

SYDNEY

Rev M. T. Corbett, was appointed Rural Dean of Hornsby, in March.

Rev E. D. O. Crawford, is now the Rural Dean of Parramatta.

Rev E. D. Harding, is now the Rural Dean of Randwick.

Rev R. A. Woodward, will become Rector of Hurstville as from May, 25.

Rev J. T. Griffiths, resigned as Rector of Willoughby East, on March 6, to become the Deputy Executive Director of the Retirement Villages.

Rev W. E. Thomas, is now the Chaplain at the Prince of Wales Hospital.

Rev Canon A. H. Funnell, is now the Chaplain of the Home of Peace Hospital in place of the late Rev F. O. Hulme-Moir.

Rev Dr R. A. Cole, Federal Secretary CMS will be installed as an Honorary Canon at St Andrew's Cathedral on May, 30.

THE MURRAY
Rev P. Atherton, Minister in Charge, St Leonard's North Glenelg has accepted the incumbency of the Parish of Mt Barker.

Rev G. Christopher, Rector of Strathalbyn, has been appointed Rural Dean of the Strathalbyn Rural Deanery.

Rev G. Prince, has been appointed Secretary for the Australian Board of Missions, Province of South Australia.

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ing people redirect their energies towards creativity rather than destruction.

"We need to help the people by teaching them in seminars and conferences that love and forgiveness are the best weapons for reconstruction. This needs men and women who have been prepared educationally and who have a vision to bring back value to human life and human rights for everyone and also respect justice and the law of the land.

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GRAHAMS AT NIV SERVICE



The Dean of Sydney, The Very Reverend Lance Shilton and Bishop Dain greeting Dr & Mrs Billy Graham as they arrive at St Andrew's Cathedral Sydney to attend the Dedication Service of the New International Version Bible.

CIO APPOINTED

The Anglican Information Office, Sydney, has announced the appointment of Miss Charlotte Rivers as Church Information Officer.

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him suppressed has to be changed.

"The role of agencies like World Vision is to help to build new person-hood. This builds a new society which can move out to challenge and change the injustice. World Vision and others in the aid field have no right or role in the attacking of structures, which they don't really know or understand. If they do become involved in the struggle there's a danger they'll start imposing their ideas instead of the nationals who have been assisted to a new self-reliance". He says that there is injustice in every society. "People gain power and hang onto it".

Dr Kamaleson will be preaching at a number of services for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Melbourne and Sydney.

Dr Kamaleson was born in India and ordained a minister of the Methodist Church. He served as a pastor of the Emmanuel Methodist Church, Madras, from 1961 until 1968.

Dr Kamaleson's first involvement with development aid was when he co-founded the Bethel Agricultural Fellowship, Tamil Nadu, India in 1961. He is still associated with the project.

In 1962 he became president of the Friends Missionary Prayer Band. In 1973 he was on the founding committee of World Vision, India. Two years later he joined World Vision International, as a vice-president directing pastors' conferences.

In 1974 he was both a delegate and soloist at the International Congress on World Evangelization, Lausanne, Switzerland, and was a consultant and delegate to the Berlin Congress on Evangelism in 1966.

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Operation Ballpoint



Tony Malone speaking to the participants of "The School of Christian Writing" on the subject "Writing for Your Local Paper". His forthright and factual remarks, from many years of experience in the newspaper field, helped those present realise what is required, and how to prepare their material.

School of Christian Writing

Operation Ballpoint, a School of Christian Writing organised under the auspices of the BGEA and Decision Magazine, was held in St Andrew's House from May 1-4.

It was attended by over 150 writers and would-be writers from all over Australia and as far afield as Papua-New Guinea and New Zealand, and gave a unique opportunity for instruction, stimulus and mutual encouragement.

Roger Palms, editor of Decision, was a keynote speaker; others were Jill Bowen, journalist with the Australian Women's Weekly, Tony Malone, managing editor of the Cumberland

group of local newspapers, and at the final luncheon, well-known television and film script-writer Tony Morphet.

Workshops dealt with many aspects of writing, editing, lay-out, cartooning etc, and extra lunch-hour sessions were "sandwiched" in to discuss the writing of poetry and of books for children. Tutors worked with smaller groups to give more individual help with assignments.

Perhaps the main challenge was for Christian writers to seek publication in the secular sphere, and not be content merely to write to the converted. This emphasis came especially from Jill Bowen, Tony Malone and Tony Morphet. Whether we are writing for a parish paper distributed to non-Christians, for a local newspaper, for radio or TV, or for a major secular newspaper or magazine, Christians need to learn jargon-free, effective communication which speaks to people where they really are. Undeterred by the inevitable quota of rejection slips, we need to seize these opportunities for Christ.

