MELBOURNE

Rev R. B. Audsley, transfers from incumbency Church of Ascension East Burwood to incumbency of Burwood to incumbency of St John's West Geelong from

Rev J. F. Hannon, ansfers from incumbercy transfers from incumbency of the parish of Ferntree Gully, January 28, to chaplaincy with ITIM. Rev D. D. Horsford,

transfers from incumbency St Andrew's Rosanna to incumbency Holy Trinity, Williamstown from

December 14.

Rev M. Lee, transferred from Diocese of Sydney to rom Diocese of Sydney to Assistant Curate at St James' Old Cathedral, West Melbourne from October 29. Rev D. Stevens, transfers from assistant minister St Peter's, East Melbourne to incumbency of St George's

Peter's, East Melbourne to incumbency of St George's with all Saints' Footscray from February 6. Rev J. L. McAuley, retires from incumbency of St

from incumbency of St Peter's Mornington, on

Rev A. L. Purbrick, retires rom incumbency St worge's Monbulk on Lember 11. He becomes part-time minister-in-charge of Point Lonsdale, December, 1978. Rev C. C. Cowling, died

Rev Dr R. E. Sutton, died

Dr Schaeffer ill with cancer

Dr Francis Schaeffer is suf-

fering from malignant cancer of the lymph glands.

The news broke recently when it was learned that Schaeffer, in his 60s, had been rushed to the US Mao

wife first came to Europe in the '50s with Children for

the '50s with Children for Christ. In 1954 they began an open-home ministry for agnostic university students. During the '60s the work became world-famous as the L'Abri Community.



Chaplain-General F. E. Hulme-Moir (centre), Chaplain E. J. Harley (left) and Chaplain D. W. G. Holmes (right) with the new Honour Rolls of the Royal Australian Engineers at the School of Military Engineering, Casula, NSW. The three chaplains dedicated the books in a religious service at the School recently. Chaplain-General Hulme-Moir is the Church of England Bishop to the Forces, Chaplain Harley represented the Roman Catholic Chaplain-General, and Chaplain Holmes represented the Protestant Denominations Chaplain-General. The Honour Rolls, prepared in three volumes representing World War I, World War II and subsequent conflicts, have been presented to the Royal Australian Engineers' Memorial Chapel at the School.

10 millionth Gideons'

THE 10 millionth Bible to be printed in Britain for the Gideons International was presented to Sir Charles Forte, at a ceremony held recently at Grosvenor House Hotel in London. The Bible carried a personal message to Sir Charles from Gideons International on its fly-leaf. Gideon Bibles are placed in the 23,800 rooms in Trust Houses Forte's 233 hotels in Britain.

Although started in America in 1899, the Gideons' practice of putting a copy of the Bible in hotel bedrooms had its inspiration in Britain. To date over 200 million Bibles and

testaments have been distributed since the distributed since the movement started, the real impetus coming in 1950 when The Gideons International was formed. The interdenominational movement is now to be found in 116 countries.

To meet the Gideons' worldwide orders for Bibles – for schoolchildren, nurses, members of the services and prison inmates, as well as

for hotels — copies are printed at the rate of one million every three weeks. The copy presented to Sir Charles Forte by Mr Stuart Dalgleish (right) National President of the British branch of Gideons International, was printed, as have been the majority of the 10 million required since 1950 to meet British needs, by William Collins and Sons, of Glasgow.

TEARCRAFT SALES KEEP 6,000 IN REGULAR EMPLOYMENT

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"I am pleased to advise that the Tribunal has determined that it should offer Christian Broadcasting Association Ltd a licence for a Category "S" FM public Broadcasting Station to serve the Sydney area — B. J. Connolly, Secretary, Australian Broadcasting Tribunal (Telex)."

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This was the official notification that CBA had been honoured with a very special trust, a licence to toroadcast with a "Quality of Life" format in Sydney.

The Tribunal heard applications for 26 licences in all States from 19 July until 19 September. Forty-six groups applied for the 26 available licences.

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us. — Rev Vernon Turner, Managing Director, 9/10/78."

CHRISTIANS IN UGANDA "VULNERABLE"

The death of Archbishop Janani Luwum on February 16, 1977, was followed by the killing of other leading Christians — and ordinary christians were shot or arrested for commemorating the 1977 Church of Uganda

da".

The report, published recently, places religious leaders and followers among several categories of the population who have become especially liable to arrest and death.

The long list of those most

countries.

Archbishop Luwum was an Acholi, a member of a tribe which the report says was the target of an organised "death-list" operation in February, 1977.

Acholi, together with prominent people from the adjoining Lango district, were rounded up by soldiers who went to universities, government offices, hospitals and other such places with a list of persons to be arrested.

Several sources are said to state that around 200 wives and children of murdered Acholi and Langi soldiers were also killed.

An appendix to the report

were also killed.

An appendix to the report recalls that on February 16, 1977, all the Ugandan bishops were summoned to meet President Amin after their protests against killings, disappearances and harassment of Christian people.



Three Ugandans were made to read out so-called confessions of having conspired with Archbishop Luwum and others to over-throw President Amin with Chinese weapons. Later that day the Archbishop was taken away from the other bishops by soldiers and never seen again.

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LIGHT SHAFT -

STILL EXPLORATORY

DECISIVE CLERGY VOTE

Clergy members of the General Synod in England ensured that the doors to women's ordination to the priesthood would not be opened in the Church of England for some time to come.

A motion calling for the introduction of legislation removing the barriers to the ordination of women was resoundingly defeated in the House of Clergy, though the bishops were massively in favour and the laity gave it a narrow majority.

Immediately after the result was announced, Dr Una Kroll, a long-time leading proponent of women's ordination, leapt to her feet shouting in protest.

hours of solid and mostly calm debate, was House of Bishops 32 for, 17 against; House of Clergy 94-149; House of Laity 120-106. The overall voting figures were silence for two minutes.

Wearing a T-shirt mblazoned with the slogan Ordain women now", "Ordain women now", yelled: "We asked for bread and you gave us a stone."

As her voice was drowned in a roar from the packed chamber and public gallery she added: "Long live God."

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The total number of members present and voting was 521, of whom only three abstained. This is believed to be the largest voting figure on any topic since the introduction of synodical government in the Church of England.

The motion was "That this Synod asks the Standing Committee to prepare and bring forward legislation to remove the barriers to the

BY 26 MAJORITY

NO TO

WOMEN PRIESTS

The motion was "That this Synod asks the Standing Committee to prepare and bring forward legislation to remove the barriers to the ordination of women to the priesthood and their consecration to the episcopate."

The voting which came after nearly six and a half

SILENCE protest.

"While not committed in principle to approve the installation of the light shaft, Standing Committee believes that it could not only prove to be an acceptable symbol of the City of Sydney but could also have a positive effect on the commercial value of the arcade and thus assist in the provision of income for Christian ministry," the resolution concluded.

