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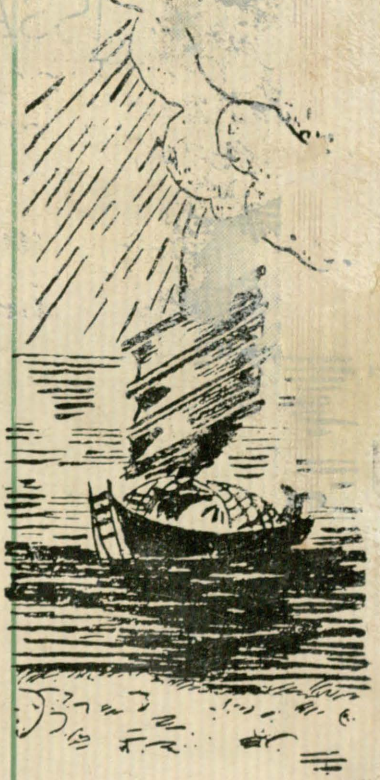
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# CHINESE FESTIVALS

By T. F. WEI

IN a country so densely populated as China, the struggle for existence is naturally too keen to make much allowance for recreation and merry-making. Holidays therefore assume special significance, as to the toiling masses of China, Sundays and Saturdays half-holidays are practically unknown.

Fortunately, the monotonous life of the hard working Chinese is not without a break. Including the Autumn Festival, there are no less than six "Big Festivals" in a year on which people of every walk of life lay aside their work and take their leisure either for ancestor worship, religious ceremony, or feasting and amusements. Three festivals of the six are known as Ying Chieh or Ghostly Festivals as they are dedicated to the dead, particularly the ancestors, for whom the Chinese people, irrespective of rank or religion, always hold the most intense feeling of gratitude and reverence: (1) The Ch'ing Ming (or "Pure Brightness"); (2) The Shang Yuan (the 15th. of the 7th. moon) and the Shih Yueh Chao (the 1st or the 10th moon). The other three festivals being occasions of great rejoicing and celebration are known as Yang Chieh or Festivals of the Living: (1) The Tuan Wu (or Dragon Boat Festival); (2) The Chung Chui (or Mid-Autumn Festival) and (3) The New Year. The latter are also debt settlement days; while socially, presents and calls are exchanged among relatives for days ahead. All the people go in for various amusements and games and even the ladies are permitted to make merry tumult among themselves.

The first "Big Festival" of the year Ch'ing Ming, falls on either April 5 or 6 in the Solar Calendar. In fact it constitutes one of the so-called 24 "joints and breaths" of the year. Space does not allow a full explanation of these "joints and breaths," but suffice it to say here that they serve as a very accurate sub-division of the season on which the Chinese farmers so implicitly rely for sowing, planting and harvesting.

As we will all agree, the basic idea underlying all Chinese religious feeling as the ancestral cult it is but natural that with the arrival of the true spring of the year an agricultural people like the Chinese invoke the blessing of their ancestors by offering them the first fruits of the harvest newly sown and by refurbishing the mounds and the enclosures in which they may lie.

In order to do honour to the spirits of the departed, the usual obeisance, such as the burning of incense-sticks and papermoney, is performed before their tumuli. Those who find themselves far away from their native homes at the festival time, or so very occupied that a personal visit to the family burial-ground is impossible, will send a deputy and themselves perform certain rites in the house in which they happen to be. For many families in cities like Shanghai, who are unable for one reason or other to bury their dead but instead temporarily entrust the coffins of their dear ones to the care of undertakers, it is necessary to make the offerings of agreeable food, etc., in front of the coffins, just as they would at the actual graveyard. Excepting those recently bereaved, one sees no sign of grief or mourning in people wending their way through the country-side early in the morning of Ch'ing Ming, to pay respect to the dead. Although here and there a woman in white "keens" (weeps sorely) over the new grave of her husband or father, the majority who wear up neat and clean, in holiday air, as befits those who are on their way to take part in a pleasant picnic.

In fact, besides the solemn duties connected with them, the Ch'ing Ming visits to the country-side are looked upon as the first real excursions of the year. School children are especially jubilant when led on an outing on the "Spring Holidays," which always include the Ch'ing Ming, although the latter being one of the lunar festivals no longer receives the official recognition of the school authorities.

Western friends of China sometimes wonder why among the many grave-offerings of the Chinese no flowers are found. The reason may be a psychological one, but one story has it that in ancient days the offering of flowers to the dead was an exclusive privilege reserved to members of the royal family and, therefore, denied to commoners. The only plant that is in display everywhere at Ch'ing Ming is the willow. Not only does one see the willow branches stuck in grave-mounds, sprigs of it are also hung under the eaves of the houses. In Shanghai women still stick a sprig of willow in their hair (possible exception should be made of bobbed hair though) and youngsters wear willow-sprouts, in both cases as a protective talisman against evil spirits.

NEXT comes the Tuan Wu or Dragon Boat Festival which always falls on the fifth day of the fifth moon. According to the popular tradition, the holiday commemorates a great statesman-poet named Chu Yuan, a minister of the state of Chu, who lived in the fourth century B.C. Heart-broken on account of his repeated failures to urge reforms on an obstinate Prince when the country was abandoned to various crimes, Chu Yuan finally committed suicide by drowning himself in the River Milo, a tributary of the Tung Ting Lake. Deeply moved now by his lofty ideals and his spirit of self-sacrifice, all the people wept for his tragic death and threw rice cakes upon the waters to feed his ghost. However, the legend goes that the spirit remained unsatisfied until one day it appeared to a group of worshippers on the river bank requesting that the cakes should henceforth be wrapped in small pieces of silk and bound by means of coloured threads so that a certain huge reptile, presumably a dragon, would not dare to touch the cakes as theretofore. This request is said to be the origin of the triangular rice-cakes that, nowadays folded in leaves, are indispensable for the celebration of the festival.

To Western people, the Tuan Wu is better known as the Dragon Boat Festival. Dragon boat races are also held in the name of Chu Yuan, but the honour is supposed to extend to all those drowned after him. Strikingly resembling dragons, these huge boats are gracefully slim but measure some 90 feet in length. They have high sterns with long steering-paddles rising many feet above the gun-wales, while the prows are skilfully carved like a dragon's head with open mouths and cruel fangs and the long body between, gaily painted to represent scales. No sooner is the starting signal given than the hundreds of paddles of the racing boats, each kept to time by a coxswain with a bright waving banner, send the slim dragons at top speed through the waters. The great exertion of muscular strength, the howling cymbals, the clashing of gongs, the life-like movements of the dragons' heads controlled by means of ropes and, at last, the thundering cheers of the spectators for the winner—all form part of the regatta.

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# PATER PATER

By S. H. C.

**I**N response to the hundreds of letters which did not flow in from irate paters and paters potential, I make bold to give the fathers top-billing this week. One of the main reasons is that so many fathers ganged up about me in the past week, offering suggestions as to the 'care, nutriment and growth' of the new baby, that I thought it would be well to offer some of it for the good of our country readers.

We first have the reactions of some of my friends on what we shall call the moment suspenseful. One chap took his wife in the family bus down to the hospital as described in chapter two, paragraph seven of my recent book — "So you think YOU are having a baby!" He delivered her to the authorities and was led gently away to the waiting room by an understanding young nurse. She left him holding agitated conversation with himself. At the sound of a footstep near the doorway, he would spring up and with quivering expectancy, await the entrance of the nurse, who, more often than not, in a complete lack of charity, failed to appear. Statistics prove that more husbands in that condition have kittens than wives have babies.

**B**UT you have the father who seems almost callous in the face of the emergency. With a sangfroid for which many of us envy him, but precious few feel, he smokes his cigarettes with deep even breaths, chews his stick of gum with 'measured beat and slow' — and relaxedly turns the pages of the picture magazines from the reading table. We engaged him in conversation:

"Excuse me old man, but how do you do it?"

"Not a thing to it, son! Not a thing to it!"

"That's what you think! You probably don't realize that the little woman is having no picnic in the Valley of the Shadow. You perhaps think that it's a matter of fun and games!"

"Nope! It's you young fathers who have got it all wrong. There is nothing you can do for the little woman just now. You all think that YOU are having the baby. Don't be fooled son, you're not built for that responsibility, Ma Nature never intended it that way — she's having the baby — so you may as well relax. Do her much more good later too, I think!"

"You sound like a veteran — not your first then?"

"No — my eleventh."

"Oh!"

Well I guess, maybe he ought to know.

