MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

PERTH Rev S. Threlfall ned as Rector of

Nedlands on September 7.

Rev E. Whitham was commissioned as Chaplain of Christ Church Grammar School on September 13.

Rev G. Harvey has accepted appointment as

Rev G. Harvey has accepted appointment as Rector of East Claremont/Graylands.

Rev B. Haig has resigned as Christian Education Officer to take up a position as Executive Officer for the Churches' Commission on Education as from October 1.

Archdeacon E. Gundry will retire as Rector of the parish of Como. The Archdeacon has indicated that he will withdraw from the Diocesan Council and from his Cathe-

dral Canonry.

Bishop Macdonald has formally announced his re-tirement as an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese as from January 31, 1979. An official farewell will take place at the time of Synod in November.

SYDNEY
Rev R. L. Milne will resign from Rector of Castle Hill on October 31, to take up the appointment as Director of the New Access Committee.

the appointment as full-tim Master-in-Orders at the Illa warra Grammar School from Rev C. B. Thomas and Rev N. R. Matheson have been granted Authorities to Officiate in the Sydney Diocese from August 4 and August 9

Rev L. M. Swindlehurst who held a General Licence in the Diocese died on July 18,

Rev M. L. B. Bennett is to resign from Rector of St Mark's Yagoona from December 31.

WILLOCHRA Canon D. A. Richards Pugh retired as Registrar of Willochra on 11th August.

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WORLD VISION **FOUNDER DIES**

The man who founded the Christian aid agency World Vision, Dr Bob Pierce has died in Duarte,

Sixty-three-year-old Dr Pierce, a Baptist Minister, had been suffering from leu-kaemia for some time and was confined to a wheel chair. However, right up until his death, Dr Pierce continued to travel the world breaching and serving the

His first involvement in child sponsorship was in 1947. Through a missionary, Bob began sponsoring a

sponsored in 19 countries.

III-health forced him to slow down in 1964. His doctors ordered Pierce to take extended level from the Agency. Three years later his condition was such that under medical advice he retired as president of World Vision International. He was succeeded by Dr Stanley Mooneyham.



The Late Dr Bob Pierce

BIG SOUTHERN RALLY

ment (the Rev John Chap-man) said that he had been tremendously encouraged by attendance at the two previous rallies in the western

"We find that people are enthusiastic about evange-lism at the local church level," he said.

More than 60 parishes in areas south of Sydney are expected to be represented at the third 1978 rally conducted by Sydney's Department of Evangelism.

response."

Mr Chapman said that the rally would follow a simple format and should be finished for supper shortly The director of the depart-

There would be a hymn, prayer and Bible reading, followed by a short resume of the department's work before telling local churches what they could do in their areas.

This would be followed by the state of the short of the sho

prayer in small groups.
St Luke's church building is on the corner of The Highway and Jackson Avenue, Miranda.

CORRIE ten **BOOM ILL**

HOMILETICS

dent covering the Korean War for a string of American

the job in hand.

"Can you give me five minutes?", a manager calls down a line of machines, and adds with a smile, "In just 3

0

As he travelled through the bloodshed and misery of wartorn Korea, Pierce saw that it
was the children who were
suffering the most. He wrote
in the flyleaf of his Bible:
"Let my heart be broken
with the things that break the
heart of God." His prayer
was answered in an even
greater way than he expected.
His heart was broken but he
was also given a vision into
the great need in the world.

childcare programme was underway in Korea. It wasn't long before World Vision's work began to spread to other Third World nations. Ten years later over 20,000 children were being sponsored in 19 countries.

TO STIR EVANGELISM

The rally is planned for Vednesday, October 25, at t Luke's Church of Ingland, Miranda.

"It is a great encouragement to our department to know that each rally to date has generated such a great resourse." St Luke's Church of England, Miranda.

"Our aim is to inform and stimulate people to carry on this work.

Miss Corrie ten Boom, world renowned author of The Hiding Place, and other inspirational books, suffered a stroke on August 23 at her Placentia, California, home. She is 86 years of age.

According to Dr David Messenger Miss ten Boom's personal physician, she is in a stable condition.

However, a complete prognosis of the effects and extentof the stroke was not immediately known when this report was written.

Chaplains of the Inter-Church Trade & Industry Mission are attached and pay regular visits to industrial, commercial, and service organisations, where representatives of both management and labour jointly request them.

Chaplains have been appointed to 225 organisations around Australia. Twentynine of them are in NSW.

The ACT Police have a chaplain. Qantas at Mascot have four parttime chaplains each working in a different section of their organisation. Almost past me he stopped abruptly. recognising the cross on my lapel.

He smiled.

"You're the new chaplain? That's good, it's good to be reminded that God is with us at work. I can't stop to talk now. See you next week!"

A fleeting encounter? An industrial chaplain has many such.

An industrial chaptain talks with some members of the staff of the composing room in a city newspaper office. Photo by courtesy of the "Sydney Morning Herald".

A man came charging down the length of the workshop, his mind obviously on

Industry Mission (NSW) operates under a Board of Management comprising of clerical and lay (union & management) representatives officially appointed by the nine member churches.

The Anglican representatives on the Board are presently the Rev Clive Harcourt-Norton and Mr Keith Glover.

Bishop Clive Kerle was the first chairman of the Board.

First chairman of the Board.
Bishop Frank Hulme-Moir is
Patron.
ITIM has just concluded a

ITIM has just concluded a lively 5-day seminar for 17 theological students from the Salvation Army Training College, St Columban's College, and the United Theological College. It is one of six such seminars arranged by ITIM this year.

A workshop for lay men and women discussing issues where the values of faith cut across the traditional values of the workplace has also been held and a follow-up programe is being developed at the request of participants.

CHURCH ON

THE MOVE

Dr J. I Packer also spoke

Dr J. 1 Packer also spoke to the student body in a series on 2 Timothy on the themes of the Minister and his Commitment, his People, his Bible and his Priorities.

The Students and their college chaplains found the combination of topics covered by the two lectures was a happy marriage and provided much material for reflection and discussion.

Dr Packer spoke to 2500 people who attended the series of evening lectures on the theme of Contemporary Studies in the Eternal Gospel which were the Moore College Annual Lectures for 1978.

Developments Industrial Mission

A CLERGYMAN GOES TO WORK

But to those with eyes to see he becomes a visible sign that God is present in the workplace and who dare esti-mate what far-reaching effect that recognition may have on workers, on the work itself and the work environment? A chaplain makes himself available to any and all who want to build on an initial contact.

section of their organisation. BHP have a chaplain working in parts of the Newcastle steelworks full-time.

Names like Alcan, Arnott's Biscuits, Dulux, Leyland, W. D. & H. O. Wills, Rheern, British Paints, Fairfax, Fibremakers, Concrete Industries (Monier), Borg Warner, Sidney Cooke, The Metropolitan Water Sewerage & Drainage want to built on an initial contact.

"Let's face it," a young man says to a chaplain, "I get more from 10 minutes' talk with you each week than I do from any 20 minutes' sermon. That's not to say I don't appreciate sermons. But how can a church service be as personal as this?" The man, a committed Christian, holds an important media position. Cooke, The Metropointan Water Sewerage & Drainage Board, Prospect County Council, Pilkington ACI and AGM appear on the list of organisations with chap-

AGM appear on the list of organisations with chaplaincies.

Some chaplains are fulltime staff workers with ITIM, others have parochial responsibilities as well and the backing of their parishes in the day or half-day they give to industrial chaplaincy.

But chaplaincy is only a small part of Industrial Mission.

In Sydney a Grant-in-Aid social worker is implementing migrant programmes in a large organisation in which 56% of their employees are migrants from non-Anglo-Saxon background.

The programmes have

nutes' time?"
"I knew I'd see you today", he commented, back in his office, as I apologised for not having seen him for a week or two, "Because I need you today! I didn't need you last week!" Rapidly he told me of progress in a spiritual problem at home — about

problem at home — about which we'd been praying over a period of time — of his own promotion to a new job, newly created and operative that very day, of the challenges it presented and the effect of the appointment on the workload of those in his previous section.

Our conversation passed naturally into prayer.

1978.

Cassettes of the addresses are available at Moore College, together with two on the afternoon lectures on the Pastoral Ministry the Puritan Way which was delivered to 200 ministers involved in pastoral work.



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behalf of Synod.

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ANGLICANS RECONSIDER WCC

Bishop Donald Cameron successfully moved a motion in the recent Synod of the the Standing Committee the General Synod

the Standing Committee of the General Synod of Australia to reconsider the Anglican Church of Australia's continued membership of the WCC.

In speaking to his motion Bishop Cameron noted the way in which the WCC had moved from its original position in the past thirty years. He felt that the recent grants to the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe epitomised its present theological emphasis and that those members who joined in 1948 may have had second thoughts had they known the direction in which the movement would go.

The move in Synod was seen by observers as a strong censure of the WCC and reflected the growing alienation of that organisation from its member churches whose basic function is to reflect the views of the member churches and not to impose the views of the WCC professional ecumenists on the churches themselves.

professional ecumenists the churches themselves. At the recent Lamb Conference almost all Bishops who spoke to resolution supporting seen as a significant expres-sion of the feelings of Anglicans on the activities of



Dehalf of Synod. The committee was appointed to consider the Meaning, Value, and Theology of Ordination and was chaired by Bishop Donald Robinson. Its members were Bishop Donald Cameron, Canon Harry Goodhew, Dr Alan Cole, Dr Peter O'Brien, Rev David Davis and Deaconess Margaret Rodgers. The Report endorsed the conclusion of the Doctrinal Commission of the General Synod that there are "no

— FAVOURED BY SYDNEY REPORT

Bishop Donald Robinson

circumstances celebrate the

conclusion of the Doctrinal Commission of the General Synod that there are "no fundamental theological objections to the admission of women to the diaconate."

However, it state categorically that there were clear theological objections to a woman being given the cure and charge of a congregation and she could not in these circumstances be ordained as a presbyter or priest.

a presbyter or priest.

The principle upon which the issue of the exclusion of women from the priesthood was based is that of the headship of man over women in the natural order.

the natural order.

The report deals thoroughly with the Biblical evidence, and comments on the context in which headship is to be seen — not one of a harsh or rigid nature but following on the example of Jesus in relationship to the church.

d encompass the work of

The office of the diaconate would be further expanded in the report to include the right to celebrate Holy Communion. It is also recommended that the woman ordained to the diaconate could in certain

MINISTER'S MACOS CONCESSIONS

• To page 8



was given assurances by the Minister for Education, Mr Bedford, that parents who have objections to MACOS, the Fifth Grade social studies

course, will have alternative arrangements made for their children. He stated that his own and should the occupant resign the position he would relinquish the title.

