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HIGH sense of discipline, maintained and upheld by every member under all circumstances, should be the first article of faith in a well-regulated police force.

Unhappily, in Jamaica, some policemen have set out on the ill-begotten beat of deviating from this long-established line that in the years has placed the Jamaica Constabulary in the forefront as a properly disciplined, well-regulated and efficient body of men.

No doubt the changing times, which some misconceived politician regard as marks of progress, have to a great extent influenced these gullible policemen to flout and disobey orders of their superior officers. To some of them, the word superior is anathema; because it has been instilled in them in certain quarters that in these "progressive" days, any course chartered to preserve obedience should be spurned even among a body of men who are responsible for the preservation of law and order in this country, where today because of rival political factions any minor street incident may well flare up into a major disturbance.

WE, THEREFORE, commend the new Police Commissioner on the stand he has taken to regulate the force by maintaining the highest degree of discipline and support his declaration that while he is in charge, a "sloppy, slack and sloven Force" will not be the case.

If policemen are being treated harshly and unreasonably by superior officers they know the proper channel in which to direct their complaints. If regulations and working conditions are thought to be unbearable they know the right quarters to take their grievances. But they can expect little or no sympathy! from the public when they; seek to flout rules and regulations which they have sworn to observe and obey.

The way of a policeman is hard indeed, and every worthy; citizen should hold a high regard for service that is indispensable to every civilised community. A satisfied and cheerful police force means better service and protection to a community. A few slouchers, drones or malcontents can upset and weaken the framework of a well-established institution.

THE R.M. for Kingston has issued a timely and stern warning to pickpockets. Mr. Duffus made it quite clear last week that in future persons convicted by him for the offence of larceny from the person of a PEOPLE who have been disfemale will be flogged.

The type of criminal who practises picking of pockets is an insidious menace to a community. He is not the ordinary type of rogue. He becomes generally a master of a debased art and because of his cunning and professional skill, he is always a headache to the police.

The skilful pickpocket knows just when to strike and where to ! strike. Nearly every plain clothes policeman or police woman is known to him at a distance. He detects before being. detected. And mind you when he is cornered if he thinks he can get away with it, violence is used to accomplish his despicable design.

A record too will show that women - especially the poor and humble - are the chief victims of these villains, be it old or! young. Scores of poor women! doing a little shopping downtown have been left penniless in ; the street by these ubiquitous TOTUER.

The law prescribes flegging for such recoundrels. Let Mr. Duffus' declaration be an example for other Magistrates to fol-Jow.



"I regret that my reputation is not wider."

## for LIBEL

• Fourth article in the series examining some

great court dramas of

HE LAW may concede a farthing to a blackmailer. It has refused even that contemptuous trifle to a black magi-

No other man in the prime of his life has ever enjoyed, or enjoyed so greatly, the dark, satanic notoriety which attached to the name of Aleister Crowley, mountaineer, poet, sex-maniac, drugfiend, and, above all, magician. He was acclaimed the King of Depravity by the London Press. which also dubbed him the Wickedest Man in the World.

self such as Prince Chio Khan, Baphomet, the Beast 666. He was therefore the last man to be expected to come to court to claim damages for a libel on his good name. But egotism is more blinding than blindness itself, and Crowley's egotism had been maturing steadily since he came down from Cambridge at the turn of the century and devoted his violent,

Other titles he chose for him-

#### in sex, drugs and magic. HIS BOOKS

unstable energies to experiments

OVER more than 30 years he wrote books (printed privately) in which he described the fruits of his researches. He established, in a Sicilian farmhouse known as the Abbey of Thelema, a pagan sexcult which was intended—under his quasi-divine inspiration to rejuvenate the world. Visitors from England went

out to the Abbey of Thelema, and returned with strange tales of the rites performed there. Eventually Crowley was expelled by the Italian Government and found himself once more in London. It was then that his egotism - his need for publicity and his need for 'money to indulge his passions -- could only be satisfied by success in a sensational trial.

He found this passage about himself in a book of reminiscences entitled Laughing Torso: "Crowley had a temple in Cefalu in Sicily. He was supposed to practise Black Magic there, and one day a baby was said to have disappeared mysteriously. There was also a goat there. This all pointed to Black Magic, so people said, and the inhabitants of the village were frightened of him".

