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India's Cardinal Gracias opens International Study Week

Mission Expert plans modern approach

New Look for Catechetics

SEVENTY bishops who met last week with some 150 of the Church's leading experts in religious instruction have been forming a catechetical guide for mission territories.

Gathering in Eichstaett, Germany under the joint presidency of Cardinal Agagianian and of Cardinal Gracias, this International Study week is the first such meeting between world experts on the teaching of the fundamentals of the Faith.

In his opening speech, Cardinal Gracias recalled Pope John's Encyclical *Principes Pastorem* on the missions which contains "the directives to help us in the adaptations of the modern catechetical renewal to the needs of the missions."

The meeting had a two-fold purpose: to adapt modern catechetical experience to the needs of the missions, and to formulate a guide or "catechetical creed" that would set down basic principles of catechetics, axioms for training catechists and outlines of religious text-books.

The "catechetical creed" will be translated into many languages and although officially restricted to mis-

sionary activity is expected to affect the instruction of prospective converts everywhere.

In the course of the week the bishops found great appeal in the emphasis of the experts on catechetics as a means not only to knowledge of the Faith but also as a means to a better Christian life in an age of materialism and constant Communist threat.

Cardinal Gracias underlined a point prominent in the week's agenda: how to utilise the doctrinal qualities inherent in the Church Liturgy.

NEW LIFE

He said: "Missionary catechists must be in contact with the liturgy as a means of creating new life in Christ in Christians... Liturgy is eminent in catechesis on account of its continual insistence on concentrating our attention on the essence of Christianity—our way to the Father, in union with Christ through the Holy Spirit..."

This wedding of the liturgy with instruction was given special attention at the conference because of the nationalisation of schools and other institutions in some mission areas. In some such places, it was pointed out, Sunday Mass is sometimes the only contact that Catholics have with the Church.

It was further pointed out that this same doctrinal power of the liturgy could be put to work in non-mission countries, where Sunday Mass is the usual contact with the Church after school days have finished.

Bishop Weber, S.V.D., exiled from his See of Ichow by the Chinese Communists, urged that the first parts of the Mass with its readings from Scrip-



CARDINAL GRACIAS

ture, its hymns and its prayers should be conducted in the vernacular. The first part of the Mass known as the Mass of the Catechumens, is a service of instruction, he emphasised.

The study week was held under the auspices of the Institute of Mission Apologetics in Manila, Philippines, and organised by Fr. Hofinger, S.J., who also arranged last year's Nijmegen Congress on Liturgy in the Missions.

Holland

NEARLY every Catholic family in Holland subscribes to a Catholic daily newspaper. Holland's 4,500,000 Catholics support nearly 30 Catholic dailies with a combined circulation of 880,000.

Devotions that are 'vanities'

THE Holy Father, in a recent audience, said that many unauthorised devotions among Catholics are nothing more than "superficialities and vanities."

It was to counteract this multiplication of unauthorised devotions that he had issued his apostolic letter on the Precious Blood.

By exhorting Catholics to love Christ's Sacred Heart, Holy Name and Precious Blood he hoped to stimulate true piety.

During January's Rome diocesan synod and after it, His Holiness made several references to unauthorised devotions.

He said they distract from religious piety.

He did not specify what devotions he was referring to, but he has insisted that Catholics should avail themselves of devotions already approved by the Church.

The Pope turns Journalist

THE Holy Father has turned journalist.

He has written an article for the *Bergamo Echo*, the newspaper that circulates in his native village of Sotto il Monte.

The article, written several weeks ago, deals with the history of the city's great bell which used to wake him before the turn of the century, when he was a student in Bergamo seminary.

St. Gregory Barbarigo — whom the Pope canonised last May — blessed the bell in 1658.

An inscription on the bell says that its work is "to mourn the dead, chase away the clouds, assemble the citizens, celebrate feasts, mark the days and ring the hours."

Rome Centre to study Atheism

AN international centre for the study of atheism "on a scientific basis" is to be opened next year in Rome, the magazine *Vita* reported recently. The centre, which would be attached to the Propaganda Fide College, would collect atheist publications from all over the world — including the Soviet bloc — as well as publications against atheism. Courses and meetings would be held to discuss the danger of atheism and ways of opposing it.

Reds call the Eucharistic Rally 'unholy'

EAST German Communists are attacking the International Eucharistic Congress at Munich as an "unholy alliance" against Communism.

The official daily newspaper of the Communist party says the aim of the congress is to "foment hatred and revenge."

Cardinal Wendel of Munich has described the congress as a symbol of "a world hungry for unity."

POPE JOHN SHORTENS RUBRICS

POPE John has further simplified and shortened the saying of the Mass and the breviary for priests.

In a new decree announced from Castelgandolfo last week the Pontiff announced a minor reform of the rubrics for the saying of Mass and the reading of the breviary.

His decree, "Motu proprio" — one issued by the Pope on his own initiative and over his own signature, is continuing a reform started by Pius XII in 1955. The decree is known after its opening words as *Rubricarum Instructum*.

The new book of rubrics and calendar will be issued by the Congregation of Rites and will become effective on January 1 next.

The Pope has specifically made the changes to meet the wishes of "very many bishops, especially out of consideration for the many priests who are daily more burdened by pastoral pre-occupations."

"Under the reform the whole of the rubrics is made clearer, worked into a single text and also somewhat shortened."

The old rubrics of the breviary and missal, their additions and varia-

tions will cease to be effective from January 1. This also applies to the 1955 decree simplifying the rubrics which is absorbed by the new text.

"Also annulled are all statutes, privileges, indulgences and usages of any kind, even if centuries-old and memorable, and even those worthy of the most special or individual mention, which may be in contrast to these new rubrics," the decree states.

In his announcement the Pontiff said that the changes in the rubrics were made advisable because over the past few centuries "the whole system of rubrics had come to grow following numerous corrections, changes and additions, introduced through the times and not always in a systematic order, and therefore not without affecting the original simplicity and clearness."

"PRESS SHOULD SEEK THINGS THAT UNITE"

THE Catholic Press has a special duty to work for peace and it should search for the things that unite men rather than the things that divide them, said Cardinal Tardini, the Vatican Secretary of State, last month.

Cardinal Tardini asked the Catholic Press to show understanding and kindness to those nations struggling bitterly against poverty, hunger, sickness and ignorance.

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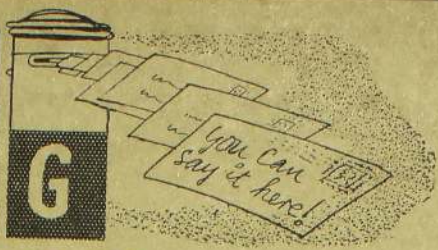
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NOW that the elections are over, it is worth searching the recesses of one's heart and mind for all the pre-election ills one may have been responsible for. It may safely be said that Ceylon has been spared a repetition of the ravages of 1958. The elections are over, but everything is not too well with the country.

The smouldering embers of dissension and strife may not yet be altogether dead. The Press should be careful to refrain from publishing anything that might be provocative

and inflammable. Everyone wants peace and prosperity, and to this end we must work. If there is any instrument that could set a country at sixes and sevens it is the Press, and so, dear Mr. Editor, may we expect of you to play the role of peace-maker for which you will win our grateful plaudits.

We are sick of elections. Let us get down to the task of building a happy and united Ceylon. In our thoughts, feelings and actions let us, at this crucial stage in Ceylon's

political evolution, bear in mind the greater interests of Ceylon.

There is a proverb in Tamil which runs thus: "Even the devil has compassion on a woman." The grave and responsible task of restoring peace to a strife-torn Ceylon has fallen to the lot of a woman. Where men have failed, may a woman succeed.

After all, the cohesion or oneness of a home and all its joys are largely in the hands of a woman—the wife, the mother. Let us therefore sink our differences and in the magnanimity of *maithriya* rally round her whom the people have chosen to steer the ship of State.

As for her, our Lady Premier, we trust that she will by her affability, firmness and composure, lead us on to a haven of justice and plenty.

D. Chinnappah.

Colombo.

II.

THE recent General Elections have indicated in unmistakable terms that the people will not have any truck with the Marxists. 132 seats have been won by the parties that have pledged to uphold the ideals of Democracy. Only 19 seats have been won by the Marxists in spite of the No-Contest Pact.

2,614,742 have voted for Democracy whilst only 414,212 have voted for the Marxists in spite of the hue and cry they raised. This is sufficient proof that the people of Ceylon have reached political maturity. The cherished desires and the prayers of a people have been answered. There is nothing that cannot be wrought by prayer.

Now that the dust of a stormy political battle is settling down, it is up to the people to sink their personal differences and work in unity and harmony for the welfare of the country. Narrow nationalism and religious fanaticism will plunge the country into disaster.

True patriotism requires that we be prepared to make a personal sacrifice if need be and work for the common cause. Law and order must be maintained at any cost. The right thing must be done without fear or prejudice. It is only then that we can take our place among the nations of the world with honour and dignity.

Let a square and fair deal be meted out to all, so that this country may retrieve its prestige as an oasis of peace and tranquility in turbulent Asia.

Carl Nanayakkara.

Kalutara.

There are Songs and Songs

IT is a pity that many of the Sinhalese songs that are broadcast over Radio Ceylon are songs that may not be very conducive to the moral well-being of the young who are easily swayed by emotional feelings that are likely to lead them astray.

There are songs of two kinds: one kind appeals to the better instincts of those who listen to them and they are perfectly harmless and entertaining; the other kind tends to appeal more to the baser instincts and can produce harmful effects. Weak minded young romantics may even be led to following the idiotically "romantic" example of the heroes and heroines of these songs and start on the road that leads to disaster.

In the interests of the young I appeal to the authorities to broadcast songs like "Pinsara Maga Sohura" and "Devagani" sung by Rukmani Devi, "Mawa Hanga Wane" sung by Lata, and "Pape Galila Sapanan Vinde Duka Paminyeda Kimada Adanne" sung by Mohideen Beg. Songs such as these (there are hundreds of them) produce a very healthy effect on the minds of those who

listen to them, especially those of the young.

Francis Nethishina.

Maradana.

Dialogue Mass

WHILE I wholeheartedly support Mr. Candappa's suggestion regarding active participation in the Mass, I would like to add what experience has shown us. We have Dialogue Mass regularly in our parish. The first Mass on Sunday is always dialogued, while at the second Mass there is community singing (led by a practised choir) of the Mass in paraphrase. We have achieved this, not by aiming to do that and that alone, but as part of a full liturgical revival. First came the explanation of the Mass. Then a liturgical consecrated altar. Then a liturgical participation in the Mass. My parishioners are so used now to standing and sitting and kneeling at the correct time, that they feel (so some say) when they happen to attend Mass elsewhere, that everything is dead during Mass. The Mass is not an individual private devotion. It is a community act, and the more so on a Sunday. They have been also taught why they should stand or kneel or sit at a particular time.

When I planned this campaign I arranged to have all outstation Masses in the evening so that there would be my assistant Priest to help me with the Sunday Morning Service. I have been told by visiting priests that their difficulty is that they have no one to help. The Seminararians could come to the rescue during their holidays. The legionaries and parish associations could help. The De La Salle Brothers have published a very beautiful booklet which gives the Latin in Sinhalese characters. In Jaffna the St. Joseph's Press has brought out a leaflet in Tamil. We distribute the books before Mass and collect them after. (A good job for Junior legionaries).

If we were to have a Mass drive for the whole island (we are a very small little island) it would be good to make sure that we have uniform rubrics. On some things people are not agreed. In this fair land we travel a good deal (and are transferred from place to place very often) and therefore uniformity is almost essential. Those who have been in parishes where the instructions of the Holy See in recent times have been translated into action would be able to help adjoining parishes by giving them a helping hand.

I hope Mr. Candappa, who was a very active member of the Catholic Association in Nawalapitiya, will be glad to hear that something has been done about a matter dear to his heart in his old parish.

Nawalapitiya.

(Fr.) Theodore Pieris.

The Travails of the Traveller

RECENTLY I travelled by bus from Ratmalana to Ja-Ela. I found that the condition of the double decker assigned for that trip could be well compared to the old tram car which bade Colombo a sad farewell. It gave passengers the full quota of jerks and creaks while the glass panes kept rattling merrily along. To add insult to injury the rock-hard seats kept slipping away from position at the slightest movement a passenger made.

It is hoped that the C.T.B. will provide better conditioned buses for such long distance trips instead of heaping fuel on the fiery travails of present day bus travellers.