This would also mean that a person would not be ordained a presbyter or priest deacon but only when given the sole responsibility for the congregation.

The question is also raised as to whether a person may be a partitime or honorary

parents in one year giving the school blanket approval for all subsequent years. The Minister will gazette this deci-sion for the information of

AN ARCHBISHOP WITHOUT A TEXT?

combat Aust Racism

In a Report to the Sydney Synod it was recommended that the ordination of women to an expanded diaconate be accepted in the Anglican Church. The recommendation was part of a Report commissioned by the Archbishop of Sydney on Three Australian Aboriginal groups have received grants from the World Council of Churches Special Fund to Combat Racism. The grants were made by the recent WCC Executive Committee meeting held in

New WCC Grants to

The North Queensland Land Council will receive SUS17,500, the Kimberley Land Council SUS12,500 and the Melbourne Aborignal Community Organisation Course will receive SUS12,000.

In its submission, the North Queensland Land Council said that Council said that
"Queensland is the only
Australian State which continues to deny legislative
recognition of the right of
Aboriginal people to some
part of their ancestral land".

It also accused the Queensland Government of con-

because of the urgent need to regain lost lands if Aboriginal culture is to survive". One of the Land

young Aborigines from all over Australia. The course aims to give the 30 students attending the 12-month course, not only organisational skills, but also a strong sense of pride, identity and political awareness. ACOC will use the WCC grant to pay the salaries of two Aboriginal course tutors.

ANTI-APARTHEID

It also accused the Queensland Government of continuing "to oppress its black
population through the
highly direriminatory Aborigines and Tores Strait
Islanders Acts of 1971". The
Land Council plans to use the
WCC grant for legal actiustralia and

Land Council plans to use the WCC grant for legal action in Southern Africa and in Australia and for taking its case to the United Nations. activities is supporting the struggle of Aboriginal people for their land rights. The WCC grant will support its land rights work and the information activities of its

Aboriginal culture is to survive". One of the Land Council's primary objectives is to obtain European recognition of Aboriginal law as it relates to land.

The Land Council gives highest priority to frequent and regular meetings of Aboriginal councils and will use the money to meet the heavy travel costs in this isolated part of Australia.

The Aboriginal culture is to support within Australia from movements and to support black movements within Australia. A major initiative of SALC is the "no ties with a partheid" campaign. The centre also assists in providing scholarships for Southern African liberation movements and to support within Australia for movements and to support black movements within Australia. A major initiative of SALC is the "no ties with a partheid" campaign. The centre also assists in providing scholarships for Southern African liberation movements and to support black movements within Australia. A major initiative of SALC is the "no ties with a partheid" campaign. The centre also assists in providing scholarships for Southern African liberation movements and to support black movements within Australia. A major initiative of SALC is the "no ties with a partheid" campaign. The centre also assists in providing scholarships for Southern African liberation movements and to support black movements of campaign. The centre also assists in providing scholarships for Southern African liberation movements and to support black movements of campaign. The centre also assists in providing scholarships for Southern African liberation movements and to support within Australia for movements and to support within Australia for movements and to support black movements and to support black movements within Australia for movements and to support black move

The statement in the Sydney Morning Herald October 9 that the Archbishop of Sydney "can hardly claim to find guidance in the Bible" on the issue of uranium mining was a naive and snide comment by John Pringle in his feature article "Church Leaders and the State

Election".

Mr Pringle's own comments on the uranium issue were: "I regret that nuclear power was ever discovered, it will not disappear overnight, and a refusal to mine our uranium will make no difference except to increase the cost of uranium to those countries which have invested vast sums in erecting nuclear power stations." Mr Pringle's head may not be in the clouds, but it is certainly in the sand. He may not have read the Fox Report, but did he bother to read the Archbishop's reasons in his Presidential Address to Synod for his conclusion? We may condemn Mr Pringle's highly pragmatic approach, but our concern is how many Christians have based their own conclusions on the same grounds as Mr Pringle when reflecting on uranium mining?

mining?
In contrast the Archbishop of Sydney has obviously taken a considerable amount of time and effort evaluating the finding of Mr Justice Fox and the opinions of those connected with the Aboriginal community. His opinion is a considered one.

The question is whether the Archbishop has enunciated principles that are biblical in arriving at his decision that it would have been in our true national

interest at this stage to have left the mineral in the

of the resources of the earth for his own benefit, and in an era of diminishing energy resources the use of nuclear fusion seems to be a good alternative. However, the mandate the Bible gives to man is one that carries a responsibility to use the gifts and resources for the benefit of others. The way then we use resources and the effect that use will have on others is the prime Christian

consideration. In evaluating the Archbishop's decision the crucial question is whether the mining of uranium at this stage will be beneficial or detrimental to others. The Archbishop notes four salient considerations — the problem of radoactive waste disposal, the hazard to all living organisms from radioactive materials, the pollution and destruction of the earth's fauna and flora, and finally the effect on the welfare of the people who inhabit the area in and around the mining claim.

Recent work in Australia on the encasing of nuclear waste in a material which would help the disposal problem gives rise to cautious optimism because the

waste in a material which would help the disposal problem gives rise to cautious optimism because the work is in a preliminary stage. But it is wrong to proceed now with mining until the method is proven and assurances given that all waste will be thus dealt with. Secondly the fact that the Ranger Uranium tailings dam will hold 28 million tonnes of contaminated sludge and water and that some be released and cover considerable

significant factor because of the long term effects on all

life in the area.

Contrary to Mr Pringle's charge, the Archbishop has Contrary to Mr Pringle's charge, the Archbishop has based his considerations on the biblical doctrine of man as the responsible user of resources for the benefit of others. The Archbishop's arguments and conclusion commend themselves not only to Christians, but to all, including the Government of Australia. Uranium mining is premature knowing its effects where it has been undertaken in Rum Jungle and given our present inability to handle the effects of such mining on man and his environment.

However, Christians must be prepared to accept the fact that any decision not to mine now would affect our level of prosperity because we have reached a stage in our economic history where we desperately need to export our mineral resources to offset our economic problems. Christians may well ask whether the Government is hell bent on pursuing the uranium mining contrary to the recommendation of Mr Justice Fox because of a short term politio-

objective.

Our great regret should be that as Christians we failed to bring to bear a Christian mind on the issue before it was too late. The statement of Archbishop of Sydney stands as a judgement on our sloth and guilty silence as a Christian community for failing to do our homework long before this.

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NOTES & COMMENTS

COMBAT SEXISM

Recently the Sydney Media have focused on a set of schools materials. Called "The Combat Sexism Kit" it purportedly deals with sexism and sexuality.

The Kit is designed to help radically change our social structures. It says in the rationale that:

"Power in our society therefore, resides with white, middle class eurocentric, heterosexist men. Our education institutions, like all our other social institutions perpetuate and support this structure. Further, our schools while supporting this power hierarchy are themselves microcosms of the society at large.

"Hence as we see it, the role of educators is to analyse and eradicate this structure.

"The concept that schools should reflect the mores of the community is indisputably abrogating responsibility as educators. These mores are racist, heterosexist and worker exploitive.

educators. These mores are racist, heterosexist and worker exploitive.

"So why produce a kit for schools?

"Accepting the concept that it is the responsibility of educators to analyse and eradicate the present social structure, we believe that this can only be done from a position of awareness and knowledge, and to do this, we believe that information and different perspectives must go into the schools. This is not happening.

"This kit is an attempt to do that."

They may feel society needs revolutionary change but we question their right to attempt this through school children. It is our belief, at the Sydney Board of Education that parents have the prime responsibility for the education and development of their children.

The school should therefore be educating the children in a way that shows the responsibility towards parents and respect for the integrity of the pupils.

The course includes explicit descriptions of woman masturbating and oral intercourse. It offers many sexual options for woman but gives no guidance within a value framework similar to that of the pupil's parents.

Anglican Board of Education, Sydney.





ON & OFF

By David Hewetson

POWERFUL "ABSURDITY"

"You don't mean to tell me that you still believe all that stuff? I didn't think it possible in this day and age for anyone with intelligence to go on accepting those old myths and superstitions."

So goes the litany of unbelief. And with it the funny idea that time and modernity has somehow made us wiser than those who went before us. The passage of time has certainly increased our fund of knowledge; "progress" (a mixed blessing) has certainly meant that we have left behind a lot of ideas that once seemed plausible enough. But wisdom is another matter and comes from another quarter. It is not always found where there is an abundant supply of knowledge or even intelligence. Sometimes, alas, supply of knowledge or even intelligence. Sometimes, alas, these things (or at least confidence in them) appear almost

WHAT MEN THINK OF GOD'S MESSAGE Some men think the "word of the Cross" is nonsense. That He who is supposed to have made the universe should have been involved in the ignominy of the crucifixion is, they feel, absurd. Other men, however, claim that this self same message is power.

they feel, absurd. Other men, however, claim that this self same message is power.

Its rationale lies in what it has done for them despite what other men may think of it. It has quietened their consciences, released them from evil habits, removed their alienations, and they are convinced that the might of God is released in it in a unique manner.

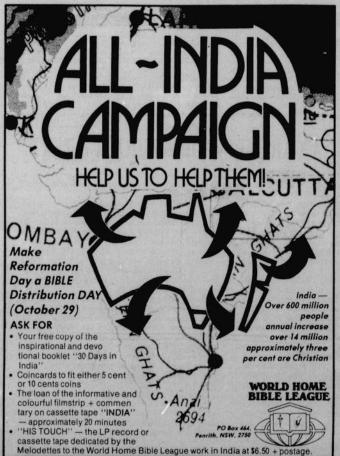
Some men demand proof. The Jews, in Paul's day, insisted that the message he declared be accompanied with powerful "signs" to validate it. As they waited for their Golden Age every tin-pot claimant to Messiahhood promised to dry up the Jordan, bring down the walls of Jerusalem or give some similar proof that he was genuine. They were scandalised at the Christian declaration that God was supremely present in the crucifixion. The very God was supremely present in the crucifixion. The very dea that he could be executed like a common criminal was,

idea that he could be executed like a common criminal was, they said, utterly repugnant.

Some men trust their own opinions. The Greeks of Paul's day sought wisdom. They had a strong conviction that the mind was the panacea for all human ills. But when their restless minds were presented with the Christian message they found it totally unacceptable to thinking men. To them the gods in their apatheia were above and beyond suffering of all kinds, let alone incarnation or execution. Perhaps they were most insulted by the fact that whilst their speculative minds made their way "up" into the eternal realm in search of truth, Christians insisted that Truth Himself had come "down" (and down a very long way, even as far as the cross) to confront and redeem them.

