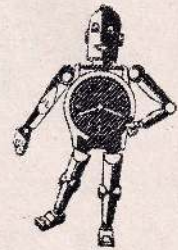
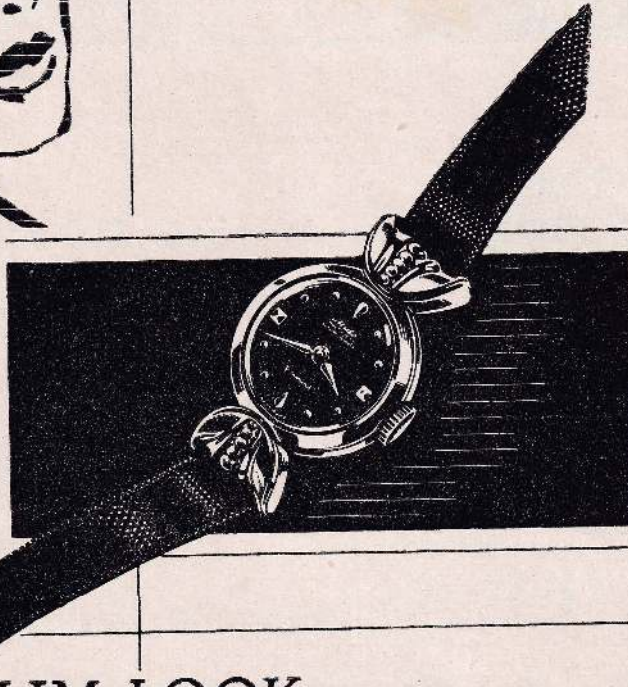
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## BRITAIN'S NEW PRIME MINISTER



The Rt. Hon. HAROLD MACMILLAN

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## BRITAIN SETS AN EXAMPLE

THE resignation of Sir Anthony Eden is in the classic character of British public life. When he felt that he was no longer equal to the duties and functions of Prime Minister he gave up the office. Any doubt that it was not his health that prompted his action is settled by his decision to vacate his seat in Parliament and retire from politics.

The Queen's choice of Mr. Harold Macmillan as Sir Anthony's successor is an indication that there will be no change in the policy of the Government. Mr. Macmillan's retention of Mr. Selwyn Lloyd as Foreign Secretary is evidence that the Government has not resiled from its stand on the Suez issue or its intervention in the Middle East conflict.

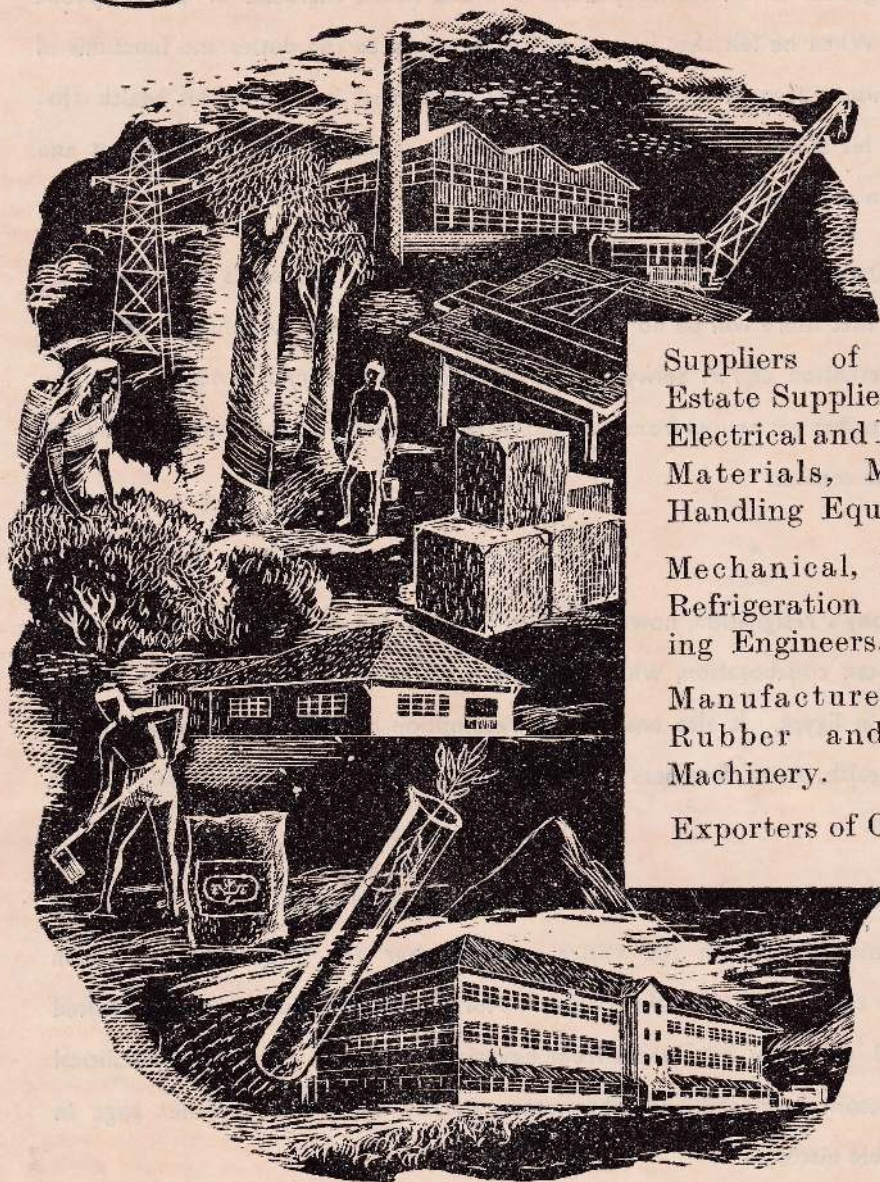
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SIR Anthony's resignation, however, paves the way for the restoration of Anglo-American collaboration, which suffered a set-back on account of the British adventure in Egypt. It also enables the resumption of cordial relations within the Commonwealth, Asian members of which were antagonised by British policy in the Middle East.

Of profound importance from an international point of view is Britain's adherence to democratic principles in the entire episode after the Anglo-French invasion of Egypt to the change of Prime Minister. Abroad Britain submitted to the United Nations and withdrew her forces from Egyptian territory. At home the political crisis was resolved peacefully and the country quietly turns over another page in its remarkable history.

THE EDITOR.

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# MATTERS OF MOMENT

By BRUTUS

CEYLON has established a noteworthy record at the United Nations in the short period it has been a member of the world organisation. She is on the five-nation committee that has been set up to investigate Russian intervention in Hungary, the other countries being Australia, Denmark, Tunisia and Uruguay. The committee was elected in pursuance of a resolution initiated by the United States which also reaffirmed the Assembly's previous demands for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary, the cessation of deportations, the holding of free elections and the admission of U.N. observers.

Ceylon is also reported to have been invited to attend a round-table conference of six powers to consider means of resuming Suez Canal settlement talks. Besides, of course, Egypt, Britain and France, the other powers are Norway and Italy, so that Ceylon is to represent Asian opinion. The Secretary-General of the U.N., Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld is to preside.

The Prime Minister has indicated that he might take part in the Suez Canal talks if the invitation is confirmed. The association of Ceylon in these two matters is no doubt acknowledgment of the part played by Ceylon's representative, Mr. R. S. S. Gunawardena, in the discussion on them at the Assembly. He has himself been elected Vice-Chairman of the Political Committee of the U.N. in the current session.

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THE Prime Minister sent the following message to Mr. Harold Macmillan on his appointment as Prime Minister of Britain: "I congratulate you on your assumption of office as Prime Minister. I send you my best wishes for the successful handling of the many difficult and delicate tasks that lie ahead of you."

At a press conference, Mr. Bandaranaike said the resignation of Sir Anthony Eden came as no surprise to him because it was known that Sir Anthony was not in the best of health. He added that Sir Anthony had rendered distinguished service to his country and expressed the hope that his achievements would

not be entirely offset by the step he had found necessary to take.

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SIGNIFICANT of contemporary developments in the country was the deputation of Civil Servants which waited on the Prime Minister early in the month to point out that "attacks made on them as a class was having a disturbing effect on them." The reference is no doubt to criticism of public servants as a whole by Ministers and Members of Parliament suggesting disloyalty to the Government and non-co-operation in the implementation of policy.



Sir Anthony Eden

The immediate cause for the protest was a reported statement by the Minister of Health, Mrs. Vimala Wijewardene (which the Prime Minister said she had characterised as a garbled version of a private discussion), that Civil Servants had become the bane of public life in Ceylon. She was also reported to have said that inefficient and corrupt officials should be placed against a wall and shot, as in China.

In a statement the Prime Minister said he told the deputation that the Government had a high opinion of the Civil Service and of the important and valuable work they were doing in the present administration, although there may be a few individuals here or there who had defects. The statement added: "The discussion terminated on a note of cordiality and understanding."

SIR John Kotelawala, the former Prime Minister, was given a rousing reception when he returned to Colombo a fortnight ago after a holiday in England, during most of which he was on his farm.

To suggestions that he contemplated making his home abroad, Sir John said that as he was born in Ceylon he would die in Ceylon, whether or not he became Prime Minister again or was returned to Parliament or not. He added that he would continue to take part in politics as long as he lived, even if he was expelled from the U.N.P.

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DIVISION of opinion among the members of the sub-committee of the National Planning Council, after their visit to New Delhi, regarding the organization of its functions has resulted in the Council as a whole deciding that no arrangements of a permanent nature be instituted at present, but their possibility be considered in the future, should the need arise. The particular point of dispute was whether permanent committees for specific matters should be appointed or the Council act as a body, appointing ad hoc committees whenever necessary.

As an immediate step the Council has appointed a sub-committee to consider interim measures pending the preparation of a long-term plan, particularly relating to the next budget; to define for the consideration of the Cabinet the basic goals and objectives underlying planning; and to consider "the arrangements needed to bring about effective participation in the process of planning by the relevant agencies concerned with development schemes."

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THE Government has, according to a newspaper report, struck upon a novel way of paying Ceylon's contribution to the United Nations expenditure on the clearing of the Suez Canal. Under the bilateral trade agreement with Egypt, there is owing to Ceylon a certain sum of money. Ceylon's representative at the United Nations has been instructed, according to the report, to inquire whether Ceylon's contribution could be in Egyptian currency, that is, whether the debt could be set off by Egypt giving the U.N. credit on Ceylon's behalf!

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## MATTERS OF MOMENT

THE historic Kelaniya temple was the centre of the Buddha Jayanthi celebrations this month on the occasion of the Duruthu full moon, the anniversary of the first visit of the Buddha to Ceylon. Kelaniya is one of the places the Buddha visited, the others being Mahiyangana in Uva and Nagadipa in Jaffna. Distinguished participants in the event were a group of Japanese Buddhists led by Dr. M. Nagai, who replied in Pali to the greetings they received at the airport. The Mission will spend about a fortnight in the Island.

At a party in honour of the Japanese visitors, Mr. Bandaranaike announced that he hoped to visit Japan during the course of the year.

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THE policy of the Government with regard to language in education is becoming clearer. The Prime Minister told a deputation from the University Court on January 14th that the Government never intended to eliminate Tamil as a medium of instruction at the university level when it adopted Sinhalese as the official language. Since the Tamil medium was used in schools, it followed that it should be continued in the university. In other words, the University would be a national university teaching in all three languages—English, Sinhalese and Tamil.

However, an official statement issued after the deputation met the Prime Minister added: "The University should bear in mind that in the light of the Official Language Act facilities should be provided for all students (and staff) at the University to obtain a reasonable proficiency in the use of the official language . . . The Government would like as many faculties as are at all possible to turn over to the swabasha medium by 1960; others as early as possible thereafter . . ."

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A DEPUTATION from the Council of the Tamil University Movement which waited on him on the same day was told by the Prime Minister that the Government could not, at present, view favourably the proposal to establish a full-fledged Tamil University. Proposals were invited, however, for the establishment of affiliated or constituent colleges of the University of Ceylon with such faculties as were considered

desirable, with in addition proposals for the establishment of a cultural Tamil university.

In a discussion among themselves members of the deputation decided to proceed with plans for a university and not to consider a Tamil cultural university, as a university does not function for cultural purposes only. They felt that the Prime Minister had forestalled the request for a Tamil university by stating that the University would provide courses in all three languages.

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THE Government has decided upon a departure from custom in celebrating Independence Day (February 4th) this year. There will be no military parade on Galle Face in Colombo. Instead there will be a



Mr. V. A. Sugathadasa,  
who has been elected Mayor of Colombo  
for 1957.

—Times

display of mass physical exercises and folk dancing by school children.

The event will be made more memorable by the presence of Mr. Chou En-Lai, Prime Minister of People's China, who is due to arrive in Ceylon on January 31st and spend about ten days in the Island.

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THE naval base at Trincomalee will be taken over in stages over a few years, the Prime Minister told a deputation on behalf of Admiralty employees anxious about employment after their discharge. He assured them that alternative employment would be arranged, but only for Ceylonese, not for non-nationals, when the Ceylon Navy assumed charge of the station.

Referring to the case of workers already served with notice of discharge, Mr. Bandaranaike is reported to have said that he had taken up with the British Government the action of the naval authorities in discontinuing workers even before the base was taken over by Ceylon.

