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EDITORIAL

The Archbishop of Canterbury was officially present at the installation of Pope John Paul II and he has followed this up with a call for inter-communion between the Roman Catholic and Anglican denominations. On the other hand his predecessor, Archbishop Crammer, called on Englishmen to pray "From the tyranny of the bishop of Rome and all his detestable enormities, good Lord deliver us" and this prayer was included in the prayer book and prayed each Sunday throughout parishes in England. The detestable enormities included transubstantiation, namely that the bread and the wine of the Lord's supper ceased to be and in their place was our Lord Jesus Christ, with His divinity and humanity complete. No wonder Roman Catholics worship the bread and the wine because they believe that it is Jesus!

Another enormity is the sacrifice of the mass which teaches that the priest offers Jesus to God for the sins of the living and the dead, such teaching calls in question the sufficiency of Christ's death on Calvary and contradicts the Bible that says Christ offered his

sacrifice on Calvary once and for all. Then there is the enormity of penance which requires the penitent to confess his sins with all their details in the ears of the priest before he can be forgiven by God, and the enormity of indulgences where sins may be forgiven for pious acts such as climbing the holy stairs at Rome on your knees. These stairs are as crowded today as they ever have been.

All these doctrines affect the vital question how we may receive forgiveness. The Reformers, following scripture, said that God forgives all who acknowledge their sins and call upon Jesus as their Lord. This is the doctrine of justification by faith only and it is in contrast to justification through the rites and meditation of the churches and its ministers, priests, bishops and Pope. The Reformers supported their doctrine from scripture, maintaining the sufficiency of scripture in matters of salvation, but their opponents defended theirs by the authority of the church and in particular the authority of the Pope over men's consciences.

Canterbury to Rome

Whatever may be gained from the Bible in terms of spiritual revival, as the present appears to be, is in jeopardy and may be eliminated by the exercise of papal jurisdiction, which is never permitted to be questioned. History abounds in examples. While the doctrine of the jurisdiction of the Pope remains, there is no possibility of permanent reformation in the Roman Catholic church. For the doctrine of the papacy protects all the other Roman Catholic doctrines. It is the key doctrine of the Roman church, in reformation times, as today.

Since Crammer's day there has been no change in any of the basic Roman Catholic doctrines and in particular there has been no change in the doctrine of the papal supremacy in matters of doctrine or morals. That is why it is impossible for those who love the gospel to associate with the papal system, however willingly we may associate with individual Roman Catholics. The enthronement of the Pope is an expression of the quintessence of the papal system and that is why the Archbishop of Canterbury ought not to have been there.

CRUSADE COUNT-DOWN

THE CRUSADE AND THE CASH

The Crusade Executive committee in Sydney is responsible for the actual local expenditure of the three-week Crusade and have determined a budget cost of \$650,000.

This budget included the hire of Randwick Racecourse, erection of special equipment, advertising, publicity, office administration including staffing and rental costs and other expenses necessarily incurred in the organisation of a major Crusade of this dimension.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Minneapolis, USA, will generously meet all the travel and accommodation costs and pay the salaries of the team members including Dr Billy Graham whilst they are in Australia.

The Australian (mainly Sydney) budget is considered to be small when considered in the light of money spent today on secular promotions, and this is so especially when we have regard for the number of people who will be reached for Christ and will be making the most important decision in their life during this Crusade.

The Finance Committee (consisting of 14 concerned Christian businessmen from all Protestant denominations) are responsible for the raising of the budget requirements.

There will be no general public appeal. It is confidently felt that the money will be forthcoming from concerned Christians who wish to share in this way in the eternal destiny of many people making that important decision for Christ.

We have invited the people in Churches throughout the State of NSW to participate by way of either:

The Share Partner plan whereby they pledge to contribute a regular sum each month; or,

Make a one-time donation. It is encouraging to record that in excess of \$100,000 has now been raised from these two avenues with 640 Share Partners and 1622 persons having given one-time donations.

But the task is not yet finished! It is just beginning!

We need many more Christians and Churches to give small amounts so that the burden may be widely spread and thus does not fall on a few.

As Chairman of the Finance Committee I would personally commend this burden to all the readers.

The Scriptures show us that Paul was an energetic canvasser for money. He didn't hesitate to ask the Corinthians to give, and he used the strongest arguments to urge them to do it. But it was not for himself or the Corinthian church but for the Jews in Palestine that he asked.

We are asking for funds to support the Crusade to bring souls to Christ. But most important of all is the fact that we must lay our needs before God in prayer and be expectant that God will supply and that He will be glorified through changed lives in this Crusade.

Will you help to make this possible, as we together attempt great things for God?

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Neville Malone, Chairman, Finance Committee.



ON & OFF THE RECORD

By David Hewetson

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ST. AMBROSE AND A SHORT 100 YEARS

In the days when 'kings in grass castles' ruled the backblocks, 16,000 acres were 'jumped' by the overseer of Tabulam Station. He called it 'Sandilands' (his wife's maiden name) and its rebuilt homestead is found about four miles from the foot of the Western side of the Richmond Range. The Station no longer runs right up to the Range, but nestling there now, on the road that runs from Casino to Tenterfield, is Mallanganee, my home town.

In an Aboriginal dialect Mallanganee means 'a place of tall pines', and the town has just celebrated its centenary. Recently I joined with many others in these celebrations for a very memorable weekend. The organisers laid on a magnificent programme: Old photos and other mementoes, a roll call for former school pupils, a parade of horse drawn vehicles and vintage cars, a bullock team, a traction engine, etc. And on Sunday there were services in both the Anglican and Catholic churches and a combined lunch afterwards in the grounds of the latter.

The Rector of the Parish of Bonalbo (from 1957 to 1976 the Parish of Mallanganee) is Rev Eric Griffith. He is a keen local historian and has put together an interesting history of the Parish. From 1847 to 1867, he notes, it was part of the Diocese of Newcastle, and in 1856 Bishop Tyrell, whose Diocese stretched into North Queensland, passed through the area on his way from Casino for a service at Tabulam. From 1898 onwards the Parochial District was linked with the gold mining township of Drake, but with the gold rush past, and population declining, it was handed over to the Brotherhood of Our Saviour (formed in 1914) who cared for it till 1931. In 1920, at the cost of over \$2000 St Ambrose Mallanganee was built and dedicated. And there on Sunday, October 1st, at the Rector's kind invitation, and amid boyhood friends and many others, I preached.

When you put 100 years against the long sweep of history it seems a very small moment. It would be easy to imagine that it was too short a period to have any significance at all. But the modern history does not work that way. It has the unnerving sense of gathering momentum towards the end, of packing into each succeeding decade more things than have occurred in longer periods beforehand. It has been said, for example, that 60% of all the men who ever lived are alive today, and 90% of all the scientists. Half the energy produced by man since the time of Christ has been consumed in this last

century, knowledge has doubled, re-doubled, quadrupled and multiplied at an ever-increasing pace. So do not let anyone sell our century short. It has been a most significant time.

Actually the process of acceleration is by no means limited to modern times. If we were to consider the whole story of this planet we should discover exactly the same thing if it was arranged in terms of a 'cosmic calendar' ie, if the whole story of Planet Earth was set out as one year we should find something like this: Life began in late September but it was not till mid December that anything as complicated as a worm appeared. The dinosaurs came on Christmas Eve, the mammals on Boxing Day, and man not till the eleventh hour of New Year's Eve! May I say that this is one reason why I find my Bible such a contemporary book. Despite 20th Century man's strange notion that he alone is modern and that all that passed before him is marked by ignorance, superstition and credulity, I find that in the whole of the Planet's story we are all of us 'moderns': Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great, Moses, Abraham, and many others join hands with us across what is in fact the briefest of times. And what was important in what God said to King David or the Apostle Peter is just as relevant to us today. The men of the Bible are our spiritual contemporaries.

One hundred years ago some remarkable people were alive and some remarkable things were happening. Queen Victoria was 59 and to her great delight had just been proclaimed Empress of India (educated Englishmen were less delighted with the title and felt that it was 'un-English'; the Queen compromised by promising never to use it in England!) Charles Darwin was 70, Charles Dickens 65 and Karl Marx was 60. On the technical side, Thomas Edison, aged 31, was busy releasing inventions that would help to make this modern world: the phonograph last year, the dynamo this year, and the electric light next year. Alexander Graham Bell, also aged 31, had just successfully sent his voice along a wire in the presence of people in high places.

