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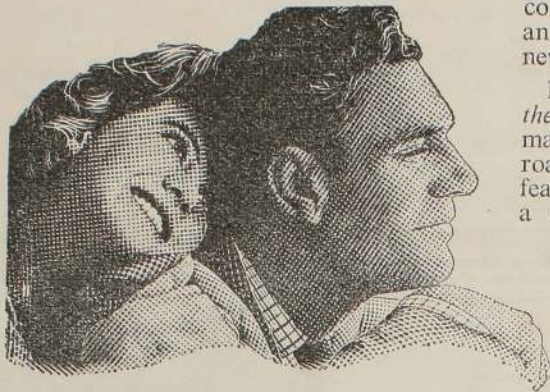
*Former Chief Justice of Ceylon, who left the Island on retirement twelve years ago.*

*A message from Sir John on the thirteenth anniversary of the Fortnightly Review is published in this number.*

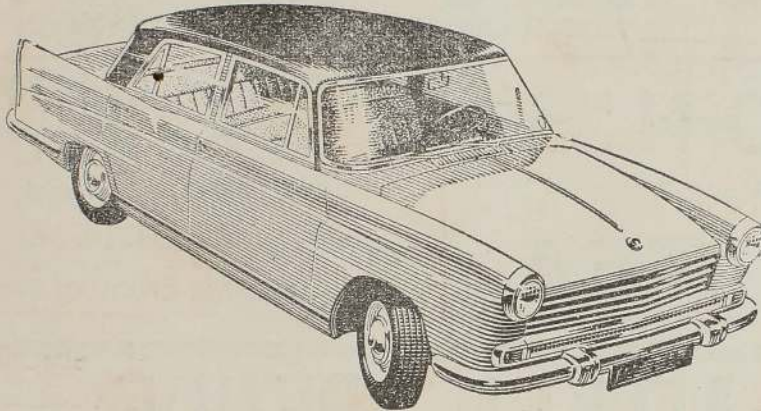
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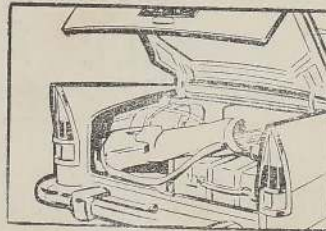


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## A BIRTHDAY MESSAGE

From SIR JOHN HOWARD, Q. C.

(Former Chief Justice of Ceylon)

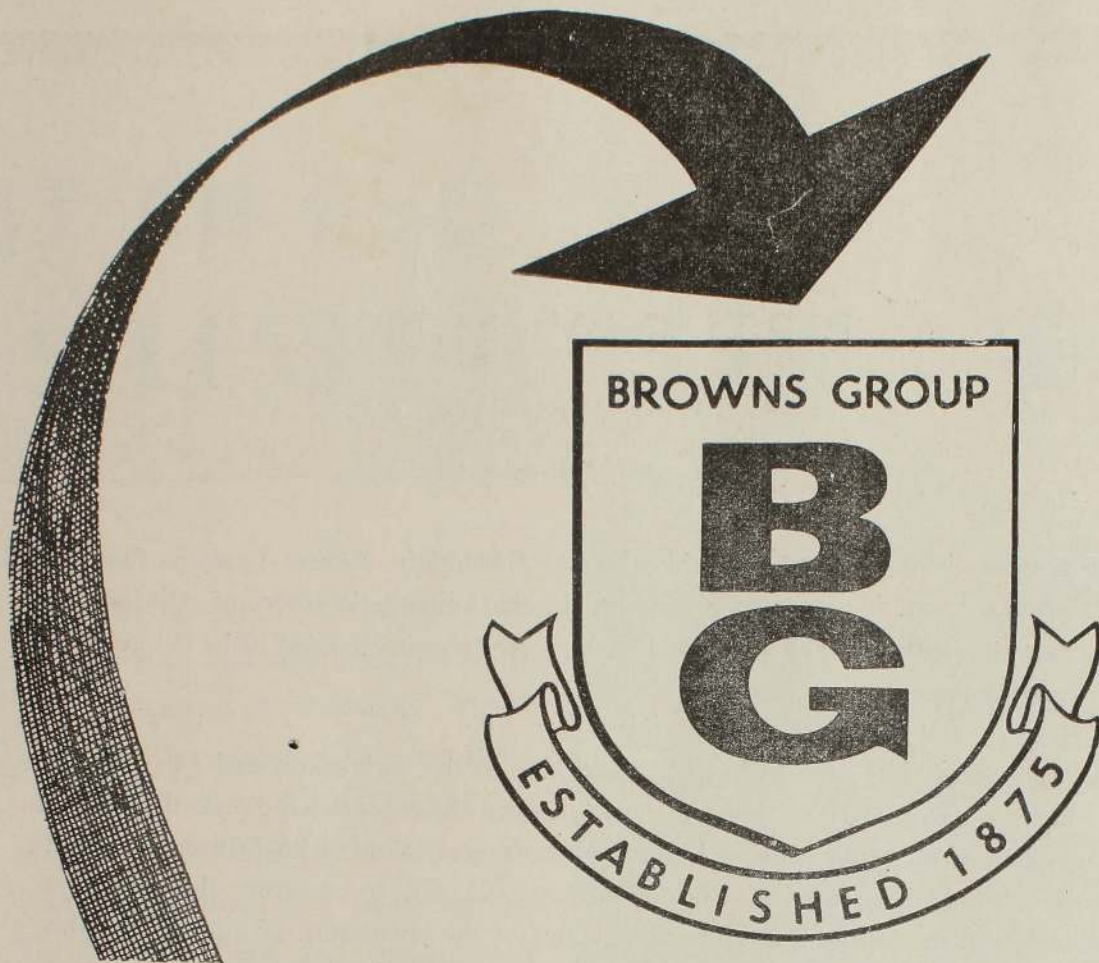
IT is now thirteen years since the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* made its first appearance and inaugurated a new era in the journalistic story of Ceylon. It was not the instrument of a political party. Nor was it intended to be the voice of any particular race or creed.

Its success has been in large measure due to the enthusiasm and enterprise of its Editor, an experienced journalist who during these years has borne the burden and strain of its publication with unflinching courage. Without his fortitude I do not think it would have been possible in the last few years to overcome the difficulties encountered in the running and maintenance of the circulation of a journal of this character. The Editor's courage has been matched by his tolerance and common sense, two maxims unflinchingly preached by him in the columns of the *Fortnightly*, and qualities I may say that are now required in full measure by every citizen if the country is to emerge as a cohesive whole.

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TO those of us who have left Ceylon and wish to be kept informed of all that is taking place in the Island the *Fortnightly Review* provides for all our needs. It caters for every taste. Although not high brow, those of its readers artistically inclined are kept well abreast with cultural development. The politically minded are provided with a broad picture of the scene without the journal identifying itself with any particular party.

It covers every field of sport, with special emphasis on cricket. In this connection I must congratulate the Editor on having secured over the years the expert, well informed and breezy articles of Mr. W. T. Greswell. In short the *Fortnightly Review* is just what is required by the ordinary man and woman who applies in his day to day existence the dictates of common sense and reason. It is not for extremists. But the moderate man in Ceylon is fortunate to have such a paper and a man with talents such as those possessed by the Editor to direct its fortunes.



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ON entering the fourteenth year of publication, we reiterate our expressions of gratitude for the support we have had in the past year and previous years from advertisers, subscribers and readers.

We are aware that the fiscal policies of the Government in recent times have imposed severe inhibitions on the trade. We are, therefore, all the more appreciative of the continued use made of our advertisement pages by so many companies. Needless to say, but for what we regard as their loyalty, we should not be able to continue in publication.

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IN the contemporary conditions in the country, we are impelled to ask ourselves sometimes whether there is room for such a journal as the *Fortnightly Review*, considering also the difficulties we often encounter in bringing it out regularly.

The messages we have received from subscribers and readers in Ceylon and abroad, many of them friends from its inception, embolden us to persevere. We hope we shall continue to deserve their confidence as we enjoy their support.

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TO have survived so many years is a record no other periodical of the character of the *Fortnightly* has achieved. We assure all who wish us well that we shall not falter in maintaining the principles which have guided us from the beginning.

The Ceylon Press as a whole is going through anxious times. For our part we take this opportunity to declare that we would rather suffer extinction than submit to conditions compromising the freedom of expression.

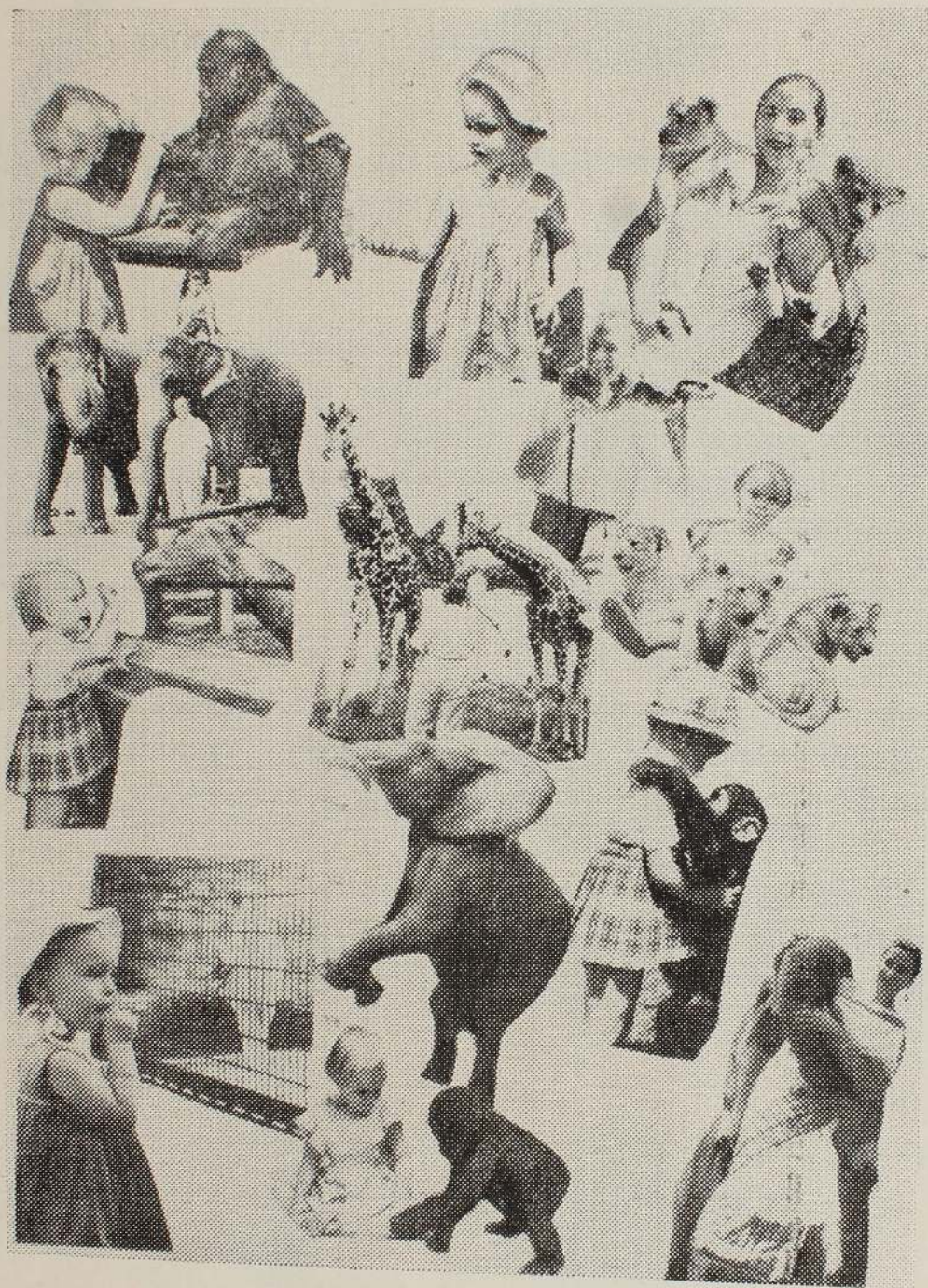
THE EDITOR.

