

CELEBRATING THEIR 21ST



Enquirers of the Sydney Billy Graham Crusade 1959, Avis Bright (left) and Joyce Warrington (right) show their favourite scriptures to their counsellor of 21 years ago, Moya Simon. Twelve others converted at 1959 shared in their 21st Anniversary of the 1959 Crusade celebrations at Port Kembla.

The occasion was the 21st Anniversary of them all making their decision to follow Christ, at the 1959 Billy Graham Crusade in Sydney.

Over 49 people made their decision for Christ during those meetings, 21 years ago this month. All were referred to the Port Kembla Methodist Church, as it was known in those days. The minister, Rev. John Mallison, was reputed to be on the

doorstep of any enquirer "within 24 hours".

A telegram was also received from Billy Graham himself, to mark the occasion.

"Their active participation in the fellowship of your church is clear evidence and value of careful follow-up and the importance of small group instruction. I have been thankful to learn of the outstanding faithfulness of the group in Port Kembla."

A fellowship tea commenced the proceedings, which were planned and organized by two of the converts themselves, Avis Bright and Joyce Warrington. A cake was decorated with the same wording as a banner on the wall, which read "LIFT JESUS HIGHER".

(Photo Ramon Williams)



Mr. Stacy Atkin, O.B.E., (Service to cricket and Anglican Church), Head Deaconess Mary Andrews, A.M., (Service to Religion), and the Venerable Robert J. Fillingham, M.B.E., (Service to the Anglican H.M.S.) after their investiture at Government House recently.

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As the village church at Timbertown, it is still consecrated but is now non-denominational. It is the only building brought into Timbertown — all others have been built on the site.

And it is with the bell-tower that Timbertown has a problem, for, in two years of construction and over 3 years of being open to the public, Timbertown has still not managed to acquire a church bell.



G.F.S. celebrates 100th with Channel 7

Members of the Girls' Friendly Society are sharing their 100th birthday celebrations with the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children. A massive party for 5,000 children is being organised at Flemington Markets on July 26, with the help of Channel 7, for G.F.S. members and patients and ex-patients of the Children's Hospital.

As part of their service project for this year the members are raising funds to sponsor hospital children to the party and by doing so it is hoped that G.F.S. will be able to make a large donation to the hospital.

Other activities to celebrate one hundred years of G.F.S. in N.S.W., include a leaders' and friends dinner on September 19, at the Ryde Civic Centre and a Centenary March and Service on September 28, in Sydney Square.

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GOD BIASED IN FAVOUR OF THE POOR - THAI. CON.

"To try to dodge any word about the poor is like standing under an avalanche, confident in our ability to duck," said one of the 17 Mini-Consultation comprising COWE in Thailand, who studying the people living in inner-city conditions, grappled with the claim that "God is biased in favour of the poor". They compiled an exhaustive list of Biblical references to poverty as a basis for private study by those who read the report. Its conclusion was that God is biased to justice, and that it is the world that is biased against the poor in its constant injustice.

The Consultation on World Evangelisation (COWE) held in Pattaya, Thailand from June 16-27 ended with a Communion Service conducted by Thai church leaders and attended by more than 875 Christians from 87 countries.

Another Mini-Consultation looked at opportunities for evangelism among the world's vast Chinese populations. Its report notes that today at least 22 former Protestant church buildings had been reopened for public worship in Mainland Chinese cities since 1979. Up to 2,000 weekly worshippers are reported from the church in Shanghai, and house churches have existed in every province of China throughout recent years in much larger numbers than was previously believed.

"All China ministries," counsels the report, "should be conducted in closest co-operation with believers in China. Those engaged in China ministries should also be sensitive to the danger of subverting them by financial inducement that would bring a mixture of double-mindedness and time-serving along with the erosion of personal integrity."

Widely different fields for evangelism, from secularised cities to the jungles of animists, from Marxists to refugees, from Hindus to Chinese, were subjects discussed at the Consultation.

Participants had earlier accepted without dissenting voice, the recommendations contained in "Co-operation in World Evangelisation", a seven-page working paper. Designed to assist the Lausanne Committee on World Evangelisation (LCWE), sponsors of COWE, in its future deliberations, it suggested that LCWE be given a fresh mandate to continue its ministry, at the same time giving special attention to "balanced representation of membership and improved regionalisation".

In order to maintain the ministry of LCWE (estimated cost US\$250,000 yearly), various means of fund-raising were outlined, including a challenge to COWE participants to a personal financial commitment.

On the proposal to merge LCWE with the World Evangelical Fellowship, the document counselled a not-at-this-time response, but it did urge a merger between the theological units of the two bodies. It also recommended that LCWE "declare itself open to a fraternal relationship with any body or movement that is committed to world evangelisation and is in full accord with the Lausanne Covenant and spirit".

Among the hindrances to co-operative relationships identified were duplication of ministries; a deficient attitude toward local church structures, insensitivity toward governments and other secular authorities and lack of prior consultation on the part of short-stay

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Gottfried Osei-Mensah (Kenya), LCWE Executive Secretary, presents opening keynote address.

This man witnessed great horror

"Corpses pulled from ground and eaten"

The Rev. Titus Mubiru has just returned to Kenya from a visit to the northeast of Uganda where he witnessed unbelievable horror.