I would suggest that these old buses be removed from the road and deposited in a transport museum.

Geo. P. Solomons.

Ratmalana.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

By Spectator

Nehru to a Hamburg Sunday newspaper reporter: "I am firmly convinced of one thing: that the policy of Mr. Khrushchev is firmly and considerably out for peace!"
Hadjiar to Ralahamy: "Of course! Of course!"

Canon Pakenham-Walsh: "The ghost of King Henry VIII spoke to me!"

If the ghost of Bluff King Hal were to speak to me, the first question I would ask him is: "How are Your Majesty's six Queens getting on?"

Worshipful Member of the A.O.P. on Pots and Percys:

"And for any bonny Georgi 'P' We'd gladly lay us down and dee."

Punchi Singh:

"Why shouldn't you dee for me, for me."

Although my name is not Percy? His fame's thro' pots and pot-pourri

But I'm the darling of each M.P.

N.B.—With apologies to Ye Olde Bards and Minstrels.

They said in Athens: "The end of the world did not come after all!"

Heigh-ho! Haven't those Greeks who awaited the end of the world on July 14, and made their last wills (leaving their worldly goods to whom I wonder), those Italians who climbed up Mont Blanc in a bid for survival, and we Ceylonese who drank "vada-kaha" during a recent total eclipse of the sun to attain near-immortality, but ended up in a visit to the doctor, at last met on the common plane of gargantuan credibility, to make the East and the West kin to confound Kipling?

Dialogue between two good Catholics on Religious Art:—

Juan: "Did you see that picture of Our Lady on the front page of the 'Messenger' of July 9?"

Peduru: "I did. To me it looked like nothing in Heaven or on earth! Just a lot of bandages and an eye!"

Juan: "You irreverent fool! You are too ancient to appreciate modern art! It's what they call 'cubism'!"

Peduru: "Maybe, but I like to see a picture of Our Lady as when she lived in Nazareth, or as when she appeared at Lourdes or at Fatima!"

Juan: "You old stick-in-the-mind! You have to move faster with the times!"

Peduru: "Alright, alright, only I'm too rheumy both downstairs and upstairs!"

A Kekirawa correspondent: "Elephants hold up motorists!"

Initiation on such an 'elephantine' scale must have flattered Imbulgoda Veeraya, immensely!

Mr. Maithripala Senanayake: "The Catholic Church was so powerful that it got Mr. Edmund Cooray, a close relation of the Archbishop of Colombo, to represent Ceylon at the Prime Ministers' Conference!"

Oh yeah! But not so close a relative as Mr. Maithripala Senanayake is to Mr. Dudley Senanayake. Get down Maithripala, you've shinned up the wrong genealogical tree!

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BISHOP SHEEN SPEAKS

TRUE GUILT

EVERY now and then, there appears in circulation what is known as counterfeit money. Never has it been known that a government in the face of this false coinage should declare that true money did not exist. Why then is it that when hundreds of thousands in our land have a guilt complex, that immediately it is concluded there is no such thing as guilt? It is this point that needs a little analysis, for it will save those afflicted millions of rupees in good currency.

There is such a thing as a false or morbid sense of guilt—this is undeniable. Sometimes it manifests itself in excessive handwashing, extreme sensitiveness to the criticism of others, a false sense that one is being followed; at other times, in love of violence and horror movies, in which one transfers the guilt one has to another, "enjoying" the feeling that justice is being satisfied and the crime is punished. "See, I didn't do it, someone else did it, and he is getting his."

• Denial of guilt

In these and other abnormal manifestations of guilt, there is a dislocation or a transfer of guilt from the true cause to an imagined cause, in much the same way as a person afraid to face the fact that he has cancer will tell friends and even himself that he has colitis. It is the business of psychotherapy to deal with these morbid distortions of guilt, just as it is the business of government to deal with counterfeit money. But here is where the harm is done to the patient, namely, if the one who treats him for the abnormal denies that there is such a thing as the normal. It is the business of a mental doctor to rid the patient of the distorted expression of guilt; but the doctor has harmed the patient if he denies that there was ever any guilt in the sick person before him.

• Guilt complex

Macbeth indeed had a guilt complex when he imagined that he saw Banquo's ghost before him, but there was a real foundation for this fantasy, namely, the murder of the general. Macbeth imagined he saw a danger before him, but did that mean that he had never used a dagger on Duncan the king? Lady Macbeth, according to her maid, went about washing her hands every quarter of an hour, but this abnormal guilt complex was founded on the real guilt of murder. She should have washed her soul of the sin of murder, but she externalized the crime and washed her hands instead.

• They need God

We have arrived at a condition in our country where there are no



sinners; nobody ever goes wrong. Other people may do wrong to them, such as stealing, maligning, robbing and persecuting—and for this they ought to be punished. But these holy innocents, when they do the same evil things to others, never admit that they are sinners. The day is past when anyone should ever object to the Immaculate Conception, for everyone admits he is immaculately conceived. They may be neurotics, or they may be psychotics, but they have never done wrong, never committed a sin; they are as pure and holy as they came from their mother's wombs. The very supine attitude of being stretched out on a couch is itself suggestive of the very comfortable moral attitude in which they believe themselves to be. After the murder had been committed, Lady Macbeth said: "I'll gild the faces of the grooms withal for it must seem their guilt." Thus did she transfer her guilt, as guilt today is often transferred to Oedipus and Electra, both of whom have been much maligned in modern jargon of escape psychology. Many a comedian in dealing with a person who has a so-called inferiority complex has said: "He really is inferior." In like manner, one may say of those who suffer from a guilt complex—"they really are guilty." It is the business of psychotherapy to wash the abnormal; it is the business of someone else to wash away the real guilt. As the physician said of Lady Macbeth: "More needs she the divine than the physician."

• Divine mercy

As Kafka said: "There is nothing so much contributes to the moral growth of an individual as a true and refined sense of guilt." As being sick is one side of the coin and the healing physician the other side, so moral guilt is the misery that cries out for mercy. Misery without any knowledge of Divine Mercy is a complex, insanity, mental aberration, anxiety and fear. Divine Mercy in the face of misery and guilt and fear is forgiveness, elevation and the glorious joy of being born again.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HONoured

(from our correspondents)

At Moratuwa

THE Moratuwa Branch of the Confraternity of the Ladies of Charity celebrated the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, their Patron saint, on Saturday, July 16th, at Sebastian's Church.

Holy Mass was offered at 11 a.m. by Rev. Fr. Lionel Abeywickreme. The members as well as their beneficiaries, the poor of the town, participated in the Holy Sacrifice. After Mass nearly seventy-five pounds of milk powder, gifted to the Confraternity by the Australian Women's Group in Ceylon, were distributed to the deserving cases by representatives of the group. Over 175 of the poor were the guests of the active members at a sumptuous lunch.

At Katugastota

THE Ladies of Charity and the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Parish of the Sacred Heart at Katugastota celebrated the feast of their heavenly patron, St. Vincent de Paul, last Sunday, the 24th, July.

The members were all present at the evening Mass at 4-30, at which all approached the Holy Table, together with many of their benefactors and beneficiaries.

After the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the combined Annual General Meeting of the two societies was held in the Parish Recreation Room. Dr. Pieris, the President of the S.V.P., presided. After the reading of the report, comments were offered

on the good and steady work done by these two very commendable societies, in the true Vincentian spirit.

After a short discussion, Mr. R. Suaris of St. Benedict's College, Kotahena, delivered an inspiring address and explained how the S.V.P. works amongst the boys of his college, and how this kind of training will instil into the minds and hearts of the boys a love for the poor and how useful they can be later to their Parish Priests in various forms of charitable and apostolic work.

With a vote of thanks to the lecturer, the meeting terminated with the usual concluding prayers.

At Thandavanvely

THE St. Vincent de Paul Conference of the parish of Thandavanvely in Batticaloa celebrated on the 19th July the feast of their Patron.

Holy Mass was said at 6 a.m. by the parish priest and director of the Conference, Rev. Fr. G. E. L. Wambeck. The families maintained by the Conference were present at the Mass and prayed for the intentions of the Conference. An alms-giving to the poor of the parish followed. Mr. M. Camillus, president of the Conference, was also present at the celebrations.

Negombo Municipal Council Thanks Holy See

(from a "Messenger" correspondent)

A RESOLUTION expressing great pleasure at the honour and regard paid to the Catholics of Ceylon by the Holy See in appointing the Archbishop of Colombo to the Executive Committee of the Ecumenical Council and requesting that the felicitations of the Council be conveyed to the Archbishop and the Holy See was unanimously passed at the monthly meeting of the Negombo Municipal Council, the Mayor, Mr. N. Denzil Fernando, presiding.

Pontiff obliges pilgrims

THE Holy Father is changing his routine to oblige the one-day pilgrims to Rome.

From last week the time of his Wednesday and Saturday audiences has been altered from the afternoon to 11 in the morning.

This will enable the pilgrims who have to leave Rome in the afternoon or early evening to attend.

The new time will operate also at the Pope's summer villa at Castelgandolfo.

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Courage of African Clergy and Laity

THE "admirable courage and dignity" shown by the African clergy and laity in intervening to protect Europeans from violence was described by the Catholic religious programme on Brussels Radio last week.

As we reported in a recent issue, the general picture is that the missionaries are staying at their posts and that the colour of their skins has not discredited them in the eyes of the Congolese whom they are serving.

European Sisters and women lay auxiliaries are only leaving their posts when ordered to do so by their bishops, their temporary departure being the occasion of great sadness among the Africans whom they have helped.

The most unsettled area is still the Lower Congo, from Leopoldville to the sea. Reports from Mayombe, in the diocese of Boma, say that the missionaries and Sisters have stayed put and are being protected by the "police" of Abako, M. Kasavubu's party.

REFUGEES

The Sisters of Charity of Ghent at Thysville, where the mutiny of the *Force Publique* assumed its ugliest form, have arrived at Leopoldville under the protection of M. Gaston Diomi, vice-president of the provincial Government.

The Redemptorist Fathers and a doctor have stayed put at Thysville, but two Redemptorists were molested by mutineers at Kole. Taken to Thysville, they were freed there by M. Diomi.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Namur from Kisantu and nearby, as well as the hospital Sisters from Kisantu, have also arrived in the capital. They were led by Bishop Kimbondo, auxiliary of Kisantu, and Fr. Matota, S.J.

Reports state that the population of the Lower Congo are strongly opposed to the anti-European feeling shown by the mutinous Congolese soldiers, all of whom come from different regions. (It was Belgian policy to post soldiers of the *Force Publique* to provinces other than their own).

At Luluabourg, the capital of Kasai province, all the missionaries, Sisters, and lay auxiliaries have stayed at their posts and have not been disturbed. At Albertville, on the shore of Lake Tanganyika, the White Fathers are said to be carrying on, and at Bukayu and Goma, farther north, the lay social workers are continuing their normal activities.

UGLY

But an ugly incident is reported from the Mill Hill Fathers' diocese of Basankusu in Equator province, where Sisters at the mission at Djolu were raped and priests beaten up. The "Daily Express" last Friday carried an account of this by Fr. John Deen, a Dutch Mill Hill Father who was evacuated to Leopoldville.

Also in the Basankusu diocese, the Sacred Heart Sisters from Boende have been evacuated to Belgium via Leopoldville.

At Banningville, to the north-east of the capital where all the Europeans have left, the missionaries and the Sisters are reported to have stayed put.

At Leopoldville itself the archbishop had ordered the evacuation of women and children from the Catholic University of the Lovanium but all the teaching staff are at work and examinations are going on normally.

BISHOP'S BOLD GESTURE

Before the arrival of the first U.N. troops, Bishop Malula, the Congolese auxiliary of Leopoldville, accompanied by a Belgian army chaplain, stopped patrols of Belgian and Congolese soldiers on the main Boulevard Albert and urged them to fraternise.

Many of the Congolese mutineers knelt before the bishop, and groups of civilians, black and white, watched and cheered.

In Belgium, the Belgian Hierarchy have appealed to the nation "not to judge the feelings of the vast majority of the African population by the unspeakable actions of a few" and not to include in their condemnation the Congolese in Belgium. The joint letter, published on Saturday by Cardinal van Roey and the other Belgian bishops, called upon the Belgians to demonstrate their charity to the refugees from the Congo.

Bishop van Cauwelaert, C.I.C.M., of Inongo, to the north of Banningville, has decided as a security measure on the temporary evacuation to Bel-

Rasanjali Art Exhibition



Rev. Fr. Marcelline Jayakody opening the Art Exhibition in typical oriental style, by pouring milk into a jar. (See report on page 5). Picture by Mervyn Peiris.