Those who demand proof or who insist that God fit his message to their own opinions and presuppositions are, in

MU at Bishopscourt



On Tuesday, the 19th September, at the kind invitation of Lady Loane, 250 members of the Mothers' Union spent a happy day at Bishopscourt. Lady Loane and Executive members escorted parties through the house, pointing out the many historic and beautiful furnishings, some of which stand in their original home which was built for Thomas Sutcliffe Mort.

After lunch, which had After lunch, which had been served picnic-style on the lawn, Mrs Jull, our Commonwealth President, and Mrs Robinson, Sydney Diocesan President, strolled through the groups, chatting informally.

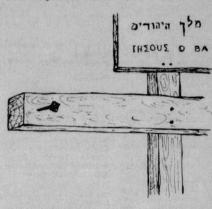
Mrs Robinson thei Mrs Robinson them addressed the gathering, thanking Lady Loane for her generosity in opening her home and garden, and introducing and welcoming Mrs Jull, who spoke of the acceleration of change which had taken place in our time and the restlessness and discontent all around us.

As Christians we believe that The Mothers' Union is a stabilising influence on society and, after 100 years has emerged stronger than

She went on to speak about the arrangements for the first World Conference on the Family to be held in Brisbane in July next year, and ended her address by challenging us to go out like the disciples and stir up the community to see the importance of stable Christian Family Life. If we use this power, what could be

fact, making self and not God their focus. They have determined what God might or might not do, and are thus unable to accept what He has done.

In this regard nothing has changed much, and through the long centuries from Paul's time to our own this has been the big obstacle to belief.



WHAT GOD THINKS OF MAN'S OPINIONS

OPINIONS

God rejects human cleverness. This is particularly unpalatable to modern man. But by making himself the centre of his own thinking processes man has entered an unreal world in which he cannot think his way to God. Expert thinkers, the "wise, the scribe, the debater", as Paul called them (we could add philosophers, scientists, etc), cannot discover God through their own disciplines. Many of them, because they can see only their own narrow field, conclude therefore that he is not there at all and that our message is a myth that has outlived its usefulness.

God uses "nonsense" to rescue men! What the intelligentia write off as absurd actually does for us what they cannot do and in a way that they find bewildering. The cross opens up the way into the very heart of God, to His seeking, saving and reconciling love. It is the one "nonsense" that rescues men, even Jews and Greeks and their modern counterparts, if they are prepared to open themselves up to it.

DIVINE STRATEGY

Olvine Strategy

God has used the folly and weakness of the cross to outmanoeuvre the proud pretensions of men. He has contradicted our ideas about Himself and about humanity. And those who have accepted His message have often been a classic illustration of this strategy. "Few of you were wise or powerful or of high social standing," said Paul to his Corinthian friends. And men like Celsus were much less complimentary: "wool dressers, cobblers and fullers, the most uneducated and vulgar persons... like a swarm of bats — or ants creeping out of their nests — or frogs holding a symposium round a swamp — or worms in conventicle in a corner of mud."

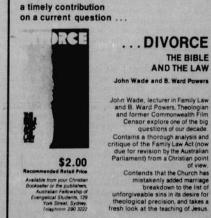
But the fact is that human knowledge is only very partial. To us it looks enormous and we become so intoxicated with it that it distorts our judgment. God finds "fools" easier to deal with for they have one saving grace — the one thing they do know is that they know very little. They are open to God and ready to hear him speak in his own unique way.

So when the preacher brings his message he must follow God's example. He must use an apparently weak message. He must abandon all attempts to talk people round with smart language or clever argument.

He must abandon all attempts to talk people round with smart language or clever argument.

He must place the cross firmly in the centre of what he says, and he must, like his Master before him, become totally vulnerable, weak and trembling.

Then, and then only, is it possible that men will be persuaded by God. Their faith will rest in His power and not in man't talk: and they will find that what others call folly is actually mighty and meaningful.



In the beginning was the Word, the Word was God. GOOD NEWS

FROM THE WORLD'S BEST-SELLER

ROYA

JERUSALEM (Monday).- The palace issued a statement late today on the search and destroy mission to Bethlehem of the crack palace commando unit. The officer in charge spoke of a conspiracy to usurp King Herod's throne

by an obscure pretender born in the city of David. His orders are to seal the town, and execute all male babies under two years of age. The unsuspecting southerners are expected to react angrily to these severe measures.

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TOP ASTROLOGERS SEEK PRINCE

JERUSALEM (Wed.)— This morning the visiting star-gazers met in a closed session with King Herod. Since the arrival of their rich caravan form the Far East, speculation has mounted over the reason for their presence in the city.

to a standstill late yesterday as the heavily laden camels drew market. curious stares. The locals were open-mouthed at the exotic ornaments, the strange clothing, and of gold in ingots, and rare fragrances of frankincense and myrrh.

prices on the current depressed

Our foreign correspondent was able to find out sketchy details of their background and plans. Unyellow skin of the foreigners, but disputed leaders in the field of mostly at the open display of astrology in their own country, fabulous wealth. The tired beasts these Oriental aristocrats are bore disgustingly generous cargoes convinced, from the stars, that a Jewish prince has recently been born. The conjunction of Jupiter

Traffic at the East gate choked These items are commanding top and Saturn suggests a really reto prompt them to hazard the journey of several thousand kilometres, and to bring extravagant gifts to "worship" their Prince.

King Hostile

Usually reliable sources inside the palace report a worried King Herod, behind the officially polite reception. Herod and his advisers

were puzzled, to say the least, at the news of the birth of a prince of the Jews The king is said to have winced visibly at the reminder of his own non-Jewish ancestry.

Confusion reigned as the be-wildered astrologers wondered why there was no new-born Jewish hold. The tension was taken out of the situation, finally, by an enterprising public servant, who re-membered that the place of birth of the Messiah (the Jews' Saviour) was supposed to be Bethlehem in the state of Judea, according to an ancient prophecy of Micah.

Wise Men Packing

Undaunted by this unexpected turn of events, the strangers this afternoon were highly optimistic of completing their mission. They set off later this evening to travel through the night to the small



TODAY'S PHOTOGRAPH OF BETHLEHEM

A thousand years ago King David was born in this sleepy little hamlet, and nothing has ever happened here since! This dusty settlement seems an unlikely choice for the birthplace of a new king.

The town is unusually crowded as thousands of family groups, many direct descendants of King David, have swelled the population, surging in to the town to register in the Empire-wide census.

Thousands have been up-rooted and displaced by clause 5(A) of the Act requiring registration at the home town of one's ancestors.

Spokesman for the Innkeepers Association reports capacity bookings. Especially hard hit are the young marrieds. Many have been forced to accept makeshift accommodation ranging from sharing rooms, renting barns and stables, to skeeping in public courtyards. There are the usual casualties of such mass social movements, the feeble and irm, the very old, and very young, pregnant women and nurs

AGED MUTE PRIEST SPEAKS

A relieved reverend today chatted with our church reporter about the harrowing ordeal he and his wife have been through in these past months. Unable to utter a syllable for over nine months, the elderly minister was understandably talkative.

It all began when Rev. Zechariah's turn for temple service came up. He was lighting the incense at the incense altar, as he had regularly for many years, when he was startled by something (or someone) standing near the right side of the altar. He felt his heart muscle flutter as surprise gave way to stark terror.

HALLUCINATION?

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The strange being, semi-human, with a warm aura about the head, identified himself as Gabriel, an angelic messenger from God. He warned the priest that his wife Elizabeth would give birth to a special baby boy. The baby was to be named John.

Zechariah reminisced today about this bolt from the blue. Both he and his wife are in their seventies, a childless couple, till this fateful visit. The senior minister frankly did not believe it. Sensing his doubt, the "angel" added that a further sign of the message would be a temporary dumbness, till the baby was born. When he left the temple precinct, he was obviously stunned. The congregation waiting in the courtyard watched in amazement as he made wild hand signals, pointing to his mouth, inside the temple, up to the sky, then covering his head in confusion.

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The bishop offered him compassionate sick leave, but he insisted on finishing his tour of duty.

AMAZING PREDICTION

In an uncanny fulfilment of this "prophecy" Elizabeth became pregnant not long after, and recently was delivered of a strapping baby boy. What did they call him? John!

Zechariah patted the baby on the head, as we sat in the sparsely furnished loungeroom. At the naming ceremony Zechariah wrote on a slate "His name is John." This broke the jinx and from

wrote on a slate "His name is John." This broke the jinx and from then on he has been able to talk quite normally.

The usually staid, composed priest described another puzzling happening associated with the child. At the naming ceremony, he felt himself swept up into an ecstatic trance, and the Spirit of God filling him, inspiring a startling prophecy. It began:

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people, and has raised up a horn of salvation in the house of his servant David..."

Then, actually addressing the babe in his arms, Zechariah said:

"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways."

MORE TO COME

The prophecy mentioned that this would happen "when the dayspring will visit us from on high, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet

Into the way of peace."

Zechariah has a strong feeling that this "dayspring" refers to another baby born miraculously. Leaning forward, in a hushed whisper, he said he thought that his young niece, Mary of Nazareth, was to give birth to an even more remarkable baby, who would possibly be the Messiah himself.

A check of the fashionable marternity hospitals revealed no one of that name.

PEACE CHILD



Canadian missionary, Don Richardson, describes the savage rites of Stone Age New Guinea tribesmen in his best selling book "Peace Child." These people glorified treachery as a way of life. They revelled in luring other natives in to their village under the guise of friendship, only to kill and eat them. There was constant conflict with neighbouring

When Don, and his wife Carol, came to them with the story of Jesus, they were shocked at the reaction. When they listened to the way Judas betrayed Jesus, there were howls of glee as the native people applauded their hero figure JUDAS! Don and Carol were at a loss to know how to get the message across that the real hero was Jesus. They were stumped, until an incident occurred in the tribe that gave them a

Two warring tribes came to the point where they needed to negotiate a halt to the fighting, and their culture demanded that it happen a certain way. A small baby was taken from its mother and given to a woman in the opposing tribe. The warriors all lined up and touched the child, thus guaranteeing the truce. As long as the "peace child" lived, the tribes were bound to maintain peace. The worst crime conceivable to them was that someone should betray and murder the "peace child."

Don saw the similarity, and eagerly told them that Jesus was God's "peace child." God had sent His Son to make peace with man, for the angel had announced "peace on earth" at Jesus' birth, and Judas had betrayed the "peace child." The light dawned in darkened hearts, and many reached out in faith to touch God's peace child, Jesus.



WHERE DO YOU DRAW THE LINE?