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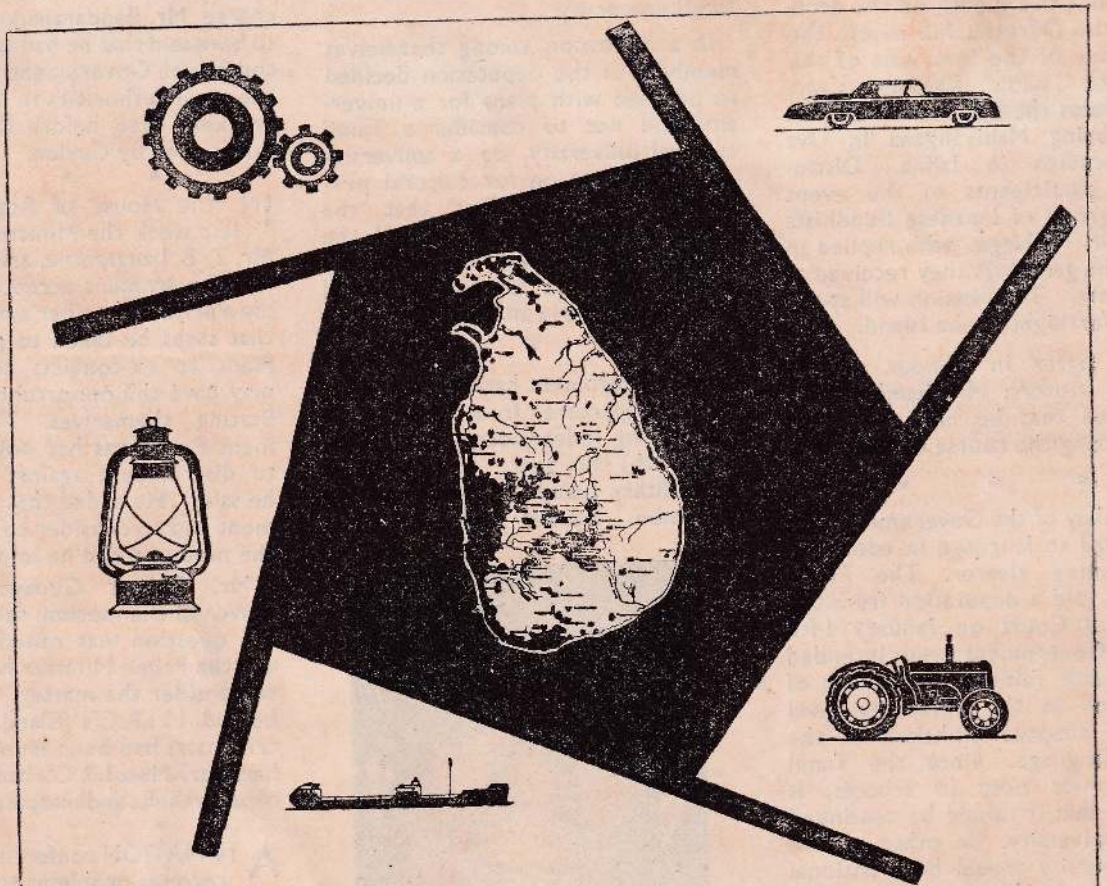
IN the House of Representatives last week the Minister of Labour, Mr. T. B. Ilangaratne, announced that the Government accepted in principle a private-member's motion asking that steps be taken to give employment to ex-convicts so that they may have the opportunity of rehabilitating themselves. The Employment Exchanges had not been asked to discriminate against ex-convicts, he said. He added that the Government had to consider to what extent the motion could be implemented.

Mr. Robert Gunawardena, the mover of the motion, said that when the question was raised some time ago the Prime Minister had promised to consider the matter. Since then, he said, 13 I.R.C.'s (Island reconvicted criminals) had been employed in the harbour. Most I.R.C.'s had been guilty of petty thefts and trespass, he claimed.

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A 14-NATION conference on world coconut problems sponsored by the F.A.O. and held in Colombo has recommended the setting up of a coconut study group within the organisation as a forum for regular international consultations. The meeting listed the following as the chief problems needing study: (1) trends in the demand and supply of coconut and coconut products; (2) instability of prices and international trade; (3) terms of sale in international market; (4) problems of quality and grades in international trade; (5) the improvement of statistics on the world coconut industry; (6) study of new processing techniques. It was stressed that the proposed study group could encourage and co-ordinate research activities with a view to improving the economic efficiency of the industry.

During the meeting Mr. Salvosa announced successful trials in the Philippines of a new process for the extraction of edible oil and meal direct from fresh coconut, thereby eliminating the need for the preparation of copra for oil extraction, as well as a coconut flour for human consumption.



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## MATTERS OF MOMENT

The conference, which lasted from January 8th to 18th, was opened by Mr. R. G. Senanayake, Minister of Commerce and Trade. Mr. W. L. Wirasinha, Director of Commerce, presided and Mr. B. Salvosa (Philippines) and Mr. E. Wilson (United Kingdom) were Vice-Chairmen.

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MR. Paul E. Deraniyagala, Director, National Museums of Ceylon, returned on the 19th instant after a two-month study tour of the United States under the Foreign Leaders Programme of the International Educational Exchange Service of the Department of State.

While in the U.S., Mr. Deraniyagala visited museums and departments of natural history and conferred with paleontologists, anthropologists, herpetologists, and zoologists. Being a painter himself, he visited museums of art, particularly those having collections of modern art.

Mr. Deraniyagala's itinerary in the U.S. covered Washington, D.C.; Boston, Massachusetts; New Haven, Connecticut; New York, N.Y.; and Miami, Florida.

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MR. Philip K. Crowe, till recently U.S. Ambassador to Ceylon, has presented to the University of Virginia Alderman Library 363 books on Ceylon for its foreign affairs collection and a cheque for \$1,000 with which to buy books to keep the collection up to date. Mr. Joseph Vaughan, University Provost, accepted the collection in a week-end ceremony at the university. "This is a fine example," he said, "of the farsighted generosity of an alumnus in helping us to strengthen our library sources in international affairs for the benefit of future students, who must learn more about other lands and peoples with whom we must work."

Mr. Vaughan spoke on behalf of University President Colgate W. Darden, who is in Asia on a round-the-world inspection tour as a member of President Eisenhower's Committee to Study Foreign Aid.

Mr. John Wyllie, university librarian, who was a student with Ambassador Crowe, also spoke briefly during the ceremony. A selection of the most interesting and important books from the collection has been placed on public exhibition at the library.

Members of the faculty of the Woodrow Wilson School of Foreign Affairs attended the presentation ceremony, as well as a group of students from Asia.

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MR. Norman S. Walter, the Principal of Trinity College, Kandy, will be leaving Ceylon for good at the end of April. Mr. Walter assumed duties as Principal at the beginning of 1952. He was responsible for the construction of several new buildings in the College premises both for use as class-rooms and as quarters for members of the staff, and for the greatly improved sanitation of the school by the introduction of the water-borne system, which was effected by the storage of rain water. He also ably carried on the traditions



Mr. Norman Walter,  
the retiring Principal of Trinity College.  
—Times

of the College built up by the great Principals of the past. It is a matter for regret that it has not been possible for him to remain at the head of the College for a longer period.

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MR. CEDRIC ORLOFF, the present Principal of Wesley College, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Walter. Those responsible for making the appointment are to be congratulated on securing the services of Mr. Orloff. He has had previous association with Trinity in that he taught there for two years during the Principalship of Canon McLeod Campbell before he passed into the Civil Service. His administrative experience during his twenty years in the latter service, together with his experience as Principal of Wesley for the last seven years, ought to stand him in good stead in

tackling the various problems, perhaps somewhat more difficult, that he will have to deal with as the head of Trinity.

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IN the Parliament building last Wednesday the Prime Minister unveiled a portrait of Mr. W. A. de Silva, Minister of Health in the State Council and earlier a member of the Legislative Council. A journalist, Buddhist scholar, social worker and philanthropist, Mr. de Silva spent a fortune on public benefactions. He was one of the leaders of the movement for political reform and was President of the National Congress in 1927. He was also General Manager of Buddhist Schools and President of the Buddhist Theosophical Society.

Men of the calibre of Mr. de Silva were rare today, Mr. Bandaranaike said. He described him as a patriot whose interests were wide and who gave of his best to every one of them.

Among the visitors were the Governor-General, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, and the Prime Minister, Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike.

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MR. E. F. N. Grataien, Attorney-General, who was commissioned to inquire into the working of the Port of Colombo, has recommended the establishment of a Port Authority with some measure of autonomy. He has also recommended a welfare organisation to ensure better meals, canteens, rest-rooms, housing, etc., for dock labourers; special legislation for regulating industrial relations in the Port; especially providing for expeditions and equitable settlement of disputes and prohibiting strikes and lock-outs; and reduction of the number of private contractors and supervision of cargo handling operations by them.

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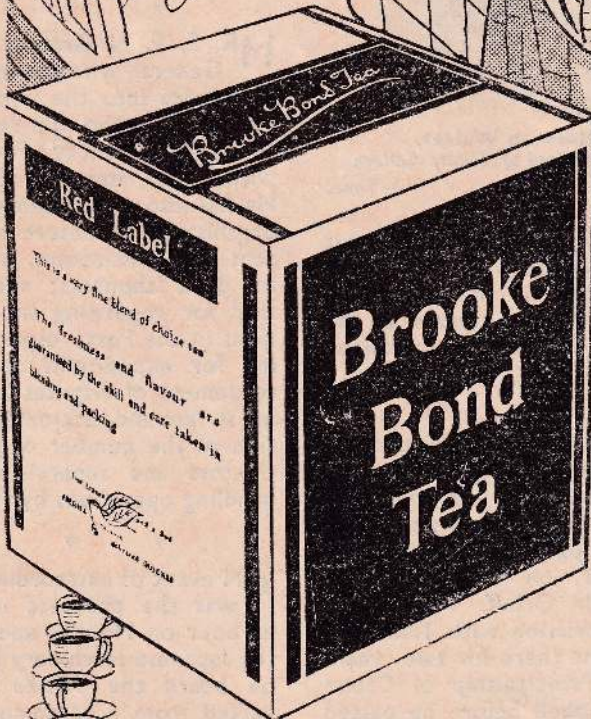
AN event of extraordinary interest was the presence in Colombo harbour on Monday and Tuesday of the Japanese Machinery Floating Fair on board the *Nissho Maru*, converted from a cargo-cum-passenger ship for the purpose. Sponsored by the Japan Machinery Exporters' Association, the Fair displayed a wide variety of products—from sewing machines and textile looms to printing plant and cars and trucks.

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—By ERNEST CHISHOLM THOMSON—

TO concoct the essence known as Soho, the richest and most cosmopolitan distillation of mixed humanity in the world, and decant it into that one "merry mile" north-east of London's famous Piccadilly Circus—this was a process about which I have never ceased to wonder.

The process has taken nearly 300 years. It began in the 17th century, when refugees from the Continent of Europe first discovered that Britain had an ever open door for victims of oppression. But an even bigger marvel to me, every time I step across those invisible frontiers dividing the packed streets of Soho from the rest of London, is that so many people from so many countries, differing widely in language and customs, disposition and temperament, not only find there a sort of joyful common denominator, but set an example of unity to the rest of the world.

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## Summer Jamboree

WHERE else will you light upon such a multiple yet unanimous enterprise as the Soho Fair (July 8 to 14)? This great summer jamboree, with its processions and open-air dancing, its festivals of food and wine, its feats of spaghetti-eating and beard-growing, is adding considerably to the sum-total of London's jollity. And in conception and execution it has involved brains derived from Britain, France, Switzerland, Scandinavia and Italy, garnished with inspiration from China, Spain, the Americas, Hungary and perhaps a score of other countries besides.

A clue to Soho's cosmopolitanism is on the walls of the Moka Coffee Bar in Frith Street, where the word "thanks" is written in 60 different languages. "The writers are mostly Soho residents," declares the proprietor, Claude Barnett.

Probe through the heart of Soho, as I did a few days ago, past the delicatessen and wine shops and snug,

soft-lighted restaurants, and you will hear a dozen languages in a hundred yards. Six tongues are being spoken at the open-air service of dedication which is being broadcast before the Carnival Procession. I am uncertain how many languages will beat upon the air in the annual Waiters' Race, but I do know that the entrants will have sprung from some of the most delightfully exotic eating-houses in the whole Metropolis. The very names conjure up visions of foreign climes—the Braganza, for instance, specialising in Portuguese delicacies; the Casa Pepe, a Spain in miniature; Kettner's, one of Soho's oldest and most elegant restaurants; the Allahabad, a veritable corner of India; and L'Escargot, the essence of La Belle France.

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## Decorated Floats

THE Carnival Procession itself must be one of the most polyglot progressions in history. M. le Maire de Montmartre, specially over from Paris, will ride in state, and at least a score of nationalities are represented on the decorated floats illustrating the crafts, foods, wines, and the business and cultural interests of this amazing colony.