The soul of the nation is the soul of us all wrote. Australia is what we are. And the questions asked 100 years ago about what kind of nation we shall have is still looking for an answer. That answer is ours to give, and the question is one which cannot be avoided, and moreover, the answer we give will go a long way towards determining what the next 100 years in Australia will be. May God help us to answer the question honestly and realistically.

ILLAWARRA OUTREACH RALLY

We are used to in the Illawarra area to seeing people flock in thousands to sporting fixtures or the races, but for one night, Friday, October 6, it was the church's night.

It was a night of triumph, a night of unbelievable excitement, a night when the things of earth grew, as the old hymn says, "strangely dim, in the light of His glorious face..." It was in fact, the night of the Illawarra Reachout Rally in Wollongong Town Hall.

But the Town Hall was inadequate.

By seven o'clock, hundreds were being directed to the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church across the road, and when that filled to overflowing, to the Church Hall, and that too overflowed.

In the Town Hall people filled all the 1200 seats, then others sat on the balcony staircase or stood patiently against the walls... a massive 2000 crammed in every available space, with a 250 strong choir drawn from many churches on the stage together with the Reachout team.

The Rally began when the choir, before the arrival of the speakers, sang under the direction of former opera and stage star Robert Coleman, the joyous song "People need to know Jesus" and followed it with the meditative hymn "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow".

The Anglican Bishop in Wollongong, head of the Reachout movement in Illawarra, said was "a great and wonderful pleasure" to welcome thousands of people to this tremendous night.

He welcomed Robert Coleman, who had flown from Melbourne, pianist John In-

nes, Billy Graham Crusade pianist who had flown direct from Norway arriving only hours earlier to play for the Rally, Norman Pell, Director of the Reachout who flew in from Brisbane.

Dr Ford was greeted with a crescendo of handclapping and cheering from young members of the audience.

Wollongong solicitor Peter Kell, Secretary of the Illawarra Reachout, outlined ways people could help prepare for the coming Crusade next March and told of plans for many Reachout events.

Norman Pell said Reachout Illawarra was having an effect almost unprecedented in the history of the area's religious movements.

"Reachout is saying to congregations that we cannot stay with the old ways, we must find a church lifestyle to meet the needs of people in today's world", he said.

Bishop Short added his words of encouragement and said "there is a wall between us and people outside we must break down... they would know God..."

He said there was a new sense of love and oneness between the church people of the 107 churches on the South Coast and Tablelands who had joined in Reachout.

Though Leighton Ford, a surprisingly youthful figure, appears quiet and unassuming, he is a dynamic speaker.

He caught his audience in a web of inspired oratory... he made them laugh, he made them think, and in some

CHECKMATED

Dr Ford said there were two words repeated over and over again in the Bible... they are "But God". He recalled the story of the famous painter who painted Faust and the Devil seated at a chessboard, playing for Faust's soul. In the painting the game was checkmated...

...Faust had lost. A man, a famous chess player stood for hours before the painting in a gallery and then cried out "It isn't true... the game isn't lost, the Knight and King have another move."

"How often we read or hear of lives being checkmated by situations, the game of life seems lost, and then the King moves in that 'But God' of the Bible," Dr Ford said.

"I suspect that life has been a series of checkmates for many of you here tonight," he said. "If you feel you have reached the end of your road, the end of your game of life, you are checkmated, you have lost, remember the 'But' of the Bible... God, the King, has another move to make for you. He can win the game. He can put you back on the path. He can forgive you. He can give you new life, new hope, a new purpose in your life," Dr Ford said.

HOLLYWOOD MOVIE STARS TV HOUR OF POWER — TO AUST

Top Hollywood movie and television stars, politicians and industrialists are "getting religion" in a new religious phenomenon sweeping America and the world.

This revival is led by a 52 year-old clergyman named Dr Robert Schuller, who every Sunday climbs into his pulpit at the Garden Grove Community Church in Southern California (near Disneyland) and joyfully cries out: "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

His face puckering into a broad grin, he proclaims: "God loves you and so do I", to the 10,000 strong congregation packing the five Sunday services and the 10 million others watching this "Hour of Power" on hundreds of stations in 85 countries throughout the world.

As the people crush into the church and overflow into the car park, where they can hear the service via a special frequency on their car radios, the glass walls of the church slide back so they can feel greater involvement in the service.

Among the congregation can be seen some of the top movie and TV stars in America.

SINATRA WATCHES RELIGIOUSLY

Frank Sinatra says: "Pardon the pun, but I watch Dr Schuller religiously every Sunday... He helped me overcome my fears."

In a forthcoming Hour of Power programme about to go to air in Australia, Mickey Rooney, the pint-sized star of Boys' Town and Pete's Dragon "comes clean" about his life. He says: "I've gambled, I've cheated, been a drunkard and I've lied."

This programme goes to air Sundays on the following stations and dates: Sydney TEN 10, October 15; Brisbane, TVQ-9, October 22; Melbourne, ATV-9, October 29; Adelaide, SAS-10, November 5; Tamworth (NSW), NEN-9/ECN-8, November 12.



Mickey Rooney speaks out about his Christian faith on TV: Mickey Rooney the pint-sized movie star speaks out about his Christian faith on the Hour of Power television programme to be seen throughout Australia in the near future.

Rooney goes on to say: "I'm famous, but it's meaningless to be famous unless you are famous with our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Jesus Christ knows Mickey Rooney very well. He knows his faults. He knows the fallacies, the wrongdoings."

"I've been trying to get Mickey Rooney together. It hasn't been easy."

When he first came into contact with Dr Schuller, Rooney says, "It was close to seven years ago and I was despondent and down and things weren't going so well for Rooney."

"I just finished 18 weeks in Chicago. It was very cold. But the warmth of your service every Sunday warmed me... I can hardly wait for Sunday morning to come to see you."



Hour of Power man takes up appointment in Australia: Gil Amelio (left), the new Executive Director of the Robert Schuller Ministries in Australia, talks with Dr Robert Schuller prior to appearing on the Hour of Power television programme which is filmed at the Garden Grove Community Church in Southern California for world-wide distribution. Mr Amelio made his appearance on the programme just before taking up his appointment in Sydney.

"But the fact is that there you were saying, 'It is the day that the Lord has given, let us be glad in it!' And no matter how tired I've been during the week you have given me a new pathway."

FAMOUS WITH JESUS

Rooney said: "I'm famous (yet) I've been ill... tired... brokenhearted... dissatisfied with myself. But the most famous moment in my life... is that I'm famous with only one person... our Lord Jesus Christ."

Many other celebrities are numbered among Schuller supporters.

Film star Glen Ford says: "I'm proud to be a member of his (Dr Schuller's) congregation. Nobody falls asleep or gets bored with this Sunday service. You go away with three or four uplifting thoughts that stay with you through the week."

Ford is one of the stars who has given a 10-minute address during the televised service and he is also now a member of the Robert Schuller Ministries board of directors.

Western star John Wayne says: "I like the Rev Dr Schuller because he is ever thoughtful of other human beings and stands proud in his love of God."

Dr Billy Graham says of Schuller's ministry, "Dr Schuller has an amazing ministry."

Beautiful film star Rhonda Fleming says that "Dr Schuller is a powerful instrument for God's work. His ministry has caused miracles to happen in my life."

JERRY LEWIS' LIFE TOUCHED

Comedian Jerry Lewis and his wife have said: "We are so glad Dr Schuller has touched our lives."

Doris Day, Eddie Albert, Don Rickles, Dean Jones, Burl Ives, Sugar Ray Robinson, Joseph Campanella and scores of other stars and celebrities have appeared at the service to speak of how they have been spiritually helped.

Schuller gave great comfort to Senator Hubert Humphrey before his death.

Senator Humphrey, like so many other prominent Americans, first met Dr Schuller on the television screen watching Hour of Power.

Schuller says: "I got a letter from him saying that he appreciated my programme so much and if ever I was in Washington, would I stop in and say hello."

As Humphrey neared death due to an inoperable tumour, it was Schuller's counselling that encouraged

Humphrey to forego moping around his home. Instead he returned to Washington to reap great and widespread acclaim for his achievements, which probably would not have happened, had he stayed at home, hidden from public view.

Robert Schuller decided to become a minister of religion when he was a five-year-old Iowa farm boy and true to his word he was ordained into the Reformed Church in America.

However, it was not till he arrived in California 23 years ago with just \$500 in his pocket from his denomination, that things really started to happen in a big way.