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S AFRICAN WHITES OUTVOTED

Frank black and white Christian talk on combating social injustice

At the end of a week-long conference in Pretoria, SA, delegates from the ten South African member churches of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches declared unanimously, "We have covenanted to pray for each other and work together against all injustices and inequities in our society, such as those brought about by racism and discrimination."

The Conference was the direct result of the initiative of the Swiss Federation of Churches which urged a year ago that the meeting be held and provided most of the funds for the Conference.

Actual churches on the most critical issues of the day. "We live in the same country, but we are worlds apart."

And yet they all stayed to the end of the Conference, all except one. Prof P. S. Dreyer of the Nederduitse Hervormde Church walked out in a huff on the next to the last day.

The following morning he returned to read a statement of apology in which he regretted his action, but stated that there was sufficient reason for him to have acted as he did. For, he said, delegates had presented political views under a thin veil of religion.

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CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT RIDES THE AIR WAVES



"With the glint of teeth and the roar of rocketing ratings..." So begins one of Sydney's most unusual radio shows — the Captain Midnight Show — heard nightly on 2CBA-FM at 11 pm. While the sound of the programme is popular top 10 and album tracks, its philosophy is much more sophisticated.

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HOUR OF POWER LAUNCHES "5,000" PROJECT

The Robert Schuller Ministries Ltd, based in Sydney, has prepared a TV segment to launch their latest project called, "GROWING 5,000". The segment will be viewed in Sydney, as part of the regular "HOUR OF POWER" program, on May 27th.

Peter Daniels, a Director on the Hour of Power Board, came to Sydney from Adelaide, to assist with the project launching.

The concept is that 5,000 people are asked to pledge \$2 per week, over twelve months. In return they will receive a certificate (at the conclusion of their full payment of \$100), all sermon booklets, and a selection of sayings called "POWER LINES".

There is also allowance made for those who wish to send in a gift of \$100 immediately, towards this project. They will receive their certificates straight away, as well as the other material offered.

It is hoped that through this project, funds will be raised to financially support the work, from within Australia.

— Ramon Williams

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Tony Featherstone and Peter Daniels on the set of the TV studio of TCN9 in Sydney, preparing the segment to launch the "Growing 5,000" project. The segment will be included in the "Hour of Power" program, commencing with the Sydney showing on May 27. Photo: Ramon Williams.

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Southern Kalinga grandfather.



Southern Kalinga mother and child.

THAT BRINGS POVERTY

Roy Gwyther-Jones

Major changes to the health, religion and economy of the people have resulted from the work of Bruce and Judith Grayden, an Australian couple who have lived with the Southern Kalinga people in the Philippines for the past five years.

"The South Kalingsas are small but tough. Only the fittest survived," said Mr Grayden. "When we arrived infant mortality was over fifty per cent. We've brought it down to less than five per cent — mainly by giving worm medicine and antibiotics."

The Graydens, who come from Melbourne, have four children. Currently on leave, they plan to return with their family to the village of Mallango in Northern Luzon at the end of the year.

They are members of the Summer Institute of Linguistics and Wycliffe Bible Translators, the world's largest international body involved in language research, literacy, translation and community development.

"Our work is to offer the Kalingsas an alternative to a life style that has kept them in abject poverty for centuries. We never coerce them into change," said Mr Grayden.

Life is anything but idyllic for the Kalingsas. Their villages are hit by about 20 typhoons a year. There are frequent shoot-outs between rebel guerrillas and Philippine army units. But their greatest fear is the spirit world and its own carrier, the tiny Ichaw bird.

The Ichaw is supposed to speak for Kabunian, the Kalingsas' chief god. If a hunter sees it fly from left to right he will immediately return home and sacrifice a chicken to avoid some terrible accident. The farmer will abandon his rice fields and face possible

starvation, so powerful is the belief in bad omens.

Each home has a Chapilang, a spirit shelf. The remnants of sacrifices are laid on it to satisfy the spirits that correct ritual has been carried out.

If a person gets sick a pig is sacrificed. If he dies every close relative sacrifices a water buffalo, worth \$200 each. Should a relative not own a buffalo he must buy one.

"The system keeps the people terribly poor," said Mr Grayden. "The Kalingsas' average yearly income is \$75. People often have to sell their fields to pay for sacrifices. This leads to tension and jealousy amongst the villages. They believe all sickness is caused by their enemies or the spirits working magic!"