**T**HEN there are the paternal reactions on being introduced to the newest member of the family. From a survey taken recently these comments are worth recording:

a) "Another girl eh, Susie! Well better luck next time, lass!"

b) "What! A lovely little girl!" and all he wanted was a son, besides, she wasn't lovely anyway — she was just like a dozen other babies . . . red and wizened.

c) "Gee, Darling — she looks just like us!" which she didn't — not yet anyway.

e) "Nurse — is she — are they alright."

f) "Well, old lady — another mouth to feed."

g) "Gosh Darling, are you alright!"

h) "Gee, what a tiny mite — nurse, may I hold him?"

Then again, there are reactions of the father to his first change.

Out of the puffball clouds of well merited somnolence, it seems that a voice comes calling at the door of his consciousness.

At first it is but a blur of sound. Soon it disintegrates into unintelligible words then at the growing insistence clarity comes — it is in such a condition that many fathers are first asked to perform what soon becomes a regular task. The words now make sense:

"Darling, change baby for me."

Sometimes a father survives that first ordeal. Sometimes he loses his sanity for a week afterwards. But you never can tell —

waking up a man in the middle of the night can be a dangerous undertaking.

The case of a new father will illustrate my point.

**I**N response to the call for help, he arises and props himself up on his elbows. In this position he brushes the thick cobwebs of sleep from his brain. The wife who has been on this job of waking him up for near on to fifteen minutes now, is slowly losing her patience — the priceless pearl of a mother with a baby. If she gets irritable with baby later on — it will be daddy's own fault. Once he is sufficiently conscious — at least enough to distinguish the ceiling from the floor and his bed from the baby's crib, he pokes around for his slippers, and finding them, he tries out his sea legs.

—They are a bit wobbly at first.

"How True!" I can hear all you young fathers sighing fervently at all this.

Our new daddy moves over to the crib, lets down the side after pushing over a part of the mosquito netting, and goes down on his knees by the crib. In this position sleep comes easily and quickly. Soon he is awakened by a wide-awake, vigilant wife. The old story holds true — never trust a mother with her young. There is nothing in this world as keen

and as conscious about the welfare of the tiny helpless babe.

The job now gets a fair start, and he slips out the safety pins and the wet square. Next step — application of powder to the damp parts and then under goes the dry one and in go the pins. Then a little more awake now — he sighs with thankfulness that the job's done. So he puts down the baby — or tries to — only, he won't go down. The befuddled brain is up against it. He turns his neck round and asks the wife why.

"Try pinning it up again darling," she suggests with dangerous sweetness, "but this time leave out the tail of your pyjama jacket."

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# MOVEMENTS OF NOTE

By I. C. Evre Ting

**P**LENTY of Oohs and Aahs filled the air at the C.P.S. Garden Party last Sunday, first in the selection of a Carnival Queen from among the young ladies present and second, in a 'body beautiful' show—a men's physique contest. The latter brought out quite a few talents which few realised were in our midst. It was quite a pleasure to see so many good specimens of the physical culture art, and the spectators expressed their feelings in fine rounds of applause.

**A** LOT of work is being put into our next Carnival which will be held tomorrow at the C.A.C. They will have their selection of a Carnival Queen and the prize is something rather unusual and exciting — a week-end at Tower Isle. Starting with a football match, it will include among other things, a baby show, a penny sale, an electric train exhibition, a raffle for a refrigerator and fortune telling if you're in the mood for it.

**T**HERE is much excitement over the gift of land in Half Way Tree for the site of a new Club house and grounds. Next big project will be the raising of funds to build an attractive and really substantial Clubhouse.

**D**URING the past week through the generosity of some very public-spirited Club members the transfer of an entire building from Vernam Field to Kingston was effected without much trouble and no expense to the Club. It is a good example of

what pooling our resources can do. Some have given of their time and service unstintingly which is a sacrifice so very few are able to make.

**J**UST about a fortnight ago Springfield was lighted up with a very gay party. It was not the reopening of old Springfield Club but just a home party which everyone enjoyed so much that they are still talking about it.

**T**ALKING of parties, last Sunday's wedding was indeed a bright affair. Champagne was passed so freely that the most inhibited drinker had a task in stopping the waves and waves of the sparkling drinks that were being passed on him.

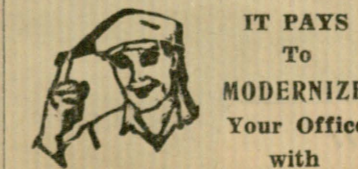
**T**HERE seems to be a burglar epidemic as well as flu epidemic at the moment. The 'flu epidemic must be due to the disturbing changes of weather of late while the former must be due to the proximity of the holiday season. The burglars are making their appearance in daylight and go methodically from one house to another if no alarm is raised. Some homes would not even notice the visit of the unwelcome stranger until days afterwards.

**A** YOUNG man from the North shore came to the city to take delivery of a shiny new car. As he drove it out of the garage and parked it on one of the busy streets a truck came right along and dented his fender. Back it went to the garage for a new fender, no less.

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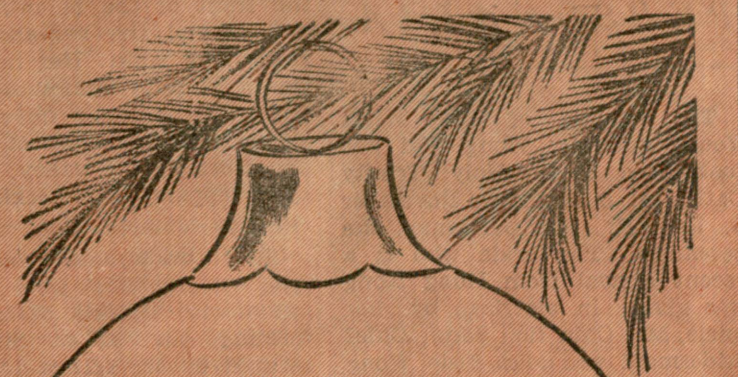
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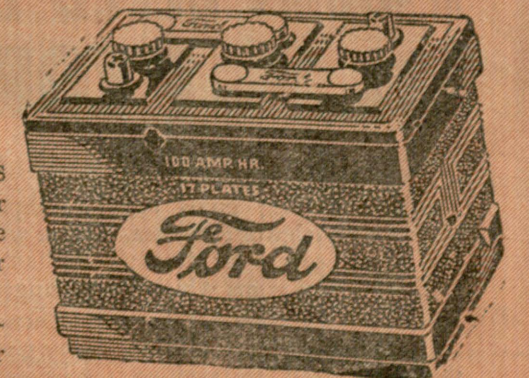


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PERSONALIA

The wedding of Miss Marla Young and Mr. Wong Wai Yee took place at the Holy Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, November 5. Rev. Fr. Fox performed the ceremony. The bride who is a recent arrival from Hong Kong was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Chin Hon Sang. Chief bridesmaid was Miss Elsie Wong assisted by Miss Hyacinth Wong. Mr. William Wong was bestman and Mr. Egerton Chin Loy was groomsmen.

After the ceremony a large reception was held at No. 12 Constant Spring Road, residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wong Chew Onn.

The Holy Trinity Cathedral was the scene of the marriage of Miss Cecilia Delores Cha Fong to Mr. Leslie C. Lyn Ah Woo which took place on Sunday, November 12, at 5 p.m. Cecilia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cha Fong and Leslie is the son of Mrs. A. J. Lyn Ah Woo and the late Lyn Ah Woo. Rev. Fr. Fox, assisted by Fr. Mac Mullan and Fr. Healy, performed the ceremony.

The bride who entered the church on the arm of her father was charmingly attired in a gown of white marquisette

with satin appliqued around the off-the-shoulder neckline, down the front of the billowing skirt and around the two-and-a-half yards long train. Her headdress was a tiara of rhinestones from which fell a finger tip veil, and she carried a bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley. White satin slippers, pearl necklace and earrings completed her ensemble.

Chief bridesmaid was Miss Avis Chang who wore fuchsia nimon with panels of shirring forming the skirt. She was assisted by the Misses Lygia Ho and Cherry Wong who wore gold and green nimon dresses made on similar lines. All three wore matching tiaras with self-coloured flowers and carried specially designed bouquets of gladioli.

Mr. Willie Lyn, the groom's brother, was bestman and groomsmen were Messrs. Lester Chin and Herman Shim.

A reception followed at the Chinese Athletic Club on Deanery Road.

Among the passengers who recently arrived from Hongkong were Mr. Glenford Parchment Chong, Miss Mazie Louise Chang, Mr. Chin Chun Long, nephew of Mr. Charles Chin Loy, and Mr. Basil Wong, brother of Mr. John R. Wong.