Vitamins restoring 'Sick' Documents in 'Clinic'

PRICELESS historical documents, sick with the ills of old age, are being restored to health by ten Benedictine monks who staff Rome's new "book hospital," standing a short distance from St. Peter's Square.

Hospital? Well, says its founder, 34-year-old Dom Mario Pinzuti: "We consider the documents as though they were sick people."

"We treat them like living things and we approach their cases in terms of biology, chemistry and technology."

Ultra-violet and infra-red rays are used in the process—and even vitamins.

The vitamins are either injected into the interior of the manuscript or sprayed on it.

How do they work? Dom Mario would not say. He is giving a paper on the process at Stockholm later in the year and he wishes to keep the technique secret until then.

Subjection to rays reveals interior deterioration or mould invisible to the naked eye.

Each damaged document undergoes careful examination by the monks who diagnose its condition and suggest treatment, the particu-

lars being entered on a form that resembles a medical chart.

Future diagnoses will be helped by an X-ray plant which the "hospital" is to add to its equipment.

SEVEN MONTHS OLD
The "hospital" is the Institute for Scientific Restoration of Books and its laboratories are at 13 Via Rusticucci.

It was founded seven months ago with the help of Cardinal Tardini, Vatican Secretary of State, and the approval of the Holy Father.

The Institute continues the work that Dom Mario, the son of a minor, has been doing during the last eight years in his monastery at Siena.

From the ravages of time, the depredations of worms and the carelessness of man, Dom Mario and his fellow monks have rescued, among a host of other works, a fifth century commentary on the Gospels, manuscripts of Palestrina, the composer, and 400 papal bulls issued during the 10th and 16th century.

GIRL GUIDES' BIG DAY

Lady Baden-Powell at Thanksgiving Mass

FOURTEEN hundred Girl Guides, among them representatives from Bermuda, Bahamas, Canada, Dominica, Gambia, Ghana, Jamaica and Montserrat attended a solemn High Mass at Brompton Oratory, London, last Saturday in thanksgiving for 50 years of Guiding.

Bishop Craven presided and Fr. Joseph Christie, S.J., preached.

Among those present were Lady Baden-Powell (the world chief guide), her daughter, the Hon. Mrs. Gervas Clay (commissioner for Guides in N. Rhodesia), and Dame Leslie Whateley (director of the world

bureau of the world association of Girl Guides). There were also a number of international and chief commissioners from France, Germany, Austria, Panama, Spain and Italy.

SHE EVEN RANG UP THE POPE

REMEMBER the recent news about a disillusioned group of people who gathered on a mountain-top to await the end of the world? Well, even the Vatican was drawn into it.

A woman phoned Rome from Athens and asked to speak to the Pope. The call, reports the Vatican switchboard, was passed on to a prelate. The woman wanted to know if the world was really going to end at 12-45 p.m. G.M.T.

The prelate assured her that Pope John would neither confirm nor deny decisions which remained in the hands of God. He then advised the woman, "Try to keep yourself in grace with God and you will be able to face the end of this life with serenity at any moment it comes."

gium of European Sisters working in several extremely isolated mission stations. Their departure has been lamented by the Africans. Congolese Sisters in this diocese are not being evacuated.

A message from the Augustinian Sisters at Port Francqui and Mwaka in Kasai province says that they are all well and have not been disturbed.



Sunday, 7 August: 9th Sunday after Pentecost. Green. 2nd Prayer of St. Cajetan. Creed. Pref. of the Trinity. Omit prayer prescribed.

Monday, 8 August: SS. Cyriacus and Companions. Red.

Tuesday, 9 August: St. John Mary Vianney. Cure of Ars. White. 2nd Prayer of the Vigil of St. Lawrence. 3rd Prayer of St. Romanus. Omit prayer prescribed.

Wednesday, 10 August: St. Lawrence. Red. Omit prayer prescribed.

Thursday, 11 August: Mass of the Sunday. Green. 2nd Prayer of SS. Tiburtius and Susanna.

Friday, 12 August: St. Clare. White.

Saturday, 13 August: Mass of Our Lady on Saturday. White. 2nd Prayer of SS. Hippolytus and Cassian.

Sunday, 14 August: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. Green. 2nd Prayer of St. Eusebius. Creed. Pref. of the Trinity. Omit prayer prescribed.

Auction Sale

At the request of B. S. de Silva, Licensed Pawn Broker of No. 587, New Town, Madampe, I shall sell the unredeemed jewellery pawned between 20-10-54 to 30-7-59 on 24-8-60 at 9 a.m. Full details in catalogue.

B. A. POWELL,
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IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

AS A WEEK'S FULL RATION WE ARE HAPPY TO PUBLISH THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION. IT CERTAINLY SPEAKS FOR ITSELF AND WE HOPE IT WILL ALSO SPEAK TO OTHER GENEROUS SOULS.

Colombo Municipality
Catholic Guild,
Town Hall,
Colombo.

SOMETIME ago Rev. Fr. Sebastian of Wahacotte suggested that a statue of Fr. Vaz be erected at Wahacotte. I have made inquiries and was able to get at the person who makes statues for all churches in Ceylon. He is Mr. Albert Peeris of Naturupitiya, Kandana. I have also contacted some of his relatives who have stated that they would speak to him on this subject.

Our Guild activities have been restricted to some extent as the Town Hall, where we usually meet, has been taken over for offices. In the last issue of the Bulletin I made a suggestion that a collection would be made on the July pay day for the statue it is proposed to erect at Wahacotte.

The response has been fair but the difficulty has been the contacting of officers who are scattered right round the City. I am not sure whether any permission is needed for the erection of the proposed statue. If this could be obtained the money collected could be used as the nucleus of a Fund which could be started for this purpose. Otherwise the money could be used in any manner to promote the cause.

Regarding the collection itself, it has not been possible to contact all members and the money collected so far is shown below.

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P. R. Wickrema ..	2 00
P. J. Dabera ..	1 00
A. L. Balding ..	2 00
K. L. B. Perera ..	2 00
P. V. Panaluwa ..	2 00
Total ..	26 00

Health, Outdoor.

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Mrs. A. C. Buultjens ..	1 00
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Father Vaz Feature

Mrs. E. I. de Silva ..	1 00
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K. A. B. Fernando ..	1 00
W. Thurairatnam ..	1 00
Shirley Perera ..	2 00
G. Amerasinghe ..	1 00
A. S. P. V. Chandravarnama ..	1 00
A. M. Rajendram ..	1 00
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J. S. Wijeyeratnam ..	2 00
Anonymous ..	2 00
P. M. A. Perera ..	1 00
J. A. A. Wickremasinghe ..	1 00
F. B. Pereira ..	1 00
H. L. A. Fernando ..	1 00
K. L. W. T. Kithsiri ..	1 00
J. C. de Zoysa ..	1 00
A. W. Jayaratne ..	2 00
D. A. A. Jayasundera ..	2 00
Total ..	28 00

M. E. Cleansing.

E. B. A. Ranasinghe ..	2 00
Total ..	2 00

Secretariat.

Eric de Silva ..	2 00
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C. E. W. Jayasuriya ..	1 00
N. W. J. de Silva ..	1 00
D. E. Ootschoorn ..	1 00
D. C. Wickremasinghe ..	1 00
P. H. de Silva ..	1 00
Miss M. Wendt ..	1 00
S. P. de Abrew ..	1 00
Total ..	10 00

Treasurer's Dept.

Mrs. F. C. de Lima ..	2 00
Total ..	2 00

Grand Total Rs. 140/00.

Emilion E. V. Elias,
Secy., Colombo Municipality
Catholic Guild.

MORNING OFFERING

DIVINE Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, all my prayers, works and sufferings of this day, in reparation for our sins and for all the intentions for which Thou dost offer Thyself continually in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I offer them in particular for the intentions of the Apostleship of Prayer and for those proposed by the Holy Father for this month.

INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

GENERAL: That many vocations to the priesthood may spring up and endure in the "Church of Silence."

MISSIONARY: That the number of vocations to be missionary nuns may grow greater among girls.

RADIO LOG

AUG. 6 to 8: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. **THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY** (Tamil) — Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier O.M.I.
AUG. 7: 10-00 to 10-05 a.m. Talk (English) — Rev. Fr. Claude Lawrence, O.M.I.
AUG. 8 to 14: 6-55 to 7-00 a.m. **THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY** (Sinhalese) — Rev. Fr. Marcus Fernando.
AUG. 14: 7-00 to 7-30 p.m. **CATHOLIC HOUR PROGRAMME.**

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HUMAN LIVES ARE AT STAKE!

WHATEVER is done in the name of suffering humanity and in the alleviation of the poor man's burdens, deserves commendation. Robin Hood salutes this week man with a mission—M. G. A.



MORAES—of the Government Press, who, for the past 25 years has rendered free and unflinching service to this country.

Sole architect, head and mainstay of Ceylon's one and only Snake-bite Hospital situated at 96, Beddeganne Road, Kotte, and opened by the Minister of Health two and a half years ago, Mr. MORAES has treated well over 4,000 patients up to date free of charge at this institution.

With no private income, and chopping off a good slice of his own salary, he has been devoting most of his time and energy towards this humane cause.

The bite of the deadly Cobra and the poison-fanged Viper proves fatal unless instantaneous treatment is administered.

Mr. MORAES is accessible at any time of the day or night and there is no "free time" for him.

Patients are brought from Anuradhapura, Matara and other far-flung places and none is given "no" for an answer.

Of a gentle and self-sacrificing disposition he carries out his self-imposed duty with the grit, patience and fortitude of one cast in the heroic mould.

But the future is bleak, very cold and dreary. With rising costs, accumulated debts, and ill-health stemming from laborious hours, the very existence of this hospital is threatened.

It is to be hoped that the government will step in and ease the situation; valuable lives will thus be saved.

It is up to the public too, to give freely to the project which is a most worthy cause.

Assisting Mr. MORAES in his labours, is his eldest daughter CHANDRA MORAES who is also a snake-bite physician.

He will fly to Rome

FLYING to the Olympics in Rome shortly is MARK FLAMER-CALDERA, President of the Mercantile A.A.A. and a member of the Olympic Committee.

Ceylon girl in Australia



C-PLAN student now in Australia, Miss MABEL RANA-WAKE of Veyangoda looks forward to being back in her home country.

In the picture she is seen taking the blood pressure of a patient, one of her day-to-day assignments. Miss MABEL RANA-WAKE

Now she's a graduate—after the storm!



Carlotta Walls, 17, looks at her picture in the 1960 year book of Little Rock's Central High School, America from which she is now a graduate. The picture at left shows Carlotta (arrow) being escorted across the school grounds by armed troops in September of 1957, after the federalized Arkansas National Guard and Army Para-troopers were ordered to protect Negro students integrating Central High School. (Catholic inter-racial News Service).

MARK is a 16 mm. Cameraman in Fr. NOEL CRUSZ'S "16 mm. Cine Camera Club." It will be recalled that he was responsible for the highlights in "Road to Boys' Town" and "All my World."

In Rome, MARK FLAMER-CALDERA will handle a special colour feature film of the main events in the Olympics.

They won Gold medals

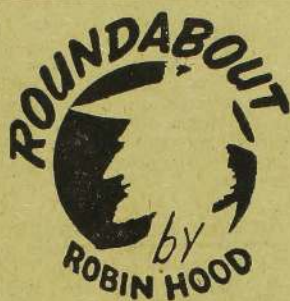
PHOTOGRAPHER RALEX (see picture), young and ambitious, found himself at last week-end voted top man for his work at the Rasanjali Art Exhibition held at the Art Gallery. Missing the target and in commendable second position was Ceylon's well-known singer SUNIL SHANTA turned photographer.



RALEX: a triumphant "first"

Both RALEX and SUNIL SHANTA were Guest Artists whose work attracted considerable attention at the Art Gallery.

RALEX who reflected in his camera work the thoughts of the poet Rabindranath Tagore (selected and arranged by HARRISON



PEIRIS, and translated into Sinhalese by HECTOR PERERA), captured his "first" for a remarkable study of a Buddhist priest, captioned with the Tagorean line from "Gitanjali"—"Where knowledge is free..."

RALEX also annexed two "honourable mentions"; one of which was a sensitively beautiful face of a woman captioned "You are one half woman, one half dream."

Resting on his laurels, and colared by one of Robin Hood's merry maids, photographer RALEX admitted that his work was seldom pre-planned. He believes in the "mood of the moment" and sets to work spontaneously and on an impulse.