### FOUR DAYS

ROWLEY sued Nina Hamneit and Constable and Co., the authoress and publishers of the book, for damages for

cussing the controversy

between the Governor, the

Chief Minister and the Op-

position over the question of

new electoral constituencies

have been putting emphasis

on an aspect of the matter

which should not be consi-

Mr. Bustamante, himself, has

completely missed the point

while the People's National

Party up to and including their

statement published last week

had consistently failed to come

cut as clearly as they should

and place the full facts of the

In two previous columns in

which I have written on the

proposal for new constituencies,

endeavoured to indicate (1)

that new constituencies were

ersential to the proper operation

system, (2) that the disposition

of constituencies was not a mat-

ter for political party bargain-

ing, and (3) that the allocation

of representation to area should

be based upon the principle of

giving each citizen, as nearly as

possible, an equal voice in the

The Chief Minister's refusal

to deal with the matter on this

obviously democratic basis, the

Opposition's failure to stand

firmly on what is obviously the

correct method, and the Opv-

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# THE MAGICIAN Of Chancerv lane

ALEISTER CROWLEY, who called himself The Beast, thrived on notoriety. When he brought an action for libel in 1934, the judge in his summing up said that he had never before heard such 'dreadful, horrible, blasphemous and abominable stuff' as the evidence produced by Crowley.

His action was tried in 1934 and lasted for four days.
All went well to begin with. Crowley entered the witnessbox, and claimed to be the student of a benevolent system of white magic.

"Magic", he told the judge, "is the science and art of causing change to occur in conformation with the will. It is White Magic if the will is righteous and Black Magic if the will is perverse". But this picture of a harmless eccentric was quickly destroyed in cross-examination by Malcolm Hilbery KC (now Mr. Justice Hilbery) on behalf of Constables. Crowley chose to be ludicrously flippant.

"Do you call yourself The Master Therion"? — "Yes." "What does 'Therlon' mean?"-"Great wild beast". "Do these titles convey a fair impression of your practice and outlook on life?"--- "'The Beast 666'," replied Crowley, "only means 'sunlight', You can call me

"Did you take to yourself the

designation of 'The Beast 666'?"-

#### INDECENT?

'Little Sunshine'".

HILBERY read some of Crowley's lascivious

verses and asked: "Have you not built a reputation on books which are indecent?" -- "It has long been laid down that art has nothing to do with morals".

"We may assume that you have (ollowed that in your practice of writing"? -- "I have always endeavoured to use the gift of writing which has been vouchsafed to me for the benefit of my read-

"Decency and indecency have nothing to do with it?" -- "I do not think they have. You can find indecency in Shakespeare, Sterne. Swift, and every other English writer if you try". "I regret". Crowley added, "that my reputation is not much wider than it is". "You would like to be still more widely known as the author of these, would you?" -- "I should like to be universally

#### Truth will out". TEMPLES

hailed as the greatest living poet.

Many passages from Crowley's writings were read to him. His magical experiments began, of all unlikely places, in a flat in Chancery Lane, where "'I had two temples: one white, the wall being lined with six huge mirrors, each six feet in height; the other black, a mere cupboard, in which stood an altar, supported by the figure of a negro standing on his hands. The presiding genius of this place was a human skeleton which I fed from time to time with blood, small birds, and the like' ... "Yes".

"That was White Magic, was it?" - "It was a very scientific experiment." The idea was to give . life, but I never got further than

causing the bones to become covered with a viscous slime' . . . " "I expect", said Crowley, "that was the soot of London". DEMONS

A ND so the dreadful story was unfolded. Demons appeared in Chancery Lane and in the house which Crowley then took in the Highlands. Workmen and neighbours were mysteriously injured. In Mexico he carried out experi-

It is obvious that the PNP-

Mr. Bustamante has made

and the Governor perhaps-con-

doned the original arrangements.

certain allegations against the

Governor in this matter. He has

charged a plot between Sir

Hugh Foot and the PNP, He has

hinted at an impractical inter-

vention by a woman closely con-

nected with the PNP. He states

these things in support of the

stand he has now taken. No

doubt. Sir Hugh Foot, will and

can defend himself against this

charge and the PNP will en-

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activities of this woman closely

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ed to assert himself in one of

the prime functions of his office

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THE FACTS

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Majority Party decision on new

constituencies had been an-

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both. The PNP countered with

four seats for St. Ann or an

additional seet for St. Andrew

If there were to be four for St.