Scenes from Christmas Past

Japanese Christian leader Toyohiko Kagawa, leaves the comfort of his quarters at Kobe Seminary, on Christmas Eve, to live in the city's notorious slums, in an effort to share the love of God with people living in filth and squalour. He shares his six foot square house with many needy people through the years, contracting an eye disease from one man, that robs him of much of his sight. That first Christmas Jesus came to live in mankind's slums, and finished up taking our disease of sin on himself.

Scottish padre, Ernest Gordon, joins 2,000 allied prisoners working on the infamous Burma railway, in a simple jungle Christmas service. A lone U.S. Air Force renonnaissance bomber flies over during the carol singing, helping to lift the men's spirits out of grinding misery to hope. Jesus' birth was announced by angels as bringing "peace on earth." Man has the peace of God in his heart when he knows Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Five American missionaries in Ecuador make last minute preparations on Christmas Eve 1955, for their daring mission to an Indian tribe that has never heard the good news of Jesus. Their tribal name "Auca" means "savage". Within days all five have been brutally butchered by the very people they have come to show the love of God. Ironically, it is their deaths that finally convince the Aucas of the truth of their message. Many Aucas later put their trust in Christ. Some would die taking the message of Christ to downriver Aucas. The cradle of Bethlehem is overshadowed by the cross of Calvary, for it is Jesus' dying for us on the cross that is God's final proof of his love for us. God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.

ANCIENT PEOPLE SEE CHRISTMAS STAR



Rev. Ivan Jordan, from Tasmania, is a missionary to the Warlpiri tribe in Central Australia. Here he is pictured with a local church leader, Jerry Jangala, Jerry's son, and another boy. The Warlpiri Christians have developed corroborees to dance, sing, and act out stories from the gospels. The decorated shields tell the story in symbols.

The right shield tells the story of the birth, life, and death of Jesus." The three semi-circles represent God (three in one), who comes down to be born (1st circle). The footprints show the movements of Jesus' life, the way a native tracker would understand them.

The ancient inhabitants of Australia have only recently (considering their long history) heard the good news about Jesus. Other ancient people, living at the time of Jesus' birth, have left records in their histories of sightings of a strange star. Writing in a recent issue of the "Quarterly Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society" three British astronomers report on their research into ancient astronomical records kept by Chinese and Korean astronomers some two thousands years ago. They think they may have lighted on the star of Bethlehem, till now known

They found reports of a sudden bright star appearing at the right time and in the right place to have been the one mentioned in Matthew's gospel. The ancient astronomers report an apparently stationary object visible for over 70 days, with its time and position specified. This may well have been a nova, the sudden flaring of a new star.

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ANGLICANS GIVING "ONE LOAF A WEEK"

Average weekly giving by Church of England members (counted on an Electoral Roll basis) amounted to no more than the price of a large loaf in 1976. This is one of many depressing financial home truths disclosed in a report published jointly by the Church Commissioners and the Central Board of Finance.

and more realistic levels of

giving. In the 10 years to 1976, the Report points out, average earnings more than trebled and so did the retirement pension; but total planned giving and collections rose by a mere four-fifths. In real a mere four-fitths. In real terms — the terms of what money will buy in goods and services — this income fell by one-third. And the decrease is not much attributable to declining membership, if at

The largest expenditure, The largest expenditure, and one that is going to rise considerably and be increasingly up to the laity to fund, is that on clergy stipends and expenses. The Central Stipends Authority has recommended that incumbents' salaries reach a minimum of £3300 from April 1, 1979, and would prefer to see a range of £3500 to £3800. The Report states:

"Church members are beginning to understand and accept their responsibility for stipends; but much remains to be done. Their contribution will have to grow substantially if there is to be a

tribution will have to grow substantially if there is to be a genuine prospect of maintaining let alone significantly improving in real terms the present in a dequate remuneration of the clergy."

Gone are the days when the clergy could be financed from investment income. The rate of growth of investment income has been and will probably continue to be limited by government controls on dividends and rents; and such income will represent a diminishing proportion of the Church's total income.

Nevertheless, investment income had done well to maintain its hoped for levels, and, as Sir Ronald Harris, Chairman of the Central Board of Finance, disclosed at a press conference recently, the switch to office developments has helped meet the required levels of income.

on women priests



needs to be done" the Report makes its challenge. The General Synod has affirmed its intention to retain a full-time ministry of at least its present size, therefore the Church must foot the bill.

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In several places the Report is at pains to show that it recognises that many people give far above the price of a loaf, and that many give very, very much more. On this basis, of course, the Report shows the inadequacy of averages and even more the inadequacy of counting on Electoral Rolls as reliable guides to numbers of members of the Church, or regular churchgoers.

Equally the Report is shy to put forward as a definite norm any fixed percentage of income for church giving, recognising that 10 per cent of say £5000 in a family of three is a very different mat-

of say £5000 in a family of three is a very different matter from 10 per cent of £3000 in a family of five. Gospel absolutes are thus tempered by modern considerations of what is desirable.

Nevertheless the Report is hopeful that the challenge will be met, and gently suggests that the amount covenented to the Church might be £1 per week for every £1000 of income—roughly five per cent. But "the level of giving is a matter for personal conscience and personal commitchairman of the Central matter for personal committed a press conference recently, the switch to office developments has helped meet the required levels of ncome.

Under the heading "What meet the received, Freely give."

matter for personal commitment for an individual", the Report says. An we are exhorted to remember Christ's own words: "Freely you have received, Freely give."

CEN

Catholic Anglicans will hold a mass meeting in central London on November 25, 17 days after the General Synod debate on the ordination of women — if the Synod votes in favour of removing the barriers to women becoming priests in the Church of England.

Anglo Catholic strategy

the Church of England.

This contingency plan is based on the need to reassure and assess, says the Rev Peter Geldard, General Secretary of the Church Union, which would be organising the meeting at a place still to be arranged.

"Presumably even the proponents would want to assess the question of 'where do we go from here?' if the vote went against them. So would we," Rev Geldard told the Church Times.

"There are psychological reasons for holding the meeting, because a lot of the faithful may think November gives the go-ahead if this is passed. But it would still be very much a beginning, with years of hard labour ahead."

Whichever way the vote goes, the Church Union will hold a Press conference on the evening of the debate (which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8), with "certain bishops" and

CATHEDRAL COULD BE **OUTSHONE** BY MOSQUE

whilst it was right that Muslims should have their religious freedom and build mosques, it was also essential that Bradford Cathedral should not remain hidden from view by the Post Office building in Forster Square.

The Provost — who was speaking at the annual dinner of the West Yorkshire County Council at Pudsey — said he sympathised with those liking the Post Office's Victorian building, but he hoped he could have sympathy too because his daily view was of the "backside" of the PO building — and he defied anyone to say it was not the ugliest view in Bradford.

If the building was demolished it would give a magnificent view of the Cathedral, allowing for a proper approach of steps to be constructed. There was no doubt that the Cathedral was the most beautiful building in Bradford, and it was nothing short of a tragedy that for the last century it had been hidden from view.

The Provost said he thought it would be a pity if the only towering religious monument to be seen in Bradford was a minaret rather than the Cathedral tower (a reference to a proposal to build a vast new Muslim mosque in the city).

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He asked the city fathers to think again, and also asked the County Council to help him to retain the distinctive historical feature by removal of the old PO.

The Christian religion had been in Bradford for more than 1000 years, said the Provost, and had espoused the principle of religious toleration and freedom. Therefore it was wrong to expect tion and freedom. Inerctore it was wrong to expect Muslims to continue to use for their mosques converted houses.

"If we welcome them into Bradford we must give them the same degree of religious

BETTER TELEVISION — IT'S NOW UP TO YOU

For a long time now the only real control the average Australian has had over what is seen and heard on television and radio has been the use of the off/on switch.

Apart from that you could practices represent the views Tribunal will determine what rotest if you objected of those it serves. protest if you objected strongly to something specific but there was no way of knowing if it did any

The reply, from faceless

station" or the ABCB, was usually polite enough, even if it often came long after you had forgotten what you had complained about anyway.

But whether or not it had any effect, apart from letting you get it off your chest, you never really knew.

Now all this has changed. No longer can the public blame the broadcaster or some government regulating agency if radio and television programs are not good enough. From now on all broadcasters will be required to answer directly to the

THE ABT

The Australian Broadcast-ing Tribunal has been given the job of seeing that broad-casters take notice of what the public says. This is the effect of the Government's decision, announced on September 14, to endorse the

September 14, to endorse the recommendation of the Tribunal in its report on the self-regulation inquiry held last year.

The report recommended that the system of bureaucratic regulation of broadcasting that we have had for so long be replaced by a system of direct public accountability. It is to be a system where the broadcasting industry is "regularly and directly confronted with the views of those whom it serves" and will be expected to ensure that its policies and

freedom as we allow for ourselves. But I do not mind admitting that I would be very concerned if Bradford came to be known as a Muslim city."

TWO NEW INITIATIVES

First, the Tribunal has been given full authority to regulate all aspects of radio and television programming and advertising through a system of regular public inquiries.

Second, a Broadcasting Information Office is to be established to facilitate the free flow of information between broadcasters and the public.

public.

The purpose of the regular public inquiries will be "to maintain a direct accountability of broadcasters to the public". These inquiries, to coincide with the renewal of broadcasters' licences, will be held at least every three years. In some cases they could be held more frequently.

The purpose of the inquiries is to bring together before the Tribunal the broadcasters and representa-

before the Tribunal the broadcasters and representa-tives of the public they serve. The broadcasters will be expected to show that they have served the public well in the past and what they propose to do to serve the public in the future.

SAY WHAT
YOU THINK

The representatives of the public will be expected to say what they think of the broadcasters' past performance and future promises. If they find the broadcasters' performance or promises aren't satisfactory they will also be expected to provide positive stuggestions of what the broadcasters could do to serve the public better.

All this will be argued before the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal which will have the job of arbitrating between the two parties, In the light of the submissions the parties present to it, the

Pribunal will determine what policies, standards and practices broadcasters will be expected to adopt in order to satisfy the public interest. Broadcasters will be expected to carry out these Tribunal directives as a condition of

ONLY ONE WAY TO SUCCEED

It is clear that this system will work only if a wide cross-section of the public gets involved. Without widely representative public involvement the public inquiry will become a public farce.

General public apathy will deprive the Tribunal of the input that is essential for it to assess whether broadcasters are really serving the public interest. It will also mean that the real public interest can be distorted by active pressure groups claiming to speak for the general public but representing only a small section of that public.

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ETHICAL PROBLEMS TACKLED BIBLICALLY

AT HIGH LEIGH Conference Centre the leading Evangelical brains of Britain gathered to discuss the direction of ethical theory and practice in the Church today.

characteristic of the group was the preponderence of people between the ages of 20 and 40, especially the

practitioners.