SUNIL SHANTA: a commendable "second"

Questioned about his philosophy of life, RALEX with a merry twinkle in his eye retorted with the lines of John D. Rockefeller, Sr.:

"I was early taught to work as well as play,
My life has been one long happy holiday—
Full of work, and full of play—
I dropped the worry on the way
And God was good to me every day."

Jaffna's jubilarian

MUCH-LOVED priest of Jaffna, attached to the Church of Our Lady of Refuge—Fr. S. A. SWAMIPILLAI celebrates the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood with a High Mass at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, 10 August.

A reception, after High Mass, has been arranged by the parishioners.

The name of Fr. SWAMIPILLAI is synonymous with Lay Catholic Action and one of his many projects is the excellent quarterly "Our Lady's Bulletin."

For husbands and wives

ANOTHER CANA CONFERENCE has been scheduled for Sunday, 7 August. The venue: Holy Family Convent. The time: 5 p.m. Will YOU be there?

Europa tours

INVITATIONS have gone out from that winsome, energetic and zealous organizer of EUROPA TOURS—Mrs. MILLIE LOYOLA—for a "get together" of friends and well-wishers on the eve of the Europa Pilgrimage tour leaving Colombo on Saturday, 13 August.

A Benediction Service is timed for 5-45 p.m. on Monday, 8 August, at St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya for the batch of pilgrims.

He will represent Ceylon

SCHEDULED to leave Ceylon by the S.S. Strathaird on 5

August is Mr. PATRICK H. DE SILVA, Secretary-General of the National Federation of the De La Salle Brothers' Old Boys' Union.

He will represent Ceylon at the World Congress of former students of the Christian Brothers, to be held in Rome from 13 to 15 September.

It is known that he will be joined



by the Director of St. Benedict's College, Rev. Bro. ATHANASIOS who will represent the De La Salle Brothers in Ceylon.

Mr. DE SILVA an old Benedictine himself and is Personal Assistant to Colombo's Mayor, Mr. M. H. MOHAMED.

Since 1957 he has also been General Secretary of St. Benedict's Old Boys' Union.

RASANJALI ART EXHIBITION

ON Sunday, the 24th in the presence of a very representative gathering, Fr. Marcelline Jayekody, O.M.I. declared open the Rasanjali Art Exhibition at the Colombo Art Gallery.

This exhibition was sponsored by the Rasanjali Art Group to present an idea of the growth of indigenous Christian art. There was a very considerable selection of paintings by prominent artists. Assessing the merits and demerits of each artist should be left to competent critics.

If one were to put down one's general impressions, one could say that it was a commendable effort on the part of the artists, to summon to the service of the Church the true and lasting values in our culture; an effort to recapture the characteristic genius of our people in a contemporary idiom.

When one looks back to the initial attempts in this field, one witnesses a marked progress in the present effort. In some instances the use of technique showed a very evident struggle to break away from old, stereotyped procedures. In others a sort of apocalyptic urge and awareness prevailed.

There were attempts at an ex-

pression of Christian symbolism in an indigenous idiom, and some of them had a finish of their own. These were the attempts of a group

by George Perera

as yet in the evolutionary stage. To expect maturity and perfection would be to expect the refinement of youth and the maturity of manhood from one who is yet a child.

And yet it would be a fair criticism to say that all the exhibits lacked Christian inspiration, a religious awareness, vitality. Instead of the overflow or expression of a religious experience, there was still a tendency to compromise with pietistic and sentimental representations. That sense of the heroic in the canonized sanctity of the Church has yet to fire our indigenous artists.

Besides paintings, there were also Church vestments with oriental designs and symbols. And Mr. Francis Perera had profitably exploited Kandyan and other oriental themes and motifs in designing chalice, candle stands,

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The Palladium of Our Liberties

FREEDOM is one of the things man holds most dear. Pope Leo XIII began his Encyclical on Human Liberty by describing it as mankind's highest, supremest gift. The whole of human history, the entire movement of the world, as Plato said, may be described in terms of man's progress from brute force or compulsion, in whatever form, to freedom.

But freedom, as always, is in peril today. In our own time, the sturdy individualism and the rugged independence of the "free and law-abiding man" that used to be, is in danger of disappearing.

The individual as an independent and autonomous person is tending to make way for a colourless, standardized unit, part of a soulless bureaucratic set-up, a slave either to the mesmerism of the masses—taking his ideas meekly from the organs of mass-publicity and propaganda—or else to the dictates of the managerial or the omnipotent State.

We Ceylonese are a people who have roots in traditions that make for a different way of life; we have a past which even if, on occasion, it believed in severity, would nevertheless have recoiled in horror from the rigid bureaucracy and the mass mentality of our time. But for all our traditions and our past, we are very much children of our age, and this particular danger to freedom is, for us too, a very real one.

We are witnessing, just now, a sort of tidal wave of reaction against the tremendous power of the Press. The influence upon the public mind of the national newspapers is beginning to be considered an undue, an unfair and a dangerous influence, with all the powerful possibilities of Press barons "manufacturing" public opinion in accordance with their own particular social, economic and political views.

That the problem is not a mere figment of the imagination, but an actual and a vital problem, and therefore deserving of serious consideration, there can be no doubt, Pius XII himself once spoke of "clever propaganda which unduly claims the privilege of moulding opinion just as it wishes."

In a penetrating and accurate diagnosis of modern man, he pointed out that modern man's desire to appear free and independent was often only a facade "behind which hide paltry, empty beings, without the moral strength to unmask falsehood, without the energy to resist the violence of those who are capable of putting into effect all the discoveries of modern technology, all the refined arts of persuasion, to deprive them, in the last resort, of freedom of thought and to reduce them to the state of 'reeds shaken by the wind'."

The tremendous power of the Press, whether for good or for ill, is a massive, unmistakable fact. No wonder an American reformer is reputed to have said, though not perhaps without some exaggeration, that so long as he controlled the newspapers he did not care what was preached from the pulpits or what was enacted in Congress.

But essential as freedom of speech and of the Press is, it cannot possibly be a freedom free of all limitations and restrictions. Liberty, after all, is a means towards an end, not an end in itself. It is not an absolute value. Liberty cannot be indifferent to truth or falsehood, virtue or vice. If in the sacred name of liberty, unbridled license of speech and writing were granted to all, nothing would remain sacred and inviolate. The unrestrained and unlimited liberty of the few would result in the majority not being free to strive for those conditions that conduce towards the living of the good life, or perhaps to their not being free to live in peace and safety at all.

And yet the problem of the freedom of the Press does not admit of a solution that is perfectly clear-cut, simple and obvious. A careful and thorough survey must be made of the problem as it actually exists in the Ceylon context. And a solution must be worked out which will not bring in its trail an evil worse than the one it is intended to remedy. The task is fraught with danger.

We have every reason to think, therefore, that the Government will approach the problem warily and with due deliberation and caution, viewing it from every possible angle, sedulously avoiding a hasty or a mistaken decision. The matter is one of the gravest moment, and on no account would a democratic Government risk imperilling the fundamental liberties of the people. The Government has too much political sagacity not to be aware of that.

In the business of the good and enlightened government of a country, there is no substitute for freedom. To think otherwise would be to fly in the face of human nature as well as of history. And the liberty of the Press, open as it may be to abuse, is nevertheless the palladium of all our liberties. That is why the Press, like religion, has its martyrs—so necessary to man's well-being is freedom. Jefferson went so far as to say that our liberty depends on the freedom of the Press, and that to curtail the freedom of the Press would be to run the risk of losing it altogether.

In his Christmas Message to the World in 1944, Pope Pius XII said, with sublime common-sense, that in a true and sound democracy citizen should increasingly be given "the opportunities to form his own personal opinion, and to express it, and make it prevail in such ways as are consistent with the common good." And addressing the International Congress of the Catholic Press: "where public opinion ceases to express itself freely, peace is in danger." (Feb. 1, 1950).

Last year the United Nations' Social and Economic Council adopted a Declaration on Freedom of Information. Article 2 of the Declaration contained these points:

No Government or public or private agency should have a monopoly of all the means of disseminating news and ideas. There should be a diversity of sources from which the individual may choose freely.

Pericles enunciated an unchanging and eternal truth when he said, in his famous Funeral Oration,

Happiness is Freedom

and Freedom is courage.

Man can ignore this truth only at his own peril.

CURRENT COMMENT

by the Editor

Salute to the United Nations

MOST of us have at one time or another indulged in sarcastic cracks at the United Nations' Organization—pointing out that there was a lot of hypocrisy behind an impressive facade, that it was anything but united, that it continued to play the game of power politics though perhaps at a more exalted level, that it was an expensive international debating society, and a hopelessly ineffectual and ineffective institution, anyhow.

Of course in our better and saner moments we knew that it was nevertheless of some value in so far as it at least symbolized the idea and the ideal of internationalism, and that riddled with defects and weaknesses as it was, it still represented some measure of progress, however small, towards the goal of international co-operation, towards the realization of Tennyson's prophetic (?) dream:

"For I dipt into the future
Far as human eye could see;
Saw the vision of the world,
All the wonder that would be.

"Till the war-drums throbbed
no longer,
And the battle-flags were
furled

In the Parliament of Man,
The Federation of the World."

IF the war-drums throb no longer in the Congo, that achievement is due entirely to the United Nations. This has surely been the U.N.'s greatest victory in the fifteen years of its existence.

An Epic Achievement

THE decision to send a U.N. military force to the Congo, with even the Soviet Union voting in favour for once—another remarkable victory—was made at 3-22 a.m. By 3-30 a.m. Dag Hammarskjöld had gone into action. And within 24 hours the first detachment of U.N. troops was in Leopoldville.

The fact of the United Nations made it possible that the troops should consist mostly of Africans, supported by men from nations who were not committed in the cold war. It made international co-operation possible in the prompt, efficient and effective provision of food, medical supplies and technical personnel, in a combined operation that was a miracle of smooth co-ordination and flawless efficiency. It was an epic achievement.

"At a Turn of the Road"

EVEN the calm and sober-spoken Secretary-General waxed eloquent when he said, in words pregnant with meaning and with hope for the future:

"We are at a turn of the road where our attitude will be of decisive significance. I believe, not only for the future of this organization but also for the future of Africa. And Africa may well in present circumstances mean the world."

It is terrifying to so much as conjecture what might have happened had there been no United Nations' organization. The flame that began to blaze in the Congo might quite easily have developed into a world conflagration, or else Russia's threat to airlift her troops into the Congo in order to "liberate" the Congolese, might well have ended with yet another country becoming part of the vast, monolithic Soviet Slave Empire. This last phrase may sound unduly flamboyant. Well, one may cavil at the language, but there would have been no escaping the stark and fatal fact.

Patient Endeavour

AND yet the United Nations may, in the course of its short history, have gone the way of

its predecessor, the League of Nations, even if for different reasons. There has been an understandable and growing mood of disappointment and impatience at the obvious inadequacies of the United Nations and at its many failures.

There are also those who have expressed a rather justifiable sense of disgust at the political hypocrisy involved in the very real distinction made between the so-called "Great Powers" and the rest, as a result of which the whole institution tends to become, in effect, what somebody once described as an organization in which small boys are to be kept in order by prefects who are themselves exempt from the rules that they administer!

The lesson for us is that we would do well to think twice before we jettison a scheme which is not only hemmed in by inevitable human limitations, but may even be in danger of becoming sometimes a mere caricature of the ideal it is meant to embody, because of human perversity. The lesson of the United Nations is that it may be wiser to persevere in striving to improve upon an imperfect attempt, than to relinquish the attempt altogether. Better to fumble and falter along in hope, than to abandon all hope in a fit of "righteous indignation."

For and Against

THE erudite but ever lively Mr. John M. Senavaratne has sent in the following extracts from literary sources, *For and Against Puns and Punning*.

Walter Savage Landor:

"It often happens a bad Pun
Goes further than a better one."

Last Fruit of an old Tree.

Joseph Addison:

"The seeds of punning are in the mind of all men and, though they may be subdued by reason, reflection, and good sense, they will be very apt to shoot up in the greatest genius."

John Dennis:

"He that will make a pun will pick a pocket."

Shakespeare:

"How every fool can play upon the word." — Merchant of Venice.

Theodore Edward Hook:

"My little dears, who learn to read,

Pray early learn to shun
That very foolish thing indeed
That people call a pun."

Cautionary Verses to Youth of Both Sexes.