The marriage of Miss Alice Eugenie Chin, to Mr. Aston Ho, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ho Len Shue, will take place at the Holy

Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, November 26 at 5 p.m. After the ceremony a reception will be held at the residence of the groom's parents at 13 Belmont Road. St. Andrew

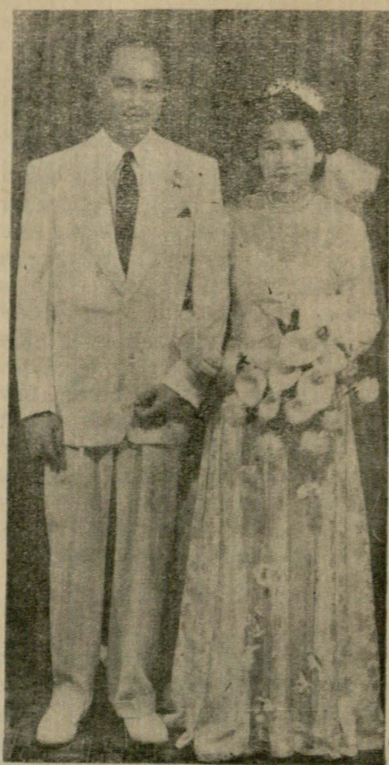
Members of the Chinese Public School Old Student's Association held a very successful Garden Party last Sunday. Centre of attraction was the body-beautiful contest and the selection of a carnival queen. The carnival queen chosen by the judges was Miss Verna Lee.

There were twelve contestants in the body beautiful contest and the eventual winners were, 1st prize, Mr. Horace Lyn; second, Mr. George Chang; and third, Mr. Wilbert Chung. The cup for this contest was donated by Mr. Horace Chang.

The Rev. Fr. Fox, Rector of the Holy Trinity Cathedral, conducted a service of the Blessing of the Graves at the Chinese Cemetery on Sunday, November 12, at 11 a.m. His Lordship, Bishop McEleney officiated.

Betty, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chin Yee of Stanton Terrace, Liguanea, left for Trinidad on November 6, on a holiday visit to friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee of Fairbourne Road, Springfield-on-Sea, were hosts at a party at their home on Friday, November 3. More than 200 persons attended and enjoyed themselves dancing to an orchestra.



Mr. and Mrs. Wong Wai Yee who were married at the Holy Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, November 5.

—Photo by Art Light Studio.

Mr. and Mrs. Tie Ten Quee returned from England by the S/S Bayano on Saturday, November 4, after holidaying there.

Mr. Neil Lau of Trinidad who arrived here on business a few (continued on page 16)

THE PAGODA

PANORAMA

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Sunday last, the National Day of Remembrance for those who died in both World Wars was observed, as is customary, by short services held at the Cenotaphs in the various parishes throughout the Island. In the city wreaths were laid by His Excellency, the Acting Governor, and by other high Government, Naval and Military officials. Following His Excellency's departure, many wreaths and crosses were also laid by persons desirous of commemorating their dead in this way.

The Guard of Honour was provided by the Battalion of the Caribbean Forces together with detachments from the Military, and other Associations. The drums of the Jamaica Battalion sounded the Last Post and the Reveille. Kipling's Recessional "Lest we Forget" started the service, and a new note was struck when the funeral march was played. This was a composition by a well known Jamaican musician, Mrs. Mary Lushington, who composed a Marche Funebre in B Flat Major at the time of the death of Richard Tauber who was well known to her.

At the 9.30 a.m. service at the Garrison Church, Up Park Camp, there was a parade of troops.

THE JAMAICA LEGION

The first anniversary of the formation of the Jamaica Legion was marked on Saturday last by a Conference in two sessions, morning and afternoon, held at St. Luke's Church Hall. The Conference was opened by His Excellency the Acting Governor at the morning session, and attended by delegates from the 44 branches of the Legion throughout the Island.

Several broadcasts were given

over Radio Jamaica by prominent members of the Legion in addition to that by His Excellency, appealing to the Island-wide community to give generously to the Poppy Drive being made for the week in conjunction with the Jamaica Legion Conference and Remembrance Day.

Poppy Day Dances were arranged to take place at the Constant Spring Golf Club and at the Bournemouth Club, at which there were many attractions apart from the dancing, and the usual brisk sales of the little red emblem of assistance for those who served loyally in both World Wars took place in all the high-ways and byways.

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

The West Lord Archbishop of the West Indies, the Most Reverend Alan Knight, D.D., who is also the Bishop of British Guiana, paid a visit of a few days' duration to Jamaica last week, during which time he was kept very busy fulfilling a number of religious and social service obligations.

A function was held in His Grace's honour at the residence of His Lordship the Bishop of Jamaica and Mrs. Dale, which was attended by many persons high in the State and Church. His Grace officiated at services held at the Church of St. Margaret, and the Kingston Parish Church, and visited several of the Church Schools. He conducted the opening service of a short Retreat for the Clergy of the Diocese.

From Jamaica His Grace went on to Nassau to conduct a Retreat for the Clergy there. Jamaica looks forward to these periodic visits from the Lord Archbishop now that our Island is no longer the seat of his residence.

FILM SOCIETY OF JAMAICA

A Film Society was launched in Jamaica on the 5th of this month, when a special preview of the

film "Kind Hearts and Coronets" was held at the Carib Theatre at 10.30 o'clock in the morning. Some 500 invitees attended to hear the particulars of the new Society given by its chairman, Mr. Martin Blake, Representative of the British Council in Jamaica.

Already sufficient members have been secured to get the Society off to a satisfactory start, and a special film will be shown once every month to which members and their friends may go. These films are of the type which cannot be brought to the Island as they do not attract the general public in the same way as the average film. They will be films of various countries which have artistic and cultural value in addition to that of pure entertainment. The Society hopes to be able to arrange special film shows of educational value also, which schools and other groups can attend.

Such a Film Society exists in Trinidad, and should prove a benefit to Jamaica in many respects since such films as those referred to, would not come to the Island otherwise. "Kind Hearts and Coronets" has been highly praised by those who attended the preview, and this particular film will be on show to the general public in due course.

BALLET TROUPE

By special arrangement with the Palace Amusement Co. the "Slavenska Ballet Variante" — a Ballet Troupe of twelve outstanding artistes gave a performance at the Carib Theatre on Tuesday night.

Mia Slavenska is a ballerina known in many countries and her solo dances were outstanding. The Ballet Variante was created by her and is comprised of a variety of Russian ballet, classical dances and contemporary works. These dancers set forth on a tour of the Caribbean and Latin

America at the latter part of October, and have been putting on notable performances in each place they have so far visited.

Such a Troupe is a novelty in Jamaica and provides pleasurable recreation and variety for those who are weary of the regular round of entertainment. Slavenska, it seems was a born dancer for the urge to take to this enchanting profession came to her at an early age, and by the time she was 14 she was in Paris learning all the intricacies of this entertaining art from which display we in Jamaica have now benefited.

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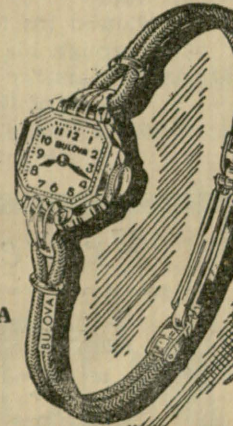
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### Funds for Colonial Development

The news which came through earlier in the month that the House of Commons has approved, in principle, without division, an extra £20,000,000 to be spent in the Colonies from now till March, 1956, has been welcome news. This brings the total sum given for Colonial Development to the amount of some £140,000,000, and was described as "an act of faith in the Empire" by the Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, Mr. Dugdale. The expenditure in any one year has been raised from £20,000,000 to £25,000,000, and from the report on Colonial Research published on November 2, it was revealed that more than £1,800,000 of this amount had been allocated for Colonial Research in the 1949-1950 period.

In conjunction with the announcement of the additional allocation for Colonial Development, has come that of the appointment of Lord Reith to succeed Lord Trefgarne as chairman of the Colonial Development Corporation, the Body set up in 1947 to develop production and trade in British Colonies. Lord Reith's appointment has also been well received, for it is known that his administrative ability is well suited to this responsible post. A former Director General of the BBC, Lord Reith has now relinquished other chairmanships in order to give his full time and ability to this one. His experience in fields of engineering, transport and Commonwealth matters in general has been great and varied.