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# AS OUR READERS SEE US

## A SYMPOSIUM OF VIEWS

**SIR Henry Moore, G.C.M.G.,** Ceylon's first Governor-General, who contributed an encouraging Message to the first issue of the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* thirteen years ago, and who has consistently maintained his interest in this journal, writing to us recently from his home in Cape Town, South Africa, says:—

"This is to wish you and the '*Fortnightly*' all success in the New Year you are entering on. I hope your own health is standing up to the strain of maintaining the standard of the '*Fortnightly*' at so high a level.

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**The Rt. Rev. A. R. Graham Campbell, Bishop of Colombo,** has written as follows:—

"I hope that the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* will long continue to pursue the aim which it has set itself, to reflect faithfully and fairly the course of events in this country and to help its readers to see life steadily and see it whole."

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**Sir Arthur Ranasinha,** Ceylon's Ambassador in Rome, says:—

"As a regular reader of the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* from the date of its first issue, I wish to say that only those periodicals survive that can command the esteem of our small, but selective, reading public. Such esteem is the reward of balanced views and of the attractiveness of their presentation. The best evidence of the success of the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* in this regard is its success. May it live long to continue to fulfil its purpose."

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**Dr. Lucian de Zilwa,** the distinguished physician, author and scholar, now in his 87th year:—

"The *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* is a journal of universal appeal. There is not a line of malice or innuendo in the articles, which combine smartness with absolute impartiality. We have now come to regard this journal as indispensable, because it is unique."

**Mr. N. E. Weerasooria, Q.C.,** says:—

"Factually true and critically fair, the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* has made a unique contribution to journalism in Ceylon. The quality of achievement has been rich."

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**Sir Alexander Morley,** High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Ceylon:—

"The *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* performs a valuable service in keeping readers in Ceylon and in the United Kingdom in touch with events in the other country and so with each other.

"I am therefore very glad to send the paper greetings of my wife and myself and to wish it all success in the coming years."



Sir Alexander Morley  
U. K. High Commissioner in Ceylon

**Mr. E. Turner Green,** head of Messrs. Turquand, Youngs & Co., and Chairman of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, writes:—

"I have been a regular reader of the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* from its inception and I have always admired the independent political view you have taken.

"I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating you on the occasion of your thirteenth birthday and to express the hope that you will continue to preside over its affairs for many years to come."

**Sir Cecil Syers,** former High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Ceylon:—

"I wish to say that the *Fortnightly Review* has established a firm reputation for itself Overseas and I know how welcome its regular arrival is to readers in the United Kingdom, who are enabled thereby to keep in touch with people and events in Ceylon. It is the only periodical of its kind in Ceylon."

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**The Hon. Philip Crowe,** former American Ambassador in Ceylon:

"The *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* early achieved a complete acceptance by discriminating readers who recognise its value as an objective journal of a high literary and moral standard. I think it is no exaggeration to say the Island has gained because of the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review*."

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**Sir Lalita Rajapakse, Q.C.,** writes:

"The *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* should be congratulated on entering its fourteenth year. This is indeed a remarkable achievement for a fortnightly issue. To those at home the *Review* is delectable reading on a wide range of topics; to our friends abroad who wish to keep in touch with Ceylon news it is a must. I wish the management and its unostentatious Editor *ad multos annos*."

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**Mr. J. R. Jayewardene,** former Minister of Finance:—

"I read the *Fortnightly Review* with the greatest interest, for I find that it maintains a very balanced outlook on current problems and its views are expressed with great tolerance and culture."

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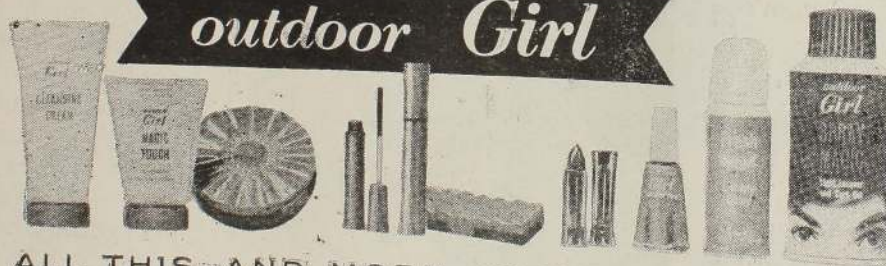
**Professor Milroy Paul** writes:—

"The *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* gives the best accounts of the events of the fortnight. It is a pleasure to re-read the news when it is presented so invitingly, and to those abroad it is our best news letter."



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**The Hon. Mr. Gunasena de Soyza, C.M.G.,** Ceylon's High Commissioner in London:—

"Why does one look forward to the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review*? I would say at once it was because of its quality of companionship. No other journal in Ceylon within my knowledge possesses this quality in the same degree. The *Fortnightly* treats you as a friend and talks to you as to a friend.

"I should indeed feel the loss deeply were I to be deprived of the companionship of this journal. May it continue to flourish."

**Mr. J. L. C. Rodrigo,** former Professor of Western Classics at the Ceylon University:—

"Brief and ill-starred, like the loves of the Roman people, have been the lives of the occasional publications which have sprung up in our midst from time to time. The *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* has been a happy exception. It is inoffensive, newsy and brightly produced. Personally I am grateful for the prominence it has always given to classical matters, the lore of Greece and Rome."

**Mr. C. E. Norris,** the Uva planter, and well known Naturalist, writes:

"I have been reading the *Fortnightly Review* since its inception and have always been impressed by the frank and open-minded way it approaches all subjects.

"It is a pleasure to be able to read reports of happenings that have not been given a political twist to suit the whims of those who attempt to make capital propaganda for a favoured party. The *Fortnightly Review* caters for all tastes in an admirable way and I would like to wish you increased success in the future."

**Dr. G. R. Handy, O.B.E.,**—

"It was my good fortune to be one of the founder readers of the *Fortnightly Review*. It contains reading matter covering so wide a field—from people and politics to sport, art, music and drama—that it will not fail to interest all classes of people. I am particularly happy to find that even scientific subjects find a place in this excellent journal.

It is undistorted by political, religious, racial or other considerations. It has helped to mould a healthy public opinion."

**Professor W. A. E. Karunaratne** writes:—

"In embarking on this venture you showed a courage and a spirit of service truly worthy of you. The great success of the *Fortnightly Review* well in evidence, is due to your unflagging enthusiasm, the catholicity of your interests and above all to your long and wide experience. It is also a fit reward for the sacrifice of the well earned rest you are making in the public interest."



Sir Tikiri Banda Panabokke

**Sir Tikiri Banda Panabokke,** former Minister of Health in the U.N.P. cabinet, says:

"Its excellence is well maintained both as regards the quality of the reading matter and the illustrations and my whole household reads it with avidity and great appreciation."

**Col. O. B. Forbes, C.B.E.,** now living in retirement in London, writes:—

"I look forward to reading the *Fortnightly Review* whether I am in Ceylon or in England and I congratulate you on the excellent way it has been produced and the interesting information it contains."

**Mr. Kenneth Morford,** former Chairman of the Planters' Association of Ceylon, who is presently on a visit to Ceylon:

"While keeping quite abreast of current happenings, it maintains such close links with much that has made history in Ceylon and brings so many past memories of people and scenes that it is eagerly read both here and abroad and fills a need not met by any other publication here."

**Mr. S. H. Moosajee,** head of Messrs. Moosajees, Ltd., says:—

"The *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* in my opinion is the one journal in Ceylon run in accordance with Western standards. It not only publishes articles of outstanding merit, but also provides us with excellent illustrations. It is altogether an admirable production."

**Mr. Justin Siriwardene,** Managing Director of Chatham House, Ltd., writes:—

"I have been a regular reader of the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review*, which finds its greatest tribute in that it is free from any prejudice to any creed, class or community."

**Mr. Kenneth de Kretser, C.M.G.,** former Director of Public Works, now living in retirement in Brisbane, writes:

"My best wishes for the continued success of the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review*, which is a boon to us 'exiles' from our homeland. We look forward eagerly to getting it."

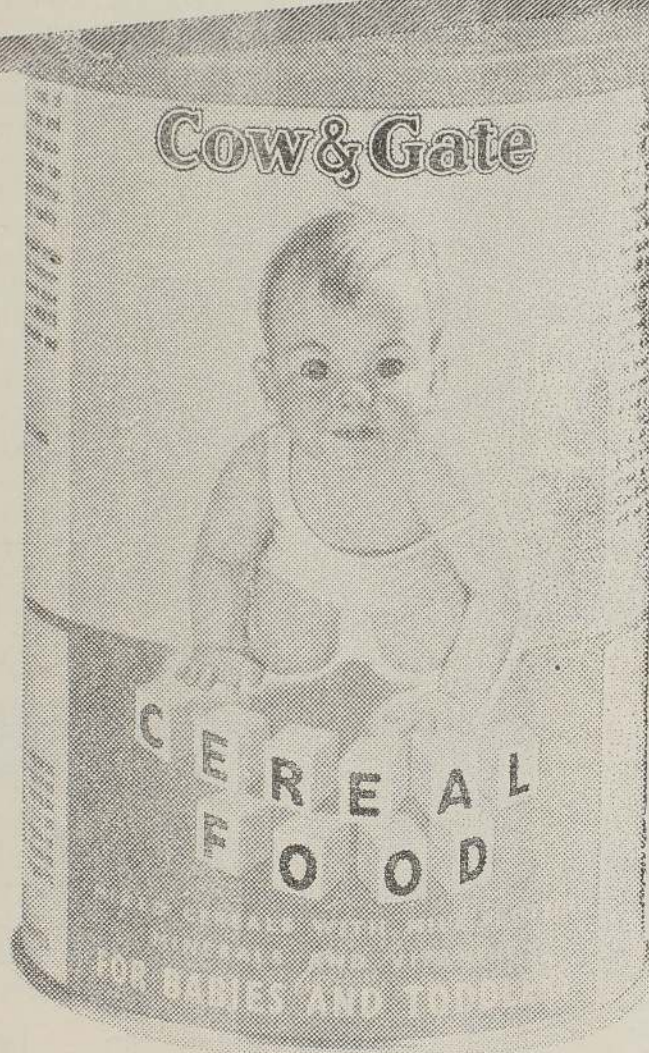
**Dr. P. J. Chissell,** who spent many years in Ceylon, writes:—

"All the best to your most interesting *Ceylon Fortnightly Review*. I have been on a short visit to the Island and have spent a very happy time in Colombo, Kandy and Nuwara Eliya. The flowers in Nuwara Eliya Park are too lovely for words. I am returning home by the 'Arcadia' sailing on 29th April."

