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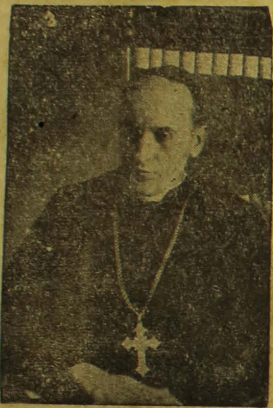
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Asian Catholic Doctors' Congress Condemns Birth Control

**Prelate who
defied Reds
is dead**



HIS EMINENCE ALOYSIUS CARDINAL STEPINAC, 62-YEAR-OLD PRIMATE OF YUGOSLAVIA, THE MAN WHO DEFIED MARSHAL TITO AND THE COMMUNISTS OF YUGOSLAVIA, BRAVED THE RIGOURS OF A STRANGE "TRIAL," AND STOOD BEFORE THE WORLD AS THE SYMBOL OF RESISTANCE TO THE REDS, DIED LAST WEDNESDAY.

On October 11th, 1946, Archbishop Stepinac (as he then was), was condemned to 16 years imprisonment. In 1951, he was released from prison, but was compelled to remain in his native village of Krasic, under house arrest. It was there he died, a virtual prisoner — barred from his sacred office, deprived of his rights, a symbol to the world of Red tyranny and suppression.

Pope Pius XII paid him the great and unique tribute of raising him to be a Cardinal of the Church while still a prisoner. Cardinal Stepinac could not of course go to Rome to receive the Red Hat.

In the course of the trial, the then Archbishop Stepinac defied the Reds in a way that upset their calculations; he challenged every one of their accusations, and made a fighting speech that will always be treasured as long as men value freedom. "I shall not try to defend myself," he said, "nor shall I appeal against the verdict. For my convictions I am able to bear not only ridicule, hatred and humiliations, but, because my conscience is clear, I am ready at any moment to die."

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Japan's Legalised Birth Control has harmed maternal health

FOR the first time, about a hundred Catholic Doctors from Australia, Chile, Colombia, France, Goa, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Peru, the U.S.A., Vietnam and the Philippines met recently in Manila, for the first-ever Congress of Asian Catholic Doctors.

After a thorough discussion of the population problem, and the current family planning campaign in Asian countries, the Congress unanimously decided that birth control could not be admitted as a solution, and called for an outlawing of such practices as abortion, sterilization, artificial insemination and euthanasia.

About 1,000 doctors, medical students and nurses attended all the public sessions of the Congress, which had as its general theme, "The Catholic Physician looks at Modern Asia." A message was received from President Gracia congratulating the Congress on its choice of theme, which, he said, was "especially timely in the light of the encouraging medical progress that Asia has achieved." He went on to say:

"Catholic norms, I am certain, can aid the medical profession to serve the teeming millions of Asia ably and well."

In the first Symposium on the Catholic Viewpoint on Overpopulation, Dr. C. Y. Lee of Hong Kong surveyed the problem of overpopulation as a world problem, dealing decisively with the popular fallacies that clog useful discussion and put-

ting forward solutions founded on Catholic principles and scientific certitudes.

Dr. Paulino Gracia, Chairman of the National Science Development Board of the Philippines, told the Congress that solutions based on artificial birth control, sterilization, or abortion, are both immoral and impractical. The problem should be

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Clinic and Dispensary opened at Marawila

(from our own correspondent)

A NEW CLINIC AND DISPENSARY WERE DECLARED OPEN RECENTLY BY HIS LORDSHIP THE RT. REV. DR. EDMUND PEIRIS, O.M.L., AS AN ANOTHER STEP FORWARD TOWARDS THE MAJOR PROJECT OF MARAWILA'S CATHOLIC HOSPITAL.

Amidst a large and representative gathering of priests and laity, the Very Rev. Fr. P. C. Fernandopulle, the architect of the Hospital Scheme in the Diocese of Chilaw, explained

the progress made by the Salvatorian Sisters at Marawila. He thanked all those who had made possible the progress achieved so far, and in particular Dr. Fonseka who had rendered such generous service; he called for further assistance, and outlined briefly the plans for the future.

His Lordship the Bishop explained the purpose of the venture, and thanked all responsible for making it a success. He then blessed the new clinic and dispensary.

Sir Albert Peries spoke at the conclusion of the ceremony, and declared that this was a deserving cause which should be given every assistance.

The new Clinic and Dispensary is beside the St. Anne's Maternity and Nursing Home run by the Salvatorian Sisters at Marawila. It will have a qualified resident doctor.

Parents must be "priests"

—says POPE

THE Pope has sent a letter to the bishops of Lithuania, none of whom is in his See.

In it he urges parents to educate their children by word and by example.

He points out that "priests are forbidden to teach catechism to children, so that parents must take the place of the ministers of God to pass on the lighted torch of the faith of their forefathers."

The letter was written to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the death of Prince Melchior Geldraitis, Bishop of Samogitia.

There are only 800 priests left in Lithuania, compared with 1,800 before 1940.



flower
offering

● The Mother General of the Apostolic Carmel Sisters is being welcomed these weeks in the various Convents of the Order all over the Island. Here she is seen greeted with flowers by the girl guides at All Saints' College, Borella.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE AT KALUTARA THIS WEEK

THE popular shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Kalutara, which stands on a hillock facing the placid lagoon, celebrates its Golden Jubilee on the 13th and 14th February, 1960.

Elaborate arrangements have now been finalised to celebrate the event with due solemnity and grandeur by the Parish Priest of Kalutara, the Rev. Fr. Henry Rodrigo, O.M.I., ably assisted by a strong Jubilee Committee of 18 members. Highlights of the celebrations will be the presence of two Ecclesiastical Dignitaries of the Hierarchy of Ceylon, the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Cooray, O.M.I., Archbishop of Colombo, presiding over solemn Pontifical Vespers on Saturday, at 7 p.m. and the Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayakkara O.S.B., Bishop of Kandy, singing Pontifical High Mass on Sunday morning at seven.

HISTORY

A short history of the origin of this grotto of Our Lady of

Lourdes, which follows, will be appropriate.

It was in 1906 a young French priest, the Rev. Fr. Martin Herel, O.M.I., was almost breathing his

Our Lady of Lourdes, Kalutara 1909 - 1959

last in the General Hospital, Colombo, with a virulent attack of typhoid. A promise made during that illness was the beginning of the Grotto which we see

today at Kalutara.

On his first appointment, as Parish Priest of Kalutara, Fr. Herel's idea took concrete shape. The Catholics of Kalutara responded with admirable zeal and generosity. A few of them who spared neither money nor energy to toil with Fr. Herel, now rest in peace at Our Lady's feet, around the Grotto. It might be recorded here that the Catholic and non-Catholic pupils of the Holy Cross College played a great part in the erection of this Grotto. They sweated at the task. They carried sand and rock stones up the hill on their young shoulders, lifted these up and placed them and turned back to walk miles away to bring a heavier load. Some of them hauled their loads up the hill by means of strong ropes. To them it was a labour of love. It was thus the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes was

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built at Kalutara. Most of them are dead now, but a few of them are still alive, among whom are Messrs. Manuel F. Wanigaratnam, Hilarion Silva, John Silva, T. M. M. Perera, T. R. P. Perera, Francis Regis and a few others.

MAMMOTH PROCESSION

Soon the work was completed. From all the neighbouring parts of the District, the Catholics met at Kuda Paiyagala and a mammoth procession started with the beautiful statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, specially imported from France by Fr. Herel. Amidst scenes of deep devotion, and piety it was brought in solemn procession and placed in a special niche in the Grotto and blessed on 8th December 1908 — Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. A special train conveyed the hundreds of devoted pilgrims that congregated from all over the Island to pray at the Grotto — the first to be built in the Archdiocese of Colombo. Since then, the feast has been celebrated, annually, on a grand scale.

On the 10th and 11th February 1934, the Silver Jubilee celebrations were held. The Catholics of Alutgama, Beruwala, Diyala-

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Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Kalutara.

goda, Maggona, Paiyagala, Kalamulla and Katukurunda came in procession, after which others from Moratuwa and Colombo followed. It was inspiring to hear so many voices singing "Ave Maria Stella" over and over again. The former Archbishop of Colombo, the Late Dr. Peter Marke, O.M.I., presided at the celebrations, and sang Pontifical High Mass.

The Candle Light Procession

round the streets, was a magnificent spectacle, and the Archbishop himself, and several priests accompanied the pilgrims in the procession.

May this shrine, in front of which rolls an expanse of water where Our Lady herself, sweeter than any star, seems to look down serenely upon her dear children, be a niche of prayer and devotion for the Catholics of Kalutara.

BISHOP SHEEN SPEAKS

Things more fearful than Nuclear Warfare

It is often assumed that nuclear warfare is the most fearful thing that can happen to humanity. There are three other and greater fears:

The first is the increasing mental ills of modern civilization. Millions of civil wars are being waged inside human hearts. This conflict may be between what they are and what they ought to be, between ideals and trivial realizations. Whatever be the source of it, the inner tension which is devouring the peace of hearts is in danger of exploding, turning microcosmic wars on the inside into a macrocosmic war of nations. There is nothing that ever happens in the world that does not first happen in the human heart. Conflicts within, projected to the outside, become a conflict of nations.

• Moral decay

The second fear is perhaps the one of which civilization is most unconscious. Arnold Toynbee, in his ten volume treatise on history, has revealed that sixteen out of nineteen civilizations which have perished from the beginning of history to the present time, have declined from within. Very often, an attack from without has saved nations from inner decay. What is most frightening about the historical study is that when a nation gained greatest control over environment, there was often the beginning of moral decay. Increase in mastery over the externals is concomitant with the loss of control over self. An athlete who devotes all of his time to his body can put his mind into a decline. Civilizations which become masters in splitting atoms, hitting moons, shooting new calculations into orbit, can be blinded to the fact that juvenile delinquency, divorce, breakdown of family, dishonesty in commercial relationships, are actually eating away the fibre of a nation.

• Pride

The third and greatest fear of all is that which comes from pride; not pride understood as egotism, but pride as the exaltation of man in the place of God. Dr. J. P. Oppenheimer, who was in charge of Los Alamos, New Mexico laboratory where the first atomic bomb was made, revealed that up to this time all energy that we had on earth came from the sun. But the splitting of an atom had nothing to do with the sun; atoms are not born of solar action. Dr. Oppenheimer writes, "To our knowledge, such things do not

happen except in the atomic weapon as we have made and used. They do not, to our knowledge, happen in any other part of the universe. To make them happen involves specific human intervention in the physical world. In the crudest, simplest sense, it is quite true that in our atomic weapons, man has created novelty."

God, indeed, is to be thanked for this kind of energy which man has not actually created, but rather transformed; creation implies making something from nothing.

• Trinity

We do not know who was responsible for giving a name to the first atom bomb. At any rate, it was called "Operation Trinity." Could it be that there was here intended a blasphemy against the Father Who created the world, the Son Who redeemed it, and the Spirit Who sanctified it? We do not know. We may only wonder. We do know, however, that Churchill on August 6th, 1945 said: "The revelation of the secrets of nature long mercifully withheld from man, should rouse the most solemn reflections in the mind and conscience of every human being." It is to be noted that Churchill said they had been mercifully withheld. We confess ignorance as to whether there was pride involved in Operation Trinity, but we do know that there was pride involved in the Soviet interpretation.

When the Soviet magazine called Krokodil, November 1957, appeared, we read these words:

"And here we have our sputnik. No secret; the new-born planet is modest about its size. But this symbol of intellect and light

is made by us and not by God."

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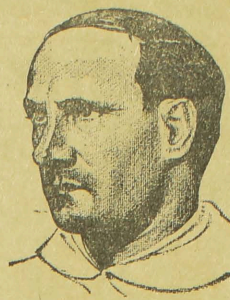
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INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

GENERAL: That religion in the Eternal City may revive with fresh fervour through the Synod of Rome.

MISSIONARY: That the Church suffering persecution in China may be effectively upheld by the whole Catholic world being united in prayer and action.

side of the Iron Curtain as well as on this side, for aid for Africa and Asia.

He has opened his heart to the whole world.

PERHAPS IT WAS THE WET EVENING. ANYHOW ONLY FORTY-SEVEN PEOPLE TURNED UP AT THE MEETING IN BRUSSELS TO HEAR A TALK ON DISPLACED PERSONS BY AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL OF U.N.R.R.A., COLONEL EDWARD SQUADRILLE.