The former Melbourne Anglican priest is heading up World Vision's relief and development work in Uganda. His family has moved to Kenya because the situation in Uganda is so dangerous.

Titus Mubiru speaking to the World Vision office in Melbourne by telephone, said that he visited a hospital that usually accommodates 40 patients.

"The hospital now has 5000. Some are lying outside, others on every inch of floor space inside. There are no medicines or beds."

The northeast of Uganda, known as Karamoja, is dying as a result of a savage famine. Titus Mubiru says added to this is that the authorities have no proper control over Karamoja. The area is being ruled by

armed groups. They have set up road-blocks and when visitors arrive they are often stripped of everything. Some voluntary aid agencies have been forced to leave because they cannot give their personnel proper protection.

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Rev. Titus Mubiru.

NERVE GAS IN AFRICA

The Sydney based Eritrean Relief Committee is appealing to the Australian people to send telegrams and write letters aimed at stopping the possible use of chemical warfare in Eritrea in the Horn of Africa.

The Committee has received a 3 page report via Rome which indicates that the Soviet Union has stockpiled chemical weapons in Ethiopia for use in a new offensive in the war in Eritrea. For 18 years, the three and a half million people of Eritrea have been fighting for the independence of the Red Sea nation against the Ethiopian army now backed by the Soviets.

This ongoing conflict is one of the major causes of the refugee situation in neighbouring Sudan and Somalia — now recognised as the worst refugee situation in the world.

According to the United Nations, Ethiopia is the single largest refugee-producing country in the world, exceeding Vietnam with its 1.5 million and Afghanistan with its nearly 1 million refugees. Over 1 million Ethiopians have fled to Sudan alone, the majority from Eritrea.

Already the Ethiopians have used defoliants such as 2,4,5-T, the dangerous ingredient in Agent Orange which is currently the centre of controversy as a result of its genetic effects on the servicemen who used it in the Vietnam war. The 3 page report states "Available evidence now conclusively establish that the Soviet Union has replenished the Ethiopian regime's stock of chemical weapons with the introduction of new varieties of chemical anti-personnel agents."

Forty Soviet helicopters equipped to spray chemicals have been deployed in Asmara in the occupied part of Eritrea with a further 100 helicopters waiting in nearby Bishoftu. 200 Soviet experts in gas warfare and for logistic support have already arrived in Ethiopia.

"We appeal to the Australian people to urge Prime Minister Fraser to take action in the international arena and to call on Dr. Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General of the United Nations to stop the use of chemical weapons in Eritrea" said Mr. Fessehaie Abraham, an Eritrean student in Sydney and member of the Eritrean Relief Committee.

W.C.C.

EDITORIAL

No wonder they call it the lucky country

The recent Commonwealth Government's amnesty for 60,000 illegal immigrants has left Mr. Citizen in a state of shock for a number of reasons.

Firstly, there are the reasons supplied by the Minister for Immigration. He has said that we have to face it that the numbers are large and are growing at 7,000 a year. To deport all these people means the expenses of building more detention centres, and we will have to have more police looking for illegal immigrants 'which is damaging for our society'.

What an astonishing statement by the Minister. The minister's statement about the cost of more detention centres is nonsense. The department has great trouble catching something in the vicinity of 2,000 to 2,500 immigrants for deportation, largely through informants. The cost of deporting an illegal immigrant is also very considerable, and up until legislation was introduced last year the Commonwealth had to pay even the costs of airfares regardless of how wealthy the person was or how much he had earned in Australia in effect "tax free".

The reason of "more police looking for illegal immigrants will be damaging to our society" means something very different. Immigration is one of the most "political" areas for the Government. It is known in Canberra that nothing the Government does must upset the ethnic communities. The final outcome of the social security ripoff in the Greek community shows that. It will be damaging for votes in this election year and any "liberal" move in this area will certainly win those votes. There is always pressure on Government members and public figures to make representations on behalf of illegal persons. Fortunately the government is closing the 'ministerial representations' channel.

The Commonwealth Government has no effective policy to prevent the large annual influx, and is ineffectual in catching and deporting them.

Secondly, in the face of unemployment the influx of immigrants who would not have qualified for legal entry because of their lack of required skills does mean less jobs for "legal" persons and a greater burden on the taxpayer's purse. Illegal immigrants do jump the queue because they would never get here had they stood in it. They do not qualify. The Commonwealth will reject them because they know that they will be a burden.

Thirdly, the exploitation by unscrupulous Australians or their own race in Australia is deplorable. The Record knows of cases where illegal immigrants are forced to work long hours for wages well below the award, and are subject to exploitation by landlords simply because of their status. The government also knows this to be so.

The amnesty in an election year is a very attractive political expedient. No doubt the government will succeed in getting its message through that they really mean it especially after their previous dismal failure. It will not ferret out the person with a criminal record for he will be wise enough not to come forward, but will continue to function as a festering sore in his own ethnic community and perhaps the wider community.

However the message will travel beyond Australia. It says that if you are prepared to take the risk and come here illegally, the government, in spite of its statement that this is the last amnesty, will be forced to again admit defeat on this problem and call yet another amnesty. It is that easy, and as people look towards this country from the Asian, American and European continents they can be reasonably certain of getting here by hook (the official government's campaign to woo more skilled persons here) or by crook.

No wonder they call it the lucky country.

