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### WHAT "THE TABLET" T OF SAN FRANCISCO ERENCE

Telegrams: "GUARDIAN", JAFFNA.

While the General Election campaign gathers heat and momentum, and promises to be notable for the number of random, reckless and short-lived stunts, the most critical and important events are coming to their climax in two cities very far from these shores. At San Francisco the smaller nations are resisting, with all four feet planted as firmly as possible, while the big nations drag them forward by the collar on a road they do not want to take. The powers reserved to the three big countries, on the ground that they will bear the real burden of any war, are so

the real burden of any war, are so enormous that the Charter can excite very little enthusiasm among nations which do not belong to the Big Three. It has been a fortunate thing that the Conference has been held at San Francisco. The American Press has been and is full of it, day after day. The American public are far better instructed than the public of Great Britain, and far more dissatisfied. Whatever draft President Truman takes with him as the agreed result of the labours of UNCIO at San Francisco will be some-Uncio at San Francisco will be some thing very far removed from an instrument to implement the Atlantic Charter. It is still on the cards that the United It is still on the cards that the United States' policy will change under internal political pressure, and that the United States will take the genuine leadership of the smaller nations which so much of the American Press is urging, and rightly urging, the American Government to take. The Russians are the great obstacle to granting the General Assembly, in which the smaller Powers will sit, any real role in the organization; and they are also opposing a provision for a revision of the whole strucvision for a revision of the whole strucvision for a revision of the whole struc-ture in five years' time, which is one of the things for which there is a great volume of support. Meanwhile, the Atlantic Charter and the San Francisco be eligible.

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oment the d there was a Minister's o Europe. He spoke of when he broadcast just the German war, and tamed of the simple honest purposes in Europe which we had to safeguard. But since then the actual developments of policy have been in a bad direction, rather as though it was thought smart electioneering to be able to announce, as Mr. Churchill did in his last statement in the House, that in the past week our relations with Russia had taken a turn for the betfer. If decisions were taken aiming at some quick if unsubstantial results that would last over the elections, it would explain much that is otherwise quite inexplica-

So far the Spaniards need not feel they are missing very much by cumbrous resolution presented by the Mexican Government and accepted at San Francisco, declaring ineligible for membership "any country where the regime has come into power with the late enemies of the United Nations, as long as the regime so assisted remains in power." It is noteworthy that it was necessary to go back to the circumstan-ces of the Civil War in Spain to devise a formula which would give the desired result. No other criterion could found, such as excluding countries not possessing a free Press or genuine representative institutions, because by such tests the Russians and their satellites would have to leave. Nor, for the same reason, could the test be that no regime established by violence should

### MARXISTS CONSPIRE AGAINST KING LEOPOLD

ing out for the Constitution. That is the undeniable fact which must be borne in mind when viewing the present crisis in the Belgian Government. The issue has been so obscured by Left Wing propaganda that, like the Polish problem, it has become almost impossi-ble for the ordinary person to under-

The present stand taken by the Van Acker Government is in effect a breaking of the Constitution, an admission of weakness and its resignation is an abdication of duty.

When Van Acker took office some months ago the question of the King's prerogatives did not arise. Leopold was in captivity. The Government was one which would maintain order and attempt to re-establish tolerable economic conditions for the Belgian State until such times as an election could take place. Van Acker set himself manfully to this task and conditions improved until the liberation of the King. Then the antiroyalists of the Left raised a clamour. When Van Acker took office

#### STREET CLAMOUR

The Prime Minister visited Leopold. He returned with word that the visit

King Leopold of the Belgians is hold-g out for the Constitution. That is e undeniable fact which must be orne in mind when viewing the present time. No further statement to Parliament or people. The Prime Minister consulted with the Cabinet. In Clamour from "the with the Cacher. In the meantime clamour from "the streets" increased. This "popular" agitation, which aims directly at splitting the Flemish section of the Belgian people from the Wallooms, is being carried on by extremists of the Left, who are being resourced and given financial being encouraged—and given financial aid—by the Communist Party of France, which is getting ready—in the time honoured way—to cash-in on the subsequent disorder.

On two further occasions Van Acker saw the King, advising abdication.

On neither occasion has he made statement to the people or to Parliament.

All reports of his visits have been made to the Cabinet behind closed doors. The people of Belgium are completely at the mercy of propaganda sheets on this point; the Prime Minister as studiously avoided placing the facts

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## REPLY TO "SOVIET WEEKLY" THE FACTS

Here then is a very brief and very restrained picture of happenings which the "Soviet Weekly" might care to submit to Pope Pius for his comment. Without entering into the formation

Behind an impenetrable wall of steel—the steel of soldiers and the steel of police, working the will of a small minority party—lies the Soviet Union. Apart from a few closely-watched foreigners in Moscow, and apart from carefully conducted tours, no civilised eyes are allowed to see for themselves. Even in Nazi Germany there was nothing comparable. There a secret police and concentration camps guarded the dark secrets; but in Russia the country itself is kept a very dark secret.