This latter problem, however, had more to do with such people being unable to obtain a week's leave from work than with any intention on the part of the creanisers.

The polarisation of British

UFO NOT GOD

More young people believe n unidentified flying objects nd life on other planets than in unidentified flying objects and life on other planets than definitely believe in God, according to a survey carried out recently. One out of two believed in UFO's and 54 per cent thought there was life on other planets.

But only 26 per cent definitely believe in God, says the survey, which was investigating the religious attitudes of young people under the sponsorship of the Bible Society, the Scripture Union, the eveangelical Alliance and Buzz Magazine.

Definite unbelievers made up 12 per cent of the

became sceptical. This awareness has been important to Evangelicals recently taking up questions of public ethics.

Thus, the main addresses sought to build a biblical approach to ethics which could be clearly rooted in the orthodox understanding of the faith.

Beginning with methodology, speakers covered the pluralist nature of modern society, a critique of Marxism human rights, political structures, and in addition lectures on using Revelation to build an ethical system for today without losing sight of the complex realities of modern society.

A more practical network of the Church today.

a Christian "take-over" of society was eschewed by incarly all the participants.

However, a basis was laid in the doctrines of Creation and Christain responsibility for the world. Its relation to the Gospel was seen as completary rather than of its essence. One thing was quite clear.

Evangelicals of this ilk are determined to live responsibly within the market-place of society, without abandoning their traditional emphasis on Scripture and Evangelical experience.

Perhaps this emerged most clearly at the end of the conference when John Stott

A more practical note was sounded through the problems in society such as the "just war" concept, trade unionism and medical ethics in the light of such opments as genetic ing and "test tube"

autisupernaturalist and antisupernaturalist camps has long held back this traditionally conservative section of the Church from social involvement lest it be taken for a capitulation to a "social gospel." Indeed, while the radical thinking was being done about society, Evangelicals were almost unaware of it. But in recent years, many have felt that things went too far with the call to abolish the Church and the cry that "God is dead." Scholars may have

Scholars may have professed their spiritual commitment but average layman got left behind and

Abbott in semi-retirement

Chaplain (Lt Col) Douglas Abbott retired from the Australian Regular Army on 18th September, 1978, after 23 years service, the longest service ever rendered by an ARA Chaplain.

Rev D. Abbott

Abbott began his service career as a combatant in the RAN in World War II, in the RAN in world war II, serving overseas from the age of 17 years in Corvettes on Coral Sea convoys and mine-sweeping operations. He also served at forward Naval Bases of Milne Bay and Madang in Papua New Guinea. He continued to

Bible Society, the Scripture Union, the eveangelical Alliance and Buzz Magazine. Definite unbelievers made up 12 per cent of the youngsters. There were 26 per cent who "sometimes" believed and 36 per cent who thought they did.

Yet more than half agreed that God does help people and 50 per cent said they belonged to Christianity, though only twenty-one per cent went to church once a month or more. Half of those questioned felt, some strongly, that church was boring 51 per cent, however, did not find the Bible irrelevant to the lives they led. In fact 73 per cent of the young people admitted to having their own copy of the Bible and 80 per cent owned a New Testament.

But girls were more likely to own Bibles than boys — 80 per cent compared with 67 per cent. And a total of 30 per cent reported that they never read the Bible.

Church Times

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Christian thinkers must now make three steps forward: from questions to answers; from word to actions; and from abstract thought to

passion.
Certainly, this conference
has laid a foundation for an
E vangelical praxis
conservative in theology but

The level of expertise in these sessions from people who were professionally engaged in their areas demonstrates how far Envangelicals have come from pietist withdrawal 20 years ago.

This conforms to the general thrust of thinking at the Conference. Any idea of the Conference on worders, are the radicals now? now?

The Crusader Union of NSW marked the retirement of Dr Ian Holt at their Annual Rally on 23rd September, 1978. Dr Holt had been a member of the Crusader Council for 25 years, and Chairman for 17 years. Five hundred people packed out the Crusader Conference Centre at Galston, near Hornsby, for the occasion.

Bishop D. W. Robinson, during the Rally, spoke of Dr Holt's involvement in Crusaders going back to the inception of the organisation in 1930. Dr Howard Guiness visited Australia at that time, and launched Crusaders as he presented the Gospel at student assemblies in independent schools. independent schools.

Ian Holt was a school student at the time, and he attended the first Crusader Houseparty, in the Blue Mountains. Bishop Robinson mentioned many other leading churchmen of today whom he had identified in photographs of the early camps.

Dr Ian Holt, retiring Chair-man of the Crusader Union of NSW.

HOLT

HALTS

Reference was made to Dr. Holt's leadership as a key factor in bringing the work of Crusaders to its present-day level. A consistent Christian witness is presented through weekly Crusader groups in 30 independent schools in New South Wales.

Each year some 2000 boys and girls, aged from 10 to 18, go away on many different Crusader Camps, held in each school holiday season. Follow-up contact is maintained with many of these campers through the 20 Saturday Night Meetings held each month in different areas around Sydney. Dr Holt made reference to his old school motto, as he addressed the Rally, "Let glory be given to God alone".

The incoming Chairman of the Crusader Union was announced — Mr Roger Corbett. Mr Corbett is an Associate Director of the Homemakers Division of Grace Bros. He has held a number of leadership positions within Crusaders over the past 15 years. He and his family worship at St Ives Baptist Church. Mr Corbett said that the Crusader Union, as an organisation of people pulling together in Christian service, "has never been in better shape".

Most people like a cheap religion, and like it best when they can devolve the expense of it on others. - A. W. Pink

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DISSIDENTS HOLD 1st SYNOD

The breakaway Anglican Church in North America Ine breakaway Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) is to hold its first Synod next month to adopt a constitution and canons. Bishops, priests, deacons and laity will meet at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel in Dallas, Texas, from October 18 to 21, and voting will be by

The purpose of the St diocese should learn, at least, Louis Congress was to rally the Nicene Creed, the Lord's the scattered faithful and Prayer, the Hail Mary and make them conscious that the Anima Christi. the scattered faithful and make them conscious that they are in truth, God's R e m n a n t w it h i n Anglicanism. The purpose of the Dallas Synod is to get this remnant "organised for business" as the Anglican Church in North America.

The Bishop of the ACNA Diocese of the Holy Trinity, the right Rev. James Mote, of St Mary's Denver, has asked that all children in the

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Christian Church in China still survives

The Christian Church in China appears to be alive and well, though diminutive and, in Peking at any rate, catering almost exclusively for the expatriate

only three or four Chinese, all elderly in the congregation

COMMUNIST

NOW A

CHRISTIAN

These are some of the impressions brought back from a two-week visit by Canon Michael Moore, chaplain of Archbishop of Canterbury's Counsellors on Foreign Relations, and Mr Patrick Gilbert, general secretary of the society for Promoting Christian secretary of the society for Promoting Christian nowledge.
Although the two men

went as ordinary tourists, they made no secret of who they were or where their interests lay. They met with no obstructions and were helped by the authorities to make contact with the Church in Pekine This was in Latin and also attended mainly by expatriates.

SPCK has now sent off to China some modern services and Good News Bibles — they had been told that people would allowed to accept them. Among the recipients will be the young in terpreters who accompanied them on their make contact with the Church in Peking. This was in fact the only place where they were able to meet Chinese Christians — two Roman Catholic priests and

rch Times that the stian Church in China had always been diminutive, and this appeared to be still the case. In Peking both the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches seemed to cater almost excusively for the expatriate community.

President worshipped in China

President William R. Tolbert, Jr, of the Republic of Liberia, acrries his religion with him on his state visits, wherever they may take him. He has told the heads of states in Israel and in atheistic countries of eastern Europe that it is his custom to worship with his brethren on Sunday. All have accommodated him, often to the consternation of citizens in the country where he is visiting. As a leader of the Communist Youth Party in Colombia, Jose Morelos once plotted with others to bomb the Baptist clinic in Barranquilla, Colombia but today he is a committed Christian who says his life has changed "100 per cent."

A member of the International Share Team selected by Southern Baptist National Student Ministries for a summer of missions involvement, Jose had dinner in Memphis recently with the Southern Baptist missionary who founded the clinic in Barranquilla he once planned to destroy.

visiting.

Dr Tolbert has now added China to that list. He was in Nanking on Saturday, June 24, and insisted that his Chinese hosts bring him together with fellow believers in Christ.

in Christ.

Confounded officials arranged a Sunday meeting between him and the protestant bishop of that city, Ting Kuang-Hsun, and eight other protestant churchmen, including Baptists.

Newspapers in the Orient headlined the event, "China Leaders Ease Policy on Religion," and explained: "Experts believe it was the first time the Chinese leaders had arranged a meeting

who founded the clinic in Barranquilla he once planned to destroy.

"If you'd told me five years ago that I would be here sharing my faith in Christ, I would not have believed you," Morelos said.

"I didn't believe in God or Christ — only in materialistic society," he recalled.

Now, he is convinced that communism is not the way to change the world. "To change the world, you have to change people and to change their hearts first," he declared. "I now believe there are better ways to solve problems in the world than through communism," the report concluded.

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Baptist people salute Dr Tolbert who puts his faith for Christ above all other con-siderations in his role as head of state, Baptists of the world remember him as president of the Baptist World Alliance 1965-70.

A report from Peking last week stated that the Anglican Holy Trinity Cathedral in Shanghai is being repaired. A member of the Shanghai Revolutionary Committee, or city council, said that it would be opened for worship soon. STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

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soon.
Holy Trinity was built for the English in 1868-70. It is a cruciform church with a detached tower and spire, designed by Sir Gilbert Scott. Previously repaired by the Government, it then became the headquarters of the Chinese Church.



Two New Hebridian SU staff workers discuss their strategy to visit every island for a week.

Custom or Christ in the New Hebrides?

Political independence is the major topic in this French/English condominium just 100k km off Australia's east coast. But for Christians there is a new growing problem of a return to "custom", that is pre-Christian traditions, said David Claydon in Vila, capital of the New Hebrides.

accompanied them on their visits to the Christians.

The interpreters had specialist dictionaries containing Church terms, but these were felt by Canon Moore and Mr Gilbert to be somewhat inadequate "so The desire for politi independence has triggered a search for a national tradition and this is leading many back to "custom". At what point "custom" ceases to be national culture and become-

This is the same article under which Peter Peters, pastor of the Rostov church, was sentenced in March.

In both cases the disruption of public order was in fact, says Keston, caused by the police preventing Christians from assembling in premises that were available for them — in

With the approval of the New Hebrides Christian Council, Scripture Union has a ppointed two New Hebridians to visit every island and to spend one week

Moore and Mr Gilbert to be somewhat inadequate, "so we gave them a crash course in Christian doctrine. They had never heard of Jesus Christ, but they have done now."