Mr Gotley, the Diocesan Secretary provided the following information at the request of the Standing Committee. "The arcade has made good progress this year

made good progress this year both in the number of shops let and in trading levels. The increase in the number of

"The potential annual net income from the arcade (in excess of \$200,000) for the St

WHITE ELEPHANT

"Twelve months ago the outlook for the arcade was

"While the writer of the editorial in the November 13 issue is entitled to express a view on the aesthetic value of the proposed shaft of light in Sydney Square, the Standing Committee regrets that the Record may have misled its readers into believing that money not spent on capital works on the Square would be available for distribution through the Income and Expenditure Ordinance." This is part of a resolution passed by Standing Committee on the Church Record editorial "Spotlight on Priorities". The resolution continued "The project should be judged on its own merits or otherwise, as the cost, if any, would not be related to the general income available to the Diocese for direct use in the Church's ministry but would come from the publicity budget of the St Andrew's House Corporation.

"CHURCH RECORD

MAY HAVE MISLED"

"The expenditure on promotion activities has resulted in a higher number of lettings which will have an accumulative effect as trading and rents increase in the future and more tenants are extracted to the area." are attracted to the area

MAKE IT KNOWN

spent on promotion will be returned many times over. "Advice has been received

"Advice has been received that the expenditure of \$12,500 on the light shaft would be very worthwhile as compared with other forms of promotion such as newspaper advertising, radio and television, all of which have

only a momentary impact compared with something permanent like a light shaft. How is such advice

NO DECISION YET

"No decision has yet been made on the proposal. Several more months of research and consultation will be necessary before all

"The light shaft was suggested as a means of making Sydney Square and the arcade known more widely to the people of Sydney. Probably a majority still do not know of the existence of Sydney Square and particularly the shopping arcade.

"Such a unique landmark as a light shaft would result in a greater number of residents, and tourists to Sydney, visiting the area. Because of its proximity, this could create new opportunities for ministry from the Cathedral.

Please begin at the end

ON OTHER

Abortion aborted ... All the babies Flower Show . Indo assurance ... Our children? Pope for C of E

EDITORIAL

With the beginning of the season of Advent, the immediate thought of us all is the proximity of Christmas, with cards, gifts, food, holidays and the pre-

Christmas rush.

However, the Book of Common Prayer takes a very different but significantly Biblical approach to this time of the year and the approach is crucial for the Christian. It is not pre-Christmas preparation for remembering the Nativity of our Lord, but a very timely reminder of the return of our Lord Jesus and the need for every Christian to take stock of himself.

Seeking to reinforce the importance of this truth, the Prayer Book commences the church's year with the season of Advent. It begins by looking at the end.

This is precisely the way Jesus taught his disciples as

they grew in understanding of kingdom of God.

kingdom of God.

True Christianity takes its bearing from the end point and in so doing places the present in its proper context. The effect for the Christian is highly beneficial in an age of anxiety, rush, stress and in a society suffering from the poverty of riches.

The question for the Christians is how we have coped with anxiety, rush, stress and riches in this past year and whether the issues that have consumed so much of our nervous and mental energy may not have been better handled had they been seen in the light of the end.

The question for the Christian congregation is whether or not our present activities take their direction from the end point. How different would our handling

of parish affairs have been in 1978 had we used the end to determine our priorities.

The question for Christian denominations is likewise

the same. In the committee life of the church how different would issues have appeared and subsequent discussion of them had the end been the starting point.

As we close the end of the Church's year and begin the new year with the first Sunday in Advent, let us determine to "cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal flesh that when He shall come in His glorious majesty

There is a blessedness pronounced on those whom the Lord finds so orientated and we wish you a blessed

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HOTES & COMMENTS

The Church in the Market Place

It has been suggested in a resolution from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Sydney (see page 1) that the Church Record may have misled its readers in its editorial November 13— "Spotlight on Priorities".

If that is the case, then the Record would apologise immediately both to its readers and the Standing Committee. However, to date we are not convinced that this is the case. The editorial was carefully researched and the arguments of the diocesan spokesman for the project, carefully listened to, before it was written. The resolution of Standing Committee suggests that we were wrong to assume that money spent on capital works (publicity for the Sydney Square through the light shaft) would be available for distribution through the Income and Expenditure Ordinance.

But if the budgeted amount for publicity had been less, then a smaller amount of the diocesan funds would have been available for the diocese.

The diocese has received many calls and letters from concerned members seeking clarification on the issue and expressing disquiet at the proposal.

The Church Record has also been contacted. Some have complained that their non-Christian colleagues in the work place expressed strong disapproval for the project and asked why the church was considering it, when it seems such a waste. Christian people have found it hard to give a satisfactory answer and have been embarrassed.

Others have asked why the project was going ahead in the face of adverse comments in the Sydney Morning Herald, comments which it was thought reflected the ground swell of public opinion in Sydney. Parish opinion is strongly opposed to the whole project and we have yet to hear support for it.

There is still some cause for concern because after the debate on the Church Record editorial on November 20 in Standing Committee, a resolution was passed that while Standing Committee did not commit itself in principle to approve the installation of the light shaft, it believed the light shaft could prove an acceptable symbol of the city and

How well will it, in 1979 and thereafter, enhance the image of the gospel for which the Church in the diocese undoubtedly stands? What will it say of the accepted role of the church in the community to serve the needs of the disadvantaged?

We should do nothing that would in any way prejudice

We should do nothing that would in any way prejudice the gospel or hinder the witness of Christians in Sydney.

Christian people can be relieved that the decision will not be taken immediately. We are concerned, however, that Standing Committee believes it is an acceptable project for publicity and pecunary reasons. The means and not simply the end is the issue for the Church in the market place.

LIGHT SHAFT

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to the cost and any other factors affecting the Square and arcade and the work of the Church in the Diocese," concluded Mr Gotley.

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ON & OFF THE RECORD

By David Hewetson

JUNGLE DOCTOR

Paul White may have been good with the scalpel but he is probably even better with the pen, and when a born story teller tells his own story it is captivating.

SPIRITUAL ATHLETICS

The book is full of all sorts of interesting and amusing items. For example what it was like to be brought up in Bowral just before the 1920's; or what it was like to sing in the same choir as Don Bradman; or what it was like to be expertly dumped on your back by a vigorous boy who is now the Archbishop of Sydney; or what it is like to be a youngster in search of Christian assurance and to be met with vague answers. Fortunately, for Paul — and for us—some very unequivocal answers were given to the latter problem by that most blunt and forthright of all evangelists: W. P. Nicholson.

Paul Vis ministry on behalf of CMS, missions in general and his friends in Tanganyika was a completely new chapter in his life. It led to more books, the radio broadcasts, and much speaking and travelling. And all this done in conjunction with a specialist practice from Macquarie Street.

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The chapter entitled "love" is sensitive and moving. It tells of Paul's courtship and marriage to Mary Bellingham and of the illness that was to cast a shadow over their lives and finally bring them back from Africa. This sad story is told with great taste and sensitivity. Paul had had an early

CHRISTMAS BOWL LAUNCHED AT ST ANDREW'S

merit in the scheme. Obviously, the Council of the St Andrew's House Corpora-tion will have a careful regard The 1978 national Christmas Bowl Appeal was launched in St Andrew's Anglican Cathedral, Sydney, on November 15 at a special lunch-time service.