The Dangers of Repression

WHILST agreeing with Addison that even the greatest genius cannot resist a pun, we would be false to our craft if we did not register total disagreement with the earlier part of the same stodgy old essayist's statement which would seem to imply that it was the task of reason, reflection and good sense to "subdue"—repress we would say today—a pun.

But why repress a pun? It was just this prudish repression of perfectly healthy instincts by the drab and dreary folk of Addison's time that must have led to neurosis on a mammoth scale—a sort of mass neurosis. Consequently their neurotic effusions

are a far cry from the sane and balanced judgments of normal intellects that would merit serious consideration. The last part of Addison's statement is evidently an apology for his own commendable failure to repress his punsterish instincts. Had he allowed the process of repression to go on unchecked, he might have ended up with being Joseph Maddison.

They Should be Pun-ished

THE unknown Dennis who makes the fantastic claim that he who would make a pun would pick a pocket, deserves every possible form and degree of punishment. He stands condemned at the bar of reason and common-sense by the mere fact that he makes so bizarre and absurd a statement. He might have said, with equal justification, that he who would write a poem or compose a sonata might pick a pocket!

The ancient and exalted art of punning is one of the highest forms of punditry. Punning requires a nimbleness of mind and subtlety of wit that is completely beyond the capacity of dull clots who fall back upon the pathetic device of retailing other people's faded and moth-eaten jokes at second-hand. Soured by their own impotence, these dullards resort to reviling the noble craft of the punster.

Sparkling Spontaneity

THE pun is the most healthy form of humour, the most natural form of wit. There is about the pun a sparkling spontaneity. A nation of punsters will be a healthy nation—and an intelligent nation, for punning involves mental discipline of a high order. While the ordinary joke is in most cases a matter of memory, punning affords splendid mental training.

How can I forget the occasion on which, in my early days as a pedagogue, I was asked if I would take on the cruel and heartless job of caning the students, and quick as lightning came my reply, spontaneous and biblical as well, "To cane I am not able!"

A leading comedian in this country, and a punster of no mean merit, received payment in kind when his wife presented him with a cigarette-lighter on his birthday with the message: "To my matchless husband."

Nor can I resist recounting the story—even at the risk of being considered a braggart—of how when India was faced with a problem which was really one of too little bread rather than of too many people, the Indian Government imported Dr. Abraham Stone to coach the nation in methods of birth control. The comment, once more, strangely enough, biblical, that sprang unbidden to my lips was: "We have asked for bread; and they have given us a stone!"

The Last Word

I MUST confess that I have shrewdly and surreptitiously reserved one of Mr. John M. Senavaratne's extracts to the end. It is from the inimitable and irrefutable Charles Lamb who, writing to Coleridge, says:

"A pun is a noble thing per se. O never bring it in as an accessory . . . it fills the mind; it is as perfect as a sonnet; better."

Northern Melody

More Priest Jubilarians

IT was only last week that we remarked on the fact that 1935 was an *Annus Mirabilis* from the point of view of ordinations to the priesthood. If the theory of some of the early Fathers should be true — and there is a great deal to commend it — that each nation has its own special angel standing guard over it, the Angel of Ceylon must have had a fair share of overtime to his credit in the said year.

Fr. Balasunderam

We had hardly finished saluting the four jubilarians, evenly divided between Colombo and Chilaw, last week, when the news came in of yet another jubilee, and in Jaffna this time. We happened to mention this, quite casually, to his His Lordship of Jaffna the other day, telling him we might have missed it altogether but for the news report from a Jaffna enthusiast, when H. L. of J. (we hope this doesn't sound too irreverent — and if it does, we trust we are duly forgiven) promptly told us that it was Fr. Balasunderam's 25th anniversary as well. But for this chance meeting with the "Angel of Jaffna" (in an Apocalyptic sense this time!), we might have missed that as well.

Road to Damascus

Of course, everybody will remember **FR. G. T. BALASUNDERAM O.M.I.**, as the brother of the lawyer-politician Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam. And yet, Father has a title to existence and to name and fame all his own, apart from this interesting family connection.

Most people will also know that he is a convert to the Faith. His was no easy process of conversion — at least from the point of view of external obstacles: who knows what anguish lies, for Fr. Balasunderam, behind that innocuous-looking word, "obstacles?" And as for the *Via Crucis* of the soul on its way to conversion, not for us to trespass on such sacred ground.

When we were very much younger, we remember (we being members of the white-coated army, watching with awe the levites of St. Bernard's Seminary play football on the green bounded on the North by the Borella tram line, on the South by the Sacred Heart Chapel, and on the East — or is it West? One doesn't carry a compass around all the time, after all — by what is now Aquinas) seeing Fr. Balasunderam, then a new entrant and still in civilian attire, cutting a dashing figure

at soccer; we likewise recall being told of his prowess at the game, as also at the annual Oratorical Contests in his old school.

Ministry of the word

This early oratorical enthusiasm and training has stood Fr. Balasunderam in good stead in the ministry of the word these twenty-five years. Nor is this family gift for the words that burn all there is in the priestly and apostolic make-up of Fr. Balasunderam. We must, however, draw the line at this stage: not to say draw a veil over the rest of his qualities and achievements, in order to spare him the embarrassment of a permanent blush which we might otherwise induce.

But the one thing that matters about Fr. G. T. Balasunderam is neither his connection with his brother-politician, nor his own titles to name and fame, but the fact that God, in the mysterious and loving designs of his Providence, chose this convert to be a Priest of God — for ever!



We should have been commemorating Fr. Alfred Swampillai, O.M.I. too in this column — the lean and lanky, but ever so humble and friendly "Friend" — but as he has been much more adequately and competently dealt with by others, no comment by us is needed.

J. P.

[Since hailing Fr. Balasunderam's jubilee as we have just done, a brief "curriculum vitae" and appreciation has reached us from Jaffna. Had it arrived earlier, we would have been only too happy to publish it in place of our own inadequate and unsatisfactory effort — Ed.]

Fr. Swampillai

THE 25th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Fr. S. A. Swampillai, M.S.A., Parish Priest of the Church of

Our Lady of Refuge, Jaffna, falls on 10th August. The occasion will be availed of by his confreres and his parishioners to join him in



giving fervent thanks to Divine Providence which has watched over him during these long years and made him a channel of graces to so many of the faithful.

Since his ordination to the priesthood, Fr. Swampillai has served fruitfully in various Missions and has left the impress of his personality on the scene of his labours. His name is affectionately remembered by those who came in contact with him. He is justly held in high esteem by those who knew him for his unflinching kindness, obliging disposition, and a happy genial temper which nothing can ruffle.

Full of zeal for the salvation of souls, Fr. Swampillai has spared no pains in ministering to the spiritual needs of his flock and to bring back those who had gone astray. It is no exaggeration to say that he has been a ministering angel to the sick and afflicted and those who have been burdened with care and worries.

As Parish Priest of the Church of Our Lady of Refuge, Fr. Swampillai shoulders the responsibilities of his growing parish with perseverance.

Fr. Swampillai is the driving force of all religious, social and intellectual activities in the parish of Addaikala Matha. He has evinced a keen interest in Lay Catholic Action and has infused this enthusiasm into the members of his parish. The Reading Circle has become a beacon light in the Parish. He is responsible for a number of lectures delivered under the auspices of the Reading Circle. The publication of the bulletin entitled "Our Lady's Bulletin," issued quarterly, marks another forward

A Lark on the Swallow

(Readers will remember last week's anonymous post card calling upon us to "stop this nonsense" in re "Pots," and our comment on it. The following letter on the same subject, was very appropriately entitled by the writer, Mr. Vernon Lawrentsz, "Reversatile Stop" — for if you reverse the versatile word "stop," you will get, as his letter points out indirectly and in passing: "pots." But Mr. Lawrentsz excels in bird-lore even more than in word-lore, and the main purpose of his letter is to show that we were, after all, mistaken in calling the rare bird in question a swallow. Whilst quoting the very proverb "one swallow does not make a summer"

— a warning against hasty inference — we failed to take note of its lessons. We yield to Mr. Lawrentsz's superior knowledge, and readily swallow our false supposition that the bird that flew into our office was a swallow. He has followed the swallow back home to its nest, and found it was only a mare's nest — one of those illusory discoveries that appears at first sight to be wonderful, but is found, in the end, to be a hoax. Mr. Lawrentsz has, with commendable erudition, proved beyond all doubt, that far from our catching so noble a bird as a swallow, we had only succeeded in catching a mere lark, and a mudlark at that. Over to you, Mr. Lawrentsz. — Editor.)

AMOUNT the rare bird you mention, the swallow, I hasten to correct you, if you will kindly forgive me my presumption.

You will gradually discover, as I unfold myself, that I am more for pots than for rare birds.

I am not much of an ornithologist myself, and I am not particularly enamoured of the breed who seem so utterly devoid of a sense of variety. They call the Night Heron *nycticorax*, *nycticorax*, *nycticorax*. That is much too much for even a self-respecting diurnal bird, and the Night Heron continues benighted. Then they choose to call the Black Winged Stilt *himantopus*, *himantopus*, *himantopus*, and the once modest bird now never comes off its stilts.



I am digressing. Let me revert to the rare bird under discussion. It is certainly not a swallow as you have presumed. The unique bird you have failed to identify and erroneously called a swallow is not even a phoenix. The phoenix is well celebrated in prose and verse, and you could not have failed to recognize it. It must be a common variety. Common varieties are usually anonymous. I am sure it must be a lark. Not the sky variety but the earthy type.

ward move for the promotion of Lay Catholic Action. There are other sodalities in the Parish which are functioning very satisfactorily. May the Jubilarian be blessed with health and strength for still many more years and may his work endure and be productive of much lasting good to Catholics in general and the parishioners of Addaikala Matha in particular.

J. A. V. S.

Bereavement

DEATH should come to you I loved so long . . . And in the mist of tears I sought a helping hand . . . Give the grace to sing life's sad old song, With visions of the ethereal Land. You went so soon before the Years were born . . . And left me lonely in the beating rain, But now I feel there is a brighter dawn For those who see the Hand of God again.

Tania.

Pope comforts injured Lutheran boy

POPE John sent a personal representative to comfort an 18-year-old Lutheran boy from Germany, Jorg Schmieckel, who is lying paralysed in a Rome hospital after a swimming accident at Ostia beach. Hearing that he was lonely because no one could speak German, a German-speaking Benedictine became his companion. Jorg asked him about the Pope and requested the Pope's blessing. The Holy Father heard about the case and invited Jorg's parents to see him in private audience when they came to Rome to see their son.

We have now reason enough to perpetuate pots in a weekly feature ere ever the silver chain be broken, or the pot be broken at the cistern.

On Going to Pot is the finest thing I have read for a long time. I thought it set the norm for light airy writing and could fittingly and gracefully be Belloc's opening essay "On Nothing" after his glorious dedication to Maurice Baring. It reminded me, too, of Milne, Lucas and 'Evie' of the Punch of pre-Muggeridge days. One touch of nonsense makes the whole world kin.

Wishing you and your readers the best, in the best tradition of Lear and Leacock, and asking for more. Vernon Lawrentsz. Negombo.

[Postscript: If we may be forgiven for being personal, it is wonderful to recall that in those distant days we went, for many years, to the same school as Mr. Lawrentsz, were in the same Form with him, and often sat together on the same bench. The friendship remained, but we have had very little opportunity of seeing each other in the intervening years. And now, as if it were a case of hands across the years, by one of time's lovely coincidences, kindred spirits meet again today, in the columns of the Messenger.—Editor.]

Tuticorin's Vicar-General



Rev. Fr. Fabian Fernando O.M.I. officiated at the opening ceremony.

De La Salle College — opening of new building



Fr. Fernando blessing the new building. With him in the picture is Rev. Bro. Visitor.

(Pictures by Raymond Wannappa).

RT. Rev. Monsignor S. Mariadas, Vicar-General of Tuticorin Diocese, who was recently conferred the distinguished title of Domestic Prelate by His Holiness the Pope, arrived in Colombo by plane on Friday, the 29th July and was received by Mr. Francis Pereira of F. X. Pereira & Sons, Ltd., Mr. M. Selvam Kagoo of The Modern Confectionary Works and Mr. J. S. Roche.

Women's Own Page

Thirteen Aids to Hair



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THERE are many gadgets on the market that are supposed to make it simple for you to have soft, shining hair. There are also countless preparations designed to achieve the same end.

But in the long run there are exactly thirteen things that add up to a fine, healthy head of hair. Count them: A Brush, A Comb, Ten Fingers, The Correct Shampoo.