But no great country could become a hermetically-sealed concentration camp, and what has leaked out or leaked into Russia must arouse the greatest suspicions that a few examples are only too typical of the whole.

Catholics, for instance, know that between 1918 and 1924 Bishops and priests, Catholic and Orthodox, were murdered in such numbers that organised independent Christianity ceased to exist. What survived of Orthodoxy to exist. What survived of Officeach, was in time allowed to live again as an instrument of the new State. Catholicism in 1939 Russia boasted one publicly included the Soviet ism in 1939 Russia boasted one publicly recognised priest. Is it for the "Soviet Weekly" (which has never dissociated tisself from the inheritors of that policy) to weep tears over the Pope's alleged failure to "express emotion when he speaks of priests done to death by Fascism." Whereas in Germany at its worst, Catholic worship continued in its full discipline and order, the Bolshevik persecution and the Godless propaganda persecution and the Godless propaganda made religion itself a crime and a very dangerous one. Whereas in Germany all Sees were filled to the end, in Russia to this day the six episcopal Sees and to this day the six episcopal Sees and the thirteen Apostolic administrations remain vacant. Is it right for the Pope to keep silence over this unprecedentedly ugly Left Fascism?

The latest information, such as it obtainable from the Left writer, Koestler, goes to show that the dread persecution of religion, peasantry and bourgeoisie which masked the Soviet's rise to power, as to-day it makes its conqu-

of the original Union, we can gain some idea of Soviet aggression from what happened when conditions favoured Soviet expansion.

#### "IGNOBLE DEEDS"

While the Pope was failing "to react in anger and indignation" against the "crimes which Hitler had committed," the Soviet signed a pact with that same Hitler—a pact which lit the green light for war in Europe and, above all, war for Poland. While the Vatican maintained "its strict neutrality in the armed conflict," the Soviet invaded Poland and shared the swag with Hitler. It broke up Polish homes and deported to the arid hells of unvisited Siberia thousands upon thousands of Poles whose only crime was their being unwanted in the Soviet. With taked plebiscites the Soviet. With taked plebiscites the democratic lands of the Balts were likewise seized and their peoples murdered and persecuted. Is it the Vatican or the Soviet which "to-day seeks to put a soviet which dead." I problem noble face on ignoble deeds"? Ignoble deeds committed by those who would condemn the Vatican !

When many thousand Polish officers were found murdered, what was the Soviet reaction to the request for international investigation by the fairest international body? What is always the Soviet reaction to impartial examination of charges with a prima facile

Thus started a series of actions by which whole countries, Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, were brought within the new racialist empire of Slavs, their peoples subject to a charge of treasonable Fascism wherever convenient to the new despots, their leaders supplanted or forced to abject Quislingism.

How does this behaviour compare with the Hitlerian Fascist threat and aggression? Let us be charitable and eay that at least it is no better.

Such, judged by the same standards as we in the West judge Fascism, are (Continued on Page 4.)

#### RED SPAIN REPAIRING

Speaking about Catholic Action and the Working Classes in Franco's Spain, atican Radio said :

"The laicised Spanish universities were one of the principal seedbeds of the Red Revolution. National reconstruction had to begin, therefore, in the education field, restoring religion to its due place in the schools and universities so that from them could come forth men morally and intellectually whole and sound because the schools are the schools and sound because the schools are the schools are the schools are the schools and sound because the schools are the whole and university sound. Inaugurating the university year at Madrid in 1943. Franco said very justly: 'The sad experience of an very justly: 'The sad experience of an institution left a prey to the free thought of unsound doctrines shows most clearly inspection, to educate of unsound doctrines shows most clearly that in Spain it is necessary to educate not only a professional expert of technician, but a man. It is the university's task to form a balanced man gifted with a Christian sense, regulating his dealings with his fellowmen, and such that intellectual society will not raise

him above good and evil and withdraw him from the discharge of his bounden duties to God and the Fatherland.

duties to God and the Fatherland.'

"In the social sector, too, the Catholic renewal in Spain is making itself felt. Even during the Civil War a new Workers' Charter was enacted which gave the force of law to the Church's social teaching and decreed many reforms. The best of legislation, however, avails little if those for whom it caters are not possessed of a sound conscience. So the spiritual development of the workers is the main aim of Catholic effort. Lack of faith was the Catholic effort. Lack of faith was the workers' worst enemy, for, as the will War period showed, it had led to neir

### NOTICE

Pilgrims to Madhu for the August Festival must take with them sufficient food supply. permit is required for any quantity of paddy or rice they may carry with them.

The Administrator, Madhu Church.