Although the Fair lasts only a week, Soho seems to me a "Fair" at all times. The carnival atmosphere, reinforced with the ever-pervading cigar smoke, the scent of coffee, and the odours of pickled herrings and garlic, predominates even in a community which works hard for its living, making leather goods, stained glass, violins, and billiard tables and balls.

Where the "So Ho!" cry of the huntsmen had once been heard in the fields beyond the walls of London City, craftsmen fleeing from Europe made their dwellings 300 years ago. They were experts in hat-making and the grinding of artists' colours, crafts still practised there today, and were soon joined by native practitioners. English jam-makers, whose preserves are exported all over the world, have also had their quarters in Soho for 250 years.

## And Artistic

IT is an artistic colony too. The exhibitions in Fair Week merely highlight what you will find in Soho throughout the year. A Picasso display in the Soho Gallery represents all phases of the artist's work on the occasion of his 75th birthday. Unusual is a husband-and-wife exhibition in D'Arblay Street, where two young British artists, Henry Mundy and his wife Gillian Ayres, each work alternate days on the same paintings. In Ramillies Place is an open-air exhibition by the Soho Group. The Club des Caves de France in Dean Street is an all-the-year-round haunt for poets, painters, writers and artists.

The musical peak of the Fair is a Festival Concert by the Tenison Music Club under the presidency of Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Music, held at l'Eglise Notre Dame de France in Leicester Square. It includes contributions by the London Bach Society conducted by Paul Steinitz, the Dorian Singers under Matyas Seiber, and the Elizabethan Singers conducted by Louis Halsey.

The thousands of oversea visitors to Britain descending on Soho are discovering for themselves this summer how we appear to have solved the problem of getting many nations to live in mutual amity. It is significant, for instance, that the Bastille Day celebrations in Soho on "Quatorze Juillet" are as much a matter for all-round junketing as the Beauty Contest to decide the Gala Queen of the Fair, as much an occasion for jollification as the American Barbecue in St. Anne's Courtyard and the English Morris dancing through all those little streets that comprise the "merry mile."

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A SPORTSMAN in the truest sense of the word—that was Mr. W. B. Bartlet, whose death occurred in Colombo on January 16th.

In the early years of the present century, the name of W. B. Bartlet figured prominently in Dimbula sport. Not that he ever reached the eminence of "stardom," but as a stubborn opening bat and a tremendously keen fieldsman in the cricket team, and as an enthusiastic member of the pack in the Rugby XV, he proved to be a genuine team man; and such a man is the backbone of a side.

But it was with the Turf that he was connected longest. In the early stages of his career, he was a capable Gentleman Rider. Then he assisted the Ceylon Turf Club as Handicapper and Starter. He raced a string of thoroughbreds, not without success. He was elected a Steward of the Club, and later, its President. And he was President of the Club when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II attended a race meet and presented her Cup here in 1954. He was a survivor of the Golden Age of Ceylon racing, when the sport of Kings was indeed a sport, when owners raced for the love of the sport, and pecuniary gain was a side-issue.

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W. B. BARTLET arrived in Ceylon to take up tea planting in Dimbula over fifty years ago and he must have been barely out of his teens when he started as a creeper. He did not take long to prove his usefulness in more than one branch of sport. Those were the days when Dimbula was particularly rich in sporting talent and Bartlet must have been well above the average to gain a place in both the cricket and rigger teams. He was a most useful opening batsman and regularly pioneered the Dimbula batting with Percy Healing and on a few occasions with W. Smith. He could always be

depended on to break the bowling of the opposing side and he had the necessary patience to keep his end up with advantage to his side.

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IN many a match with Dickoya, Dimbula's great rivals in those far off days, Bartlet led off with the type



Mr. W. B. Bartlet

—Times

of batting befitting the occasion and several good scores stand to his credit. It was not only against Dickoya that Bartlet fared successfully but in matches with the C.C.C. He had a bad spell in his two opening matches with the Colombo Club in the August Tests. In his debut for Up-country in 1903 he was out for a single in the first innings and a blob in the second, falling on both occasions to snorters from the fast bowler, E. G. B. Lover. At Radella the following year he was once more out before scoring a run, bowled by another fast bowler, E. R. Waldock. He must have been considered good to be included in the Up-country eleven the following year at Nuwara Eliya. He did not let the side down on this occasion, batting extremely

well in both innings, when he opened with W. Smith and credited himself with scores of 40 and 28, which helped the Hillsmen to win by seven wickets. Bartlet played regularly for Dimbula till the outbreak of the war in 1914 and apart from his consistency as a batsman was a very keen fieldsman who never spared himself.

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BARTLET was also a more than useful forward in the Dimbula pack, while as a Lawn Tennis player he won many prizes, excelling in Doubles. He was a regular participant in the C.L.T.A. meets at Nuwara Eliya.

Dimbula, as already remarked, was rich in first-class sportsmen when Bartlet first arrived in the district and among them were the famous old Winchester all-rounder Toby Gibson, who captained the cricket eleven. Other members of the team in those days were W. P. Halliley, P. Gaisford, A. O. Whiting, the old Oxford "Blue," F. C. Smith, E. Cowan, J. E. Graeme Sinclair, J. E. Baillie Hamilton and P. Healing.

It was not very long after Bartlet's arrival that he gained prominence on the Ceylon turf as a good G. R. He owned a hack griffin, named Veronique, in partnership with Mr. L. Bonaparte Wyse and won more than once. He gave ample evidence of his worth as a G. R. when he rode Veronique to success.

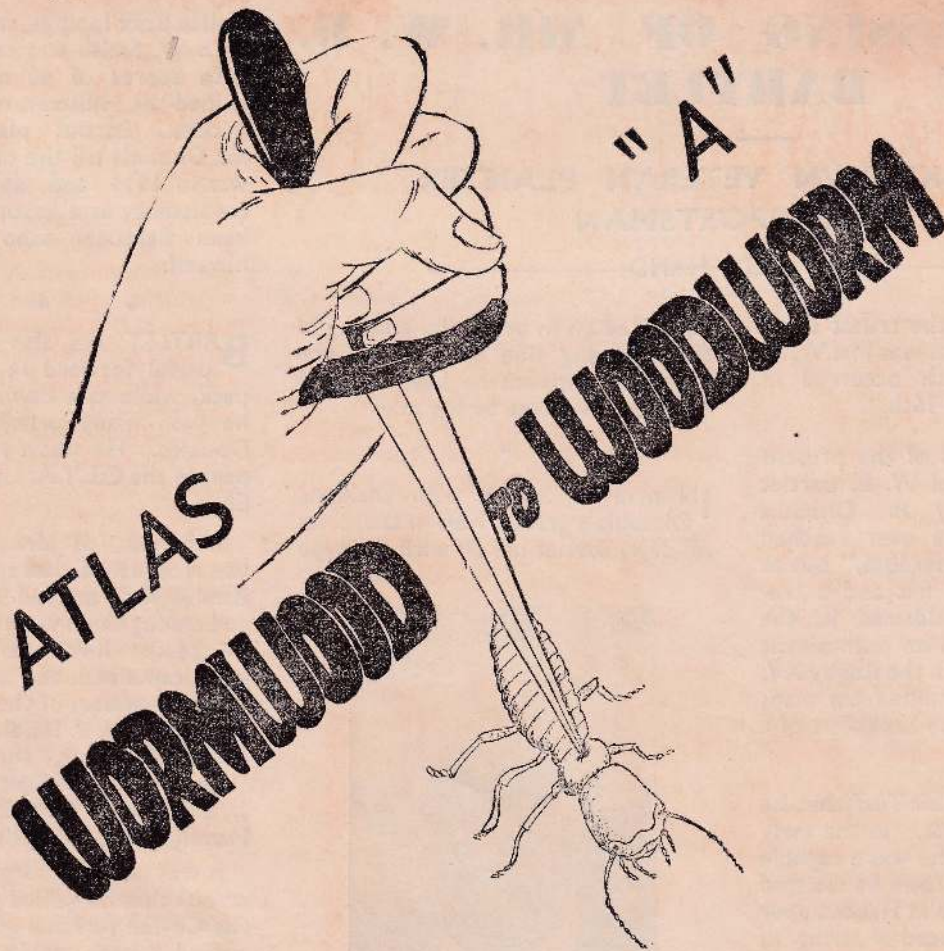
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Mr. Bartlet in later years owned another good hack griffin in Cranley, named after the Lindula Estate on which he served for a great many years. Saver was probably the best he owned. This animal won him many a race. Among other successful racers that he owned were Lavender Wood, Cairngorm, Pam and Ciss.

Mr. Bartlet served as Official Handicapper of the Ceylon Turf Club for several years. All through his career he proved a grand sportsman, maintaining the best traditions of sport.

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## A POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

By CROSS - BENCHER

**A** DEVELOPMENT which was not unexpected in political circles is the withdrawal of the Communist Party from the Opposition in Parliament. A statement issued last week by Mr. Pieter Keuneman, General Secretary of the Party, declared: "We are not joining the Government, nor are we seeking to do so. We are concerned with preventing a U.N.P. come-back and with carrying the progressive movement as a whole forward. We feel that this can best be done from an independent position."

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**A**CCORDING to the statement, a meeting of the Central Committee of the Party adopted a resolution which, among other things, reiterated the view of the Party that "the progressive aims for which the people voted in April, 1956," can only be realised if the unity of the anti-U.N.P. forces is maintained and consolidated. Therefore, the urgent tasks of the anti-U.N.P. forces are (1) to evolve an economic plan for national construction and the improvement of the people's livelihood, and (2) to unite and mobilise all anti-imperialist and anti-U.N.P. forces to fulfil such a plan.

The resolution also welcomes "the growing realisation among sections of the M.E.P. and the Sinhalese people" that, now that Sinhalese has replaced English, steps should be taken to remove the grievances of the Tamil-speaking people and win their co-operation. "The Government should now take steps to ensure that the Tamil-speaking people can participate in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the country without handicap, discrimination or grievance on account of their language."

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**T**HE "threat" of the U.N.P. re-establishing itself in power was demonstrated in the recent municipal

and urban council elections. In Colombo the U.N.P. secured an absolute majority. A split in the Party over the mayoralty was prevented by the intervention of Sir John Kotelawala, by dividing the tenure of office among three claimants. So Mr. V. A. Sugathadasa continues as Mayor for another year. In Kandy, though the Party was in a minority, a U.N.P. member, Mr. E. L. Senanayake, was elected Mayor, notwithstanding the fact that



Mr. Pieter Keuneman

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the retiring U.N.P. mayor, Sir Bennet Soysa, voted for the rival candidate. In Galle, again, a U.N.P. member, Mr. Thassim, was re-elected Mayor without a contest, the Minister of Education, Mr. W. Dahanayake, who is a member of the Council, explaining that the election did not proceed on Party lines.

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**T**HE L.S.S.P. comment on the C.P. quitting the Opposition is that it is not a matter for surprise since with the decision of the Government to establish embassies in Russia and China the main purpose of the Communists in Ceylon has been achieved. Generally, the view of the Opposition is that this is the first stage in the C.P. joining the Government and influencing it in favour of Soviet foreign policy.

**T**HERE is one stumbling block to a complete alliance between the C.P. and M.E.P., namely their irreconcilable (up to the present) attitudes on the official language. The C.P. resolution as far as this point is concerned is significant when considered with the indications that the Prime Minister is disposed to modify the policy of the Government by administrative measures. But there is apparently strong opposition within the Cabinet to any such move. Two members of the Cabinet, the Minister of Transport, Mr. Maitripala Senanayake, and the Minister of Education, Mr. W. Dahanayake, have declared publicly that they would resign if any concession is made to the Tamils with regard to the use of the Sinhalese symbol "Sri" in numbering motor vehicles. However, it is noteworthy that the instructions to the Police were that in dealing with the civil disobedience movement launched by the Tamils on this question last week-end no action was to be taken where the number plates are altered.

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**T**HE Government's intentions with regard to the expansion of Ceylonese participation in trade and industry were disclosed when the Minister of Commerce, Mr. R. G. Senanayake, and the Minister of Industries, Mr. William de Silva, addressed the Ceylon National Chamber of Commerce last week. Remarking that the shroff system of banks operated more from the point of view of money-lending than banking, Mr. Senanayake said that the Government proposed to inaugurate a credit guarantee scheme for giving short-term credit to members of commercial chambers. He also announced that he is consulting with the Minister of Finance to formulate a trade promotion service.

Mr. de Silva announced that a list would be published shortly setting out the industries that would respectively be reserved for development by the Government, by private enterprise and jointly by the State and private enterprise. He disavowed any intention on the part of the Government to control all industry. The present set-up for State participation in industry, he pointed out, is being gradually altered to a system of State corporations. He hinted at further tax concessions and said that the Government is considering adding to the existing inducements to businessmen to invest in industry.

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# THE RHODESIAN COPPERBELT

By Sir WILLIAM MURPHY  
one time Mayor of Colombo.

(Fortnightly Review Special)

THE story of the Rhodesian Copperbelt and its spectacular development in recent years is one of the most fascinating of the many romances of enterprise and adventure for which Africa has been renowned from the earliest times. Situated in the Western Province of Northern Rhodesia, the area known as the Copperbelt extends about two hundred miles from North to South, and is about one hundred miles wide. To the North and East it is bounded by the Belgian Congo, a projection of which, the Congo Pedicle, separates it from the Eastern half of the Colony. Although agriculturally undeveloped and sparsely populated, apart from the mining centres, it is economically one of the most important areas in the Commonwealth on account of its minerals, and the second largest copper-producing area in the world.