We must have the worst or the best deportation policy in the world depending on who you are.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your Editorial (ACR 16/6/80) "What is going on in the Christian Booktrade" raises some issues that I think need to be clarified. I hope the following will help to do this.

What do "rights" mean? Does the christian book buyer know if he is purchasing an illegal edition? Can he rely on the bookseller to trade "legally"?

When an author writes a book he sells to a publisher the right to make that book available to the public (i.e. publish it). That publisher is then committed to a large financial outlay. He may, and often does, sell to another publisher the right to make the book available in a particular territory, say America. We then have two editions of the one book, but only one publisher owning the right to make that book available to the Australian public. The publisher who owns that right is obliged to advise the booktrade in this country accordingly. Any bookseller who then purchases an alternate edition, no matter what the reason, is stealing from the publisher who owns the rights for this country. I suppose you could add thus causing the purchaser of that book to become the "receiver of stolen goods".

Your editorial raises the issue of distributors in Australia. These are the "middle men" in the marketing situation. Do we need them in Australia?

Historically, the retailers in Australia used to deal direct with overseas publishing companies. As the market grew these overseas companies were loath to send hundreds of small orders to different shops in Australia. They sought to arrange the market so that they could ship in bulk to one account in Australia who would then distribute, on their behalf, to the bookshops. On the whole, this arrangement has worked. However, in recent years, as prices have risen and the market

became more competitive, a number of shops have sought to bypass this arrangement, thus cutting out the "middle man". It has only been in the last weeks that the legal situation in regard to this practice has been clarified. It can roughly be covered by two statements.

One: The distributor in Australia has not bought the right to publish in this country and therefore has no protection whatever under the Australian Copyright Act. There is no legal obligation on retailers to buy from distributors.

Two: Provided the retailer purchases from a source that has the permission of the owner of the particular books to sell these books in Australia, he is acting totally within the law.

Perhaps I should say at this state that there is a "Christian Bookselling Association" in Australia (made up of retailers, distributors and publishers), and they have been seeking to find answers to some of the problems existing at this time. As a result of the work they have been doing, I believe we are moving into a far more orderly market. All christian bookshops are going to be in the same boat. We will either have to buy from the Australian publisher if there is one or we can all buy overseas. The one area that could still cause concern is where a bookseller chooses to break the law and purchase an "illegal" edition. Perhaps the best advice to the public is "let the christian book buyer beware". Just because a man is selling watches on the street doesn't mean they are stolen, though we would have good reason to suspect so. Likewise, just because a christian bookshop is selling books cheaply doesn't mean they have been purchased illegally. Large price discrepancies however should cause us to take care. In this regard, where the author is British and the cheap edition is published in U.S.A., be super careful. It is regrettable that in the past a couple of bookshops have gained their name as discounters by purchasing illegally,

Can you take yourself to see it? "YANKS"



So that there's no mistaking this film contains the following:

Explicit sex
Violence
Words which may offend
Racial prejudice

If you can get past that, the film is excellent in its portrayal of the temporary relationships which spring up in times of war.

For anyone who has lived in the north of England, pre or post war, it is a nostalgic trip back. Faithfully recreated — the people are real, not plastic — hence the language, and the sex.

For a senior youth group (18+) it may be used as a discussion piece about morality in a society which owns no tomorrow. What is the Christian response in these kind of times? Leaders should see the film first.

A very touching and well thought out film; brilliant moments of high emotion and happiness. Recommended with the cautions above.

"Yanks" at Village Cinema City, 545 George Street, Sydney.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

SYDNEY

The following provisional parishes have become parishes as at 31/5/80:

MANLY VALE (Rector: Rev. J. S. Normand)
WEST PYMBLE (Rector: Rev. Canon N. J. Keen)
HOMEBUSH WEST with WEST STRATHFIELD (Rector: Rev. N. R. A. Bissett)
TOONGABBIE (Rector: Rev. D. S. Parker)

PERTH

ORDINATION
Rev. Les Goode will be ordained

priest on Sunday 27 July.

COMMISSIONINGS

Rev. J. L. (Laurie) Skilton — Rector of Kenwick/Thornlie.
Rev. Bernard Griffiths — Chaplain Royal Perth Rehabilitation Hospital Chapel.

APPOINTMENT

Rev. R. Anderson — Rector Parish of Innaloo/Karrinyup.
Mrs. Margaret Williams will be commissioned as its Executive Director of Churches' Commission on Education.

selling the book at a cheap price and by inference have given the impression that legitimate bookshops have been "ripping off" the public.

The Christian Bookselling Association is taking steps to try and ensure an orderly market where books are readily available at the best possible price. We must, nevertheless, live with the fact that, largely because of volume, America can produce books far cheaper than Britain. This does not however excuse us for purchasing "illegal" editions — the means never justifying the end.

Yours faithfully, H. Whitehouse

Evolution a Fact?

Dear Sir,
The newspaper advertisement for the ABC TV series "Life on Earth" makes some bold assumption that should not go unnoticed. The first two programmes did likewise.

It is advertised that the series examines "the whole story of life from its very beginnings" X million years ago. It deals with "the majestic story of evolution". We will see "the rise and fall of species".

It is a bold man who blandly states this to be

the "whole" story. No mortal can ever know the whole "story". Evolution is accepted as a scientific fact.