The visitors had also contrasted the fact of Maco still in his tomb and the Christian good news of the empty tomb.

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Two more Soviet

Baptists sentenced

News of two trials involving Bapists in the Soviet Union has recently reached the West.

Joseph Bondarenko, who was arrested on May 8 in Krasnodar while attempting to conduct a youth rally, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment on August 5. He was apparently charged under article 190/3 of the Russian Criminal Code: "The organisation of, or active participation in, group actions that infringe public order".

Joseph Bondarenko, who was active day a fregistered Baptist church. The other trial, which took registered Baptist church. The other trial, which took provide on July 20 in Kant, a small town in Krigizia, brought convictions under critical activities. Criminal Code, which is concerned purely with outlawed critical activities. The newspaper Sovetskaya Krigiziya, in its issue of August 2,

as some Christian claim, in the Bible). JOHN WYCLIFFE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL in the Blue Mountains of NSW is seeking to fill the following

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bias against religion IT'S GETTING LATE

Anti-religious discrimination in Czechosłovakia is alleged in an article by Milena Kalinovska in the latest issue of Religion in Communist Lands, the journal of Keston College, Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism.

The article, based on letters and documents written by Czech pastors, monks and laymen, claims that there is a discrepancy between the law, official statements and reality. next.

Bondarenko's case, the registered Baptist church.

The other trial, which took place on July 20 in Kant, a small town in Kirgizia, brought convictions under article 14 of the Kirgiz Criminal Code, which is concerned purely with outlawed religious activities.

The newspaper Sovetskaya Kirgizya, Soviet Kirgizia), in its issue of August 2, reported that Ivan Gorpenyuk and Andrei Mock had been sentenced to three years and one year respectively for running a children's Sunday school and for recruiting children to it.

Church Times

Check State

Reports from the Tchernevts area of the Ukraine are claiming the discovery in a coffin of a dead 20-year-old Christian soldier with his skull stuffed with rags, his eyes gouged out, his fingers chopped off, and deep puncture wounds around his throat and body.

A protest, with details of the atrocity, has been sent to the Foreign Secretary, Dr David Owen.

The soldier, Victor Karloreality.

A letter from thirty-one
Czech Brethren to the
Czechoslovak Federal Assembly discusses the position of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethnen in Church of Czech Brethnen in such matters as restrictions on parish and ecumenical activities. The document states that admission to theological studies depends on Government permission and that children of believers are deprived of higher education.

Roman Catholics are also complaining that, despite the

the Foreign Secretary, Dr David Owen.

The soldier, Victor Karlovich Sedletsky, was the only son of a Christian family from a small town in the Tchernevts area. He was an active Christian and churchgoer, and was known to have expressed his faith to his Army colleagur.

His condition was discovered on July 28 when three soldiers delivered his body for a family funeral in a sealed casket which they would not allow to be opened. His mother insisted on opening it with the help of a local pastor — who has since been threatened with six years' imprisonment for defying the soldiers.

Church Times Roman Catholics are also complaining that, despite the ratification of international agreement, believers in Czechoslovakia do not enjoy full freedom and equal rights.

Inter-faith exchanges

A frank, vigorous but goodnatured exchange between Professor Maurice Wiles of Oxford and Dr. Al Faruqi of Temple University characterised the annual conference of the World Congress of Faiths held at New York recently. The subjects was "Religion and the Poetic Imagination."

Professor Wiles said that

the Poetic Imagination."

Professor Wiles said that the religious man was not alone in having difficulties with language. The scientist also had his problems. The religious man had to use images, metaphors and symbols and could only speak of God indirectly. Symbols whilst being longlasting, could lose their force or change their meaning.

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His disagreement with Dr. Al Faruqi centred on the latter's claim that there is a fixed, eternal language of ion in the Ou'ran (or

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"wholeness". Christians are becoming increasingly aware of their need to study and apply the principles mentioned in the article. Francis Bacon's words still

have poignant application to us today: "A healthy body is the best chamber of the soul — a sick body its prison."

ACC-WCC sensitive nerve

Your editorial on Saint Marx struck an over sensitive nerve in the ACC-WCC nexus, as did your comments on the role of the WCC in financially and morally supporting terorism in Rhodesia.

has tried desperately to transfer the blood that is on Marxist practice of manufac-

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observer of Marxist thuggery knows the truth.

So sensitive are the spokesmen of the WCC to the now obvious barbarity of the cause they are supporting their needs must protest their loyality to Jesus Christ, and plead that what they do, they do in His precious name.

This almost breathtaking piece of cynical hypocracy will not mask the

control.

But Christians cannot deny responsibility for their part in these crimes. We should be very aware of Christ's warning about such matters. "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits."

In this regard let us note

In this regard let us note two aspects of Rev Rollason's so-called defence:

His justification of the WCC role in handing over millions of Vietnamese-Cambodians to the most inhuman form of oppressive form of government man in

objective to do the same in Africa. He now wishes to con

He now wishes to compound such crimes in Vietnam by pleading for cooperation with the representatives of anti-Christ there. Christians cannot do it. They must seek every way possible through any suitable authority and platform to free the enslaved peoples of Vietnam-Cambodia.

ree the ensiaved peoples of Vietnam-Cambodia.

They should be the catylistic force guiding our own Government, freeing it from that peculiar form of hatred which extends even to disallowing Rhodesian golfers en-route to Fiji two hours stop-over time at Sydney airport. Evengelical Christians must come down from the clouds and take on the forces of evil where they are, here in our midst.

No better start could be made than repudiating the WCC and refusing financial support to the ACC which channels financial support given by thousands of innocent Australian Christians through their member churches

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Christians through their
member churches.
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Christian Church of the
WCC is regarded by the
Marxists as indicative of the
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WCC is absolutely essential Repudiation by the Christian Churches would be the first step back along the way that is narrow and straight.

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Sir, As one who has spent a number of years serious study in each of the three areas of commerce, herbal medicine, and theology, I was intrigued to read the article in the Church Record of September 18 entitled "Stress and the Christian". I would like to commend the Church Record for giving so much space to this most important a spect of "wholeness". Christians are of their need to sure. So sensitive are the spokes the are training as North and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about the large numbers of people who are training as North American and directors about th

One of the encouraging features of the present preparations for the forthcoming Graham Crusade is the large numbers of people who are training as Nurture Group leaders. Currently, there are six training courses with an enrolment of 600, of which half are Anglicans. Prior to the current series of training, the Board of Education of the Diocese of Sydney had trained more than five hundred leaders for this work. The strategy of the Follow-Up Committee is that Nurture Group leaders should be recruited and trained now so that they will have time to practise their leadership skills now, rather than when the Crusade finishes.

The hope of the Follow-Up Committee is that small groups will be eatablished now which will be able to act as Nurture Groups in the immediate post-Crusade period. It is envisaged that these groups will not only comprise new converts, but also regular members of the congregation who will together study the Nurture Group Bible Studies. These groups will be useful in pastoring converts and also provide an informal meeting for new and established members. Parishes in the Diocese of Sydney have been encouraged to see the importance of the establishment of such groups.

Because of the very large enrolments of these training courses, the Executive has decided to hold an additional one day "crash" course for those who have been unable to attend previous or current courses. This course has been programmed for December and details are available from the Sydney Crusade Office.

The Follow-Up Committee plans for a four strand "follow-up" programme:

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which it is envisaged will be done and returned to the Billy Graham Office for correction;

• They will be linked with the local church and encouraged to join with the Nurture Group programme;

• Regional bible studies will be conducted in fifty centres around the city on Sunday afternoons for six weeks; and

• Enquirers will be given information about Christian groups where they work. In connection with this last strand, the Follow-Up Committee is anxious to know of any groups of Christians who meet regularly at their place of work so that their directory will be as comprehensive as possible.

Christian Cook's Tour of Israel

"A Plain Man in the Holy Land" by James Martin St Andrews Press, Edinburgh 100 pages, Soft Cover 21 B/W Plates £1.50 in UK

James Martin was Editor and Reviser of William Barclay's Daily Bible Study and is the author of a number of books. He has led many pilgrimage groups through the Holy Land.

This is a pleasant volume and written in a readable style. Of interest to anyone travelling in Israel it will provide a helpful introduction to the tourist "musts" with occasional historical and biblical pieces of background material. In talking of some of the sites visited the author at times invests them with a bit too much "spook".

Out of

the depths

Anti-gay Christian campaigner

"The Anita Bryant Story" by Anita Bryant Fleming Revell Company Hardback, \$7.50, 156 pp

Until early 1977, Anita
Bryant was best known in
America as a popular entertainer and singer (especially
in a TV commercial for
orange juice!) Amongst
Christians she was known
also as an author and an
articulate speaker, as well as
being a dedicated wife and
mother of four.

other of four.
Then came her leadership of a campaign in her home area of Miami, Florida, against an anti-discrimina-tion ordinance which,

theologian J. C. Hampe and a poetic contribution by W. H. Auden.

Bonhoeffer's deep piety, acceptance of the will of God and concern for others as he awaited execution in a Nazi prison for his part in the plot to assassinate Hitler are clearly evident in this book. His poem — "Who Am I?" — is worth the price of the book. The interpretation by Hampe is illuminating as it places Bonhoeffer's prayers and poems in their proper historial context.

Her book tells how she took on this role, and of the

career.

In March, 1976, following lengthy discussion and investigation, Sydney's Anglican Youth Department launched a full-time training course in youth ministry.

Theology, through Moore College, and youth ministry and field work, through the department are the three basic areas of study. The three-year course, unique in Australia, will see its first graduates employed full-time in 1979.

Course co-ordinator, Mr

course co-ordinator, Mr. Course co-ordinator, Mr. Course co-ordinator, Mr. Course co-ordinator, Mr. Course develop a committenent to one another and real sense of community as we share learning experiences where learning experiences and venture in ministry together."

However, the growing triangle file fight get an important need. "Mr. Kidson believes that the need is of national and eternal consequence.

Further information and Further informs are available from Mr. Kidson, C/-Anglican Youth Department, St. Andrew's House, Sydney Square, 2000. Phone (02) and venture in ministry together."

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battle that ensued in the courts and in the media across America as a local referendum decided the issue. It is a fascinating story of her God-given courage and inspiring leadership, and of the persecution and vicious hatred she encountered, as well as the loving support of fellow Christians.

She quotes one gay activist's opinion of her: "Her approach is frightening, for she appears most reasonable, appearing to make sense, and using the word love often, saying she doesn't hate homosexuals, she doesn't want them harmed. She is the most dangerous person we have ever confronted in the history of the gay liberation movement."

of the gay liberation movement."