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THE existence of copper in various deposits scattered over this tract of country, and methods of working the minerals after a crude fashion, were known for centuries to the primitive tribes inhabiting the vast forest that covered, and still covers, this part of Africa. Having smelted the ore in earthen furnaces, they used the metal for making armlets, bangles and other simple articles of adornment, as well as hoes and, at a more advanced stage of development, bullets.

It is interesting to note their further use of copper as currency in the form of crosses, shaped rather like the Cross of St. Andrew, or in bars or ingots. Examples of this primitive specie are preserved, and could certainly not be described as "small change," the crosses being over a foot long and six inches wide, and the bars measuring about four feet. These cumbersome tokens formed the medium of trade across the Continent.

But it was the medicinal use of copper sulphate by the tribal practitioners in their treatment of ulcers that first attracted the attention of explorers, from Livingstone onwards, to the existence of large deposits of the mineral in Central Africa. And it was Cecil Rhodes' imagination and drive that inspired the first steps towards the great developments that have taken place there in the course of the last half century.

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THE granting of the British South Africa Company's Charter by Queen Victoria in 1889 gave Rhodes and his associates the necessary authority to establish law and order under the Company's administration and at the same time to encourage the initial development of the latent agricultural and mineral resources of the great territories that now bear his name. Settlers and prospectors went North in increasing numbers, stimulated by grants of virgin land or mining rights.

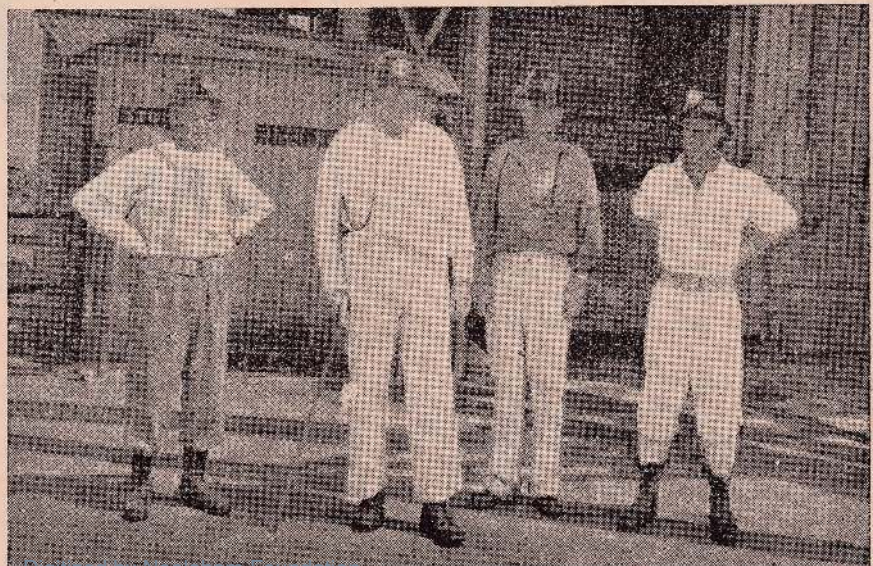
Gold in Southern Rhodesia, the legendary land of Ophir, where Rhodes' imagination visualised a

second Witwatersrand, failed to fulfil the high hopes built on its reputed presence, and its mining has gradually ceased to play any important part in the Central African economy. The base metal deposits of the North were to prove immensely more rewarding in the long run, although many years were to pass before efficient means of exploitation and marketing were available.

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ROMANTIC stories are told of the early days. Leader of one of the first bands of prospectors to enter the area, later to become known as the Copperbelt, in search of minerals and concessions from the tribal Chiefs, was a man named Collier, afterwards famous as the discoverer of the great Roan Antelope Mine. Leaving camp one day in the early summer of 1902, Collier came on a herd of Roan Antelope, and choosing the best ram, shot him for the pot. As he stood by the dead animal admiring the fine head, which lay on a granite outcrop, his eye was caught by the unmistakable green stain of copper on the rock. Further investigation convinced him of the existence of a large orebody, and he immediately proceeded to peg claims. But it was not until a quarter of a century had passed that any serious attempt was made to develop them.

In 1927, the Company known as the Roan Antelope Copper Company Limited was formed to develop the claims which had been acquired from



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Sir William Murphy (second from left) with friends

## RHODESIAN COPPERBELT

the original holders. This famous mine, the main shaft of which pierces the ground at the spot where the Roan Antelope fell, came into production in 1931, and it is interesting to record that in the year of operation recently completed, its total output amounted to 88,714 tons of copper, representing a gross profit of over £14,000,000 before taxation. This was a record year for the mine, whose proved reserves of ore guarantee many more years of high productivity.

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**E**ARLIER attempts to exploit the mineral wealth of the Copperbelt failed partly through want of capital and experience and the difficulty of access to markets from Central Africa. The dislocation of the first World War and the World Depression of the early 1930s caused further setbacks to mining enterprise. For the last twenty years, however, the Copperbelt has gone steadily forward with increasing momentum under the stimulus of the two groups of mining companies, Anglo-American and Rhodesian Selection Trust, who between them own all the mines, and contribute, directly and indirectly, by far the largest individual share of the revenues not only of Northern Rhodesia but of the whole Central African Federation, as well as making a valuable contribution to the dollar pool.

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**T**HE principal mines that have been in production for some years are Nchanga and Nkana, Mufulira and Roan Antelope, the two former the property of the Anglo-American Group, the two latter of Rhodesian Selection Trust. The new Bancroft Mine, a major Anglo-American undertaking, has just gone into production, while Rhodesian Selection Trust last year commenced to extract copper from their new mine Chibuluma, and are about to undertake a very important and promising development in the exploitation of the Western portion of the Mufulira orebody.

These vast developments in an area that less than half a century ago was primeval forest, inhabited by wild animals and scattered tribes leading a nomadic existence have naturally been accompanied by corresponding changes affecting the whole region. A railway, part of Rhodes' Cape to Cairo dream, links

the various townships, and transports the product of the mines in the form of blister cakes and electrolytic anodes over the long haul of some 1,500 miles to the port of Beira, in Portuguese East Africa, whence it is shipped to the markets of the world.

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**A** VISIT to one of the mining towns is an astonishing experience. Remote from the main centres of civilization and surrounded by thousands of square miles of almost trackless forest, these communities nevertheless possess all the amenities and many of the luxuries of modern life. Excellent housing, social and athletic clubs, libraries and cinemas are among the advantages enjoyed by all the employees of the mines, African as well as European. Highly

efficient medical and health services are also provided by the mining companies. Anti-malarial measures have done much to eliminate malaria, a major risk in the early days, and the health of the population is good.

Lying at an altitude of some 4,000 feet above sea level, the Copperbelt enjoys a reasonably cool climate by African standards, with moderate rainfall, and the towns are attractively laid out with gardens, and flowering trees and shrubs in great profusion. Wages are liberal, and although living is expensive, the standard enjoyed by all who work on the mines is probably higher than anywhere else in the Federation. It is, therefore, not surprising that employment on the Copperbelt is much sought after by Europeans and Africans alike.



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# LEGAL REMINISCENCES—XII

By S. J. C. SCHOKMAN, Advocate

(Special to the Fortnightly Review)

I THINK it would be useful to preface my remarks about a few of the officers working in the Courts with whom I came into contact with some general observances regarding the functions of such officers. I have heard it said by more than one person, not lawyers, that the working hours in a Court are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. These are the hours when a judge usually sits in open Court, but as I have already stated in my article dealing with the District Court of Kandy, there are innumerable matters on which a judge is called upon to make an order in Chambers in connection with pending or decided cases, or in connection with cases relating to the property of minors or persons of unsound mind, where applications are made by way of motions or petitions. Before these applications are dealt with by the judge it is usual, in a District Court for instance, for the secretary or the clerk who deals with a particular type of case, after examining the record, to make his observations in writing in order to assist the judge; for it is almost impossible for the latter with the time at his disposal in chambers to wade through records and obtain or check the relevant information. It will thus be realized that apart from the duty cast on the legal practitioners in a Court not to make applications which might mislead the Court, there is also a duty cast on the staff of a Court not only to avoid corrupt practices but also to give assistance in the fullest measure to the judge so that a just order may be made by him.

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THE duties and responsibilities of the office staff of a Court cannot be better put than in the manner in which Francis Bacon has stated them in his "Essay on the Judicature." In that portion of the Essay which concerns "clerks and ministers" Bacon points out that the place of justice is a hallowed place and therefore not only the Bench but all that is appurtenant to it ought to be preserved without scandal and corruption. He next refers to certain types of persons whose attendance at a Court is for sinister purposes and goes on to say that on the other side an experienced clerk "skilful in precedents, wary in proceeding, and understanding in

the business of the Court, is an excellent finger of a Court and doth many times point the way to the judge himself." I may add that in Ceylon there have been instances where not only has the judge had the right way pointed out to him by officers of this type but also Proctors have been greatly beholden to certain Secretaries of a Court for the assistance given them in the drafting of motions.

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THE office of Registrar is an important one in the Supreme Court and dates back to the establishment of the first Supreme Court



Mr. Guy Grenier

and Courts of Appeal in 1799. When I joined the Bar in 1920 the Registrar was Mr. F. C. Loos, to whom I have made reference in an earlier article. On his retirement in 1921 Mr. Guy O. Grenier succeeded him. Mr. Grenier had been private secretary to several Supreme Court judges and after he was enrolled as an Advocate had acted as Magistrate and Commissioner of Requests, Galle, and as a Deputy Registrar. He was a son of Mr. Joseph Grenier, who had occupied a seat on the Supreme

Court Bench. An uncle of his, Mr. Gerard Grenier, had held the office of Registrar with great acceptance in an earlier generation.

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MR. Guy Grenier was Registrar for twenty-one years. Those who had anything to do with the Supreme Court during that period will remember him as a very popular figure with his genial smile and keen sense of duty. His work brought him into contact daily with both Proctors and Advocates, and his un-failing courtesy and tact earned him their esteem, even though he may not have been able to grant them what they wanted. He served under ten Chief Justices and a larger number of Puisne Justices, and as one of them said in the tributes paid to him on his retirement, he was their guide, philosopher and friend.

Mr. Grenier, who is still very much alive and mentally alert, always had a literary bent and is a good writer. One of his chief contributions was the issue of a new edition of "The Christmas Debates" of his distinguished grand uncle, C. A. Lorenz, to which he appended copious notes explanatory of the chief incidents and principal personages that figure in the debates. With the retirement of Mr. Grenier there came to an end the association of the name Grenier with the law courts in this Island, where it held an honoured place for almost a century.

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THE Deputy Registrars of the Supreme Court whom I knew in the nineteen-twenties were Gate-Mudaliyar E. W. Gunaratna, Mudaliyar C. W. Gunawardena, Mudaliyar R. L. Perera and Messrs. P. W. van-Langenberg, R. C. Proctor and C. E. E. Stork.

Mr. E. W. Gunaratna was a clerk in the Government Clerical Service, and when I first came to know him he was working as such in the District Court, Kandy. He rose to be Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court Registry. There his dependability, integrity and knowledge of Court procedure soon found recognition and he was appointed a Deputy Registrar. He retired as First Deputy Registrar and had acted on several occasions as Registrar.

Mr. Gunawardena had acted as a Magistrate for some time before he was appointed a Deputy Registrar. In his dress he carried on the practice

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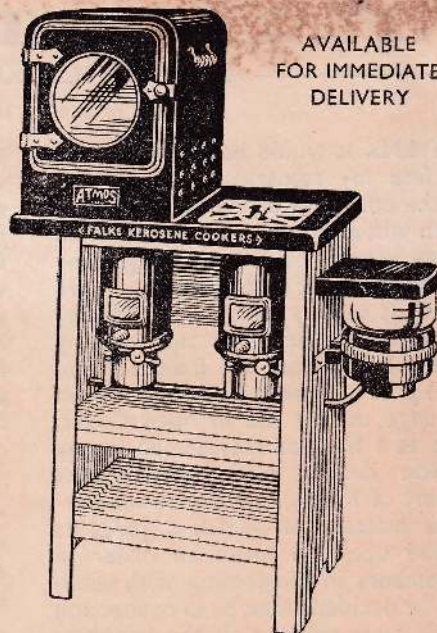
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of wearing a cloth over his trousers even after this costume had become obsolete in the towns. He used to be chaffed over this dress in Kandy by Cox Sproule, who once inquired whether the idea was to follow the Roman-Dutch Law in superimposing one form over the other! Of the others, Mr. Stork was also a member of the Clerical Service who was appointed Chief Clerk of the Registry, where he showed his suitability, like Mr. Gunaratna, for appointment as a Deputy Registrar. He was appointed to this post when a vacancy occurred and in due course he was appointed Registrar on the retirement of Mr. Grenier.