Attempts have been made to break with the system. The Graydens recall four occasions when educated Kalingsas

have thrown out their spirit shelves. Each time someone in the home went lame or blind until the shelves were replaced and a pig sacrificed.

"It's easy to be sceptical about the spirit world until you have to live in it."

But Christianity is bringing change. Motivated by the Scriptures translated into Kalinga by the Graydens, and an increasing literacy rate (now 35 per cent) most of the Christians have destroyed their spirit shelves.

A year ago three Christian families burnt their shelves.

The villagers expected the worst, but nothing happened. In September the other Christians destroyed theirs. Still nothing happened.

There are now 130 Christians in Mallango, and their economy, health and social life is improving rapidly. Sacrificing is not keeping them poor; they are not afraid to hunt and farm even when they see the omen bird.



The Grayden Family

Word and Life

by Dr D. B. KNOX

ANGER

sometimes right, mostly wrong

It is good and right to be angry at injustices that are inflicted on other people.

For example we ought to be angry at unfair discrimination which affects other people.

We ought to be angry when the Soviet Union sends people to Siberian slave camps for their religious beliefs; or when Idi Amin the ex-dictator of Uganda, murdered people, we were right to be very angry; just as when the Patriotic Front kills missionaries in Rhodesia.

We ought to be angry when one section of the community makes another section suffer in order to advance its own interests, and so on.

God is very angry at the injustices which men and women inflict on each other and He has said that He will take it into account on the judgment day.

WHEN IT IS WRONG
We ought not to be angry when people act unjustly towards us, but we should bear the injustice with gentleness.

Jesus Christ has given us the example to follow. He was never angry with people in regard to what they were doing to Him, though He was angry when they did things to other people.

However when He suffered, He didn't threaten, when He was reviled He didn't revile back again.

So we ought not to have anger to others because of what they may have done to us. Such anger is very soul destroying, it makes us the centre of our own world and cuts us off from relationships, where happiness lies.

THE PRODIGAL BROTHER

We have a good example of this wrong sort of anger in the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15. You may remember that the younger son had gone off and spent the share of his father's inheritance in living it up till he ran out of money and, after a while of being on the bread line, came back to his father in humility and repentance, and his father received him and put on a party to welcome him home.

But his older brother when he heard of it, was very angry and would not join in. His thoughts were all on himself; 'why hadn't he been given a party?'

His anger was wrong because it was self-centred and we must eliminate from our hearts any self-centred anger or bitterness to other people that may be there.

A SUBSTITUTE WAY

In the place of such anger we must substitute forgiveness as God forgives

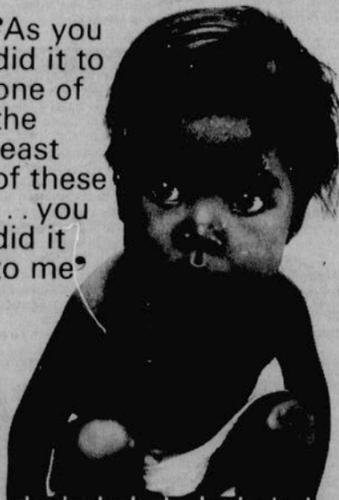


us for the wrongs we do Him. Of course if we are to have God's forgiveness we must ask God for it and it is based on Christ's death for us. But God freely forgives those who call upon His name, and we too must have a spirit of forgiveness. For if we won't forgive others then Jesus said very clearly, 'God does not forgive us. We are still under His anger which we have earned through our injustice to one another.'

NO FUTURE

There is no future in being angry with others for what they have done towards us. There can be no restoration of fellowship while there is anger and bitterness. We ought to earnestly ask God to give us His spirit of forgiveness to enable us to turn our thoughts away from ourselves, to turn the other cheek, as it were. If we have a spirit of forgiveness instead of anger this is the first step in restoration of relationships.

"As you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me"

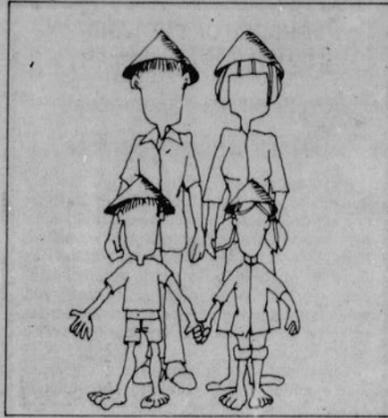


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The task of the churches is "to put a face on refugees" according to the Reverend Martin Chittleborough, Director of the Australian Council of Churches Refugee Resettlement Department.

"The churches have a role in transforming refugee statistics and long lists of names that all sound alike into people with families, with unhappy pasts and hopefully, with a future" explained Mr Chittleborough.