It has been a matter for concern in Jamaica that this Colony has, until now, been accorded little consideration and assistance by CDC. Those of us who are in a position to understand the requirements most needful to the economic progress

of our Island, realise that we have been handicapped by CDC's lack of faith in us. Our political unrest might have been held to account, in part, for this lack of faith, but a more progressive and stable economic existence would, quite possibly, be one of the best means for subsiding this political unrest. A people struggling for sustenance are an easy prey to guile.

The Colonies are, in many areas, still virgin lands in respect to research, hence the eagerness to promote this aspect of development as far and as fast as possible. The need for research and experiments in all fields are urgent in the face of a third world war. So, too, are the general living conditions and economic progress of the Colonies which limb the Mother Country.

The possibilities of innumerable minor industries being set up from by-products of staple ones, such as paper-making from bagasse, and of others from as yet untapped native assets are now coming to the fore. The announcement that Jamaica will receive an additional £5,000,000 from the new allocation for Colonial Development has given rise to fresh hope, and the feeling that a definite need exists for the set up of an Industrial Development Corporation to deal with the use of these funds.

### CHINESE FESTIVALS

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ACCORDING to the Chinese tradition, the fifth moon is regarded as the most poisonous month of the year when the Five Venomous Animals appear: the Snake, the Scorpion, the Lizard, the Toad and the Centipede. Because of all the evil influences being rampant during the month the Chinese people have invented a long list of charms and talismans to combat them. On the Tuan Wu day, special care is taken to keep off devils and all malevolent creatures, visible or invisible. In addition to hanging out pieces of green, called the calamus, cut in the shape of two-edge swords, and antemisia on their gate-posts, the old folks will insist that every one in the household drink a concoction of sulphur and cinnabar dissolved in wine, as a further guarantee against the undesirable. Mothers never forget to write, by using the wet dissolved sulphur as ink, the character Wang, meaning king, on her baby's face, as this ideograph resembles the wrinkle on the forehead of a tiger, the terror of all spirits. Five-coloured threads are tied to the wrists of youngsters to insure them long life and happiness.

The third "Big Festival" Chung Yuan, falls in the middle of the seventh month or the "Moon of Hungry Ghosts." Being the sec-

ond Ying Chieh of the year, this All Souls' Day is also dedicated to the dead, but it is essentially different from the Ch'ing Ming in the fact that the beneficiaries this time are the unhappy spirits who no longer have human descendants to offer them timely sacrifices. It is thought that these hungry ghosts should not be long neglected otherwise they are likely to meddle maliciously with human affairs. With the introduction of Buddhism into China, the festival, which is traceable to remote antiquity, has become identified with the Buddhist ceremony of the Yu Lan P'en Hui commemorating the month during which the souls are released from hell and permitted to wander about to enjoy the wordly hospitality. At the Yu Lan P'en Hui, Buddhist priests hold masses everywhere for lonely souls, or such spirits as have suffered injustice or met violent death in their lifetime. Priests assemble in vestments of great pomp and ceremony, the chief officiant sitting high above the altar—on which are spread festive meats, fruits and other delicacies—chanting the Buddhist hymn to the accompaniment of bells and a wooden drum shaped like the head of a fish. Each gesture of the hands and fingers of the chief monk carries a meaning and is popularly believed as performing part of the benediction upon the destitute ghosts.

As the service is drawing to a close, preparation is well under way for the start of a grotesque pageantry through the street. The procession is led by the giant figure of Kwei Wan, or King of the Devils, with the paper effigies of different ghosts, impersonating the drowned, the hanged and the poisoned, etc., closely following. Taking part also are the paper imitations of houses, cars, furniture and money. Lastly come the priests continuously chanting the invocation "O mi to Fo"—"Buddha Amida."

The ceremony ends at an open space and always with a bonfire. Everything including the half consumed incense-sticks must burn so that the ghost may be able to take them away to the other world.

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## WILL CHINA STAY RED?

By N. Wing Mah

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THE recent civil war in China has resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Chinese Communists. In the popular belief, Nationalist China has become Red China. Such a conclusion, however, is insupportable. If it is valid at all it could only be in the sense that China has passed from the control of the Chinese Nationalist Party to that of the Chinese Communist Party. By no means does it signify that China has changed from a country of Nationalists to a country of Communists.

The Chinese Communists claim a party membership of over 4,000,000. They may have the support of double that number of pro-Communists or fellow-travelers. But one should be reminded of the fact that China has in round numbers a population of some 450,000,000, who know nothing of Communism of any variety.

Militarily, the Communists are masters today. But politically there are strong doubts of their position in the country, despite the fact that they are enforcing their will upon it.

Not only is China an old nation, she is also a civilization, unique and highly developed, comparable to any existing in the world in reasonableness, soundness, and quality. So the Chinese people have shown the greatest tenacity in retaining and defending it. Periodic adjustments, to be sure, have been made when necessary, but at no time had there been radical departures that have wrought essential changes in it.

What are the prospects of China being reshaped into a new pattern of life in the hands of Chinese Reds?

It is possible, of course, that the Chinese Reds may succeed in making a beginning of it, especially in view of the fact that the Chinese people have become so war-wracked and so badly demoralized as a result of the eight years' war with Japan and the major civil war just ended. They want nothing better than a long period of domestic peace, so much so that they would passively submit to whatever their new rulers may foist upon them. Moreover, they have had dinned into their ears Communist propaganda offering them the promise land.

THE Chinese Reds have presently no large-scale civil war

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on their hands nor active threats of external dangers to hamstring their action. They are trying to force changes in the political, social, economic, and cultural structure of China using their dictatorial powers and fraudulent propaganda effectively, though not without opposition.

Some of their plans are already being importantly modified and some they have had to give up entirely. In the most important field of their operations—China's agrarian economy—because of the impracticability of their measures, they have had to go back on their word in many directions.

In any event, how far they can go and how long they can do what they are now doing, is a question that has no satisfactory answer at this time. There is, however, an aspect of Communist-dominated China which we cannot afford to overlook. It is the relations of Red China with Soviet Russia—the relations between an imperialist Soviet Russia and a Soviet satellite.

There is much historical evidence that Soviet Russia had aided and abetted the rise and success of the Chinese Communists. It was Soviet agents who mid-wifed the birth of the Chinese Communist Party in 1921 and affiliated it with the Third International. And it was from Moscow, the conspiratorial centre of the world Communist revolution, that the growth of the Chinese Communist Party was guided and nurtured.

It is true that for a considerable period from 1927 to the recent past, following the abortive Communist coup to capture the Chinese Nationalist Party, open and direct contact with Moscow

was disrupted and only slowly resumed. Nevertheless, political, ideological, and sentimental reasons had led to the development of a strong and binding attachment between the Chinese Communist Party and Moscow.

AT no time did the Chinese Communists deviate from the source from which they received encouragement inspiration, guidance and help during the years since 1921, no matter what the circumstances under which they were labouring, because they had accepted their part in the World Revolution.

So it should not have been surprising what happened when Russia returned actively to the Far East as a result of the Pacific phase of World War II. The Soviets, following their easy capture of Manchuria from the Japanese Kwantung Army in August, 1945, invited Chinese Communist forces waiting on the North China-Manchuria border by pre-arrangement to enter Manchuria; armed them with surrendered Japanese weapons; and stationed them in strategic areas where eventual control of that vital area would pass to them as Soviet occupation troops retired to Eastern Siberia.

At the same time, the Soviets placed every obstacle in the path of Chinese Nationalist forces seeking to assume charge of the region rightfully coming under the authority of the National Government in Nanking. The Chinese Communists in the end took full possession of Manchuria as planned and made it their great operating base in a quick-sweeping victory over the rest of the country.

Now that the Communists have saddled themselves on China and established their seat of power in Peking, the Soviets have not left them unaided for reasons all too plain to those who want to see.

They are sending in the kind of help that would do the most "good". Corps after corps of advisers and technicians are pouring in to direct and assist the stabilization of the Central People's Government, as well as to change the political economy of the country. For this the Chinese Communists are profusely grateful.

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# IT WAS A LOVELY EVENING

by Alan Neale

It was a lovely evening. Warm, balmy, idyllic. A peak period of early summer. The sun, still high, blazed down on the garden of "Iona", Belmont Grove, on its trim lawn and its herbaceous borders now coming to full bloom. The exotic scent of stocks was wafted on a zephyr breeze through the open french window and into the dining room where Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ventnor were having their evening meal.