With these at hand you are on your way to hair beauty. Daily brushing removes loose scales and helps to distribute the natural oils evenly along the hair shaft, giving the hair lustre.

Brush strokes

Brush strokes should be up and away from the scalp, a few strands

● A good, healthy head of hair needs only 13 aids... with these you are on your way to hair beauty.

at a time. Move your wrist with each stroke so that the brush goes through the proper rolling motion.

The experts consider a brush the No. 1 implement for arranging the hair. It is especially effective for controlling long locks and placing them neatly and smartly.

Scalp massage

As for scalp massage, recognised for years as an important factor in achieving and maintaining healthy and beautiful hair, its purpose is to tone the scalp by increasing the blood supply to the hair-forming cells.

An outstanding hair-care researcher says: "Many vibratory devices on the market have some value. However, the best massage is given by ten strong fingers on two experienced hands."

A scientific step-by-step massage loosens the scalp on the skull, the flesh being kneaded in the direction of the blood vessels and nerves. Such massage greatly improves the circulation and hence nourishes the hair and scalp. It encourages the growth of a better pad of fat under the scalp and relieves constricted blood vessels.

If you brush your hair every day, says an expert, it should be shampooed at least once a week.

If the activity of the sebaceous glands and sweat glands is normal, a weekly shampoo will keep your hair clean and healthy.

Shampoo routine

Upon application, shampoo lifts the dirt, dandruff and oil scales away from hair and scalp and suspends them in a mass of lather. As the shampoo is worked into the hair and scalp with the fingers, more and more of this oily film and dirt is suspended.

A thorough rinsing is the final step in the shampoo routine.

Because health, beauty and good grooming depend upon the cleanliness of personal articles, brushes and combs belonging to every member of the family should be scrubbed with soap or detergent suds at least once a week.

RECIPES

● BANANA FACES

Ingredients: 1 large white loaf, margarine or butter, 2 bananas, apricot jam, chocolate drops, little moon-shaped sweets.

Method: Cut fairly thin slices of bread. Butter the bread in the centre of each slice in a circle about three and a quarter inches in diameter. Cut this circle out of the slice with a round cutter. Mash the bananas, then spread one of the buttered rounds first with apricot jam, then banana. Put another buttered round on top of the banana, buttered side upwards. Now make the faces, using chocolate drops for eyes, and the moon-shaped sweets for eye-brows and a mouth. By putting the buttered side uppermost on the top of the sandwich, it prevents the bread becoming stale and curling at the edges, and the chocolate drops and sweets are kept to position.

Sent by Rani Morais.
Mutual.

WOMEN'S-MAG

I am a regular reader of the Messenger. I am a Catholic and I am interested in the Women's-Mag.

NAME (Miss/Mrs.).....

ADDRESS.....

Edited by Patience Hope

What have you done to her?

WHAT IS OUR LADY TO YOU? A PRETTY PICTURE IN PINK AND BLUE? A PLASTER STATUE IN THE CHURCH ALWAYS SADLY SMILING? A REMOTE "IDEAL" THAT NO ONE COULD EVER HOPE TO LIVE UP TO?

In your prayers, do you ever call her "Mary" or "Mother," or is she always the Queen of Heaven, eternally dignified, distant, and far, far away from you and all the little earthly things that hurt, and worry and trouble you?

Is she too holy to understand the way you feel about things? Too high in Heaven to be bothered with the sins and the sordidness of the world?

What have we done to God's mother?

We have honoured her above all other saints, which is right. We have called her by lovely titles—Holy Virgin of Virgins... Mother of Divine Grace... Virgin Most Merciful... Mirror of Justice... Cause of Our Joy... Mystical Rose... Gate of Heaven... Morning Star—and that, too, is right.

Saint and mother

We recite her Litany and we recite her Rosary. But when we pray to her, do we pray to the remote Queen of All Saints, or do we take our troubles and our failures and our small triumphs, and show her what we are, and what we hope for, and ask for her advice as a mother, as a friend, as a woman?

For she is, first of all, a woman. We have no right to put her on a pedestal in a church and make her stay there. We have no right to point a sad smile on her face and assume that is her only mood. Her sorrows were real enough, we know; but could a perfect mother be sad all the time? Could a perfect woman never laugh?

As a young girl with her baby, she must have been delighted to hold Him in her arms, and when He grew old enough, she would play childish games with Him, like any other mother, and laugh at Him, and let Him play with her hair, and pull her clothes.

Cooked and cleaned

And there she is, not immaculately tidy and spotlessly clean at all, but a lovely, laughing young woman, with a healthy son, who pulls her veil off her head, and brings her hair tumbling into her eyes, and puts muddy footprints all over her dress.

She cooks and cleans and sews, and she walks 120 miles to help her cousin when she learns that Elizabeth is expecting a child. She scrubs and sweeps and washes dishes, and visits, and entertains, and sympathises and laughs with her friends.

And is this woman cold and unnatural, holy-holy or super-spiritual? Saints are saints because they are human, not because they are supernatural. And Mary was as human as any of us.

She is not a statue in a church, or a pretty picture, who could never share our lives. She is a living mother, and a wise friend, a sympathetic woman. She can be a part of our everyday lives

just as much as any of our family, if we invite her to share with us the little things of life, and she will be there to help out with the big decisions when they come, to comfort when real sorrow strikes us.

She is a saint, and she is better and nobler, and finer than any of us could hope to be, and she is the Mother of God, but she is our Mother, too, and can't we invite her sometimes to step down off her pedestal, so that we can try to understand her, the way she undoubtedly understands us?



Cleaning Stained Flower Vases

POUR a tablespoonful of ammonia into two pints of warm water, and wash round the vase. Then fill the vase with ammonia and water, and leave it to soak.

The next day, add a little fine sand and swirl it round and round the inside of the Vase. This course of treatment should completely remove the scummy deposit which causes the stain.

If there is any trace left, rub it vigorously with a clear, soft cloth dipped in vinegar and salt.



A Cleanser For Pearl Necklaces

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Sweet memories of you have not faded away;
Oh, Alison how can we forget you
When we think of your kindly way.
Plead for us at the feet of Mary
For all of us to gather in heaven one day.

A Requiem Mass will be sung for the repose of his soul at St. James' Church, Mutwal, on Thursday, 11th August, 1960, at 6.15 a.m.
Fondly remembered and sadly missed by his loving mother, brother and sisters.

96, St. Andrew's Road,
Mutwal, Colombo. 1062

30th DAY



Joseph Costa

Died 11th July 1960

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord

A Requiem High Mass will be sung for the repose of his soul on Tuesday the 9th August 1960 at St. Lawrence's Church, Wellawatte, at 6-30 a.m.

We earnestly request your kind presence and prayers.

San Sebastian,
Matale. 1043



T. S. H. Fernando

Called to rest on 10.8.56

He was a father, so good and true
He suffered in silence no one knew,
His beautiful nature, his heart of gold,
So sweet a father,
Could the world ever hold?
Dearly loved, sadly missed.

May he rest in peace.

Fondly remembered by his dearly beloved ones.

Andrew Ponnampuruma

Died 1st August 1959

May he rest in peace.

Fondly remembered by his children. 1075

David Alexander Dissanayake

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18th Anniversary

Died 5th August 1942

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Inserted by his loving daughter Noel.

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Stephen Athelstan Muller

(Sam)

Died 26th July 1955

Just a tribute of love and prayerful remembrance

From your loving wife and children. 1081

Victor Tambinayagam

(Proctor S.C., J.P., U.M.)

Died August 6th 1954

Absolve O Lord the soul of Thy faithful departed from every stain of sin. And by the help of Thy grace, may he be enabled to escape the judgment of punishment, and enjoy the happiness of light eternal.

Inserted by his sister, Mrs. Regis Rajakarier.

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Jaffna. 1086

Loving Birthday Remembrances

Miss Dora Abeyesinghe

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PERSONAL

Mr. Terence Tambinayagam requests prayers for the souls of his parents, **Victor and Tiny Tambinayagam**, who died on 6th August 1954 and 27th April, 1949 respectively. Masses will be offered at Underbank, Nuwara Eliya, and at the Church of the Assumption, Mount Lavinia, at 6.30 a.m. on the 6th. 1091

MEDICAL

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RASANJALI ART EXHIBITION

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monstrances, and other objects used in the worship of the Church. This exhibition provided us with a timely opportunity of reflecting on indigenous Christian art.

The true tradition of Church art has been one of constant change and not of repetition, one alive to the changing conditions of time and space. The Church has never canonized any particular artistic tradition, although greatness and decorum, majesty and spirituality may be characteristics of Christian art. Respect

and reverence for the past should never fossilize our contemporary artistic aspirations. They should inspire us not to slavishly imitate the past, but to make us re-live the faith and inspiration which produced those masterpieces of old.

Catholic Ceylon is beginning to be alive to the subject of indigenous Christian art and architecture. We hear the heralds of a new dawn, and this augurs well for the future, for the beauty of God's Church in Ceylon. Our people were so used to Western forms of art that they had come to think of them as the only and

the accepted patterns.

Our indigenous Christian art is still in the cradle stage. It should be the expression of the inner vitality of the Church in our own time and environment. Our artists should draw on the rich heritage of the traditions found in our midst, after the manner of the nascent Church which embraced a pagan culture and made it serve her mission. We must, as true Ceylonese Catholics, dedicate to the service of the Church whatever is good, noble and beautiful in our culture.

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To thank the Almighty God for this great blessing, and to implore His Graces on her, a thanksgiving Solemn High Mass will be sung by Rev. Fr. Norbert Ockers, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Trincomalee, on the following day, the 16th of August, 1960 at 7 a.m.

We invite all our relations and friends to participate in this Holy Sacrifice and join us in rendering thanks to God and to implore His blessings on her.

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FEAST AND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The annual feast of St. Anne will be celebrated with Vespers at 8 p.m. on 6th August and High Mass on Sunday, 7th August. In conjunction with the feast, the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Nicholas Perera will also be celebrated by members of the Parish.

All benefactors and well-wishers are cordially invited to participate in the celebrations.

29th July: Hoisting of Flagstaff at 4.30 p.m.

5th-7th Aug: Fancy Fair.

6th Aug: 8 p.m. Vespers

7th Aug: Masses from 4 a.m. onwards

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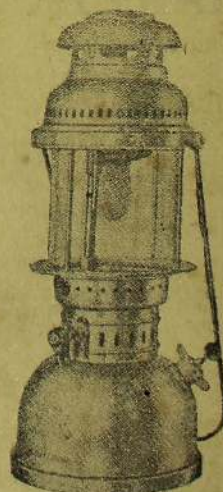
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Schools-Mag

Stamp Collectors' Corner



The nun whose kindness inspired me

THE examination results were out. It was the end of the second term. The whole school was in a confusion as the girls dashed from the lecture hall to another, asking for their answer papers. And Rita was the last among them. She had done badly.

She went for her last paper which was Chemistry. This being her favourite subject, she hoped to score high in it. But as she glanced at the paper handed to her, she found in red, marked by the examiner:

"Let me warn you, my young friend, that if you keep doing badly at your exams, you'll repent for it."

I advise you to study something substantial."

RITA'S parents had died of cholera when an epidemic broke out in the section of the town they lived in.

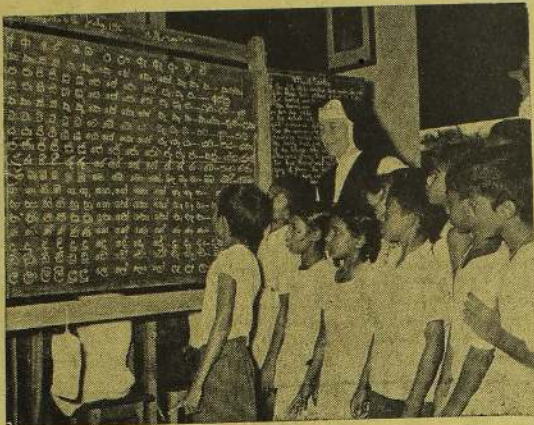
This had happened about five months prior to the 2nd term exams.

Rita being the only child of the family, was taken in by the kind nuns of a convent in the neighbourhood. The nuns were very kind to her and she felt all the more wretched at the thought of seeming ungrateful to them by her failure.

was too weak. She reached for a bush for support, but at that moment the bush seemed to move away.

The man was nearer. She tried to scream.

She could even see the evil look in his eyes. Desperately she thought of a prayer. The man was already reaching for her.



and to work for a little pay to cover their expenses.