The fact is that evolution is only a theory, and can never be more than that. This should be made clear. The fact is that evolution is unproved and unprovable. It is intellectually dishonest to propound the opinion of men (who are also scientists) as scientific opinion and fact.

Regarding the origin of life, their opinion deserves no greater weight than that of other men.

Further, the rise and fall of species neither proves (nor even supports) the theory that the more complex evolved from the less complex. It simply recounts a fact. The theory remains a theory.

Man cannot bear the thought of creation for then he must contemplate a Creator.

And what is so majestic, so grand, about this theory which many may say is infantile or fanciful? Nature is indeed majestic but is this story also?

Yours faithfully,
Gavin J. Lawrie

God biased in favour of the poor
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task forces. Solutions were suggested, and mission agencies and churches were urged to explore channels for sharing resources for world evangelisation.

The findings acknowledge the contribution and place of "other Christian ministries which are not directly accountable to the churches", but affirms strongly that "it is the local church that must provide opportunities for fellowship, worship, teaching and service".

The document recognised that some three billion of the world's people "have had no opportunity to receive Christ", and can be reached only by cross cultural messengers of the Gospel. The 2,300-word statement acknowledged the need for humility in the task of evangelisation, and confession that resistance to the Gospel had sometimes stemmed from christian attitudes. Among stumbling blocks that have marred the christian testimony the document listed: "Imperialism, slavery, religious persecution in the name of Christ, racial pride and prejudice (whether anti-black, anti-white, anti-Jewish, anti-Arab or any other kind), sexual oppression, cultural insensitivity, and indifference to the plight of the needy and powerless."

There was recognition also of the need to strengthen evangelical co-operation in worldwide evangelisation, "for no single agency could accomplish this enormous task alone".

Nonetheless, the document continued, "Co-operation must never be sought at the expense of basic Biblical teaching, whether doctrinal or ethical. At the same time, diversity of gifts and ministries should not be made an excuse for non-cooperation."

The organisers of COWE which was sponsored by the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelisation (LCWE), made it clear that this so-called "Thailand Statement" in no way superseded the Lausanne Covenant. They stressed that the latter document was still the main basis of LCWE. The Covenant has

had significant influence since adopted at the LCWE's initial meeting in Switzerland in 1974. There was a healthy ferment as people of so many races and cultures gathered together in meetings, over meals, and in the corridors. Differing emphases made their presence felt. Women participants noted that the gathering was preponderantly male — not least because of the limited place of women in the home churches. Leighton Ford, Chairman of the Lausanne CommitteeWorld Evangelisation (LCWE) affirmed at the closing meeting of the Consultation that the cause of evangelisation would be richer if the resources of christian women were utilised more fully.

A call for a new emphasis on social action, signed by about one-third of the participants, encouraged LCWE to continue with plans for a Consultation to consider the inter-relatedness of "What Shall They See?" as christians work through this Consultation's theme of "How Shall They Hear?"

"What a privilege to know that we are being led by God, to know that we can expect His triumph," Ford told the concluding gathering. "No matter what the soil, we are faithfully to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, not as peddlers but as those who speak as sent from God. We should have a sense of expectancy."

C.O.W.E. Bangkok 1980



East and West join in fellowship together.

This man witnessed great horror
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"In Karamoja tens of thousands are starving. People are so desperate that they are turning to cannibalism. Corpses are being pulled from the ground and eaten," says Titus Mubiru.

World Vision was forced to close down its program that started earlier this year because of the lawlessness. However, Mr. Mubiru says that World Vision is about to commence a large program directly through the Anglican Church.

"One of the major problems we are facing is to find reliable people to channel our aid through. The government is demanding that agency and church relief go through it. But World Vision has refused to do this because there is widespread corruption and some aid has ended up being sold on the black market.

"The Anglican Church has asked World Vision for food, medicine, seeds and ploughs," says Mr. Mubiru.

Nobody has a real picture of the situation in the extreme northeast of Uganda. Mr. Mubiru says that this area is infiltrated by former soldiers and supporters of Idi Amin. He has heard that as many as 500 people are dying daily from killings, hunger and disease.

It is estimated that 100,000 Ugandans have fled into Kenya in recent weeks because of the unstable conditions.

The situation is heartbreaking for Titus Mubiru. He was exiled during the Amin regime and returned this year believing that his nation could

Overseas News Briefs

Another inerrancy try

(Charlotte, North Carolina) For the third straight year the annual synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, a small American denomination, will be asked to decide on a resolution that attempts to make biblical inerrancy the Church's official position on Scripture. The resolution, originating with the Mississippi Valley Presbytery, calls upon the denomination to declare that the words "infallible" and "perfect", as used in the standards of the Church relative to Scripture, mean that "the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments are the Word of God and therefore are inerrant, verbally inspired, and totally trustworthy, including areas of science and history".

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Reburied 'in honour'

The Late Archbishop Janani Luwum of Uganda is to be reburied later this month in a 'position of honour'.

Archbishop set for Moscow?

It is expected that the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Robert Runcie, will soon announce a visit to Moscow at the invitation of the Russian Orthodox Church. This follows private talks between the Archbishop and the Most Rev. Pitirim of Volokolamski.