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THE duties of the Deputy Registrars are not confined merely to occupying a seat just below the Bench, from which they call out the numbers of cases or names of jurors. I once heard it remarked that their chief function is to look important. Among various matters they have to attend to, one important duty is to ensure that the machinery of the highest judicial tribunal in the country is not corrupted. For instance, it is well known that some persons attempt to delay the hearing of cases in appeal because the Counsel of their choice cannot appear on the appointed date, or because they consider that they have a better chance of success if their cases are heard by certain judges rather than by other members of the Bench. These officers of the Court, who have to take the preliminary steps to have cases brought up for hearing in due time, have to be watchful of those persons "who seek to pervert the plain and direct courses of Courts and bring justice into oblique lines and labyrinths," to quote again from Bacon's Essay.

Among the Interpreter Mudaliyars of the Supreme Court was the imposing figure of Mudaliyar C. Arasaratnam. Besides attaining proficiency in interpretation, he produced in 1929 a "Handbook of the Supreme Court of Ceylon." Though it is now out of date it is still a useful book of reference.

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BEFORE I close I should like to refer to two officers who were employed in the Attorney-General's department for a long period. That department to-day employs Proctors full time to attend to its civil work

in the Courts and to draft all the legal documents required by Government departments. When I joined the Attorney-General's department a private firm of lawyers, Messrs. de Vos and Gratiaen, were the Crown Proctors in Colombo, but the drafting of documents like leases, agreements, etc., was done by the Chief Clerk of the department, Mr. A. G. Raux. He was not a lawyer but had apparently made a study of the drafting of such documents in the course of his career in the Clerical Service. When he retired it became necessary for the Attorney-General to employ the services of a Proctor for this purpose.



Statue of Justice on the dome of the Old Bailey, London.

The other officer was the indictment clerk, Mr. Batcho. The indictment, which contains the charge or charges on which an accused person is arraigned before the Supreme Court or a District Court, has to be presented by the Attorney-General and is signed on his behalf by a Crown Counsel. A charge of murder, which is the most serious of offences, is one of the easiest to draft. But there are other charges, like cheating, criminal breach of trust, falsification of accounts, etc., which have to be carefully drafted to ensure that they state clearly and correctly all the ingredients required by law, for a defective charge can result even in the acquittal of a guilty person. Mr. Batcho had a collection of precedents relating to

charges of this nature which had been drafted by Garvin and Akbar, and which he followed in drafting indictments required by subsequent generations of Crown Counsel. The latter were wise if they did not seek to improve on them.

I have made reference to these officers in order to point to two examples of persons who, though they remained members of the Clerical Service till they retired, were interested in their work and made use of opportunities to improve its quality, even though they must have realized that there would be no gain financially to them for the extra endeavour.

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WITH this article I conclude my legal reminiscences. In my first two articles I attempted to remove any misconceptions that may have existed in the minds of readers about the law and its administration. In the subsequent articles I have given brief sketches of some of the leading personalities, both Judges and Advocates, who were engaged in the administration of the law in Ceylon during my early years at the Bar.

Though there are various systems of law in this Island, the main principles upon which the law is administered are the same as those followed in the English Courts. Whatever the language of the law and of the Courts may be in the future, it is to be hoped that none of these principles will be jettisoned on the ground that they are relics of Colonial rule. As one of the leading English barristers in recent years, Sir Patrick Hastings, has correctly stated, "So long as civilization continues English justice will remain the admiration of the world, and English justice could never have reached the position which it now enjoys without the independence, and above all the inflexible honesty, of the English Bar." Another cardinal principle of the English system is the independence and integrity of the judges, and the tenure of office of a judge does not depend on the favour of the Government of the day.

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I HAVE previously referred to the fact that the statue of justice which stands over the dome of the Old Bailey in London is not blindfolded, as

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## PEOPLE

**S**IR William Murphy, a former Mayor of Colombo, and later Governor of The Bahamas in the British West Indies, who since his retirement a few years ago has settled near Salisbury in Southern Rhodesia, is still keenly interested in what is going on in Ceylon, where he spent a good part of his life. As a reader of this journal since its inception, Sir William says he feels in very intimate touch with the Island, where he and Lady Murphy spent many happy years.

A very interesting article by Sir William appears in this issue of the *Fortnightly* on the Copperbelt in Rhodesia. Sir William in sending us his best wishes for the New Year writes: "We had a visit from Sir Henry Moore last August and saw him again when we were at Cape Town in October. Both Sir Henry and Lady Moore are very well. We also spent a night in Durban with W. K. H. Campbell, the former well-known Ceylon Civil Servant, and Mrs. Campbell."

**M**RS. Thelma Jansze, B.A. (London), has a record of nearly 25 years' service as a teacher and has witnessed many changes in the educational system of Ceylon. Having spent only three years as an Assistant Teacher, she was Principal first of the Mount Lavinia Girls' High School and then of St. Paul's, Milagiriya, Girls' School for 19 years. The last two years were spent as Vice-Principal of Bishop's College, Colombo. She leaves for the U.K. next month with her daughter, Car-

men, who has been selected for training at the Froebel Educational Institute at Roehampton.

**M**R. G. N. G. Wallis, the veteran racehorse trainer, whose death occurred on Monday at the age of 69, had a long and successful association with the local turf.

Born to a racing family, he was the first Ceylonese to take out a trainer's licence and carried on as a professional for 40 years, during which time he saddled the winners of all the big races.

A clean sportsman and one of the best judges of horseflesh in the Island, he really loved the "sport of kings" and did everything possible to keep the game going in Ceylon.

At the time of his death he owned the largest string in training and it was fitting that at the last August Meet, he was present to see his Adamant win the O. E. Goonetilleke Cup, named after one of his close friends and a former patron of his stable.

His death at this stage has removed from the Turf one of the oldest and most experienced racing men whose place will be hard to fill.

**T**HE Rev. Basil Edward Toussaint Jansz, Rector of St. Paul's, Shadwell, England, since 1939, has been given a prebendall stall in celebration of the tercentenary year of his Church.

An old boy of St. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia, and a member of the School Eleven of his time, he is a contemporary of Canon de Saram, now Warden. Mr. Jansz left Ceylon to join Selwyn College, Cambridge,

where he got his degree in 1925. All his ministerial work has been done in the East End of London.

**M**R. Norman E. Costar, C.M.G., who during the recent absence from Ceylon of Sir Cecil Syers, acted as High Commissioner for the U.K. in Ceylon, will be leaving on completion of his term here for London towards the end of April. He will be succeeded by Mr. T. L. Crosthwait, M.B.E., of the Commonwealth Relations Office, who will arrive in Ceylon in May.

Mr. Costar during his period of service in Ceylon made many friends and they will wish him all the best in his future career.

**T**WO well-known families were united when the marriage was solemnized last month, at St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, of Mr. Susila Gabriel Abeyesundere, son of the late Mr. Gerald Abeyesundere and Mrs. Abeyesundere, and Dawn Lucille Wilson, daughter of Senator John Wilson and Mrs. Wilson. The Very Rev. Father J. E. Georgesz officiated. The service was fully choral. The attesting witnesses were Sir Chittampalam Gardiner and Mr. S. F. Amerasinghe, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance.

**D**R. W. E. S. Winn of Kandy, who has been on a visit to Australia, was one of the large number of Ceylonese who witnessed the Olympic Games in Melbourne. Dr. Winn is due back next month by the P. & O. "Strathnavar".

**T**HE death occurred recently of Mrs. James (Topsy) Lourensz at her residence at Bambalapitiya, in her 85th year. One of Ceylon's best-known organists of 50 years ago, she was for many years organist of the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolfendahl. In the late nineties she took over from her aunt, Miss Elders, the post at Wolfendahl and made a great success of her job, having one of the finest choirs in Ceylon during that period. In later years, when she resided in Galle, she was the organist of the Dutch Reformed Church in that town. Mrs. Lourensz was the sister of those two famous Colts cricketers of the nineties "Jackie" and C. O. Weinman. A large gathering was present at Mrs. Lourensz' funeral, which took place at the General Cemetery at Kanatte on Christmas eve.

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## PEOPLE

DIPLOMATIC business gave way to celebrations on December 19th at the office of the Ceylon High Commission in Canberra, Australia, when the Registrar, Mr. Melroy Kwesius of Colombo, married Miss Charmaine Perera of Mount Lavinia. The wedding took place at St. Paul's Church of England in Canberra. The bride was given away by the High Commissioner, Mr. P. R. Gunasekera, whose guest she had been since her arrival in Australia five days earlier.

The bride wore a white sari of Chantilly lace, with a coronet of orange blossom holding her tulle veil. She was attended by Mary Anne Bartholomeusz, the 13-year-old daughter of a former private secretary to the High Commissioner. Mary Anne wore a pink sari, with a wreath of flowers in her hair. Another recent addition to the High Commission staff, Mr. Percy Kandaneeratchy, was bestman.

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MR. P. R. May, the former Kalutara planter and sportsman, in sending his greetings to the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* from his home in Alverstoke, Hants, writes to the Editor: "I hope you are in good health during these troublous times and wish you and the *Fortnightly Review* every success in the New Year.

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SIR John Howard, Q.C., our former Chief Justice, writing to us from his home in West Byfleet, Surrey, on the 7th instant, says: "Thank you so much for the Christmas number of the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* dispatched by Air Mail so that it arrived in time for Christmas. It cheered me up considerably. It was, if I may say so, a most excellent number. There were some lovely Ceylon stamps of the new issue on the cover, and I am thinking of renewing in small measure my interest in philately, as I now have more time at my disposal and I believe it helps to keep one young to have a variety of interests. I am, however, rather doubtful as to whether it will be too much for my eyes as I am no longer a young man. We had a very pleasant Christmas as my daughter and her two children came to stay with us."

"The international situation is still as vague and uncertain as ever. However, we shall see. I send my best wishes for the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* and I do hope that 1957 will

be a better year for everyone than the previous one."

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MR. J. A. Hepworth has been appointed a Director of Rowlands Ltd., "the motor people." He has had a long association with the company, in the expansion of which he has played a prominent part. He comes on the Board at the same time as his colleague, Col. Gordon Austin.

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THE Rev. Richard de Ridder, accompanied by his wife and five children, arrived in Colombo, on 26th December, by air to be inducted to the Collegiate Ministry of the Dutch Reformed Church in Ceylon, on the 30th December, at the morning service at Wolvendaal Church. He has been appointed to be in charge of the Dutch Reformed

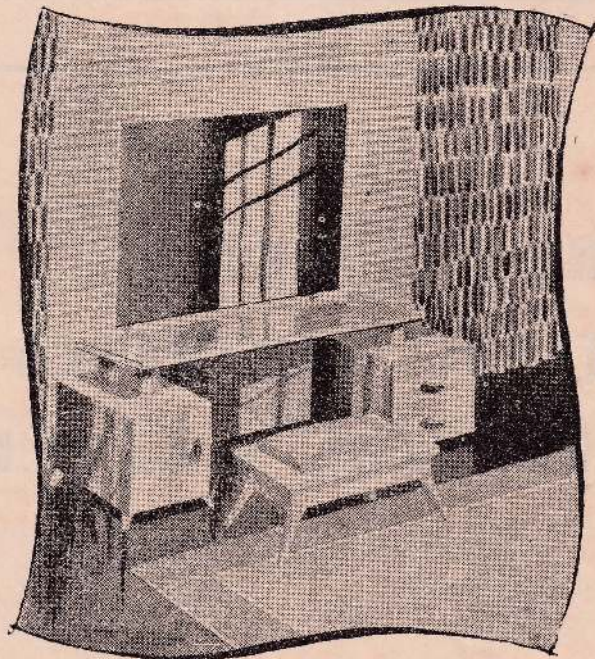
Church, Bambalapitiya. Before coming out to Ceylon, Mr. de Ridder had worked in the Christian Reformed Church of America.

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MR. Stanley Stork, who was with the Chartered Bank, Colombo, for sixteen years and left two months ago for Australia with his wife and two children to settle in Melbourne, has secured a lucrative post in the Producers' Co-operative Distributing Society Ltd., a big concern incorporated in New South Wales with branches throughout the Commonwealth. They are wholesale distributors of farm and dairy produce.

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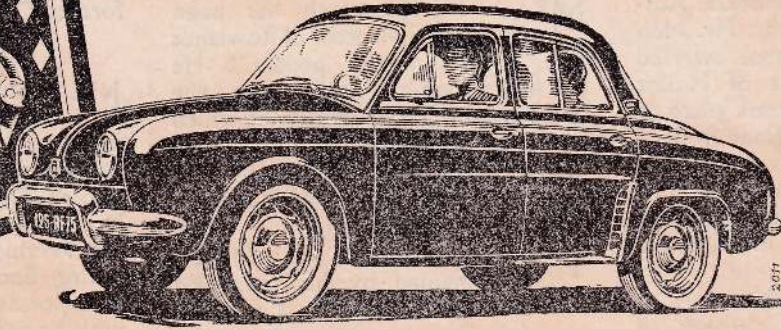
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## FROM AN UVA HILLSIDE

- - - *Felicity*

THE pipes of Arcady are sounding again on Uva hillsides, and Sally and I take our morning walk to their heartening lilt. They sounded derisively from a village "stoep" the other day, as the local Sanitary Inspector shouted across a narrow winding paddyfield to inhabitants on the further side, whose rubbish-strewn green banks are an eyesore and a disgrace. The Inspector made himself scarce at sight of me, as he always does since I buttonholed him on the subject of the conservancy coolies scandal—a matter to which the People's Government will shortly have to give their attention!

