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Honour Rolls

MELBOURNE
 Rev R. B. Audsley, transfers from incumbency Church of Ascension East Burwood to incumbency of St John's West Geelong from November 29.
 Rev J. F. Hannon, transfers from incumbency of the parish of Fernree 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 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 with all Saints' Footscray from February 6.
 Rev J. L. McAuley, retires from incumbency of St Peter's Mornington, on December 6.
 Rev A. L. Purbrick, retires from incumbency St George's Monbulk on December 11. He becomes part-time minister-in-charge of Point Lonsdale, December, 1978.
 Rev C. C. Cowling, died October 11.
 Rev Dr R. E. Sutton, died September 29.



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.

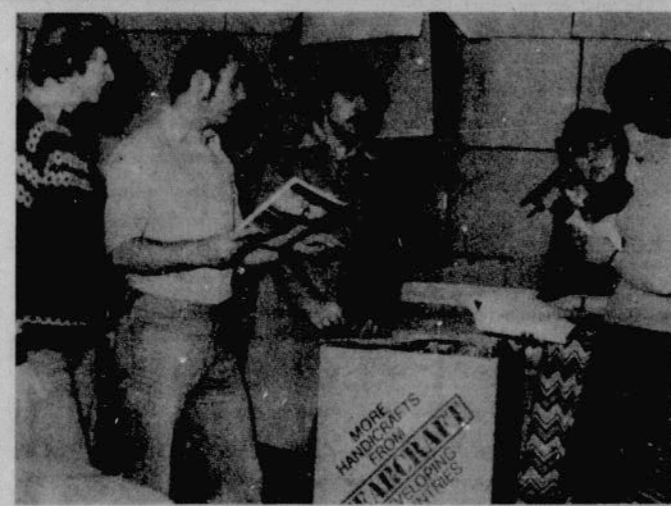
10 millionth Gideons' Bible



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 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 has 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

TEARCRAFT's sales of handicrafts and cottage industry products from the Third World reached their first million last week.
 Selling through a mail order catalogue, retailers, and their own representatives, Tearcraft has sold over half a million sikas (a jute hanging basket from Bangladesh) alone.
 These sales mean that about 6,000 people in nine different Third World countries have regular employment and a steady income.
 To cope with this rapid expansion Tearcraft has taken over additional premises adjacent to their existing office and warehouse in Newcastle. This extra space will allow Tearcraft to grow sufficiently so that its sales can keep 15,000 people in regular employment.



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 centenary, according to an Amnesty International report on "Human Rights in Uganda".
 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 vulnerable includes politicians and civil servants, teachers and students, businessmen, writers, soldiers, police officers and citizens of other countries — particularly other African 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 Lango soldiers 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.

Dr Schaeffer ill with cancer

Dr Francis Schaeffer is suffering 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 Clinic.
 Francis Schaeffer and his wife first came to Europe in 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.

Sydney Broadcasting Association Granted FM Licence



The Australian Broadcasting Tribunal — Vice-Chairman Mr James Oswin (left) and Chairman Mr Bruce Gyngell heard seven applications for three public broadcasting licences in Sydney from September 5-19, the longest Hearings to date. Tribunal staff and court reporters on left, applicants and witnesses on right. — Worldwide photo

"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)."

This was the official notification that CBA had been honoured with a very special trust, a licence to broadcast 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.



Late Archbishop Janani Luwum

Three Ugandans were made to read out so-called confessions of having conspired with Archbishop Luwum and others to overthrow 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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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.
 Wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with the slogan "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."
 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 ordination of women to the priesthood and their consecration to the episcopate."
 The voting which came after nearly six and a half