Legal battle for homosexual organist

The First Orthodox Presbyterian Church in San Francisco last year discharged its homosexual organist when he refused to give up his homosexual practices. In a lawsuit the organist argued that his dismissal was in violation of a city ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. He was supported by San Francisco's powerful homosexual community.

In his ruling, Judge John Ertola declared that the church had the right to dismiss the organist. In his judgment the church's right to exercise its own religious preferences superseded the organist's rights against discrimination. As one observer put it, "Little David won over San Francisco's Goliath". Though happy with the ruling, the battle may be far from over according to the church's pastor, the Rev. Charles McIlhenny. An appeal is possible. The case has attracted the attention of homosexual publications throughout the country.

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Gallup: family life is deteriorating

Most Americans believe that family life is deteriorating, a Gallup Poll has revealed. The poll also found, however, that a clear majority of Americans say their families are the most important element of their lives.

The poll was completed for the White House Conference on Families, which began the first of three national hearings on June 5 in Baltimore. The other hearings will be held in Minneapolis and Los Angeles.

According to the poll, released at a press conference on June 2 by George Gallup Jr. and conference chairman Jim Guy Tucker, 45 per cent of Americans think family life has got worse in the last 15 years.

Of those surveyed 61 per cent indicated that their families are the most important element in their lives. The survey was based on interviews with more than 1,500 adults in 300 areas.

Family top priority

"The survey shows that Americans clearly place top priority on their families," Gallup said. "Nine out of 10 people questioned said they were either very satisfied or mostly satisfied with their family life."

"Yet the findings made clear that all is not well with families today," he continued. "Nearly half of those interviewed are dissatisfied with the future facing their families and 20 per cent are aware of serious cases of child or spouse abuse."

At the press conference Gallup noted that "religion is seen as a tremendously important factor in strengthening the family. People turn to very orthodox Christian religion to undergird the family."

Alcohol abuse, drug abuse and the decline in religious and moral values were the three areas, chosen from 11 possibilities, which those surveyed saw as "most harmful to family life".

Current problems

The cost of living, energy costs and government policies were rated the most important problems facing families.

Television was also cited as a negative effect, but Gallup said the public saw great potential for television as a help to families.

Gallup said the survey showed needs in five areas — health care for the elderly; tax breaks for families with handicapped children; help for working mothers with children; help for poor families and government impact statements on the likely effect of bills on families.

He said the public would like flexible work hours and sick leave to care for family members and supports four-day work weeks. Also, Gallup said, the majority of those polled favoured business and church or community day care centres and a small majority favoured government day care.

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EMU/ANZEA OPENS NEW WAREHOUSE



Mr. Brian Burleigh (General Manager). The Mayor of Strathfield, Bishop Donald W. Robinson, Mr. Philip Knight.

On Wednesday June 18 the new warehouse was officially opened for the Emu/Anzea group now known as Bookhouse Australia.

Scripture Union and A.F.E.S. share in this venture for the writing, promotion and distribution of Christian literature in Australia and the Pacific. The Warehouse was purchased on very favourable terms through the loans of SU/AFES friends.

Bishop Don Robinson gave the occasional address. Mr. Philip Knight, the Chairman outlined the purposes of Bookhouse — to assist the life of the church by culling the best of Christian literature from around the world and making it readily available to the retailers here in Australia — to foster local Christian writing and to provide worldwide exposure for Australian authors.

INCREASE WCC RACE GRANTS

An international consultation on Racism has urged the continuation and strengthening of the WCC Program to Combat Racism. The Program has gained worldwide attention over its grants to oppressed racial groups, particularly in Southern Africa.

The WCC Consultation on "Churches Responding to Racism in the 1980s", held from June 16 to 21 near Amsterdam in the Netherlands was chaired by Australian churchwoman Miss Jean Skuse. Miss Skuse is Vice Moderator of the World Council of Churches Central Committee and General Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches.

An assault on Christ's values

The 1800 word statement agreed to by the 110 participants of the conference from more than 70 countries begins:

"Every human being, created in the image of God, is a person for whom Christ has died. Racism, which is the use of a person's racial origins to determine the person's value, is an assault on Christ's values and a rejection of His sacrifice. Wherever it appears, whether in the individual or in the collective, it is a sin. It must be openly fought by all those who are on Christ's side, and by the Church as designated vehicle and instrument of Christ's purpose in the world."

In her opening address to the conference, Miss Skuse said, in

reference to the reports received from preparatory conferences around the world, "One thing is clear and that is that oppressed people are no longer prepared to accept their oppression *ad infinitum*. The struggle is theirs and we in the churches have not been able to work out effective ways of responding, of showing solidarity, or even of getting out of their way. We need to recover from our feelings of helplessness and from our imprisonment within our own structures and systems, a sense of power to acknowledge that ultimately the liberation of the oppressed will also set free the oppressor."

Recommendations, which will go to the August Central Committee meeting, include a request that the WCC takes up with the United Nations the urgent need to establish a Charter of Rights for minority groups and a call for churches to undertake critical examination of criminal justice systems from the perspective of the racially oppressed, and support efforts to remedy injustice.

A.C.C.

100 years ago

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ELECTION DEVICES

Inquiries into certain bribes have been held at Canterbury, Oxford, Sandwich, Chester, Macklesfield, and Knaresborough. The Times of October 8 says:—"The evidence has shown an extraordinary prevalence of corruption in some of these towns."