But these pipes now outrival the flute of the fantail flycatcher; and the homestead from which they are sounding intrigues me. There is a gipsy abandon about its inmates' style of living, although the bungalow is large enough for the numerous family it shelters. Every morning, on a circle of hard stamped earth before the bungalow, two youths aged around eighteen to twenty years may be seen disporting themselves—with swords, which by their shape and the metallic ring are real enough to be dangerous.

The lads fence in the manner of a Regency-period Talkie, left hands uplifted, sword hands developing some dexterity in parry and thrust. Sometimes they pause dramatically, hilt and hilt. Anon, back they spring to cross quivering blades. The small fry, partially clothed in faded blues and reds and yellows, are there on every school holiday to form an admiring audience and press closer and closer in awed excitement, until driven back by an angry shout from the man who is getting the worst of the fray. If he is "touched," he stands gracefully with drooping head and sword-point to the ground to signal his defeat.

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THE past months of rain have made the patana walks impossible so it happens that my little dog and I take the same walk over and over again, morning and evening. We have learned to know every inch of the way. Along the road there are three strata of civilisation. First the well-built houses of the "English-educated," set at wide intervals in

their pretty gardens bordering the road. The land here slopes steeply to the winding paddyfield and climbs again to the colony of village houses served by a subsidiary road. Above them again, higher up the mountain, are the squatters of whom I wrote last month. All follow the line of the main road, but the paddyfield is like "a great gulf fixed" between me and them because, especially at this time of year, the muddy bunds are too slippery to negotiate.

However, I had converse with one of the young duellists yesterday when I met him returning from the market, somewhat disdainfully carrying a small bag of supplies. He stopped me to enquire "what kind of a dog" was Sally, and I, surveying his plump, well-knit form and the fuzz of black beard round his chin, wanted to know who taught him to fence. (I was right: it was the talkies that were responsible, and the swords were his uncle's property and quite real). What, I asked, did he and his brother do besides thus amuse themselves? He told me they did nothing. Their father kept a hiring car, and hence the entire family . . .

Of course, I remembered him then, a striking, swashbuckling figure sporting a gay pull-over, a wide-brimmed felt hat pinned up on one side, and enormous moustaches! I felt obliged to suggest that in the intervals of sword-play the boys might stoop to cleaning up their surroundings a little, and even wield a mamoty. This was smilingly received but has had no obvious result so far. What kind of a life is this that permits able-bodied young men to leave school with no kind of vocational training and idle away their days, piping, duelling and dreaming? Sooner or later they will feel the pinch, when the Naval camp closes and hiring cars will be two a penny!

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WE pursue our walk till houses are left behind, and here at this time of year we can stand on the grassy bank beside the road and look down, down, to wider stretches of paddyfield by neatly ridged and uniformly flooded *daava* in some divisions,

the cultivators labour bare-limbed with the quaint, long-handled, triangular bladed *Sinhala Udaella*. In others, glistening wet grey buffaloes respond to frenzied, uncouth yells, which rise now and again to the traditional yodel.

Beyond this, again, is the turn of the road which is usually the limit of our walk. At this point, Sally assumes charge and tries to take me on the lead, determined to round the bend and see what new excitements lie beyond. But the homeward walk downhill is more appealing. When last she did persuade me further, it was to discover the wire was down just where a stile not intended for perfect ladies had hitherto discouraged us. So in we ventured, along unexplored paths of a new forestry plantation, offering any amount of fresh, exciting scents for a little beagle.

When Sally sets the pace and leads the way I am never entirely happy over what she may unearth from the scrub into which she noses, since the time when I pulled her sharply back just as a sinister mottled shape slid away into the undergrowth. I had thought she would have better sense, but what can one expect of a town-bred animal whose greatest sport so far has been found in chasing stray cats? She approaches the unknown now, with exaggerated care, questing nose, right front paw upraised. If she really believes that there is something there, she starts to "huff and puff" like the wolf in the fairy tale, and that is the time when I put on pressure and firmly yank her in another direction.

Coming home from the evening stroll, I have several times marked the same phenomenon: a distant village in a shallow cup of the hills, filled to the brim with sunshine, while rain clouds sweep over the mountain summits and cover the sky. From my angle of vision no source of this radiance can be discovered. Indeed the glow would appear to radiate upwards, to dissolve in rainbow-coloured mist on the hillsides. For a short while, every little white-plastered dwelling stands out in startling clarity and the cattle and goats look larger than life as they are driven homewards. Outlines are sharpened, colours intensified as in a coloured photograph. Then the dusk drops like a curtain, the wind grows keen and we quicken our steps towards home.

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# LOOK MUMMY!

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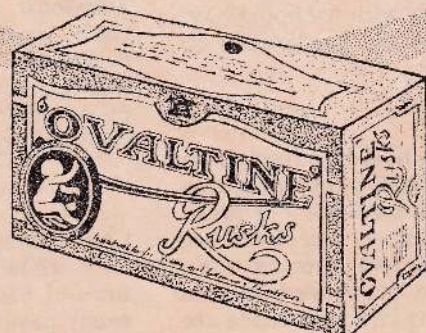
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## SOME GOLFING MEMORIES

By ARCHIE AITKEN

**H**ISTORY has it that I was the youngest person ever to enter the "Immortal Portals" of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. It happened in 1882 when I was two years old. My father had taken a small house at the corner of the "Scores," where the Grand Hotel is now. One night in the middle of summer, while my parents were dining, I crept downstairs in a white flannel nightgown and ran for my life into the R. and A. My embarrassed mother had to enter the club and carry me out. It was explained to me that wives were not allowed to enter the R. and A.; to which my answer was "Husbands shouldn't go where no wives are." I fear I have changed my ideas since then!

When I was rising four Old Tom Morris (who was a great admirer of my mother) suggested I should have a golf club—this he made, "no lead and no bone." The presentation was made in the "old man's" shop. It is reported that as I wagged the club I turned to my mother saying "I wonder what God thinks of me now." I was brought up well in more ways than one!

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**I**N 1890 I went to St. Salvador's preparatory school, St. Andrew's, now the Scores Hotel, but then well known as "Blunts," after the headmaster. Every morning after breakfast the doors were opened and "a charge" was made for the first tee, everybody drove off and made for the first green over the "Swilken Burn." If you ran fast enough you could get half way to the second hole, then run back past the scholar's bunker to the road hole, and so back to prayers. No nonsense of studying putts—why no one was injured was nobody's business!

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**T**HE year 1895, I shall always remember, home from school at Prestwick. An old gentleman, commonly known as the "King of Prestwick," came out of the club one morning and said "Come here my boy. What are you doing?" I said I was doing nothing, whereupon the old man said, "You are playing Mr. So and So—he will give you six strokes; here is a shilling for your

caddie, two new re-made gutty balls, and a bottle of ginger beer if you win." I won several bottles of pop, and in most cases could have given the six shots. The old man always came out of it with a five pound note! This went on until one day he produced a rugged Scot, one of an old family of Scottish rugger players and incidentally an ex-middle weight amateur boxing champion. I turned about 4 up, the ex-boxer was furious; at the 14th, near the clubhouse, he threw down his club and I heard afterwards that there was hell's bells when he had to hand over a £10 note. I had my ginger beer and made for home as quickly as possible, and that ended that party!



Mr. A. R. Aitken

—Times

**I**N 1899 I started golf in a "big way." The same old man insisted that I should enter for the Championship, played that year at Prestwick. When the draw came out I received a telegram from him "Better postpone holiday, drawn against Tait." However, I did play, won the first hole and was mighty proud to be still 1 up at the 11th hole. Then the great man set about me and I lost at the 17th. Freddie eventually lost in the final at the 37th, defeated by Johnnie Ball. It was his last Championship (he was killed in the South African war). He won

the Amateur Championship in 1896 and 1898, a great golfer with a wonderful personality.

In 1901 I won the Autumn Medal at Prestwick in 74 (before the days of the rubber chored ball). It was one of those days when nothing could go wrong. As I came into the "big room" an old gentleman in a bowler hat with a large walking stick called to me: "How did you get on?" I said I was lucky enough to do 74. He jumped out of his chair shouting, "How dare you try to make a fool of me—no Prestwick Medal has ever been won under 78," and off he stumped out of the room. Having interviewed the Secretary, he returned full of apologies and asked me to have a drink with him—an offer quickly accepted.

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**I**N 1904 I had the pleasure of playing with W. J. Travis (the American Amateur Champion) at Prestwick before he went to Sandwich to win the Amateur Championship—a dark little fellow with a very black cheroote, and a wonderful performer with a "Shenecktady Putter."

The same year I played at Prestwick with Charles B. Macdonald, the "big boss" of American golf. With him was his son-in-law, Jim Whigham (of the old Prestwick family), and winner of the American Amateur in 1896 and '7. Their object was to play on all the best courses in the United Kingdom, and reproduce famous holes on the new course which they built on Long Island, and named the National Course. They brought with them a Surveyor. In 1936 I played on this course for the British Seniors vs. America and Canada. The reproductions are wonderfully well done, in particular "the Alps" from Prestwick, "the Redan" North Berwick, and the 11th and 17th from St. Andrews.

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**I**GOT into the semi-final of the Amateur Championship at Prestwick in 1905, which led to my inclusion in the Scottish side in 1906. The same team played again in 1907—the only side to play unchanged in two consecutive years: the side beat England by 7 matches to 2 and 8 matches to 1. Of that company I am the only one left! In 1908 I played again at Sandwich, and Scotland just got home by 5 matches to 4.

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# CRICKETANA

By W. T. GRESWELL

(Fortnightly Review Special)

Jan. 4.

IN far away Johannesburg the first Test match had already started and for a few days cricket enthusiasts lived Summer's game in the depth of England's winter. Possibly nobody who considered our chances before the team left England was surprised at M.C.C.'s win by 131 runs, for such was the measure of general expectation. But after England's poor showing against stouter opposition just before this Test, many must have been assailed by doubts caused by the failure of our batting against South Africa's leading bowlers. Indeed the first Test has demonstrated quite clearly the supremacy of each side's bowling over its batting. This was not unexpected. The decisive factor, also expected, was that the English bowlers were rather stronger than their South African counterparts and were able, in the fourth innings of the match, to dismiss their opponents for the surprisingly small score of 72, and this without the help of Tyson, who early in the match had retired with tonsillitis.

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THE game was full of interest, fortune smiling first on one side, then on the other, until the fourth day, on which a devastating spell of new ball bowling by veteran war horse Bailey caused the Dame finally to turn her back on the home side.

Records are for ever being made and broken in cricket. This Test provided one which must surely be unique. Richardson, England's opening batsman, sadly out of form and, in the first innings, finding himself still at the crease after Bailey, Compton and May were back in the pavilion for under 50 runs, stayed there in an invaluable 121 runs partnership with Cowdrey, who has not yet run into form. It is reported of Richardson's game struggle for runs that, if he had batted better, he would surely have fallen a victim earlier to hostile and accurate bowling! His record was the slowest Test century in history. After he had moved from 95 to 100 in 35 minutes, he had been batting for eight hours and 10 minutes! But

it was a match winning innings and the more praiseworthy in that the batsman was not sure of himself and all those tedious hours was fighting his loss of form. It must have been a novel experience for Peter May to contribute only 20 runs (6 and 14) in a Test match, but his failure might be beneficial. Our other batsmen may be inspired to put forward greater efforts and not rely on their Captain's infallibility.

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THE out-fielding of the South Africans was reported brilliant (and how spectacular this can be!), while both sides brought off some near-in catches which beat the eye for speed and called for acrobatic reception.

As I listened in to the closing over it was pleasing to hear the commentators praising the umpires for their capable and most acceptable handling of the game, which had given great satisfaction to both sides. It is not often that these custodians of the law are handed a bouquet through the medium of broadcasting. They have an important, indeed vital, task to perform. Most of them are no longer of active age, and their duties are tiring and exacting, as they stand, often under conditions of tropical heat, for five or six hours a day. Not often are they given the thanks that is their due. They attract notice only if they make a mistake in their decision, and such notice can on occasion be of a hostile character.

The attendance at the first Test to be played on the vast ground of the Wanderers Club at Johannesburg was a record for South African Test cricket, 100,000 paying for entry on the five days in spite of there being only 2,000 on the final day.

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A FINAL word about the groundsman. This important personage is playing an increasingly big part in Test Cricket. The days of feather-bed and fireless wickets and mammoth scores are over. In Eng-

land and Australia, and now in South Africa, groundsman are trying to prepare wickets which will instil life into the game and, as far as can fairly be arranged, ensure a finish in the time allotted to a match. A groundsman's work is that of an artist whose preparation of a wicket must be 'just so' when the Captains toss and no more and no less. This is more difficult in England, where wickets are not covered when once a match has started, and the prospect of unsettled weather creates further and more acute problems for a groundsman. The Johannesburg expert accomplished his object. The pitch, which at no time readily 'took spin,' was more in favour of the faster bowlers, who not only 'moved' the ball with the seam but were able to make it 'lift' occasionally from a length. Hence the success of Bailey and Statham, Heine and Adcock. As long as the groundsman in the preparation of wickets can add to the game's attraction by careful modification, and not employ measures so drastic that the match is ruined, their efforts can only lead to the betterment of cricket from the point of view of players and spectators. And, let it be known, spectators are the more important.