Rita had dreaded the day when this would happen to her. Now, it was almost at her. She could not bear the idea of standing before Mother Superior with her bad results.

She wondered how disappointed the good Mother would be.

By
JEAN DE SILVA

Then she thought of the difficulties she would encounter and the ill-treatment she might be subjected to on the part of unkind employers, flashed through her mind.

She couldn't stand it. Something had to be done soon.

ESCAPE

The wind was blowing hard as Rita, with a small bundle tucked under her arm, ran for her life. Fifty yards, hundred yards she turned back to look at the Convent from which she was fleeing.

Never would she see it again, she thought. She ran mile after mile along the Southern Valley till she came across a railway line.

She followed it with a hope of coming across a station. By this time, however, she was exhausted and she knew that she would faint sooner or later if she kept the same pace.

Looking ahead she saw a river some 200 yards away. With a supreme effort she managed to reach it and she lay on the ground to rest.

INTRUDER

Hardly ten minutes passed when she saw a figure approaching. It was a man.

The man was looking over his shoulder pretty often. Rita thought that perhaps someone was following him.

But why was he here at this time of the day she wondered? It was already evening.

Stories of strange men kidnapping girls came flooding into her mind. Could this be one of them? She tried to struggle to her feet, but her efforts proved to be in vain.

Something seemed to glue her to the ground. She thought she

"HELP! Help!" she screamed wildly. Rita opened her eyes, it was only a dream. She stared around. She could hear very faintly Mother Superior telling the boarding mistress not to disturb her.

"Rita, you will see me at my office as soon as you feel better," said Mother Superior.

"Yes... yes, Mother," she blurted out. The clock struck eleven as Rita walked into the office of Mother Superior.

"Take a seat, Rita." The tone was so kind that Rita felt quite overcome.

WHAT'S WRONG?

"This morning I was called to your bed-side. You seemed to be in a struggle, something wrong? Might you go good to speak to some one?"

"Oh... it's nothing, Mother just a dream..."

"Now Rita, nothing to hide. You've been having an awful dream. Does this happen to you often?"

"Quite often. This was the worst, though."

"Humm! I knew it. Our mind is troubled these days. I see it in your examination marks — especially, your Chemistry," Mother observed.

There was a wild beat in Rita's heart. The bomb was dropped, it would explode in a moment. She half-closed her eyes and waited, but nothing happened.

"I don't blame you for it. It happens so to some girls. When their minds are troubled, they suffer from bad dreams. You're one of them. Surely you would have done better had you been your normal self."

Now, you'd perhaps like to explain matters. You needn't if you don't want to," Mother added kindly.

The relief was great. Rita found herself once more at ease. Mother was so understanding she decided she would tell everything to mother and she did so, right from the time of her escape till she regained consciousness.

And even as she ended, the thought of discontinuing her studies still haunted her mind.

"Listen, Rita, you've been having a tough time. What you

The Lily of Quito

A YEAR after the death of St. Rose de Lima, the first canonized saint of the American Continent (shown on a stamp of Peru), there was born in Quito, Ecuador, to parents of high Spanish lineage, Mariana. Even as a little girl, Mariana showed a fondness for acts of mortification. At the age of ten she made the three solemn vows of the religious — vows to which she was faithful until her death.

When news trickled in of the massacre of Christians in Japan, Mariana, young as she was, determined to go there and join them. Thwarted in her project, she decided to lead a life of bloodless martyrdom at home and, like St. Rose de Lima, she became, with the consent of her parents, a recluse, betaking herself to a little cell she made in the garden.

With a crown of thorns on her head and a rough hair shirt next to her skin, she disciplined herself several times both day and night. Any rest she had, if rest it can be called, was obtained by stretching out on a mattress of thorns and nettles. To add to her pains, she mortified herself by fasting, being content with an ounce or less of bread a week. But never did she miss her daily Communion.

Her constant prayers were for the conversion of sinners, many of whom, both men and women, flocked to her for guidance. With the God-given gift she had of discerning secret things and foretelling events, she was able to influence all who came to her, and they went back with the determination to lead correct lives. Mortal diseases were cured by the Sign of the Cross and the sprinkling of Holy Water, and on one occasion she raised a dead woman to life.

These wonders did not end till her own death, at 27, on 26th May

mail stamps. The 10c. brown, 20c. green, and 30c. violet postage stamps show Mariana de Jesus, a symbolic lily in her hand, before a table on which are a crucifix and a human skull, and an instrument of flagellation. The 1s. brown shows the burial urn. The 40c. brown and 60c.

An illustrated feature

by
Adrian Tambinayagam & Trencu Filatelico

1645, when God marked the holiness of this virgin wonder-worker by causing a pure white lily to spring up from her blood — a phenomenon which has given to Mariana the poetic title of the Lily of Quito.

Mariana was beatified by Pius IX on 10th November 1853. Almost a century later, on 9th July 1950, Pius XII enrolled the long dead maiden of Quito among the Saints.

To mark the 300th anniversary of her death, Ecuador issued, in 1947, four postage and four air-

blue air stamps show Mariana teaching children. The 3s. yellow and 5s. green high values depict a Cross and lilies.

The stamps illustrated are from the collection of Adrian Tambinayagam of Mount Lavinia. Yet another set of three postage and four air-mail stamps to commemorate her canonization followed in 1952. These show, on the 10c., 20c., and 30c. values (postage), a Reliquary; and on the 60c., 90c., 1s., and 2s. values (air), St. Mariana de Jesus.

Stamps to stamp out Communism

U.S. Commemorative stamps will be distributed free to collectors in Africa and Asia in a programme to "Stamp out Communism."

Ernest A. Kehr, provisional chairman of the project, said the first of 9,000 packets of stamps have been turned over to Catho-

lic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference, which will distribute them abroad.

The designs of the stamps "will counteract the propaganda used on stamps of the Soviet Union and its satellites, copies of which are distributed at little or no cost to collectors in Africa and Asia as part of the Communist infiltration programme," he said.

Mr. Kehr said the "Stamp Out Communism" programme is collecting stamps at 220, West 42nd Street, New York 36, N.Y.

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

On 31st July the Church celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius Loyola. Schools-Mag member Marjorie Soris writes this short sketch of the founder of the Society of Jesus.

St. Ignatius Loyola was born in the year 1491 in his ancestral home of Loyola in Spain. He was born of a noble family. He was the youngest son in a family of 13 children.

When he was a child he was entrusted to one of his father's friends who promised to look to his needs in education and in his career.

In course of time he became a soldier. In 1521 at the outbreak of a war between the French and the Spaniards, he was wounded.

It was a turning point in his life. While reading through the pages of this book he experienced an extraordinary, and lively desire to imitate the virtues of Christ.

He was completely cured and with great patience, strong will and fortitude began to carry out his new Apostolic works in the Vineyard of Christ.

He suffered and laboured for the ardent love of Christ, which made him finally establish the Order of "Society of Jesus."

In the year 1554 on July 31 his blessed soul passed from earth to rest eternally in Paradise. St. Ignatius Loyola was beatified by Pope Paul V in 1609 and canonized by Pope Gregory XV in 1622.

His body is preserved in Rome in the magnificent Church built by Cardinal Alessandro Farnese and dedicated to his memory.

TURNING POINT

The French in admiration of his bravery admitted him to a hospital where he was looked after. During his solitude hours he would read books. One of these was a book on the life of Christ.



Dear Editor,

I am a member of the Schools-Mag. It is a very interesting page for me, as well as for the other children of Lanka. As I love it so dearly, I thought of sending these coupons to make my little sisters and brothers also members of this beautiful organization.

Please be kind and good enough to enroll them as soon as possible. They are eagerly waiting till you send the membership cards.

Mildred Fernando.

Negombo.

most urgently need is a good rest. When you feel better I'll be seeing you. Don't worry. Worry is no remedy. "All will be well!" Mother concluded.

YEARS have passed since I first heard this story, but I will remember it for many a day to come. For I have now understood, through the example of this great nun, what understanding and kindness means to one who is in trouble. Good Shepherd Convent, Kotahena.

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Riddles

THREE fourths of a cross, And a circle complete, Two semi-circles on a perpendicular meet, An isosceles triangle upon its two feet Two semi-circles and a circle complete. What am I?

Answer to riddle

TOBACCO. Sent by Yasmin Perera, Ratnapura.

Birthdays

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Vernon Samaranyake (Kelaniya), Indraneer Fernando (Mutwal), Augusta Casie Chitty (Kotahena), Anton Arulanandan (Kotte), Philomena Linden (Gampola), Mary A. R. Rodrigo (Negombo), Bernadette Ratnam (Ratnapura), Shiela Perera (Moratuwa), Basil Mel (Wellawatte), Muthurani Emmanuel (Negombo).

August 11th

K. J. Nihal Fernando (Ja-Ela), Beulah Solomon (Alawwa), Marie C. Perumal (Colombo 13), Philomena de Silva (Kelaniya), Marieta Dabare (Kandana), Aloysius de Alwis (Colombo 15), Yvette Powell (Havelock Town), Sumeethra de Croos (Negombo), Elroy De Almeida (Nugegoda), Jean Saminaden (Negombo), Jennifer Rabot (Dehiwala), Philomena Perera (Mutwal), Mary Josephine Zacharias (Welimannate), Philip T. Jayarajan Fernandopulle (Dankotuwa), Breena Gray (Negombo), Jean de Croos (Negombo), Harsha Amerasekera (Colombo 8).

August 12th

Rita Halcyn Manel Pinto (Jayanthipura, Battaramulla), T. A. S. Fernando (Matale), Pramala Anandappa (Kotahena), Ranjit Rajakarier (Ratmalana), Ariel Mack (Colombo 9), Victorine Perera (Colombo 15), Rita Perera (Negombo), Annette Perera (Kegalle), Meril Phillipsz (Grandpass), Clare Fatima Soris (Ratnapura).

Recipes

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tablespoon Nescafe.

Method: Put the milk and water on a slow fire; meanwhile beat the whites of eggs into a stiff paste. Beat the yellow separately. When milk is boiling add sugar and take the milk down. Into the yellow, put teaspoon of Nescafe and pour the milk into the yellow. Keep on fire for a few minutes, take down and add gelatine. Put the pan into a bowl of water and cool. After it has cooled, put the white of eggs on top to form custard and then fridge it.

Sent by Felicia Saverimuthupulle.

Good Shepherd Convent, Kotahena.

Classified ADS.

IN MEMORIAM



Alison Francis Gabriel
Born: 10th October, 1925
Died: 15th May, 1960

Three months have elapsed Alison dear, Sweet memories o you have not faded away:
Oh, Alison how can we forget you When we think of your kindly way.
Plead for us at the feet of Mary For all of us to gather in heaven one day.

A Requiem Mass will be sung for the repose of his soul at St. James' Church, Mutwal, on Thursday, 11th August, 1960, at 6.15 a.m.

Fondly remembered and sadly missed by his loving mother, brother and sisters.

96, St. Andrew's Road,
Mutwal, Colombo.

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30th DAY



Joseph Costa

Died 11th July 1960

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord

A Requiem High Mass will be sung for the repose of his soul on Tuesday the 9th August 1960 at St. Lawrence's Church, Wellawatte, at 6-30 a.m.

We earnestly request your kind presence and prayers.

San Sebastian,
Matale.

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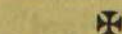
T. S. H. Fernando

Called to rest on 10.8.56

He was a father, so good and true He suffered in silence no one knew,
His beautiful nature, his heart of gold,
So sweet a father,
Could the world ever hold?
Dearly loved, sadly missed.

May he rest in peace.

Fondly remembered by his dearly beloved ones.



Andrew Ponnampuruma

Died 1st August 1959

May he rest in peace.

Fondly remembered by his children.

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David Alexander Dissanayake

(Proctor S.C. & N.P.)

18th Anniversary

Died 5th August 1942

Requiescat in Pace.

Inserted by his loving daughter Noel.

106, St. James' Street,
Colombo 15.

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Stephen Athelstan Muller
(Sam)

Died 26th July 1955

Just a tribute of love and prayerful remembrance
From your loving wife and children.

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Victor Tambinayagam

(Proctor S.C., J.P., U.M.)

Died August 6th 1954

Absolve O Lord the soul of Thy faithful departed from every stain of sin. And by the help of Thy grace, may he be enabled to escape the judgment of punishment, and enjoy the happiness of light eternal.

Inserted by his sister, Mrs. Regis Rajakarier.