The service was attended by Sydney church leaders and churches. Theme for the 1978 representatives from the Australian Council of Churches which organises the appeal



A simple bucket, a leaky tap, some borrowed clothes. It's not much, but for many people in our world, it's luxury. Let's work to share the simple necessities of life — the Christmas Bowl is a way of sharing, (Photo M. Thorpe).

dto, of his books are in languages and scripts not house fire it in languages and scripts not available to Patrick eg Czechoslovakian, Arabic, Fijian, Nganyatjarra, etc, etc.

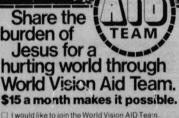
Many of us first met Paul through the Jungle Doctor books or on one of the 41 stations that carried his radio serials. And Paul in the flesh — speaking somewhere at some meeting — was just as good. He did the occasional missionary medical for my wife and I, and that too was interspersed with humour, stories, Swahili lessons and words of wisdom. He has always had the ability to communicate the excitement of expecting God to do things, and of how important time and opportunities are.

So if you have not yet bought and read and given away (Christmas is coming) his autobiography "Alias Jungle Doctor" you do not know what you are missing. No one know who has picked it up has found it easy to put down. Paul White may have been good with the scaleple but he is probably even better with the pen, and when a born story teller tells his own story it is captivating.

SPIRITUAL ATHLETICS

The book is full of all sorte.

I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness Share the TEAM burden of



I would like to join the World Vision AID Team.

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WORLD VISION AID TEAM

THE BIGGEST TEMPTATION TO THE 20TH CENTURY PARENT IS THE TV

What about our children?

If only I could have my children again then I could put into practice lessons learnt from many mistakes made.

It is devastating to realise that in our ignorance my husband and I may have inflicted emotional wounds in our children. These will be carried through adult life, producing scars in their personalities. It is comforting on the other hand to realise that sometimes we acted correctly and thus helped our children to mature into stable, balanced adults.

As parents our children's requires a mother (or mother osychological development lies more in our hands than in

lies more in our hands than in those of anyone else. We are accountable for the handling of the children given to us.

Disintegration of today's family life is a matter we must face realistically and be prepared to fight. If we believe that stable societies and stable personalities are closely related to stable families then we will work towards building such families.

families.

Initially, in practical terms this may lead us to evaluate the lifestyle we adopt. Can we maintain the family unit if mother is out working and children attend nurseries or become latch-key school children?

children?

If we believe, as psychologists tell us, that the first three years are crucial to a child's psychological development then are we prepared to trust our children in those vital years to someone other than the mother?

As Christians dare we trust our children to someone who

our children to someone who has no Christian faith in such formative years?

If we accept that until he is three a child psychologically

The conference opened on Thursday, November 2.

Convened by the Asian Committee for World

Committee for World Evangelism, it is a direct follow-on from the Congress on World Evangelism held in Lausanne in 1974.

It has attracted people from an area stretching from the Middle East to the Philippines and from Japan to Indonesia.

The co-ordinator of the conference is an Anglican, Canon James Wong. The Canon, a missioner of the Diocese of Singapore, studied at Sydney University. He says that the conference is unique in that it is completely

unique in that it is completely Asian in concept, planning

and funding.
"Many of these people have saved in a most sacrifi

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Asian Evangelical

requires a mother tor moute substitute) then we may be implying that mother must stop working. This usually entails lowering living stan-dards and learning to cope on the income of one instead of two wage-earners. ESSENTIALS AND LUXURIES I believe that many of us will find it possible and worthwhile to take such a drastic step. Many thing we regard as essentials are in fact

Children must feel secure and neither materialism nor permissiveness are necessary components of security. Paradoxically security is rein-

forced by limitations.

A child needs to know that there are certain boundaries which he may not cross. Our job as parents is to determine in each case what these boun-daries reasonably should be, and then to help our children keep within the set limita-

tions.

Discipline will vary from parent to parent, and from child to child. A look from father, or positive encouraging words from

explosive identity crises per-plexing both themselves and their parents. The placid quiet child may appear as a volutionary teenager. Adults who accept children Conference underway More than 300 participants from 25 nations in Asia

Adults who accept children without a censorious attitude will help them to develop into people who can accept themselves, and relate to the world harmoniously. Because they have learnt to "love themselves" in the true sense of this phrase, they are able to "love others as themselves". If too much is demanded of some children they may feel failures, and carry a sense of failure through to adulthood. Encouragement (even if the parent is disappointed that the child has not performed as was hoped and are attending the Asian Leadership Conference on Evangelism in Singapore. Asians, will all be part of the discussions at this 10-day conference.

The opening address at the conference was given by the international president of World Vision, Dr Stanley Mooneyham. Australian parliamentarian, Senator Neville Bonner, who is going to Thailand to visit the Indo-Chinese refugee camps, stopped over in Singapore and attended the opening of the conference. performed as was hoped and expected) is vital in all stages of development. No parent must ever expect his child to be what the parent has failed

mother may be far more effective than the "smack bottom" technique.

NEED UNDIVIDED ATTENTION

The child who is allowed to parental attention — is

one thing he most needs—
parental attention— is
doomed to failure.

It may quieten the conscience of the parent too busy
for his child but it does not
meet the child's needs.
Children cannot be bought
off so lightly. Lack of
parental love leaves lasting develop into an unpleasant

develop into an unpleasant adult.

However, he may be causing chaos because he receives too little parental attention and his temper tantrums may be loud cries for the love he lacks. Such children need extra undivided attention from their parents.

At the other extreme children may continually be pushed aside and feel unwanted and unappreciated. It is not surprising then that they may turn into adults The biggest temptation to the 20th century parent in that of the built-in baby-sitte

who feel inferior, and who are unable to accept themselves. In rejecting themselves they then have problems in relating to other people.

Some children who are beautifully behaved in the eyes of the adult world may have been so squashed by adults that their personalities have not developed to their full potential.

Later thay may undergo explosive identity crises per-

which is beautiful, enriching and positive.

I believe that we must control the use of the TV and never let the box control us. Many parents limit the number of hours watched per day, or censor programmes, or watch with their children.

The latter may be boring and a nuisance but is not only a means of control but also gives useful discussion material for the family to work out the Christian perspective on what has been

TV BABY-SITTER

that of the built-in baby-sitter
— the television. Those
requiring or desiring peace
and quiet find the TV their
salvation. They can settle
their offspring in front of the
box, dim the lights, and leave
the children alone, reasonably certain that they will
be undisturbed.

be undisturbed.

TV viewing is a subject that must be tackled in every family. It can become a powerful destructive force to family life. Conversation is imetrrupting the God-like box. Thus communication between family members is drastically reduced.

Family life and outside activities may be hindered if the box addict refuses to move when his favourite programme is on in order to go out with the family.

Visitors may be ignored, because of this monster which dominates the living room. It may spew out

room. It may spew out contents which are amoral, immoral, false, ugly and anti-Christian, as well as material which is beautiful, enriching

to become.

The busy parent often unthinkingly uses means other

work out the Christian perspective on what has been seen.

press conference, said the actions of President Amin "have disgusted the entire civilized world".

Between 250,000 and 500,000 persons have died violent deaths in Uganda since Amin came to power in a coup in 1971.