Elizabeth. In all this time, the

COR what are the facts?

Mr. Bustamante called

advance and changes,

I would point out that these

by the Political Reporter

connected with them.

after faint protests.

# Dean

ments in invisibility. "By invoking the God of Silence, Harpacrates, by the proper ritual in front of a mirror, I gradually got to the stage where my reflection began to flicker like the images of one of the old-isshioned cinemas . . . I was able to walk out in a scarlet and gold robe with a jewelled crown on my head without attracting any attention. They could not see

He had written , that in India he sacrificed a goat and on another occasion crucified a toad. His "magical writings" spoke much of "the bloody sacrifice" to be made "within the Circle or the Triangle".

Hilbery had exposed Crowley as the blackest of Black Magicians, and a pathological liar. It was left to Martin O'Connor, crossexamining on behalf of Nina Hamnett, to show him in the character of a fraud and im-

"I understand you to say that you are a gentleman who sees visions: is that right?" -- "Sees visions yes". Crowley was asked about a bill from Mrs. Bosa Lewis for his stay at the Cavendish Hotel in

Jermyn Street. "Were you summoned for the amount of your bill by Mrs. Lewis in the Westminster County Court in April, 1933?"-"I have no information on the subject." "What?" - "I do not know. People do all sorts of things like that, and I never hear of them. "That is peculiar, and I will tell you why. County Court summonses have to be served personally."-"Yes but I do no know. Someone gives me paper, and I put it in my pocket think no more about it. A fellow gave me a judgment summons only yesterday. I have never seen one before. It was a very nice shade of yellow."

#### VISIONS

PUT the judgment summons was not to be found, and so O'Connor proposed a test: "You say that you have visions. Conjure up a vision of when you are going to pay Mrs. Lewis the £24 for which she had judgment against you last April. Now throw a vision. Tell my Lord and the jury when the vision tells you that you are going to pay Mrs. Rosa Lewis the amount for which she has judgment for your board and residence."-"If I am bound to pay her I shall pay her." "When?"-"When I can ..."

O'Connor now conceived the idea that Crowley's magic should be demonstrated in court, where so many arts, crafts and sciences have been exhibited to a select

### IMPOSTOR?

and critical audience.

"You said yesterday that as a result of early experiments you invoked certain forces with the result that some people were attacked by unseen assailants. That is right, is it not?-"Yes." . "Will you try your magic now on Mr. Hilbery?"--"I would not

attack anybody" "Is that because you are too considerate or because you are an imposter pretending to do things which you cannot do?"-"I have never done wilful harm to any human being." "My friend, I am sure, will

advantage.

nounced.

CONSTITUENCIES:

than to increase representation

Finally there was an uneasy

compromise agreement. The

PNP lost their points about St.

Ann and St. Andrew, but the

JLP lost their point about St.

-Elizabeth. Both parties agreed

to support six additional con-

stituencies and this was an-

ter should go to the House of

Representatives, and then to the

Secretary of State for approval

This was mentioned in Execu-

tive Council where decirion was

taken (on the Governor's sug-

gestion, I believe) that the Sec-

retary of State should have a

first opportunity of looking st

the proposal before it went to

Accordingly, Mr. Sangstor as

Leader of the House and Chair-

man of the House Committee on

Constitutional Reform formally

requested the Governor to sub-

mit the proposal to the Secre-

tary of State. It murt be in-

forred from the Governor's

letter to Mr. Bustamasta, pub-

It was proposed that the mat-

in St. Ann or St. Thomas.

But the magician was reluctant, and the judge objected.
"Mr. Martin O'Connor," he
said, "we cannot turn this court
into a temple." "There is one other question, poster?"—"You can denounce me as anything you like. It will not alter the truth."