The stories and brief reflections by Mr Chittleborough's diary reveal that his visits to these refugee camps left deep impressions of suffering humanity.

Aranyaprathet Camp — near Kampuchean border

Aranyaprathet Camp, 5 kilometres from the Kampuchean border, is in the front line for people fleeing for their safety.

The hospital at Aranyaprathet has two kinds of patients.

Out of 7,300 people in the camp, there is an average of 25 people hospitalised. This low figure indicates the general good health of the people due to the work provided by the Red Cross and the United Nations with extra nutritional programmes by voluntary agencies.



Kampuchean musicians in the Aranyaprathet Camp near the border of Thailand.

PUSHED INTESTINES BACK

"The other group consists of the new arrivals. A woman and three children sitting on the wooden bed had fled from the Khmer Rouge who in turn were fleeing from the forces led by the Vietnamese. Near the border, and close to what they believed was safety, they walked into a mine field. One mine blew up killing one of the women. The other had the baby in her arms killed, shrapnel hit her seven year old child in the abdomen. Her mother pushed her intestines back and carried her into Thailand where a doctor sewed her up, and she will live.

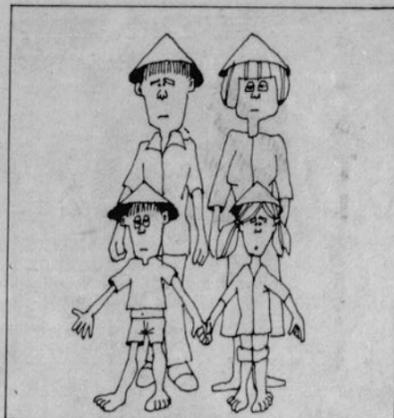
"Once in the camp, the refugees believe they have reached safety. When the buses arrive they think they are to be taken to one of the larger camps. But often, in fear of a spread of fighting, the Thai officials have ordered the buses to drive back to the border, where the refugees are forced to go back into Kampuchea."

Nong Khai — near Laotian border

In the north of Thailand, on the Laotian border, at Nong Khai refugee camp the situation is quite different. The camp is shared by two distinct groups, the Hmong from the hills and the Lao from the plains. Each have their own language, own market, hospital, playing fields and schools.

"The border control building in Nong Khai is almost empty. On the banks of the Mekong River below, strings of ferries lie idle, as the official flow of goods between Nong Khai in Thailand and Vientiane in Laos, on the other side of the river, has almost stopped.

Putting Faces to Refugees



A few do not want to leave because they hope things will change and they can return to Laos to join their families or because it is their homeland. Others are forced to stay because they will never achieve the criteria of the resettlement countries.

A LETTER, A SMILE, A MESSAGE

"Hope is a delicate flame fanned by a letter from Australia or the U.S.A., a smile from the selection team, or a message from across the border. But hopes are soon extinguished as disappointment follows

disappointment. Wives think of their husbands in prison a few kilometres away, and husbands delay going to a new country in case their families can somehow join them from Laos.

"Although there are schools in the camp, the facilities for learning English, the key to the door of Australia, are inadequate.

"For the Thais, these camps are a reservoir of people with resettlement countries like Australia picking and choosing the skilled people and leaving the unskilled majority for eventual permanent resettlement.

"Helpless, without legal or land rights, the refugee people can only wait."

7th Mile Cheras Camp — for the boat people

For those who have fled Indochina by boat, the 7th Mile Cheras Camp on the east coast of the Malayan peninsula is often their first destination.

"The small guest room in the Roman Catholic Franciscan Brothers Retreat House is relatively peaceful.

"Relatively, because below, in an area about the size of a football pitch live 3,200 people in transit to the United States. Franciscan, Brother Francis, works with the refugees, helping with their problems, answering their questions. It started in April, 1977 with 50 and now it is run by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and the Red Crescent, the name for the Red Cross in Islamic countries.

EXPORT AWAITING SHIPMENT

"Looking from the window, rivulets of yellow water form channels between rows and rows of army tents, so close together, their guy ropes form wedges. The trickles join to form streams between the galvanised iron bathroom/toilet, and the more permanent wooden buildings. Like export items waiting shipment in a warehouse, the people stare down from the three levels of sleeping platforms trying to read their futures.

"These are people selected from the island camps off the coast of Malaysia. They will stay for 2 or 3 weeks, longer if they have any illness or diseases. Sponsors have been arranged through the representative from the United States joint voluntary agencies selection team. When the refugees reach the US, they will be met by individuals, by church or community groups who will help them settle in, finding housing and work.