After facing incredible frustration in trying to find a venue for his church, Schuller asked the local Drive-In Movie proprietor if he could use the theatre for Sunday services. The drive-in church was born.

He then rang 3000 doorbells looking for a congregation. His choir was borrowed from a nearby church. Now over 2200 children attend Sunday School, and 10,000 attend services each Sunday.

The statistics are very impressive. The Garden Grove Community Church is situated on a 22-acre campus. Its Tower of Hope reaches 14 storeys and houses 1700 volunteers and 150 staff, led by eight clergymen. The Tower is crowned with a 90-foot cross that can be seen for miles throughout the surrounding communities.

ARCHEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY

Evidence that Christianity existed in Britain in 180-190 AD was recently unearthed in St Ann's parish, Manchester.

Excavations led by Prof Barri Jones of Manchester University's archaeology department led to the discovery of a Christian cryptogram scratched on the side of a broken Roman vase in a late-second-century rubbish tip.

There are only six other places in the world where this particular cryptogram — the letters of which can yield "Paternoster" with an Alpha and Omega — has been found.

"The first mention of any Christians in Britain before this is by Tertullian of North Africa about 208 AD."

"It is wonderful news for St Ann's church to know that this parish provides the earliest known evidence of Christianity in the whole country."

The discovery indicates that there were Christians in the parish over 100 years before the earliest known Christian martyr, St Alban, was killed in 305 AD.

Australian Lutheran to Indonesia

The recent convention of the Lutheran Church of Australia held in Parramatta, New South Wales, authorised the appointment of an Australian pastor to Indonesia in 1979.

The request for such an appointment came from the Batak Lutherans in North Sumatra, where members of the Simalungun Church, celebrating their 75th anniversary, requested assistance from the Australian Lutherans through their leader, Bishop A. Munthe.

The man to be appointed will work in close co-operation particularly with the 131,000 member Simalungun Church. However, he will also be available to other Batak Lutheran Churches for seminars and in-service training of pastors.

The Lutheran Church of Indonesia has a membership of 2 million. Its main work is centred on North Sumatra and Java.

One of the decisive factors in making a man available for the post in Indonesia was the offer of the Lutheran Laymen's League of Australia to contribute \$21,000 to the initial establishment of his office, including the provision of transport.

Religious education essential for children — Dr Spock

Religious education should be given to children by all parents, including those who consider themselves atheists or agnostics says pediatrician and author, Dr Benjamin Spock.

In a recent Redbook magazine article he said Sunday schools have much to offer as long as the teachers maintain a positive attitude.

"Judaism and Christianity are integral parts of the history and culture and attitudes of most of the people in the United States, even of those who have rejected these religions," he said, "and it's an important aspect of education to understand our pasts. It's also valuable for all people to be familiar with the biblical stories that their fellow citizens often refer to, and to be familiar with the hymns that are often sung outside churches as well as in them."

Childhood experiences with religion contribute to eventual religious attitudes in adulthood according to Dr Spock.

Children "admire and adore their parents," at three to five years of age, he wrote. "They are eager to imitate their parents' behaviour and attitude (including religious beliefs) — and will accept God on the parents' say-so."

Attempting to become more independent in the six to 12-year period, and experiencing influence by peer pressure, children (even if parents are unbelievers) will pick up references to religion and question their parents, he said.

They may rebel against parental influence in areas such as dress, but "do not rebel against their parents' religious beliefs," he wrote.

When children ask agnostic parents if they believe in God, Dr Spock said the parents can say: "We don't, but we have a lot of friends who do," or "We don't. But when you are older you may decide to believe in God."

He urged religious parents

WCC grant "deplored" by BSR chairman

The Bishop of Truro (Dr Graham Leonard), who is also chairman of the General Synod's Board for Social Responsibility, has said that he "wholly deplores" the recent £45,000 grant made by the World Council of Churches to the Rhodesian Patriotic Front.

Writing in the *Cornish Churchman*, Dr Leonard says that he expects the matter to be raised both at the British Council of Churches Assembly and at the General Synod session in November.

Representations have been made to the Synod's Standing Committee that the matter should be debated, but this is among the points for the agenda which the Committee will have to decide on at its meeting.

Dr Leonard says that he has "very understandingly" received a good many letters about the WCC grant. He declares: "I wholly deplore the action, which, whatever may be the intention of those responsible, is undoubtedly seen as approval by the Churches of the politics, policies and methods of the Patriotic Front."

"I fully accept that there is an urgent need to help those who are suffering as a result of the guerilla war, but some way must be found to do so in a way which does not appear to be supporting a body which seeks to achieve its

purpose by violence and terrorism..."

The Bishop says that he will ask his Bishop's Council to give the Diocesan Synod the opportunity to express its mind on the matter in November.

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CHURCH IMPLICATED

Dr Leonard quotes the recent statement by Mr Derek Pattinson, Secretary-General of the General Synod, that the Church of England does not contribute to the WCC's special Fund to Combat Racism (from which such grants are drawn), and that none of the money raised by the Synod from the diocese and parishes finds its way to the fund.

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In the wake of the floods, a doctor from the Church's Auxiliary for Social Action in India, inoculates flood victims to prevent the spread of disease. Photo ACC.

THE CHURCH THAT IS IN HER HOUSE

"Give our best wishes to the brothers ... and the church that meets in her house." (Colossians 4:15) ... so wrote St Paul to his friends. We too should salute Sylvia Mulu and the Christian brothers and sisters who meet in the church which she has established in her house at the Crossroads squatter camp near Cape Town.

With her daughter and her family she has extended her house and has provided a place of worship for the Christian community midst all the squalor. But we should not think of it as a place without life and kindly humanity, nor a place without God!

It is people like Sylvia, aided by her daughter Thoko, who make a place like Crossroads not only bearable, but, in its way, triumphant. The family provides a haven of peace,



Mrs Sylvia Mulu and her daughter Thoko.

cleanliness and order, to which Christian brothers and sisters come regularly to give praise and thanks to God, and to break bread and so share the life of Christ.

The Minister of Nyanga, Moses Moletsane, comes out regularly, and with his lay ministers provides pastoral care to people of many Christian traditions. The Mulu house is the centre and the mainspring of this ministry. The point is that God is there amongst the shacks and the muddy conditions, and He is there amongst the poverty and the uncertainty. In fact God is the only certain fact in this passing age.

So we salute Sylvia and Thoko Mulu and all of her kind who make a place where Jesus may be found. If one of our brothers or sisters suffer, we all suffer.

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No 1282, home of the Mulu family at Crossroads, which they have enlarged to accommodate a church to serve the community in the squatter camp near Cape Town.

LAMBETH CONFERENCE "PIETISTIC, DREAMLIKE"

Criticisms of the Lambeth Conference were made by the Archbishop of Cape Town (the Most Rev Bill Burnett) and the Bishop of Peterborough (the Right Rev Douglas Feaver).

Archbishop Burnett says he found the Conference "too pietistic" in its reaction to the addresses by Lady Jackson and Professor Charles Elliott on the poverty of the Third World and the use by the West of its material resources.

"Both these addresses left unanswered the question of how you change men's values so that the world's resources are both better conserved and better shared?"

"No answer was given directly to that question. Instead we endorsed a statement which in essence encourages societies and the Churches from which we come to 'do something about it'. That is pietism unless we know how to do it and have the will and resources to do it."

Bishop Feaver, discussing the "purgations" of Lambeth, describes the Conference as "an experience which, by merciful providence of age, is not likely to be imposed upon many of us again."

FOR AND AGAINST

"Nothing much came out; but then nothing much was put in: and the prolonged and tenuous programme turned out, perhaps, not quite as the compilers had computed. Resolution followed like resolution, predictable, imprecise, and as incisive as a dream sword in the dream hand of a dreamer."

Bishop Feaver says that the Conference is best judged by its by-products — "general friendship and common understanding among men, normally and necessarily somewhat isolated, who under our Lord have the same commission in diverse circumstances."

LUTHERAN-EPISCOPAL 'AGREE' — JUSTIFICATION

Participants in the US Lutheran-Episcopal theological dialogue have released a five-paragraph "agreed statement on justification".

The statement says that "at the time of the Reformation, Anglicans and Lutherans shared a common confession and understanding of God's justifying grace" and that "in preaching and teaching, in liturgy and sacraments, both communions confess the radical gift of God's grace and righteousness ..."

