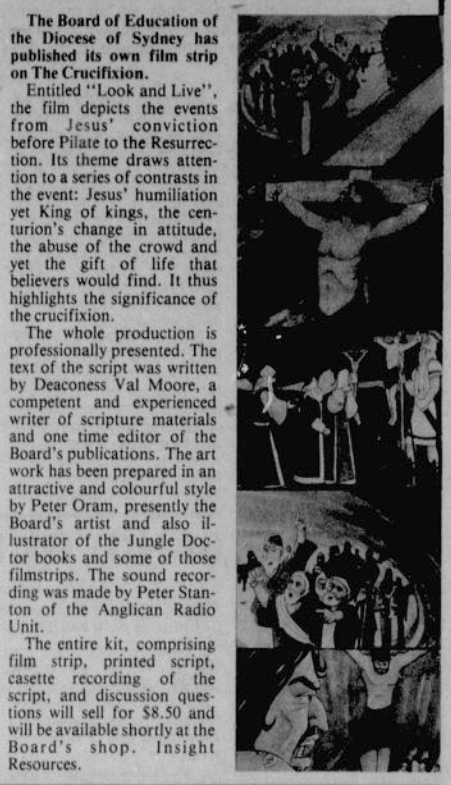


MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

NEWCASTLE
Rev G. Clarke, formerly with parish of East Maitland will take up duty with the Parish of New Lambton.
Rev T. Jewell will take up duty with the parish of Charlestown.
Rev B. McAteer, formerly with the Parish of Taree will take up duty with the Parish of Cessnock.
Rev P. Mumford, formerly with the Parish of Muswellbrook will take up duty with the Parish of Taree.
GRAFTON
Rev R. Hurford from Diocese of Salisbury, UK, succeeded Archdeacon Sanders as Rector of Coffs Harbour in February.
Rev R. Hart, formerly Deacon All Saints, Murwillumbah is now Deacon, St John's, Coffs Harbour.
Rev I. Shepherd, formerly Assistant Minister, All Saints, Murwillumbah, became Assistant Minister, St Mark's, Casino, on 4th March.
Rev J. Mala from Coval Creek, Diocese of Carpentaria is to take up duty at Our Lady, Bonalbo for six months.
Rev E. Gibadi from Edward Mission, Diocese of Carpentaria is to take up duty at All Saints, Murwillumbah for six months.
MELBOURNE
Bishop Muston is to become Bishop of the Western Region.
Bishop Grant is to become Bishop of the Central Region.
BENDIGO
Rev Robert Sherlock, Locum Tenens at Robinvale, became Rector of the Parish as from February 3.
Canon I. Herring from the Old Cathedral, St Arnaud to Rector of Ararat, Diocese of Ballarat.
Rev A. Stone, Rector of Woodend to be Chaplain of Launceston Grammar School, Tasmania.
Rev G. Stephenson, Rector of Charlton to be Rector of Woodend.

Rev D. Griffin, Assistant Minister parish of Kerang resigned February.

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLISHES OWN FILM STRIP



SIR THOMAS MORE

500 years ago this month the famous Englishman Thomas More was born, and his Australian admirers have arranged an elaborate commemoration of their hero.

MELBOURNE
Bishop Muston is to become Bishop of the Western Region.
Bishop Grant is to become Bishop of the Central Region.
BENDIGO
Rev Robert Sherlock, Locum Tenens at Robinvale, became Rector of the Parish as from February 3.
Canon I. Herring from the Old Cathedral, St Arnaud to Rector of Ararat, Diocese of Ballarat.
Rev A. Stone, Rector of Woodend to be Chaplain of Launceston Grammar School, Tasmania.
Rev G. Stephenson, Rector of Charlton to be Rector of Woodend.

direct attention to Thomas More's record as a persecutor but they should do so. As Lord Chancellor and as a writer he strove to root out what he regarded as heresy, and he inveighed strongly against Martin Luther.
His main attack was directed against William Tyndale, who devoted his life to the translation of the Scriptures into the English of the 16th century. Tyndale had to do this in Europe because there was no freedom in England to translate the Bible into the vernacular. Thomas More played his part in punishing those who imported

CLOSER RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA'S 'BIG THREE'

There was a good possibility of organic union between Anglican and Uniting churches in Australia within 25 years, said the Rev Douglas Dargaville, recently. Mr Dargaville, who is Secretary of the Victorian Council of Churches was commenting on ecumenism in Australia following the recent summer school on Ecumenism at St Mary's College. He cited three reasons for the possibility of such merger:

- The autonomy of each church is clearly defined on a national basis.
The objectors to the earlier (episcopal) basis of the Uniting Church are now largely in the continuing Presbyterian Church; and
The ability of the two churches to mount co-operative programmes is increasing.