The war had been over for five years. Yet there were still about 2,000,000 homeless refugees in western Europe.

"In the heart of Europe," said Colonel Squadrille, "there are poverty-stricken camps where we have packed all those who have been caught up in the mill of the liberating armies."

The fit and the strong had been assimilated by the Christian West, to increase material productivity.

The sick, the old, the very young — no help at all to productivity — had been rejected by the Christian West, left to die alone in concentration camps worse than those of the war itself.

Front row

In the front row at this Brussels talk sat Fr. George Dominic Pire, in his black-and-white Dominican habit, agitated.

"In the heart of Europe ... Had Europe any heart left?"

Here was no academic problem, no sociological case.

Here were hundreds of thousands of human beings rotting in conditions unfit for savage beasts, abandoned by their fellows.

He stood up. "M. Squadrille, do you remember the names of any of these displaced persons?"

"Yes, Father."

"Well, give us one name, one for each of us."

That night, 47 names were given to the 47 listeners.

A few days later, a shower of letters fell on Kufstein camp, frightening at first some of those wretched outcasts.

Then, as their purport sank into those sadness-hardened hearts, hope began to live again.

The Aid for Displaced Persons movement had begun.

Once, as a little boy of four, George Pire had been a refugee himself, fleeing with his mother from their home at Dinant when the Germans invaded Belgium in 1914.

His grandfather, left behind, had been shot outside his carpenter's shop.

When the Germans invaded Belgium for the second time, he was a 20-years-old Dominican, professor of moral philosophy and sociology at the Sarte monastery at Huy.

Family help

He was also head of the Family Mutual Assistance Service, which he had founded, and ran holiday camps for children.

The Nazis never knew it, but the black-and-white young priest who left the Sarte monastery on a motor-cycle every day after the lectures was also working for the Belgian resistance movement.

He gathered and passed on information from one place to another while on his family-aid rounds.

After dark, his white habit discarded for a black suit, he served as chaplain to the resistance men

on their night patrols and at their rendezvous in the fields with secret planes from England.

More than a thousand children, their fathers killed or imprisoned, or deported to forced labour, he sheltered in his camps.

In 1945 it all came out. The Croix de Guerre, the Medallie de

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la Resistance, the 1940-45 war medal and the Medal of Gratitude, which the Belgian Government pinned on his Dominican habit, had to be explained.

Busy years

It was to be busier still in the years immediately following the war, coping with the needs of returning Belgian families and the reconstruction of a country liberated from occupation.

In an old army jeep, Fr. Pire set out for the camps in Austria to see for himself.

It was worse than he thought. The places were rotting, the people were rotting, everywhere was filth and stench.

Many of the people had sunk into an apathy worse than death.

Back in his room at Huy, Fr. Pire covered his face with his hands and wept at the plight of these unloved, unwanted victims of the war.

Letters, food parcels — they didn't begin to solve the problem. These people must have homes of their own.

The next day he phoned Colonel Squadrille.

Together they searched for large buildings to convert, together they got friends to put pieces over Radio Luxembourg to make known the plight of the persons displaced from their own homes and with nowhere to go.

Soon, at Huy itself, the first "home" was ready.

But it was a very long time before entry permits could be obtained from the bureaucrats, who checked and counter-checked to make sure that the refugees would not become a "public burden."

One poor old man in the first batch to arrive at Huy had no more than six days of peace before he died.

Meanwhile more "homes" were being found, and Fr. Pire was in his jeep on the rounds of other camps.

Word had got around that a Dominican priest was providing places for the displaced.

He didn't ask if you were Catholic or Protestant, Jew or Orthodox. You just had to be in need.

Incurable — and therefore condemned in any government's eyes — and Fr. Pire would help you.

So old and worn out that you could only be left to die? Then he would see that you died in peace.

Heart-rending

Fr. Pire found the problem heart-rending.

"Me, me, me" they cried. He could take so few. Whole villages were needed. Yes, that was the need.

Europe was their homeland. They needed to live together in villages, but not isolated, in "villages" integrated in some existing

town.

• The idea of the "European Village" was born.

At Aachen in Germany, city of Charlemagne, first Emperor of the West, the head of the United Europe of old, the first "European Village" was built.

In 1956, its first families from the camps settled in.

Before the end of the year, another "village" was begun at Bregenz in Austria.

By now the tireless Fr. Pire and his crusade was beginning to make itself felt.

Peace Prize

Instead of having to overcome "insuperable" obstacles, when he went to found his third village in 1957 at Augsburg in Bavaria, the town council met him with the gift of a site.

The date is 19 March 1960. What are you going to do about it?

Here is another instalment on Civic Consciousness.

ASPECTS OF VOTING

WE might as well examine a half-truth or two. "Vote for the party and not for the candidate." Excellent advice provided the party is a sweet abstraction and not, as it is in fact, the collective activity of the candidates and others who form the party. The success or failure of a party often depends not merely on the success or failure of the ideas to which it subscribes, but, to a large extent, on the appeal which its individual candidates have or do not have in the eyes of the public, as human persons. And this is not because the public is not "educated" enough to see the wood, but because it insists on scrutinising the trees that compose it.

Politics is looked down upon as a dirty game not because its practitioners profess low ideals, but simply because they are found signally incapable of translating their ideals into practice and their practice is, in fact, quite often the very opposite of what they so grandiloquently professed. This type of failure and betrayal seems to be almost endemic to Ceylon. It is therefore all the more necessary if we are to purify public life (and voting is not just a selection of a man for a maximum of five years, but a gesture fraught with the deepest, most far-reaching and complex consequences) that we should give both factors — the individual as well as the Party — their due weight, and not allow ourselves to be so blinded by the slogan "Vote for the Party and not for the Candidate" as to elect the devil himself. In fact if the candidate were so good there would be no need to shout this slogan and so loud, for even as a slogan it confesses to a certain weakness, it is an admission of a defect. It is not even a proud and boastful slogan. Where the issues and the consequences are so complex, it will not do to stress one factor to the exclusion of others — all the pertinent factors must be carefully considered and balanced against the ultimate objective of the common good.

Ideal candidate?

But then we are up against the tricky problem of individual character. It is idiotic to expect the snare gentleman who knocks at your door to be a paragon of virtue and I am sure nobody thinks he is. But what really happens quite often when one tests character, is that one gets hold of a particular weakness of the man and makes that the excuse for giving vent to a prior prejudice against him. How easy; how praiseworthy in the eyes of the world and how mean in the eyes of a sincere conscience, to vote against Mr. H saying he is a little too free with liquor when in fact what motivated your action was the knowledge that H's father is a social parvenu, a boor, and what is more, eloped with a girl from the "depressed classes." If you examine yourself carefully and

honestly, you will agree that a great many of the so-called "best motives" are really a superb disguise for giving free reign to one's baser tendencies.

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You are a relentless logician. You ask therefore with a glint in your eyes, "What constitutes the ideal candidate?" It is as impossible to write a character sketch of the ideal candidate as it would be to prescribe an absolutely accurate and fool-proof formula for correct voting. (Aristotle attempted a sketch of the virtuous man and produced, in the end a rather silly picture). But yet one can be clear about certain basic principles and then rely on honest and sincere discrimination. On the day of judgement I shall not be asked "Why did you vote, or not vote, for Mr. A on the 19th March 1960?" But I shall certainly be asked "Why did you, in spite of the intelligence I gave you, and the abundance of My grace, shut your eyes to honesty and surrender to prejudice and meanness?" And even if I was not prejudiced, there would still be the question "Why did you not make every effort to make a clean, honest and sincere decision, for I gave you the time; I gave you the opportunity?"

As far as character goes, the pertinent question to ask would be, "Does this particular defect, which I honestly think he possesses, prevent him from making a fair contribution as an elected representative?" It would be unforgivable laziness and error not to put the question like that, but to say "Mr. X is very tight-fisted, a perfect Shylock, ergo, no vote for him." I can easily imagine a man who is, for instance, aloof, distant, and even rather arrogant in his personal relations, making a commendable contribution in Parliament; just as easily as I can see another who is not a "specialist" in any failing, playing a totally negative role. History shows many great men whose personal weaknesses, however memorable they were,

did not prevent from them winning the permanent gratitude of posterity. Once you put the question, as I say it should be, you will find that many people whom you so easily discounted do have some claim for consideration.

Infinitely complex

By dwelling so long on individual character, I do not intend to give the slightest impression that one must ignore the party. Politics, like any other intimately human activity, is infinitely complex. You cannot have absolutely fixed rules as for grammar or physics — in fact if you had, the thing would be pretty dull. The thing to do therefore is to balance the individual character of a candidate against the party concerned in each given concrete situation. On one occasion it may be necessary to give weightage to this consideration; on another to that, and, theoretically speaking, if the candidates were equally eligible in the matter of individual character, the question of which party would be the only pertinent one.

I have spoken of parties not to beguile your thoughts away from those who come forward as Independent candidates, but merely because politics is increasingly "practised" on party lines. Indeed if you misinterpret the advice "Vote for the party and not for the man," you cannot give a thought to the Partyless man — but there can, in fact, be excellent reasons for choosing the Independent — if, for instance, you feel he is bold and impartial enough to provide a corrective to party political thinking, which sometimes, for the very reason that it is collective, can be conspicuously wrong, weak, stale or unpractical on a given subject. The history of Parliamentary government in any land presents an imposing array of such men, and those who voted for them, surely did not act unwisely.

Wasting Votes

Another axiom which can lead the unwary into the path of error is "Do not waste your vote." It is a good admonition, recognising as it does the value of the vote and the complexity of party politics and the democratic system, and any man who takes pride in his right to vote and cherishes its value will agree with it. But the admonition, when it is translated into practical terms, sometimes gets watered down to such an extent as to mean "Vote for the winning side."

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"GIOM" LIGHTS THE WAY TO THE TOMB

IN the brave days of yore (thank God they are coming back again) when the Church, driven underground, devised then and there the ways to continue its essential life of the Sacraments and community striving, there was a group of church-workers called the "fossors."

"Grave-diggers" would be an exact rendering, literally; but it would be quite inadequate, it would be too material and fail to convey the aura of dignity, holiness and even heroism that surrounded that office in the context of the Catacombs.

The "fossors," by digging the graves of the departed brethren, were performing a sacred duty—one of the "corporal works of mercy,"

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we would say. And in those days of first fervour when, generally speaking, a Christian who died, "fell asleep in the Lord" and in His embrace (or, as we would say today, died "in the odour of sanctity") even if he was not actually martyred, burying him was almost as sacred an act as when a Bishop now encloses the relics of a Saint in the "sepulchre" of the Altar table. So that, without really being one of the Minor Orders among the young clerics, the office of "fossor" was one of the most enviable functions of the laymen of the early Christian community. Because they looked on it in this light, many of them made it a profession—not exactly a livelihood, but a life-long service to the community, growing old in it.

Growing proficient in it too. This brings us to another factor in the high reputation of the "fossors."