THE CHURCH AND THE DISSENTERS

The Leicester Nonconformists seem to be coming to the knowledge that the Church of England is not an enemy. The way in which they have shown this is very striking. It is the best blow that has been dealt to that archschismatic, Satan, for some years past. It may perhaps have been finally evoked by the tact and manly sense of the Bishop of Peterborough. But it seems to have had its root in a feeling of regretful shame at the Northampton election. It was evident, from the correspondence on the subject, that every conscientious Nonconformist loathed the result of that fierce struggle to send an opponent to the English Church into Parliament. When it was too late they repented bitterly. They saw that they had been ensnared. It seems possible that their opposition to all denominational schools in this country may have a similar result. They have been trapped into voting for the Education Act on the understanding that scriptural and unsectarian teaching was still to be retained in our Public Schools. They are not awaking to the consciousness that that was only a ruse to secure votes; and that the Nonconformists of this country have been misled or misdriven into holding the stirrup for the devil of our day — a godless secularism.

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A SHOW-TRIAL WITH A DIFFERENCE

Repression of believers in the Soviet Union has taken many forms over the past sixty years. Beginning with murders of clergy and summary executions in the 20's, graduating to the show-trials of later days followed by 'legal' prosecution under repressive legislation, the party apparatus has kept pace with the times by adapting the actual form of persecution to the most profitable means available at any given time. Use of television to discredit dissidents is not new. In the early 1970's human rights activists Pyotr Yakir and Viktor Krasin were 'shown' recanting. Two years ago Georgian Helsinki Monitor Zviad Gamsakhurdia was also televised 'confessing', but this film was not very well compiled and is largely accepted as being a fraudulent paste-up of films taken of Gamsakhurdia under interrogation.

Last Friday, June 20, viewers of the popular Soviet current affairs programme 'Vremya' ('Time') witnessed Russian Orthodox priest Fr. Dimitri Dudko read out a statement admitting to 'systematic fabrication and dissemination abroad of anti-Soviet materials', and then answering a number of leading questions posed by 'Sergei Dimitrievich' who was introduced as a 'journalist'. No mention was made of Sergei Dimitriev.

On Saturday, Fr. Dimitri was allowed to return home.

Keston College has been able to contact believers in Moscow for their reactions. Everyone we spoke to was in a state of shock, though we have been told that there is no condemnation of Fr. Dimitri. As one of our contacts pointed out: 'We know all too well what measures can be employed in such cases. This could have happened to any one of us. We do not know yet exactly what occurred, but no matter what it was we can never forget that Fr. Dimitri has brought the light of God to thousands of people. Now the authorities want to make him pay by discrediting him by attempting to immobilise him as a priest by sowing seeds of doubt among the faithful about his spiritual integrity. However, all that Fr. Dimitri has accomplished over the past years cannot be wiped out by a scenario such as the one beamed across the country on 'Vremya'. Since Fr. Dimitri's release, nobody has seen him. Reportedly, he is resting at home.

For obvious reasons, our telephone conversations with people in the USSR had to be very guarded, but it was conveyed to us, in veiled terms, that the possible use of some euphoria-inducing drug has not been ruled out. As one of our sources pointed out, it seems strange that a person admitting to charges which could result in 7 years in prison and 5 years exile would smile happily as he read out such a statement without any sign of stress.

Keston College comments that until more details are known, it would be wrong to advance any definite conclusions. However, it should be noted that Fr. Dimitri's 'confession' is, perhaps, the greatest body-blow suffered by the Orthodox Church since the Council of the whole Russian Orthodox Church of 1971.

WHAT A WORLD

THINGS BETTER FORGOTTEN

I am not regularly a buyer or reader of the Women's Weekly, or similar magazines, except perhaps when at the hairdresser's or the dentist's. But earlier this year the Weekly published a lengthy, detailed survey entitled The Voice of the Australian Woman, and like some 30,000 others I filled in the questionnaire on many different subjects, and augmented some with extra written comments.

It was a master stroke for marketing, of course. Once the results started to be published, topic by topic, I was well motivated to buy a copy week by week. One of those topics was the tragic family crime, incest.

INCEST REVEALED

A sobering revelation of that survey was that 3% of those responding had had experience of incest during their childhood, and hundreds wrote to unburden themselves of the pain of these experiences. At their readers' urging, the Weekly published many of these letters, bringing these agonising memories out into the open.

The effects of incest do not end with childhood. Most victims carry

lifelong scarred reactions to men, and may in turn infect their children with warped mistrust. One woman wrote: "Yes, incest does happen, not only in so-called 'disreputable' families, but one like ours, with all the outward trappings of respectability. Even after 42 years I still have terrible nightmares."

Another wrote of her father: "He did awful things to me — things that make me want to scream and scream about... I attempted suicide when I was ten, and have done so many times since... I hate men and am all screwed up about sex and relationships. I hope incest comes out more into the open so that some poor kid can be spared the ordeal. Parents should be jailed for life for doing such a thing to a kid. I wish my father dead, and hope he rots in hell."

MOTHERS' UNION STUDY

The Weekly quoted at some length a valuable contribution to the subject by Mrs. Dorothy Hulme Moir, made on behalf of the Mothers' Union in Sydney Diocese as part of their contribution to the Year of the Child. Her report found that incest is both a result and a cause of family breakdown, and that it is on the increase in Australia.