The participants note that "the understanding of the term 'salvation' has had different emphases" in two traditions.

"Among Lutherans," it continues, "salvation has commonly been synonymous with the forgiveness of sins; among Episcopalians, salvation has commonly included not only the forgiveness of sins but also the call to and promise of sanctification. As we continue to listen to each other, may God grant that justification by grace and new life in the Spirit abound."

Lutheran and Episcopal papers were presented on "Apostle in the New Testament" and "Apostolicity from the Reformation to the Present." Also considered

EVANGELICALS ON MOVE IN EUROPE

The President and Secretary represented the newly-formed Pan-Hellenic Evangelical Alliance when it was welcomed into membership of the European Evangelical Alliance at its Council meetings held at the London Bible College, Northwood, recently. This brings to 13 the number of member countries of the Alliance, all of whom took part in the meetings, apart from East Germany.

As the reports from the members were reviewed it was clear that growth and progress are evident, in two areas particularly.

In evangelism, national united action is taking place in France and in Germany; in the latter an unprecedented degree of co-operation between churches and movements has been achieved on the doctrinal basis of the Alliance and of the Lausanne Covenant as plans are made for Outreach in 1980.

The other area is that of information, publicity, and access to the media. Evangelical information services in Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland are now well established.

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Those in favour of these resolutions never mentioned the "is the foetus human?" issue in their campaign, and one rallying point of Christians was the determination not to see this important question treated as a non-issue.

The vote on the first four motions was decided in the proportion of 400 in favour and 600 against. The vote on the \$2000 grant was lost — 300 for to 700 against. Those opposing Christian views were surprised at their defeat.

One member of the Communist Club commented "for once the Christians got organised." Christians on campus and elsewhere were most thankful for an encouraging result.

The Catholic vote, the anti-feminist vote and anti-AUS votes were all significant on the day, but the evangelical vote was at least as significant and made a substantial difference to the results.

Four of the five motions were based on the idea that

GOVERNMENT KILLING UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEME

On the eve of the graduation of its first Vocational Employment Training Scheme (VETS) class, following an intensive 32-week practical course, the Sydney City Mission has been stunned by the news that the Federal Government will not provide funds for the course to continue.

This is despite the fact that, when VETS was announced in January of this year, it gained wide media, employer and public approval. At that time the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Mr Street, was reported in The Australian (11.1.1978) as saying that the Sydney City Mission VETS course was the most comprehensive scheme ever set up in Australia for the re-education of the unemployed.

Of the 43 students doing the course, 90 per cent have already obtained jobs.

The VETS course assists young people, mainly from the Green Valley, Liverpool area, which former Labor Minister, Kim Beazley, described this week as having the highest youth unemployment rate in Australia.

"Unless the Federal Government reverses its decision on funding the VETS course it will literally die," said Mrs Merle Hurcomb, Associate Executive Director of the Sydney City Mission.

"Despite pleas to the Minister for Employment, the Prime Minister and other members of the Government, there has been no positive response to provide the funds to continue this most effective and successful course."

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"Mr Street says that in the future the Government will fund only Government-run unemployment schemes."

PM contradicted

"This is completely contradictory to the Prime Minister's speech when he opened the Sydney City Mission's Swanton Lodge on May 12, this year."

At that time Mr Fraser said: "Voluntary agencies such as this (Sydney City Mission) are providing services in a way no government can hope to match."

"Clearly the care, the time, energy and experience the Sydney City Mission contributes to human need cannot be matched by government and bureaucracy."

Metropolitan Nikodim — controversial ecumenist

Metropolitan Nikodim, of Leningrad and Novgorod, a president of the World Council of Churches, died of a heart attack recently during an audience with the Pope. Metropolitan Nikodim had gone to Rome for the Funeral of Pope Paul and remained in the city for the inauguration of his successor, Pope John Paul I.

Nikodim was born Boris G. Rotov into a party-card carrying communist family 49 years ago in a village not far from the ancient Russian city of Ryazan.

A brilliant, though highly controversial figure in the contemporary Russian church hierarchy, he was a living testimony to the miraculous vitality of the Church.

He joined the Church in the 1940s. He simply dropped into an open church on his way back from school, was deeply impressed by what he saw, was secretly baptised and began to serve as an altar boy.

A brilliant school record led him to an unusually early high school graduation.

He joined the biological faculty of the Ryazan Pedagogical Institute. Simultaneously he secretly enrolled for the correspondence course of the Leningrad Theological Seminary and Academy, where he was recommended by the late

Archbishop Afanasi (Sakharov).

DOUBLE LIFE

His "double-life" was soon exposed in the Soviet press; he was expelled from the Pedagogical Institute in 1947; joined the Church openly and was tonsured monk in 1947 at the age of 18, receiving the monastic name of Nikodim.

METEORIC RISE

This was the beginning of his meteoric career in the Church: parish priest at the age of 21; dean of the Yaroslavl Cathedral at the age of 25, by which time he received his Master degree from the Theological Academy; head of the Russian Orthodox Mission in Jerusalem at the age of 28.

In 1960, at the age of 31, Archimandrite Nikodim took over the all-important post of Chairman of the Department of Foreign Relations of the

Moscow Patriarchate from Metropolitan Nikolai of Krutitsy who ran foul of the authorities over Khrushchev's new assault on the Church.

During all this period (1959 to 1964) of violent persecution, Nikodim continued to assure Western opinion in all his public speeches and interviews that there was no persecution, that the Church was free.

CONVINCED BELIEVER

Some began to suspect that he was a plant of the regime. This view, however, was not shared by informed Orthodox believers in the Soviet Union. The general consensus of even the most anti-regime clergy is that he has always been a deeply convinced religious believer.

Nikodim's church career continued to unfold as rapidly in the 1960s as before despite his failing health: he suffered from diabetes and a heart condition. In 1972 after two heart attacks he retired from the chairmanship of the Church's Foreign Relations Department but still remained its most influential active member to his death.

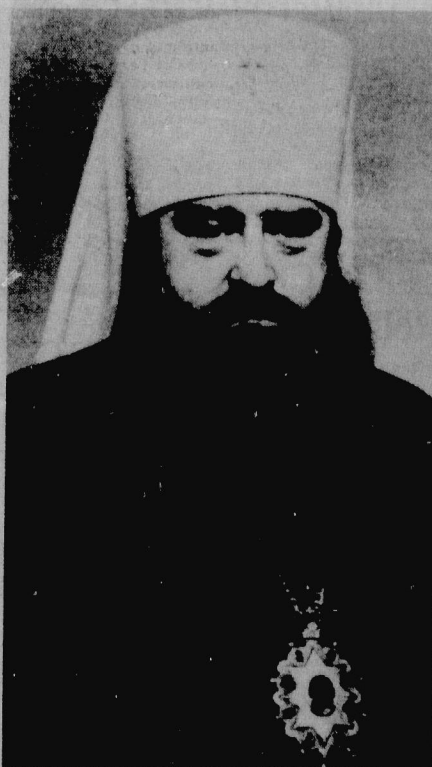
In 1961, at the age of 31, he was ordained bishop and two years later became Metropolitan of Leningrad, only second in seniority to the Metropolitan of Krutitsy.

Having attained such high positions in the Church, he used them to expand and deepen the Church's ecumenical activities and contacts, particularly with the Roman Catholic Church.

INTERNAL CONFLICT

All these ecumenical activities have caused considerable controversy in the Orthodox world. The controversy has been so intense that highly placed conservative churchmen in the Soviet Union confidentially claimed that there was a complete break of communication between Patriarch Pimen and Nikodim and that there were two incompatible factions.

Evidence proves, however, that at least some of the bishops who could be called Nikodim's men, whom he protected from the authorities and who were consecrated on his insistence, do not share his over-loyal and over-obedient attitude toward the regime.



Metropolitan Nikodim

MASSIVE NEED — ORDINANDS

The number of men ordained each year in the Church of England must increase by at least half as many again — so that the full-time ordained ministry may be maintained at its present size.

And the Archbishops of Canterbury and York want to see the number of new deacons rising steadily from the 301 ordained in 1977 to between 400 and 450 a year.

This was the message of a major statement on the ministry made by both Archbishops in the form of a pastoral letter which all incumbents of both provinces were asked to read in their churches recently.

The letter referred to signs of renewed life in many parishes and affirmed the Archbishops' belief that, if momentum was to be increased, the need for a dedicated, well-qualified and full-time ordained ministry would be even greater than in the past. "To train and provide for them will make great demands on our financial resources," the letter warned.