"Only about 150 are Christians and they can worship in the large new church. Brother Francis does not describe himself as a

AUSTRALIA'S POLICY
English speaking
Least cost to Government
Least trauma to refugee.

Chaplain but rather as someone who tries to help.

STATUS — ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

"The Malaysian Government, in trying to internationalise the problem, has given the refugees the status of 'illegal immigrants'. To emphasise this, there are now police on the gates and people are not allowed to go outside. Consequently, they are a target for profiteers. Aerogrammes, that provide a hope-saving link with the outside are 3 or 4 times the price. To counter this, the Church runs a shop to help people buy the extras with money sent by anxious relatives.

"The horrors of the boat trip, the isolation of the island camps, and the uncertainty of being selected are replaced by hope. But the future ahead will bring with it frustration and homesickness, and above all, memories."

Bellfield Camp — Australia next stop

The fourth type of refugee camp that Mr Chittleborough visited was the Bellfield Camp outside Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. This is the final staging camp for refugees who have been selected to come to Australia. In Bellfield Camp, they wait for final formalities to be concluded and for their flight to freedom and a new life.

TOUCH THE AUSTRALIAN

"Perhaps the welcome is too friendly for comfort, the smiles too wide, the little

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Children in the kitchen at the Bellfield Camp



Bread distribution time at Cheras 7 Mile Camp outside Kuala Lumpur.



Martin Chittleborough sits beneath the welcome sign at the Nong Khai Refugee Camp in Northern Thailand. Photo: Chittleborough/ACC



John Tigwell

CHILDREN NOT PEW-FODDER

"We who seek to minister with children need also respect their integrity and their significance. They are not simply pew-fodder of the future. Indeed, if we treat them in that way, it has been demonstrated they simply will not be in the pews of the future," said John Tigwell, Scripture Union's Secretary for Education in Church in Britain, who has recently conducted seminars in all Australian states, for Christians working with children and families.

"Nor are they simply 'developing adults'. But they are, simply and magnificently, children in their own right and important to Jesus."

"Very often children find themselves put to one side, sent out, shall we say, in the middle of a service, inferring to them that their place in worship is simply to be there to observe the adults and one day, when they're big, they will be able to take their place."

"We have a young child come into Sunday School from a non-Christian family — no connection to the church. What do we say? We don't say 'Ah, we have another child.'"

"We say 'Praise God, our fellowship has been given responsibility for one more family. Praise God for that. What are we going to do about it?' And that raises the whole question, which we need to think through of family outreach, family evangelism and our understanding of the place of family in our particular church."

NOT RIGHTS BUT NEEDS

"The sad thing about the International Year of the Child, as far as I'm concerned, is that it has concentrated on the rights of children, when I suggest it ought to have concentrated on the needs of children. The four needs of every child are security, standard, significance and community," continued Mr Tigwell.

John Tigwell is editor of the *Families: Facts and Frictions*, published by Scripture Union. A tape of one of his talks in Australia is available from Scripture Union, 129 York Street, Sydney.

New post

The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, has been elected president of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for the next three years.

As such, he will be for the first time the official national spokesman of the hierarchy.

KESTON COLLEGE REPORTS:

25,000 IN "ILLEGAL" YOUTH ACTIVITIES — CZECHOSLOVAK ESPERANTO CAMP

Legal proceedings were initiated recently at Hradec Králové against Vojtěch Srna, a 46-year-old Catholic priest from Brno, and Miloslav Sváček, a 27-year-old building engineer from Prerov, reports Keston College. After the interrogation Sváček's passport was confiscated and will be held by the authorities until 1981. Both men were charged under Article 178 of the penal code, which relates to the obstruction of state supervision of church and religious communities.

Srna was accused of celebrating Holy Communion in a non-consecrated place — at a summer camp for students of Esperanto in June, 1977. Sváček was charged with allowing Srna and Josef Zielonka, a Polish priest to celebrate Holy Communion at the camp of which he was in charge. The camp was held at Herbortice and 130 youngsters took part in an annual renewal of their faith. Discussions and singing took place. The presence of some Poles, including a priest, suggests close co-operation between active Christians of both countries.

While in Czechoslovakia a retreat for the young can only be organised secretly, disguised under the auspices of a recognised society, in Poland a powerful movement called "Oasis" has been growing since 1963.

Although the Polish government has made many attempts to restrict it, and in fact the October, 1978 Plenary Conference of the Polish Episcopate expressed its concern over

cases of sanctions against farmers who allowed youngsters to camp on their land during the vacations as part of "Oasis" retreats, it is estimated that between 1963 and 1977 more than 25,000 youngsters took part in 15-day retreats with about 800 groups of young people coming together regularly for religious study in the parishes.