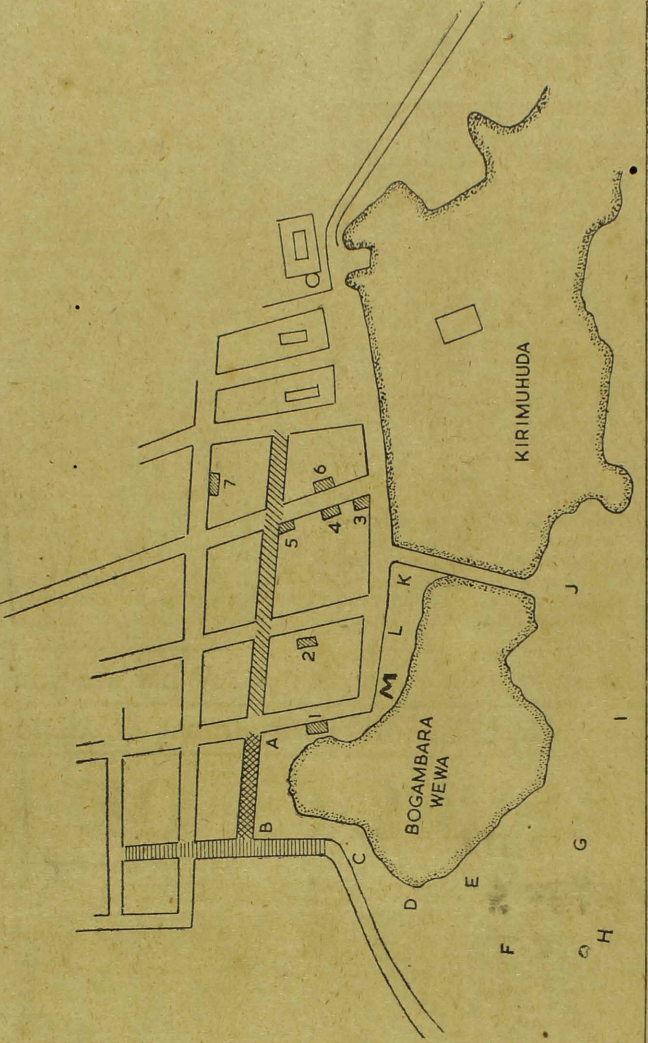
There was a technique to be mastered—not only because the Christian community soon had its own patterns of burial (in keeping with its characteristic beliefs of the Resurrection, of the Second Coming, etc.) but also on account of the fact that wherever, as at Rome, burial was in the underground galleries, besides grit and agility in wielding a pick-axe, a "fossor" required the engineering skill and aesthetic sense of a town-planner and architect rolled into one. The galleries and chapels had to be ventilated, safe and "presentable." Modern archaeologists have to admit that the "fossors" of those days knew their job.

This detailed description of old-time institutions will help our Readers to grasp how feelingly we intend to speak of Mr. Gregory Kurukulasuriya (our "G.I.O.M.") when, in appreciation of this Map he gives us today, we decorate him the "Fossor" of our Story.

True, he is not the one who dug Fr. Vaz's grave in 1711; but the indications he has worked out so patiently and so skilfully come very close to digging up again the long-lost Tomb in this 250th anniversary. At the very strictest, he has been our Guide in the maze of dimly-lit galleries.

To return to the Catacombs, that too was a function of the "fossors." Every pilgrim to the Eternal City knows that to venture without a

O.M.I., some 30 years ago). But even in those days when the Catacombs were actually in use as the meeting place for Holy Mass, the



DRAWING BASED ON THE MAP OF KANDY TOWN CIRCA 1815 A.D. BY T. B. KEPPITAPOLA

- 1. Arawuwawela Walauwa.
- 2. Kataragama Dewale.
- 3. Dullewe Suja Pattuwe Walauwa.
- 4. Molligoda Walauwa.
- 5. Areapola Walauwa.
- 6. Ratwatte Walauwa.
- 7. Ehelapola Walauwa.
- A—B A possible site of the church.
- C Police Station Area.
- D Electric Station Area.
- E Police Barracks.
- F Railway Station: formerly Nata Devale property.
- G Hantane Estate.
- H Hospital.
- I Bogambara Grounds.
- J Wace Park.
- K—L—M. A possible site of the church.

qualified guide down into the tunnels of St. Callistus, St. Agnes or St. Domitilla is asking to be left to fall asleep in the Lord alongside the empty "loculus" of one of the early martyrs. (This was very nearly the experience of venture-some Bro. Du Bois D. Enghien,

early Christians would generally have needed to be conducted along the galleries. The best guides (perhaps the only sure ones) were those who had excavated them according to plan—the "fossors" themselves.

Devoted, scientific guide to finding Fr. Vaz's grave, G.I.O.M. deserves to inherit the title and the glory of the ancient race of loyal laymen.

In today's Map (a carefully worked-out reconstruction of Kandy as it must have been) he puts his finger on 5 spots that tally with documents and tradition as possible sites of Fr. Vaz's tomb. They are marked: A, B, K, L, M. Our readers have only to pore over them; so we break off here.

Beatification Fund. Priests' Project (celebration gratis for intentions received and retained by the Postulator, Rome):- Kandy: 2; Jaffna: 1. Total 170.

Correspondence. Post Card from Bombay Secretariate. Documentation, Geo. Barrow (from V.M.A., Kandy) 29-1-60.

Mass Guide

Sunday, 14 February: SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY. Violet. Creed. Preface of the Trinity.
Monday, 15 February: Feria. Violet. 2nd prayer of St. Faustina.
Tuesday, 16 February: Feria. Violet.
Wednesday, 17 February: As yesterday.
Thursday, 18 February: As on Tuesday. 2nd prayer of St. Simon.
Friday, 19 February: As on Tuesday.
Saturday, 20 February: Mass of the Blessed Virgin. White. Preface of B.V.M.
Sunday, 21 February: SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY. Violet. Creed. Preface of the Trinity.
● Unless otherwise stated, the prayer prescribed is always said (Archdiocese: from the Mass of St. Joseph, March 19th).

Voting

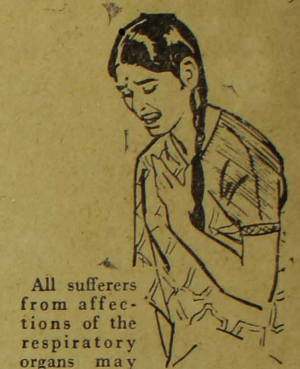
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One-day-elections do reduce to a fair degree the attractions which the prospective winning side has for that swaying and undecided mass commonly called "the floating vote." What makes a man gravitate towards the winning side is not mere weakness but a desire to derive the personal satisfaction of having been instrumental in forming the government. A pardonable desire no doubt, but one which goes against the true seriousness which politics demands. In fact, if the "winning side theory" is correct, you leave no room for political growth and refinement, for, logically, there will be only one side in the end. So, I should forego the personal satisfaction of voting for the winner and reach for the higher satisfaction of doing the right thing.

This is not to say that if a party is very likely to come into power you don't give that factor thought. It could well be that you vote for this party and not for that because *inter alia* it is capable of commanding a majority in the house. But certainly that capability is not the one and only consideration, nor is it necessarily even the fundamental one. The basic criteria cannot surely be the result of a ceaseless Gallup poll conducted in your mind for private amusement.

You can think of parties which can provide strong governments at any cost as easily and you can think of others which can do great service if only they had a working majority! And the operative word should not be strong government but good government, for the latter is more important than the former. We are looking not for the Machiavellian Prince but for the philosopher-king and for strength which is the fruit of justice. The Divine Omnipotence would indeed be a terrible thing were it not for His infinite Justice.

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COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER- SHIP DROPS HEAVILY

COMMUNIST Party membership in the heavy industrial area of Milan, northern Italy, has dropped by more than 30,000 in the past five years. There has also been a steady membership decline in the area's Communist youth organisation, according to Communist figures. In 1955 the party had 118,097 members in the Milan area.

IN A TALK ADDRESSED DIRECTLY TO YOUNG WOMEN OF CATHOLIC ACTION IN ROME BUT MEANT, AS HE MADE CLEAR, FOR THE WHOLE WORLD, HIS HOLINESS THE POPE OUTLINED THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF CATHOLIC ACTION.

Catholic Action, he said, must be a "right hand to the ecclesiastical hierarchy, a mirror of ordered discipline and harmonious unity, a sign before the world."

OBEDIENCE

Enlarging on the first point, the Pope said that the words "nothing without the Bishop" constitute "a great motto of Catholic Action."

Of the second point he said: "Catholic Action must be, and be seen to be, one — one in the methodical order of its procedure; one in discipline, well understood and willingly accepted by all; one in a harmony that succeeds in putting good ideas together and in marshalling the common wealth."

SIGN TO THE WORLD

Proceeding to his third point, His Holiness quoted from the Mass of the recently canonized St. Gaspar del Bufalo — whom he parenthetically called "one of the precursors of your movement." The text, from the 14th chapter of the Apocalypse, reads: "And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having an everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell upon the earth . . ."

"This," the Pope said, "is the sign before the people, your distinctive sign for the needs and demands of modern times. It consists not in complexities or in showy eccentricities, but in clarity of programme, in excellence of method, in simplicity of word-qualities that attract and bind and lead quickly and surely to the set objective."

JAPANESE DIPLOMAT'S CHILDREN BAPTIZED IN ROME

TWO sons and a daughter of Mr. Tatsuo Hirose, counsellor of the Japanese embassy to the Holy See, have been received into the Church in Rome. The three children, aged 10, 12 and 14, took as their Christian names Peter, Paul and Mary Lucy.

They were baptized by a Japanese priest, Father Etienne Hamau, in a chapel of the Urban College of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. The chapel was decorated by a Japanese artist with scenes from the life of St. Francis Xavier.

The ceremony — in which all but the essential words were in Japanese — was attended by many Japanese diplomats and by His Eminence Gregorio Pietro XV Cardinal Agagianian, Pro Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Although their parents are not Catholics, the children have always been sent to Catholic schools

in Japan, Belgium, and Iran, where Mr. Hirose's duties as a diplomat have taken him. The two boys are now in a Catholic school in Fribourg, Switzerland, and the girl is in a Catholic school in Rome.

No more mixed marriages in St. Peter's

NO more mixed marriages will take place in St. Peter's, Rome.

This ruling, issued by Cardinal Tardini, is apparently intended largely to stop the basilica being regarded as the place for "fashion-

able" weddings.

Cardinal Tardini is said to hold that such a practice shows disregard for the particularly sacred character of the church as a place where pilgrims come to pray at the tomb of St. Peter.

Cardinal Tardini, who is Secretary of State, issued the ruling in his capacity as Archbishop of St. Peter's.

He has also ruled that marriages of exiles and stateless people may now take place in St. Anne's, the parish church of Vatican City.

In the past, many refugees married in St. Peter's so that their marriage would have a civil as well as religious status.

But St. Anne's will serve them equally well in this respect as it is also in the sovereign state of Vatican City.

Vatican-U.S.S.R. diplomatic relations?

—ABSURD!

A REPORTED "rumour" in the Rome Communist evening *Paese Sera* that the Soviet Union is thinking of suggesting an exchange of diplomatic representatives with the Holy See is described by the Vatican *Osservatore Romano* as "so absurd that it needs no denial."

The report, according to the Communist paper, came from "Communist quarters."

It said that the plan was that of Khrushchev himself.

The paper added that the Holy See, however, would not be likely to assent "until such time as direct and indirect persecution of the clergy and faithful in Communist countries is stopped."

REKAWA DIRECTOR to MAKE CATHOLIC FILM IN CEYLON

THE ancient and historic Shrine of St. Anthony's, Kochchikade, centre of undiminished devotions throughout the years, will feature largely in a film which is to go into production shortly.

What will be a positive contribution to a deeper understanding of the personality and times of St. Anthony, this 16 mm. film with a running time of half-an-hour will have a Ceylon story as its factual background.

Robin Hood is privileged to capture this scoop for his readers, and for the first time it can be revealed now that, directing the film, will be the ace Director of "Rekawa," LESTER JAMES PIERIS.

In close alliance with the production of the Ceylon documentary are NORMAN PAINTING and FR. MICHAEL DAY,



● Lester James ("Rekawa") Pieris at work (see story)

Cong. Orat., co-author of "The Man who found himself," who states: "we hope that your film will be a great success and do much to spread knowledge and devotion to this most attractive Saint."

As I listened to the unfolding of the plans for this closely-guarded and nearly three-year-old secret in the quiet and sober seclusion of a Kollupitiya residence, I had no doubt that the film will have a tremendous impact on the hundreds of thousands of St. Anthony's clients in this island, when they see it. A well-known Company has already donated 3,000 feet of film for the project.

● YOU can hear him

ARRIVING in Ceylon on Friday, 12 February 1960, is TOM KERSTIENS, General Secretary of Pax Romana. He is on his way to Pax Romana Headquarters in Switzerland.

MR. KERSTIENS is expected to address both sections of Pax Romana — students and graduates — at a Rally to be held

on Sunday, 14 February 1960, at Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya, at 8-45 a.m.



● ST. PETER'S

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INDEPENDENCE Celebrations this year in Colombo brought into the limelight ST. PETER'S COLLEGE HARMONICA BAND which gave an accomplished performance that left a visible impression on everybody who heard it.

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● POPULAR Choice

A POPULAR choice and unanimously elected Chairman of Kochchikade Town Council is MR. G. C. T. A. SILVA.

In the previous Council he was Vice-Chairman and he was returned uncontested to his Ward. A Catholic, Mr. DE SILVA is the son of the late MR. D. M. JOSEPH DE SILVA of Pal-lansena.