LIGHT SHAFT — STILL EXPLORATORY

"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.
 "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 both in the number of shops let and in trading levels. The increase in the number of people using the arcade has been very marked.
 "The potential annual net income from the arcade (in excess of \$200,000) for the St Andrew's House Corporation is substantial and therefore this improvement has been very welcome indeed. In turn this will provide a boost to the Glebe Board's annual surplus and, as a result, more funds will be available for the Diocese.
 "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.
 "The expenditure on promotion activities has resulted in a higher number of letters which will have an accumulative effect as trading and rents increase in the future and more tenants are attracted to the area.
 "No decision has yet been made on the proposal. Several more months of research and consultation will be necessary before all

might not even cover outgoing. Several measures were decided upon and it was recognised that the arcade had to be promoted.
 "Funds were allocated (in effect, from the rents) for this purpose and there is no doubt that the situation would be far worse now if this course had not been adopted.
 "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 evaluated?
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"It is difficult to evaluate the worth of any form of advertising or promotion in money terms. The funds expended this year have been very worthwhile because the results prove it. The amount which has been, and will be, spent on promotion will be returned many times over.
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NO TO WOMEN PRIESTS BY 26 MAJORITY

246 for, 272 against — an overall majority of 26.

TWO MINUTES' SILENCE

Various amendments to the motion were all lost — including two — one from Canon Douglas Rhymes (Southwark) and one from Professor Douglas Jones (Universities), which sought to have any legislation held up until there had been further discussions with the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches.
 And just before he announced the result Canon Batty suggested that it would be best if the news were received in silence — but the initial calm was then shattered by Dr Kroll's protest.
 People queued to get into the public gallery for both the morning and afternoon sessions, and some had to be turned away because the public gallery was so full.



While Synod debated the ordination of women, Geraldine Stevens and others stood outside Church House to make their own view on the issue quite clear.

"CHURCH RECORD MAY HAVE MISLED"

NO DECISION YET

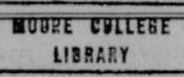
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EDITORIAL

Please begin at the end

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 the nature of the 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 new year.



MORPHETT — FOL TV AWARD



Presentation of Annual Good Citizen's Award TV Division, Scriptwriter "The Sullivans". Pictured left to right: Mrs Leone Hay, Rev Fred Nile, Dr Vincent Morgan, Chairman FOL; Mr Tony Morphett, Mr Alex Gilchrist.

The Tony Morphett Story

Converted to Christianity two years ago, Mr Morphett is now an active member of St Mary's Anglican Church, Waverley.

When asked: "What are some of the problems faced by people who work in the Arts and Media?" he said: "One thing about television for example is it is a very secular industry. Television attracts people who are high ego people. They are very ego-involved in their work. This applies to all the arts."

"The ego is something you feed out of and use 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."

TO SAY THAT GOD IS

"Yes, it was partly ego. I regarded myself as being self-sufficient. I thought it was an abnegation of human dignity to say that there was a God and to say that the human being was not self-sufficient."

To the question, "How has your work changed since becoming a Christian?"

He replied: "Like any other work you take yourself

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 the source of my writing has been re-made."

"You know, if you try to give yourself to Christ then Christ gives you everything else back. You get given back nature; you get given back your human relationships."

ABORTION ABORTED

On November 9, after a debate lasting approximately 10 hours, the Senate convincingly rejected Senator Ryan's motion by a vote of 36-24 to disallow the Termination of Pregnancy Ordinance No. 16. This ordinance, gazetted in Canberra on June 27, 1978, had the effect of permanently banning private abortion clinics in 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 circulated 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 this issue.

On the day of the vote, bus loads of Right to Life people came from Sydney and Melbourne to take part in a Rally outside Parliament House.

"PSI and Preterm are the two major abortion clinics in Sydney performing between

them approximately 400 abortions a week. 'Children By Choice' send approximately 80-100 per week from Brisbane and New Zealand, girls come to Sydney at the rate of approximately 50 per week for their abortions," said Mrs Patricia Judge, Federal Secretary, National Right to Life Association.



Patricia Judge, Federal Secretary, National Right to Life Association pictured with the previous Secretary, Vince Nesbitt.

"If these organisations were given recognition or approval by the Federal Government in the ACT it could set a precedent for the rest of Australia."

"As it is they can only operate in NSW because prosecutions do not come to trial and the widest interpretation possible is put on the law. It is claimed that it is legal to perform an abortion if a doctor certifies it is necessary for the woman's mental or physical health," she stated.

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 with our legislators and has in no way been accepted as "fait accompli" by them.

Extra funds for Uganda Appeal

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

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.

