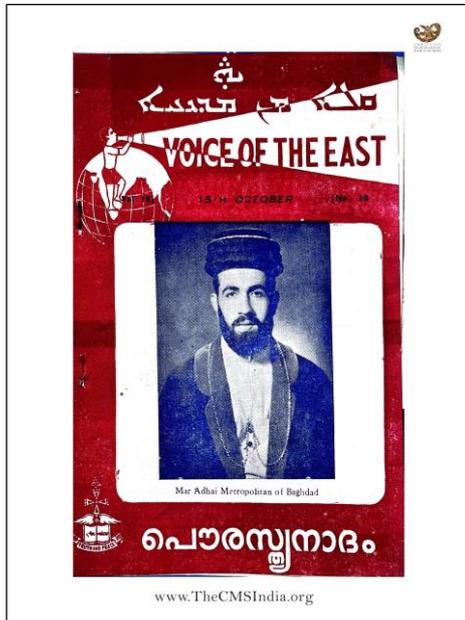
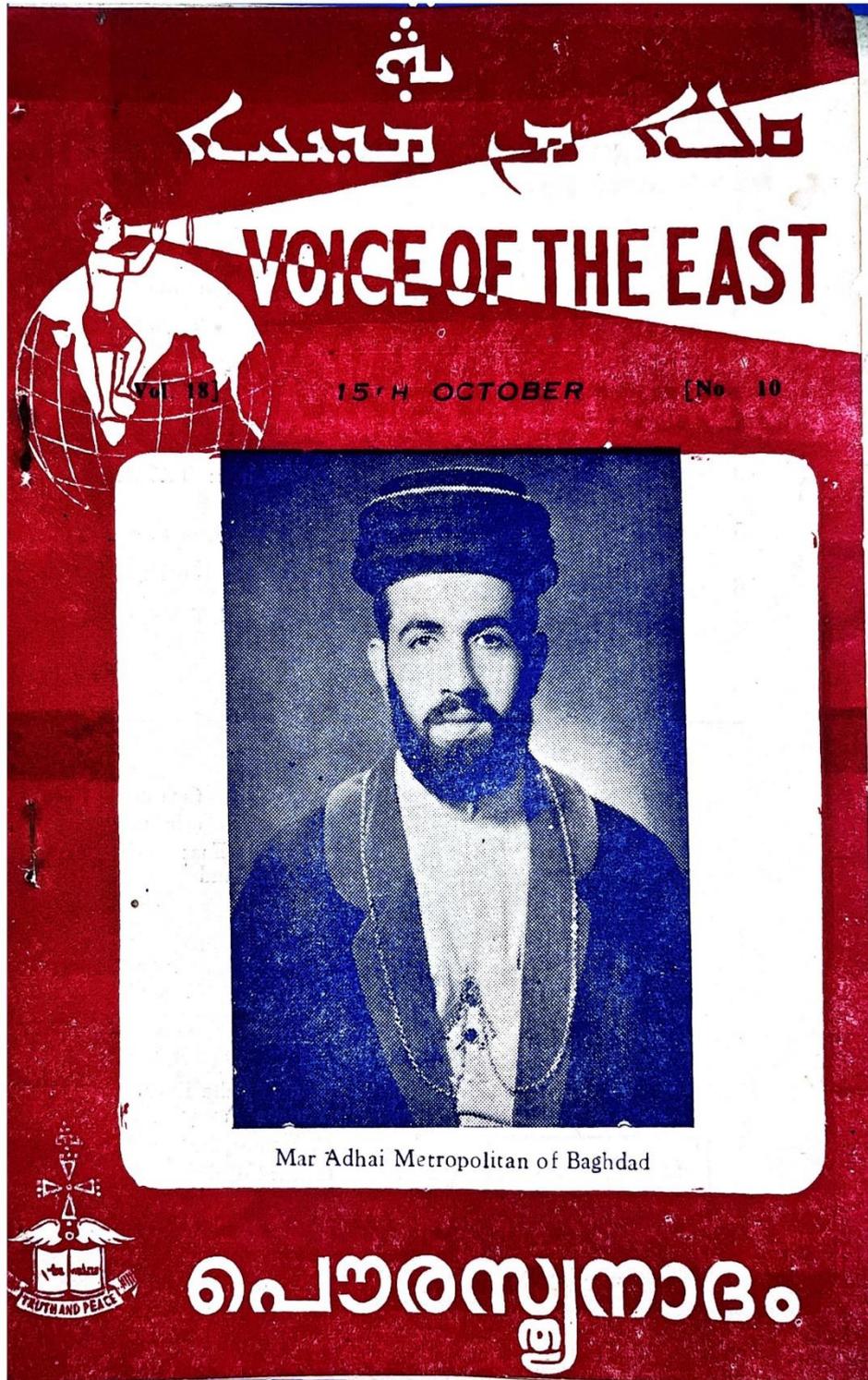