In Czechoslovakia even passing on religious literature could be incriminating let alone holding meetings for young people. Many priests among the approximately 500 without state permission to exercise their pastoral duties are without a job because of their involvement with the young. Because of the camp incident, Vojtěch Srna has been deprived of state permission to work as a priest and at present is employed as a stoker. Miloslav Sváček has been dismissed by the Esperanto Society and defamed in their official publication. He went for trial on May 18.

EVANGELISM IN AFFLUENCE

A group of 100 North American evangelicals meeting in Philadelphia, USA, wrestled with issues related to the development of an authentic biblical life style while living on an island of affluence.

The United States Consultation on simple Life-style, brought together a broad cross-section of men and women from American evangelical church life. Emerging from the gathering was a consensus on the need to simplify life style for the sake of evangelism and justice.

"We have seen here an exciting affirmation by evangelicals that biblical evangelism is inseparable from a commitment to the poor and justice," commented Dr Ronald A. Sider, one of the consultation's co-ordinators.

Sider added that the gathering "has confirmed for me a powerful movement of the Holy Spirit within the Church." He was referring to the growing concern among American Christians that their daily way of life reflect their evangelistic and missionary commitment.

Dr Frank Gaebelein, former co-editor of Christianity Today, delivered a major address in which he stressed the biblical imperative. The 80-year-old evangelical statesman told the conference that, although he had attended major evangelical gatherings since the 1920s, he "had never heard a major presentation of Amos and the other Old Testament prophets who focus on justice and the poor."

He contended that "evangelism has not been biblical enough to resist the lure of Madison Avenue."

Dr Gaebelein called on his evangelical audience to ask themselves if "our home life is transmitting anything more than an entitlement to greater affluence."

Moonies try to buy Church Hall

The Unification Church, better known as the Moon Sect, has attempted to buy Church Hall in the centre of Banbury, Oxfordshire, for £255,000 to produce films to fight opposition to their sect.

The Banbury Parochial Church Council refused the offer once it realised the identity of the would-be purchasers.

Vins' wife delayed

The US Embassy said this week, it had asked the Soviet Foreign Ministry why the wife of a released dissident had been unable to discuss her own departure with American consular officials in Kiev.

Mrs Nadezhda Vins, the wife of Baptist Pastor Georgi Vins, who was involved in a 'spy swap' deal with the United States recently, told Western reporters by telephone that her Kiev house had been surrounded by plainclothes policemen.

Bibles for China

Christians in mainland China are hoping that their first ever official import of Bibles will be allowed soon.

A request for a "sizeable quantity" of Bibles — believed to be in the hundreds — has been lodged with the government.

Now the Bible Society in Hong Kong is waiting to discover whether or not the order will be processed and reach them.

Church to Receive Restitution

The former Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church US is one of 39 American religious organisations to be compensated for property confiscated by the Chinese Communists when China became Red in 1949.

Communist China will repay some \$19.4 million over a five-year period. The PCUS will receive \$1.7 million or approximately 41 cents on the dollar of the amount actually claimed.

"RELIGIOUS MANIA" CHARGE

Top British actor James Fox shocked the acting world by dropping out of the theatre and joining a Christian organisation called The Navigators.

At the time — it was just nine years ago — Fox was regarded as a brilliant actor whose fame and fortune were assured.

But as he then remarked "My old friends in show business tell me I've gone too far." "I've got religious mania," "They reckon Jesus Christ is my latest 'experience'. But I know they're wrong. This is reality, not illusion."

Now Fox is back in a film, playing an unpleasant boyfriend of Joan Winmill, a British actress whose story is told through the film.

The film, "No longer Alone", is based on the book by former London actress Joan Winmill Brown, a convert of Billy Graham's first London Crusade at Harringay in 1954.

It is regarded as particularly significant that this film should be released in 1979, the 25th anniversary of Dr Billy Graham's Harringay Crusade.

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TOTONAC TRIBESMAN TO AUSTRALIA "65 LETTERED WORD"

Manuel Arenas, a Totonac mountain tribesman, arrives in Sydney from Mexico on June 19. He will be visiting 13 centres in the Eastern mainland States, speaking at Dinner Rallies sponsored by Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Mr Arenas was illiterate at twelve. He was, however, a good talker and was employed by a Wycliffe translator to help translate the New Testament into Totonac — then an unwritten language. Totonac is very complex with some words containing up to 65 letters.

When the job was done, he was given the chance to be educated. Despite attacks of typhoid, he got his BA in America and MA in Germany.