The US trade embargo will primarily affect Uganda's \$250 million annual coffee trade with the United States.

Dr Anne Townsend is a doctor, and has been working with her husband in Central Thailand for 16 years with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, at Maneroom Christian Hospital. She is a member of the UK Arts Centre Group. She has three children, ages ranging It is unrealistic to ban TV from the home (children will watch their friends' TV anyway). To do so deprives children from a source of knowledge (where else would

knowledge (where else would my sons have gained their wast knowledge about aerodynamics? Not from me!), and absorption of the culture which is part of the lives of their peer groups.

Parents may disapprove of the culture but they cannot isolate their children from it. They must learn how to enable their children to live as useful responsible Christian members of this society. Their children cannot flee the society surrounding them outside their homes.

ages ranging

Soaring divorce and separation rates warn us to expect insecure children now, and adults with emotional handicaps emerging in future generations.

generations.

Perhaps some of us need to VITALKEY

A stable marriage relationship is a vital key to security in childhood. If marriages are wobbly then perhaps we

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AMIN THREATENS AMERICANS

Stung by a church-supported trade embargo that the US has imposed on his country Uganda's dictator Idi Amin Dada has threatened drastic action against Americans in Uganda in retaliation.

have saved in a most sacrifi-cial manner to reach Singa-pore", says Dr Wong.
"Some have even had to sell their belongings. Sixty percent have paid their own way and all costs in running the conference has been raised by the churches of Asia."

The special problems that the Asian churches face within each cultural situation
— witnessing in an urban secular society, maintaining a Christian witness in a totali-tarian Marxist society, and attempting to reach the Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu

country Üganda's dictator Idi Amin Dada has threater Amin's policies was signed by President Carter on October 11.

Senator Lowell Weicker, who proposed the trade ban in the Senate, said in Washington it would cut off Arain's supply of money and high technology goods.

The Episcopal Church threw its support behind the Weicker measure through Executive Council resolutions that hailed the congressional bills and authorised the Church to pursue stockholder actions that would have US corporate coffee importers agree not to purchase Ugandan coffee.

By imposing the trade embargo, Mr Weicker said, the US is telling the world it won't be "a partner to genocide". The US bought one-third of Uganda's coffee exports in 1977.

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In February 1977, the Uganda head of state rounded up all Americans in the logandan head of state rounded up all Americans and high technology goods.

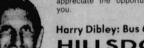
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Amin's policies was signed by President Carter, following the killing of Uganda and held them for a short period in an angry reaction to sharp denunciation of him by President Carter, following the killing of Uganda's Anglican Archbishop Janani Luwum and two government ministers.

The archbishop and the two Cabinet officers were died in a car crash as they were being driven away for questioning.

Andrew Young, the US Ambassador to the United Autons, called the deaths "an assassination in the guise of an auto accident".

The US State Department expressed its deep concern over "continuing evidence of massive violations of human rights in Uganda.



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The Tony Morphett Story

When asked: "What are ome of the problems faced by people who work in the Arts and Media?" he said:

"One thing about tele-vision for example is it is a very secular industry. Tele-vision attracts people who vision attracts people who are high ego people. They are very ego-involved in their very ego-involved in work. This applies to all the

arts.

"The ego is something you feed out of and use and because you are doing something which is a reflection of God's activity, that is creating, you can very easily get the illusion that you are a little God.

PANELAGH HOUSE

"You ware controlling the lives of the people you write about or that you are actually creating the world that you are putting on canvas.
"Your san get the illusion to it. If your self happens to be a Christian self then you take your Christian self to it. My writing has changed because it comes out of me and since I've been re-made substitute for a genuine relations.

tionship with the Creator He was then asked: "Is this

partly the reason why you rejected Christianity in the past?"

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To the question, "How has your work changed since be-coming a Christian?"

He replied: "Like any other work you take yourself

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the ACT.

For weeks beforehand the Right to Life Association had been building up a major campaign aimed at dissuading the Senators from supporting the motion.

The ACT Division had circularised all Senators with information on the factors leading up to the gazetting of the Ordinance; on the possible action which could follow if the Ordinance was disallowed and on the real consequence of disallowing it.

Other Right to Life
Divisions had written hundreds of letters, sent in petitions and lobbied Senators on

two major abortion clinics in Sydney performing between



rest of Australia.

"As it is they can only operate in NSW because

The defeat of the motion was in no small measure due to the tremendous efforts of Right to Life members and supporters. It shows quite clearly the impact that pressure groups like ours can have, it also illustrates that abortion is still a crucial issue

Extra funds for Uganda Appeal

Extra funds are being sought for the Ugandan refugee appeal which was unted through Anglican churches in Australia earlier in 1978.

out in an added sense of warmth towards my characters. I find, for example, that when people come to me and say, 'Why don't you write scripts like you did in Dynasty?' the answer is simply that I cannot because I've changed my view of the human race.

"You know, if you try to we yourself to Christ then

TO SULLIVANS

"I'm just as pessimistic, perhaps more pessimistic about the capability of human perfection. As a Christian I believe (by definition) that humans cannot be perfected this side of the advance, the report stated.

comes out in love; that it tries to reflect the warm accommodations that ordinary people can make to life."

ADAM DELVING

received from the press, more than half had been sold in



As one result of that appeal five Ugandan students entered Australian universities last March, and are studying to major in five different courses — biology, accountancy, town planning, electronics and chemistry — which will enable them to contribute to the reconstruction of their homeland when they are permitted to return there, and in the meantime to work in other developing African countries.

The common language Bengali New Testament published a few weeks ago is the first new translation of the New Testament since William Carey's version of 1801. It is also the first New Testament to be typeset in Bangladesh.

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visit by terrorists to Morgenster in Rhodesia. Morgenster is the DR Church's mission station which was established nearly 90 years ago in Mashonaland.

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all the fascinating minutae that children love in pictures. David White, currently Scrip-ture Union's Family Worker, has done the drawings for Start. Graham Wade, Creative Director of Pilgrim International has done the drawings for the upper level

next year.

CRUSADE

COUNT-DOWN

The Students Committee of the Billy Graham

next year.

Already three city-wide prayer breakfasts have been held for people interested in tertiary students ministry. Two more prayer breakfasts are planned for early next year. On many campuses, small groups of students have been meeting to pray for the crusade.

Next year, during the crusade, it is planned that associate evangelists will present the gospel to lunchtime crowds on

Student Attack

The eight to 11 year olds will revel in Start, Look and Listen. He is well-known for his illustrations in Jungle Doctor books.

"We have combined

He hopes the books will give children a happy experience with the Bible and help them to understand and begin to interpret it for them-

BE DONE? The ideas for these books

Since university days when he first helped in beach missions he has enjoyed trying to communicate ideas that people say can't be conveyed to children. He has three of his own, aged 10, seven and five to practise on.

As Children's Missioner for Scripture Union, the job he took on after teaching for three years, his interest in helping children to read the Bible increased.

"I wanted to unlock the Bible for them not in a piece-meal way but as a whole, in keeping with their understanding." John Lane explains how he tried to convey his ideas to ANZEA Publishers over the years.