**Mr. A. R. Aitken,** who spent fifty years in Ceylon and is now living in England, says:—

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**Mr. R. C. Scott, C.B.E.**, the veteran Dickoya planter, writes:—

"Your journal is one of the few remaining Ceylon publications that continue to appreciate the value of the British connection. It is therefore an added pleasure to turn its pages each fortnight to read its well balanced editorials and interesting articles on so many topical subjects and to learn the latest news from England of many of one's friends living in retirement."

**Dr. A. W. R. Joachim**, former Director of Agriculture, Peradeniya, writes:—

"In these days when the world is literally overwhelmed with periodicals it is pleasing to note the success that has attended the *Fortnightly Review*, which I have regularly read since it was launched in May, 1948. This journal—clean, dignified, impartial and informative—has supplied a real need in the island."

**Col. P. A. J. Hernu, C.B.E.**, former Director of Development, Ministry of Transport and Works:

"In an era in which the superlative holds sway it is a relief to turn the pages of your *Review* and find in it interesting news and articles couched in moderate and sober terms. Topical news is presented factually and a balanced point of view gives proper perspective. Its reading is like a draught of clear cool water on a hot and dusty day."

**Mr. A. E. Christoffelsz, C.M.G.** retired C.C.S.—

"The *Fortnightly Review* has always contained most interesting articles on various topics and gives its readers news and views that make it a really useful publication. May it long continue to carry on its high standard of journalism and have every success in the future."

**The Hon. Mr. E. H. T. Gunasekera, Q.C.**, Puisne Judge:—

"The *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* supplies a real want and I trust it will long continue to serve the community."

**Mr. S. Somasundaram, O.B.E.**, Proctor and Notary, Colombo, and President of the Tamil Union, writes:—

"I have been a regular reader of your journal since its inception and have always found it interesting and instructive. I have rarely missed those very interesting articles on cricket by that famous old Ceylon cricketer, W. T. Greswell. Great credit is due to you for maintaining such a high standard of literature and I hope it will go on from strength to strength."

**Mr. R. L. Brohier, O.B.E.**, says: "Everything published in the *Fortnightly* has stood for intel-



Mr. R. L. Brohier

lectual honesty; more so, where a deliberate challenge has led it to refer to public life, or community interests. By natural aptitude it has in staunch manner upheld the best of our literary traditions. There lies the secret of its popularity and success. Few will fail to admit that the service has not been a matter of business alone, but rather one of genuine pleasure."

**Devar Surya Sena** says:—

"You have maintained a remarkable standard in the *Fortnightly Review* during these past thirteen years. To my mind it is a model of

clean, upright journalism. Long may you be spared and given strength and health to carry on."

**Mr. C. Dymoke Green**, till recently head of Whittall and Bousteads Ltd., writing to us on the eve of his departure on retirement a few months ago, said:—

"For most of us who have been regular readers of the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* almost since its inception, it is difficult to realise that the journal was born thirteen years ago. So complacently does one accept the good things of life that their origin is forgotten and the prospect of their cessation unthinkable."

"I take this opportunity of paying tribute to the scrupulously fair and tolerant manner in which the Editor has always presented the picture of current events in Ceylon. To have kept these in their correct perspective, at times when true patriotism appears to be at a discount, can have been no easy task."

"May you long be spared to direct and inspire the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review*."

**Mr. L. W. de Silva**, former Commissioner of Assize and one time President of the Classical Association of Ceylon:—

"The survival of an English journal like yours in our midst is very largely the result of individual endeavour, backed up by courage and held together by faith. The features of this journal are so various that it has a widespread appeal to all communities to whom English is still a necessity. In these lean times, one recalls Martial's epigram: "My foolish parents taught me to read and write." Many years of happy days befall the *Fortnightly*."

**Dr. P. R. Anthonis**, Surgeon, General Hospital, Colombo:—

"You are unique. You do not crash into our daily routine as an evil necessity of a newspaper, neither do you allow yourself to be thrown off at the end of a day. You come once a fortnight almost imperceptibly to our lives with an arresting range of topics."

"With your all round excellence your long life is deservedly assured. May you continue to prosper."

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# MATTERS OF MOMENT

—BY BRUTUS—

THE reasons for the declaration of a state of emergency were given in a statement by the Prime Minister, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, which was read in the Senate. In the course of it she said: "It has become patently clear that language has been used merely as a convenient weapon for the building up of popular support for the real aim of the Federal Party, which is the establishment of a separate state.... The Federal Party last week began what it called a postal service and established its own police force. It also decided to set up land kachcheries of its own and to allot crown land to its supporters.... the patience and goodwill shown by the Government met with no response and the Government is now left with no alternative but to use all the forces at its command to establish law and order."

In a debate in the House of Representatives, the Leader of the Opposition Mr. Dudley Senanayake, held the declaration of a state of emergency to be warranted, but the LSSP speakers were of the view that there had been no necessity to enforce a general emergency throughout the country. Mr. Pieter Keuneman (Communist) said that had the Press been taken over there would have been no necessity for the emergency, which he thought was declared in order to introduce censorship of the Press.

All parties, however, were unanimous in opposing the separatist policy of the Federalists.

THE Tamils' satyagraha over the language question came to an end after 58 days with the declaration of a state of emergency and the imposition of a 48-hour curfew in the northern and eastern provinces. The curfew was however relaxed for a few hours on the second day and reduced to 12 hours, from dusk to dawn, from the third day.

Troops were reported to have been attacked in two places while on patrol during the curfew on the first day. The incidents occurred at Valvettiturai and Point Pedro, and at both places the patrols opened fire. Three persons entered hos-

pital arising from the former incident and one person was killed at Point Pedro.

The train and bus services to the North and East were resumed on the third day of the emergency. After a visit to Jaffna the Minister of Finance, Mr. Felix Dias Bandaranaike, reported to Parliament that all Government offices had re-opened. An official communique reported a return to work of Government servants in other districts too.

All the members of Parliament of the Federalist Party are in detention

SUPPORT for the proposed oil corporation was expressed by the U.N.P. when the Bill introduced by the Minister of Commerce, Trade, Food and Shipping, Mr. T. B. Ilangaratne, was debated in the House of Representatives. Speaking for the party, Mr. J. R. Jayewardene said, however, that considering the drastic measures proposed in the Bill it would be better if the existing oil companies were taken over by the Government.

Moving the second reading of the Bill, Mr. Ilangaratne said that the storage tanks of the three oil companies operating in Ceylon were on land leased from the Crown. The lease would expire in 1970. The Government has also provided special facilities at the harbour for discharging the oil and laid pipe lines along a distance of four miles for delivering the oil to the tanks. The value of these facilities exceeded greatly the total value of the plant and property of the companies.

AS long as the oil companies continued to discharge the function of importing their share of the oil supplies to Ceylon, they had nothing to fear from the powers of acquisition and requisition reserved for the corporation in the Bill, Mr. Ilangaratne said. As regards the price control provisions, he said they were intended to prevent the oil companies driving the corporation to the wall. He claimed that their present prices bore no relation to the actual cost of production.

It was very difficult to forecast with accuracy the price of oil in the future, he said, but international companies would never again be able to dictate world oil prices.

Mr. Ilangaratne pointed out that Russia had supplied kerosene oil to Ceylon from 1900 to 1925. If West Germany, Italy and other countries in Europe saw no political or other risks in importing Russian oil, he said he did not see any reason why Ceylon should refuse to buy oil from the Soviet Union.

TEA, rubber, coconut products and spices are among Ceylon products which East Germany is to buy under an agreement reached during the visit of a delegation from the German Democratic Republic led by the deputy-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Gerhard Weiss.

Ceylon is in return to buy equipment and machinery for agricultural development, fertilisers, chemicals, medical instruments and ceramics. Trade will be mainly on a barter basis.

A notable event celebrated a fortnight ago was the centenary of Hakgala gardens. The anniversary was commemorated by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. C. P. de Silva, planting a cinchona tree the Gardens having originally been established as a cinchona experimental station.

Mr. A. V. Richards, Director of Agriculture, relating the history of the Gardens, said that the site was chosen by Dr. G. H. K. Thwaites to propagate the first consignment of two species of cinchona. Subsequently Hakgala became the distributing centre of planting material not only for Ceylon but India, Australia, China, Java, Mauritius, Borneo and the Kew Gardens.

He also revealed that when coffee failed, it was at Hakgala that Dr. Thwaites proved from experiments he carried out that tea would thrive on the devastated coffee plantations at high elevations. Tea was introduced to Hakgala in about 1865, and as in the case of cinchona the Gardens became the centre from which planting material was distributed for the opening of tea estates.

## MATTERS OF MOMENT

CANADA has presented to the port of Colombo 15 cranes valued at Rs. one million. At a formal ceremony the Canadian High Commissioner, Mr. James George, recalled that his country had contributed to the development of the port in other ways too, bringing the total value of such aid to Rs. 5.6 million, all of it in the form of gift, not loan. Money for the cranes came from the sale of Canadian wheat flour given to Ceylon under the Colombo Plan, he said, but most Canadian aid did not come in this form. Direct capital aid in the form of equipment and services since the beginning of the Colombo Plan had been of twice the monetary value of the wheat flour programme.

On behalf of the Government, the acting Minister of Labour and Nationalised Services, Mr. M. P. de Z. Siriwardena, thanked Canada for "this wonderful gift."