### Church Calendar

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25 S. Peter's Ch. THURS .... 26 S. Alphonsus ...20 S, Stephen's, R.

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#### A LETTER OF HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP TO HIS CLERGY AND LAITY

He will be at your service as you have always known him to be. In your turn you will owe him due reverence, willing obedience and hearty co-operation in order to lighten the burden of heavy responsibility imposed. responsibility imposed upon him. I recommend myself to your kind prayers so that fully recovered in health I may soon be able to return to your midst.

Invoking the blessing of God on you all.

Yours devotedly in Christ Our Lord and Mary Immaculate,

J. A. Guyomar, O.M.I., Bishop of Jaffna.

#### THEY ARE RECOMMEN-DATIONS AND NOT DECISIONS

Speaking at a Prize-giving last week Dr. Ian Sandeman, Director of Education, referred in these terms to what has been known as recommendations in connection with the educational reforms:
"I wish to speak", he said,
"about the so-called recommendations of the Select Committee

Kannangara which embodied the various recommendations of the Executive Committee of Education. Mr. Senanayake said that the purpose of the debate was not be committed in respect of any recommendations approved by the Council. Dr. Kannan-gara, also stated that once the scheme had been accepted by the Council in principle appropriate measures would be laid before the House. His "appropriate measures" will likely be in the form of a new Edwertical the form of a new Educational Bill which will once more be debated. So that there is a good deal yet to be done before we must be denou are called upon to obey what the State Council finally decides, from the plat It is extremely important that why the Head of the Education De- C. partment should have definite and precise idea as to the nature these recommendations. Otherwise he may make them the grounds of some of his adminis-DEAR REVD. FATHERS AND

BELOVED BRETHREN,
On leaving for Europe on medical advice I wish to bid you all good-bye and commend you to Divine protection. I have appointed my Vicar-General the Very Revd. Father J. Emilianus Pillai, O.M.I., to be Administrator of the Jaffna Diocese during my absence. He will have ample powers to meet your needs in matters spiritual and temporal. He will be at your service as grown as the first and thinking them to be decisions which must be obeyed. That Dr. Sandeman should have made this mistake is somewhat of a surprise to us. It is plain enough, for instance, that though the State Council has approved the recommendations regarding free education it does not seem likely that it will be given effect to in the sense in which it was approved. Then, again, with regard to the rule reason of the Island was equally very corrupt. During the present emergency. The public life of the Island was equally very corrupt. During the present emergency. The public life of the Island was equally very corrupt. During the present emergency. The public life of the Island was equally very corrupt. During the present emergency. The public life of the Island was equally very corrupt. During the present emergency. The public life of the Island was equally very corrupt. During the present emergency. The public life of the Island was equally very corrupt. During the present emergency. The public life of the Island was equally very corrupt. During the present emergency. The public life of the Island was equally very corrupt. During the present emergency. The public life of the Island was equally very corrupt. During the present emergency. The public life of the Island was equally very corrupt. During the present emergency. The public life of the Island was equally very corrupt. During the present emergency. The public life of the Island was equally very corrupt. During the present emergency. The public life of the Island was equally very corrupt. During the present emergency. The public life of the Island was trative acts thinking them to be urged that it should not apply to the existing schools. The Executive Committee itself, we understand, will not be obstinately opposed to lowering the figure from 30 to 20 and including the pupils in boarding houses to make up the required number. There may be other changes but these are enough to show that the recommendation as they are, obeyed.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Unwarranted Taxation. Among the new taxes already being levied there is a surcharge on malt liquor, wines, spirits etc., which has been increased from 10 per cent. to 75 per cent. Formerly a difference used to be made between the class of malt liquor and wines and that of spirits, a higher import duty being levied on the latter. But now it appears all these are grouped together and an enhanced duty of from 10 per cent. to 75 per cent. is imposed. The reasons given for this excessive increase is that of Education. Now, they are decisions by the State Council which the Executive Committee for Education is to implement. which the Executive Committee and wines are not used only as luxuries. Are not persons recovering from sickness or standing about it. The State Council is not recommending to anybody to carry out these deci-

beginning of the discussion on write to Government certifying the motion submitted by Minister what quantity of wine would be needed a year for sacramental purpose, the authorities would not fail to take that plea into account and do the needful. The reason given for the abnormal increase merely to promote discussion of import duty on wine is that and that the government would it is a luxury but in the case of wine used in the celebration of Holy Mass it i not a luxury but a necessity for Catholic worship. is the Mass that For Catholics he late Anglican matters, wrote Mr. Burrell, former Cabinet

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The ugly picture of the present the recommendation as they are, tual outlook in contrast to that are not decisions that must be of the West. But all that is past history. Now greed for money is the canker that has struck deep roots into the hearts of the people owing to the bad example set by those associated with the Government. This cannot fail to bring their authority into contempt and cause an increase of crime. And yet Government appears to be doing nothing to do away with this evil. On the contrary, op-portunities are kept up with the continuance of all sorts of controls and even with additions to them. There is much talk of post-war reconstruction of various kinds. But the moral reconstruc-tion of Government departments has become a crying necessity.