He was offered several lucrative positions in colleges, embassies, multinationals, and by Luftansa, but turned them down. He had made a vow, "If God gives me an education, I will share it with my people."

In 1969, he opened the Centro Cultural Pro-Totonaco (Cultural Centre for Totonacs) in Mexico. Thirty-five Totonac teenagers and young adults, who have had no formal education, study literacy, basic economics, horticulture, social studies and Christianity bilingually — in Totonac, then Spanish.

The students graduate as teachers and preachers, and are sent to the remotest Totonac villages where, usually, there are no schools.

It is a classic example of a purely indigenous self help movement that is having a major impact in one of the poorest parts of Mexico.



Manuel Arenas

Manuel Arenas' selfless choice to follow a simple life style helping his own people achieve dignity and hope is the powerful testimonial he has to give Australia.

Wycliffe is the world's largest interdenominational mission, specialising in Bible translation and literacy, amongst more than 650 neglected tribal groups, its 3700 members are scattered in 35 countries. Over 280 are Australian. They supplement their primary role by organising community development, agricultural and other socio-economic programmes.

SA Outvoted

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The resolution with the greatest potential for political consequences was the one proposing a national gathering: "We call upon the government to bring together political and other leaders acceptable to, and elected by, all the people of the country to work out a new political and social dispensation".

The reasoning behind the resolution was that inasmuch as all men are created in the image of God, justice requires that they all share as well in the decision making as in the enjoyment of benefits.

Those who opposed the resolution said the church

GAMBLING NEUTRAL

Gambling is not the answer to the Church's financial problems, according to the Bishop of Worcester, the Rt Rev Robert Woods.

Writing in the diocese's May newsletter, he says he is torn between two extremes — on the one hand regarding games of chance as an acceptable means of fund-raising and on the other feeling it is no way to finance a parish or diocese.

"I am saddened that so many individuals now seem unable to give anything unless they have a chance of gain. It may be fun and even exciting but it still remains a rather undignified appeal to our acquisitive instincts and can become sheer greed."

However, he does say that

consultation at this point was entering party politics. But after supporters of the resolution said that this was the statement of a principle that should be followed, rather than a specific policy position, the resolution passed with an overwhelming majority.

SOWETO'S VIVID MEMORY

In the discussion concerning education the feelings ran high and the emotions of the blacks at times overstepped the bounds of the agreed method of procedure.

With the memory of Soweto still fresh, and the deep conviction that they were victims of continuing discrimination codified in law, several non-whites bluntly told the Afrikaners present how unjust they considered the present system of education to be.

CONTRARY TO THE BIBLE

Although the Conference seemed at places to be top-heavy with theological principles and on occasion the principles seemed to have no direct relevance to the recommendations, yet several pointed proposals were made. These include:

- The migrant labour system in South Africa is contrary to the principles of the Bible;
Labour control can be acceptable only if it is regulated by principles of justice for all;
The church should not identify itself with any existing economic theory or system;
The churches should express deep-felt concern for the suffering of the black community;
The churches should urge the government to allow black workers to belong to registered unions;
The churches should urge the authorities to repeal the laws against racially mixed marriages;
The state should provide non-racial education, ie, open to all without discrimination based on colour; and
The churches should uphold the rights of those who feel compelled in conscience to disobey a law in order to obey Christ.

"TO SEND" 33 TO 7

A final point of clash concerned whether or not to send the report of the Conference to the government. True to form, the spokesmen of the Afrikaans-speaking churches said no. In their view, to do so would be to use the consultation for other (ie, political) purposes.

However, when the vote was taken, the decision was, again by the usual large majority of 33 out of 40, to ask the steering committee to send the report with a cover letter to the government authorities.

Several speakers had emphasised the need for another consultation. A prophetic word to the churches came from an Afrikaans Sunday paper two days later: "The churches must not again wait twenty-five years."

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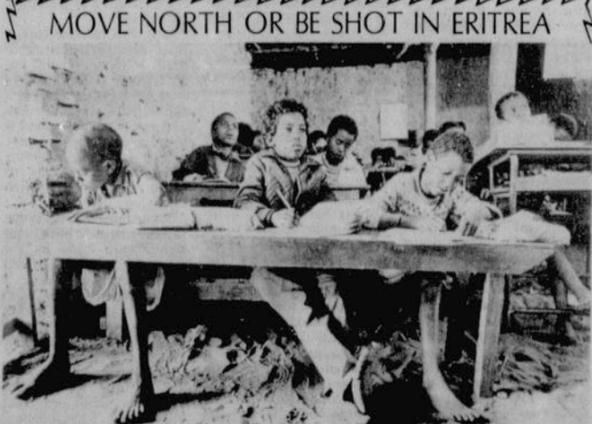
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Part of the 'underground school' which is built into the side of the mountain with the roof barely above ground level. Here 400 children under five attend kindergarten classes together with 1500 other school age children. Children have been taken from the towns and moved north. Experience has taught the Eritrean Movement that the Ethiopians shot children from captured towns who were of school age. The reasoning was that having been educated in the Eritrean school system, they would never be able to shake off their Eritrean thinking.