Bill Ventnor sniffed. But it wasn't a sniff to ensure his full quota of the garden's perfume. It was a sniff of disdain and his action of pushing aside a half-empty plate suggested it was concerned more with culinary than with horticultural affairs.

"Now what?" There was a hint of irritation in Marion Ventnor's normally pleasant voice. Her blue eyes challenged her husband across the dining table. Nothing she had said or done since Bill arrived home for the city half-an-hour ago had seemed to merit husbandly approval. He was in one of his occasional moods. He would be, she reflected bitterly, just when she had been looking forward to making the most of a lovely evening.

"Toast burnt," he growled. "And these pilchards! Must have given themselves up."

"Burnt?" Her eyes had now fallen to his plate, holding an inquest on the remnants. Icily she issued her verdict. "It's brown. You always say you like it brown. And I didn't catch the pilchards. Did you expect pork chops?"

"When a chap's put in a wearing day in town slaving to make ends meet he expects something better than—"

"A wearing day in town? And what, may I ask, d'you think I've been doing?" She paused to choke back a more furious rejoinder. "Queuing. Queuing for pies. Queuing for cakes. Queuing for—Hardly a sit down all day and just because you come like a bear with a sore head—"

"A bear with a sore head am I?" His thump on the table made the crockery jump. "I'm telling you that a chap expects something better than this for an evening meal when—"

"And I'm telling you that a wife expects a little more consideration after queuing for hours and hours."

"Well, if that's how you feel." "That's how I do feel." And she emphasised her feelings by rising, picking up the offending plate and sweeping through to the kitchenette.

He adjourned to his easy chair to brood on the injustices of married life. The scent of stocks filled the little dining room but he could smell only burnt toast and pilchards. Birds were twittering on the elm at the bottom of the garden but they struck a discordant note.

"A lovely evening." He recognised the voice of their neighbour Mrs. Summerson calling over the garden fence. His wife replied, presumably from the open door of the kitchenette. "Lovely!"

"A lovely evening, my foot," he muttered to himself.

But already, although he would not admit himself to have been entirely in the wrong, he was regretting he had been so hasty in condemning the meal. Yet, hang it, he had had a wearing day at the office. Those pilchards had proved the final straw.

Marion came back carrying a tray. She deposited it on the occasional table by the side of his chair.

"I trust the coffee isn't burnt." She did not even glance at him. "I don't suppose you'll like the biscuits but of course I only queued ten minutes for them."

His mouth had opened to formulate a retort but she had swept from the room. She was back in the kitchenette. He could hear the splashing of water and the tinkle of crockery. Moodily, he chewed a biscuit and sipped his coffee. He had felt half-inclined to apologise. But not now. Not after that crack about the coffee and biscuits. It was up to her now. Maybe when she had finished washing up she would return and make peaceful overtures.

But Marion did not return. He heard her in the garden, her voice raised in animated conversation with Mrs. Summerson. Moreover, she sounded as if she hadn't a care in the world. Bill Ventnor sat sipping and sipping and seething. It wouldn't have been so bad had she sounded broken-hearted. But no. She was actually laughing gaily at some remark of Mrs. Summerson.

He was doubly annoyed now because it had been his intention to do a spot of gardening with Marion this evening. The herbaceous border needed weeding. The hedge was crying out to be clipped. But he could not venture out now. Not while Mrs. Summerson was there at the other side of the fence chattering her head off.

If he joined them now their neighbour would see there was something wrong because he was hanged to his usual manner. Nor could he be at all sure of Marion's attitude if he did.

So Bill Ventnor remained slumped in his easy chair while Marion, rake in hand, continued to hold gay conversation with Mrs. Summerson. He picked up the evening paper but his eyes refused to concentrate on the record of the day's events. His ears were concentrating on the sound of his wife's voice that seemed to float mockingly through the

french window. A sense of mockery that was heightened by the sunshine, casting mottled patterns through the fairylike foliage of the elm, the singing of the birds, the sound of a lawn mower whirring further along the grove.

He rose and stalked restlessly upstairs to the back bedroom. The window afforded a bird's eye view of the garden, of Marion in her flowered frock, gracefully wielding the rake, of Mrs. Summerson busily weeding at the other side of the fence. But if the window afforded a perfect view of the garden, the garden was a splendid vantage point from which to look into the back bedroom. Marion suddenly looked up and saw her husband looking down.

He drew back with a scowl. Confound it! She would think he was showing interest in her doings.

He mooched downstairs to the lounge where he could see nothing but the houses opposite, where nobody could see him. Why the deuce didn't Marion come into the house? Sheer obstinacy. Standing there yapping her head off to Mrs. Summerson. Defying him. Laughing at him. When she should have been making peaceful overtures.

HERE he was, virtually a prisoner in his own house, on the finest evening they'd had this year. Grating this teeth, he sought solace in the bookcase. Then the book was on his knees. Should he pop out to the local? Let Marion see that two could play at her game. It would shake her if she came in and found the house deserted. But would it? would anything shake her? She showed no sign of coming indoors.

Mechanically his feet had taken him back to the dining room. Marion, he observed surreptitiously, had suspended operations with the rake. She was now in the throes of a three-cornered conversation. Mr. Summerson had joined the ladies. On any normal evening he would have been there to make it a foursome. He stumped into the lounge.

Then as he slumped once again into a chair, a low menacing rumble reverberated through the

house. Bill Ventnor sat upright—as at the dawn of hope! A second threatening boom was followed by a crack loud as an artillery barrage. He jumped to his feet as a blinding flash lit the room. The sky had suddenly darkened.

He reached the dining room in time to hear the rush of Marion's feet on the garden path. She flung herself through the french window as another terrific roll of thunder seemed to reel the foundations.

"Oh, Bill! Bill! She threw herself at him, buried her head in his shoulder, toast, pilchards, coffee and biscuits forgotten. This was nature in the raw. "Thu—thunder . . ."

He held her soothingly, protectingly, grinning triumphantly into the mop of chestnut curls. "Nothing to be scared about, darling. I'll shut the french

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## Jamaican Proverbs

### Their Meaning and Significance

The proverbs in this instalment deal with Conduct and Behaviour as they affect children especially. The duty of children to parents is dealt with, and the reaction of parents towards their children. Industry and good manners are touched upon. All the teachings foreshadowed are based on sound morality and divine wisdom.

**Fowl 'cratch yassa, him 'cratch desso, till him fin' wha' him waan.**

'Cratch means scratch; yassa means here, in this place; desso means there, in that place; fin' wha' him waan means finds what he wants.

A fowl scratches here and there until it finds the worm, or slug, or insect it wants for itself or its progeny; and the bigger the size of the insect the more vigorous and determined is the scratch. The meaning of the proverb is, to earn an honest living a person must push hard and continuously.

**Massa God noh hab noh bookkeeper o' him own, yoh know.**

God the Father Almighty has no one to keep his books for him. He keeps his own accounts of the happenings of nations as well as individuals. He makes no mistakes either; and he judges all their actions meanwhile.

Compare the following proverbs, dealt with previously, as a means of demonstrating the attributes of God Almighty:—

1. **Godamighty nebbe shut Him yeye.** God Almighty never shuts His eyes.

2. **Godamighty noh lub hugly.** God Almighty does not love anything ugly.

3. **Godamighty only mek yuh see 'tar, noh matter wh' way wind blow.**

God Almighty only makes you see the stars, no matter which way the wind blows.

A most applicable quotation comes from the Hebrew Proverb as set out in the book so named at Chapter XV, verse 2, thus:—"The eyes of the Lord are in every place

beholding the evil and the good.

**Brown skin and long hair no means good character.**

It is not the colour of the skin nor the quality of the hair that are always signs of a good character in a woman.

The Hebrew Proverbs have many examples to prove this; for example.

1. "A gracious woman retaineth honour." Prov. xi. 16: gracious means divine influence.

2. "As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman with discretion." Prov. xxi. 17. Compare also with the following Negro Proverb dealt with before:—

**Beauty widouten grace like rose widouten smell.**

**Betta fe wear dutty clothes dan to have dutty character.**

It is better to wear dirty clothing than to bear a dirty character. It is not so much the raiment as the character which counts; for character withstands all time and all weathers.

Compare this proverb with the following dealt with before:—

**Handsome-face gal hab bad character.**

Compare also with the Brown skin proverb, and with the remarks /and comments connected to it.

**Two bad duppy nebbber walk, but one good one, and one bad one.**

The word duppy is used locally as the name for a spirit, or ghost in the Bube language of Fernando Poo; or in the Ashanti dialect of W. Africa. The proverb gives mystic powers to duppies; because the legend says the bad duppy wants to kill his victim, but is prevented from doing so through the intervention of the good spirit.