Ideologies and Christianity

You may have heard this one about the various ideologies current in the world today — but think of them in the light of the Christian Gospel:
Socialism: You have two cows, and you give one to your neighbour.
Communism: You have two cows, the government takes both and gives you the milk.
Fascism: You have two cows, the government takes both and sells you the milk.
Bureaucracy: You have two cows, the government takes both, milks one for you and throws the milk from the other down the drain.
Capitalism: You have two cows, sell one and buy a bull.
You can contrast all these with Christianity. The underlying thought for the Christian is: You have two cows in trust from God, you will seek His will, for He made them and you.
That is theologically quite sound, but it could be that God requires us to make a choice between the five competing ideologies.
What then? Of the five there is some Scriptural basis for being either a capitalist or a socialist.

ALTERNATIVE BROADCASTING

Community broadcasters from six States recently formed an association to help provide an alternative form of broadcasting.
Twenty men met in Sydney to form National Christian Broadcasters which will assist groups in each State to set up high powered broadcasting stations operating "quality of life" formats and professional caring services.
A former commercial station manager, Mr Ben Whittall, was elected President and former Queensland university lecturer, Mr Merv Dunkin, was elected Secretary.
Mr Whittall said: "The code of ethics to which all members of NCB subscribe will ensure a professional approach to broadcasting and the presentation of program-

ming which should be refreshing, uplifting and welcomed by listeners in all walks of life."
He emphasised that the proposed stations will be based on community service with a Christian emphasis.
Mr Whittall is the FM station manager for Sydney's Christian Broadcasting Association which hosted the two day meetings. He is also responsible for operating Sydney's ethnic radio station 2EA from the CBA Studios.

All churches either rise or fall as the ministry doth rise or fall — not in riches or worldly grandeur — but in knowledge, zeal and ability for their work.
— Richard Baxter

FREE AD
The Australian Church Record is commencing a new service to readers. It is a form of free advertising. A person wishing to buy or sell anything can place a free advertisement of up to three lines.
If the advertisement is successful, the advertiser is asked to pay The Church Record 10 per cent of the value of the sale price, up to a maximum of \$10.00 per advertisement.
The service will be known as FREE AD and will run on an honour system. The advertiser will be responsible for forwarding to The Church Record office what is owing.

GRAFTON GLIMPSSES

St Cuthbert's Tweed Heads was the scene of the first Ordination in the 70-year history of the Parish when Bishop Donald Shearman Ordained three men as Priest and made two men Deacon. The Rev Reg Farnell and the Rev David Heussler, both products of the parish, and the Rev Grant Pacey were ordained priest whilst Robert Ireland and Howard McCallum were made Deacon.
Two Houses for Religious Orders have recently been established in the Diocese of Grafton. The Sisters of the Church have obtained a property near the town of Kempsey in the southern area of the Diocese and the Community of the Servants of the Love of Christ, a new Order in Aust, have established a house in the former Coraki Rectory near Lismore. A member of this Community, Paul McGavin, formerly a Lecturer at the University of Queensland, is to be made Deacon at Coraki on 5th March.
For the second year in succession three Torres Island Priests from the Diocese of Carpentaria will be spending six months in the Diocese of Grafton to gain further experience. They will be serving in the Parishes of Murwillumbah, Mullumbimby and Bonalbo within the northern Archdeaconry of Casino.



Left to right: Rev Eric Griffith and Rev Joel Maka of Bonalbo, Rev Keith McDonald, Rev Ephraim Gibadi and Rev Reg Farnell of Murwillumbah.



The Australian FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1880

CHURCH RECORD

Registered for posting as a newspaper — Category A

PRICE 25 CENTS

EDUCATION COMMISSION CAUSES CONCERN

In the Labor Party policy speech, prior to the 1976 election, Mr Wran indicated that his Government would legislate for an Education Commission.

The Hon Eric Bedford, BA, M.L.A., Minister for Education, announced on the 10th August, 1976, the appointment of a working party to draw up recommendations for the establishment of a NSW Education Commission.
The terms of reference were:
To investigate, report and recommend on:
the present structure, organisation and adequacy of educational services at all levels; and
suitable forms and structures of organisation to meet the changing educational needs of the community, including the implications of establishing an Education Commission.
The first Interim Report was presented on the 30th November, 1976, and focused principally on "an employing authority". On October, 1977, the Working Party presented its second Interim Report, the final report having to be submitted to the Minister by the 14th February, 1978. Very little interest had been shown by the public at large.
Despite the policy speech, very few understood the purpose of establishing an Education Commission and some confusion seems to have existed between the Schools Commission, an established educational body, controlled by the Federal Government, and the intended Education Commission.
Although the media has to date largely neglected study and comment, gradually the public has become aware of the vital implications of the report for both State and Independent Education.
Two hundred submissions have already been made and the Minister has extended the date for submissions to April, 1978, as these "raise thoughtful and forceful arguments which must be carefully considered." He also declared there would be