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CURRENT / COMMENT

by the Editor

The Nun's Story - Controversial Film

IF we are to judge from the reactions to our review of the film "The Nun's Story" currently showing, it is quite obvious that opinions are just as divided here (or perhaps more) than they were elsewhere. In fact, we have been rather intrigued at the considerable amount of interest that this particular film has caused especially among priests and nuns; one would hope that this is indeed an excellent augury for a livelier and consistent interest in all films regularly shown to our teenage audiences here in Ceylon.

We do not intend to cover ground already covered by our film-reviewer last week, but a few remarks will not be out of place. All-in-all, "The Nun's Story" viewed artistically and technically is indeed a great motion picture; but whether it will run to crowded houses here in Ceylon, as it did in neighbouring India, still remains to be seen. As biography however — and this is the point we would wish to stress — the film cries out for truth and for a new title: "A story by an ex-nun."

There are two questions that we have been asked repeatedly within the past few days.

1. Is the film true-to-life, or is it mere fiction?

2. Will the over-all impression created, give an erroneous impression of the religious life, and deter young girls from such a life?

One thing is quite certain, and beyond any doubt: the film is **fictional rather than factual**. In fact, a 42-page document written by a companion-nun of Sister Luke points out many "facts" which were pure fiction. For instance, Sister Luke certainly was never ordered or advised by her superior to fail her examination because of the jealousy of her companion. There are many other "facts" which never occurred at all.

As for the possible effect on vocations, while conceding somewhat to the pessimists, we frankly prefer to believe that this film will not cause the harm that is feared. For this film is quite obviously the struggle of an individual; and a normal girl with intelligence will see that a film is entertainment and not a factual document.



But having said that, the fact does remain that there is the possibility of a harmful effect. For, Convent life is represented as a cheerless and gloomy life of dreary external formalism, where mirth and the fun of life have no place at all. Little perhaps would the viewer imagine that often there is a fuller joy and a more lively happiness within a Convent than outside it.

And yet, despite these drawbacks, despite the biographical errors, we are still in agreement with an Indian Catholic paper which said editorially that even in our non-Christian lands, the film is likely to do great good "in conveying the abnegation, humility, self-discipline, and self-conquest" which is of the religious life.

We, for our part, welcome its Catholic subject and content as a welcome change from so much pagan material offered by the Cinema; and we believe that this is one of the first films to draw attention to the importance of the essence of the spiritual life viz., perfect self-discipline.

We would wish to give the last word to ex-Sister Luke herself who wrote as follows after she had seen the film:

"I am never going to see the film again, because if I do, I'm going to run right back to the convent. It is a beautiful life, the religious life, if you really are a religious person. People say I didn't fail in leaving the convent. They don't understand. So many women say in that life. They can take it. I couldn't take it and I failed."

She had realised clearly that

it was not the religious calling that was a disappointment, but she herself.

Kerala ousts Reds

NOW that the eagerly-awaited elections are over in Kerala, it would of course be useful to look back and assess the situation from the information received so far.

While being considerably relieved at the results, and the fact that the Communists received a resounding defeat, there is another side to the picture as well — that although the Communist Party of Kerala lost half its number of seats it previously held, still, it has emerged with an increased popular vote. The Communist Party increased its vote at the last elections to 44 per cent. over the previous election in 1957; the percentage of votes cast for the anti-Communist parties, on the other hand, fell from about 55 per cent. of the total poll in 1957 to 52.8 per cent. this time, though their absolute total of votes went up by over a million.

Although freedom-loving people have all expressed great joy at the ousting of the Reds from the government of the State, it is now quite clear that the Communists have succeeded in forming a solid block of supporters in Kerala. The victory of the alliance is indeed a triumph; but one can only live in the hope that the victory will be used to the full and not frittered away in negative blundering.

Local and Kerala

Communists

BUT having said that, we must also place on record a strange contradiction. Our local Communists have been doing quite a lot of talking about the supposed victory in Kerala, and not the slightest hint of their defeat seems to have entered their calculations at all.

The Executive of the Kerala Communist Party seems however to think otherwise. To them, the defeat of the Party has been "serious and severe." The statement went on to say that it was "useless trying to ignore the gravity or minimise the seriousness of the defeat."

Whom then are we to believe? — the Ceylon Communists who do not see the slightest tinge of a defeat in the Kerala elections, or the Kerala Communists who look upon the swamping as a major defeat that is "serious and severe?" Or will we see still another of those customary somersaults, when one or other will quite suddenly change its line?

We shall wait and see.

The Religious Cry

THE hydra-headed monster of bhasa and religion" (to use the words of Mr. Wilmot Perera) is being given ample scope for freeplay these days — and all in the name of democracy, freedom, religion and patriotism!

The banned broadcast of Mr. Mettananda has now being given full publicity in one section of the Press, and it is there for all to see what kind of a political campaign these people are conducting. Full of falsehoods and half-truths, it is a glaring instance (if ever there was one) of what Mr. Wilmot Perera himself castigated.

On another occasion, we are told Mr. Mettananda excelled even his own record — for, as a newspaper report said, "Mr. Mettananda spent over one and a half hours speaking about his pet aversions — the Catholic Church and the Catholics" (Daily News, 31 January).

Speaking recently at Panadura, Mr. Justice T. S. Fernando is reported to have characterised the riots of May-June 1958 "as a disgrace to the whole of Asia," and he then went on to say: "If we are Buddhists and practise the precepts, there cannot be room for such incidents."

What then can be said of men who will walk the length and breadth of this land, crusading for Buddhism, but preaching a gospel of hatred and dissension everywhere? What can be said of men who will arouse group hatred, propagate the big lie, spend their lives in mud-slinging and suspecting every motive — and all in the name of Buddhism? What can we say of persons who in the name of the Buddha, the apostle of compassion, will turn their political campaign into an anti-Catholic campaign and vilify everyone and everything that is important to us?

It is a terrible responsibility for such persons to take — but they have to face it: it is they who will have to take the responsibility for the possible consequences of their hate-campaigns and rabble-rousing. They... and perhaps the authorities who have done nothing to curb the seditious activities of these agents of discord.

Cardinal Stepinac

CARDINAL Stepinac that hero of Communist persecution — the first Prelate who dared to defy the Reds and hopelessly upset their calculations — is now dead. He died as he had lived the last years of his life, a virtual prisoner.

Few could forget the impassioned speech he made during his trial. It came as a shock to his Communist masters, who had expected him to succumb before the onslaught. Instead, they had to listen to one of the most forceful indictments of the Communist regime ever made in such circumstances. No wonder that in future trials, they always made sure that the victim was adequately "treated" before he was brought in, reduced to half his normal stature.

One by one he took up the charges proffered against him, and tore them into shreds in the course of his trial.

"Hundreds of times," he said, "here in this Court I have been called the 'accused Stepinac.' There is no one so naive as not to know that with the 'accused Stepinac' here on the defendant's bench sits the Archbishop of Zagreb, the Metropolitan of Croatia, and the head of the Catholic Church in Yugoslavia... If we have to perish, well, then we shall perish while doing our duty... The accused Archbishop of Zagreb knows not only how to suffer but also how to die for his convictions."

The Communists had not heard such language before from one of their victims. No wonder they treated him as they did; no wonder too that the brave man who spoke those words, remained an object of their anger and their tyranny right up to his very death.

Nation-building or Nation-destroying?

WITH just one month to go before the Parliamentary Elections, all political parties are quite naturally getting warmed up in their election campaigns. Leaders of parties, other politicians, newspapers and weeklies are all, quite understandably, fulfilling their role in the democratic framework, wooing the voter with every imaginable means at their disposal. But in the parry and thrust of debate, in the intensified tempo of emotions and passions, the question keeps recurring whether all that is being said and done is strictly within the democratic framework, and whether in fact, certain passions are not being pandered to, which when once roused, are always hard to control.

It is, in a way, understandable — though not justifiable — that at a time such as this, politicians would descend to the personal level; but what is not so easily understood is that they should indulge in personal abuse of a type that would do credit to hardly anyone at all. And what is to be deprecated with all the earnestness at our command is the frankly inflammatory, slanderous and sometimes even libellous outbursts by certain politicians and certain sections of the Press. The men who indulge in such a campaign are surely not the nation-builders of tomorrow; they are nothing better than cheap, self-seeking nation-destroyers who place personal gain above the needs of the nation, and personal profit above the dire need of the country at the present hour.

We are focussing the attention of our readers today on two big issues that should guide them in the weeks ahead when they will be making up their minds as to the exercise of their vote — for, as we have said in the past and will emphasise once again in the coming weeks, the exercise of the vote is a serious civic duty, a sacred charge, which the Christian cannot take lightly; it is an obligation which no Christian may shirk; it is a duty which he or she should fulfil only with the most serious thought, and in accordance with his Christian conscience.

The first of the considerations that we would wish to mention is the necessity of acquainting oneself with the declared policies of the different parties. Election time is rich in promises; it is a period during which the voters, are lavishly treated with the most extravagant utopias held out by prospective members of Parliament. The memory of 1956 is still fresh in people's minds — of how a government that was voted into power on a wave of popular support and promises and quick-solutions to every problem that confronted the land, fizzled out in a pathetic exhibition of inefficiency, and even, as some said, of chaos. That is why we have to be on the alert. What is needed is a programme; a coherent, satisfactory programme; and a Party (for we are at a time when Party government has come to stay, and solitary individuals, however good and courageous, may not be of much avail) with a background of stability which has a reasonable prospect of forming the government. Of course, party leaders will promise the moon these days; but what we are stressing is that it is imperative to pierce through the clouds of utopian promises and the 24-hour solutions to problems, and to see what a particular political party stands for. A country gets the government it deserves; an electorate gets the representative it merits.

If in the succeeding weeks we, the voters of a free country, are prepared to show the men and women who come seeking our votes, that we are interested not in their promises but in their programmes, not in their fine-sounding words but in their deeds and achievements, then perhaps, we will have less irresponsible talk, and more of the kind of talk that the country sorely needs today. What will they do to restore order in the land? How will they combat the indiscipline and the bitterness? What about the racial and religious trouble-makers? What about the rights of minorities? And then, what about economic development as opposed to economic patchwork? What about all this and a host of other problems which confront any person who will sit back and reflect? These are the questions that must loom large in our minds these days; and these should be the guiding light in our subsequent decision.

But there is still another issue that confronts the citizens of this land during the succeeding weeks — and it is the type of election propaganda that is being used by certain persons. The vilest and basest propaganda does not seem to be low enough for them; the most vicious falsehoods against the Church are brought out with a disgusting frequency and obstinacy; and the diabolical campaign of dividing a country that is already divided, and setting brother against brother, family against family, goes on apace with a *sang froid* that is shocking to observe. Why is it that truth and precision are the two things that seem to be furthest away from the calculations of these self-appointed crusaders against the Church? Why is it that, if they must indeed ride their pet hobby-horses of rancour, division and hatred, still, they will refuse to substantiate their wild generalisations with the "facts" that are capable of withstanding criticism? And above all, why is it that they must turn every political platform into an anti-Catholic platform, and every election meeting into an anti-Catholic meeting?

In every land there will of course be those who fish best in troubled waters; and Ceylon, apparently, is no exception. But we appeal to these leaders (for that is what they indeed are), to refrain from their frightening pastime of rousing passions. Some of them were responsible for what ultimately took place barely two years ago, when the fair name of Lanka was besmirched at home and abroad, in the name of "racial justice." Will it again be some of them who will drag this country even deeper into the abyss than she now is in the name of "religious justice?"

OFFICIAL NOTICES



Archbishop's Appointments

16th to 19th Feb: Pastoral Visitation and Confirmation Service at St. Joseph's College, Colombo.

21st to 25th Feb: Pastoral Visitation and Confirmation Service in the Parish of Borella.

Clergy Monthly

IF any Priest working in the Archdiocese does not receive regularly his copy of the Clergy Monthly, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned.

Secretary to the
Archbishop.

R. I. P.

PRAYERS are requested for the soul of Rt. Rev. Mgr. P. Don Peter who died last Sunday, at Archbishop's House, Colombo. The funeral took place the next day, after Office for the Dead was chanted at St. Mary's Church, Dehiwela.

His Grace the Archbishop and His Lordship the Bishop of Chilaw were both present at the obsequies.