Aria Lodge,
Jaffna.

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Loving Birthday Remembrances

Miss Dora Abeyesinghe

"Memories are treasures, no one can steal.

Death leaves a heartache, no one can heal."

R. I. P.

Florrie and all at "Stella Maris."

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Manning Town, 1-8-60.

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PERSONAL

Mr. Terence Tambinayagam requests prayers for the souls of his parents, Victor and Tiny Tambinayagam, who died on 6th August 1954 and 27th April, 1949 respectively. Masses will be offered at Underbank, Nuwara Eliya, and at the Church of the Assumption, Mount Lavinia, at 6.30 a.m. on the 6th.

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MEDICAL

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RASANJALI ART EXHIBITION

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monstrances, and other objects used in the worship of the Church. This exhibition provided us with a timely opportunity of reflecting on indigenous Christian art.

The true tradition of Church art has been one of constant change and not of repetition, one alive to the changing conditions of time and space. The Church has never canonized any particular artistic tradition, although greatness and decorum, majesty and spirituality may be characteristics of Christian art. Respect

and reverence for the past should never fossilize our contemporary artistic aspirations. They should inspire us not to slavishly imitate the past, but to make us re-live the faith and inspiration which produced those masterpieces of old.

Catholic Ceylon is beginning to be alive to the subject of indigenous Christian art and architecture. We hear the heralds of a new dawn, and this augurs well for the future, for the beauty of God's Church in Ceylon. Our people were so used to Western forms of art that they had come to think of them as the only and

the accepted patterns.

Our indigenous Christian art is still in the cradle stage. It should be the expression of the inner vitality of the Church in our own time and environment. Our artists should draw on the rich heritage of the traditions found in our midst, after the manner of the nascent Church which embraced a pagan culture and made it serve her mission. We must, as true Ceylonese Catholics, dedicate to the service of the Church whatever is good, noble and beautiful in our culture.

To Wahacotte?

SPECIAL FEAST on 16.8.60

Few seats available

Contact: E. W. THELIS,
Irrigation Office, Ratmalana.
Phone: Mt. Lavinia 225 1087

Clothing Ceremony

BY God's Grace our beloved daughter Euphrasia Mary Constance Balthazaar will be clothed with the holy habit of the Salvatorian Nuns, in the eternal City of Rome at "Salvator Mundi," on the 15th of August 1960.

To thank the Almighty God for this great blessing, and to implore His Graces on her, a thanksgiving Solemn High Mass will be sung by Rev. Fr. Norbert Ockers, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Trincomalee, on the following day, the 16th of August, 1960 at 7 a.m.

We invite all our relations and friends to participate in this Holy Sacrifice and join us in rendering thanks to God and to implore His blessings on her.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Balthazaar,
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Trincomalee.

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FEAST AND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The annual feast of St. Anne will be celebrated with Vespers at 8 p.m. on 6th August and High Mass on Sunday, 7th August. In conjunction with the feast, the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Nicholas Perera will also be celebrated by members of the Parish.

All benefactors and well-wishers are cordially invited to participate in the celebrations.

29th July: Hoisting of Flagstaff at 4.30 p.m.

5th-7th Aug: Fancy Fair.

6th Aug: 8 p.m. Vespers

7th Aug: Masses from 4 a.m. onwards

High Mass at 7 a.m.

Two Masses from 9 a.m. onwards.

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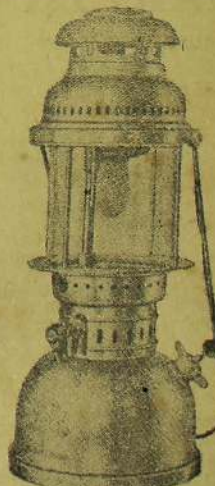
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PROTESTANTS in SPAIN

FREE TO WORSHIP

— says Foreign Minister

Vietnam Priest's Prison Term Extended

THE REV. FR. NGUYEN VAN VINH, VICAR GENERAL IN HANOI, HAS HAD HIS 18 MONTHS' JAIL SENTENCE EXTENDED TO THREE YEARS BY THE VIET CONG TRIBUNAL, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE REPORTS FROM NORTH VIET NAM.

ALTHOUGH Jews and Moslems have for more than 20 years professed their religion in Spain without any difficulty, a largely imaginary Protestant problem still gets publicity abroad, Mr. Fernando Castiella, the Spanish Foreign Minister, said recently.

EX-DIPLOMAT NOW A MONK

A SEARCH that took William Henry Lawrence twice around the world and through 25 years of employment in private industry and government service ended recently, as he (now Fr. Neal Lawrence, O.S.B.) celebrated his First Solemn High Mass in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington D.C.

Before entering the novitiate at St. John's Abbey in 1954, he led an active and varied life in industry and later in the diplomatic service in the Orient.

THE ORIENT

Profoundly impressed by what he saw in the Orient during his military tour, Fr. Neal decided that he would some day go back to that area. He returned to Columbia University, and after receiving his M.A. degree in public law and government in 1947, he was appointed American Consul and was sent immediately to Tokyo, Japan. His next assignment was as director, U.S. Information Service, Singapore and Malaya, and then he received a similar assignment in Formosa. During this time he served as chairman of the Singapore Conference of Public Affairs Officers representing the Far East and South Asia.

He was speaking to M.P.s of the all-party Anglo-Spanish group meeting at the House of Commons.

Mr. Castiella said there were no more than 15,000 Protestants among 50,000,000 Spaniards — plus a similar number of foreigners.

He quoted the 1945 Spaniards' Charter which says: "No one shall be molested for his religious beliefs, nor in the private practice of his form of worship."

Concordat

He also made the following points: **SCHOOLS:** It was not true that every Spaniard's child had to study Catholic doctrine.

The 1953 concordat with the Holy See provided that children could be withdrawn from such study on the mere request of the non-Catholic parents.

PUBLICATIONS: The British and Foreign Bible Society was legally established in Madrid.

In 1959 the society was awarded £ 700 compensation after Protestant books had been confiscated — a confiscation motivated by private and largely unjustified denunciations.

CHURCHES: There were more than 118 churches and chapels of various evangelical denominations — one for every 250 Protestants.

CLERGY: There are 117 evangelical clergymen. The proportion of clergy to laity was much higher than among Catholics.

Social pressure

However, said Mr. Castiella, an immense Catholic majority and 2,000 years of history closely bound up with Catholicism must result in undeniable social pressure on small dispersed Protestant groups.



Rev. Brother Paul Ambrose, Assistant General of the Marist Brothers who was on a visit to Ceylon recently presided at the Athletic Sports meet of Maris Stella College. Here he is seen addressing the gathering of students and parents before the distribution of the awards.

CO-OPERATE with NEW GOVERNMENT

(from our Moratuwa correspondent)

— says School Principal

IT IS A HAPPY COINCIDENCE THAT WE ARE HOLDING OUR CELEBRATIONS AT THE DAWN OF A NEW GOVERNMENT, SAID REV. BRO. MODESTUS, DIRECTOR OF ST. SEBASTIAN'S COLLEGE, MORATUWA, PRESIDING AT THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION ON SUNDAY, 24TH JULY.

Bro. Modestus stated that it was their earnest prayer that God who governs all things may bless the new government and grant its leader, Mrs. Bandaranaike, the strength and wisdom to govern justly, courageously and firmly so that an era of peace, prosperity and stability may dawn over Lanka. To whatever caste, creed race or religion they belonged, they are all children of Mother Lanka, said he, and as such it was their duty to work for the welfare of their country. Whatever political differences they may have

The priest was charged on January 31, 1959 with having opposed activities of the so-called "Catholic Patriots' Association," a puppet movement created by the North Viet Nam Communist Party.

Father Vinh, born in 1915, graduated in Literature from the Sorbonne, in Paris.

Back in Hanoi in 1946, he taught at the Seminary; his next appointment was to the Hanoi Cathedral where he served till he was made Vicar-General and Rector of the Major Seminary in 1954.

He was reputed for his oratorical skill which attracted crowds of Catholics and non-Catholics alike to his weekly sermons at the Hanoi cathedral. Since his arrest in 1959, such sermons have been banned by the Hanoi authorities.

Meanwhile, arrests of Catholics, have increased in North Viet Nam. In Hanoi alone, the same reports said, more than 20 Catholics are being detained for their Faith.

Mr. Eugene A. de Silva, the Hony. General Secretary, in submitting the 29th Annual Report referred to the various activities of the O.B.A. during the year under review. He said that the Moratuwa Siri Mela had realized a sum of Rs. 32,802/63 which formed part of the money for the erection of the new building. He appealed to the Old Boys to rally round their alma mater.

The following were elected, office-bearers for the ensuing year:

President: Rev. Bro. Modestus, F.S.C., Director; **Vice-Presidents:** Rev. Bro. Patrick (Sub-Director), Mr. T. D. L. Peiris and Mr. W. J. S. Perera; **Hony. General Secretary:** Mr. Eugene A. de Silva; **Hony. Treasurer:** Mr. Albert C. Fernando; **Hony. Asst. Secretary:** Mr. Simlie W. Fernando; **Sports Secretary:** Mr. H. Lloyd Fernando; **Endowment Fund Secretary:** Mr. Dudley Fernando; **Asst. Treasurer:** Mr. M. J. Mendis; **Auditor:** Mr. Basil Fernando.

The meeting was followed by the Annual Dinner at which covers were laid for over 150. Bro. Alexander Paul, an Old Boy of the College, who had completed 25 years as a religious, was chief guest.

★ Man in a million

New Trades Union Congress Chief

"THE prestige and respect in which Mr. George Woodcock, the Assistant General Secretary of the T.U.C. is held is reflected in the highest compliment that could be paid to him, that is he was the only person to be nominated for the highest permanent office in the T.U. movement out of nine million trade unionists who were eligible to be nominated.

"The election of George Woodcock as General Secretary of the British T.U.C. is now a foregone conclusion", stated Sir Tom O'Brien in reference to the only man nominated for the position of General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, in succession to Sir Vincent Tewson who retired in September.

UGANDA MARTYR

Cause discussed

THE Sacred Congregation of Rites last week discussed the canonization cause of Bl. Charles Lwanga, one of the Uganda Martyrs. Bl. Charles with his Christian Baganda companions was killed by Kabaka Mwanga of Buganda for his refusal to give up his Faith.

He was burnt alive in June, 1886, seven months after his Baptism. If canonized, Bl. Charles will become the first saint from Africa south of the Sahara.

Charles was beatified by Benedict XV in 1920. Pope Pius XII named him Protector of Catholic Action in Africa.

Mr. Woodcock, who has one of the finest brains in British industrial life, could easily have made the top grade in other fields of activity years ago. His brilliant capacity for objective thinking could have put him in the top money brackets of industry but he preferred to remain in the movement into which he was born and bred.

It is safe to say it was he who laid the foundation of the T.U.C.'s present economic and research department. He served under the powerful Lord Citrine and has worked since

Pope John meets his policemen

LAST month Pope John met 85 of the corps of Pontifical Gendarmes who, together with the Swiss Guards, watch over Vatican City. The Pope was introduced to each man at the meeting which took place in the Vatican gardens.

1946 as the Assistant General Secretary to Sir Vincent Tewson.

During that period close observers of events recognised the qualities of patience, loyalty, courage and restraint in addition to those other intellectual qualities which Mr. Woodcock possesses.

He will bring to the trade union movement a new leadership an experience and a matured, balanced brain. He will infuse new thinking among the unions and will tackle fearlessly the near-disintegration of trade union discipline that we have seen all round us since the end of the war, states Sir Tom O'Brien.

"He will enhance our prestige" and says he, retrieve what is lost of our former reputation. His unchallenged nomination is the green signal from the trade union movement to him to get on with his job with the confidence and support of us all."

Mr. Woodcock's career has been remarkable. Now 55, he was on the T.U.C. headquarters staff as research secretary for 10 years before he became assistant secretary in 1946.

He received the C.B.E. in 1953.

Born at Bamber Bridge, Lancashire, he began work in a cotton mill at the age of 12 as a half-timer.

He went on to a job as an official in the Amalgamated Weavers' Association and in 1929 he won a scholarship to Ruskin College, Oxford.

A university scholarship followed and he took a first in philosophy and politics at Oxford.

His years at Oxford were those in which the Catholic Workers' College was reaching maturity, so that he was able to meet as fellow-student a number of men who since have made their mark in public affairs.



The Bishop of Chilaw blessing the crowd with the miraculous statue of St. Anne at Talawila. (Picture by Jesiah Corera)

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