THE reshuffle in the diplomatic service takes Sir Susantha de Fonseka from Tokyo to Paris. He succeeds Mr. P. R. Gunasekera, who is retiring from the service. A Cambridge man, Sir Susantha was for some time managing-editor of the now defunct "Ceylon Morning Leader". He was returned for Panadura to the State Council, in which he was deputy-Speaker. He failed to enter Parliament from the same constituency after Independence. His first diplomatic assignment was to Rangoon. An engaging personality, he became very popular with the Burmese and laid the foundations for the happy relations with the fellow-Buddhist state which Ceylon has today. He was also Ceylon's first Ambassador to Japan, where again he earned for the country as well as for himself great esteem.

Mr. R. S. S. Gunawardena will succeed him in Tokyo. To the Washington post goes Mr. W. Gopallawa from Peking, where Mr. A. B. Perera has already been assigned from Cairo. His place is to be filled by Mr. M. Mahroof from Indonesia. It has been announced that Mr. K. Kanagasunderam goes to Djakarta from London.

Retiring from the service are Sir Arthur Ranasinha, Ambassador in Rome, and Mr. S. P. Wickramasinha from Bonn. The latter

post will be filled by the transfer of Mr. B. F. Perera from Canberra.

AYURVEDIC experts from Ceylon are to go to Czechoslovakia to collaborate in the development of the indigenous medical system of that country under an agreement reached between the two countries following the visit to Ceylon of a cultural delegation from Czechoslovakia, led by Mr. Frantisek Kahuda, Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs. Czechoslovakia is to send Ceylon an expert for the development of local puppetry and another to assist in the preservation of cultural monuments.

Czechoslovakia will also take five more Ceylonese students on cultural scholarships. Already there are three students there.

THE first phase of a state-sponsored textile industry came into operation when the Prime Minister opened a cotton spinning mill in Veyangoda last week. The mill is of 12,880 spindles and is designed to produce 1.4 million lb. of yarn. A second spinning mill, with 13,800 spindles, is expected to be in commission by May, 1962, producing 2 million lb. of yarn by working three shifts. In the third phase, which will be completed in April, 1963, equipment for bleaching, mercerising, dyeing, printing, sanforizing and finishing will be installed which will be capable of dealing with 34 million yards in three shifts. The final stage will be reached in December, 1963, when weaving will commence with 464 looms producing 10 million yards.

The spinning mill is equipped with machinery of Swiss manufacture. A feature of the building is that it has a columnless floor space, which has been achieved by the use of prestressed concrete techniques. The author of the structural design of the roof, which is described as the first factory construction of its kind in Ceylon, is Mr. A. N. S. Kulasinghe, deputy Chief Engineer of the Colombo Port Commission, who has employed his "Kulasinghe C.P.C." system for the stressing work. The roof covering and the flat ceiling are of locally made asbestos sheets.

In declaring the mill open, Mrs. Bandaranaike said the architect of the project was her husband, the late Prime Minister, whose dream had been fulfilled. The Minister of Industries, Mr. Maitripala Senanayake, said that the handloom industry would be supplied with yarn from the mill, thereby saving considerable foreign exchange. The Chairman of the Textile Corporation, Mr. E. C. S. Paul, claimed that the mill would not require protection to be successful.

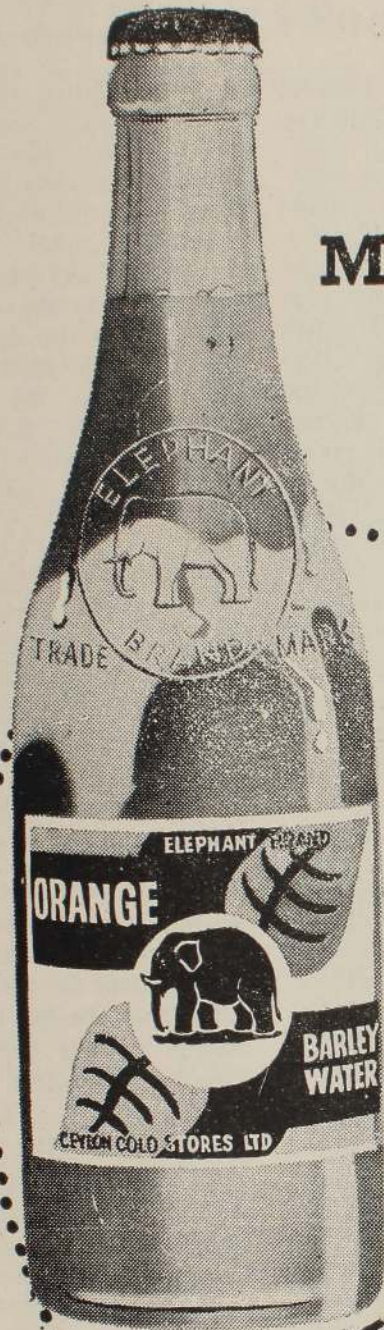
THE warning has been given to the Government by the consultative committee of the Chambers of Commerce, that "the boost to Ceylon's tottering economy which private foreign investment can give will never be forthcoming," if the Petroleum Bill in its present form is passed.

As the representatives of private enterprise they urge the Prime Minister, in a memorandum, to re-consider, in the national interest, "the terrible consequences of losing all the benefits of private foreign investment and know-how in exchange for the institution of yet another state corporation." They say that the confidence of the private sector, which had been rudely shattered, was being slowly re-established by the attitude of the Government towards its role and future, but it would be permanently destroyed if the Bill, "the progress of which is being anxiously watched throughout the democratic world", is passed. "What is at stake," they add, "is not merely the fate of the oil companies but the future of the entire private sector, to which the country owes its prosperity, even its very existence."

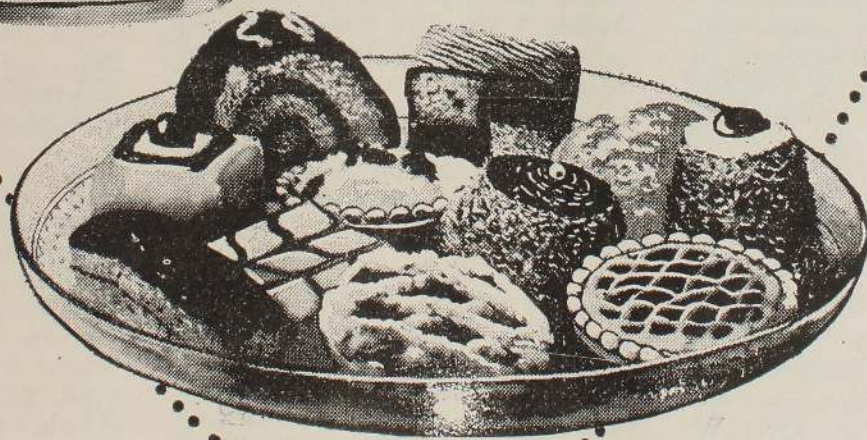
MR. G. G. Ponnambalam, leader of the Tamil Congress, was recently, sworn in as an advocate by the Madras High Court. One of Ceylon's leading lawyers, it is surmised that he is not abandoning his practice in Ceylon, but widening the scope of his practice; he may go to Malaya also being not now a member of Parliament.

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# 'A REAL LABOUR OF LOVE'

—By L. G. SOERTSZ—

THE quoted heading above is part of a tribute which Sir Henry Moore, a former Governor and later first Governor-General, paid the *Ceylon Fortnightly Review* some years ago. On May 5th this popular periodical starts on its fourteenth year of publication, an achievement which gives special emphasis to Sir Henry's eulogy.

The editing of a periodical, and especially a fortnightly, is a very onerous task, for it means the issuing of two numbers a month, and that in turn means that it has to contend against a time-lag and yet make its presentation of new, and views look fresh and up-to-date. The daily newspaper, purveying as it does news from day to day, which it receives from foreign agencies in addition to its own home news, finds its task relatively easy because it is not worried by any heavy time-lag, which is the bane of the periodical.

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THE *Fortnightly Review* has the unique distinction of being the only periodical of its kind to have survived thirteen years despite many formidable obstacles. What is it that has made such an accomplishment possible? It is, to use the words of Sir Henry Moore, because it has all along been a real labour of love.

When the experience of fifty-seven years of journalism is brought to bear on the production of a journal such as the *Fortnightly* it cannot but be a success. It is no doubt gruelling work, but the burden has been easy to shoulder because it has been the work of one who has an innate love for the noble profession to which he has given the best part of his life.

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THE success of the *Fortnightly Review* is also largely due to the unstinted loving support of a legion of friends and well-wishers who form the Journal's large readership. The journal also deserves a meed of praise for the high standard of excellence which it has scrupulously maintained all these years of its existence. It has never fought shy of criticism, but the criticism which it indulges in has never des-

cended to anything like vituperation or vilification. Its criticism has always been of a constructive kind to help its readers to understand current problems of the day in all their facets.

The *Fortnightly Review* has consistently eschewed anything and everything that runs counter to the social conventions; it has never published a line that might be said to have hurt religious susceptibilities; it has sedulously refrained from publishing anything likely to inflame communal feelings and it has steered clear of sensationalism of the kind made popular by the yellow press. In short, it has so far been clean journalism and it can safely be predicted that this clean record will be preserved in its future career.

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THE vast readership of the *Fortnightly Review* includes not only the most influential in Ceylon but many hundreds who have lived and worked in Ceylon in the past and are now in retirement in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

Many of those now abroad frequently send greetings to the Editor and recount with a nostalgic feeling reminiscences of their association with the Island. They repeatedly assure the Editor that the *Review* helps them to keep in touch with those aspects of the country's everyday life which made their stay here so happy and created in them an abiding love for a beautiful country.

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WHEN the *Fortnightly Review* was started, many people, who today are the most fervent supporters of the journal, thought that it would soon go the way of most journalistic undertakings of that nature. But, despite these misgivings and the many handicaps which had weighed it down in its early stages, the publication went from strength to strength under the guidance of one who is an expert in the art of digging himself in. This expert knowledge is the result of long years of journalism of the best and most robust kind.

And what is most praiseworthy is the fact that for the last thirteen years this periodical has been run by a one-man staff and that it has the publication of 312 numbers to its credit. Its regular contributors and columnists have helped in this great achievement.

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IN Ceylon the difficulties in the production of periodicals have been growing apace. Increasing overheads, crippling cost of paper, labour unrest, demands for higher salaries and restrictive practices have made the success of such undertakings problematical. In England similar difficulties have come to a head and compelled the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, to decide on setting up a Royal Commission to enquire into the economics of the Press.

I am sure all readers of the *Fortnightly Review* will unite to wish it heartily many more years of useful service and to hope that its Editor's labour of love will continue to be inspired by those high ideals enshrined in Abraham Lincoln's famous words: "With malice towards none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right."