But, at a press conference

in London concerning the Archbishop's statement, Mr Derek Pattinson, Secretary-General of the General Synod, gave an assurance of the Synod's complete backing for what the Archbishop of Canterbury described as "a very expensive operation — the training and maintenance of the men coming forward."

"One thing people will give for is the support of the clergy, especially to have their own parish priest," said Mr Pattinson.

Dr Cogan told reporters that, after the decline in numbers which had followed the immediate post-war boom, there was now a steady increase in the men coming forward; and it looked as if this trend was going to continue.

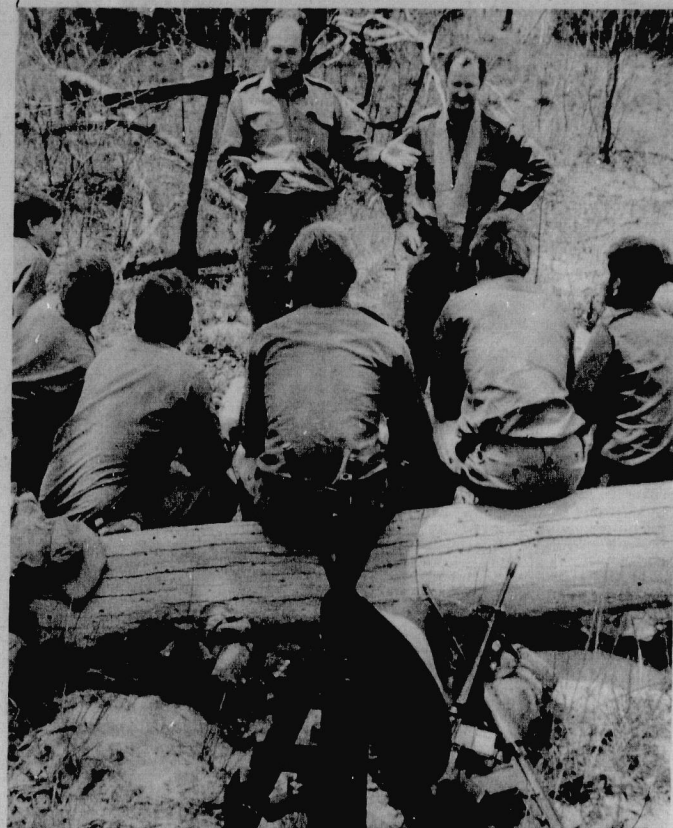
"The Archbishop of York and I believe very strongly that it is of first importance



Dr Cogan

to increase the numbers. We want to see it up to 450 new deacons every year. We think it should be higher — but we want it, at least, to come to that."

EXERCISE IN CONCERT



Time off from war for a church service in the bush for soldiers of 2nd/4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment. The soldiers were attending one of 17 open air services held on Sunday by three Army chaplains, for troops taking part in Exercise In Concert. About 300 soldiers attended the services, which were held in unit locations in the High Range Training Area for single denominations and combined denominations. Two of the Regular Army chaplains conducting the services were Chaplain Eric Elliott, UCA, left, and Chaplain Peter Dagaard, CE.

MORE'S SKULL UNEARTHED

The skull of St Thomas More, beheaded in 1535 for refusing to recognise King Henry VIII as supreme head of the Church of England, has been found in "good condition" in a Canterbury church vault.

The decision to examine the vault of St Dunstan's Church was made in connection with celebration of the 500th anniversary of the birth of the great English humanist, who was canonised in 1935.

Following his execution for high treason, his daughter Margaret Roper, placed the severed head in a casket, after it had been displayed on a spike on London Bridge, and buried it in the Roper family vault at Canterbury.

LONG ARM OF THE LAW

A police lieutenant, who is also a deacon in the Episcopal Church of the United States, has been named by Bishop James Duncan of Southeast Florida to head the church's campaign against proposed casino gambling.

Rev Robert E. Brodie, curate at St Philip's Church in Coral Gables and a lieutenant with the South Miami Police Department, is a former detective who now serves as a police chaplain.

Gambling is the Mafia's largest source of income and may reach as high as \$50 billion a year, according to Mr Brodie, 31, who had been in police intelligence and investigative work for seven years.

He told worshippers at St Philip's that he knows from his police background and experience that legalised gambling will double the number of prostitutes in the area and will vastly increase the sale of narcotics.

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Teachers speak out — outspoken criticism

Sir, Recently in ACR (18/9/78), an article appeared concerning two Social Studies courses currently being taught in some NSW schools. We would like to comment on this article, which relates to a movement that for some time now has sought to discredit certain aspects of the Social Studies curriculum of the NSW Department of Education, criticising materials such as the Western Desert Kit, MACOS units and SEIP courses. The Festival of Light has mounted a campaign against them through many different means.

Involvement by the community in education is highly desirable, and discussion and debate always welcome; but the difficulty is that those who do so, need to be well-informed. Who, of those condemning these units, knows what is in them? Material we have seen quoted has been terribly confused. Teachers' Reference Materials are continually quoted as if children were to be taught from them verbatim, and the excellent children's materials almost ignored.

Background material for teachers must always be available in every subject taught, and has always covered a much wider range than the subject matter given to children. Teachers' texts are not handed out to children, who would find both the language and content, beyond them; but let us be fair.

Christian parents put into the hands of their children the text book they wish them to read freely and know well, the Bible. Yet this has some stories in it, in quite simple language, which many would be unhappy for children to read too early or out of context. It seems we could be condemning others for things they are not doing, when we may be culpable ourselves.

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LETTERS

You can imagine what this means to responsible teachers, some of them Christians, who would like debate and involvement but are confronted by groups which, by the very things they say, ignorant or hysterical, jumping on a bandwagon rather than digging for facts. It is difficult to stand for Christianity on the one hand, yet have to contend with this mis-information generated by these groups, on the other.

If anyone is really worried about these matters, local Educational Professional Service Centres are available to discuss matters which concern them, and relevant material can be made available. Courses are run for people who are interested to take them; the St George Centre (phone: W. Frame 597 2266) is offering courses at the moment.

Let us continue to debate, together seeking the best ways to educate ourselves and our young; but don't let us cloud important issues with the corrosive elements of suspicion and ignorance, which promote more darkness than light, and produce a negative, rather than a positive, result.

JOHN EMMETT,
RUTH SUTTON,
Hurstville, NSW.

Church correspondent queries Prot. "absurdities"

Sir, I am surprised and a little disappointed at your publication of the item, "Holy Smoke", under the by-line CEN, in your current issue. In many years' contacts with Roman Catholics I have never once heard the Pope referred to as "a successor to Jesus Christ". There is a sharp distinction between such a term and the commonly used "Vicar of Christ".

I also query your reference to the "absurdity" of smoke signals — black to announce an unsuccessful ballot; white to announce a successful one. This practice, of ancient origin, has a practical benefit of indicating that the ballot papers, which are supposed to be secret, have been burnt.

I find the custom no less foolish than that of the Anglican bishop, knocking with his staff on a cathedral door to gain admittance, or the Presbyterian moderator intoning "The ayes have it... I think the ayes have it; the motion is carried."

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Healing Service Problems

Sir, A word of encouragement to Lesley Hicks (ACR, Oct 2nd) for trying to give us a balanced view of healing. She recommends both Canon Glennon's position that the inadequacy of our faith is the main limiting factor to God's power to heal, and Dr Guinness's position that we have to accept the unpredictable workings of a sovereign God.

I fear she recommends the impossible. You can't rightly believe both.

She also recommends the Wednesday night Healing Service. She really gives me problems there! During the Dinner adjournment on the Wednesday evening of the recent Session of Synod, I went to the Cathedral to spend a little time at the Healing Service.

The preacher was explaining away Paul's "thorn in the flesh". He suggested Paul was wrong (2 Cor 12:8) in praying three times for healing... he should only have prayed once and, thereafter, given God thanks for receiving healing... his failure to do this indicated lack of understanding of the way God works... delay in healing for Paul was probably aided by his sins, such as pride, lack of submission to God's will, etc... but he was finally healed as shown by Gal 4:13-14... follow the teachings of the Order of St Luke and avoid the errors of St Paul... put God first and healing will be given to you... the "all things" of Matt 6:33 includes healing.

Ten minutes of this was enough for me. I left, not wanting to return.