what is valid for one is valid for the other.
The policy of the Labor Party is quoted. Presumably the Labor Party is expected to remain in office permanently as no attempt has been made to discover the policy of the other major political parties.
All State Education, drastically changed, will be controlled by this body. Obviously Independent Schools will also be affected.
There is need therefore for immediate action by interested parties.
Copies of the report may be obtained from the Secretary of the Working Party for the establishment of an Education Commission, 35-39 Bridge St, Sydney, and all submissions should be made to the same address.
Further assumptions are made without evidence:
that lay participation is desirable on local school councils;
that participants in a decision will be more inclined to support that decision;
that it is desirable that each school determines its own curriculum; and
that the educational system is comparable to any industrial concern, so that

BOARD OF EDUCATION ALSO CONCERNED

In the report of the Working Party proposals are made for the setting up of an Education Commission in NSW. Such a Commission should be responsible to the Minister for Education for the development, control and maintenance of the public education services of New South Wales and the provision of school and technical and further education.
The text of the Board of Education's submission is printed here for the interest of readers.

MEMBERSHIP AND SIZE OF THE COMMISSION
We note that the proposed Commission would have both policy and management functions in relation to the administration of education in New South Wales. This is



Table listing other pages: Growing Storm Over MACOS p2, Commission on Human Relationships p3, Breakaway Church p4, Letters to the Editor p4, Clairvoyance — A Clear View? p5, Book Reviews p6, New Israeli Law and Bibles p7, Battle over Abortion p8

and complexity of education in this State we doubt that the proposed Commission will have sufficient competence to act as "the Minister's sole source of formal advice".
There can be no guarantee that the persons elected by the teacher and parent bodies will be people with the needed expertise. Further, these representatives form over half of the proposed membership.
We note that the Working Party considered the representation on the Commission of various groups which could be said to have a very real interest in education but decided finally that such groups should not have representation.
The Board of Education would like to make the point that the churches not only have a very real interest in education but in fact are actively involved.
Especially is this the case at the school level where some hundreds of clergy and lay

EDITORIAL Education and Social Change

It is becoming increasingly clear that the education system is the site for major battles in social change. It has long been recognised that our tertiary institutions, universities, colleges of advanced education, etc, have been a pot pourri of political activists. The student newspapers, the mass meetings, the general student atmosphere, have been the media for spreading and unifying political opinion.
It is not quite so often recognised that the secondary and even primary education institutions have also become centres for political activism. Going are the days when politics and religion were taboo in the classroom. The absence of uniform curriculum and the increase of unstructured class situations give the political activists a far greater freedom, a freedom they are using.
Now this does not mean that every school is a source of extremist action and certainly not every teacher. In fact, the schools and teachers generally are still fairly conservative. However, a significant number are not.

The solution to this new trend is not to move backwards necessarily but to have change in department policy. It was a much more reasonable argument when the State system was centralised to say every State school is teaching approximately the same thing. What that was could be inspected by anyone. The curriculum content was determined by a body of professionals in conformity with general public opinion. Those who would not like it were therefore more likely to be a small group who could set up their own school.
Now it is quite possible that a majority may not like a particular school's curriculum or some particular teachers plan. Yet they have to take it.
If schools are going to be allowed greater flexibility in the education they offer surely parents should be allowed greater flexibility in the school they choose.
This is often impossible when in fact, to choose other than that State school down the road, means that parents have to pay double school fees (one for the

school of their choice and one through taxes to the "school down the road").
In State Parliament recently, Mr Cameron asked the Minister for Education, Mr Bedford, whether he had heard of the Voucher System, a proposal which would make it possible for parents to choose the school they feel offers the best education. Mr Bedford replied that he had. When asked by Mr Cameron, "Would you consider it seriously now?" Mr Bedford dismissed it, "We do not intend seriously to consider the Voucher System."
The change in policy in education allowing schools and teachers greater freedom in what sort of education they offer must be accompanied by a greater freedom for parents to allow them to choose the sort of education they think worthwhile. Otherwise we are going to find ourselves increasingly in the position of having a teacher or a school foist some totally alien philosophy upon us. Teachers are supposed to act "in place of the parent". How can that be if the parents wishes are ignored?

MOORE COLLEGE LIBRARY