## "AS OUR READERS SEE US"

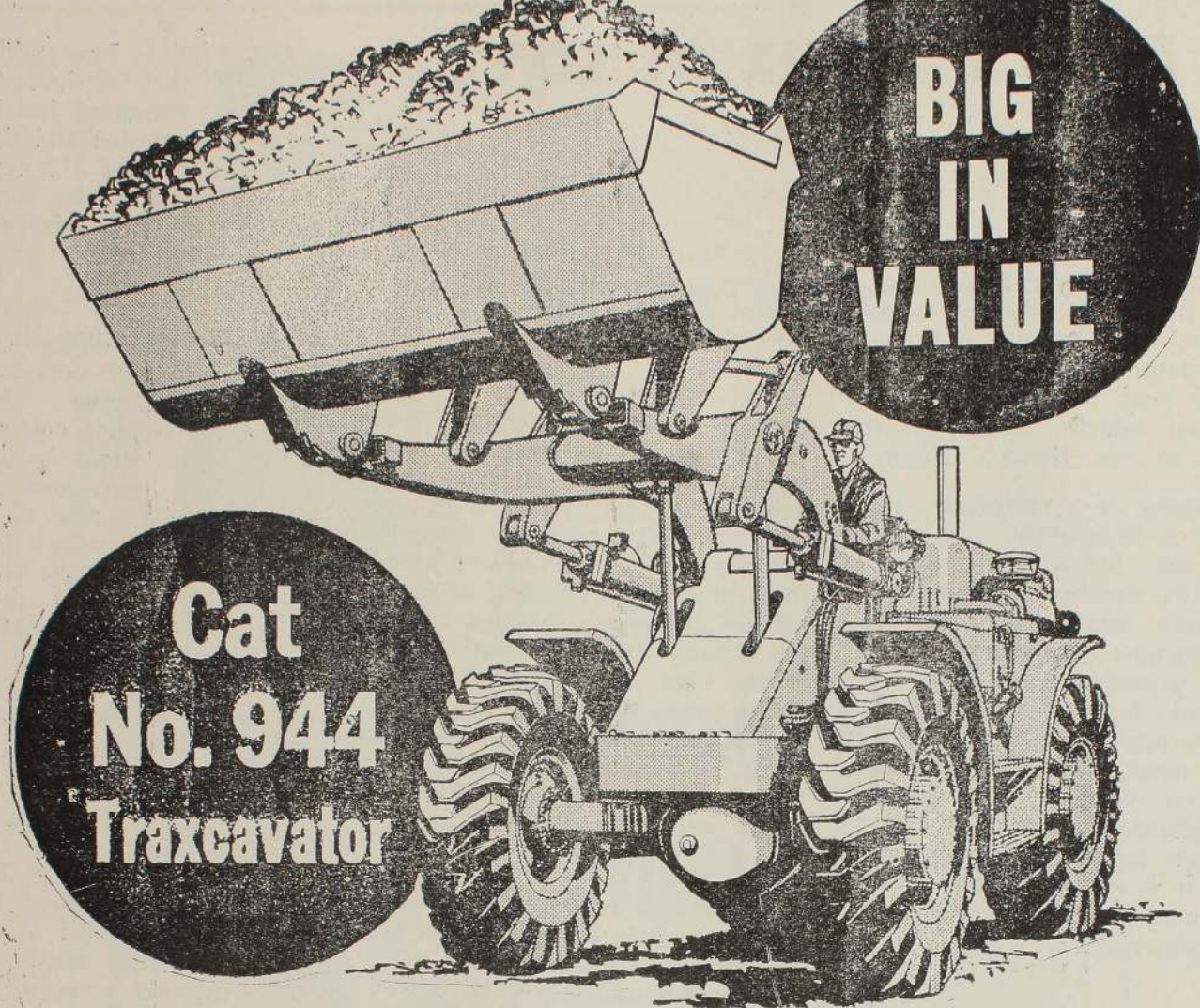
Mr. H. Creighton, till recently Manager of Neuchatel, Neboda, and former Chairman of the Planters' Association of Ceylon, says:—

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Major Aubrey N. Weinman, Director of the Ceylon, Zoological Gardens, Dehiwala, writes:—

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# A LONDON LETTER

—BY ERNEST ATKINSON—

(Fortnightly Review Special)

MR. Selwyn Lloyd, Chancellor of the Exchequer, opened his first Budget on Monday, April 17th. The occasion had been postponed for a week because of the absence of the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, on the nation's business in North America.

After all, the Prime Minister is First Lord of the Treasury—if the well polished and rubbed-down brass door-plate of No. 10, Downing Street, survives the present reconstruction of the building it will show just those words.

But of course the responsibility for the Budget is principally the Chancellor's, though it is seemly for the First Lord of the Treasury to be at hand when he brings in his Budget. For this indeed is the chief event of the Parliamentary year. Government may do or propose to do whatever else they may feel strongly enough to do, but they must not fail to command support for their Budgets. The Budget both responds to and sets the tone of the economic life of the nation. And it gives the Government its greatest annual test.

For here is the one major government affair on which the Government of the day cannot canvass opinion beforehand. On almost every other matter of social policy, of economic guidance, of legal import, it can sound out views, test reactions and trim its plans accordingly, before putting them into legislative shape.

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WITH the Budget the Government must be more challenging. Since taxation is involved it cannot allow hints of its intentions to escape beforehand. And from possibly less important considerations any government would be unwilling, and rightly so, to deprive itself of the advantage of the element of surprise in announcing its fiscal and economic arrangements.

In fact very few members even of the Government are acquainted with what is in the Budget until a very few hours before the Chan-

cellor makes his Budget speech. Some of them will have been brought into discussion on one part or another of it. A very few may know most if not all of what is in it. But the core of the matter rests with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and, of course, with the Prime Minister.

One should not perhaps overstress the political elements in the business of Budget-making, though indeed a government may stand or fall by what a Budget contains. There is a very long, exacting and well mapped-out process of economic and financial analysis that must go on beforehand, whatever political considerations may come to make it all in the end.

This has changed over the years. And, oddly enough, as Budgets have grown wider in scope and have come to have more impact on the social as well as the economic life of the nation, Budget speeches have become shorter.

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NOWADAYS a Chancellor of the Exchequer would weary his diligent audience in the House of Commons if he failed to get his review of the out-turn of the previous year, economic and fiscal prospects for the coming year, and the justification for changes of taxation into ninety minutes or a hundred and twenty at most.

Yet in 1877 we had Mr. W. E. Gladstone speaking—fortified they say, with a concoction of sherry and egg as he went on—for no fewer than five hours. And it was this Mr. Gladstone that wrote of the appointment of the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P. (later to be the 16th Earl of Derby) as Financial Secretary to the Treasury: "Stanley is clever, but can an heir to the Earldom of Derby descend to the saving of candle-ends, which is very much the measure of a good Secretary to the Treasury?"

This candle-ends joke has hung about the Treasury for a good many years. It has its point still, for, as Sir Herbert Brittain, formerly a second secretary in the Treasury,

has reminded us in his formidably authoritative book on *The British Budgetary System*, "The Chancellor of the Exchequer is the steward of the nation's purse". And the Treasury, with its allies in the spending departments, the Accounting Officers, who are in fact the Permanent Secretaries of the departments, is there to see that public money is not dissipated unwisely.

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SIR Edward Bridges, now Lord Bridges, who in a specially difficult and fruitful time was Permanent Secretary to the Treasury after the war, has described very interestingly how "Treasury Control became less concerned with the prevention of all public expenditure, and more concerned with ensuring the most prudent and economical spending on approved objects".

There has had to be built up a considerable apparatus for this. The British Cabinet and the Treasury between them have now a high-powered Economic Section, and the Central Statistical Office to prepare their material. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has now at hand when preparing his Budget all of their advice and figures. This year the traditional sets of figures—on national income and expenditure and so on, and in the *Economic Survey*—has been added to by special sets of figures about the nationalised industries, and about the loans the Government makes to private industry and various public bodies such as local authorities and the Colonial Development Corporation. All of these, or at any rate early indications of how they are going to turn out, are available to the Chancellor of the Exchequer during the months when he is preparing his Budget.

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ECONOMIC judgments he must make, and there is a well-established pattern now to help him to make them. There is an apparatus, much improved since the end of the 1939–1945 war, to help. There is his own element of political judgment to bring in. There is the House of Commons. And there the Chancellor must submit himself and the Government with him to the judgment of the people.

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# A GREAT KANDYAN CHIEFTAIN

MADUWANWELA R. M.

By H. E.

**F**EUDALISM threw up men who adorned their age even as great leaders set the stamp of their personality on the Democratic age we live in today. Amongst these feudal Chiefs one must take pride of place above all others—that grand Kandyan aristocrat Maduwanwela R. M.

He was the sole owner of 82,000 acres in Kolonna Korale, situated in the district of Ratnapura. Thirty thousand tenants lived on these lands, which were gifted to an ancestor of his by King Rajasingha II. The story goes that the head of a Low-Country Sinhalese General who had sought service under the Portuguese was brought to the King by Maduwanwela's ancestor. In return he received this vast acreage of land.

The General had been shot by the light of the cigar which he was smoking after dinner on his verandah.

**T**ODAY the trip from Colombo to Maduwanwela Walauwa would not prove as arduous as in the days gone by. The old Chief kept his area remote and inaccessible except to those who did the journey on foot. Even when the old Chief was on his deathbed and a call went out to Dr. R. L. Spittel, the famous surgeon had to journey on foot from Rakwana to the Walauwa.

My mind takes me back to the time I was a lad of seventeen. I made the trip to Rakwana by horse coach and bullock cart. Here I was met by four of the old Chief's retainers who had been specially sent to escort me. The walk through Bulutota down into Kolonna was arduous, but the beauty of the surroundings was ample recompense for my fatigue.

It was just dawning, and as the path wound itself round and round like a python's coils the mist was clearing, showing up the hills of Rakwana in all their beauty. I could hear the mighty roar of the Wijeriya Falls. Far in the distance, as the mist cleared like a curtain

rising and falling after each scene in a theatre, I could see the vivid green of vast paddy fields. Tall trees showed up straining their tops to the sky, rising like banners borne by a marching host. I stood and watched and heard the murmur of leaves as the wind swept through the jungle. I heard the trumpeting of wild elephants and the faint but timid cry of a sambhur, and the song of birds filled the air. I can still visualise the scene as if it were yesterday, though 36 years have passed.



Maduwanwela R. M.

**T**HERE is an interesting story told about the Wijeriya Falls, which dive into a blue bottomless pool of water. On full moon nights if you are lucky you will, according to village folk, see the golden chariot and the golden crown of Wijeya—the founder of the Lion Race. The legend says he threw them into the pool as he fled from his enemies. The chariot and crown are guarded by a great golden eel with huge golden ear-rings. Nobody dares fish in its waters or attempt to retrieve the treasure. There are those who have tried. They have neither been seen or heard of since.