With the help of artists Graham Wade and David White and writers, Elspeth Carr, Heather McClelland, Ronnie Gartrell, Judy Wallace, Bunty Linton and Anne Sells the dream has been realised. To convey something of the concept of convenant the children have been told to ask their parents to show them their wedding certificate, or the warranty for the TV or the transport of transport of the transport

Start and Listen have been printed. Look will be ready when the readers of Start have finished the year's readings. Nine year olds could be started on one or the other according to their reading skills.

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consultations between the South African and Zambian South African and Zambian political leaders at the Victoria Falls.

The recent Synod devoted serious attention to problems of the young church in these times. Two congregations have come to a complete standstill as regards organised church work. In each of the congregations former lay-workers were appointed to visit Christians at home and to worship with them.

Action on mixed marriages

urgent says Archbishop

It was 'very urgent' that the Roman Catholic Church should do something about its tradition on mixed marriages, Dr Coggan said recently.

derlying the Roman Cath-olic position were un-

acceptable to Anglicans.

He and the late Pope Paul had talked 'very

He was replying to a question on the Lambeth resolution referring to the relationship of the

The resolution said that the problems associated with marriage between members of the two communions continued to Anglicans.

Dr Coggan said that in problems of mixed marriages 'we touch the flesh and blood situation.

lations and progress to-wards unity. While the this matter.'

On July 23 it was exactly one year since the first

Battling on in Rhodesia

Anglican Communion with the Roman Catholic

hinder inter-Church re-

functioning there are wards in which public worship is no longer taking place and where members are afraid to

make contributions because so-called freedom fighters allege that the white apply the funds to war-like purposes.

LOCAL TRAINING

in Rhodesia DRC Africa News



that he feared that, if the situation was not improved, there would be

some children of mixed

houses" and end up re-

Dr Coggan said he believed it to be very urgent that the Roman Catholic Church should

do something about its

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CHARLIE RIGGS COMMENDS

The Students Committee is preparing a course to train students in personal follow-up. New material is being written by the Committee. This material will be used to follow-up students who respond at the crusade or campus meetings.

The materials produced by the local committee have received a warm reception from Charlie Riggs and Tom Phillips of the Billy Graham Association. It is hoped that the course will be used to train many hundreds of undergraduates in personal follow-up.

The committee has a wide variety denominational and inter-denominational viewpoints. It is working hard to bring the various campus groups together to promote the gospel through the Graham Crusade.

The Rev Phillip Jensen, Chairman, Students Committee

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THINKER'S BREAKFAST

Office, 484 Kent Street, Sydney and request copies of resource materials "What About SEMP?" (\$2.00); Festival of Light has been to encourage public debate over hese courses in the interests of all children.

"The Case Against MACOS" (60c) by Dr Rupert Goodman of Queensland University. of all children.
Our FOL Education

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public inquiry where all the facts can be presented and

The true interests of the child must always take pre-cedence over a teacher's pre-

judice.

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Unfortunately, this is precisely the major weakness of these new courses which are proudly described as "non-judgemental". They do confuse the child and in fact amoral or permissive approach to many social-

approach to many social-moral issues.

They seek to move the child away from the moral absolutes of the Bible into the new land of secular-humanism — quote SEMP Workshop Leaders Handbook P106 "Instead of being concrete rules, such as the Ten Commandments, they are abstract ethical principles, such as the categorical imperative."

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obvious that the Archbishop was in fact appearing at the installation (until recently enthronement) of the new Pope in friendly but open repudiation of the Papal claims in respect of jurisdic-tion, From his robes to his conciliatory expression he

STACY ATKIN, ing that he was essentially "other" than Papal.

and the WCC

The situation here is somewhat of the reverse. When you begin to support the pacifist declarations so clearly taught in the Sermon on the Mount, but so regularly opposed or side-stepped by most orthodox of Christians, you will be in a position to criticise some-body who you allege is supporting violence. It is fortunately true that friendly association with any-body does not imply agree-ment with all his beliefs or claims, even on some signifi-

Sir,

It is probable that many will agree with me in disagreeing with your editorial protest on page 1 of your susue of 30th October.

Logically, your protest appears defective, as it was cannot occasion.

Otherwise your enthusias to description of Billy Graham's preaching in Roman Catholic churches (when no doubt the usual protest on page 1 of your source of 30th October.

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The WCC appears in general to conform more closely to obedience to the commands of Christ than do most "orthodox" churches and denominations. Like profits).

As a very relevant point, what was your reaction to the repudiation of violence by the recent Chinese delegation in the Sudan, who expressed the reaction of the non-Christian Chinese to the violence inflicted on the Chinese by the Christian General Gordon (the hero of Khartoum) by thanking those who

May we look forward to an editorial from you dealing basically with violence? Fifty-million people are now conservatively estimated to be totally employed in making armaments, and many more millions to be totally employed in supplying the funds (and making the profits).

A practical I believe

Allegations have been made that the WCC is supporting terrorist activity.

Whatever the pros and cons may be, there is no doubt that the Patriotic Front in Rhodesia is responsible for many murders.

Christian missionaries and their families have been savagely slaughtered.

The decision of the Salvation Army to suspend its membership of the WCC is proof of such atrocities.

I believe those who give money to the church for various causes will never condone murder.

Money collected for specific purposes should be put to its proper use in order to avoid criticism.

LEN FRETZ.

Highgate, WA.

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I write in support of your addicated in Church Percent of Specific Arch Percent of Specific Arch Percent of Specific Insight. But it is essentially a practical book, recalling us to a concrete and specific application of the specific application of the specific purpose should be put to its proper use in order to avoid criticism.

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recalling us to a concrete and specific application of the spiritual essentials of the life of the church.

At times it reveals a charismatic background and influence that may be a difficulty for some (for example on page 140 concerning prophecy in the church today), but at other times this same background brings a vitality and freshness to the book that comes from the Holy Spirit Himself.

The author has really given us a pot pourri of chapters on the individual and corporate character of the Christian life under the general title of "the Church". It is a book about how to spiritually revitalise the local church and so at I write in support of your editorial in Church Record of October 16 where you note several of the important Biblical considerations in relation to the mining of anium.
Indeed, the Archbishop of Sydney has given a lead in his thoughtful assessment of the inadequate case for uranium

Stott book

"Christian Counter Culture" by John R. W. Stott IVP 225pp \$5.65

(Rev) Dr RAY BARRACLOUGH, Upper Mt Gravatt, Qld. Bishon Gilbert White

Sir,

It is of course, quite widely-known that Bishop Gilbert White was the first Bishop of Carpentaria from 1901-1915 and the first Bishop of Willochra from 1915-1926. He was a distinguished echolor and was re-

He spent the last seven years of his life, from 1926 to 1933 here in Epping where he filled, unofficially, the role of Honorary Curate. He was buried in the Northern Suburbs Cemetery in 1933.

It is not widely-known that his grave has fallen into disrepair and recently our parish, in association with the Standing Committee of General Synod, has taken in hand its restoration. In response to many suggestions and some contributions, a Fund has been opened for this purpose. Your readers are invited to make such contributions as they are able

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book. In it the author deals with some of the metaphors used in the New Testament to describe the church.