The OSL teaches the redemption of the body, a concept denied in God's Word (as Romans 8). If one believes that, on the cross, our Lord redeemed our bodies as well as our souls, it will follow that true faith will appropriate both. Failure to be physically whole will be for people who are not true believers. There is no room here for a sovereign God to not grant healing to a true believer.

The OSL position not only requires the twisting of God's Word, it also overlooks one of the realities of life, namely that God does call upon some of His faithful people to suffer.

I have no doubt that the Healing Service functions well as a support group, teaches some truth, and that some people are benefited by their involvement. But surely these benefits could be given without mis-using God's Word?

Lesley also recommends Canon Glennon's new book. I wonder does it contain a section giving some of the immensely discouraging case histories of people who have been led into anguish, confusion, depression and even emotional and mental illness stemming from the teachings of the Cathedral "healing ministry"? If not, I could contribute three for the next edition.

Sorry, Lesley, but the Healing Service is sick.

(Rev) FRED HANSON,
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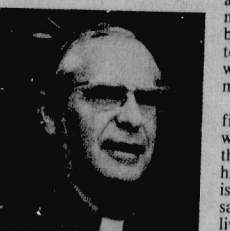
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Seven Years Before Women Are Ordained

It is unlikely that The Anglican Church in Australia will ordain a woman priest before 1985 according to Bishop Cecil Warren, bishop of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

At General Synod last year the church voted that "alleged theological objections" were insufficient to bar ordination of women, he said, but if the canon is passed at General Synod in 1981 "it will be challenged".

Bishop Warren said he thought synod's resolution was "negative" and that constitutional difficulties or matters relating to ministry such as the deployment of women priests had not been faced. The resolution was referred to various church commissions for further study, he added.



Bishop Cecil Warren

The 54-year-old bishop stopped in Toronto briefly on his return to Canberra following the Lambeth Conference where he was secretary of the group concerned with ministry of women and their ordination to the priesthood.

Canadian Churchman

POLISH RC ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT

What is described by Keston College, Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism, as an "unprecedented attack on the Polish Government," took place on a Sunday recently.

It took the form of a pastoral letter from the Polish bishops for the annual "Mass Media Day" and was read in all Roman Catholic churches in Poland.

The letter regretted that the Church in today's Poland had not only been refused "the right to possess the mass communication media" — in particular radio, television and the daily press — but was also not able to use them actively.

"All the media have been taken over by the State and given to serve the ideology which has as its aim the up-bringing of human beings without God."

The letter claimed that the media were being abused in order to impose one kind of view only and one behaviour pattern only, and to spread power over people.

"People who have taken over today's press, radio,

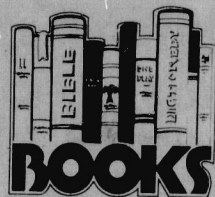
Episcopal Bishop Consecrated at Roman Catholic Cathedral

The Roman Catholic Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento, California was the setting for the consecration of an Episcopal Bishop. This was the first time in the history of the Sacramento church that a non-Roman service of this type had taken place.

The Rev John L. Thompson, former rector of Christ Church, Eureka, was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California.

Chief consecrator was the Rt Rev John M. Allin, the Presiding Bishop of the 3-million member Episcopal Church.

The service at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament was an ecumenical one, with all Christian and Jewish denominations invited to attend, as well as civic and business leaders.



Star Wars to Christian use

"The Force of Star Wars" by Frank Allnatt Spire Books, \$2.50

I have a ten-year-old son who has a fanatical enthusiasm for the film Star Wars and everything connected with it. So when I received this book for review he pounced on it and made a gallant attempt to read it right through, though I warned him it was not written for his age-group.

The book uses the story of Star Wars as a sort of allegory of the Christian message, and as such could be useful as an evangelistic tool to reach some who would not otherwise be motivated to read it.

The Force in the science fiction romance is equated with God, Luke Skywalker is the young (Christian) hero, his mentor Obi-wan Kenobi is the Christ-like figure who sacrifices his life but then lives on in spirit; then there are the evil figures such as Darth Vader (Judas/False Prophet) and the Grand Moff Tarkin (Antichrist), and so on.

The latter part of the book majors on prophecy and its fulfilment, with very definite interpretations of scripture similar to those in The Late Great Planet Earth.

Lesley Hicks

Old and good

"Commentary on Revelation" by H. B. Swete Kregel Publications 1977

(reprint of 3rd edition, 1911) \$US12.95 ccxviii + 338 pages hard cover

New Testament studies have never been the same since the famous 19th C. Cambridge scholars Westcott, Lightfoot, and Hort established the textual and exegetical methods which characterise their commentaries.

H. B. Swete stood firmly on the shoulders of these men, and his Revelation was originally published in the same series as their commentaries. It pre-dates the massive work by R. H. Charles by several years.

Swete's commentary is a classic in the tradition of the Cambridge three, giving the full Westcott and Hort Greek text with critical apparatus and philological notes. While it may be said to be more a book for the specialist, its value is not merely historical.

The careful reader, even if uninitiated into Greek, will find constant exegetical insights. Swete is renowned for his studies in the Septuagint OT, and this makes him even more qualified to comment on the New Testament book which makes most frequent reference to the OT.

There is a mine of information in the introductory sections despite their being somewhat dated.

But it is refreshing to be reminded that the modern craving for Revelation to provide answers for the prophetic dilettante and the eschatological nosey-parker need not deprive us of a more level-headed approach to this first century work of comfort and encouragement in the gospel.

Kregel are to be commended for reprinting this fine scholarly work.

Graeme Goldsworthy

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by Lesley Hicks

"CHRISTIAN" DIVORCE

The divorce rate in Australia is dropping, according to the statistics. Surprising to the prophets of doom? Perhaps, but apparently there is a simple explanation, and it is not due to an improved ability of couples to form good and lasting relationships. The new Family Law Bill of 1975 heralded a boom in divorces (if anything so depressing can be called a "boom"). Many waited for that new law with its "no fault" basis and the opportunity it presented for a "unilateral declaration of independence" by only one of the parties to the marriage.

That backlog is now largely dealt with, and the bulge is levelling off. But included in the casualty lists are some Christian couples; most of us can probably think of some.

ADVANTAGES

Some years back, when teaching a senior high school scripture class, I listed some of the tremendous advantages a truly Christian marriage has over others:

• Christians seek God's will and plan for their lives. Whether they should marry and their choice of a marriage partner is part of that plan.

• The two of them regard their marriage as unquestionably for life. Love is a matter of will, not just falling in or out of "love".

• They have God's help to learn to live together through the ups and downs of married life. They are forgiven people, so they are able to forgive each other.

• They should be growing towards a Christlike character — cruelty, unfaithfulness etc, unthinkable.

• They recognise a God-given order in the marriage. Each gives in to the other because they love and want to please each other, but in a deadlock, the husband has

the casting vote, and the wife obeys.

At that time I could honestly say to the students that of all the marriages of our fellow-Christian contemporaries, such as members of the same Fellowship who quite often married "fellow-Fellowshippers", I knew of none that had ended in divorce. I can no longer say that.

When teaching my high-schoolers, of course I tried to show what I meant by "truly Christian" marriages — ones in which both partners are at the outset, or later become, committed to Christ, "born-again" believers. Here we have the first problem. Only God knows fully and finally every one who belongs to Him, who is born into His family.

The parables of the Sower and the Wheat and the Tares (Matt 13) make clear that commitment to Christ is not always genuine or lasting, and counterfeit Christians abound. Some who early in adult life seem to love and follow the Lord later drift from Him and even reject Him completely.

He or she may have married one whose commitment goes on and deepens, so the two end up poles apart spiritually. Sometimes that gulf widens till a divorce is demanded.

Secondly, we all know ourselves well enough (or do we?) to be aware that we do not always desire or obey God's will. We can be selfish and disobedient at the outset of our marriage and in the midst of it, even if we have married a fellow-Christian. One Counsellor says there is no such thing as a compatible couple. All sinners are by definition incompatible! Forgiven and forgiving ones fare better, I'm thankful to say!

Another factor: we are all the emotional as well as the physical children of our parents. The "sins of the fathers" (and mothers) are visited on the children, not as a cruel act of judgment by a vindictive God, but as a law of human nature and development.

Not all who know Christ come to a rounded emotional, sexual and psychological wholeness in personality. Some remain

crippled for life. I am convinced that healing of these immaturities is offered by Christ, but unless it is sought and found, failure in marriage and as parents, may result.