Incidentally it is a common village belief that to capture a golden

coloured eel is lucky and that the person who does so will have a spell of extremely good fortune. I can vouch, with many others of my village, for such an instance. Mr. Reggie Deheragoda, who lives in my village, found such a golden coloured eel—about a foot long—in a stream on his estate. He brought it home and it was on exhibition in a large fish

tank on the verandah of his "Walauwa". Since that find he has been more than fortunate and has amassed almost a fortune from gemming. It is no secret that his last auction of gems brought him and his partners over a lakh and half of rupees. So much for village superstition.

**A**T last—Maduwanwela Walauwa. A large stone gateway carved in Kandyan design barred my path. A bearded "guard" shouted in Sinhala "Who's that"? He was a magnificent specimen of manhood—over 6 foot in height—presumably handpicked by the old Chief. The password was my name, and the gate was flung open to admit the only son of an old friend and kinsman.

I walked up the path and as I approached the old "walauwa" I saw a short and fierce looking bearded figure standing in the doorway. My escort whispered "That is the Master". He need not have whispered to me. I guessed as I saw the old man. His personality was not of yesterday—it reflected a background that only generations could produce. There was something indefinable about him and no mistake could be made about his identity. I bowed low, and as was the custom I offered him the sheaf of betel leaves I had brought all the way from my village home. Soon I tasted of his hospitable manners. His wife and daughter (still alive) were introduced. They soon made me feel it a "home from home" and I was allowed to wander about and have the run of the place.

**A**T the entrance to the house stood a large satinwood door, over six inches thick. It bore the dents (seen even today) made by Dutch bullets, for his ancestors had more than one wild skirmish with the invader. Antique plates, swords, daggers, huge brass oil

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lamps, calamander and ebony furniture—all "dreams" of collectors—were there in plenty. A huge portrait of himself in full Kandyan regalia hung prominently in the main hall. The old house was itself surrounded by huge satinwood and ebony trees. Today I carry the impression that this was the inaccessible but lordly, luxurious and lonely abode of a proud and arrogant Chief who lived to the manner born though holding office under the British.

It was probably this pride and arrogance that brought him into conflict on various occasions with officialdom. There are many stories still told of him, and true stories at that. In Kraal Town he once met a pompous A.D.C. to the

Governor. The old Chief was dressed in a sarong, loose banian, and wore a large silk handkerchief tied turbanwise on his head. He carried his walking stick. He politely asked the A.D.C. "Where are you going"? The A.D.C. promptly replied "Who are you that I should tell you where I am going": he did not recognise the old Chief. The old chief promptly drew a line with his walking stick across the path of the A.D.C. and said—"Take a step further and you will soon know who I am". In the twinkling of an eye burly retainers surrounded the A.D.C. Having told him off, he sent the A.D.C. on his way. H. E., who heard of the incident later, personally apologised to the old Chief for his A.D.C.'s conduct.

ON another occasion a medical officer of standing wanted to carry out a measure that the old Chief did not approve of in his area. The M.O. was adamant. The Old Chief was as adamant. The M.O. was told "If you dare carry out this measure, you will soon know your mistake". An order was then issued by the old Chief to his tenants and all boutique keepers to boycott the M.O. Within two days the M.O. left Kolonna, a sadder but a wiser man. A Forest Officer, young and experienced, too advanced for his generation, trod on the old Chief's corns. He was politely told "Get out quick or you might be mistaken for a wild boar or sambhur." He took the hint and left.

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## THE PASSING OF MR. ROSSLYN KOCH

## A TRIBUTE

THE death of Mr. Rosslyn Koch is a loss not only to the entire business community at large but also to the dwindling ranks of distinguished Burghers which were once so rich in men of ability and experience. Educated at the Royal College in the times of Harward and Hartley, he left the old school to blaze the trail with that pioneer coterie of Ceylonese who were proving their ability to run commercial plantations. He specialized in the rubber industry but also had interests in coconut.

It was later that Rosslyn Koch's talent and accomplishments as a business man came to be proved. Despite the lack of higher education there was nothing he touched which he did not adorn. He owed nothing to influence and raised himself up from the bottom by sheer hard work and ability. In so far had he earned the trust and confidence of his business fellowmen that he came to be elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of many Companies ranging from Insurance and Finance to Agriculture and other Industries. Apart from distinguishing himself for shrewd common sense, he lived up to the old proverb: "When clouds are seen, wise men put on their cloaks."

During the D. S. Senanayake Government, Mr. Koch entered Parliament as an Appointed Mem-

ber in place of Mr. E. F. N. Gratiaen after the latter was appointed a Puisne Judge. Mr. Koch made his greatest contribution as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, for which he was admirably qualified by his business sagacity and temperament. He was reappointed M.P. in the second Parliament (1952-56) by the Dudley Senanayake Government, and was appointed on two other occasions before he went into retirement owing to ill-health.

Rosslyn Koch never claimed to be a "club-man" or a sportsman in the ordinary acceptance of the terms. He used to be a member of the Havelock Golf Club and met with fair success in competitions, but the hobby to which he was devoted was that of tending and breeding live-stock in his property outside Colombo. He was a knowledgeable animal husbandman and his happiest hours were spent with his dogs, his cattle and poultry. When he did show himself at social functions he distinguished himself for courtesy and kindness.

The Community to which he belonged, Business, and the State, have by the death of Rosslyn Koch lost a man who was able to provide the ballast of experience and moderation—which is so necessary and so greatly called for today.

R. L. B.

## A LONDON LETTER

(Continued from page 17)

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, with a long parliamentary history behind him, has the advantage that the United Kingdom's political system gives, of knowing what it is like to be on the other side. When the Conservative Party was in Opposition, he was one of its main spokesmen on Treasury matters. He therefore knows how to oppose a Budget and finance Bill and may be therefore supposed to know the better how to conduct them through Parliament. These are some interesting weeks ahead in both Houses.

## MATTERS OF MOMENT

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Mr. Ponnambalam went to England on an agricultural scholarship but studied law instead. On his return he was quickly in the thick of local politics and the youth of Jaffna warmed to his personality. He led the fifty-fifty representation campaign before independence but afterwards joined Mr. D. S. Senanayake's cabinet. He failed to find a place in Sir John Kotelawala's cabinet. Opposed to the policies of the Federal Party, he lost ground. Parliament lost a skilled debater by his defeat in the last General Election.



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# CRICKETANA

— BY W. T. GRESWELL —

(Fortnightly Review Special)

AN English April is associated with sunshine and showers, laughter and tears, the coming of the cuckoo and for cricket lovers the birth of a new season. This April has been mostly showers and the sun has hidden itself behind weeping skies. The cuckoo has come and has made a brave attempt at its monotonous call and Richie Benaud too has come and last week had his Australian team down the gangway of the ss "Himalaya". Since then incessant rain has prevented the side from having its first practice at the Lord's nets. Next Saturday the tourists start their first match which, following well established custom, will be against Worcester on that lovely ground so typically English with trees around it in their fresh Spring leaf and the Cathedral in the background massing skywards.

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EVERYWHERE in cricket circles there is great expectation and the profound hope that, given fine weather, this season may restore cricket to a standard which will prove attractive to the public and invite their support, which is the life blood of our county games. Everyone remembers the great tour of the West Indians in Australia only a few months ago, when Test cricket achieved heights of excellence probably never reached before in history. The gay and irrepressible West Indians were mainly responsible because their approach to the game has instinctively tended along these lines since they became a cricket power. But Benaud and his men responded readily and results were most heartening.

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BENAUD is ready once more. On arrival here he said they mean to provide attractive cricket. If they cannot win attractively they mean to go down that way. Their batsmen are not only ready to hit the ball for "4" which is asking for it but will move their feet as occasion demands and send the better ball the same way. Excellent! Now it is up to our English players to do the same and I feel fairly sure that they will.

RECENTLY the first recommendations towards brighter cricket coming from the M.C.C. Committee of Enquiry into the structure of the game have been posted or read out to County teams. The objective is, of course, brighter cricket at an increased tempo and advice to Captains and Committees as to how to achieve this is given. For example 20 overs an hour is recommended as a minimum and there are many minor items suggested. I repeat, we await this season with confidence, but I also feel that on this season the future of English first-class cricket stands or falls. This may be our last chance and we must see to it that it stands.

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IT is too early to assess the qualities of the Australians individually, as so much depends on how they adjust themselves to English conditions, quite a few of the side being new to England. Speaking generally the Australians are not a brilliant side but they are solid throughout and of fair quality. I doubt if England will be able to field a side at all superior to the visitors. Each side may be weak in bowling and each has two stand-out bowlers who are by no means in the first flush of youth. England has Statham and Trueman, Australia Davidson and Benaud. Australia's Simpson is an all rounder of high standing, and, having played in Lancashire League, is accustomed to English conditions.

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PETER May is playing again and it will be most interesting to see if he can recover his form after having stood down from the game for so long. If he succeeds in doing so it is probable that he will captain England again as I doubt if Cowdrey can produce his best form under the burden of captaincy. Dexter and M. J. K. Smith are hardly likely to be offered the honour. Incidentally I think it quite possible that Roger Prideaux of Kent may get a 'cap' this season and be one of England's opening pair of batsmen. Strangely enough he is one of those rare batsmen who prefer to go in first

and he can steadily make runs in this prominent position, caring little for the shine on the new ball and its antics in flight. Prideaux, by the way, on being asked to play for Kent last year, made it a condition that he be allowed to bat first. On Kent declining to grant this request Prideaux approached Somerset on the same conditions and was gratefully accepted as we in Somerset have temporarily lost the services of one of our openers, a most promising youngster, Roy Virgin, who made 1500 runs for us last year and whose style and build remind me so much of Wally Hammond. Virgin is doing his National Service. In the meantime during the Winter Prideaux did very well on tour with M.C.C. in New Zealand. On the return home of the team Kent immediately granted Prideaux his request to bat first, so his presence in the Somerset side is now but a dream.