Another classed with her as a threat "the growing number of 'exgaye' who had ended their homosexuality by coming to Christ."

Anita Bryant's stand and rallying of Christian support forced Americans to consider what the Scriptures say about homosexual practices, and to realise the danger of "gay" activism organised for social change and recruitment of the young for their lifestyle.

The same militancy exists here, so this could be an important book for Australians to read.

Lesley Hicks

President Carter's sister - healing

"The Experience of Inner Healing" by Ruth Carter Stapleton Hodder & Stoughton/ Ecclesia Books, 213 pp

might be drawn to this book by curiosity to know what manner of woman President Jimmy Carter's sister might be. He has related that it was through his sister Ruther Carter Stapleton that he came to surrender his life to Christ.

But Ruth makes no reference here to her famous brother. She doesn't need to. Her book stands on its own merits, and shows her to be a sensitive, often original author, with a thought-provoking spiritual and psychological insight into a Christian ministry of counselling and the healing of emotional trauma.

work in Christian youth ministry is a pressure which cannot be ignored.

"We see our role as one of equipping the right people to meet an important need." Mr Kidson believes that the need is of national and eternal consequence.

She suggests much use of a technique of faith-imagination in bringing the healing presence of Christ into painful and destructive memories. Not all will agree with all her approaches, yet it seems to me that this could be an important book not only seems to me that this could be an important book not only for those who counsel people in trouble (which I daresay includes almost all clergymen) but also for those seeking emotional, psychological and spiritual wholeness for themselves (which includes all of use!).

Mrs Stapleton has written an earlier book, "The Gift of Inner Healing". I shall now look out for that one also.

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PARADOXES

by Lesley Hicks

The behaviour of certain demonstrators at some of the rallies held around Australia during Mary Whitehouse's visit, and some of the media reporting of that visit, created a real "What a World!" situation. It seems that some gatherings were thought to have been made newsworthy only by the infantile activities of a very small group of militant homosexuals. Without the hurling of pies, cream-cakes and obscenities, the letting off of stink-bombs and the painting of offensive slogans on fine old stonework, Mrs Whitehouse's visit and message would have received far less media coverage.

Moreover, it is thought that the gaffe of the South Australian Attorney-General in calling her "an agent of darkness" helped rally particularly strong support for her in Adelaide. I noticed an editorial comment in the Daily Telegraph: "Whatever you think of Mary Whitehouse's views, is it not a tragedy that this lady will go away from our country with the impression of Australians as a bunch of ignorant slobs, so incapable of expressing their point of view in democratic debate that they resort to throwing pies and stink bombs at people whose opinions differ from their own?" stink bombs at people whose opinions differ from their own?"

It is hard to imagine what better way the "gay" activists could have chosen to damage their cause than this. Those not themselves homeseriously favouring their campaign for equal rights might be caused to reconsider their support.

I suppose then that they resort to throwing pies and stream has a bunch of she and her fellow Christians found in that courtroom a more basic sense of confrontation between Christ and Satan than anything they had ever known. It was a blacker case of "wrestling not with flesh and blood but with the brill spiritual wickedness in high fearth of the stream of the stre

ways: Christians, including Festival of Light supporters, please note!

Speaking at a private gathering in Sydney at the beginning of her tour, Mrs. Whitehouse showed her deep concern for all who are being most hurt by the sexual revolution— not only the children but also people like the once retiring, non-blatant homosexuals now persuaded to "come out" into a militancy by which they brand themselves in a way that could doubly wreck theilives.

She stressed that Christians, while rejecting their way of life and all advocacy of homosexuals about the poem, that it would be like turning their back on Christ on the Cross.

If ever anything fitted the legal definition of blasphemy entate to believers in the place of the same and worse (if such could be imagined) to be disseminated ever more widely. They felt that to ignore it would be to add their own indifference to the horrifying blasphemy shown in the poem, that it would be like turning their back on Christ on the Cross.

If ever anything fitted the legal definition of blasphemy erave of fence to believers in

the (Christian) religion—this did. Held in July, 1977, it was the first trial for blasphemy in England for over 50 years.

places".

The defence used every legal trick and delaying tactic imaginable, for instance, the publisher refused to admit that the proffered magazine was indeed a copy of "Gay News"; nor would he admit his own name. The counsel for his defence, a well-known atheist, wound up his case with a most moving and eloquent plea, almost a

estament.

He claimed that love and

WHAT A WORLD!

He claimed that love and forgiveness of his client would be more appropriate for Christians than prosecution — that Christ Himself when reviled, reviled not again, ignoring those who poured insults and blasphemy upon Him. This subtle twist of truth startled the Christians, and it was so brilliantly done that they feared that their case was lost — but they kept on praying. The case was adjourned overnight.

The following day the judge ruled that the

Guilty was returned and heavy fines were imposed. An appeal followed and was heard earlier this year. It was lost, but a final one, to the House of Lords, is still

THE LIMITS OF

This particular type of pornography mixed with blasphemy seems to be the latest trend with those who have gone as far as their corrupt imagination can devise in all other directions.

When the image of humanity has been degraded in every possible way, as if sadochism, masochism, bestiality and child abuse are not horrific enough, attention is turned to such not horrific enough, attention is turned to such subjects as the (perverted) "Sex Life Of Jesus Christ" as was planned by the Danish pornographic film-maker Jens Thorsen. We can be thankful that no country has so far permitted him to carry out his filming on their territory.

The boundaries of permissiveness have been pushed way back, but once some limits are set and enforced by law, the point is made; thus far and no farther. Everything is not permitted. God is not mocked; whatever a man sows, he will reap. As with the individual, so with a

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"No Bibles for detainees" Primate sticks to claim

The Archbishop of Cape Town (the Most Rev. Bill Burnett) has declared that he is "quite unrepentent" about his recent attack on the alleged withholding of Bibles from detainees under interrogation in South

"absolutely no authority before God to do that."

Subsequently the South African Minister of Justice, Mr Jimmy Kruger, has taken issue with the Archbishops over his comments; and the Chaplain-General of the Prisons Department, Major-General A. C. Sephton, issued a statement saying he was satisfied that the Minister "has gone out of his way, right from the start, to satisfy the entire field of spiritual needs of persons in prisons in every way and to continue to provide in this respect."

He mentions again the case of the man "obliged to suffer sixty-nine days of interrogation while being denied access to scriptures throughout," and comments: "To deny a man the scriptures at a critical period of his life is, I believe, unacceptable.
"I continue to ask,

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CHRISTIAN OSCAR

Dr Harry G. Bristow, President of the Christian Film Distributors Association, announced the 1977 Academy of Christian Cinemagraphic Arts Oscar Awards in denver, Colorado, in July.

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Best film of the year award went to "All The King's Horses", produced by Mark IV, Pictures. Winning the "Christian Oscar" for the Best Actress was Dee Wallace in "All The King's Horses" by Mark IV Pictures. Best Actro award went to Eric Buhr for his portrait of a young crippled boy in the film "Sammy", produced by Hartland Productions.

Taking out the award for Best Documentary was "The World That Perished". Best Soul-Winning Film Award went to "Senior Year" and the film "Sammy" won as second Oscar Award for Best Children's film.

The Presentations were attended by hundreds of delegates from around the world, including Messrs, Stan and Norm Moulton of The Gospel Film Ministry Ltd. Films winning all sawards are distributed exclusively in Australia by the Gospel Film Ministry Ltd.

To mark the occasion there will be a special Oscar Awards Presentation of the Capital city of each state went to "Grid Ministry Ltd." Films winning all six awards Presentation of the capital city of each state of the provision of the Capital city of each state of the provision of the Capital city of each state of the provision of the Capital city of each state of the provision of the Capital city of each state of the provision of the Capital city of each state of the provision of the Capital city of each state of the provision of the Capital city of each state of the provision of the Capital city of each state of the provision of the Capital city of each state of the provision of the Capital city of each state of the provision of the Capital city of each state of the provision of the capital city of each state of the provision of the pr

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when she is making no reference to them, stems largely from the court action for blasphemy she brought against the English magazine "Gay News". It had published a poem which, as she described it in that case, was "obscene and vilified Christ in His Life and Crucifixion".

She and her friends and

Friday October 27 at 8pm at the Queen Victoria Museum Theatrette, Wellington Street, Launceston.
Friday November 3rd at 8pm at the Adult Education Centre (John Carrol Theatrette) Steele Street, Devenport.
Equiries regarding tickets for GFM Christian Cinema can be made at the Gospel Film Ministry Ltd, office in the Capital city of each state or by writing to The Gospel Film Ministry, 18-26 Canterbury Road, Heathmont, Vic 3135. Phone: (03) 729 3777

The Bishop Speaks Out

of alcohol. We turn a blind eye to the enormous damage it does.

The extent of this damage was glimpsed again last week in a news item that reported Brisbane Police to be delighted over a brewery strike in that city. The Police reported a "dramatic decrease in crimes of violence, drink driving and domestic strife".

I know that I and others have said it before and there is no doubt we will have to keep on saying it: That alcohol represents a greater threat to our community than does any other drug that has ever been introduced to it. In spite of that, we freely advertise it in terms that present it as something beneficial and desirable. That drinking is a thing to be done by anyone who seeks to be a success in life. Tragically, the opposite is so often the result.

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Of course, it is unrealistic to hope that alcohol would ever be abolished. As a sociel catastrophe, with what can only be described as a social catastrophe. Let us stop promoting it, cease running governments on taxes raised through it and progressively restrict its use. Otherwise it will continue to kill, maim and degrade human beings.

Until the alcohol problem is taken seriously we cannot expect the so called younger generation to take seriously the noises we make concerning the dangers of drug abuse.

drug abuse.

God in the Bible condemns drunkenness as He condemns-everything which renders a man or woman less than the persons they ought to be.

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Rev G. W. Phillips will transfer from Incumbency of St Paul's Glen Waverley to Incumbency of St Mary's Caulfield.

Rev J. A. Simpson, assistant curate as St John's, Croydon, will become Minister-in-Charge of Deer Park with St Albans in

December.

Rev J. E. C. Stewart transfers from Incumbent of

transfers from Incumbent of St Luke's, East Frankston, to General Secretary, Church Missionary Society (Victoria), on January 8, 1979. Rev A. R. St John transfers from Precentor and Minor Canon of St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, to Incumbency of St Mary's, East Chadstone, on November 27. Rev H. Irving died August

30.

Rev J. Stewart is to be the new General Secretary for the Victorian Branch of the Church Missionary Society. Mr Stewart has been the Vicar at St Luke's, East Frankston, since 1974

SYDNEY
Rev Michael Perini has accepted the position of Children's Secretary in the NSW Branch of the Church Missionary Society. Michael and his wife have been working at the Stockley Primary School in Tanzania, East Africa.