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## Editorial

### BANGLA DESH

Much suffering is going on in and around Bangla Desh. It is on the neighbourhood of India. So the refugees began to rush to Indian territory seeking food and shelter. That was the only possible thing the people of East Pakistan could do when the oppression and massacre of the freedom fighters commenced.

It is India's responsibility to help our guests. As Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi stated they are our guests and not refugees. But can India support these eight million guests? No, it is not possible for India alone to share this huge burden.

World opinion should be mobilised to feel sympathy to the suffering refugees and to do something for the maintenance of these people. Some countries are doing it. But not enough. Christian social agencies are working on the spot. Volunteers such as doctors, nurses, teachers etc; are also helping. Let us pray for a peaceful settlement of the Bangla Desh problem.

Editor.

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## AN INDIAN METROPOLITAN?

The faithful members of the Church of the East in India were shocked to find in the local news papers of Trichur that one C. C. Timothy has been sent to Baghdad for consecration as the Metropolitan of Malabar and India.

The said C. C. Timothy is a layman with no college education or Seminary training. Then how was he selected to this office? There is no answer to this question. Secondly who sent this Timothy to Baghdad? Did the church authorities or members in India know about it.

The answer is "no" again. Even the priests and deacons of the so called patriarchal party, to which C. C. Timothy belongs, did not know about this secret sending until after he reached Baghdad safe.

The question asked by the faithful is "why this smuggling?" If their commodity is of good quality why can't they do it in day light. Perhaps the clique which sent Timothy must have thought that even the priests of their own party would oppose sending a layman instead of sending one of the qualified clergy. Moreover this man is about to retire from Government service.

Should the Church absorb the retired men for its ministry? Or can it require young and educated people to come and serve the Church. Timothy's choice by a clique in the patriarchal party will discourage many young people to stay away from ministry and to come forward only if there is a chance for a higher office. This is undoubtedly an unhealthy precedence.

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How this "consecration" is going to help the church in India. The answer is negative. It is not only a disgrace to the patriarchal party who are planning to receive him as their Metropolitan, but also to all Christians. Some bishops of other denominations said that it is an insult to the Indian bishops that a layman who has no qualification should become a bishop suddenly without the experience of serving as a deacon and priest.

As for the Metropolitan party is concerned they have made it clear that they have nothing to do with this man. This man is not qualified to become even a priest according to the Metropolitan party. The various parish councils and the Representative assembly passed resolution against such a mockery of consecration. The clergy council also strongly protested such a conspiracy of some people and made it clear that this man, if he receives any consecration without the knowledge and consent of the clergy of the Church of the East in India, he will not be accepted in any rank of the clergyhood.

Moreover, some people say that this layman has been already made an Archdeacon by Mar Yosip Khananisho. If this propaganda is true, the question arises whether Khananisho has any such right for ordaining clergy for other diocese. Since he has no right on the Indian diocese he cannot, according to canon law, ordain anybody for India without the consent of the head of the Indian church. Since His Grace Mar Aprem, who has been functioning as the head of the Church in India, has not been consulted no the so-called ordination of Archdeacon, if C. C. Timothy has got it, is null and void. It must be re-called in this connection the instance of Mar Khananya Dinkha, the

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Bishop of Teheran, who came to India in 1967 trying to interfere in the Indian diocese by ordaining some deacons. The Court in Trichur issued injunction. Even in the appeal it was decided that Dinkha should not interfere in the Indian diocese as a bishop has no right to work outside his diocese without permission of the head of that particular diocese.