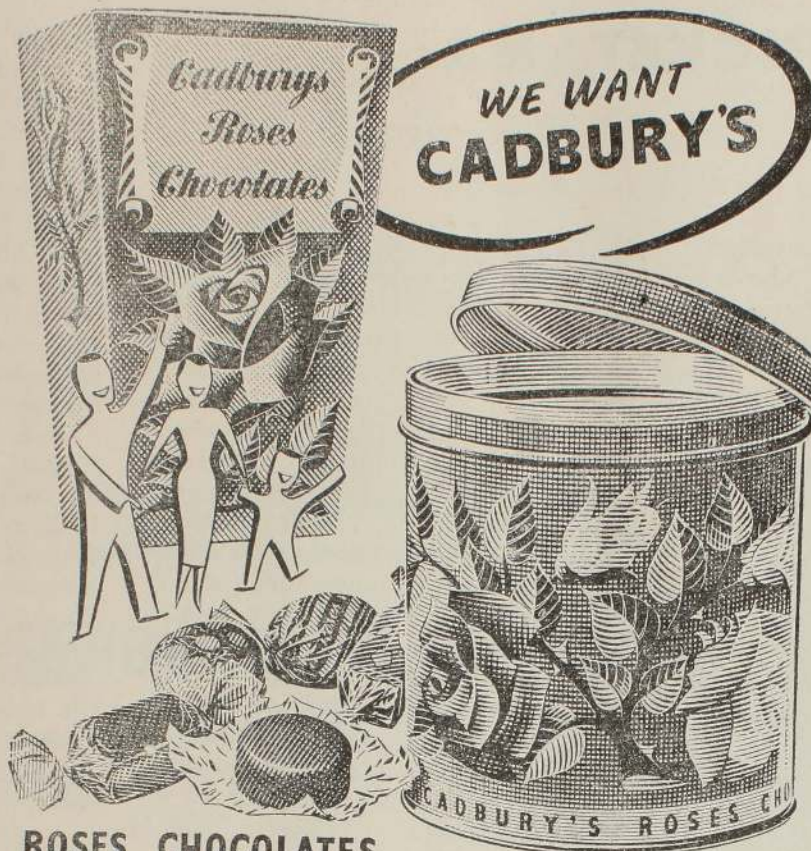
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TOM Graveney's case is still discussed. He accepted Worcester's invitation to play for them this season, which would mean special registration, which can only be granted by M.C.C. provided all three parties agree—in other words, the two counties concerned and the player himself. In this case Gloucester only deposed Graveney from the captaincy but said they would like him to continue as a team member.

M.C.C. are undoubtedly correct in their decision; otherwise any player, on being offered terms by another county, might be thus bribed away and be able to play at once. If special registration is not granted by M.C.C. a player must first reside in his new county a full year before playing for them and is thus deprived of county cricket for that year.

## THE BURDETT TROPHY

THOUGH Nuwara Eliya put up a very good show against Colombo in the annual contest for the Burdett Trophy last Saturday, at Nuwara Eliya, Colombo at nearly full strength added yet another victory to her credit winning a most interesting match by seven to five. Nuwara Eliya's greatly improved form was in strong contrast to their poor performance last year, on the Ridgeways, when they were severely beaten, failing to win a single game.



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## PEOPLE

**S**IR John and Lady Howard, who had been residing in West Byfleet, Surrey, during the last twelve years since they returned home from Ceylon, have moved to Eastbourne where they will be close to their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Neville Greene, who are only thirty-five minutes away by car. Lady Howard is now enjoying better health, her friends in Ceylon will be glad to hear. There are many former Ceylon folk residing in Eastbourne.

**D**R. P. J. Chissell, who had been spending a short holiday in Ceylon, left for England on the 29th April, by the P & O—Orient ss "Arcadia". Dr. Chissell, who usually spends the winter months in Ceylon, says that his recent holiday proved a very happy one. He paid short visits to Kandy and Nuwara Eliya where he met many of his old friends. His address in London will be the Junior Carlton Club in Pall Mall.

**M**R. Percy Cooke, who has been on the staff of St. Thomas's College for forty years, will be retiring early next year. After he left St. Thomas' following an excellent career both as a student and cricketer, he was a teacher at Trinity College, Kandy, for some time when the Rev. A. G. Fraser was Principal. As an opening batsman Percy Cooke proved most useful in the Thomian eleven. Altogether Mr. Percy Cooke has been a teacher for 46 years and he thinks it is time he made room for others.

**M**R. Kenneth de Kretser, C.M.G., former Director of Public Works and for many years after his retirement a prominent Social Service worker and one time President of the Dutch Burgher Union of Ceylon, is now residing in Brisbane, Queensland, with his sister, Mrs. Zillie Martin, and his son Ronnie. He has other relatives who settled in Brisbane many years ago. Mr. de Kretser, who was recently on a short visit to the Island, writing to us last week, says that the climate of Brisbane is much to his liking and he feels very happy as the Australians are generally very friendly people.

**M**ISS Rita Kalpage, Organising Secretary of the National Council for the Deaf and Blind, has left for the U.K. on a scholarship awarded by the Royal Council of the Commonwealth Society for the Blind in London. Miss Kalpage will study administrative work in Blind Welfare. She will be away for six months.

**T**HREE Ceylonese recently left for Canada for training under the Canada-Ceylon Colombo Plan for technical cooperation. The fields of study include local government, public administration and insect borne diseases control. The persons concerned are as follows:

Mr. M.C.C. Fernando, Assistant Commissioner of Local Government, Ministry of Local Government and Housing, will follow a six months course of training in Local Government and Public Administration in Ottawa and with the Provincial Governments of British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

**M**R. D.W. Kuruppu the Filariasis Control Officer of the Municipal Council, Colombo, will follow a course in the organization and administration of insect borne diseases control provided by the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. The training will last for six months and will include visits to several institutions engaged in insect control operations.

**M**R. B.V. Varnasooriya who is the Office Assistant and Public Relations Officer of the Gal Oya

Development Board will have six months training in Public Administration which will include work with the Canadian Civil Service Commission and Department of Finance in Ottawa and visits to Provincial Government Departments.

**C**APT. G. C. Harper, R. N., who is well known in the Island, has left Durban to settle in Valetta, Malta. After retiring from service, he lived for some time in Bandarawela before going to South Africa.

**M**R. C. R. Brocklehurst, who was for nearly thirty years with Messrs. Mackwoods Ltd., and is now living in retirement in England, is another who has joined the many old Ceylon colonists residing in Sussex.

He is at Rotherlea, Hollist Lane, Midhurst.

**T**HE High Commissioner for Australia, Mr. J. C. G. Kevin, has returned to the Island from Vienna, where he led the Australian delegation to the conference on Diplomatic Intercourse and Immunities.

**O**N holiday in Ceylon is Dr. Roy Goonewardene, who works at the Wesley Guild Hospital, Illesha, Western Nigeria. Last week the President of the Y's Club of the Colombo Y.M.C.A., Mr. Hector Fernando, gave Mr. Goonewardene a cheque for a bed at the hospital in the name of the Club.

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—By ITINERANT—

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

CEYLON Rugger's new style Clifford Cup tournament got off to a flying start with keen competition, close results and a surprisingly good standard of rugger for so early in the season—hard training and sound coaching being quite apparent.

The only fly in the ointment was the possibility of the three Service teams withdrawing from the tournament due to the exigencies of the times, but as these lines are written the Ceylon Rugby Football Union is making all efforts to ensure the participation of these teams in the first year of the tournament.

LAST year's champions, the C.H. & F.C. got off to a good start chalking up two wins, but both had to be earned the hard way. The champions find themselves missing a number of familiar faces—Leefe, Tait, Harrison and Banks, to mention a few—but with solid training—courtesy of Australian Trade Commissioner MacSweeney—they've become a power-packed machine, a brilliant Burrows and Keith-Anderson their main scoring potential, and Sawdy leading a steam-roller pack as well as ever. Winger Everest is a promising discovery.

The champions opened the season beating lowly Kelani Valley 19-3 (8-0 at the half) but the lowly showed that, even with all their training problems, they need not be humble before the mighty, their third row harrassing the CH backs and Almeida turning in a magnificent performance at safety.

IN their next match, the C.H. & F.C. restaged the Cup final but this time they could not run over Dimbula who for a good forty five minutes looked like upsetting. The champions finally pulled through 14-8 (after trailing 3-8 at the half) as Dimbula wilted in the face of last-quarter pressure. Burrows, as in the first match, and Keith-Anderson were the architects of the CH victory, but they owed much to their pack in which Sawdy found a worthy opponent in Dimbula's skipper, T. B. Pila-

pitiya. Dimbula lost when two of their best All-Ceylon forwards could not make the game and full-back Cader showed himself most vulnerable against power-packed opposition.

THE Havelocks, one of last season's best teams, also had their hands full in their two matches. In the first they beat Dickoya 11-0, but not before their threes had received an unforgettable battering from Ian Goonewardene and Chris Bean, Dickoya's insides, Havelock insides Sumanasekera and Anghie and fly half Maralande, however, managed to stand up to it to score enough for victory as McPherson's brilliant tactical play came to nought for the losers.

In their second match they met the Affiliated Club champions, the Police, and must count themselves

fortunate that the Police lacked penetration and had to wait for their opponents' errors. As things were, the honours were with the Police who lost 8-12.

A weakened C. R. & F.C. had a struggle on their hands before they beat Kandy, who were without Ceylon caps Barry Cameron and Ralph Gauder. The C.R. won 10-6, but it was only two conversions that made the difference. If only Kandy had a place kicker who could have made use of all the penalties that came their way! In their second match the CR trounced the C.H. "B", but it was by no means a creditable performance.

In other tournament matches Uva trounced the R.Cy A.F. 21-0, and then had to be content with a 3-all tie against Dickoya. Dimbula sank the R.Cy.N., minus four of their best players, 27-0, the Police beat the University 12-0, Kandy walloped the Havelocks "B" 41-0.



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as many as 6 tries going uncovered, and K. V. got into the win column beating the Varsity 8-0.

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WITH the Service teams still out of action, rugger the following week was curtailed to four matches, but what thrillers they proved to be.

Dickoya, minus 'stars' Ken Macpherson and Chris Bean scrambled their way off a last-minute line-out to a 9-6 victory over Up-country champions Dimbula; while only superior speed and fitness enabled the CR to eke out a 14-8 victory over the Uva XV that played heady rugger, their 'threes' and 'halves'—the old firm of S. B. Pilapitiya and Fred Aldons—providing one of the best displays of open rugger seen this season.

The Havelocks 'A' team had a time of it in their match against the hard-tackling CR 'B' before winning 13-6 in a match marred by brawling players. In another match marred by temper, Kandy got the better of K.V. 11-0 on a ground that was a sheet of water.

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### THE CEYLON SCHOOLS CRICKET TEAM IN INDIA

A Ceylon Public Schools cricket team recently toured India and the under-20 team led by Y. Amaradasa of Ananda met with great success—though, it must be admitted, the average age of the Ceylon team was a good couple of years above that of the Indian teams.

They opened their tour by trouncing Madras Schools by an innings. Wimalaratne's century and Rajah de Silva's innings were the highlights of the Ceylon onslaught, and then the latter ran through Madras twice, helped by Wijesinghe and N. Senanayake. Only 15-year-old Satwender Singh (third brother of Indian Test caps Kripal and Milkha Singh) offered any resistance.

Next, the Ceylon XI made short work of the Indian champions, the South Zone. South Zone were routed by Ceylon's best pace man, Kehelgamuwa who finished with the fantastic figures of 9.4-5-8-8, all his victims clean bowled. Then Rajah de Silva scored a century and Wimalaratne again made short

work of the bowling, and de Silva and Kehelgamuwa mopped up the South Zone in the second innings, Abdul Hui and Satwender Singh only managing to delay the verdict.