(A full obituary notice will be published in a subsequent issue of our paper).

A JOURNALISM AWARD ENTRY

O Ye of Little Faith

ONCE I saw a tender maid
Sweet as a first kiss long delayed;

But ere the day could reach its crown

A motor car had run her down.

I saw her mangled on the street:

A nascent sonnet incomplete.

I tempted God with her sad fate

So cruel and so insensate,

For when I looked upon her pain

Long steely talons tore my brain.

God turned on me reproachful eyes

And I grew crucifixion-wise;

I saw a God stake love on me

And prove that love with Calvary.

My puny faith how can it stand

Except it be His bracing Hand.

Methinks I somehow dimly heard

The gist of His rebuking word:

Before you criticise my plan

Know I am God, my little man.

My jig-saw fragments tease and blind

You cannot piece them in your mind:

But Faith I've gifted you to tide

The errors of presumptuous pride.

Mountains are moved by Faith, I say,

A little goes the longest way,

The fate you so want undecreed

s. purchased with a mustard seed!

Vernon Lawrentsz.

GALLE NEWS

(from our Galle correspondent)

Kalegana Church's Centenary

The Church of St. Francis Xavier at Kalegana which is 100 years old is being renovated and re-decorated for its centenary festival on 28 February which will be celebrated this year on an elaborate scale.

The site of this church, which is said to have been selected by Rev. Fr. Hilary, O.S.B., is supposed to be the spot from which St. Francis preached to large crowds drawn from the neighbouring villages when he was forced to make a stay at Galle while his ship was undergoing repairs.

Clients of St. Francis are helping to meet the cost of replacing the old altar built of masonry, but more funds are urgently needed for this purpose.

There will be preparatory novenas at 5-30 p.m. from 19 to 27 February during which a Mission will be preached in Sinhalese by Rev. Fr. Mark Anthony Fernando, S.J., and on 28 February, the Feast Day, His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Dr. N. M. Laudadio S.J. will officiate at the Pontifical High Mass at 8-30 a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Festival

The resident priest is sparing no pains to provide spiritual and

BOLAWALANA'S FEAST

(from Leander Fernando,
Messenger correspondent)

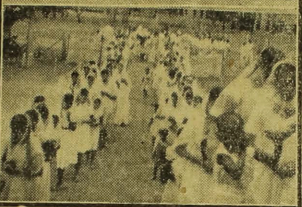
A LARGE number of devotees participated in the annual Kanikka feast (Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary) on the 2nd instant.

On the eve Vespers were sung, and on the feast day, after the blessing of the candles, the festive Mass was celebrated.

In the evening the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken in an attractively decorated car along the processional route. The festivities were brought to a close with the imparting of the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament by the Parish Priest.

material sustenance for the large crowds expected this year at South Ceylon's only church dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes, at Halpatota, Baddegama, when it celebrates its annual feast on 21 February. The feast will be preceded by novenas and Vespers on 20 February.

Holy Childhood Day



● Holy Childhood Day (January 31) was celebrated in Irabadagama Parish this year with an impressive procession of under-twelves. Our pictures show: (top) the statue taken in procession; (centre) the boys and (below) the girls going in the procession.

Asian Congress and Birth Control

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attacked by efforts to devise new methods of increasing food production.

Dr. Ly Trung Dung of Vietnam said: "Birth Control will not be a solution for the Vietnamese problem of population. Any contraceptive methods are incompatible with the traditional moral views of this country."

JAPANESE PROBLEM

Dr. Tatsutaro Kawakami of Japan said a law legalizing birth control has been in force since 1948 in his country and has caused a drop in the birth rate. But, he added, the Japanese Catholic Medical Association has continued to oppose the law because of its ill effects on maternal health.

Dr. Antonio O. Gisbert of the Philippines said that the medical profession should never allow itself to be used as a tool in artificially controlling population. "In the last analysis," he said, "over-population should be considered merely as over-concentration of populations; a definite challenge to the 'have' nations to help their less fortunate neighbours."

Two other symposia were held, one on Catholic Medical Education and one on Catholic Principles in Medical Practice.

RESOLUTIONS

After full discussion, the congress adopted the following resolutions:

(1) That a practical solution to the problems of over-population would be a better distribution of population throughout the world.

(2) That artificial means of controlling population should be replaced with technological and productive efforts to cope with the needs of population pressures.

(3) That there should be at least one Catholic medical school in every country, and that in the absence of such schools, scholarships should be made available.

(4) That Catholic medical literature should be distributed in Asian countries, without Catholic medical schools.

(5) That legislation should be considered to outlaw such practices as abortion, sterilization, artificial insemination and euthanasia.

(6) That the practice of the rhythm method of birth control though permissible in individual cases, may not be endorsed by a government in meeting the problem of over-population.

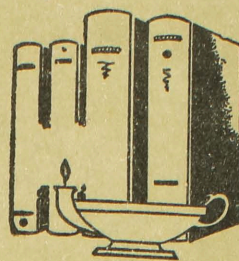
RECOMMENDATIONS

In regard to the question of over-population the Congress urged:

(1) Greater agricultural and industrial productivity among the have-not nations as a solution to their population problems.

(2) More conscientious practice of continence in marital relations.

(3) Help by progressive nations to less fortunate neighbours in Asia to overcome widespread poverty.



★ Journalism Prizes ADDITIONAL AWARDS

The attention of all competitors is drawn to the revised rules regarding the JOHN LEO DE CROOS MEMORIAL PRIZE and the A. X. MACHADO MEMORIAL AWARD below.

An Additional Award — THE PERPETUAL NOVENA AWARD — is also announced now.

THE MESSENGER in conjunction with the Catholic Press Board is pleased to announce the 1960 MESSENGER JOURNALISM AWARDS for the third year in succession.

Six major Awards are once again offered to readers of this paper:

(1). THE MESSENGER WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD — for the year's outstanding article with a Catholic background awarded by His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I.

(2). THE J. P. DE FONSEKA AWARD — for the year's outstanding poem with a Catholic setting presented by the Catholic Press.

(3). THE JOHN LEO DE CROOS MEMORIAL PRIZE of Rs. 250/- presented by Shri A. L. J. Croos Raj Chandra for the best essay on the Blessed Virgin. The theme this year will be "Cause of our Joy."

Essays should be within the 1,000-1,500 word range.

This Award carries in addition a prize of Rs. 50/- to the runner-up, also presented by Shri A. L. J. Croos Raj Chandra.

(4). THE A. X. MACHADO MEMORIAL AWARD for the year's best short story presented by Mr. Joachim R. Machado, M.B.E.

Short stories should not exceed 1,000 words in length.

(5) THE ST. MICHAEL'S AWARDS for the year's best article and poem presented by Mr. Michael Rodriguez. This Contest is open to all Schools-Mag members only.

(6) THE PERPETUAL NOVENA AWARDS. Two prizes of Rs. 100/- each for (a) the best poem, (b) the best essay on the subject "Our Lady of Perpetual Succour" presented by NOVENA NEWS. All entries shall clearly state Perpetual Novena Award on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

Readers who wish to enter for these Contests are requested to adhere strictly to the Rules enumerated below:

(a). All Entries for these Awards shall clearly specify "Writer of the Year," "Poetry," "Essay," "Short Story" or "Junior Award" on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

(b). Each such entry must have a Messenger Journalism Award Coupon (printed below) with the details clearly filled in and affixed to the individual's entry.

(c). All entries addressed to The Editor, MESSENGER, Catholic Press, Borella must reach him on or before 12 noon on 31 March 1960.

(d). A competitor may take part in one or more of these Awards, and more than one entry may be also sent in by a competitor for any single Award provided each such entry carries a Coupon.

(e) Writers, both Catholic and non-Catholic must write under their own names. Contributions under pseudonyms will not be entertained.

(f). The decision of the Editor of the MESSENGER and of the Catholic Press Board in regard to all matters relating to these Awards shall be final, and no correspondence whatsoever on the subject will be entertained.

1960 MESSENGER JOURNALISM AWARD COUPON No. 4

I submit herewith my entry for the 1960 Messenger Journalism Awards

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

SECTION (State here for which of the 5 Awards you are entering).....

India sends Missionaries to Iraq

INDIA IS NOW SENDING OUT MISSIONARIES.

Three Carmelites from India are to work in Iraq.

The congregation already has missions in Iran.

The missionaries belong to the Syro-Malabar rite, a modification of the Chaldean rite. They run schools and conduct parishes.

Founded in South India in 1855, the congregation now has 300 priests, 108 brothers and 250 seminarians.

Ceylon Catholic Students' Federation

A GENERAL Meeting will be held on Sunday, 14th February 1960, at the Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya.

AGENDA

7-30 a.m. Holy Mass.

8-15 a.m. Breakfast.

8-45 a.m. An Address by Tom Kersteiens, General Secretary, Pax Romana.

Men of Silence and Prayer THE TRAPPISTS

All who cross the threshold of a Trappist monastery are reminded of the reprimand of St. Bernard to a young postulant: "Leave your body at the gate. Here, it is the realm of souls. The flesh has nothing to do here."

Like to be a Trappist?

"YOU would like to be a Trappist?" writes Father Master of Novices to candidates. "Allow me to tell you something about the cloistered and contemplative life. I can only give you a mattress filled with straw on some boards. We go to bed at 8 p.m. and get up at 3 a.m. As a choir monk, you will spend six to seven hours daily in chapel."

"Your family may visit you only three times a year. You are allowed to write to them only four times a year. That is also the number of replies you will receive, except in case of emergency, or for charity or business. There will be no hope of going to another Trappist monastery, for each abbey is independent. You will be bound by your vow of stability."

"Be it Easter, Christmas, or the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, the same regularity will prevail. Even if you are a priest, you will have to work in the fields, or in the workshop with your hands, like the Carpenter of Nazareth."

A Trappist coming out of his cell after meditating for some hours.

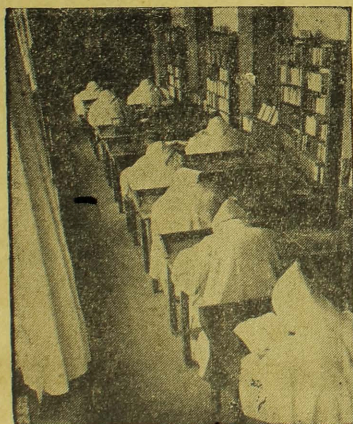
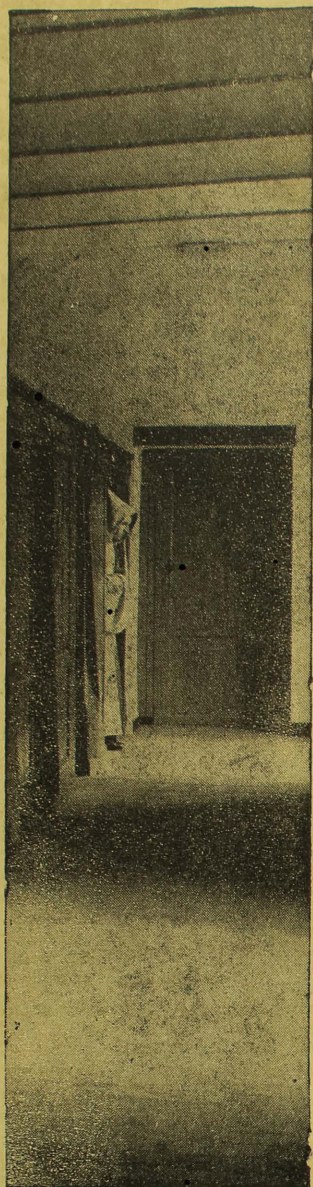
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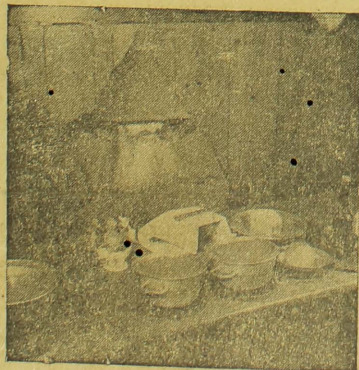
Two Trappists converse smilingly in sign language.

The Peace of God is theirs

However, what the young Trappist finds in the stillness of the retreat is not a bitter and morbid mortification, but joy, happiness, and the peace of God.



Monks study diligently two hours a day in the Community scriptorium.