Now the Dinkha affair is forgotten. The clique which brought Dinkha to Trichur has sent this layman to Baghdad. Their memory must be very short!

What is result of this new drama? The patriarchal party claims that they will come back to power when this new man returns from Baghdad. How can that be? Since he is not going to be accepted, by the Metropolitan party, what is the use of this conspiracy. Can the minority crush the majority by such conspiracies? No it is not easy in this democratic world. That will be the lesson which the patriarchal party will learn in this Timothy affair.

## CANON LAW

From Synod of Mar Geevarghese

### Canon III, Regarding election of Church ministers

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He should be elected because of his good and excellent deeds and the faithful clergy of the Episcopal Council should intimate his case to the Metropolitan to make him known who the person is whom they suggest to be elected for this service and to be known and consecrated. His case should be submitted to the Patriarch according to the will of the congregation and according to his command the consecration may be conducted and that it should be done with all

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necessary arrangements. But human tendencies and hypocritical means, to conduct the election of a person for Divine service, by corruption, bribery and crooked gifts is unlawful and such election as these will be invalid by the terrible words of our Lord.

Rule 17 from the council of Nicea

If a Bishop ordains a person not from his diocese, and without a written permission from his own (ordinance) Bishop, that ordination is null and void, and all those who countenanced in the act are guilty.

## JUDGMENT

O. S. No. 8 of 1965.

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- P20- The publication just like as Ext. P19.
- P21- 9-1-1964 Letter sent by the representatives of Church of the East to the defendant.
- P22- 16-10-1964 Publication from Mar Thoma Dharmo of Nager Coil Catharine booth.
- P23- Nil A small photo of police at the time of entering the church.
- P24- Nil The Assyrian Church Trumpet (The whole Book) This Book contains Exts. P1 (a), P8, P10 (a), P11 & P11 (a), P12 & P12 (a), P13 (a), P14 & P14 (a), P15 & P15 (a), P23.
- P25- 5-5-1952 Turlock daily paper in page No. 3

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- P26- ... The issue of "Pourasthianadam" in December 1966 (ചെരസ്തീയാനാദം പത്രാശിപ കരിപ്പുകൾ)
- P27- Nil A short description of the publications of Kudra appears in the publication of 1962 September of the Voice of the East.
- P28 & P28 (a)- The books mentioned in the list are printed and published by the Narsai Press.
- P29 & P29 (a)- The English translation of Ext. P28 and P28 (a).
- P30- 25-1-1958 Letter sent by Dw. 1 to the plaintiff O. T. Inasu.
- P31- 30-1-1962 Letter sent by Patriarch to Dw. 1.
- P32- 13-1-1962 Photo stat copy of letter sent by Dw. 1 to Patriarch in reply to Ext. P31.
- P33- True copy of publication of the "Voice of the East" 1954 October published by the defendant.
- P34- 31-1-1955 Copy of settlement deed executed by one O. T. Inasu in favour of the defendant with respect of the Church seminary.
- P35- 18-7-1955 Assignment deed executed one Rosa in favour of the defendant with respect to the Church seminary.
- P36- ... Photostat copy (2 sheets) document No. A.
- P37- 25-5-1949 English translation of the letter written in Syriac by Shammasha Mansour E. Darmo from Khabour, Syria.
- P38- ... Photostat copy of letter sent by the defendant.
- P39- ... Copy of English translation of Ext. P38.