DIRECTION OF THE WILL

Perhaps it is significant that in most of the broken marriages I know, the declaration of independence has come from the wife. She was the one who with desperate determination made the break, either taking the children with her or leaving both them and her husband. I have a reluctant admiration for the strength of will shown in doing this.

I have asked myself: could not that strength of purpose which, after years of struggle, drives a woman to break free from her husband and face the insecurity of living alone and proving a partial home for the children — could not that will, redirected in obedience to God's word and the marriage vows, be the key to making the marriage work after all?

And with the Holy Spirit filling both lives as He longs to do, it would not merely be a patch-up job, but the recreation of a marriage by the One for whom nothing is impossible!

NEW BAN ON CHRISTIAN NEWSPAPER

A second edition of "Kairos", the monthly newspaper of the South African Council of Churches was banned by the Government Publications Control Board recently.

It included background articles on Christians in Namibia and an interview with Dan Tjongarero, vice-chairman of SWAPO, a prominent Lutheran layman.

It also contained an article by Dr Margaret Nash, of the SACC staff, on Crossroads, the squatter community near Cape Town which has been the centre of demonstrations and international concern.

The South African Government recently lifted a ban on "The Voice", a black, ecumenical Christian weekly which the SACC helped to start.

The August edition, which focused on Namibia (South West Africa), joins the May edition, which was banned in August as a "threat to State security".

The reasons for the latest banning will not be known until the SACC receives an answer from the Government as to why the issue was "undesirable". This normally takes three weeks.

The August edition of "Kairos" appeared shortly after Fr Heinz Hunke, a Roman Catholic, and Fr Ed Morrow, an Anglican, were expelled from Namibia.

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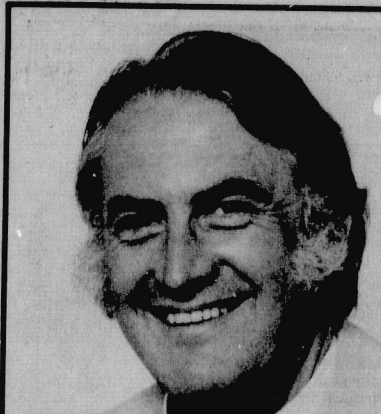
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The Bishop Speaks Out

Stock... taking

The fact that stealing is morally wrong will be admitted by all. The point at which the retaining of something that does not belong to you becomes stealing will be contested by many. This was seen in the recent case of a Wollongong man who was charged with stealing after having been overpaid \$600 on a cheque he cashed and he refused to give back the money. He protested that he had not sought the money but, having received it, had spent it.

There are many people in our society who would not deliberately steal from another person but who think nothing of keeping additional change they may inadvertently receive. Nor would these upright members of the community feel any guilt in using their employer's goods — called stocktaking — or their facilities — that is foreign orders — or of misusing time for which they were being paid.

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A record \$14 million will be spent by the United Bible Societies in the next year to translate, print and distribute Scriptures in more than 100 countries.

The Bible Society in Australia will have to raise \$2100 every day to help meet this commitment.

"Supported" Bible Societies around the world had requested \$16,705,000 for translation, production and distribution programs — much more than "supporting" societies, such as Australia, were able to pledge. Proposals in Africa, Asia, Latin America and parts of Europe were reassessed as part of a detailed and difficult global review.

Eventually, projects worth \$2½ million were cut to get the UBS World Service Budget down to \$14,141,000 — still \$367,000 more than the supporting societies had promised.

Mr Payne, the General

Secretary, said, "Rather than cut further into the proposed programs, which would have severely restricted Bible work in countries such as Zaire, Uganda, Zambia, India and Brazil, where there are great opportunities and urgent demands, it was decided to ask supporting societies for additional pledges of money."

The Bible Society in Australia had promised, in faith, to lift its contribution from \$630,000 in the present financial year to \$735,000 for 1978-79. Because of the urgent need this was increased by a further \$30,000.

"It is a tremendous challenge," Mr Payne said, "but our work is done in faith and God has never failed to provide."

Barrows at Businessmen's Dinner

SYDNEY
Rev D. P. Robinson will resign from Rector of Chester Hill, West Sefton on November 22 to take up an appointment as Chaplain with the RAN.

Rev J. R. Greenwood is to resign from Rector at Randwick on December 31 to go to Queensland.

Rev R. R. Gibson, Rector of Bexley resigned on October 19.

Rev M. Myers will resign as Rector of Summer Hill on November 27 to take up an appointment as Rector of Robertson, on December 2.

Rev R. E. Andrews of the CMS is to become the Rector of Regents Park from November 10.

Rev R. C. Weir formerly of Bowral died on October 2.

Rev J. R. Bunyan, Curate, St James, King Street is to become the Rector of Chester Hill with Sefton.

The new address for Paddington Rectory is: St George's Rectory, The Fiveways, Glenmore Road, Paddington, 2021.

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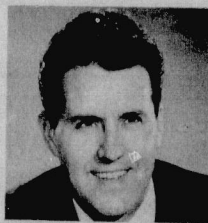
MELBOURNE
Rev M. Lee, has accepted appointment as Associate Minister at St James' Old Cathedral, West Melbourne.

ARCHBISHOP RESIGNS

The Archbishop of Tanzania, the Most Rev John Sepaku resigned due to age from September 1, but that he would continue as Bishop of Dar-es-Salaam.

Archbishop Sepaku presided at the opening service of the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury Cathedral.

He was ordained in 1938 in the diocese of Zanzibar; he was elected Bishop of Dar-es-Salaam in 1965 and Archbishop of Tanzania in 1970.



Cliff Barrows

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NEW CARLINGFORD CHURCH DEDICATED



The Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Rev Sir Marcus Loane, dedicating the new Anglican church and parish centre at Carlingford on Sunday, October 1, 1978. Those present included the Federal MP for the district, Mr Philip Ruddock, the State MP, Mr James Cameron, many shire and municipal representatives and representatives from neighbourhood churches. The whole project, including the acquisition of land and the building of the rectory, had cost \$362,000.

Islamic Press on Indo Church

The new Minister of Religion (in Indonesia) has recently bowed to strong Muslim pressure and promulgated two laws which would seem to be aimed at severely restricting Christian witness in Indonesia.

The National Council of Churches and the Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church have jointly appealed directly to President Suharto to rescind these laws which are regarded as being in conflict with constitutional guarantees of religious liberty.

As well as imposing new limitations on foreign missionary personnel the new laws go so far as to explicitly forbid any proselytisation of those who already have a religion. Likewise it is now illegal to distribute scripture portions or to leave them in public places or homes of 'people espousing another religion'.

Indonesian Christian leaders are awaiting anxiously the President's response to their protest.

Uranium and Oenpelli

Canon Barry Butler, a CMS missionary for 25 years in North Australia, has expressed his concern about the negotiations regarding uranium mining at Oenpelli.

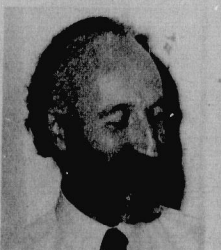
"The crucial issue to me in the matter of uranium mining is not so much the question of whether the material should be mined (whether next year or in 20 years' time) but the fact that whatever is done in the Oenpelli area, on however small a scale, will inevitably tend to further disintegrate and demoralise Aborigines.

"This will not occur simply because ore is being dug out of the ground, but because of the presence of more Europeans.

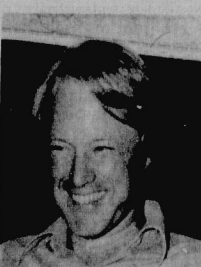
"I would hope that Aborigine groups and clans (however small they may be) will eventually be seen as owners of their traditional land with secure title, and that they will have the same rights regarding who comes onto their properties as other land owners have in this country."

SCRIPTURE UNION MOVES

After 6 years as Chairman of the SU Council, Dr Keith Watson has retired. His term was 5 years, but he stayed on for a further year to see the new General Secretary, Mr Tom Treseder "settled in". Dr Watson has been part of SU for over 40 years — reading the Bible reading notes since childhood, attending camps and beach missions, and later, serving on committees and SU Council. It is with gratitude that SU farewell him as Chairman — and welcomes him in his role as member of the SU planning committee.



Dr Keith Watson



Mr Ridley Smith

Taking the chair of the Council is Mr Ridley Smith, who has been part of Scripture Union for many years. It was through the ministry of ISCF (Inter School Christian Fellowship — part of SU) that he became a Christian. He has been a member of Council and of the SU Development Committee for several years, where he has made a substantial contribution to the work already. He will be known as the architect of Sydney Square and the St Andrew's House.