A Trappist says Grace before meals; he meditates reverently before he begins eating his plain food.



Monks
wash
their
brothers'
feet
every
Saturday

Every Saturday, Trappists perform the ceremony of "mandatum" that is practiced by other Religious only on Maundy Thursday. Here two monks wash their brothers' feet.

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★ SCHOOLS-MAG BOUND SETS ARE FULLY BOOKED

Subject of the month

THE SCHOOLS-MAG introduces a new Corner today. It is labelled "SUBJECT OF THE MONTH."

Each month you will be set a different subject and members are invited to write an essay or a poem on it.

Essays should not exceed 150 words in length while a poem should be confined to no more than 20 lines. The subject for this month is "THE NUN."

All entries close on the last day of each month. For this first subject the closing date is Monday, 29 February 1960.

Address all entries to the Editor, SCHOOLS-MAG, Catholic Press, Borella.

Send your entries early and don't wait for the last date.

Two very special prizes will be awarded to the writer of the best essay and poem each month.

A selection of the better entries will be published in the Schools-Mag.

Is your name here?

THE fifty sets of the Schools-Mag bound volumes (50 consecutive issues from 3rd January 1959 to 30th January 1960) announced earlier in these columns have now been completely booked by Principals of Schools and Convents and individual Schools-Mag members and others.

It is very much regretted that quite a number of late applicants for these sets will have to be disappointed as only 50 sets are available. Six out of this number have been allocated to Principals of Schools and Convents.

The remaining 44 sets have been claimed by the following:—

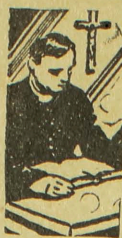
(1) VICTORY ROOSMALE-COCO, Nuwara Eliya, (2) CLIVE RODRIGO, Colombo 4, (3) MARJORIE SORIS, Ratnapura, (4) ADRIAN TAMBINAYAGAM, Mt. Lavinia, (5) CELINE SHIRANEE SWAMINATHAN, Hendala, (6) BRYAN LANDSBERGER, Trincomalee, (7) FELICIA DAVIDSON, Colombo 14, (8) LALIN WIJEYARATNE, Colombo 7, (9) MARY JULIANA HAKEL, Colombo 10, (10) DENHAM WALLEES, Negombo.

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(To be continued).



By
Uncle
Ashley

My dear children,
After the "Confiteor" there takes place a little dialogue be-

TALKS WITH JUNIORS PRAYER AT THE FOOT of THE ALTAR

tween priest and congregation. The dialogue is composed of a few versicles and responses calling for God's mercy and it winds up with the ancient Hebrew salutation "Dominus vobiscum." This salutation reminded the Jews of God's promises to man and it signified hope. The apostles revived its use and we find this beautiful greeting appearing eight times during the course of the Mass. After this dialogue of hope and invocation — joy and benediction, the priest prays as he ascends the altar: "Take away, O Lord, our iniquities that we may enter the

Holy of Holies with pure minds." The plural form of the prayers reminds us that priest and laymen are all offering the sacrifice together. This prayer was introduced into the Mass in the 5th century and ever since it has been said.

As the priest ascends the altar, let us imagine that we too are getting closer and closer to Calvary and may our attention increase.

Always in Jesus and Mary,

Uncle Ashley

In an Amsterdam museum there is a book in which visitors sign their names and record relevant date. Recently the following entry was noted, under the heading, Reason for Visit: "It was raining outside."

Sent by Placidus Gunawardena.

School-children get free milk



In Britain, milk is given free to all children who wish to have it, and the School Meals Service provides a cheap mid-day meal. Parents are requested by law to see that their children receive efficient full-time education between the age of 5 and

15. A child's primary education continues until about the age of 11 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and 12 in Scotland. This picture shows children drinking free milk at a primary school in London. — Courtesy U.K.I.S.

MARASWAMY, Bambalapitiya.

(31) SELVARAJ GOMEZ, Balangoda, (32) ADRIAN PERERA, Nawala, (33) D. A. TIRIMANNE, Kandy, (34) A. B. PONNAMPA-LAM, Colombo 13, (35) INDRANI RAYEN, Kotahena, (36) D. ANTHONY, EMMANUEL PERERA, Negombo, (37) MELANIE GOMEZ, Colombo 4, (38) MARIE DE SOUZA, Dematagoda, (39) M. D. FELICITAS WARKAKULA, Moratuwa, (40) MARIE CANDAPPA, Mattakkuliya, (41) B. HOLDENBOTTLE, Colombo 13,

42) ANN SHIRIN ALWIS, Colombo 13, (43) A. R. D. PEREIRA, Colombo 5, (44) WINIFRED BARBARA BARTHOLOMEUSZ, Dehiwela.

All those whose names are listed above are now advised to send in their remittances. The price of each volume handsomely bound in hard covers is Rs. 5/- as stated earlier.

THESE RESERVED SETS WILL BE KEPT AVAILABLE FOR SEVEN DAYS ONLY AND THE ABOVE-MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS ARE REQUESTED TO SEND THEIR REMITTANCES BY POSTAL ORDER TO THE EDITOR, SCHOOLS-MAG, CATHOLIC PRESS, BORELLA.

On receipt of the remittances the sets will be despatched to them by post. In the event of any of the individuals listed above not sending in their remittances of Rs. 5/- for their set within seven days, they are liable to be turned over to others who were shut out from the first fifty.

A teacher asked his class to give examples of coincidence. There was a long silence, then a small boy said: "My father and my mother were married on the same day."

News

Katugastota

THE Annual General Meeting of the Katugastota Altar Servers was held recently after Mass at which all the acolytes served. Special invitees for the occasion were Rev. Bro. D. C. Macky and all the choristers.

The secretary Harold de Silva read the annual report. Brother Macky and our Spiritual Director gave us talks. N. Wickramanayake was elected president. Harold de Silva was elected secretary for the third year. O. Selliah who was relieved of his presidency, was elected treasurer. s

Special mention should be made of Eric Labrooy who rendered much help.

Duncan De Bond.

Batticaloa

THE Altar Boys Prize-giving at Puliyanthu Parish, Batticaloa, took place recently. His Lordship Ignatius Glennie, S.J., presided and gave away the prizes. The Vicar-General, The Parish Priest, The General Manager of Schools, The Bishop's Secretary and our Moderator were also present.

The following received prizes for serving faithfully: Travis Balthazaar, P. Iruthayam, P. Francis, P. Mark, B. Balthazaar, P. Joseph, O. Winstan. A. S. A. R. Ravindraraaj.

Vocation is a Divine Gift

THERE is no greater gift on earth than a vocation to the priestly state. It is really a supernatural gift given by God, who created everything, out of nothing, by a mere act of His will.

Christ spent three years on earth establishing His Kingdom — the Church. The word kingdom signifies a hierarchical organization.

The Catholic Church — the Kingdom of God upon earth, is the only kingdom that cannot fail, because it was founded by Jesus Christ to carry on His own divine mission to the end of time. Christ willed that His life on earth should be continued even after His ascension. This new life of Christ with the human race, is now continued by the Seven Sacraments. Christ instituted external signs to signify and produce grace in our souls.

By confirmation we are enrolled in the army of Christ. Every confirmed Christian, therefore, is bound to do

by
Placidus Gunawardena

all in his power to work for the extension of the kingdom of his king, Jesus. Specially for this task, God chooses a selected few by the greatest and wonderful gift of a vocation.

"The harvest is plentiful enough but the labourers are few."

Happy are they that belong to the one, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and who are called to do His divine will. Holy Orders, the Sacrament of Sacred Ministry, is a response to the greatest, supernatural and wonderful gift called the Vocation.

St. Joseph's Juniorate, Nugegoda.

KNOW YOUR ANSWER

DID Our Lady have a sister? And who are those women shown on the painting of the Crucifixion?

We do not know whether or not the parents of Our Lady had any other children. The use of the word sister in the English translation of the New Testament does not enlighten us since the original word means only a relative.

At the foot of the Cross, St. John tells us, were Mary, her sister (relative) Mary of Cleophas and Mary Magdalen.

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BIRTHDAY PARADE

13th FEB. — 19th FEB.

Feb. 13th: Denzil E. Fernando (Moratuwa), Patrick Cramer (Kelaniya), E. Walter Rodrigo (Negombo), Iranie R. M. Perumal (Wattala), Carmelita Phillips (Kotahena), Derrick Lisk (Gampaha), Genevieve Hapuaratchy (Wattala), Primela Perera (Galle), Jud D'Aberra (Dehiwela), Lourdes Samarasinghe (Mirihana).

Feb. 14th: Cordelia Bastiansz (Ragama), Reanie Perera (Galle), Nalini De Croos (Negombo), P. Anne Fernando (Kochchikade), Sunil Perera (Dehiwela), Bernadette Perera (Colombo 4), Perpetua Fernando (Kochchikade), Lorna L. F. Fernando (Moratuwa), P. A. Hiranthi Fernando (Kochchikade), Noeline Kelly (Trincormalee), Charmaine Croos Costa (Negombo).

Feb. 15th: Leonie Costa (Mt. Lavinia), Bernadette Antony (Pannipitiya), Antony Jesudasan (Moratuwa), Sunil A. Jayasekera (Mutwal), Jovitta Fernando (Beruwela), Shiranee de Almeida (Borella), Jennifer de Silva (Colombo 6), Lourdes Patrick (Mutwal), Jean Fernando (Colombo 4), Genevieve Her-

mion Don Paul (Mattakkuliya), Isabelle Pereira (Colombo 5), Lourdes Constance De Silva (Amparai).

Feb. 16th: Onnallee de Silva (Colombo 9), Juliet Joseph (Jaffna), L. Benjamin Perera (Kandy), Don Lawrence Dolawatte (Kelaniya), Olivia Pieris (Moratuwa), Bernadette Schokman (Mutwal), Anton Sheddun (Dehiwela), Lourdetta Shirleen Dias (Kotahena).

Feb. 17th: M. J. Aloysius (Maradana), Bernadette Cabraal (Kelaniya), Vinodhini Fernandopulle (Dankotuwa), Franklyn Paul (Arapatna), Ranjit Abeysekera (Negombo), M. A. Basil Perera (Negombo), Delanie Peiris (Mutwal), Lakshman Perera (Galle), A. E. B. De Silva (Colombo 9), R. Finton Fernando (Moratuwa), P. A. V. Fernando (Matale).

Feb. 18th: L. Shanthi Fernando (Moratuwa), Olga Seneviratne (Imbulgoda), Nihal de Silva (Colombo 13), Sriyani Jayatilake (Ratnapura), Franklyn Foanander (Colombo 6), Cyril Sebastian (Hewaheta), Jean M. Muller (Matale), Nirmalie Opatha (Hirana), Samson Perera (Kandy), Louise Seneviratne (Nuwara Eliya).

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

IMMACULATE Mother we come to thee,
On this thy glad feast-day;
At Lourdes thou wast seen in radiant beauty;
When thou didst teach Bernadette to pray.

In a shimmering robe thou didst look sweet,
There was a sash of heav'nly blue round thy waist —
And roses of gold at thy feet —
Bernadette, with joy to thee didst haste.

With beads slipping through thy fingers,
Thou didst teach her the Aves to repeat,
The fragrance of that prayer still lingers,
As thus, each day, our Mother we greet.

And we remember thy behest —
Penance for sin we must make;
Yes we'll heed this request —
And the fetters of passion we'll break.

We run to thy fond protection —
Heal our wounds, cure our ill;
We crave thy tender affection,
For our souls with peace it fills.

Mary Hakel.

Samson Perera (Kandy).

Feb. 19th: Ivan Quyn (Nawala), George F. S. Vanbeck (Negombo), A. Alexander (Colombo 12), Maureen B. Wijesinghe (Matale), Aelian Perera (Panadura), Frances P. Goonesekera (Kandy), Yvonne Graham (Kohuwela), Conrad Seelvie (Gampola), S. A. D. Benedict Perera (Nuwara Eliya).

Well Said

NIHIL OBSTAT

NOTHING obstructs us. Nothing disturbs us. Therefore we have no problems. Even if they do come, they do not get beyond the Rector's parlour behind which he sits like a spider in the centre of its web. They either melt between fingers or into the Police jeep.

We are not worried about "Swabasha." The Rector gives the lead. We follow. "Sasadawata" or "Amamatura" holds no terror for us.