#### WITNESS

Crowley remained visible, and Martin O'Connor resumed his

THAT was the end of Crowley's evidence. Out of all his acquaintances in the literary and artistic worlds only one man, a German merchant, then came forward to testify to his good character. witness for the defence described life at the Abbey of Thelema in Sicily. Each evening, she said, there was a magic ritual known as "Pentagram" which lasted for about two hours and longer on Fridays. Crowley and his mistress apincantations such as "Artay

peared in robes. Crowley gave long readings, interspersed with was Malcooth-Vegabular, Vegadura, ee-ar-la, ah moon." The walls of his bedroom ("the Room of Nightmares") were decorated with terrible and indecent paintings, and there was a bureau full of bottles of drugs, all labelled. Finally, this witness described the sacrifice of a cat called "Mischette". Her husband, she said, had drunk its blood.

#### THE JUDGE

THE truthfulness of this witness was questioned. but before very long the jury indicated that they wished to hear no more.

Counsel for Crowley was called upon to make his final speech, and then Mr. Justice Swift sum-"I have been," the judge de-

clared, "over 40 years engaged in the administration of the law in one capacity or another. thought that everything which was vicious and bad had been produced at one time or another before me. I have learnt in this case that we can always learn something if we live long enough. I have never heard such a dreadful horrible, blasphemous, and abominable stuff as that which has been produced by the man who describes himself to you as the greatest living poet."

#### VERDICT

A S soon as the judge had finished, the jury returned a verdict against Crowley but Crowley appealed to the Court of Appeal.

Since it had not been proved that a baby had disappeared in the Abbey of Thelema, he was, his counsel argued, entitled to at least a farthing damages. But the Court of Appeal were firmly of opinion that there had been no miscarriage of justice, and Crowley's appeal, like his claim, was dismissed with costs.

Crowley went bankrupt and disappeared from the lurid limelight which had been his special attribute for so long. He died in 1947 in a Hastings boarding house. At his funeral in Brighton Crematorium his Hymn to Pan and part of his Gnostic Mass were recited, a magical performance which provoked the wrath of the town council. "Bose of the Warld!" Crowley

once wrote in a poem to his "If so, then what a world: What worm at its red heart lay

curied . From the beginning?" WORLD COPYRIGHT RESERVED THIS CASE is condensed from

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#### N THIS last article I MOUNTAINS want to try and complete the story of our adventure to the high mountains of the Sierra by Philip Hugh-Jones Nevada in Colombia by describing some of the

cause two of us had been ill, but in any case it was about 35 miles with 6,000 ft. uphill. We got to the Indian village of Sogrome

There were lovely black squirrels in the trees and, next morning, flitting in the sun, those gorgeous South American butterflies which I remember seeing before. in my youth, in dusty collections in London.

after 12 hours walking, and

thankfully camped by a woodland

VIEW FROM THE TOP OF A ROCK TOWER near the summit of Simon Bolivar (18,806

....Today the UCWI team completes the

story of their Expedition to the Andes....

they had answered the call of adven-

feet) looking towards Ojeda (left 17,800 feet) and La Reina (18,600 feet).

CHALLENGE OF

ture and met

incidents and scenery not

already mentioned by the

other members of the

We flew to Barranquilla

from Kingston on January 3:

then on the next day to Val-

ledupur which is a small

town to the south of the

mountain range. The direct

approach to the mountains

from the North is said to be

almost impossible because of

ed over 42 boxes of food and

equipment and hired a lorry to

take us as far as the road would

go towards our goal. I say the

road! We left in that afternoon

on the most frightening but

exhilarating drive I have ever

done! Our driver, a young

are hurled from side to side of

us for our inspection-or was it

for our intimidation? Anyway,

he soon found we were better

armed than he was and on We

When night fell we lay on ear

backs on the floor of the truck,

padding eurselves from the joits

with our steeping bags, and

watched the stars. At last the

truck stopped after about 4 hours

of joiting. Alcibiades said it was

the end of the road and by the

Guatapuri river which the truck

could not ford. We could hear

the river in the blackness of the

night. So we piled up our posses-

sions from the truck and slept in

In Valledupar we finally check-

the thick jungle.

a large cigar.

team.