As I write these words in front of a cheerful fire of logs, Big Ben is striking midnight on December 31st. I wish the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review*, its Editor and many readers a Happy New Year.

Jan. 16.

AS a result of England's convincing win in the second Test at Cape Town by 312 runs, we must arrive at the conclusion that the South Africans have little chance now of winning or even saving the series. As in the previous week in the first Test match at Johannesburg, where if anything, conditions should have been more suited to the South Africans, their batsmen suffered abysmal collapse in the second innings, nor was it fully justified by the fact that, owing to the luck of the toss, it was the fourth innings of the match in each case. For the present we must conclude that their batting is incapable of handling the English attack. It should be noted too that in the first Test the M.C.C. fast bowlers did most of the damage, whereas at Cape Town it was Wardle with his leg breaks and

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# A SPORTS CAUSERIE

By ITINERANT

THE Boosa Race Meet curtain came down on an action-packed Cup Day. Fordyce stormed home astride Anomaly ahead of the field in the Governor-General's Bowl over 1½ miles, only to lose the race on an objection lodged against him by Gunadasa, rider of Mr. Vernon Rajapakse's Shell Pink, who finished 2nd but was awarded the race. Adamant and C.P.O. were 2nd and 3rd while Anomaly was relegated to 4th place. Mr. Rajapakse scored in the previous race, too, when his Royal Impression won the Stewards' Plate (Div. 1). Two other favourites who obliged were Mr. M. Thaha Cassim's Friendly Isle (in the Ceylon Turf Club Cup) and Mr. A. Wijesuriya's Judar Div. 1 of the Galle Gymkhana Club Plate over 1½ miles was another close race: Mr. D. H. Halahackone's Surety II won by a head from Kosaj al Bahrain.

Mr. S. R. de Silva's Loch Katrine, who had won on the 2nd day at Boossa, ran her last race on the final day. Concluding the Stewards' Plate (Div. 1) she broke her near fore fetlock and had to be destroyed.

Mr. Vernon Rajapakse headed the list of winning owners. A. Selvaratnam came out top trainer of the meet. Ted Fordyce, who was incidentally suspended, for rough riding, till the end of February, kept his place as champion jockey.

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## February "Fireworks"

THE list of entries expected for the Asian Tennis Championships to be played in Colombo from February 11th reads like a Wimbledon Honours List. Colourful American Althea Gibson is a certainty, and so is bespectacled Jaroslav Drobny, beloved of Wimbledon's crowds. Their air tickets have been sent to them already.

Britain's contingent of challengers includes Pat Ward, Billy Knight and Michael Davis, all three of whom have RSVP-ed in the affirmative. From Australia Neil Gibson, Warren Woodcock and Jack Arkinstall are due here. India's Mrs. Kannan Singh, too, is definitely coming, and with her will be R. Krishnan, N. Kumar and Sumant Misra. Iftikhar Ahmad will spearhead Pakistan's challenge.

It will be interesting to watch the four players nominated by the All-China Athletic Federation, as advance reports would have it that they are amazingly quick on their feet and possess a sound defence. Then K. Okadome of Japan—and if he decides to come after all, Ong Chew Bee of Malaya—should also be worth watching against players who concentrate solely on "power tennis."

I must stress here the need for careful pre-meet organisation. The organisers must see to it that the courts are in perfect condition and that they are properly marked. It must be ensured that the ball-pickers know their job—because there is nothing more irritating to a tense tennis player than a wool (gathering) picker. Finally there must be no dearth of efficient linesmen and umpires—especially for the less glamorous games or when the main stars are playing on some other arena.

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## A Tennis Success

CEYLON'S Miss Ranjini Jayasuriya, meanwhile, is opening Indian eyes wider as she continues to upset better-fancied players in Delhi. Already she has won, with Mrs. A. Desai, the women's doubles title in the All-India Hard Court and Cricket Club of India tennis championships, Bombay, after having gone quite far in the singles. Ranjini is the daughter of Mr. E. M. W. Jayasuriya of Matara.

And at Avissawella Rupert Ferdinands has won another triple crown, his partners in the Thai Pongal doubles and mixed doubles being D. D. N. Selvadurai and Mrs. Gunewardene. Mrs. M. Joseph was the women's singles champion and she shared the women's doubles title with Miss Ajitha Gunatilleke.

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## Olympic Style

THE national championship meet of the Ceylon Amateur Swimming Association will be held in the St. Joseph's College pool on January 31st and at the Otters S.C. pool on February 1st and 2nd. Point of interest: the programme drawn up for the championships is based on the Olympic selection of events.

Another innovation: for the first time the points scored in women's events will count towards the cham-

ionship trophy. There are altogether six championship events for women.

Kinross S. & L.S.C. appear to have the strong "pull" with swimmers like the Marks brothers, record-breaker Tony Williams, Desmond Templar. They have also got the run of the relays.

Six supplementary non-championship events will put children under 14 in the swim as well.

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## The Giant-killer

AND talking of children, hero of St. Thomas's College, Guralawa, today is young Edward de Dombal, who has made his golf debut, something schoolboys' only dream of. The first competition of the Thai Pongal golf meet at Nuwara Eliya was a Stapleford open to men and women, and de Dombal triumphed over 27 other competitors with a score of 34 points off a handicap of 11. Runner-up was S. Muttu Kumara Swami (5) a point behind.

But the latter did better the next day when, with J. M. D. Strong he won the fourball competition against bogey with a return of 5 up. E. C. Bousefield and E. G. S. Edwards were runners-up with a return of 4 up.

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## Crowded Cricket

EVERY "A" Division club was out on January 12th and 13th in the P. Saravanamuttu Trophy competition, and some remarkably attractive batting and bowling was witnessed. The three leaders, Sinhalese S.C., Tamils and N.C.C., each won by an innings, trouncing Moors, Saracens and Kandy respectively. S. Coomaraswamy (132) and F. Casie Chetty (112) flayed the Saracens attack, while F. C. de Saram scored a faultless 93. H. Aldons brought victory to his side, the B.R.C., with a hard-hit 88, aided by Heyn's 49.

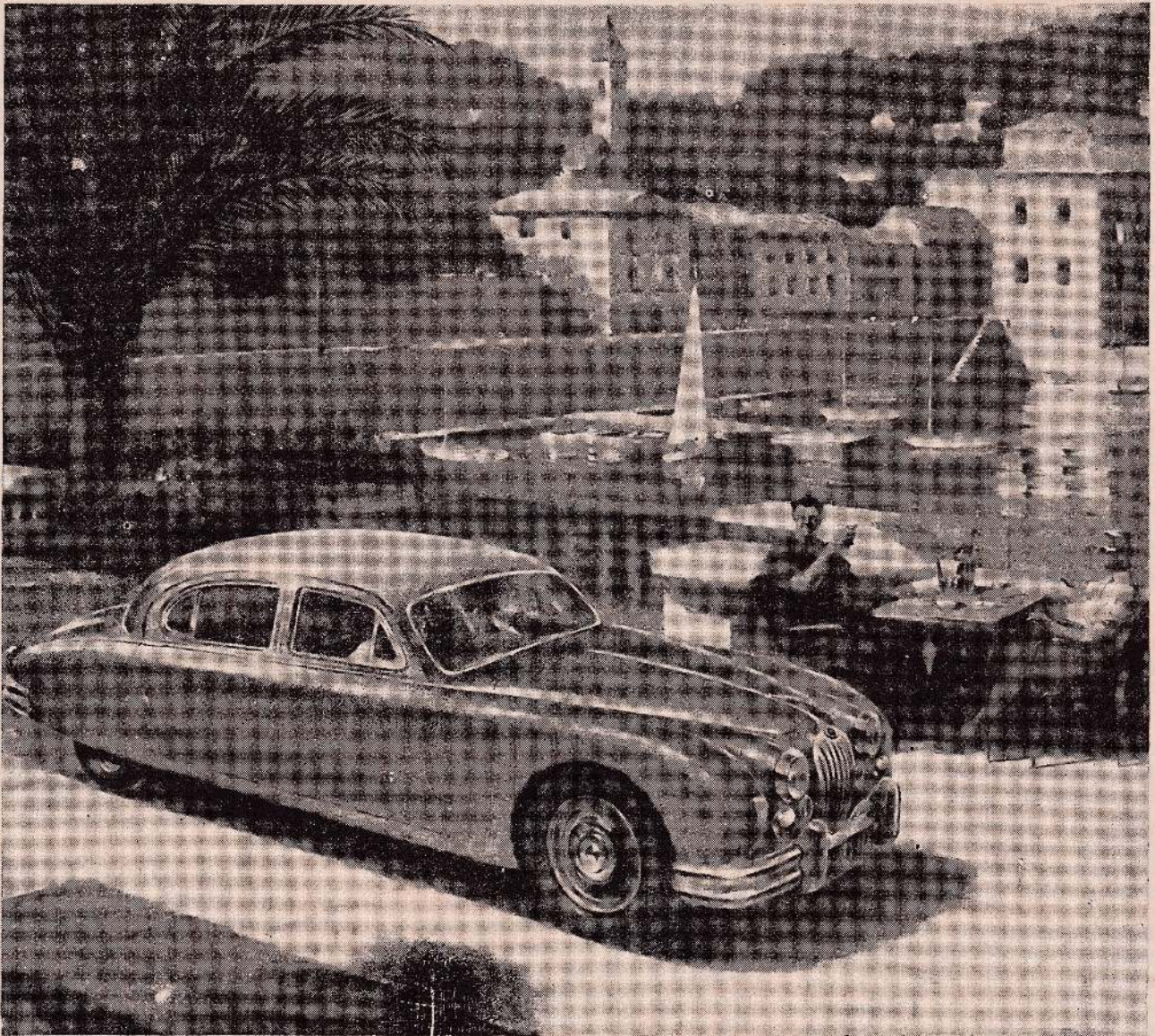
V. G. Prins (65) and C. Inman (59 n.o.) swelled the NCC total, while bowlers Salgado, Crozier and Prins had a field day. Other bowlers who met with marked success were the SSC's R. B. Wijesinghe, Saracens' Roy Perera, and BRC's R. Rudolph. The Colts, despite unsteady batting, triumphed over Catamarans, and Kurunegala did very well indeed to beat Bloomfield, thanks to a grand 91 n.o. by skipper H. Perera.

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## FOR THE MOTORIST

By COXON

**G**REAT news for racing motorist fans—though as yet unconfirmed—is that the world's brightest speed-stars will make Colombo their headquarters in August this year to take part in a very ambitious programme of races planned by the Ceylon M.C.C.

This news is so exciting that it has arrested the attention of columnist John Thorpe of the well-known journal "Motor Cycling." In its latest issue Thorpe heads his Sports Gossip column with the news that ace riders from the U.K., Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Italy, Germany, France, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Portugal, Finland, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Belgium, Singapore, Malaya, the Lebanon, the Argentine, North America and all the clubs in India have been invited to take part.

The C.M.C.C. is understood to have offered free return tourist-class passage plus free board and lodging for a month to two or three riders from most of these countries and to at least six from the U.K. And that sounds fair enough.

If indeed such a star-studded carnival of speed is to be a success the planning that goes into each meet should be as big as the venue of the races. To make it a financial success large crowds must be attracted. And this in itself presents a problem, because even if there are that many fans to meet the cost of this project, some very efficient means of crowd-control must also be ensured. One cannot countenance a repetition of the recent Ratmalana meet when spectators became unmanageable and courted danger to themselves as well as to the riders.

Still, if Colombo could have held an Asian tennis championship meet there is no reason not to applaud this attempt to bring to our door-steps the most sought-after racing motorcyclists in the world. So here is a large bouquet from your columnist, with a Good Luck card attached.

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**M**EANWHILE pedal cyclists are training hard for the Independence Day road race meet organised by the Ex-Servicemen's Society, to be held on Sunday, February 3rd, at 6.30 a.m. Competitors will get off the mark at Galle Face Green, race to Homagama and back again—a distance of 35 miles.

## CRICKETANA

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"Chinamen" who claimed the lion's share of 5 and 7 wickets, 12 in all for only 89 runs, with Laker assisting by "keeping the other end quiet." Wardle's feat was the best of his test career, the South Africans being at sea with him and unable to detect in advance his well disguised "wrong-un" or "Chinamen." (To the uninitiated, a "Chinaman" is a left hander's off break delivered with his usual leg break action). This particular delivery of Wardle's is not easy to see as it comes out of the back of his hand so that its malice is well concealed, and the batsman is often in two minds. The English bowling is indeed as strong as, or even stronger than, any in Test history because it has quality as well as variety. Note well, Tyson was not fit enough to play in the Cape Town match and Loader, who is improving fast and deputised for him, may well have secured his place in the side for the remaining Tests. Note too that Wardle was preferred to Lock, who stood down. I repeat, England's bowling is now so strong and likely to remain so for several years that it may be the determining factor in Test series for quite a time.