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DROPPING their best batsmen Ceylon met Mysore and with Kehelgamuwa upset by repeated "no-ball" calls, Mysore, managed to wrest a small first innings lead. Mysore batted well again in the second innings, and Ceylon comfortably played out a draw.

The next game of the tour was against Hyderabad and this too ended in a draw. With Wimalaratne scintillating, Ceylon piled up 241. Hyderabad were out for 177. Ceylon then declared at 136 for 6 and the local team played out time.

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### GOVT. SERVICES CRICKET TOUR

ON a flying visit to India are the Government Services Champions, the Colombo Municipality XI. They defeated a combined Madras XI in a one-day match, L. Rodrigo scoring 41 of the visitors 127 runs. Against Polonowita's 5 for 23 Madras folded up for 104, 38 of the runs coming from former Ceylon wicket-keeper Ben Navaratne's bat.

The C.M.C. drew their next match against combined Bangalore. Colombo 266 for 6 declared (Rodrigo 61, McDevaraj 61, D. H. de Silva 56). Bangalore 117 for 9 (Polonowita 5 wickets).

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### SOCCER

YOUNG Ceylon's last two appearances—in the Asian Youth Soccer Tournament in Bangkok found them playing at their best.

They trounced Formosa 5-0 and forced the ultimate co-champions, Burma, to come from behind to notch a 5-2 victory, the three-goal margin coming only in the last 15 minutes of play.

Despite these good performances, Young Ceylon finished only one but last in their half of the draw.

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### CRICKET WAITS FOR MAY

IN the course of a very interesting article by that well known sports writer Phil Pilley in a

recent issue of "World Sports" there is lengthy reference to Peter May who has decided to return to cricket this season. "The famous captains in English cricket history have been characters in their own right. Legends have sprung up in their train painting them variously as heroic, symbolic, vitriolic, neurotic or alcoholic.

"W. G. Grace", say the stories, "resented being given out and hated defensive strokes because you can only get three of 'em." C. B. Fry had the looks of Apollo and the approach of the intellectual. Johnny Douglas was courageous and controversial, and won an Olympic boxing title. Douglas Jardine was the ruthless leader who caused a Commonwealth crisis by firing the pace of Larwood at Australian bodies. Percy Chapman was an irrepressible individual. Even Hutton has established a character for himself in future history books with his grim, professional obsession to grind the Aussies to a halt.

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BUT what will the future make of Peter Barker Howard May, who now, at 31, prepares to return to big cricket (and, we may assume to the England captaincy) after a season's absence through illness, asks Phil Pilley. The writer continues: "No stories, no legends, no scandal surround May. He appears the mere essence of orthodoxy. In no way is he an extremist; He shies from controversy; on the field he is neither cavalier nor tyrant; off it he is a well mannered sportsman cum-businessman with an easy charm that makes him almost universally popular. Convention and caution sometimes combine to make him appear almost pure Establishment.

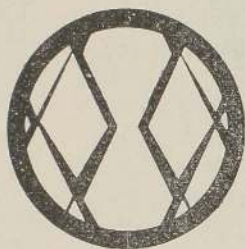
May returns to cricket at a crucial time. The Australians are in England and must be beaten. But they must be beaten in a way so attractive and enterprising as to revive spectator-interest in a game which, at county level, faces cash crisis in the face of many counter-attractions and in the wake of much ponderous, negative play."

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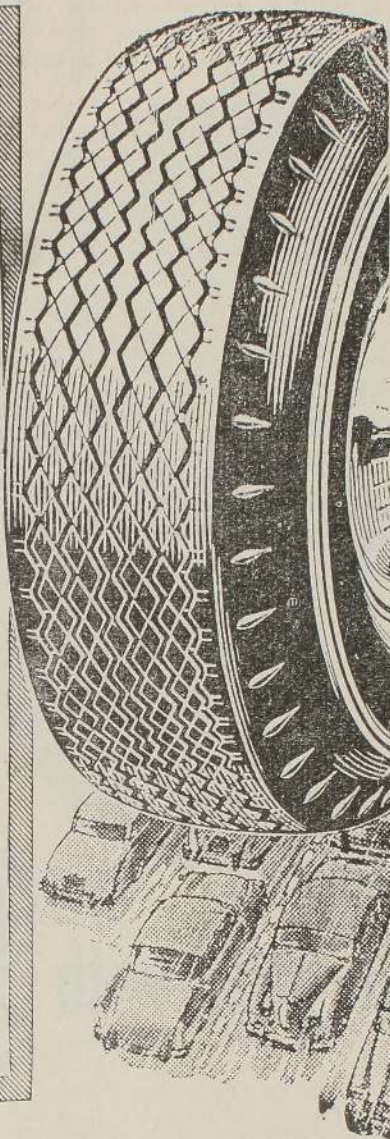
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## A WOMAN'S DIARY

—By "BETA"—

A glance at the appropriate columns of the newspapers in the last few weeks would have made it clear that once again the time of weddings was here. People do get married at all times of the year, it is true, but it is easily seen that by far the most popular time seems to be immediately after Easter. An acquaintance the other day was remarking on the fact, and at the same time giving way to a little grumble that this should be so, for, said, he, it was very unkind to make people tog up in their best suits in all this heat. His wife, while sympathising with his discomfort, amusedly remarked that he seemed to have forgotten that they themselves had been married at Easter tide, and put forward the suggestion that perhaps people chose to get married at this season so as to have a good reason for getting a few days to spend out of the heat and dust! Someone else suggested that the preponderance of marriages in this season might be due to the fact that, as the poet remarked, in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. Whatever the reason, it is obvious that this is the most popular season for those who wish to set up new homes.

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THERE are, as we all know, lots of little customs and traditions connected with weddings. One that has always intrigued me is the custom of the bride always arriving a little late for a wedding. I always wonder whether this is a custom which is found in other parts of the world, too, or if it is a "Ceylonism". If the custom be world wide, it may be legitimate to suggest, perhaps, that it arose from the idea that it was unmaidenly to seem too eager to get married! But if it be only a local custom, the reason is sure to be due to the fact that, as lots of foreigners have been heard to remark at some time or another, that the Ceylonese just do not know how to be on time for anything. However, some brides have explained their delay in arriving by saying that they have not dared to leave for church until credibly informed that the bridegroom has already reached, for it would never do for the bride to arrive before the groom.

ANOTHER custom which is growing in popularity is that of taking copious photographs. It is perhaps quite natural that the newly wedded pair should like to have a permanent record of the happenings of this most important day of their lives, but one is tempted to feel that sometimes this taking of pictures goes beyond the limits of good taste. People promise a "complete record" of the day, and start taking snaps practically from the time the bride opens her eyes in the morning! Well, so long as the bride doesn't mind, that's all right! But when it comes to the point where, at the most solemn portions of the ceremony, there is a sudden flash and click, one begins to wonder whether the young couple are really able to pay sufficient attention to what is going on, or whether they are more concerned about what kind of picture they will make. In extreme cases, the barrage of lights and the numbers of people moving around in search of good positions makes one wonder if by chance one has strayed into a film studio.

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NO bride, of course, would ever feel complete without her train of attendants—and a very pretty group they generally make, adding much colour and charm to the occasion. Sometimes, in addition to the attendants of about her own age, the bride has little children too, to attend her. These, of course, usually look very sweet, and everyone is enchanted by them, but, unfortunately, they sometimes do not enjoy themselves! I think it is a mistake to choose children who are too young. A child, by the time he or she is about five or six, is usually well able to enjoy being all dressed up and in the limelight but to choose children younger still is usually asking for trouble, however adorable they may be.

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THE little jingle which lays down what the bride should wear is, I am sure, familiar to most of us. "Something old, and something new, something borrowed, and something blue" are all easily obtained, no doubt, and should present no difficulty. But I am often moved to wonder how the modern bride complies with the last item—"and a bit of silver in her shoe". It was easy enough some years back, when there was a little silver

ten cent in use—it was a simple matter to slip one inside the bride's shoe, and the coin itself was so thin and small that it gave rise to no discomfort. But these days, when there are no convenient silver coin, and, in addition, the bridal footwear is generally a couple of thin straps and a high heel, there seems no place at all to slip the silver coin even if you had it! I really wonder how they manage—or if they solve it by merely ignoring that part of the rhyme.

No wedding, one feels, is really complete without a reception, with its *piece de resistance* of wedding cake! It is to be noticed that the custom of having wedding cake structures got up to take all sorts of novel forms connected with something the bride or bridegroom has been doing seems to be dying out in favour of the simple three tiered decorated structure. But one still finds that the couple move up with great ceremony and cut into a sham cake, while confetti bombs burst and flash bulbs pop, and the actual wedding cake is all cut and ready, boxed or wrapped for serving! One could hardly expect people to start cutting up a real cake at a reception of the size we generally have in this country, but it seems a pity that one of the first acts the bride and groom perform together in public should be a sham! One feels that those who compromise by hiding the prepared bits of cake within the structure and remove it for serving after the bride has made her first act, are at least trying to keep to the spirit of the thing!

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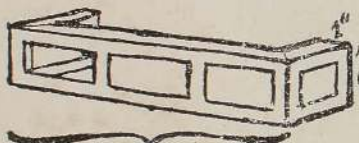


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nothing compared to her chagrin when, while she was saying a wicked thing about Jack Lee's film 'Here comes a Jolly Swagman', Jack Lee himself walked in! He had flown in from U.K. in the morning. There was a deathly silence until smiling, he perched on his favourite seat on the sill of the window!

Which reminds me, why not use FORMICA to give a finish to your window drapes? Every type of window - except the large picture-window that looks best with ceiling-to-floor curtains - looks dressiest with a pelmet. And as Formica comes in over 60 exciting finishes, can be cut to any shape, & can be pasted on to virtually anything with the adhesive supplied, it is an absolute winner for pelmets. You get it from Walker Sons.

It's so simple to use, why not make one with Ron for the window in your boudoir of boudoirs with its Afro-Alaskan trophies - Benin masks & caribou pelt upholstery? A 6" band, with straight edges top & bottom, I w'd say. Here is a sketch of the frame required. Ron will love to knock it up with his new set of power tools.



exact width of w. frame  
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I would use 1" x 1" pine, & the number of vertical supports necessary will depend on the width of the window. The pelmet

must be strong, because it will be secured to the window at its extremities only. Cover the frame by pasting on 6" strips of Formica in an exotic wood finish to match your Masai foot-stools & when you hang your Bantu striped bark curtain from it, you'll have your own little corner of darkest Africa, you humbugging Hot tentot!



you must cover with the same Formica too the plant trough - & then your boudoir is set for any social safari you please. This is what your room will look like - & the transformation will be quite cheap because FORMICA costs only three or

four rupees a square foot, depending on the finish & design. Hoping you will find making these fun - salaams!

Arthur van Langenberg

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