Compare with the following dealt with on a former occasion, thus:—

**Duppy know who fe frighten.**

PLUTO

## BODY BEAUTIFUL WINNERS



The four winners of the Body Beautiful Contest at the Chinese Public School Garden Party are (from left to right) George Chang, 2nd place; Horace Lyn, 1st place; Wilbert Chang, 3rd place; and Harold Wong (kneeling) fourth place.

window. Draw the curtains. Keep the lightning out."

He eased her for a moment off his shoulder and experienced renewed triumph as she still clung to him. Then, nestling her in his arms on the settee, he sat, making soothing noises to offset the cracks and booms of nature unleashed.

Soon only an occasional distant growl penetrated the dining room. Then the thunder was heard no more. Marion raised her head and looked at him, the fear gone from her eyes.

"Oh, Bill," she whispered, "all day I'd been looking forward to a lovely evening and — and now it's turned out lovely after all."

"Lovely sweetheart," he agreed, oblivious of the rain which was thrashing against the french window as if England had imported a monsoon.

THE END.

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And leave the rolling universe behind:  
From star to star the mental optics rove,  
Measure the skies, and range the realms above.  
There in one view we grasp the mighty whole  
Or with new worlds amaze th' unbounded soul."

Phyllis Wheatley:  
"On Imagination."

ENGLAND

"And now, unweild, the Tollet stands display'd,  
Each silver Vase in mystic order laid.  
This casket India's glowing gems unlocks,  
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And calls forth all the wonders of her face."

Alexander Pope:  
"The Lady's Dressing Table."

JAMAICA

"... How I yearn to draw you down  
From your distant blue-set throne,  
Pearl-white doves;  
Draw you to my throbbing side,  
As the bridegroom draws the bride  
That he loves;  
Draw you down, and — soft indeed—  
Hold, caress, and kiss each seed  
From the skies;  
For I love you rain-seeds sweet,  
Pictures beautiful to greet  
Lovers' eyes."

Astley Clerk:  
"Rain-seeds."

CHINA

"I want to be your friend  
For ever and ever without break or decay.  
When the hills are all flat  
And the rivers are all dry,  
When it lightens and thunders in winter,  
When it rains and snows in summer,  
When Heaven and Earth mingle—  
Not till then will I part from you."

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RUSSIA

"With every autumn that comes  
I bloom again;  
It is good for my health, it is good,  
this Russian cold;  
I fall afresh in love with the habit of being;  
Sleep flies early, and hunger is in its place,  
The blood romps joyfully through my heart,  
Desire seethes up—I laugh again,  
I am young,  
I am living life — such is my organism  
(If you will excuse me, please, the prosaism)."

Alexander Pushkin:  
"Autumn."

AUSTRALIA

"Glassed with cold sleep and dazzled by the moon,  
out of the confused hammering dark of the train  
I looked and saw under the moon's cold sheet  
your delicate dry breasts, country that built my heart,  
and the small trees on their uncoloured slope  
like poetry moved, articulate and sharp  
and purposeful under the great dry flight of air,  
under the crosswise currents of wind and star."

Judith Wright:  
"Train Journey."

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By Old Joe

PERSONS

**John Leopold King, J P, Barrister-at-law.** Prominent among his virtues the outstanding feature of J. L. King's life was the fact that he was an Educator. It is true that he was a man of Law. He even sat on the bench as a Judge. Although he eschewed politics, and was forced into accepting a seat on the Kingston City Council, yet all throughout his life his aim was to educate, and after his death on 6th. April, 1942, it was proven that he was also a philanthropist. Among his bequests was money in trust for the poor of East Queen Street Baptist Church in Kingston; money to enable poor boys of Calabar elementary school to get Secondary School Training at Calabar High School for Boys; money to enable poor students to go to the Mico Training College for Teachers. His estate was worth about £10,000, which he had amassed by care and caution. He started life as an elementary school teacher.

King's boyhood days were spent in the parish of St. Mary where he was born at Gayle, of poor parents, on March 8th, 1870. He went to the village school, and after passing all his Pupil Teachers' Examinations, he entered the Mico College as an Exhibitioner in 1887. During his three years' residence, from 1887 to 1889, he was Dux of his batch. He also learned to "Do it with Might;" and throughout his life of 71 years, he lived up to the principles of this motto which is engraved on the Buxton Tower at the College.

After his college course he went to Jamaica High School at Hope on a three-year Scholarship, at the end of which he qualified for the Bachelor of Arts degree. King did very little teaching in an elementary school, and in 1896 joined the Mico College staff as a tutor. He did not continue long

in this position, however, but took a holiday trip to England, and returned to the island as a Bachelor of Laws. Thereafter he practised his legal profession as a chamber lawyer. While sitting on the bench as a Judge, he revolved against a system which made him a party to increasing the criminal population of the island, by sending a boy to prison for stealing a bunch of green bananas from a property, to satisfy his hunger. After this John Leopold King, B.A., LL.B., stuck to his Chamber work. He was a Justice of the Peace for the parish of Kingston. His was an exemplary life, and the philanthropic acts which his will set forth placed him in a class with John Wolmer, Robert Munro and his nephew Caleb Dickenson, Thomas Manning of Westmoreland, Martin Rusea, the French refugee, Peter Beckford and Francis Smith of St. Catherine, Thomas Ludford of St. Dorothy's and Charles Merrick of St. George's.

The late Barrister did not mix much with men. While in the Kingston City Council he abhorred the political atmosphere, as he loathed all "Knavish tricks," which are regarded in some quarters as constituting the making of a successful politician. He was never married, neither did he take any interest in sports. He was a member of the Mico Old Students' Association which was organized in 1921, and a recipient of a Meritorious Service Medal, instituted in 1924.

Mr. King was kindly disposed to all who were in need of assistance, or advice in legal matters; and in many instances he used to prepare documents for people free of charge, or at greatly reduced prices. Mr. King was very generous to his relatives. To those who were residing in the country he used to make monetary contributions regularly. Others he helped to educate, and afterwards he assisted in placing them in positions whereby they were able to earn their livelihood.

PLACES

RIO COBRE IRRIGATION CANAL

The project of irrigating the plains of St. Catherine was introduced in 1870 by Sir John Peter Grant, then Governor of Jamaica; the works were commenced towards the end of 1872, and they came into operation in June, 1876. The water re-

quired for this scheme is taken from the Rio Cobre, at a point where it emerges from the hills near Angels, on the main road between Spanish Town and Bog Walk, 4½ miles from the former.

The head works, which are the most important part of the whole project, are situated at this place. They consist of a weir for raising the level of the river and sluices for admitting water into the canal. The crest of the weir is 30 feet above the bed of the river, and it has a clear overfall of 287 feet. The water for the canal is drawn off through eight sluices, and at the entrance to the canal there are two under-sluices. The total length of the canal when constructed was 30½ miles, sub-

ject to extension and farther construction whenever it was required for the further development of the scheme. The cost of acquiring the lands and executing the work was £120,000. The area under irrigation was about 2,000 acres, which was laid out in sugar cane, bananas and guinea grass.

OCHO RIOS

This St. Ann town meaning "eight rivers", was formerly called, (and more appropriately so), Chorreras, which means "The bay of waterfalls." It is located about seven miles east of St. Ann's Bay, and is rapidly gaining in importance as a seaside resort. The harbour, which is of easy approach, affords good shelter for

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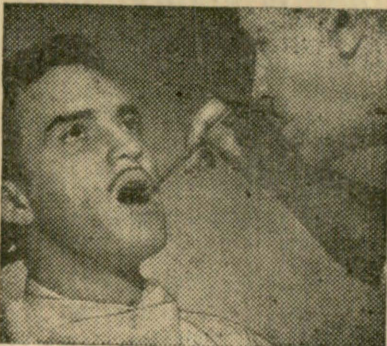
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# TALKING IT OVER

By ELIZABETH MARTIN

Dear Miss Martin,

Seeing that you gave some advice on dandruff in the last issue, I hope you'll be able to help me.

I have had several home permanents and about three weeks ago I put in another one. Since then my hair has been falling excessively, especially after washing or combing it. Could you tell me what you think is the cause and how to treat it.

Your advice will be much appreciated as I'm really worried.

E. T

Dear E. T.

The falling of your hair may be due to one of several causes. First, bad health, in which case the best thing to do is to check with your doctor.

Second, you may not have followed your home permanent directions carefully. If this is so then the best thing to do is to get a good hair tonic according to whether your hair is oily or dry. Any reputable druggist will help you with your choice.