In an essentially practical book such metaphors are hard to handle in a satisfactory manner, for they are speaking of an entity which is not easily identifiable. Parts one and three are far more satisfactory. In all it is a book that will convict and stimulate any reader who is truly seeking to follow Jesus and live in fellowship with the other members of the body of Christ.

Victor Roberts.

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Counter Culture"
n R. W. Stott Uncomfortable

contemporary situation, the reader is constantly assessing his own response to Jesus' teaching.

The message of the book is not always comfortable. But that was also a feature of the ministry of Jesus, who called upon his followers to make radical choices. Stott says, "Jesus does not set before his followers a string of easy ethical rules, so much as a set of values and ideals entirely distinctive from entirely distinctive from the world".

He summons us to renounce the prevailing secular culture in favour of the "Christian counter culture", (p210). That is what this very stimulating book is all about.

T. K. Dein who have found perfect freedom in being a slave of Christ.

It is surprising, however, that in the essay Mary Andrews avoids any attempt to place her "liberation" in the context of the feminist followers any and the context of the feminism and Australian politics and Mary Andrews' with serving her master.

Perhaps a well-articulated response which comes to grips with the modern feminist critique of the church — its theology and structures — must be left to someone else.

work, its hopes and its diver-sity." (p13). It is a beginning which she hopes will inspire further research into faith, practice and society in Aus-tralia. Dawn Mendham

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WHAT A WORLD!

by Lesley Hicks

ADOPTION — WHERE HAVE ALL THE BABIES GONE?

Six or more years ago, for an eager couple to find themselves unable to have children was a sadness. Now it is abortion laws took place, when the District Court of New South Wales determined that certain social circum-stances can make the termination of a pregnancy

Recently, my husband and I attended a meeting arranged by the Department of Youth and Community Welfare. Having three children, we were not typical of the capacity audience which filled the hall.

Most were childless couples, people who, in the words of the invitation notice, "have recently applied to adopt, who are facing a very lengthy waiting period before action can be taken towards approving or refusing their application and an even longer wait before a baby can be placed with them."

Community Affairs did so, published his findings in the Australian Journal of Social Work.

From the late sixties into the early seventies there was a steep upsurge in the number of babies available for adoption.

The figures climbed by approximately 1000 per year in NSW from 1969 to 1972; they then began to drop equally

infertile.

An English film about fostering and adopting children with special problems was shown, and this audience was invited to consider this as a possible course-of action, as well as the limited and often expension.

"If we could settle a few outstanding questions many of us would welcome an even greater and even more formal recognition of that," he said.

But, according to Bishop Bothwell, the present dialogue between Anglican and Roman Catholic churches would have to reach a deeper level.

The bishop made his comments following the death of Pope John Paul and before he paid public tribute to the Pope at a special ecumenical 'service at a Roman Catholic cathedral.

"I think there is great advantage for all Christendom in having a recognised Christian leader, such as the Pope, who can speak to governments as a spokesman for all.

more babies become available for adoption.

The upper age limit for adopting parents when they apply is that they must be under 38 if they have no children, under 40 if they have one child. Add seven years to that and you have elderly beginner parents — a far from ideal situation.

In 1972, the waiting time was about a year to 18 months. At that time the number of babies available for adoption in NSW through government and private agencies was around 380 per month. At present the Department is placing less than 30 babies per month, and the Roman Catholic and Anglican agencies about 20 per month between them. The Seventh Day Adventists also have a small-scale adoption, services placine.

The Seventh Day Adventists also have a small-scale adoption service, placing about six babies per year.

It seems that couples who are strongly committed to their church, Protestant, Roman Catholic or SDA, have a distinct advantage, as these church agencies seek to place babies in accordance with their mothers' wishes in specifically Christian homes. They have shorter waiting periods, as far fewer applicants can meet their all-round criteria.

welfare of many such children, whether their mothers continue to keep them or not. But in 1971-72 there was a peak both in the number of babies placed in 1975, to under 700 last year, less than half the number placed in 1968. The numbers are still falling, and the waiting times can be expected to grow even longer. Commonsense rules out the Pill as the cause of these developments. It has been available all along. More significant is the trend for girls without partners to keep their babies. The proportion who do — about four out of five — has not however increased more than a small percentage from the proportion who did so in the later. This led in all States to increased police pressure on these clinics, so that

percentage from the propor-tion who did so in the later sixties.

The problems of these girls

The problems of these girls and their children remain severe, despite the fact that the social stigma is lessening, and that since 1973 they have had the supporting mothers' benefit. A child needs a sudden liberalisation of the

The Bishop

... on Pleasant Death

Speaks

Just recently, Dereck Humphrey, author of the book "Jean's Way" was lecturing in Australia and promoting the idea of voluntary euthanasia. The book tells of the way in which Humphrey helped his wife, Jean, to take her own life in the face of terminal cancer.

death rest in the hands of an almighty loving God.

It is not an easy question. For when a person has reached the human vegetable stage what then? Surely in the ultimate, for those willing to trust Him, He promises the strength to face even the most extreme circumstances. As He was able to bring the greatest good for us — our spiritual safety and salvation — out of man's greatest evil, Christ's crucifixion, is He not able to bring good out of our sicknesses, no matter how extreme?

Bishop Ken Short

THE POPE ... ANGLICAN SPOKESMAN?

hand it could be said that the liberalisation was a compas-sionate move, eliminating

SUPREME IRONY

On the other hand it could be regarded as a crowning irony that, at a time when babies are wanted desperately by many women, others have embryos sucked or scraped from their wombs and incinerated.

stat Union President Michael Stankiewicz said. He also noted that state authorities claimed it was a very great event for Poland.

"It was a shock, but a happy shock for all our people," Mr Stankiewicz said. The Baptist Union despatched a telegram of congratulations to Rome after hearing the news.

THE POPE . . . ANGLICAN SPOKESMAN?

Many Anglicans, as well as other Christians, look to the Pope as the world's most significant Christian spokesman, says Bishop John Bothwell, Hamilton, Canada.

"If we could settle a few comments following the death of Pope John Paul and of us would welcome an even before he paid public tribute of the world's hearing the news. Rev Zdzislaw Pawlik, General Secretary of the Polish Ecumenical Council and also a Vice-President of the Polish Baptist Union said, "It was for us a surprise, but a nice surprise." Asked how the selection of a Polish Pope might affect

Perhaps we could look again at adoption, for all its problems, the humanest of all solutions to the problem of unwanted pregnancies. To carry a child to term, give birth and then give it up is traumatic for a woman, even more so for a young teenager. Ideally, through chastity or birth control, it should not have to happen.

But once conception has

But once conception has occurred, with maximum support and counselling for girls (and perhaps even married women) through pregnancy, childbirth and rehabilitation, and carefully supervised placements, adoption must surely be the supervision of abortion laws.
In Australia this adoption must surely be the most responsible and compassionate way a community can handle this problem.

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sionate move, eliminating from the adoption scene girls (most were aged 15-19) who previously were forced by external circumstances (no easy abortion) to bear an exnuptial child, and who solved their problem by giving it Reaction in Poland to the election of Cardi Walterle of Cracow as Pone John Paul II. SPEAK ON NEW POPE

Karol Wojtula of Cracow as Pope John Paul II on October 16 was surprise mingled with happiness, according to a report.

where and people in the streets are very happy," Bap-tist Union President Michal Stankiewicz said. He also

rest of us could come to terms with the outstanding matters that are still in disagreement between us. There are not many, but they are significant," he said.