### Breathing tests.

VOU have read earlier I of our encounter with the Habentaqui Indians and of our efforts to get oxen. We were at Sogrome three days because of the oxen and each morning before we got up we all had our pulse and breathing rates measured, tested our maximum time for breath holding and had samples of our blood and urine test-

This was all to record our normal state so that we could measure the changes which would occur in our bodies when we got up to the high peaks and suffered daily from then onwards.

man "Alcibiades". wore a fine speckled sombrero and smoked from the effects of the thin air The "road" was a mud track there. We were to do these tests which frequently turned into the rocky bed of a river, and we After the oxen had been collected from the Indian tribe the open truck. At one stop Alwe set off with one Indian as cibiades flourished a revolver at guide and our train of 8 animals.

At first we went through fine jungle, then on a steeply rising tract until we approached a gorge with a wood suspension bridge looking like those one sees in pictures of Tibet, high above the There our first mishap essurr-

ed, when a laden ox bolted and crashed its load against the wood boughs forming the bridge side. Precious sugar was mixed up with equally precious kerosene eil, but luckily nothing worse. We camped that night by a similar bridge across the rapids

higher up—at about the height of Blue Mountain Peak. The next day we left the woodland for a rocky path with some steep scrambling. At one point an ox charged

to get through a narrow rock gap, then getting its load stuck, hurled itself back very nearly knocking two small Indian boys down the side of the mountain. Again, it happened to be a sugar tin which burst.

We had to set to work with ice-axes and boulders to widen the rock gap and let our animals through. Scrambling up rocks with oxen is a tedious occupation! Plains and valleys

AT-LENGTH-we-came-toopen plains and then, after about 10 miles, to a wild (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16)



## little feet are safe feet that grow up



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a circle about them. Morning after THE next morning show-A ed us we were near some wattle and daub huts. Two of us were sent off to find the nearby village of Atanquez so we could get mules for the transport of our stores. Atanques proved to be a long hot walk away from our night's resting but it was a most beautiful vil-

lage with white-washed thatched cottages neatly spaced up the sloping, central street. No road went to it; all supplies came by mule. It nestled smid grassy bills and was surrounded by fields of Dr. Waterlow has told you of our difficulty with getting animalk. It took us two days, occupied when not bargaining for mules, in trying, unsuccessfully, lizards which abound there.

to catch for our Zoologist friends at Mona, some of the enormous We finally left Atanques at 3 a.m. with our mules and donkeys. We started so early to avoid the heet of the day. Even with twelve enimals we still had to carry beavy rucksacks and we were forced to leave some food behind. I shall never forget that day'r

walk in intense heat most of the time. It was made worse be-

### Comic Dictionary



animal that can be skinned more than

once.

No Governor could tell any

proached the matter on "prinetple first"

## THE position now is that

concilable. Certainly the Governor cannot withdraw nor can Mr. Duntamente withdraw with grace. The PNP after failing in the beginning to take a clear public stand, are in a position, where lacking final respons-Shillty, they can do anything their minds tell them. The Covernor can, of course, advise the Secretary of State to impose his will on this matter of constituencles, no matter what Mr. Bustomante mys, on the ground (COXEDIUED ON MUSE II)

## that controversy is irre-

Altogether these are unhappy been sycided if the persons principally concerned had ap-

lished on Tuesday. question was not a matter of ade-Governor forwarded the pro-Quate representation for the posal without comment. The Secpeople of Jamaica, but of party retary of State while readily agreeing with additional con-Mr. Bustamante resisted both stituencies wanted to know i the St. Ann and St. Andrew the Governor could recommend suggestions (even though the St. the-additional-constituencies es Andrew suggestion found much fair and generally acceptable, to favour it in the eyes of JLPdespite a cable from the PNP. man Linden Newland) preferexpressing agreement to the ring to make Mr. Sangster's task proposal, which had been sent in Et, Elizabeth harder by limitat the same time. ing that parish to three instead of four constituencies rather

Colonial Secretary that the propecal was fair. It was not. I was so potently unfair that the people of St. Andrew and Kingsion should have expressed their disappreval from the mement it was published. So the Governor talked with Mr. Bustamante and Mr. Manley - completely by-passing the chairman of the Constitution Committeetold them what he was about to report and Mr. Bustamante. whose suspicions had been previewaly areward, took a stand in epposition to the Governor. circumstances which could have

### THE PEOPLE FIRST

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