Also retiring from the SU Council is Dr Bill Anderson, who has served on the NSW and Federal Councils for over 30 years. He is taking up a new and responsible role in the Asian arm of SU's missionary work, as Chairman of the ANZEA/SU (Australia, New Zealand, East Asia SU) Pacific Area Executive.



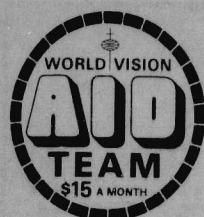
Dr Bill Anderson

The moment I think I have understood someone, I stop helping him, because I am no longer in an attitude of seeking. — Paul Tournier

What Some People Do!



Rev Hans Mullikin, a Southern Baptist Minister, has crawled 1350 miles averaging five to six miles daily as a demonstration urging people along the way to "return to their knees daily and worship." He is shown near Buchanan, Va, enroute to Washington, DC.



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ANATHEMA ON HONOUR

THE PROBLEM THAT WON'T GO AWAY



A Laotian refugee in Thailand is part of a difficult problem the western world cannot ignore. See page 5 — "Bonner's Tour".

"The significance of the Archbishop of Canterbury's decision to attend the enthronement of the new Pope must be carefully weighed by members of the Church of England," said David N. Samuel, Secretary, Protestant Reformation Society.

It will undoubtedly be regarded as a sign of the esteem and honour in which the Papacy is now supposed to be held by Protestants.

It will also be interpreted as a step towards the goal sketched out by the Agreed Statement on Authority in the Church, viz, that in any future union of Churches, the Papacy should be accorded a primacy of honour.

JURISDICTION NOT HONOUR

Yet it must not be forgotten that the claim of the Papacy is not merely to a primacy of honour but of jurisdiction over all Christians.

The decree of Vatican I declared that the primacy of the Roman Pontiff is not a "primacy of honour only" (let him who says so be anathema), but of "true and proper jurisdiction."

The claim to jurisdiction is distinctly a Papal claim, and the cosmetic reforms of Vatican II did nothing to alter it.

The decree on the Dogmatic Constitution of the Church, which takes over where Vatican I left off, affirms: "... all this teaching (of Vatican I) about the institution, the perpetuity, the force and reason for the

sacred primacy of the Roman Pontiff, this sacred Synod again proposes to be firmly believed by all the faithful."

The rock of the Papal claim to jurisdiction and sovereignty, which split the ark of the visible Church into East and West, Roman and Protestant, is now covered by a rising tide of euphoria generated by ecumenism and the mass media — but it is still there, and is none the less real because some do not see it and others choose to ignore it.

The present, therefore, is not the time for the leadership of the Church of England to ignore these unpleasant facts, but rather to face them.

Nor is it the time for the Church of England to be departing from precedent when there is no indication of the Church of Rome doing the same.

CHANGE THE PAPAL CLAIM

It is surely the duty of those who are entrusted with the safety and integrity of the Church of England to insist that there can be no acknowledgement of the Papacy's claim to a primacy of honour until there is a change in the Papal claim to a primacy of jurisdiction.

WCC SACKS FOUR SENIOR OFFICIALS

Disagreement among senior officials of the World Council of Churches over their policy towards Southern African liberation movements is probably the reason for the sacking of four senior members of the organisation's staff in Geneva.

The four, who include a black South African woman, have been told that a meeting of the World Council's Executive in Helsinki last month decided that their three-year contracts should not be renewed.

OTHERS DISMISSED

The other three officials who have been dismissed are Dr Lukas Vischer, a well-known theologian, Mr Jurgen Hilke, the organisation's Director of Communications, and Mr C. I. Itty, an Indian.

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SPECULATION OVER WCC GRANT

The reason for the sackings has not been officially disclosed, but there has been widespread speculation that they are linked with the controversy surrounding an \$85,000 grant to the Rhodesian Patriotic Front two months ago.

Ms Brigalia Bam, South African head of the Council's section dealing with Women in Church and Society, is said to have believed that the organisation was becoming too closely tied to Southern African liberation movements and was ignoring moderates and churches.

Ms Bam worked with the Student Christian Association of South Africa and the Natal YWCA before joining the WCC in 1967.

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EDITORIAL

Most members of the Sydney Diocesan Synod will be bewildered, to say the least, at the proposal to instal a searchlight in Sydney Square at a cost of \$25,000. This announcement came less than one month after the session of the 1978 Diocesan Synod. At Synod the need for stringent economies was emphasised, and assurances were given that the central diocesan administration was setting a lead in paring costs wherever possible.

The question that comes to the minds of observers is: how can the diocesan authorities adopt a facing-both-ways posture? Members of Synod are given to understand that maximum economies have been undertaken. The Sydney City Council, on the other hand, receives a proposal that the Diocese instal a searchlight in Sydney Square.

Many people will see such a light as a form of environmental pollution, a sad reminder of wartime, a nuisance, a complete waste of money, or all four. It is difficult to see any way at all in which such an addition will enhance Sydney Square.

It has been said that a searchlight would draw attention to the Sydney Square Arcade shopping centre. Indeed it would. But all early reactions to the proposals, in spoken comments and in the press, have been uniformly unfavourable, and the light could well be counter-productive as a commercial promotion gimmick.

But the strongest objection to the scheme is one of financial priorities. Because of its present financial position the Sydney Synod reduced its general grant to the Board of Education from \$106,500 in 1978 to \$37,650 in 1979. The Synod's regret at such a large reduction was seen when it voted more money to the Board than had been recommended by the Priorities Committee.

Yet now we discover that before his death in August, Alderman Leo Port, then Lord Mayor of Sydney, received a letter asking for a response from the Sydney City Council to the searchlight proposal, but not asking for financial assistance.

SPOTLIGHT ON — PRIORITIES

Now that the Council has volunteered to meet half the expenses of the light it is suggested that more bodies other than the Church of England may be willing to support the scheme financially out of civic interests. But why should they? The light is promoted as a source of commercial benefit to the Diocese as it draws people to the Arcade below the Square. If it is to benefit in this way, it should pay.

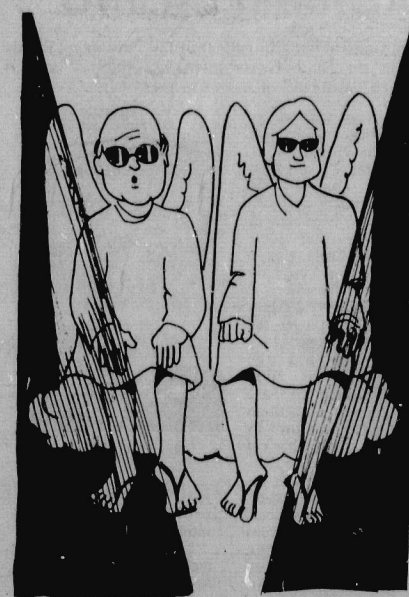
It would be interesting to know from what source the money would come. It may be argued that with a huge diocesan budget an amount of \$12,500, or even \$25,000, is "chicken feed", and easily found. But how so? Such an amount could not be found for inclusion in the 1979 budget, to be distributed among diocesan organisations.

Are we making too much of this issue? Surely not. At present missionary organisations are struggling against inflation. Diocesan financial resources are at a very low ebb. The Billy Graham organisation is calling for increased sacrificial giving by church people so that the 1979 Crusade will be paid for without any diminution in support for any other Christian work.

More important still, many parishes in Sydney Diocese are finding it extremely difficult to meet expenses, and are battling to pay diocesan assessments in the current tight economic situation.

What sort of priorities are revealed when the Diocese promotes the installation of a most expensive and totally unnecessary electric light? What sort of an example does this action set?

We know how much adverse, even cynical, comment, has been made about the Federal Government's calls for cut-backs and stringent economies, which have come at the same time as it indulges in the extravagance of a new fleet of multi-million-dollar VIP jet planes. How can church people be blamed for their growing disenchantment with some elements of diocesan policies, a disenchantment which was evident at the recent session of Synod?



Perhaps we should remind them of their job "let YOUR light so shine before MEN".

The Sydney diocesan authorities should recognise that a credibility gap already exists in the minds of people in the parishes over St Andrew's House, and if the searchlight proposal, or other schemes like it, go ahead, the gap will be appreciably widened.