



(ON the day, Saturday, April 10, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh reach Ceylon, 2YC will broadcast at 7.30 p.m. and 3YA at 9.30 p.m. a BBC programme "This is Ceylon," one of a series specially written to give a sound picture of places visited on the Royal Tour. This feature will be repeated from 3YC at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, April 12. The illustration shows outrigger craft on the beach near Colombo

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rude; letters which are both; letters whose purpose is to tempt or frighten us into some movement, party, or fold; blackmailing letters (religious, political, and personal); and I think, too, now that I need glasses to read them, letters which are only with great difficulty decipherable.

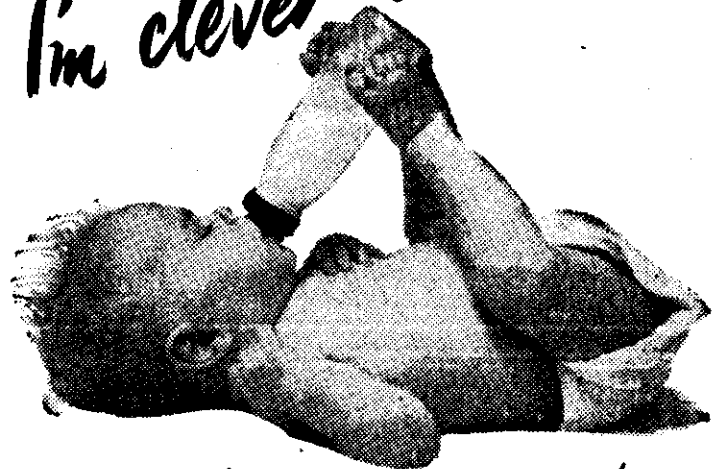
I don't think it will disturb me to meet the writers of those letters. I think they will not be facing me but standing on the same side. But what a host there will be without them, if I include those only who have not forgiven me. I hope Pat Thompson will not be among them. Pat, whose letter, sent from the Salvador jungle after 57 years of silence. I have just found buried on my desk unanswered after 120 days. What excuse can I give him that he will not think stupid or false? Can I say, "Dear Pat, It was such a shock to hear from you that I needed four months to recover?" Or "I was so delighted to receive your letter that I could not spoil my joy by answering it?" Or "I am getting old, as you are, and today is always shorter than yesterday?" I don't think I can say anything like that to Pat. I must tell him the truth—that I have no system, no secretary, no memory, and moth-holes in my conscience.

(To be continued)

I HADN'T been a reader of the Light Romantics since about the age of 17, so I spent last weekend skimming through half-a-dozen to try and find where the appeal lay. That word "skim" provides one of the answers, for they're so light and easy to read that if you start after dinner you're into your second book by bedtime. They contain no social evils or problems to worry yourself about—in fact any worries that you may have temporarily disappear as you thrill to the unfolding drama of true love.—Norma van't Woudt in an NZBS Book Shop talk.

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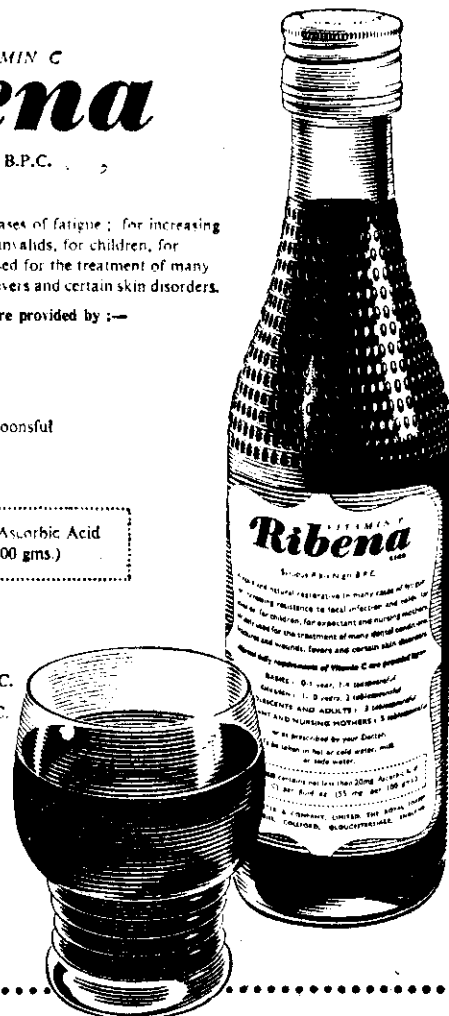
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