### The Late Revd. Father Charles Bonnel, S.J.

Council is not recommending to anybody to carry out these decisions. When the State Council land down these decisions it is up to us to obey these decisions." So said Dr. Sandeman. But we cannot accept his interpretation in view of what the then Leader of the House stated before the

In the Trincomalee Mission he was employed as teacher or as Missionary in almost every part of the Diocese. He served at St. Joseph's College, Trincomalee as Principal, as teacher at St. Michael's when over seventy, at St. Mary's School, Kalmunai and in the parishes of Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Mutur and Tannamunai. Wherever he went be was always ready to preach whenever you liked and as long as your whenever you liked and as long as you

Though born in an industrial town, and in an industrialist family, he was an artist and had nothing of the industrialist and had not in the industrialist and had not in the industrial and in the industrialist and had not in the industrial and in the industrial and industrial town, and in the industrial town, and in the industrial town, and industrial town, and industrial town, and industrial town, and in the industrial ist in him, except a passion for method and clockwork regularity. Wherever he went, order followed. His books, he went, order followed. His books, cards notes, pictures were spread out on his table, but arranged in such neat order that he could lay his hands on anything he wished at once. Exact to the minute for years he set out for Mass at the Convent, preceded by an acolyte at a fixed distance. Such punctuality was fittingly commemorated by the presentation of a watch for the diamond jubilee of his religious life, in 1938. As long as he was able he had at a fixed time his daily half-hour of practice at he harmonium, no more and no less. he harmonium, no more and no less, All the music he touched he tranposed in "si bemole."

in 'si bemole,"

He was not only a musician but a painter of no mean order, and presented the Holy Father with paintings of Mission scenes done on window pane oysters from Kinniyai, Trincomalee. The delicacy of his touch and his attention to detail were much admired in Rome.

He was always good humoured. In this lay a little secret of his: "Do you know why I have lived so long?" he asked some time before his death. "I never really got angry with anyone—I

asked some time before his death. "I never really got angry with anyone—I mean to say I never harboured a grudge against anyone even if I was temporarily annoyed. Anger shortens one's life." He wanted the boys of St. Joseph's to be always 'merry' and referred to them as the 'Merry Boys of St. Joseph'. He taught them a song, written and composed by him (in "si bemole" no doubt) entitled "Ever Better" which they had to sing at Assembly every morning. "Ever Better" was his motto for the school, a motto of which he was in all simplicity very proud. "Have you ever seen a motto like that before?" he asked a Director of Education, who fervently replied "Never."

Thus went his way through life this

replied "Never,"
Thus went his way through life this happy man, happy in himself and diffusing happiness around him by the charm of his simplicity. He had the artist's self-forgetfulness which arises from his absorption in his work and in his vision. Thus he died, happy too, like the good religious he always was, humble and grateful for the least service. "Father, I am glad to see you looking so well today" said one. "And I," pat came the gallant Frenchman's answer, "am so glad to see you so concerned about my health." On the day of his death when his sheets were being changed, he said gaily: "Brother, you are making my death-bed. Do you think I am afraid to die? Not at all. See that cloud over there with a patch of blue in the middle. That's heaven where I am going." And go he did in the afternoon very quietly without anyone at his side when he went. But not alone: for his works followed him—sixty seven years of joyous service of the Lord, of which fifty two were spent in the Mission field with never a holiday at home.

May then this priest whose art did not spoil his religious spirit and whose religious spirit did not spoil his art, rest in peace and may his name be ever in benediction.

benediction.

He was the happiest man he had ever under him said his brother who was his religious superior. He was an optimist not only because he hoped for the best but because he already possessed it. He always had the best school, the best church, the best parish, the best cook, and the best water in the best well.

Revd.Fr.B.Wm. JesuThasan, O.M.I., requests the kind prayers of his brother priests and religious for the repose of the soul of his mother. He thanks them and others for their kind presence at the funeral and their massages of sympathy. funeral and their messages of sympathy.

The Revd. Fr. C. Chovan, O.M.I., will be thankful for prayers for the repose of the soul of his mother, the sad news of whose death he received last week.

#### LOCAL & GENERAL

Ecclesiastical.—Accompanied by the Vicar-General, His Lordship] the Bishop left for Colombo yesterday evening. There were several Fathore and teading Catholics at the railway station to bid him good-bye. As the train steamed out of the station Chevalier S. Arulanantham called for three to His Lordship the Bishop which received

Before leaving Dr. Guyomar has been pleased to make the following appoint-

ments:The Very Revd. Fr. G.A. Gurusamy, O.M.I., to be a member of the Diocesan

The Revd. Fr. Chas. S. Matthews O.M.I., late of St. Henry's College, Ilavalai, to be Chairman of the St. Mary's Cathedral Building Fund Committee.