Subject to funds being available, more students will begin under-graduate courses in Australian universities or colleges of advanced education in the academic year beginning in March, 1979, and the necessary arrangements are now being made. In all, it is hoped to place 50 Ugandan students in Australia, the number for which the Minister for Immigration, Mr Michael McKellar, has given consent.

Of the first 15,000 copies received from the press, more than half had been sold in advance, the report stated.

The dedication service at which the common language New Testament in Thai was launched also proved a popular occasion. Some 3000 people attended the function, held in the Bangkok Christian College Chapel. Among them was one of the princesses of the royal family.

But this is a costly programme and, although funds already raised will go some way toward meeting the cost, the director of the appeal, Mr Warwick Olson, said in Sydney this week that there is still an urgent need for additional funds.

"The estimated cost of accommodation, educational and general expenses for one student over three years is \$13,500," said Mr Olson. "If we are to accept the opportunity available for tertiary education for 50 Ugandan refugee students in Australia, we will need a total of \$675,000. Funds already in hand and promised should provide a little less than one-third of the amount required."

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Start, Look and Listen



John Lane discusses the new Bible Reading Books with Graham Wade (artist) and Ian Hill (Promotions Officer.)

S.U. NEW APPROACH

A stunning series of Bible books for kids, the first home-grown product of Scripture Union Australia was launched on November 6th.

The eight to 11 year olds will revel in Start, Look and Listen.

Start is for eight year olds, Look for nine year olds and Listen for tens. In the Scripture Union tradition of Bible guides there is a book for each quarter.

At eight, children are reading for themselves, some at a great rate and others more slowly, so the books have been designed to satisfy all. There are no dates to trouble the slower readers and for children who devour books there is extra material to keep them busy.

The creator and writer/editor of the series is John Lane, General Secretary of Scripture Union Victoria.

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

The artwork is superb with all the fascinating minutiae that children love in pictures. David White, currently Scripture 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

IT COULDN'T BE DONE?

The ideas for these books have been germinating in John Lane's mind for 10 years.

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 piecemeal 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 Carr, Heather McClelland, Ronnie Gartrell, Judy Wallace, Bunty Linton and Anne Sells the dream has been realised.

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.

Scripture Union is selling a pack of 4 books (12 months' readings) for \$4.50 plus postage. Single copies \$1.15 each till May 31st, 1979. Then \$1.25 each.

CRUSADE COUNT-DOWN Student Attack

The Students Committee of the Billy Graham Sydney Crusade is preparing an active programme for 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 campus.

CHARLIE RIGGS COMMENTS

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 of 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

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.

He was replying to a question on the Lambeth resolution referring to the relationship of the Anglican Communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

The resolution said that the problems associated with marriage between members of the two communions continued to hinder inter-Church relations and progress towards unity. While the

bishops recognised that the situation had improved in some places, the general principles underlying the Roman Catholic position were unacceptable to Anglicans.

Dr Coggan said that in problems of mixed marriages 'we touch the flesh and blood situation.' He and the late Pope Paul had talked 'very earnestly together about this matter.'

He had told the Pope that he feared that, if the situation was not improved, there would be some children of mixed marriages who would say: "A plague on both your houses" and end up religionless.

Dr Coggan said he believed it to be very urgent that the Roman Catholic Church should do something about its position.

Battling on in Rhodesia

On July 23 it was exactly one year since the first visit by terrorists to Morgenster in Rhodesia. Morgenster is the DR Church's mission station which was established nearly 90 years ago in Mashonaland.

The Synod of the black Dutch Reformed Church in Rhodesia, the African Reformed Church, recently met at Zimbabwe despite the war conditions. It was the 11th session of the Synod since the church was established in that area.

The previous Synod was held three years ago in Bulawayo and coincided with the consultations between the 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-worshippers were appointed to visit Christians at home and to worship with them.

PUBLIC WORSHIP SUSPENDED

In other congregations which are ostensibly 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

At the Synod the elders took the lead in calling upon members to contribute a tithe of their income to the work of the Lord. It was also decided to establish a fund with a view to further training of black ministers whose theological training is not up to the mark.

Despite opposition and persecution, there are nonetheless signs of growth and revival in some congregations.



A Matabele girl (Rhodesia).

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