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**I**N batting, too, England seems to have the lead of South Africa, and especially since our other batsmen are now successfully filling the gap which threatened when Peter May had dispensed so much of his stock in trade in minor matches (he has made a thousand runs so far on this tour!) that he had none left for the first two Tests. The revival of Cowdrey is good news. This fine batsman can play two games, as occasion demands. He can gum up at the end at the rate of scarcely a run an over and drive bowlers and spectators to distraction or he can turn on the tap and produce a plethora of scoring strokes of elegance and force. So in this last Test he made an interminable 101 in the first innings, and an express speed 61 in the second. The first time I ever saw Cowdrey as a freshman at Oxford he gave of both styles, but in the same innings, and, if my memory serves, it was against South Africa. I was much impressed

and noted it in my prophetic mood in these letters. And what of Compton? This entertaining batting genius is still a force and decidedly an asset, though mature of years.

But his knee prevents him now from making sudden movements or quick turns, so that this once scintillating batsman is more circumspect and cautious in style. As a result he causes a few runs to be lost, being no longer able to steal the short ones, a practice which was once the joy of his heart, though on many occasions a cause of apprehension to his batting partners, resulting very often in their being run out. Compton is not a good judge of a run.

## A SPORTS CAUSERIE

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### Worthy Tribute

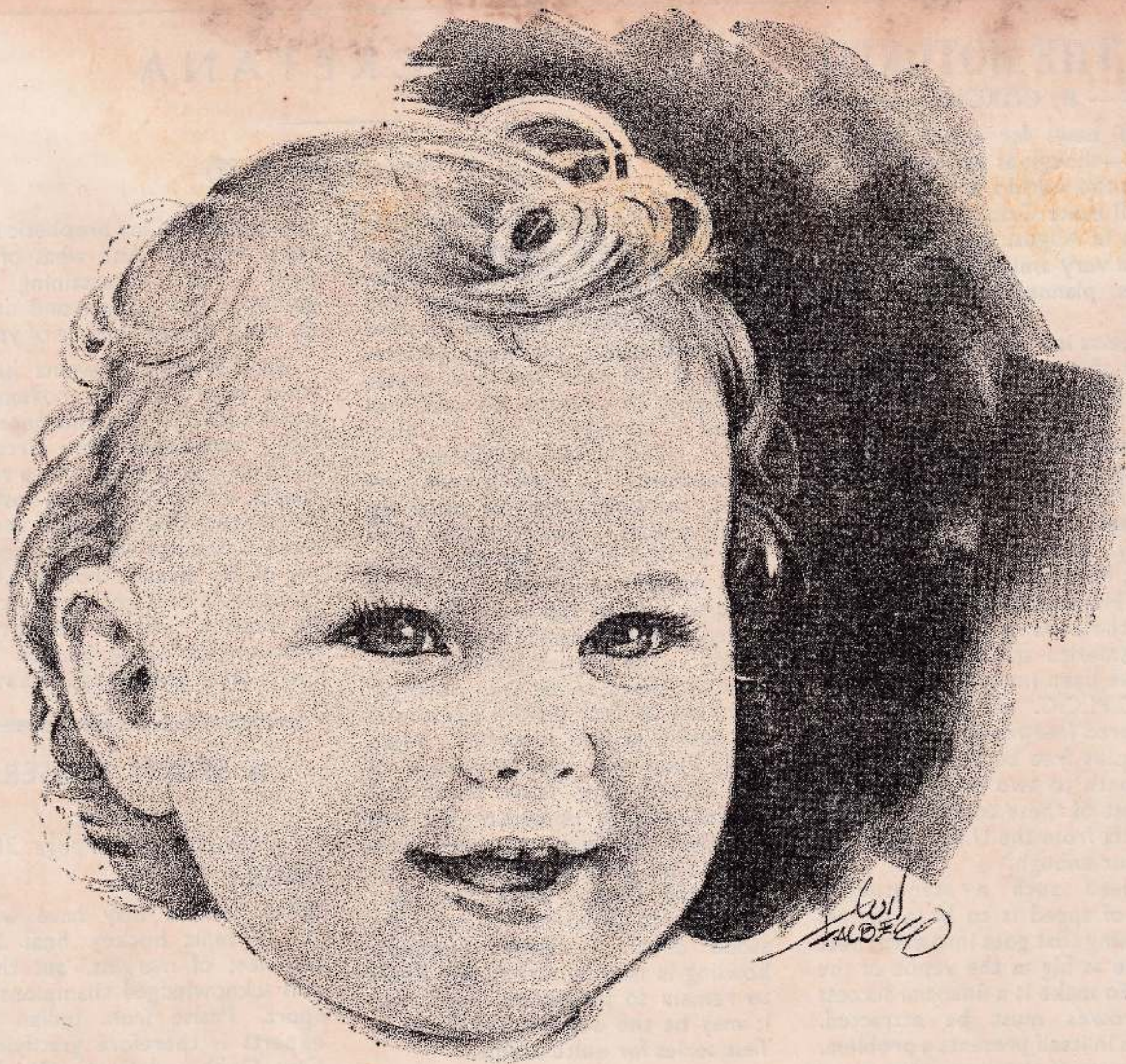
**T**HE Indians may have won the Olympic hockey final by the slimmest of margins, but they are still acknowledged champions at this sport. Praise from Indian hockey experts is therefore gratifying, and Gian Singh and G. N. Ghosh, who umpired most often in Melbourne, are full of praise for what they saw of Ceylon hockey.

There was a great future for the game in Ceylon, Mr. Singh declared after he and Mr. Ghosh had umpired a C.H.F.—Tamil Union match played at the Oval. While European nations were only beginning to adopt the Indian technique Ceylon players were already steeped in it—and that was the latter's greatest advantage, he added.

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### Yachting

**T**HE race for the Commodore's Cup attracted 12 entries, but only ten boats completed the course which was "L.W." South with a windward start (wind NE 12 m.p.h.) R. J. Walker in "Heron" won, with Sun Wai (A. J. Jones) 2nd and Kittiwake (J. Korne) 3rd. The following day R. S. Davies in Lyemun won a Verandah Admirals' benefit race over course Z, from M. Tinga in Osprey.



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## A WOMAN'S DIARY

**M**OST important news of the fortnight (not only from a woman's point of view this!) is a cable which arrived just as we were going to press confirming that the 8th Tri-ennial Conference of the Associated Country-women of the World will now definitely be held in Ceylon from the 3rd to the 13th of July, 1957. The Conference will be held in Colombo and not at the University as previously planned; 350 delegates are likely to attend. Many of those from the U.S.A. and some from England who have already spent a holiday in Ceylon, having planned to be here for the Conference, will not be able to come again. Others have had to change their plans; but those delegates who were obliged to wait patiently for transport problems to improve, write that they are eagerly looking forward to their visit to an Island they have read and heard so much about. It is to be hoped that nothing will occur to upset arrangements this time!

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**M**ISS Padmini Jayawardene has been invited by the Director of Aloka, the WAY centre in Ceylon, to attend a Leadership course for trainers in industrial and other organisations to be held in Japan in February. Miss Jayawardene will visit rural centres in Japan, study cottage crafts, and later visit Women's Institutes in Malaya and in the Philippines. There are very few women qualified to train in leadership, particularly in rural leadership, and it is to be hoped that the Island will have the benefit of her training when she returns.

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**M**OST women's organisations are busy planning their new year's programme of work and social activities.

Members of the Colombo Y.W.C.A. are planning a membership outing, deferred from last year, to Bolgoda at the end of January. A members conference to plan a year's programme has been called for the 9th of February. At the first 1957 meeting of the Luncheon Club, Mrs. Theja Gunawardhana spoke of her recent visit to Russia to a crowded and interested audience. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Sheila de Mel, President of the Luncheon Club.

## The Westminster Choir

**V**ERY appreciative audiences welcomed the American Westminster Choir, which sang in Colombo on the 15th, 16th and 18th January, and at Trinity College, Kandy, on the 17th. Toscanini, perhaps the world's most famous conductor, whose death occurred when the choir was in Ceylon, chose this choral organisation to appear with the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra and the N.B.C. Symphony of the Air in performances which he directed.

Every item rendered by the choir at their concerts received rounds of applause from delighted audiences, but perhaps what they enjoyed most were the negro spirituals, so beautifully rendered; there were familiar favourites . . . Ol' Man River, the Saint Louis Blues and folk songs; classics from Bach, Mozart, Palestrina and Schuman—programmes planned to delight audiences of varying ages and tastes and which succeeded wonderfully well. A particular treat it was for the Blind School Choir, accommodated with the audience, who enjoyed every minute of it.

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## ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, PANADURE

**"T**HE old order changeth, yielding place to new . . ." said Mr. Leslie Goonewardene, M.P., for Panadure, addressing fellow Johnians and friends who were present at the unveiling of the tablet erected in the premises of St. John's College in memory of its founders, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Jansz. The tablet carries the eagle crest of St. John's in its centre; on either side of the crest are the inscriptions, one in Sinhalese and one in English, commemorating the names of the Founders, and their years of service, rendered not only to the school but to education in general. The school motto surmounts the names; translated from the Latin in the English script into Sanscrit in the Sinhalese script by Seelananda Thero, who has been a close friend of St. John's, and of Mr. Cyril Jansz, Snr., and who later addressed the gathering on the life and work of its founders.

St. John's was established seventy-five years ago, and was probably the first co-educational school in Ceylon. Boys and girls worked separately in the preparatory forms, then went on to the College,

where they studied together in a spirit of healthy rivalry with masters and mistresses in charge of the mixed classes. The College has produced many outstanding men and women, well-known and respected citizens of Ceylon today—all still very loyal "old Johnians" who foregathered enthusiastically at any function the school arranged.

Mr. Cyril Jansz, Jnr., succeeded his father as Principal of the school and carried on the work for over 25 years. He has now handed it over to the State, as a gesture from his family (he said in his speech at the unveiling) in the interests of progressive education in the country.

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## FROM AN UVA HILLSIDE

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**T**ODAY is Thai Pongol and tomorrow a poya day. I telephoned the station to enquire whether it would be open to receive a parcel of vegetables for dispatch by rail on a public holiday, and was reassured. As I hung up, James, our appu, who had been listening to my end of the conversation, remarked:

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Mr. Rampala might take heart and note this tribute from One of the People.

## LEGAL REMINISCENCES

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is usually found in similar statutes elsewhere. This would be in keeping with a departure from a former idea of a "cold neutrality" in the administration of the law which tended to bring it into contempt when it came into conflict with the ethical concept of justice. A feature of the administration of the law at present is the attempt to overcome the harshness which may result from a blind application of the law, a point to which I have drawn attention in some of the sketches I have given. Perhaps the best definition of justice is that contained in that classic work which sets out the Roman Law in the sixth century A.D., the Institutes of Justinian: "Justice is the constant and perpetual wish to render to every man his due."

## ART, MUSIC AND DRAMA

By LYRICUS

FROM February 1st and running for twelve nights—maybe more—Jo Hollo produces for the CADC Noel Coward's *Bitter Sweet*, an operetta in three acts which, in the original production by the Bristol Amateur Operatic Society, carried a cast of 84 amateurs directed by Frederick Nobley. In the Ceylon production the chorus has been slightly reduced in number, but with forty "speaking" parts apart from chorus *Bitter Sweet* promises to be the biggest ever the CADC has so far attempted.

Gene Hollo, responsible for sets, has a workshop in the basement of the Galle Face Hotel where most ingenious contrivances overcome the limitations of space and stage. Having seen the sets in the making, and heard of the devices their creator contemplates, it is going to be of interest to see how much of the Hollo improvisations are going to "show" when the production is staged.

In the band of backstage workers—so little heard of and yet the backbone of any stage production—is Pat Haley, doing drapes; Annette Robinson, costume designer and colour artist, her instructions carried out by the firm of Ramasamys; Ticker Bailey for hats; Luis Moreno for orchestra direction and, with George Perry, to train the chorus. A producer's headache is the split-second change Lady Shayne, the leading lady, must make, from an old lady past 70 in the year of grace 1929 to a girl of 17, to re-tell her own love-story. This is the pattern of the play, the telling of a tale to avert a similar tragedy about to take place in the lives of a girl, her lover, and her fiance.

*Bitter Sweet* will be staged at the Wendt Theatre.

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### Amarasekera School Exhibition

THE Governor-General paid a tribute to the Amarasekera School of Art when he declared its Exhibition open by saying that this institution was keeping alive in the country one of the fundamentals of painting by teaching children how to draw. The continuous successes of

its students at international competitions, he added, were clear proof of the high standards achieved by the school.

There were over 400 paintings at the Exhibition, some of them both in oils and in water colours by Mudaliyar A. C. G. S. Amarasekera, and some by his son, Mr. D. V. A. S. Amarasekera. Pictures which had won awards at the 1956 Children's Royal Academy held at the Guildhall, London Art Gallery were also on view. Pupils had won 4 bronze stars, 8 book prizes, and 72 first class commendations; 53 were highly commended.

Other successes of the school include 3 portraits hung at the Paris Salon, 2 accepted for the Royal Academy, 1st and 2nd prize at Shankars International Competition, 1956, and a 1st and 2nd prize in the Shell Company's Birds of Ceylon. The differing range in subjects, design and technique prove the claim made by the school of standards of efficiency set up in drawing, colour and composition while yet retaining freedom of expression and the individuality of each student's work.

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