British Elections.—According to news received over the air the Conser-vative party has been heavily defeated and Labour has won by a tremendous

Victory Savings Week.-Victory Savings Week was inaugurated on Saturday morning last with a demonstration outside the Colombo General Post Office which was witnessed by a large crowd including a number of school children from some of the leading ducational institutions in Colombo, Mr. W.R.D. Bandaranaike, acting Leader S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike, acting Leader of the State Council, in a speech urging, the people to save in order to meet the difficult times ahead, formally opened the Week. The target for the week is Rs. 15 million, of which Rs. 3 millon is to be collected by way of savings certificates and the balance, Rs. 12 million, in investments in the Ceylon Government Victory Loan. By 10 a.m. Rs.124 millions had been collected. The Loan total was over Rs. 15 million before noon,

s.v.p. Jaffna.—The second quarterly meeting of the Conferences of St. Vincent de Paul Society, Jaffna was held on Sunday 15th inst. at 5-30 p.m. in St. Charles' School with Mr. R. J. Paul, the President of the Particular Council in the chair. There were 55 members present. After the usual prayers, a spiritual reading on "Our Duty to Avoid all Occasions of Sin" was done. Then St. Joseph's Conference, St. James' Conference and St. Nicholas' Conference presented reports of their activities and accounts for the months of April, May and June. After this, Chev. S. Arulanantham delivered a very touching lecture on "The Gospel and the Life of a Catholic." He showed S.V.P. Jaffna. - The second quartvery touching lecture on "The Gospel and the Life of a Catholic." He showed and the Life of a Catholic. He showed in a masterly manner how the scenes in the passion of our Lord affected the lifes of men like Judas, St. Peter etc. and women like Veronica, Mary Mag-dalene etc.—and what lessons we should learn from them.

Then Mr. A. Gnanapragasam the editor of Tamil "Catholic Guardian" spoke of the necessity of a St. Vincent de Paul Society in each parish and hoped that in the near future many more such charitable and useful societies would be formed in the Diocese. ties would be formed in the Diocese. He also thanked the lecturer Messrs. M. Saverimutu and G. B. Antony also expressed their thanks to the learned lecturer. Then the Chairman said that tecturer. Then the Chairman said that though people often heard lectures they seldom made it a point to follow the ideas contained therein. He too added his quota of thanks to the lecturer. He also requested the members to attend the Feast Mass on Thursday 19th inst. in Joseph's Chapel at 7 p.m. and to approach the Holy Table.

Jaffna Schools and War Savings.-Mr. V. K. Nathan, Education Officer, Northern Division is reported to have said that children in Jaffna Schools have this year invested one and a quarter lakhs of rupees in War Savings Certificates.

Punished for Contempt of Court.—The Bench of three judges comprising the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. comprising the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Keuneman and Mr. Justice Wijeyewardene delivered judgment on Monday morning convicting Mr. P. Ragupathy, Advocate, of Jaffna, of having committed contempt in disrespect of the authority of the Supreme Court in connection with two petitions of appeal settled by him. Mr. Ragupathy was sentenced to imprisonment till the rising of the Court and a fine of Rs. 250, in default a month's simple imprisonment,

The judgment is that of Mr. Justice Keuneman, the other two judges agreeing with it,

Corruption Alleged in Hospitals.—Serious allegations of bribery against government medical officers, apothecaries and minor employees of hospitals are causing grave concern to the Minister of Health and the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, writes the "Times of Ceylon."

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Mr. Shearer will and will also stud preliminary The State a sum of study reports on this sul Council has already Rs. 50,000 towards preliminary expenses of the survey.

### OBITUA

#### MRS, GNANAMIRTHAN BASTIAMPILL HELLAM

On Sunday the 22nd instant, after a long illness consequent on tage, there passed away to her eternal reward, passed away to her eternal reward, Gnanamirtham Chellam, beloved wife of Mr. Constantine Bastiampillai of Atchuvely. She was 79 years old. The deceased hails from one of the most ancient and honourable families of North-Ceylon, being a daughter of Abraham Gardiner Sittampalam of Manipay whose spotless lineage is traced to the renowned Tamil Chieftain, Don Louis Poothathamby, celebrated in song and history, relating to the Dutch period in Jaffna.

in Jaffna.