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Catholics or through the Edumenical Council, have not been mere formality but a real working co-operation," Mr Pawlik declared. "We hope they become better and better still."

"The best example of this was the recent campaign by Baptist evangelist Billy Graham, in which all churches co-operated — one of the Catholic history.

Reaction in Poland to the election of Cardin

that the Archbishop of Cracow might possibly be

KNOWS STRUGGLE

Dr Gerhard Claas, secre-tary-treasurer of the Euro-pean Baptist Federation, said in Hamburg, "We rejoice in the fact that the new Pope

Graham, in which all churches co-operated — one of the Catholic bishops simply told us, 'Our churches are open for you','' Mr Pawlik, who was Graham's official interpreter, recalled. Cardinal Wojtyla was scheduled to receive Dr Graham in Cracow, but was instead summoned to Rome at the abrupt death of his predecessor Pope John Paul I. His representatives were present in the evangelistic service and at a reception accomplish more in such countries.'' or Introduced.

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SYDNEY
Rev D. C. Woodbridge
ith the Church Missionary
ociety at Groote Eylandt is
become the Rector of Port

Rev M. C. Lee resigned as Curate-in-Charge of Blake-hurst on October 25, to take lelbourne Diocese.

Rev D. Hewetson is now

Rector of Turramurra South, this Provisional Parish having become a full Parish

Rev F. W. Slater, Rector

Rev D. Pettett, Curate of Leichhardt will resign November 30 to become Curate in the Parish of

Rt Rev T. G. V. Inman of South Africa has been granted an Authority to Officiate in the Sydney Diocese.

The Postal address of St Peter's, Watsons Bay is now PO Box 88, Vaucluse, 2030.

RUSSIA'S RECORD FOR BIBLES

The Soviet authorities have given permission for an import of 25,000 Russian Bibles — the biggest ship-Bibles — the biggest ship-ment ever of Bibles to the USSR.

USSR.

The import permit was granted to the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the Soviet Union. The organisation has asked the Europe regional centre of the United Bible Societies to supply the Bibles

as well as 3000 Russian cordences.

The Russian Baptists have received about 10,000 Bibles printed by the Orthodox Church press during the past few years. But demand for Scriptures considerably exceeds supply, and hence the application for an import printing application for an import printing application for an import printing and the second printing and the secon

Even in the 19th century, there was never such a large import of Bibles into Russia at any one time. The last major consignment of Bibles sent to the Soviet Union was in 1947 when 10,000 were allowed in.

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APPROVED DEACONS

The Christian Reformed Church synod has voted to allow the ordination of women to the diaconate.

However, three study committees also agreed that the Bible is "unclear" about the role of women as elders and ministers.

The resolution defined the The resolution defined the office of deacon "in terms of assistance and service" which does not conflict with the "headship principle in which the woman (wife) is to be the subject of the man (husband)."

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Indonesian assurances

Indonesian Christian leaders appealed to President Suharto to uphold full religious liberty for men of all faiths, which appeared to be threatened by recent laws promulgated by the Minister of Religion.

of the intent of the new laws given by the Minister of Religion to the President he insisted that under the new laws, Indonesians remain free to alter their religious affiliation and to disseminate their fails.

their faith.

However, the dissemination of religious teaching must not be done in a direct, confrontational way—that would produce ill feeling between the various religious communities and threaten national unity.

Students' no to segregation

most universities in South Africa, meeting in Natal for the annual conference of the Anglican Students' Federa-

carved cross given by the Rev Francis Yip in appreciation for the support of the Australian Church to the Diocese of Hong Kong.

When the Duke of Gloucester looked in on Scripture Union . . .



James Jones of Scripture Union's Sound and Vision Unit presenting HRH the Duke of Gloucester with copies of the new Ladybird/SU Bible books when the Duke visited the SU stand at the Internavex exhibition, organised by the National Committee for Audio-Visual Aids in Education and held at the Wembley Conference Centre.

HONG KONG **CROSS**

The flowers that bloom The Festival of Flowers attracted 4500 people of all ages and denominations to St Andrews Cathedral from November 10th-13th. Because of many requests the Festival

remained open for an extra day Like many Cathedrals in urope the Mother Cathedral

new art form.

Members of the Flower Club of NSW as well as many parishes in the Diocese and expert florists contributed to the 75 arrangements. Boys from the Cathedral School brought flowers for a carpet surrounding the School Crest.

The first official function

The first official function of the Lady Mayoress of Sydney, Mrs Nelson Meers was to open the festival.

Throughout the Festival there were musical recitals and conducted tours of the historic Cathedral.

Everyone responded in a positive and appreciative way. It was the first time that many had come to the Cathe-

Bishop Delbridge from way, It was the first time that many had come to the Cathe-dral. One person said "It's good to see the Cathedral open to the public." In his address the Dean of Sydney, the Very Reverend Lance Shilton, said: "If you look at these floral arrangements, through the Gippsland with a hand-

arrangements through the eyes of faith you will perceive

(Left): Mrs Shilton; (Centre): Dean Lance Shilton; (Right). The Lady Mayoress, Mrs Nelson Meers.

more than is conveyed through your sense of sight and your sense of smell. You will hear the voice of God speaking to you of His perfect order, His infinite care and His lasting provision.

"One of the things which differentiates you from other

"One of the things which differentiates you from other animals is your appreciation of beauty. Anything that outrages that concept physically, psychologically or spiritually

His experience in Christian

First woman ordained **EVERYMAN'S WELFARE REP**

A significant step at the recent Annual Assembly of the Baptist Union of Victoria was the ordination of Miss Marita Munro to the ministry. Not only is Miss Munro the first woman to be ordained to the Baptist ministry in The commissioning of newly-appointed Everyman's Welfare Representative in the Australian Reserve Forces, Gordon Hoskins took place recently in Melbourne. The service coincided with the Annual Federal Conference of Campaigners for Christ and was attended by staff and council representatives from four states and Papua New Guinea. Victoria, but also in Australia.

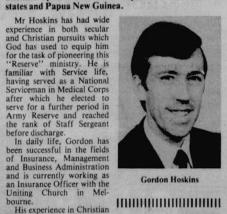
Marita Munro came from the Annerley Church in Brisbane to Whitley College to study theology and was then accepted as a candidate for the ministry. She had an Arts degree from Brisbane University.

While in Melbourne she has been associated with the House of the Gentle Bunyip. She exercised a pastoral ministry at Brunswick for a year but now returns to the Church at Clifton Hill. She has graduated in Divinity.

AWARD TO ROBERT COLMAN



His experience in Christian Service and evangelistic endeavour has included involvement in Young Wycliffe, Sunday School teaching, Bible Study Leader, Theological Studies, The God Squad, The Apostles Stunt Team, Christian Counselling, Lay Preaching and through his ministry, people have responded to Christ.



