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The Difficulty

A wife was once counselling her husband, who was worried about many problems, by saying "But think of the problems the Prime Minister has to solve".

The Prime Minister of Ceylon seems to be expected to carry out not merely the policies of his own party but those of the Opposition as well.

In the matter of the D. C. Bill, we cannot say that both parties wanted to assert a common front against anybody.

Dr. N. M. Perera

While other politicians might turn their coats, betray causes and serve their own ends, Dr. N. M. Perera is a man who stands firmly by his principles and defies consequences.

in the circles of the Federal Party and by its rebel, Mr. V. Navaratnam, Member for Kandy, that the F. P. should now quit the National Government.

mean when they talk about the grievances of the Tamils. What we are after is a dialogue free and frank, etc".

The usual source of knowledge relied upon by Sinhalese politicians about the grievances of the Tamils is a General Election.

Not Very Strange

Sometimes ago the papers reported the case of a candidate in a Village Committee Election in the Anuradhapura area, who did not have a simple vote in his favour.

Test Cricket

I suppose many of my readers are following the details of the Test Matches, now being played between England and Australia.

Married 80 Years

About two months ago it was reported that a couple in Georgia (Russia, not America) had celebrated their 80th Wedding Anniversary.

It is generally and, I believe, rightly supposed that the Russian divorce regulations are about the lightest in the world.

Letter to the Editor

THE DRAGON IS AT THE DOOR-STEP; BEWARE!

Dear Sir,

"If we do not solve our problems in good time with the largest minority group, the Tamils and the other minorities, some day they may be forced into the hands of people who will be only too willing to receive them into their fold".

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(By S. P. K. Solomon)

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imagination of a politically deceased woman who has lost her power of judging after her loss of power in March, 1955.

I therefore appeal to all political parties of Ceylon to unite and strengthen our home front economically and politically.

It is agreed on all hands that the Kachcheri system of Administration is completely outmoded and antiquated and that it should be replaced by something more democratic and something more suited to the changed political conditions and modes of life of the people and the people should be allowed to participate more fully, closely and effectively with the administrative apparatus.

Administration should be decentralised, District or Regional Councils were, therefore, decided upon by men of the stature of the late Mr. S. W. L. L. Bandaranaike and others as the only sensible and practicable means of bringing about the desired end.

Whatever proposals Mr. Chelvanayakam brings forward must be opposed root and branch seems to be the political motto of the Tamil Congress.

What is needed now? I emphatically say that National Unity is the supreme need of the hour.

Prime Ministers come and go but one's adherence to truth under all circumstances, however dismal or tragic, one's heroism, honour and fidelity to one's pledged word will go down to history and posterity.

Language and other petty, and senseless strikes on flimsy grounds will definitely weaken our unity, retard our progress, and render our position most vulnerable and covetable to the unscrupulous and greedy aggressors.

and left an unchallengeable record of what the other side of death is like. That is Jesus Christ! Others may have momentarily died on an operating table or even been resurrected from the dead—but only Jesus Christ has left full and complete testimony of what death is and of what lies beyond.

God made man (formed the lifeless man and made every cell in his body) from the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7 and breathed into his nostrils the "breath of life," (Gen 2:7)-the air or wind that gave the man life and "man becomes a living soul." Gen. 2:7. When man breathes he is a living soul. When a person dies—becomes lifeless—what happens?

"For the living know that they shall die; but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward for the memory of them is forgotten." Ecce 9:5 Can the dead praise God? "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." Ps. 115: 17

Is there any remembrance of God in death? "For in death there is no remembrance of Thee." Ps. 6:5.

When God moulded Adam from the dust Adam was shaped in the likeness of God. He did not make other creatures to be clay replicas of Himself. This unique form and shape was given specially to man alone! Man is not a mere animal!

Man can choose—he has free moral agency! Man can originate ideas and evaluate scientific knowledge because he has a mind, which is in the "image" of God's own mind. The attributes of mind and character make man God's unique physical creation. God has shared some of His own quality—the image of His mind—with man and expects man to develop the image of God's Holy Character. This is what man was designed to become at creation.

From Far and Near

BILLY GRAHAM UNDER GUARD

Evangelist Billy Graham was under protective security guard when he held a press conference in Houston, Texas, U.S.A., while the Southern Baptist Convention was in recess here.

He refused to answer a reporter who asked if Graham's life had been threatened while in Houston, saying, "I don't want to ask the police about that".

The news service of the S. B. C. reported that Graham added that his "spiritual child" would protect him and "God wants me to go".

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OUTER SPACE LISTENING DEVICE GOES INTO EARTH ORBIT

A satellite designed to study radio signals from deep outer space was successfully placed in a circular orbit around the earth last Sunday, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration reported.

The spacecraft's radio receiver antenna system is designed to monitor low frequency radio signals in space. Sources to be monitored include earth's galaxy "The Milky Way", possible other galaxies, the sun, Jupiter and the earth's environment.

The Explorer 35 is the first satellite designed to study the radio sources in frequencies below the ionospheric cutoff.

By analyzing these radiations, scientists eventually hope to learn enough to describe adequately the evolution, shape and structure of the universe.

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FRYING PAN OR FIRE?

The only reference in the Throne Speech of last Sunday to the District Councils' Bill is: "A White Paper on the establishment of District Councils under the direction and control of the Central Government was presented in Parliament. The views expressed during its discussions will be given careful consideration by my Government before presenting legislation." On the face of it, it may have struck several persons as a welcome statement.

However, later events have shown that reactions to the Prime Minister's statement have considerably changed. The Opposition now demands a categorical answer from the Premier whether he is planning to bring in the Bill before Parliament or not.

The Government's stand on this matter has thus rightly been condemned. Such a dilly-dallying as so pitifully exhibited by the Government and its Prime Minister would give no confidence either to its supporters or its opponents.

The Government should have taken meaningful steps to implement the promise it made in its first Throne Speech in the first year itself. It has lost valuable time, which the Opposition has exploited fully to rouse the emotions of the masses against the Bill. The result of the Government's inexcusable delay has been the very formidable opposition which has been created against the Bill. As an impartial observer can see, the opposition has been built merely on imaginary fears and suspicions.

Therefore, there is reason in the demand that is being made