Half a century ago, there Atchuvely, much gold and many dia-monds in the form of men and women Acchavely, much gold and many diamonds in the form of men and women, to be purified, cut, refined. The little Catholic society, then, badly wanted the civilising influence of some master touch. The Lord sent three persons from Manipay. Mrs. Thambimuttu, wife of the great Thambimuttu of Atchavely, Chellam her sister, and little GnanaPrakasar, now the venerable and learned Swamy of Nallur. Guided by the genius of Thambimuttu, they did accomplish the task set them by Providence. If the Catholic community at Atchavely is what it is today, after God, we owe it to them. But those precious friends—excepting the Light at Nallur—are all extinguished, "hid in "death's dateless night." The magic hands have vanished and the voices are still, though of course, their work is deathless.

Twentytwo Fathers were present at

janayagam (son), Mr. S. E. Ponniah (brother), Mrs. Chelliab and Mrs. Benjamin (daughters), Mrs. Thuraiai yah (daughter-in-law) besides numerous mismanagement during the last decade grand children and nephews.

To this "Valiant woman" who was to ber kinsfolk, a friend, philosopher, guide and consoler, right through her long life, in all their difficulties, may the Lord of Mercy grant speedy Rest in Peace.

#### MAS, JOSEPH SAUNDERANAYAGAM

The death occurred at 4-15 p.m. on Tuesday the 3rd of July at the General Hospital, Colombo in his 14th year of Master Joseph Saunderanayagam, the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. S.S. Innastamby of Sillalai, He took suddenly youngest son of Dr. and Wirs, S. S. Junesitamby of Sillalai. He took suddenly ill on the 25th of June and inspite of the best possible medical attention he passed away fortified by the rights of the Catholic Church.

the Catholic Church.

The corpse was brought home to Sillalai that night itself by motor hearse and the funeral took place on Thursday morning at 7 a.m. after the singing of the Rquiem High Mass at the Parish Church. The Mass was sung by Very Revd. Fr. S. James, O.M.I., a relative of the deceased, assisted by Revd. Frs. S. J. Leo Thuraisingham, O.M.I., and S. Soosainather, O.M.I. The same Fathers officiated on the way to the cemetery and at the graveside where in the presence of a large number of symthe presence of a large number of sympathisers the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery chapel.

Young Saunderanayagam was a student of Form III B at St. Benedict's College, Colombo, where he received his education for the last six years. The number of messages of sympathy received by the parents of the deceased is an eloquent tribute to the esteem in which he was held by his class mates, the Revd. Brother and teachers of St. Benedict's in the activities of which Benedict's in the activities of which institution be actively participated as a boarder and a member of the Confraternities of the Children of Jesus, the Sacred Heart, the College choir and the Altar Boys' Association. May his soul rest in Peace.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Back to the Crown Colony System

N.B.—The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed in this communication.

Mr. C. Ponnambalam, the Chairman of the Jaffna U.C., is in the habit of saying some very pungent and illuminating home-truths in public meetings—utterances, that do really give food for thought. For one thing, he is a gentleman with the courage of his convictions. and with the comage of inscontaining.

I do not think that he ever pointed to a greater truth, than when he said the other day in a public meeting, "The public life of the Island is very corrupt. 

nity available."

That would no dobut have given an electric shock, to the so-called "Progressives" of the day, who go about hawling ad natiseam, their ear-splitting slogans about patriotism, progress, advancement, independence, self-government, New Order, etc., etc., while it is plain to every reflecting person, that the present state of the management of public affairs, is a crying shame.

work is deathless.

Twentytwo Fathers were present at the funeral on Monday evening. Friends and kinsmen were there from different parts of the Peninsula. Revd. Fr. W. Jesuthasan, O.M.I., the son, officiated from the home to the church. The Very Revd. Fr. Vicar-General, assisted by Revd. Fr. G. T. Balasundram, O.M.I., the parish priest officiated in the church. Revd. Fr. B. A. John, O.M.I., Acting Rector, S.P.C., officiated from the church to the cemetery. The last blessing over the remains was pronounced by Revd. Fr.S. GnanaPrakasar, O.M.I., the nephew of the deceased.

The principal mourners were, Mr. C. Bastiampillai (husband), Mr. B.J.T. Ra-Bastiampillai (husband), Mr. Bastiampillai (husband), Mr

ese, should be scrapped and blown away into other. We have had enough of mismanagement during the last decade. The great majority of our native leaders is not fit to lead us.

With all his faults, the Britisher did much, very much better. Call me any name you fancy—reactionary, slave, traitor etc., etc. I prefer being a servant under an honest dan, rather than a prince under ...... A PATRIOT.