Third, it is possible that you have been using too harsh a shampoo or soap for washing your



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hair. Once you are sure that your health is O. K. and you have chosen a suitable hair tonic, massage scalp with it regularly each day, and brush well with long, sweeping strokes. Use a firm brush but one that is not too stiff, and be sure that your shampoo is mild.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

About a year ago I broke off my engagement because I was in love with another girl, but we have fallen out, and I now know that she would never have been right for me. I want to go back to my ex-fiancee, but she says there is someone else. I am sure I could persuade her that she really loves me still and make her stop seeing the other fellow. Can you suggest a way for me to start our friendship again?

K. H.

Dear K. H.

Wake up and be a man! If you have no respect for yourself, then do try to have a little for her. My advice to you is to leave her alone.

Surely, if she had been waiting for you all these months, as you very conceitedly seem to think, she would have rushed into your arms long ago. I guess it has come to you as a painful surprise that other men have found her attractive and also that she, in turn, has been attracted by someone else besides you.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

I am interested in philately and have been told that there is an interesting broadcast that comes over one of the foreign radio stations during the week, but so far I have been unsuccessful in picking it up. Can you tell me which station it is?

Philatelist.

Dear Philatelist,

There is a very interesting programme that comes over the air on Thursday evenings at 8.30 from the Voice of America on 17.78 M and 9.67 M.

E. M.

## HEALTH FOR ALL

### HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

To the fast pace at which many Americans speed through life can be attributed their tendency to high blood pressure. Trying to crowd numerous activities in one day, straining their physical strength to the limit,

carrying their business to bed with them where they continue to worry over the problems of the day instead of resting, men and women in this age of rush run their blood pressure up—and then add it to their list of worries.

High blood pressure indicates that the heart and arteries are under abnormal tension. It is not a disease in itself but should be taken as a warning and its cause investigated. The danger of high blood pressure is that the heart will be injured if the cause of the rise in blood pressure is not discovered in time and any possible steps taken to correct the condition.

There are various things which may be the cause of high blood pressure. Therefore, there is no one remedy which can be prescribed for the condition. The only safe thing to do is to consult a doctor and follow his advice.

Everyone who has had a physical examination is familiar with the apparatus which the physician brings out to take the blood pressure—with the band he wraps firmly around the arm and

the gauge he uses to measure tension produced by the blood current on the walls of the blood vessels. Taking the blood pressure is part of any complete physical examination.

If the blood pressure is normal, it is a healthy sign. If it is low, it indicates low vitality but not necessarily that anything is seriously wrong. It has been said that no one ever died from low

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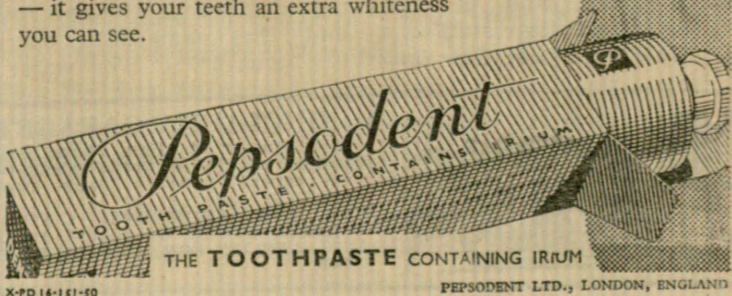
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## IN PARENTHESIS

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Wife at North Kent court:— "My husband cut himself so severely in forcing open the children's money-box that he had to spend the contents on lint and bandages."

The beggar stood at the street corner and asked a passing gentleman for money.

"Not now," said the gentleman. "But I'll give you something on my way back."

"Nope, that won't do," replied the beggar. "Why, you'd be surprised how much money I've lost, giving credit that way."

An American boxer is studying to become a doctor. It won't surprise us to learn that he has achieved fame as an anaesthetist.

Aly Khan has given his race mare his wife's name. Lesser men put all their wealth in the wife's name.

The reporters and the newsreel men were interviewing the hale and hearty centenarian.

"I attribute my vigor," said he, "to living a hygienic life. I use no meat, tobacco, or liquor; and I have been in bed at nine every evening of my life."

"Remarkable," said a newsman, "but what's that clatter in the next room?"

"I'm afraid," said the old man, "that's my father coming home. He's been out dissipating all night."

An anxious mother says her baby wriggles out of everything. "What shall I do with him?" she asks. Make him a politician.

"Did you visit the art galleries when you were in Dresden?"  
"We had no need. Our daughter paints."

Moliere was once asked why it was that in some countries a king was judged to be fit to govern when he was 14, but was not allowed to marry until he was 18. "Because," replied Moliere, "it is more difficult to look after a wife than a kingdom."

The art of life is to be well known at a good restaurant that you can pay with a cheque.

Mr. Malik addresses the Council as "Gentlemen, aggressors and warmongers." We could never be so rude: we'd say "Gentlemen and Mr. Malik."

A man went up to the bar and ordered a glass of whisky and water. After tasting it, he asked the barman: "Which did you put in first, the whisky or the water?"

"The whisky, of course, Sir," replied the barman, slightly affronted.

"Ah, well," said the man, as he picked up his glass again, "perhaps I'll come to it by and by."

According to a doctor, a certain degree of illness is necessary to life. A little nostrum now and then.

"Has anyone commented on the way you drive?"

"Yes, one fellow made a brief remark, 'Five pounds and costs.'"

Young Boy — "May I have some bread and jam, Mommie?"

Harried Mother — "Here they are, son. I'm busy right now. You'll have to spread the jam on your face yourself."

"Thanks very much for the beautiful necktie," said Junior, kissing Grandma dutifully on the cheek.

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PERSONALIA

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weeks ago, left for home on November 6. While in Jamaica he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lal Fook who gave a party in his honour on the eve of his departure.

The Chinese Christians' Guild will have a Games evening next Wednesday, November 22, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Cecil Lal Fook of the firm of Messrs. L. J. Williams Marketing Company, left for Trinidad on November 13, on a business trip. He expects to be away for about six weeks.

Mr. George Chin Loy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chin Loy, returned from the States last month. George spent the past year studying refrigeration and neon lighting.

Mr. Willie Chin See of the firm of Messrs. J. H. G. Mapp (Successors) returned to the island recently after spending a three weeks holiday in Belize. B. H.

The C.A.C. football team won and lost one match during the past fortnight. They lost to Y M C A by 2-1 and defeated Kensington by 4-1.

They will play Wembley next Thursday, November 23, Railway on Monday the 27th and Kingston on the 30th.

In the Ashenheim Cup Bridge Tournament the C.A.C. suffered three defeats and won one during the past fortnight. They lost to Brenton 1130, Melbourne 340 and

Kingston 310 and defeated St. Andrew 3350.

In the Lyons Shield Bridge Tournament the C.A.C. lost to Melbourne 2400 and defeated Kingston 700.

Mr. Horace Chang was chairman at a Presentation Match function held last Sunday at Nelson Oval after Lucas Cricket Club the winners of the Cricket Knockout Competition played The Rest. The presentation was made by Mr. N. N. Nethersole, M H R Donor of the Community Store Cup was Mr. Horace Chang.

An additional list of attractions at the Grand Carnival at the Chinese Athletic Club on Sunday, November 19, will be a Baby Show sponsored by the Jamaica Milk Products Co. Ltd., a Fireworks Display, the Alpha Band, and a football game with the C.S. & A C- from Montego Bay. The Baby Show will be in two age groups—from 6 months to a year and from one year to two years.

The first and second prize for the Carnival Queen will be a week-end at Tower Isle Hotel. After the Carnival a dance will be held. Mapletoft Poulle's orchestra will be in attendance and admittance will be 5/- per person.

PORT ANTONIO

The Chinese Sports Club held a general meeting on Sunday, November 5 to elect officers to fill positions vacated in the Executive Committee. The following officers were elected: Mr. Kenneth Chong Seong, Treasurer, Mr. Ivan Leesang,



Mr and Mrs. Leslie Lyn Ah Woo smile happily at the camera after their wedding last Sunday.

—Photo by Wally Allen.

Junior members' captain; Miss Monica Chen, Ass't Secretary; Miss Lurline Chin, Ass't officer for Social Affairs.

There was a young lady of Thailand, Who purchased some fancies to Thailand,

But she said in disgust, Unlike my own bust, It takes hours to wash 'em and Drailand.

Beware of him that is slow to anger; anger, when it is long in coming, is the stronger when it comes, and the longer kept. —Francis Quarles.

be consulted and his advice followed.