No other school has a playing field like ours. That is what we think.

Some of Lanka's best men are being made there.

Even children of Girls' Schools find it as good and as safe as a nunnery.

No other school has a School Bank like ours. The Rector who played the violin as a boy knows how to make a note of a good thing.

No other school has encouraged Oriental Music and dancing like ours. No other school has a Cultural Centre like ours. That, again, is what we think.

No other school has an Open Air Theatre like ours.

Singing, dancing, rowing, swimming are only a few of our activities.

In academic activities we are like other schools. Some students pass. Some fail. Some students make their mark in the world. Others make it on the desks.

When we are supervising the detention classes we read those comic strips on dual loyalty and take-overs. And a few pages from the Hansard.

Marcelline Jahekody, O.M.I.

(from The Peterite, 1958-1959)

NEXT WEEK: Dignity of the Individual Soul.

RECIPES

Cadjunut Toffee

Ingredients: 1/2 lb. cadju-nuts, 1 lb. sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla icing, 2 tablespoons cocoa, 1/4 lb. icing sugar, 1 tablespoon hot water.

Method: Grind the cadju-nuts. Put the sugar with a little water into a pan and bring it to boiling point. Add the cadju-nuts and stir still it leaves the sides of the pan. Add the

vanilla and put it on a buttered board, flatten it out and cut into squares.

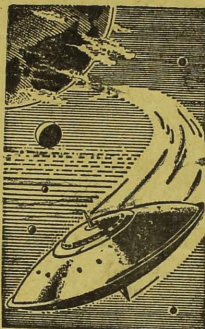
Put the icing sugar and cocoa in a pan, add the hot water, then stir it on a slow fire till the icing is coated on the back of the spoon. Spread the icing on the cut squares and let it settle.

Sent by Orlene Loo.

WONDERS OF SPACE

5 MOUNTAINS ON THE MOON

by Maurice Peiris



THE mountains on the Moon are very high in comparison with those on the Earth, although the Moon is a smaller body with a diameter of 2,160 miles. The Apennine Mountains form the greatest range of mountains on the Moon, reaching a height of 21,000 feet and being nearly 640 miles in length. North and East of the Apennines lies a great plain called Mare Imbrium, or Sea of Storms. Some other names of mountains on the moon are the Doerfel Mountains, Walls of Newton, Central Peak of Eratosthenes, Matter Horn, and Snowdown.

The outline of the Moon's mountain ranges and valleys seem to take the shapes of men and animals in our imagination. So we have the "Man in the Moon," the "Hare in the Moon,"

the "Maid in the Moon," etc., according to how the Moon's features are seen by people of different countries and latitude.

Craters and Maria

The Moon's surface is full of craters many times bigger than the volcanic craters on Earth. The lunar crater or "ring-mountain" known as Archimedes is 50 miles across. Close to Archimedes lie two other craters known as Aristillus (upper) and Autolycus (lower). Crater Tycho is 54 miles wide and 17,000 deep. Crater Copernicus is 56 miles in diameter, and the mountain-ring reaches a height of 11,000 feet above the floor of the crater. Close to Copernicus lies the range of mountains known as the Carpathians.

The dark patches we see on the moon are the lunar seas or maria, so named by mistake before it was realised that they are not oceans. They are now taken to be collections of fine dust or molten lava.

The Moon's Movements

The Moon rotates on its own axis once in 28 days, and revolves round the Earth in once a month of 28 days. These equal periods cause the same side of the Moon to face the Earth, and we do not see its other side. Today photographs of the hidden side are taken from rockets and artificial satellites which go over that side of the Moon.

The Moon's orbit round the Earth is elliptical, and therefore the distance varies from time to time. The average distance from the Earth to the Moon is 240,000 miles.

The Phases of the Moon

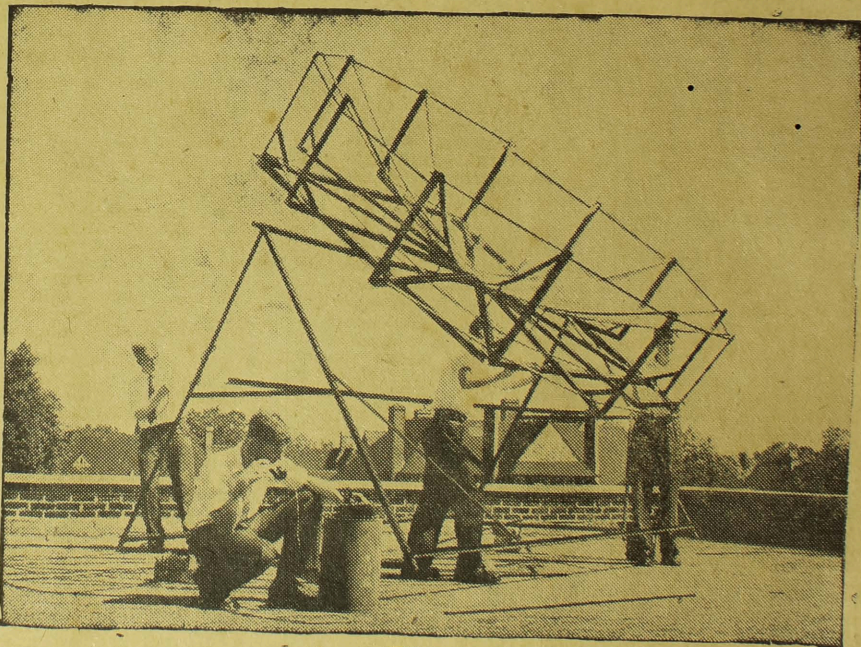
The phases of the Moon such as the "crescent," "half-moon" and

"full-moon" are caused by the angles at which we look at the illuminated side of the Moon; for there is "Full-Moon" continuously on that side of the moon which faces the Sun. We see the Full-Moon only when the fully illuminated side of the Moon is facing both the Earth and the Sun. When the Moon comes between the Earth and the Sun, the side facing us is dark and therefore we don't see the Moon. This is the New-Moon. When the New-Moon is gradually increasing in area of illumination to finally become the Full-Moon, we call it the "waxing" Moon; and when decreasing from Full-Moon to New-Moon, we call it the "waning moon." An ordinary Calendar shows these phases as "New-

SCIENCE ...SCHOOL-BOYS RECEIVE SIGNALS FROM THE SUN AND STARS...

Boys at Dartford School, Kent, have built themselves a radiotelescope on which they have already

received signals from the sun and many of the stars. Here they are adjusting it in the playground of their schools.



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Lunar and Solar Eclipses

All the planets and satellites illuminated by the Sun have long shadows cast behind each of them into space. At midnight the shadow of the Earth is cast in the direction of space right above our heads. Sometimes the Moon enters this shadow and gets darkened. We call this a lunar eclipse. Similarly when the

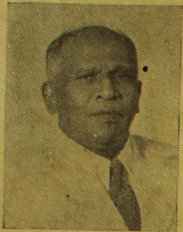
Moon comes between the Earth and the Sun, the Moon's shadow falls on certain areas of the Earth, and people of such areas will be cut off from the Sun's rays for a short time. In other words, they will see the dark body of the Moon covering the disc of the Sun. This is called a Solar Eclipse.

Lunar Eclipses occur at night when the Earth is between the Sun and the Full-Moon; Solar Eclipses occur during day-time when the New-Moon comes between the Sun and the Earth. At such times, the Sun, Earth and Moon must all be in the same line.

Next week: Our abode the Earth: Equinoxes, gravitation, etc. and the Gregorian Calendar.

Classified ADS

IN MEMORIAM



D. M. J. Corea

A Requiem High Mass for the repose of his soul will be sung on Friday, 19th February 1960, at 6.15 a.m. at Mater Dolorosa Church, New Chetty Street, Kotahena. This Mass has been arranged by the Colombo Chetty Young Men's Association of which the late Mr. Corea was a Vice-Patron.

At this Mass the organ presented to the Association by Mrs. Edith Corea in memory of her late husband will be used for the first time.

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Simbrosiammal Morais

Died 18-2-1958

O good Jesus hear and answer me
Within thy wounds hide and shelter
me
Never permit me to be separated
from thee.

Fondly remembered by her
loved ones.

A Requiem High Mass for the
repose of her soul will be sung at
St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya,
on Thursday, 18th February.

"Maryknoll,"
9, Shrubbery Gardens,
Colombo 4.

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Of your charity
pray for the repose of the soul of
Mrs. Elizabeth Kuriacose
Died on 16th February 1956



Mary Violet Peiris

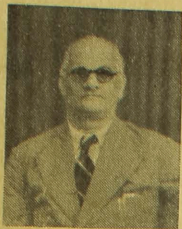
Birthday Greetings
to my devoted wife Viola

Born 13.2.26 Married 12.6.47 Died 8.10.47

"Who can find a virtuous woman?
for her price is far above rubies.
The heart of her husband doth
safely trust her, so that he shall
have no need of spoil." Proverbs.
"Have patience Finian. Trust in
God. The day I see you happy
I die in peace.—Viola."

From your broken-hearted husband,
J. Finian Peiris,
"Golden Flower,"
40/11, Prince of Wales Ave.,
Moratuwa. 412

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In sad and loving memory of

P. A. Raymond Perera

Died 19th February 1959

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon
him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

Fondly remembered by his
sorrowing wife.

A Requiem High Mass will be
sung for the repose of his soul at
St. Mary's Church, Dehiwela on the
19th instant at 6-10 a.m.

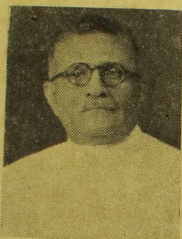
16, Quarry Road,
Dehiwela.

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Stephen Corera

Died 3rd January 1960

Remembrance 40th day



Of your charity please pray for
the repose of his soul

He was a father, so good and true
He suffered in silence no one
knew,
His beautiful nature, his heart of
gold,

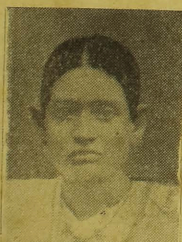
So sweet a father,
Could the world ever hold?

Dearly loved, sadly missed
by your beloved wife and children.

19, Green Lane,
Kotahena,
Colombo 13.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY



Josephine Morias

A Requiem Mass will be said for
the repose of the soul of Josephine
Morias, late wife of late Mr.
Stephen Corera at the Shrine of the
Good Death of St. Joseph, St.
Joseph's Church, Grandpass, at
6.30 a.m. on Friday the 19th
February, 1960.

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

John de Sampayo

Died 15th February 1935

A Requiem High Mass will be
sung for the repose of his soul at
St. Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena.

Fondly remembered by his wife,
children and grandchildren.

93, Barber Street,
Colombo.

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Of your charity please pray
for the soul of

Lewis Fernando

(former Teacher, St. Joseph's
College, Colombo)

Died 12 February 1953

Dear Lord, grant him eternal rest.
Inserted by his sorrowing children.

"West End,"
Maggona.

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John Peter Fernando

(P.W.D. Inspector)

Died on 10th February 1959

One year ago you passed away
but —

In our memory you always stay.
We know that you on this day
Safe in the arms of Jesus lay.

Fondly remembered and sadly
missed by his mother, brothers and
sisters.

123, Mahahunupitiya,
Negombo.

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Of your charity
please pray for the repose
of the soul of

Joseph Simon Paiva

(Died 15th February 1937)

Requiem High Mass will be sung
for his soul at 6.30 a.m. on Mon-
day, the 22nd February, at St.
Mary's, Bambalapitiya.

R. I. P.

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THANKSGIVINGS

MY heartfelt thanks to Pope Pius
XII, Sister Alphonsa, St.
Anthony, St. Sebastian, St. Hugo,
St. Jude, St. Blaise, Miraculous
Infant Jesus of Prague and Blessed
Martin de Porres for favours
granted. L. R. 394

GRATEFUL thanks to Our Lady
of Perpetual Succour and St.
Gerard Majella for the very spe-
cial favours received. E. R. S. 401

THANKSGIVING MASS

XIIIth Anniversary

WE solicit the prayers of all
friends and relations and will
be pleased to see them at St.
Lawrence Church, Wellawatte, on
Monday the 15th February, 1960,
at 6.30 a.m.

Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Aloy Perera.

The Annexe,
57, High Street,
Wellawatte.