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SINGAPORE SATURATION

The Heavens Opened

the Billy Graham Crusade help in Singapore at the National Stadium from December 7-10, brought a large response, both in attendances and the call to commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Over 330,000 people attended the crusade which was conducted in English, the official language of Singapore, and Mandarin. The message was also translated into Hokien, Cantonese, Malay and Tamil, and relayed to certain areas in the stadium.

Although no official figures were released on the cost of the crusade, it is understood that the amount was \$A,260,000, all of which was raised by Christians before it began.

Although no official material in the six streams.

PRESIDEN
PRAYED

Dr. Graham was

PUBLICITY

One Christian booked a large three column advert for the front page of the Na-tional newspaper 12 months before the Crusade as his contribution to what was the

before the Crusade as his contribution to what was the largest evangelistic outreach ever held in the republic.

The local Christian community made maximum use of publicity and allocated a large portion of their budget for this purpose in what they saw was an opportunity of a life-time for Singapore to be saturated with the Gospel.

Over 20,000 responded to the invitation and were given

PRAYED Dr Graham was given a

Republic, and later called on the President, Dr Benjamin Shears, at the Istana. The President, who is a committed Christian, told Di Graham that he had beer



Dr Billy Graham arrives in Singapore to be welcomed not only by Dr Benjamin Chew, the Crusade's Chairman, but also by a traditional lion, the symbol of the Republic.

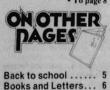


One of 500 buses advertising the Graham crusade. This one was stranded in the flash floods which came from the

this time felt constrained to present a full Gospel address during his sermon. This response which greatly encouraged the organisers was a foretaste of what happened at the public meetings.

More men than women made a personal response, and although more of the 20 to 29 age group came forward, there was an encouraging proportion from the 50-plus group.

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Regret Sydney ACC Move

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Sydney at its meeting on November 20th voted to withdraw from the State Council of the Australian Council of Churches

This decision which was met with very deep regret by the President of the Council Rev. R. Smith and the Secretary Major Gerben Stelstra was unexpected.

At the Diocesan Synod, held the month before, the Standing Committee, after seeking and receiving advice from the Synod's Ecumenical Affairs Committee, allocated \$1320 of the 1979 budget to meet the Diocesan contributations for that year. This decision was

This decision was challenged in the Committee stage of the Diocesan Income and Expenditure ordinance and after a debate the Synod voted to retain membership 1979. Ecumenical

As a consequence of the Standing Committee's decision a letter was sent by it which cited two reasons for

the Diocese had been unhappy about the new constitution in that it appeared to have been approved without adequate consultation, especially the provision for 2 3 representatives and 23 alternates which would seem unworkable.

The other reason given by the Diocese was financial. "The increase in membership contributions from \$1320 to \$2990 for 1978 also presents some difficulty at a time of financial stringency and cutbacks within the Diocese. On the recommendation of our Ecumenical Affairs Committee, our 1978 payment has been maintained



NEW CMS FEDERAL SEC'S NEW ROLE

The Reverend Dr Alan Cole has been appointed the Federal Secretary of the Australian Church Missionary Society replacing the Reverend Maurice Betteridge who takes up the principalship of Ridley College from the middle of 1979.

In a recent statement on the role of the Federal Secretary, Mr Betteridge said that there were a number of changes in the work of the society overseas which changed the Federal Secretary's role.

The society was no longer operating with missionaries grouped in a particular area of a diocese, but its members operated by themselves within the fellowship of a d i o c e s e c h u r c h denomination.

diocese church
denomination.

It meant that no longer
were new missionaries able to
draw on the advice and
counsel of senior
missionaries within a
particular area, and hence the
Federal Secretary needed to
travel far more to assist
missionaries.
Churches who received

and not operate as something of "a diocese within a diocese".

With increasing

specialisation the call of Third World churches is for individuals with specific gifts rather than groups for whom a particular area was carved off for church planting.

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Dr Cole, who is at present Master of Robert Menzies College in the University of Macquarie, was formerly a member of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship from 1952-60 and of the CMS while Tutor and then Warden of St Peter's Hall, Singapore from 1962-68. He was a lecturer at Moore College from 1969-72.

Dr Cole told the Church Record that he looked

missionaries.
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To Cole told the Church Record that he looked forward to serving the CMS in this capacity and asked for the prayers and support of his fellow Christians.

EDITORIAL

A MERRY MYTHMAS

Seated on the throne as the giver of every good and perfect gift that a child could ever wish for is Saint Nicholas (commonly called Santa Claus) and safely wrapped, in restricted clothing lies the baby Jesus who is

wrapped.in restricted clothing lies the baby Jesus who is in fact Lord of Heaven and Earth.

The commercial world has mounted a distorted promotion gimmick and when you consider the unpromising original event of a baby in a feed box with the stench of cattle permeating the air, the promotion has been highly successful.

The merry myth of Santa has minted millions, enthralled millions even in Third World countries where references to Jesus are conveniently deleted, and has blinded millions of children and adults as to the real significance of Christmas.

blinded milions of children and adults as to the real significance of Christmas.

Their blindness will be re-enforced by the annual release in the Media of some theologian or noted churchman somewhere in the world making what is reported on as a profound discovery that the incarnation is a myth formulated in an era of superstition from which we must break free in our enlightened age.

The miblicity from such propouncements provides

The publicity from such pronouncements provides fuel for Moslems, Jews and Agnostics and it the source

of acute embarasement for Christians both in the West as well as the Third World

We need to remember that controversy about the birth of Jesus goes back as far as the ministry of Jesus where the Jews cast aspersions on his character when they said "We were not born of fornication" John 8:41, and enshrined a myth in the Talmud where Rabbi Shimeon says that he is the illegitimate son of an

However we may be distressed by attacks on the truth of the virgin birth of Jesus, we need to remember that for the person who is without the light of gospel of the Son of God such as affirmations by Christians appear oolish in the extreme.

In a climate favourable to religious syncretism u

In a climate favourable to religious syncretism unique credal statements run counter to the intentions of those who wish to lump all religions together and will naturally be rejected.

Jesus as a prophet will be an acceptable assessment of him by the Islamic world with its increasing power and closeness to us, and any claim that the Word was made flesh will be dismissed instantly.

How should we as Christian families respond not only to the myth of Santa Incorporated, but also to the

onslaught of materialism endemic at this time of the

The Book of Common Prayer has the right starting The Book of Common Prayer has the right starting point when it heads the collect, epistle, and gospel for that day by stating it is "the Nativity of our Lord or the Birthday of Christ". For us and our children it is the birthday of Jesus and we treasure as our inheritance the word that accompanied the visitation of the angelic host — "for you there is born in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord". who is Christ the Lord".

In the face of the advertiser we need to guard against all covetousness and light hearted spending of our Godgiven resources. Let us take note of the needs of others and remember that Christian work has a strong call on our money. Our celebration with our families of the nativity of our Lord will be far more meaningful if we curb our extravagance and exercise responsible stewardship of our money. The poverty of Jesus' birth ought to curb the Christian's tendancy to spend-thrift temptations of Christian's

We wish you a joyful Christmas and encourage you to pray for friends, relatives and neighbours for whom this time of year is simply a merry mythmas.

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