Searching for health will be discussed in the next article.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Pagoda Magazine, Sir,

Via devious channels, we have just received a copy of your very interesting magazine... the issue of September 9, 1950. Our attention was particularly drawn to a paragraph on Page 9... the article on "Human Health — A New Approach" by Maurice Goldsmith. While the whole article on ACTH-Cortisone is authoritative and accurate, we were surprised to see that it included one statement which is also correct but gives information which very few people realize to be a fact: that acetylsalicylic acid (Aspirin) stimulates the adrenal cortex to cause the additional secretion and release of ACTH-Cortisone.

There is just one point we wish to raise: Mr. Goldsmith says, in discussing salicylates, "however, none of these is really safe because they may decrease the white blood-cells or damage the liver." There is one exception to this statement, for succinate-salicylate tablets in the form of Dolcin... which has been patented in the United States, Canada and many other countries... enable salicylates to be administered in massive dosage for protracted periods without any trace whatsoever of hypoprothrombinemia (decreasing the white blood-cells) or toxicity of any kind (among which may be damage to the liver).

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The C.P.S. Old Students' Association function last Sunday was climaxed with the crowning of Miss Verna Lee as "Queen of the Carnival."

HEALTH FOR ALL

(Continued from page 14) blood pressure, but that the person with low blood pressure misses a lot of fun in life. He has little energy and pep and tires easily. The physician may suggest exercise to improve the circulation of the blood.

High blood pressure may in-

dicare any one of a number of things. It may be caused by a disease of the kidney. Very often high blood pressure is due solely to the high-tension life which many modern Americans live. The strain and excitement of their lives place an extra strain on the heart, causing the blood pressure to rise. When the blood pressure is high, a doctor should

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# MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Is it natural for a child to "have the gimme's"?

**Answer:** It is natural for a child to want whatever he believes will give him pleasure, and also to think that his parents, who appear to him all-powerful, can gratify all his wants if they wish to. Parents who let themselves be coaxed into giving children more than they can afford keep this illusion alive, and will suffer for it later. The way to teach a child to face the reality of your financial limitations is to give him an allowance, covering more and more of his needs as he grows older, and to make him keep within it.



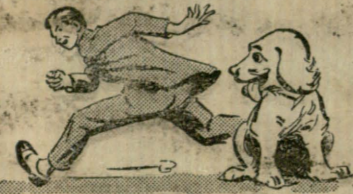
Are intelligence tests "foolproof"?

**Answer:** By no means, says Dr. Morris Krugman, psychologist and Assistant Superintendent of New York City schools. "The I. Q. is a single instrument and is only one of many factors used by

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## By LAWRENCE GOULD Consulting Psychologist

psychologists to judge a person." It would be better to stop talking about "I. Q.'s" altogether than to allow parents to regard them as a foolproof way of measuring a child's intelligence and potentialities for growth. The results of such tests depend too much on the state of a child's emotions and his attitude toward the examiner to be regarded as "final."



Are phobias caused by frights in childhood?

**Answer:** Not mainly, at any rate. A child who supposedly develops a neurotic fear of dogs from being bitten by one is more likely to be using the experience as an outlet for another fear which is too painful to acknowledge—for example, fear of his father. Many of the shocks on which people think their phobias are based prove under analysis to be imaginary or exaggerated. A child—or an adult—with a phobia is suffering from the effects of a chronic situation like living in fear of being punished, not from any one "fright."

Russia, the dangers of the cold war have multiplied manifold. The Korean situation in all its aspects should be a pointed lesson to us. What if Soviet Russia should direct a similar attack against the U.S. through China? This is a question tougher than anything we have had to answer in all our history.

The answer must be to win back China somehow. It can be done, and "where there is a will there is a way." We should take a leaf from the Russians and do what they have done by developing our own fifth-columns to win and mobilize the millions of Chinese who are opposed to the Chinese Communists.

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## Persons, Places, Things (Continued from page 13)

vessels. It now has an abundant water supply and electric current. On account of the facilities in the way of getting good water at the Sailors Hole, and the obtaining of provisions, Ocho Rios was at one time visited by English warships for the purpose of giving leave to the crew. Near the town is Shaw Park Estate, where there is a beautiful hotel ideally situated in a wonderful tropic garden, with attractive natural water falls, and a swimming pool, the latter patterned from the Bay of Ocho Rios which it overlooks. A river runs through the grounds which lends a most enchanting atmosphere to the hotel precincts.

It was at this spot that Ysassi, last of the Spanish Governors, pitched his tent. He was discovered and pursued by the British troops; but he subsequently escaped to Cuba in a canoe, from a spot about ten miles from Ocho Rios, which has since been known as Runaway Bay. Ocho Rios has an Episcopal Church, also Methodist and Baptist places of worship, and a Post Office and Telegraph station. On the way to Moneague the road from Ocho

Rios runs through the celebrated Fern Gully. The Jamaica Public Service Company has installed a Hydro-Electric plant at Lodge, six miles to the east of Ocho Rios, which augments its electric output in the Corporate Area; and it is expected that in a reasonably short time the entire parish of St. Ann will be supplied with electricity from this plant.

## WILL CHINA STAY RED?

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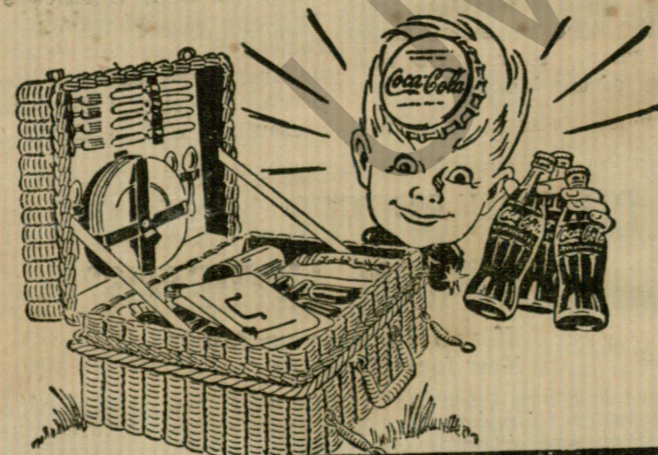
ideology, purporting to succor and "liberate" the common people of the world, Soviet Russia is making alarming progress.

In China she finds a country so large, so populous and so strategic that the addition of which to her expanding imperial orbit is vitally important at the present stage of World Communism. What she is doing for Communist-dominated-China is nothing more or less than what she is doing for herself. The Chinese Communists being her instrument or fifth-column, by establishing the Chinese Communists in power she has all China under her command, irrespective of whether the Chinese people like it or not.

Being Communists, nor agrarian reformers — as we are used to being told — the rulers of China today see in Soviet Russia the pillar of World Communism and they are ready to die for Soviet Russia, not alone to sell their country.

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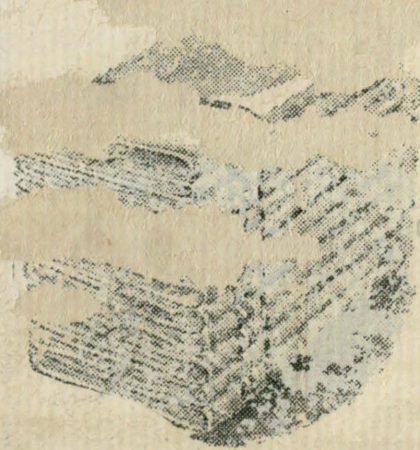
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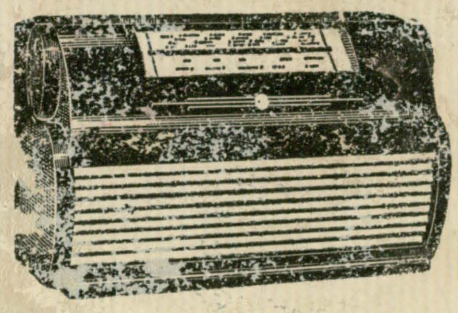
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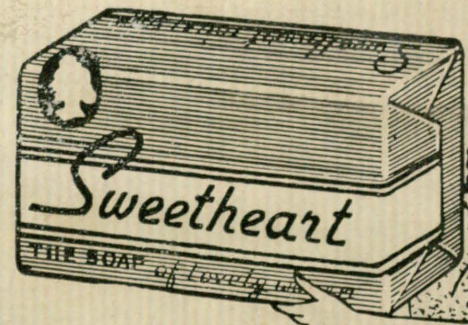
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