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XXVth ANNIVERSARY

ON the occasion of the 25th
Wedding Anniversary of Mr.
and Mrs. Hugh de Silva, a Solemn
High Mass of Thanksgiving will be
sung at St. Anthony's Cathedral,
Kandy at 6.45 a.m. on Thursday,
18th instant. At 6.30 the same
evening the Renewal of the Enth-
ronement of the Sacred Heart will
take place at their residence.

Friends and relations are cordially
invited to attend these thanksgiving
services.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

OF THE

Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Kalutara

February, 13th Saturday:

6-30 p.m. Rosary.

7 p.m. Pontifical Vespers and
Sermon by His Grace Most
Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray,
O.M.I.

8-30 p.m. Candle Light Proce-
sion and Blessing with the
Statue. Fireworks and Wa-
ter Feat.

February, 14th Sunday:

From 5 to 7 a.m. Low Masses.
7 a.m. Pontifical High Mass and
Sermon by His Lordship
Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo Nanayak-
kara, O.S.B., Bishop of Kandy.
Special bus and train services
will be available to pilgrims.

DAMPE

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

February 27th: Vespers 7 p.m.

„ 28th: Low Mass 5.30 a.m.
Festive Mass 8.30
a.m.

K. J. Dalpatado O.M.I.,
Parish Priest.

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Pope John writes to Patriarch

PATRIARCH Athenagoras of
Constantinople, has told the
Pope he is calling an Orthodox synod
in Rhodes next September to decide
whether to send observers to the
Second Vatican Council.

The statement was made in reply
to a New Year message from the
Pope asking him to contribute to
unity among Christians.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Halpatota — Baddegama
(5 miles off Hikkaduwa)

ANNUAL FEAST

21st FEBRUARY 1960

Friday, 12th February: Novenas
commence.

Saturday, 20th February: 6-30 p.m.
Rosary, Solemn Vespers, Benedic-
tion and Candle-light Procession.

Sunday, 21st February: 7-00 a.m.
Low Mass at the Grotto. 8-30 a.m.
Solemn High Mass and Benediction
by Very Rev. Mgr. T. N. Alles, Mis.
Ap., Vicar-General. Procession and
Alms-giving.

Rev. Fr. Basil Corera, S.J.,
Parish Priest.

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A CENTENARY

THE Church of St. Francis Xavier
built on a mound from which
St. Francis Xavier is believed to have
preached 15 one hundred years old.
The Novena of Grace in preparation
for the Centenary celebrations will
commence on the 19th February and
end on the 27th.

Saturday, the 27th February: 6-30
p.m. Rosary, Pontifical Vespers and
Benediction.

Sunday, the 28th February: 7-00
a.m. Pilgrim Procession from Galle.
8-30 a.m. Pontifical High Mass and
Benediction.

The Rev. Fr. Mark Anthony Fer-
nando, S.J. will preach a Mission in
Sinhalese from the 22nd February.

Petitions and Contributions may
be sent to:

Fr. Rector,
St. Xavier's Seminary,
Kalegana, Galle.

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to Parish Priests and Superiors
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FIFTEEN YEARS JAIL FOR PRIEST

FR. RUDI JERAK, A 37-YEAR-OLD FRANCISCAN, WAS LAST MONDAY JAILED FOR 15 YEARS BY A COMMUNIST COURT IN ZAGREB, YUGOSLAVIA.

Thirteen people charged with him received sentences ranging from 10 months to 11 years.

They were all alleged to have plotted to set up an independent state in Croatia, Yugoslavia's second biggest and predominantly Catholic republic.

They were said to have made contact with exiled Croatians belonging to the Ustashi movement which ruled Croatia during the last war.

SABOTAGE

On the orders of these exiles, they were said to have plotted sabotage and subversion and to have considered planting a bomb at a funeral attended by President Tito in 1958.

During the trial, which lasted two weeks, the association of the accused with the Church was repeatedly emphasised.

The state prosecutor hinted that the government might take steps to prevent Church institutions being used for anti-state activity.

At Osijek, a town near the Hungarian border, seven priests and two seminarists have also been charged with activities against the state.

The following comment is by the Editor of London's Catholic Herald, Mr. Michael de la Bedoyere:

THANK HEAVEN for DE GAULLE.

THANK heaven for De Gaulle!

This might well express the reaction to the dangerous crisis in France on the part of the people of this country who once thanked heaven for Churchill in an hour of far greater danger to the free world.

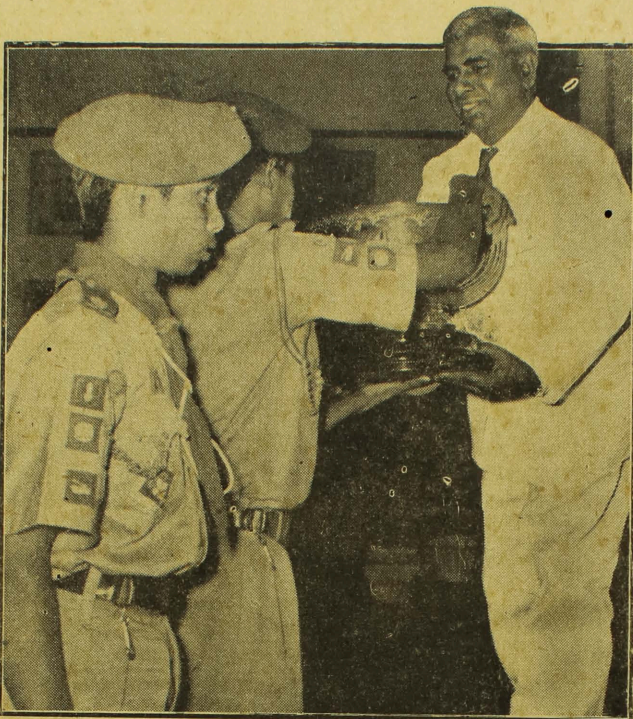
The future of Algeria cannot but be closely linked with the future of other African territories whose right to self-determination has now been accepted. Any other solution for Algeria itself is out of the question.

General de Gaulle, whose personal taste must be entirely against the risk that self-determination involves, has realised the truth and courageously set himself the task of moulding an Algeria which can remain freely linked to France and in which the settlers can play a role as useful to the Algerians as to the French and the world generally. A difficult programme, but not beyond the possibilities of success if all play their part unselfishly.

More immediately problematic is the political future of France itself. Winston Churchill was supported by the long democratic tradition of this country streamlined to the purposes of war. De Gaulle enjoys no similar support. He has to find his way between a frankly authoritarian regime and the quicksands of French democracy. Can he succeed?

At the height of the recent crisis, the French hierarchy called for national prayers that God would safeguard the patrie. We cannot doubt that these prayers will continue for the difficult days to come. And since far more than France alone is at stake in our "one" world of today, we may well unite our prayers with those of the people of France. — M.B.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCOUTS CAPTURE AWARD



● The President of the Senate Sir Cyril De Zoysa presents the Caldecott Bowl to P/L. M. M. Wijeratne of the 2nd Panadura, St. Anthony's College. This is the second year in succession that St. Anthony's College Scouts have won this award.

★ FOR SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL French ideas alone will "fill volumes"!

INTERVIEWED by the editor of the French Catholic newspaper *La Croix*, Cardinal Tardini last Sunday admitted that the suggestions of the French Bishops alone for topics to be discussed at the Second Vatican Council would fill a couple of volumes. Cardinal Tardini is Chairman of the Committee.

Cardinal Tardini said a wide range of topics had been mentioned. "Almost everything and anything has been suggested one way or another."

WIDE NET

The list of people whose suggestions had been sought had been rather wide.

It was thought better to consult a large number of people, rather than neglect advice from anyone who had a right to be questioned. Questionnaires had been sent

to all the bishops in the world, to nuncios, internuncios and heads of religious orders.

Already more than 2,000 replies have been received, in contrast to 250 replies from bishops before the First Vatican Council.

The questions are being listed according to their arguments, which vary greatly.

Cardinal Tardini hopes to complete the analysis of the replies by Easter after which work will begin on the suggestions from Catholic universities.

"I hope that by July all will be ready and we shall be able to move on to the next stage in preparing for the Council, which will be entrusted to people better qualified and more competent than I am," he said.

At that stage a large number of committees will be appointed to deal with particular subjects.

Reds expel another Bishop

BISHOP Maze, Vicar Apostolic of Hung Hoa in Communist-ruled North Vietnam, has been expelled from his See.

A Frenchman and a member of the Paris Foreign Mission Society, Bishop Maze is 62.

MEN OF 5 FAITHS PRAY TOGETHER

CATHOLICS are among Christians of various denominations who each year meet in central Copenhagen, Denmark, and walk together to the Catholic cathedral, the Russian Orthodox church, the Danish Lutheran church, the Swedish Lutheran church and the Anglican church.

At each church prayers are said in common and a hymn is sung.

The event — called church visiting — attracted more people than ever this year.

Priests of this overwhelming Protestant country distributed to Protestant clergy booklets containing the prayers of the Chair of Unity octave.

The ministers were asked to make use of the prayers privately and in public services.

Bishop Suhy, o.s.b., of Copenhagen, wrote a pastoral letter on unity which was quoted extensively in the press, including the daily newspaper of the Lutheran Church.

Pope John holds up traffic as he takes a walk

AT the height of a rush-hour traffic tangle on Rome's crowded streets, Pope John XXIII struck bewilderment in the hearts of the Roman constabulary. Throwing tradition to the winds and becoming strictly informal, His Holiness waved away his chauffeur and walked the streets.

It happened after he had visited the big baroque Jesuit Church of St. Ignatius, where he addressed seminarians of the Rome diocese.

Imperiously waving away his chauffeur, waiting for him at the church door, Pope John started out on his walk — to the consternation of the security police.

He was making for the ancient Capranica College. It is only a short walk, but the Pope deliberately took the long way round through fascinating, winding streets.

All along the way, astonished and delighted Romans stopped in amazement at the sight of the Pope.

He wore his ermine-bordered cape, his stole, his great crimson mantle and a scarlet hat with golden tassels.

CRIMSON SLIPPERS

On his feet were embroidered crimson slippers.

People climbed out of their cars to get a close-up view of the forthright Pope — the first since Pius IX, ninety years ago, to stroll so informally through down-town Rome.

He made his way through the streets with great dignity, scattering blessings right and left upon the people.

At Capranica, the Pope was welcomed by Cardinal Canali, protector of the college, and Cardinal Masella, one of its old boys.

● Freedom Fighter Echoes 150 teen-agers executed

ONE hundred and fifty teen-agers who were imprisoned in Budapest on charges of taking part in the 1956 Hungarian uprising were executed in December, according to the B.B.C. correspondent in Vienna, Mr. Douglas Stewart. Details of the execution were broadcast seven times last week-end in the B.B.C. Hungarian service. Previous reports, that the Hungarian Government planned to execute these young people as soon as they attained the age of 18 had been treated with reserve in London and were officially denied in Budapest.

A spokesman at the Hungarian Legation in London declared that the B.B.C. correspondent's report of the execution was "a lie — one of the biggest lies of the century." That was all he had to say.

The Vatican Contradicts...

A STATEMENT in the American magazine *Newsweek* that the Pope had approved of Italian President Gronchi's visit to Russia is described in the Vatican's *Osservatore Romano* as being completely at variance with the facts.

The Vatican paper added that *Newsweek* enjoyed a reputation for accuracy. But in this case it had relied on information "of doubtful worth."

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

- (1) Mr. Michael de la Bedoyere, Editor of London's Catholic Herald.
- (2) Theresa Neumann, the Bavarian Stigmatic.
- (3) "The Ten Commandments."
- (4) Fr. George Dominic Pire, O.P.

READERS' QUIZ



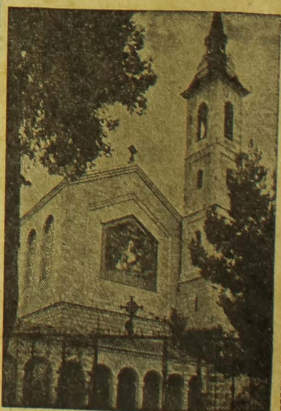
● Can you name this distinguished Jesuit who was a visitor to this island recently?



● Director of well known biblical films which still run to crowded houses, and who died last year?



● Can you recognize this Saint?



● Can you name this church in the Holy Land and intimately connected with the Blessed Virgin?

(Answers to the above will appear next week on this page).