Apartheid-spiritual child of white Dutch reformed church

Hammanskraal, South Africa: The Rev. David Botha, the white moderator of the brown Dutch Reformed Mission Church (South Africa), has stated that the white Dutch Reformed Church is responsible for the Boers accepting the idea of apartheid in the thirties and forties. Speaking at a conference of the South African Council of Churches, he noted that during those years the DRC regarded itself responsible for the class of laboring people. After the National Party took over the government in 1948, the Church proudly pointed out that it did not involve itself in politics and had no political standpoint. It was easy for the Church then to take that attitude because "the government carefully carried out her policy of apartheid". By its silence and by its criticism of opponents of apartheid the church promoted apartheid.

RES

Reformed church in Japan

Among those attending the Reformed Ecumenical Synod Nimes assembly will be delegates from the Reformed Church in Japan. This small denomination consists of 58 organised and 33 unorganised congregations and a total membership of 6889. The current moderator, recently re-elected, is Rev. Kei Miyata, pastor of Aobadai Church in Yokohama.

The denomination is active in evangelism, church-state relations, and diaconal work. It is attempting to establish a new presbytery in the northeastern district in Japan, an area in which paganism has deep roots. The Church's World and Church Committee has prepared a study guide on Religion and Politics which deals with such items as the Emperor system, Yasukuni Shrine, war, religion and folkways.

RES

Lesley Hicks

Mrs. Hulme Moir outlined some of the causes of incest — unhappiness within a family, sexual rejection or withdrawal by one of the parents from the other and problems associated with alcohol were all contributing factors. Sometimes these can cause a tender father/daughter relationship to deteriorate. She relates: "One 13-year-old girl said to me, 'I didn't think there was anything wrong with it. It seemed so natural, like kissing.' Yet, she was faced with pregnancy, and the father of her unborn child was her own father. It is often at the point of pregnancy that incestuous relationships surface."

BABY-BASHING

Another issue of the Weekly's 'Voice of the Australian Woman' surveys dealt with child abuse in the form of baby-bashing, this time mainly from the point of view of mothers at the end of their tether, lashing out at babies crying non-stop or toddlers provoking them past endurance.

INTOLERABLE MEMORIES

There is one important aspect of all this that I want to focus on — the terrible, intolerable memories that some people have to live with, laden with terror or guilt or both. Both abusers and the abused, adults and children, carry these appalling, contaminating memories. Some are repressed, too threatening for the conscious mind to tolerate, and fester there causing emotional and often physical illness.

Macbeth pleaded with his doctor for his guilt-ridden wife:

"Canst thou not minister to the mind diseased, Pluck from the memory a rooted sorrow, Raze out the written troubles of the brain, And with some sweet oblivious antidote Cleanse the stuff's bosom of that perilous stuff That weighs upon the heart?"

The doctor had earlier diagnosed, "More needs she the divine than the physician", and as usual, Shakespeare showed his acute insight.

Can Christ deal with and heal such memories? Yes, surely! In fact only Christ can. Are such sins forgivable? Yes again. But hurts like these are not lightly healed. Psychiatrists, especially Christian ones, have valuable roles to play, as have pastors.

I should like to see every pastor in every church learning from Christ, from the Scriptures and from those experienced in such ministry, how to convey not only the giving and receiving of forgiveness, but also a healing of memories. God knows some need it.



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COPING WITH PROVOCATION: WHEN TO REMAIN SILENT

Alan Craddock

I have recently been reading James Herriot's delightful autobiography of a country veterinarian which inspired the excellent television series "All Creatures Great and Small". One particular anecdote impressed me as a beautiful illustration of patience in the face of extreme and unjust provocation.

Herriot, as a young man in only his second year of practice, had been seconded to work for an ailing man of over thirty years' experience in a neighbouring practice. This proved to be a very difficult situation since the older man happened to possess an extremely authoritarian and unpleasant disposition. On one occasion Herriot was asked to treat a case but before being allowed to do so his senior asked him how he intended to treat the animal. The plan was contemptuously rejected and he was firmly instructed to follow a different course. This was done but the treatment failed. The original plan was then adopted and proved to be successful. The older man handled the situation so as to make it look as if the failure was the fault of a young inexperienced veterinarian and subsequently took all the credit for the successful treatment. In the face of this unjust and provocative action Herriot remained silent, being prepared to suffer such foolishness as a temporary indignity of little long-term consequence. I would like to think that I could handle such a situation in the same fashion, but I fear that my temper would make it rather difficult.

It all sounds so sensible and simple, but why is it that we find it so hard to remain silent when others provoke us and make us angry? Indeed, there are many people in our society who would argue that silence is a sign of weakness and that we must assert ourselves and put such "fools" in their place. But this is not the Biblical view of things.