#### Tamil Shorthand

Sir,—It is gratifying to learn that Mr. D. W. Wickramaratchi has evolved a system of shorthand for Sinhalese. Public life on the democratic model a system of shorthand for Sinhalese, Public life on the democratic model needs the aid of Shorthand which has come to be regarded in civilised countries as essential to the advancement of popular learning. The pioneer work of Mr. Wickramaratchi should earn for him the gratitude of the Sinhalese peo-

The late Revd. Fr. P. Dunne. O.M.I., a former Rector of St. Patrick's College, Jaffna as early as 1898 invented a sys-tem of Shorthand for Tamil. The system tem of Shortmann for Tamil. The system he evolved was admired for its conciseness and clarity by gentlemen who understood the principles of Shorthand. Father Dunne explained his system in a booklet of 16 pages printed in St. Joseph's Catholic Press, Jaffna. Explanations were given both in English and nations were given both in English and Tamil. His illustrations were so lucid that the merest tyro could comprehend the system and master short space of time.

He had the Tamil Shorthand included in the curriculum of study at the College but soon after he had to take Mission work which severed his connection with the College. There was no further the College. There was no further effort made to popularise this shorthand.

The advancement of democracy needs The advancement of democracy needs speeches to be made in our own language. In all public functions and institutions the call is for speeches in our own tongue. Restraint on public utterances in the interest of order and decorance with the interest of order and decorance in the interest of tuted to train boys and girls in the system. I hope St. Patrick's College and other Colleges will seriously consider the suggestion.

Yours truly. P. Q. CHRISTIAN. Jaffna, 25-7-42.

#### TUTICORIN

#### SAHAYAMADHAPURAM

July 16, 1945, Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, was a memorable day in the annals of the Tuticorin Diocese, when 275 were received into the Church. Six priests were kept busy baptizing them for hours.

The next day His Lordship offered Holy Mass, gave First Communion and administered Confirmation to the new converts. After Mass, they were served a substantial breakfast. Not only our a substantial breakfast. Not only our converts received Christian names, their village too has been baptized by His Lordship. What was known as San-karaligapuram is now known as San-yamadhapuram (village of Our Lady, Help of Christians).

In his sermon, His Lordship said inter alia that Bishops have to suffer much now and then from the black sheep; but they have also great joys especially when new sheep and lambs enter the fold. Sahayamadhapuram is an instance in point. an instance in point.

#### NOTICE

G.A., N.P., will receive tenders up to 12 noon on Monday 6-8-45 for the supply of the ollowing materials to the salt pans at Chiilyateru, Karanavai and Vellapparavai and othe Salt Stores at Tondaimanar whenever equired during the period 1-10-45 to 30-9-46 itz. Naar baskets, ola mats, palmyrah olas, udali olas, palmyrah stalks palmyrah polis, clampal and cadjans.

2. Tender forms may be obtained a Jaffna Kuchcheri on the production tender deposit receipt for Rs. 25.

3. Further particulars may be obtained from the laffna Kachcheri.

C. DE FONSEKA, for G.A., N.P.

### Marxists Conspire Against King Leopold

(Continued from Page 1) GOVERNMENT'S PISTOL

On Saturday of last week it was announced that the Government would resign because I was unable "to maintain order" should the King return. The terms of this note, are worthy of consideration. The Government has refused to hold a General Election because of to hold a General Election because of difficulties, they say, occasioned by the conditions of war. That these difficulties exist, no one will deny. But every Belgian citizen—as every British citizen—has an identity card. Using these an election could be held within three weeks. Difficulties exist for democracy to overcome—or abdicate. In stating that it "cannot maintain order" because the more violent sections of the Left are holding street processions and confessing that it cannot organise a General Election the Government of Van Acker admits its weakness and is in effect leaving the country to be dictated to by admits its weakness and is in effect leaving the country to be dictated to by political mobsters.

The Catholic members of the Cabinet also resigned but made clear their attitude of support to the King's stand for constitutional rectitude.

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On Monday a further statement appeared, again advising "abdication" in view of the "conflicting currents of opinion" in Belgium. Here Van Acker admits that there is conflict on the question of the King and implicitly states that those who follow the current of abdication should be appeased at the expense of their opposition, of the King, and of the Constitution.

#### THE RIGHT WAY

Under the Belgian Constitution there Under the Belgian Constitution there was one way out for the Government. When the King returned, it should have asked him for his sanction to continue in office. That is the constitution. These men are the King's Ministers. Within a few months a General Election could have been held and any constitutional changes would have been decided by the will of the electrotate.

will of the electorate.

As we go to press the King has definitely stated that he will not abdicate.

This reporter has interviewed this week Ins reporter has interviewed this week visitors from Belgium, who say that the whole weight of Flemish opinion is behind him and large numbers of the Walloons. His pictures are on display in the streets of Brussels and in most of the towns of the country. And this despite anonymous threats to citizens who display their loyalty.—Cath. Herald, London, June 22.

### Reply to "Soviet Weekly"

(Continued from Page 1)
the moral credentials (or rather a tiny
fraction of them) of the Red totalitarian,

fraction of them) of the Red totalitarian, aggressive, persecuting dictatorship which presumes to judge the Holy Father for his policy of Christian love.