REPORT ON MINISTRY

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Committee and the Standing Committee of General Synod. The report which

priest in view of the scope of the priest's ministry in the Ordinal.

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The report which represents two years' to Synod received the report for study and commended it to the parishes in the diocese for discussion. It is also being forwarded to the doctrinal

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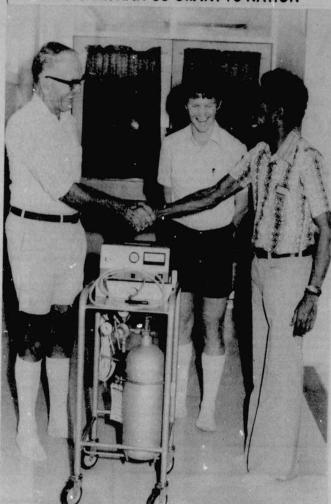
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PNG CHRISTIAN CO GRANT TO NATION



Mr D. Deasey, the Secretary of Pasuwe Limited, a retired Missionary of the Asia Pacific Christian Mission, handing over a Cyro-surgical machine costing about \$3000 for use in the Hospial by Dr Roger Dethlefs (in rear), to the Medical Superintendant of the hospital, Dr Marjen.

It is one of the grants this year to the Opthamlic Department of the Port Moresby General Hospital, where the Opthalmologist is a Christian doctor from Wahroonga, NSW.

When the current year's grants are distributed, Pasuwe Limited will have made charitable grants totalling over \$250,000.

Pasuwe Limited is a national PNG company staffed mainly by committed Christians, and set up by the APCM, whose profits are used to make grants to support a variety of Cultural, Educational, Religious and Medical activities.

"G" FILMS AT DRIVE-IN

Parklea Drive-in Theatre will be the venue for an unusual experiment in communication by local Baptist Churches for a "month of Sundays" starting on 29th October at 8.30 pm. For four (4) consective Sunday nights a 1½ hour program of fine colour Christian films will be presented. Parklea Drive-in is on Sunnyholt Road (take Memorial Avenue turn past Shell garage at Velleville) Parklea Drive-in Theatre will be the venue for an

"This will be an alternative to another drab night in front of the tube. The film nights we had at Parklea over Easter drew large crowds, and there was a relaxed, happy family atmosphere." Rev. Richard Ansol, Minister of Baulkham Hills Baptist Church, said recently.

ecently.

The first program features he new 60 minute colour ilm "Pilgrim's Progress", nade to commemorate the 50th anniversary this year of ohn Bunyan's classic tale. The film is shot in the eautiful countryside of sorthern Ireland.



"This will be an alternative another drab night in front the tube. The film nights had at Parklea over Easter ew large crowds, and there was a series of 10 half hour colour films, entitled "How Should We Then Live?" narrated by Dr. Francis Schaeffer, eminent example liest schoef. eminent evangelical scholar. The screenings are a fitting celebration of Reformation Sunday. There will be 3 half

sunday. There will be 3 half hour episodes screened each Sunday night following.

The 10 episodes relate the rise and decline of western thought and culture. It is a documentary spectacular; more than 2½ years in the making; shot in more than 100 locations in 12 countries. Each episode, while focusing on a significant era, also speaks clearly to 20th Century man with answers for modern problems.

Dr Schaeffer asks:

Why isn't it safe to walk the streets at night?

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Why is there more violence on one hand and an everincreasing authoritarianism on the other?

What's happening to our accepted human freedoms?

Should we throw up our hands and give in? If not...

How should we then live?

HEAD TEACHERS' DOUBTS ON SCHOOL WORSHIP

Many head teachers who are "deeply committed religious believers" think worship in a county school is a controversial activity which ought to be avoided.

According to a booklet on school assemblies just published by the Inner London Education Authority they regard the traditional style of assembly as liable to compromise the conscience of some of their staff and pupils.

The booklet has been produced by a working party of the ILEA's Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

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may members of staff-may have reservations about assembly; children lacking religious observances in their family life may well lack understanding and interest in such assemblies, since their parents may have an entirely secular outlook.

The booklet suggests that secondary schools have assembly committees of interested pupils and staff who would plan the material.

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"Hymns may be used, but these are chosen because of their moral content and because they avoid explicitly. Christian ideas.

Children of other faiths join in such assemblies, happily, and, apart from Jehovah's Witnesses parents appear to regard the exercised as a celebration of moral values but not explicit worship."

who would plan the material. It cautions: "It needs to be remembered that the singing of traditional bymns is generally in decline in the best-known hymns are not felt by the majority of the best-known hymns are not felt by the majority of ind the vocabulary of indifficult and' remote, and respond more naturally to opportunities for silent reflection or meditation."

Robert Colman — My Tribute

Robert Colman publicly launched his new LP "My Tribute" in the Opera House Concert Hall recently when for 1½ hours he held his audience spellbound with renditions of some of the world's best loved Gospel songs. The backing was by the Steve Wyatt Trio, and his presentation, his first full concert program at the Opera House, took up the entire second half.

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Supporting artists Elainer Abrahams and the harmony group Telaman Singers, were also very well received.
Compere was 2 CH Mightsong host Jay Bacik, who interrupted his well thought-out introductions with some humorous and impromptu quality comedy.
One of the highlights of Robert Colman's performance was his between-song patter when he told us of his life story and how our Lord Jesus Christ had allowed major changes following on from his conversion.
Robert spoke of his years in London's West End when



CHRISTIANS DANCE

Fifteen people from all parts of Australia met during the INSEA (International Society for Education Through the Arts) Congress in Adelaide recently to form the Christian Dance Fellowship of Australia.

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GRAHAM'S RC POLISH CRUSADE **ILLAWARRA OUTREACH RALLY**

Evangelist Billy Graham took his born again message to Roman Catholic Poland and said he would never have dreamed that his welcome would have been so warm. Poland is over 90% Roman Catholic, and although Graham was invited here by the Polish Baptist Union and the Polish Ecumenical Council, he preached in more Roman Catholic churches than in any other.

When Graham preached in the Academic Church of the Dominican in Poznan, it was the first time he had ever preached an evangelistic sermon in a Catholic church. He also preached in Roman Catholic churches in Katowice, Craców, and Warsaw, and a Polish National Church in Wroclaw.

The Reverend Michal Stankiewicz, President of the Polish Baptist Union, said most of the meetings were held in Catholic churches, because they were the largest churches in those cities, and all meetings had to be held on church property.

The evangelist preached ten sermons to almost 25,000 people in six cities, and in Auschwitz."

The Reverend Michal Stankier of High Squad, Dr Graham called upon the leaders of the world, regardless of political ideology, to learn the lessons of Auschwitz. "Auschwitz."

"Auschwitz." he said, "stankia sa a warning for all humanity... a warning that man is still capable of repeating, and even Multiplying, the barbarism of Auschwitz."

people in six cities, and in each instance, there was standing room only, the largest crowd was 6500, which overflowed the Cathedral of Christ the King in Katowice, the largest church in Poland. Thousands responded to Graham's invitation to accept Christ, which he gave at the conclusion of each message. In some churches, counsellors spoke with those who had raised their hands.

MOVED BY AUSCHWITZ

leaders, and visiting national shrines and historical sites. He said, "The thing that moved me most was Auschwitz." More than 4 million prisoners died at Nazi hands in the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II.

"What we saw and felt in this place, the inhumanity of man to man, really shook me." Standing at the wall of death where over 20,000 died

man is still capable of repeating, and even multiplying, the barbarism of Auschwitz."

Polish pastors reported that Graham's visit was

Polish pastors reported that Graham's visit was already bearing fruit. Five large groups of young people have started meeting regularly for prayer and Bible study in Katowice. At the Baptist Church in Bialystok, three days after Graham preached there, over 300 new people came to the mid-week prayer service. Other pastors spoke of a new interest among their people and a new spirit of co-operation among churches.

Dr Vitold Benedyktowicz, President of the Polish Ecumenical Council, commented, "It has been a blessed event. We are happy to be served by his powerful message which has found a very deep echo in all Christian churches in this



country, including Roman Catholic churches, which accepted the ministries of Billy Graham in a friendly

ROMAN CATHOLIC RESPONSE

Bishop M Misiolek, Chairman of the Polish Episcopate's Committee on Ecumenism, confirmed that view, saying ecumenical echo will resound within the Roman Catholic Church. He Roman Catholic Church. He said the Roman Catholic Church received Dr Graham kindly and with an open heart and that he felt Graham's mission helped to promote "our common evangelistic outreach."

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Bishop Misiolek said that personally, he was deeply touched and pleased by this personal confrontation. Reverend Aleksander Kircun, Sr, pastor of the Warsaw Baptist Church, observed that ten years ago it would have been impossible to get into the Catholic Churches, and to visit Czestochowa, home of the Black Madonna which has great spiritual and historical significance for the Polish nation.

Speaking for the Baptists, Reverend Stankiewicz called Graham's visit a miracle for all Poland, because "nobody all Poland, because "nobody expected so nice a week, both spiritually and weatherwise."

Stankiewicz added, "I think we opened a new chapter in our evangelisation work, not only among Baptists, but all Polish Christians."

Dr Graham said, "We'll have to wait some time to evaluate what has happened here, but I really believe some souls have been saved and Christians encouraged."

The Reverend Leighton Ford speaking to a capacity audience at the Wollongong Town Hall Organisers described the meeting as a wonderful Christian gathering and a tremendou encouragement and foretaste of what could be expected for next year's crusade. See page 2.

Christian Persecution in Egypt The Reverend Ghabrial Abdol Montagalley from the Coptic Church in Mania, Egypt, together with his nephew and a relative were murdered recently in his home and his property looted. Local Moslems had attempted to force a church worker to convert to Islam at a cotton factory where the worker was employed. This had caused a serious disturbance and the parish priest was subsequently murdered.

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was a chartered accountant were murdered. This occured subsequent to a futile call for help from the local police. In Aswan the Reverend, Tadros Daoud was knifed in the back after a service and although seriously injured, although seriously injured, aurivived. In an attack on the EI-Fakhoury Monastry during a service one minister was seriously injured and a deacon murdered. In Asout, a Moslem demonstration against Christians ended in the looting of their churches and shops. Christians were prevented from going to a service at Dranka and were taken to prison by police. Christian students taking examinations at the

predominates it was established prior to the coming of Islam and not



EDITORIAL

Canterbury to Rome

The Archbishop of Canterbury was officially present at the installation of Pope John Paul II and he has 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 Cranmer, 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

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 penitant 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. ver have been.

All these doctrines affect the vital question how we

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.

Whatever may be gained from the Bible in terms of

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 gurisdiction, 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 Cranmer'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.