There is no doubt that we can be sorely tested by the apparently unreasonable provocations of others: "A stone is heavy and sand is weighty but a fool's provocation is heavier than both." (Proverbs 27:3)

It is clear that there are times when Christians need to react with quietness in order to avoid being caught up in behaviour which is not honouring to God: Be angry but do not sin... do not stay angry for too long... let all bitterness and wrath and anger be put away (Ephesians 4:26, 31). The advice of James is for us to be "slow to speak... and slow to anger for the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God." (James 1:19-20)

Silence generally is a more constructive reaction in that it serves the purposes of God better than allowing our angry reactions to interfere when we become caught up in self-seeking retributions: "The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent man ignores an insult." (Proverbs 12:16)

Putting this kind of strategy into action is extremely difficult because it goes so much against the grain. When we are unfairly provoked we become angry and feel the injustice of it all very keenly. However, it helps to get things into perspective and sometimes an extreme case shows us the way forward very clearly. Take the case of the "fool" referred to in Proverbs: Two insights are relevant here.

(1) **It helps if we can see the reason and the type of person lying behind the provocative act.** In the extreme case of the "fool" in Proverbs the person is one who "... does not fear the Lord and despises His wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7). Furthermore, such a person "... takes no pleasure in understanding but only in expressing their opinions" (Proverbs 18:2).


The "fool" provokes because he lacks a proper attitude toward God and allows his personal bitterness or jealousy to become expressed as an attack upon any person who comes his way. When this is seen it is a lot easier to be prepared to ignore the goads which come in our direction. The "fool" possesses, in fact, our reaction may be equally foolish. It is far better to be slow to anger, to seek for understanding and to allow constructive and lovingly gentle reactions to work to change the "fool's" attitude. "Wrath is cruel and anger overwhelming" (Proverbs 27:4) but "... love is not quick to take offence and love keeps no score of wrongs and does not gloat over other men's sins" (1 Corinthians 13:6).

(2) **It helps if we can see how useless ill-considered reactions to provocation can be.** To answer provocation with anger, or even to attempt to reasonably point out its injustice or inappropriateness, is to get involved in a pointless exercise when the extreme case is considered. "If a wise man has an argument with a fool, the fool only rages and laughs and there is no quiet" (Proverbs 29:9). In fact, this kind of clash leads to an escalation of foolishness! "He who is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly" (Proverbs 14:29).

These two insights come from the Biblical comments concerning the extreme case of the provocative "fool". It is not very useful to immediately brand all persons who provoke us as "fools", but it can be helpful to see the dangers of allowing foolish provocations, no matter what kind of person they stem from, to lead us into equally foolish recriminations or into futile bouts of reasoning when reason is least likely to prevail.

Next column: Coping with Provocation: When to speak.

BOOK REVIEWS



The Husband Book: A Job Description for Married Men
by Dean Merrill
Paternoster Press, 1978.
Approx. \$3.00

Are you interested in some guidelines as a Christian on how to be a good husband? Well here is just the book. It is well written, practical, contemporary, humorous and appreciative of what the Bible really says about the role of the husband in family life.

The thing I liked most about the book is that it is based on a thoroughly Biblical idea of "headship". Merrill points out early in his book that in Ephesians Chapter 5, Paul expounds headship in terms of servanthood. The Christian husband is not the head of his wife as her ruler, but as her servant. He is to lead by serving. But little space is given to theorising, or abstract theology, for Merrill wants to help the modern husband find ways he can enrich the life of his wife and family through his headship.


We discover that Dean Merrill found out how this sort of headship worked when his wife's second pregnancy produced twins. Both babies usually woke at the same time and he and his wife had therefore to rise together, change nappies together and feed together. He writes, "The weary breakfast conversation the next morning would invariably go, 'Well, my baby lasted till 3.45, how long did yours go?' A team approach to marriage continued to develop as the years passed for there was in this household, more young mouths to feed, bodies to clothe and toilet visits to make, than one person could do on their own. The sharing of these duties helped Merrill to appreciate and to experience what headship/servanthood really means.

The book deals realistically and helpfully with such topics as, the household budget, illness in the home, family devotions, getting on with in-laws and the sexual side of marriage. In each case Merrill writes with the sympathy and wisdom that only the dynamic reality of a happy marriage, that has demanded work to make it so, can produce.

Before the book left the press 32,000 copies had been sold, and it is so good this is not surprising. The book will be around for a long time, but if you are a husband, or want to be one day, buy the book now and read it. I cannot recommend it too highly.

If you are married however, and you have stood on your rights as a husband in the past, do make sure you hide your copy. It would be dangerous reading in your wife's hands!

Kevin Giles
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To See a World
by M. A. Chignell
The Saint Andrew's Press
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I was very disappointed with this book. It promised so much on the dust cover and came nowhere near to fulfilling it.

Amongst other things the author was supposed to "supply a perceptive critique of our present-day setting in its secular, moral, social and cultural movements". Unfortunately she reinterprets the scripture and explains much of it away in ingenious terms suitable for senior secondary girls in a State school.

To be fair to the author let me say the following. She knows her religious education and her theology. She quotes Edwin Cox, Ninian Smart, Paul Hirst and Paulo Freire from the world of education. Theologically, she shows an awareness of the moral debates that were exercising theologians in the sixties and seventies.

The following quote is typical of her approach to the Bible and reality. "To anyone of average intelligence who reads both the Old Testament and the New Testament, it is clear that the level of writing, of inspiration, of religious penetration in these many books, varies considerably; to lump them all together and regard them in toto as the inspired word of God is to court disaster."

She may well have taught many more high school pupils than I. However my experience in many Sydney and some country Secondary schools has shown me clearly that pupils are open to God's word when it is presented with the confidence that comes from having found reality in it.

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