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- P40- ... A book named "The church of the East and Hereditary Succession" translated in English by the defendant.
- P41- 25-10-1955 Photostat copy sent by the defendant.
- P42- 25-10-1965 English translation of Ext. P41.
- P43- 27-9-1967 Epistle by H. H. the Patriarch to the defendant.
- P44- 2-11-1962 Office copy of letter sent by the defendant to H. H. the Patriarch (letter No. 249/62).
- P45- 22-11-1962 Notice published by the defendant.
- P46- 21-9-1956 Notice published by the defendant.
- P47- 9-9-1958 Letter sent by defendant to the children and in Jesus Christ, the priests of our Holy Catholic and Apostolic church of the East in India.
- P48- 27-6-1963 Letter sent by the Patriarchal cell, San Francisco, California, U. S. A.
- P49- 24-3-1968 Letter sent by the Rev. Deacon A. T. Joseph, Manager of Mar Narsai Press, Trichur to the defendant.
- P50- 9-2-1962 Photostat copy of letter sent by do. to O. T. Inasu.
- P51- ... The Publication "The Voice of the East" November 1955, published by the defendant.
- P52- 1-8-1964 Draft agreement relating to transfer of liabilities and assets of the Assyrian Charities Banking Company, Ltd; to the South Indian Bank, Ltd.
- P53- 13-10-1961 Proceedings of the Meeting taken place in the residence of Metropolitan (That is Ext. D27 in Page 19).

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- P54- 25-4-1964 Certified copy of order of Patriarch of the East 554 Arballo Drive. San Francisco 27, California, U. S. A.
- P55- Souvenir published by the Editorial Board of the Publicity and information Committee of H.H. the Patriarch Reception Committee in respect of the visit of Patriarch in India.

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- D1- 9-6-1953 The ruling system of Mar Thoma Dharmo Metropolitan of Malabar and India of the Church of the East (Book).
- D2- 16-7-1963 Reply to Ext. P4 by defendant to plaintiff.
- D3- 4-9-1963 Reply to P5 by defendant to plaintiff.
- D4- 10-1-1964 Suspension order sent by Patriarch to defendant.
- D5- ... Canon book kept in the Mar Thoma Dharmo Metropolitan church (sent to High Court).
- D6- ... Letter in original of Ext. P11.
- D7- ... Letter in original of Ext. P12 a).
- D8- 18-1-1966 Assyrian church trumpet ( അസ്സീറിയൻ സഭാ കാഹളം )
- D9- 18-1-1966 Copy of Magazine of Ext. D8.
- D10- 3-9-1958 Letter sent by Rev. Isack Rehana from New Britain to the defendant.
- D10- 'a) do. True copy of Translation of Ext D10.
- D11- 11-11-'60 Letter sent by Pw. 4 to the defendant.
- D12- 20-2-1964 Letter sent by Pw 5 to the defendant.
- D13- 13-9-1946 Petition submitted by one Kassisa Anthony Chakola and Kassisa Francis Mangalam before the Patriarch.

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# NEWS

## Children's Day

Children's day was celebrated on 26th September 1971 at Marth Mariam Big Church premises. A grand procession of 5 thousand people, mainly children participated. Bananas were distributed to all. It was the celebration of 67th birthday of late His Grace Mar Thoma Dharmo, who was born on 21st September 1904. 21st September is also the birthday of Virgin Mary, Mother of Christ.

## Bangalore Qurbana

On October 10th Mar Aprem celebrated Holy Qurbana at united Theological College Chapel, Bangalore. After the Qurbana there was a send-off meeting to the out going Vicar Rev. P. L Francis, B A, L. T. who is relinquishing his responsibility of the Bangalore Parish after the meritorious service for than 3 years. There was a group photo and Tea party in this connection

## Bishop Mar Poulouse

We are glad to hear that his lordship Poulouse Mar Poulouse M. A., B. D., M. Th., has enrolled for his Ph. D., studies at Berkely, California, after his summer camp in Ohio. His address is as follows:

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California 94960,  
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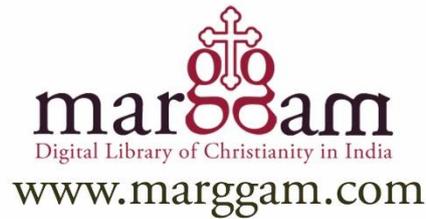
*My Church! My Church, my dear old  
My father's and my own! [Church!  
On prophets and apostles built,  
And Christ the cornerstone:  
All else beside, by storm or tide,  
May yet be overthrown  
But not my Church – my dear old Church  
My father's and my own!  
Then, here, my Church, my dear old  
Thy child would add a vow [Church!  
To that whose token once was signed  
Upon His infant brow  
Assault who may, kiss and betray  
Dishonor and disown,  
My Church shall yet be dear to me,  
My father's and my own.*

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