The "Soviet Weekly" has the temerity to lecture the people of England on this subject. The people of England are entitled to a plain answer. But they do not require it. They already know it.

Yes, "neutrality, as applied to murderers and their victims, is strange, to say the least," as "Soviet Weekly" so neatly puts it. It demands a supernatural charity.—C. H., London.

### Telegraphic Summary of News

PETAIN BEGINS FIGHT FOR LIFE TO-DAY

At 1 p.m. on Monday 89-year-old Marshal Philippe Petain will walk into the dock in the First Chamber of the French Court of Appeal to stand his trial for life on charges of plotting against the internal security of his country and of intelligence with the German

Box only a handful of people will be able to watch what will undoubtedly rank as the most famous trial in French history since King Louis XVI was tried for treason against the Republic and beheaded 152 years ago at the time of the French Revolution.

The tiny court room can only hold 400 people and hundreds have failed to secure admission tickets.

Sale of Foreign Liquor Tavern in Mannar District, 1945-46

Petain was taken just like an ordinary prisoner in a police van from Fort Mon-trouge to his two little rooms at the Palais de Justice—the Paris law courts on Sunday.

The 76-year-old Public Prosecutor, M. Andre Mornet will fight for and de-mand the death sentence.

Madame Petain, as well as the prison doctor and two Sisters of Mercy, accompanied the Marshal on Sunday.

Five hundred police are every avenue, gallery, door and window.

Petain's doctor and two ambulance men are always to be at hand, both in court and in the President's little office adjacent to the court room which has been converted into a two-room flat for the accused.

The trial is expected to last at least a

No trial since that of Louis XVI has They say in Paris; "Petain is on trial. So are millions of French men and women."

#### FIVE JURORS REJECTED

The first taste of drama in the trial of Marshal Petain, which began on Monday came on Sunday when Petain's three counsels, exercising their legal right, refused to accept as jurors two Communist ex-deputies and three members of the Resistance Movement (including two women).

"It will not prevent Petain from get-ting 12 shots," was the comment of Robert Pimienta, one of the five jurors

#### 11-PAGE INDICTMENT

The indictment is an 11-page document consisting of charges under three heads—material, moral and political.

Under the first head it is alleged that

Under the first head it is alleged that the accused signed the armistice, suppressed the Presidency of Republic, assumed full powers and adjourned the French Chamber and Senate which he never again convoked.

Under the second head, he is charged with "abhorring the republic." It is alleged that he wrote to Mr. Charles Murras, the Royalist leader, saying: "I hope that the hereditary monarchy will be restored in France."

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be restored in France."

He is further accused of having been in touch with the secret Fascist society of "Hooded Men," having welcomed at Vichy such personages as Joseph Darnand, head of Laval's Militia, having maintained relations with Ferdinand de Brinon, the Vichy Ambassador to Germany in Paris during the Occupation; and having accepted Laval as head of the Government.

#### FRENCH TROOPS MOVE OUT

French troops on Sunday began eva-cuating barracks all over Syria, while Syrian forces moved in in their place, The process will be completed by the end of the month.

#### NOTICE

The Chairman, Tender Board, P.O. Box 500, Colombo will receive tenders up to non no Tuesday, August 21, 1945 for the construction of Colonists' houses at Klinochchi in Jaffna District—vide Government Cazette of July 20, 1945 for further particulars.

Tenders should be made on forms obtain able on application to the Government Agent, N.P., from whom all information can be obtained.

C. COOMARASWAMY, Government Agent, N.P.

The Kachcheri, Jaffna, 16th July, 1945.

#### TENDER NOTICE

The Deputy Food Controller, Jaffan will receive tenders up to 12 noon on Tuesday, 31st July, 1945 for the transport, rebagging etc. of Foodsiuffs.

2. Tenders should be made on forms ob-tainable on application from the Deputy Food Controller, Jaffna from whom all par-ticulars on the subject can be obtained.

A deposit of Rs, 200 will be required to be made either at the General Treasury, Colombo or at a Kachcheri and a receipt produced for the same before any form of tender is issued.

Sgd. E. GOONERATNE, for Deputy Food Controller.

The Kachcheri, Jaffna, July, 14th, 1945.

Notice is hereby given that tenders for the purchase of Foreign Liquor Tavern in Mannar District close at 11 a.m. on Friday Sept. 20, 1945.

The conditions of sale and any other particulars can be obtained on application at the Mannar Kachcheri.

K. V. RANGANATHAN, for Asst. Govt. Agent, Mannar, 18th July 1945.

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#### NTICE

G.A., N.P., will noon on Wednesd weighing out salt and Tondaimanar 1-10-45 to 30-9-46. ive tenders up to 12 8.45 for the service of traders at Chiviyateru Stores for the period

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