RUSSIAN AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ERITREA

The Australian Council of Churches has called on the Australian Government to take all steps possible within the United Nations to seek a just, non-military solution to the conflict in Eritrea, the small country on the Red Sea to the north of Ethiopia.

In introducing the resolution on behalf of the ACC Commission on International Affairs, the Council's Information Officer, Mr Russell Rollason, described how the people of Eritrea have been fighting for their independence since Ethiopia forcibly annexed the country as its 14th province in 1962, illegally abrogating a United Nations resolution.

The Executive Committee of the Council meeting in Sydney expressed "alarm at the increasing loss of life and massive human suffering resulting from the continuing conflict in Eritrea", and went on to "deplore the heavy involvement of Soviet Union

and Cuban military advisers and weaponry in the conflict".

In the letter to Foreign Affairs Minister, the Hon A. S. Peacock, MP, the ACC also urged the Government to grant humanitarian assistance to the displaced people within Eritrea, "if necessary channelling the aid through non-government organisations".

"Out of a population of 3.5 million people, almost 1.2 million people have become homeless. Some 300,000 refugees have fled to neighbouring Sudan" said Mr Rollason. "Yet the world remains silent as these poor,

but determined people fight for the integrity of their country against the high technology of the Russian military machine" he concluded.

The ACC recently sent \$4500 to the Eritrean Relief Association based in Khartoum, Sudan. The Council has also assisted in the formation and operation of the Eritrean Relief Committee (Australia) which to date has raised \$5042 for relief work amongst Eritrean refugees. Donations for the work of this committee can be forwarded to: the ACC, PO Box C199, Clarence St, Sydney, 2000.

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North Queensland Protest

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This caused much concern among most of the priests and laity within the Diocese. However, it is very difficult to defend against attacks.

The Diocesan Synod which has just concluded its deliberations, passed the following motion unanimously:

"That this Synod of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of North Queensland expresses its loyalty to the Bishop of the Diocese and consents to be bound by all the provisions of the Constitution and by all the Canons and Regulations. At the same time, we reaffirm our submission to the canonical decisions of the Synod of the Diocese."

The above motion was passed by a division of the Synod by Orders so that there were no abstentions. And I repeat, it was a unanimous vote which was carried with acclamation.

This does not make the national headlines because it is not destructive. However, I thought that your reputable newspaper which has a national circulation would wish to know of the triumph of truth and the power of Christ's Holy Name.

And we all pray that the love, peace and unity which come through the Risen Christ may pervade the work of Christ throughout the National Church in Australia.

Archdeacon
COLIN F. CUSSEN
and Bishop's Commissary,
Townsville, Qld

Never before June 24

Sir,
Middle East Christian Outreach calls for special prayer for the Middle East. "There has seldom been a time in the 120 years member bodies have served in the Middle East, when prayer was more urgently needed," MECO claims. Lebanon still suffers attacks from without and clashes within. The war in Eritrea continues.

North and South Yemen have only recently come to terms. The situation in Iran is precarious. The danger of conflicts spreading remains despite the Egyptian-Israeli peace pact. Suffering, uncertainty and material loss are the lot of many as a result.

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lands, and a just and lasting peace, is called for. Christian believers, small minorities in Middle East lands, need the prayers of those who are more fortunately placed, as they seek to maintain their stand for Christ and to witness faithfully to His saving power.

MECO is asking that a Day of Prayer for the Middle East be observed on Sunday, June 24. Meetings for prayer are being held in all States, and Church congregations are asked to pray specially on that day.

JEAN KEEN
Middle East
Christian Outreach
Chatswood, NSW

Why is it Allowed?

Sir,
What is happening that the Diocese of Sydney allows Romish innovations such as these to persist in the

Mackay Mystery

"The Appalling Silence — The Mystery of Don Mackay" by Lesley Hicks
Hodder and Stoughton, 1979
136 pp paperback

This is a book about a disturbing page of our recent history — the disappearance of Don Mackay on July 15, 1977, the events that led up to it and those that followed, and above all a frank record of the way his wife, Barbara, coped with the appalling silence and her grief after the event.

The title is aptly taken from the words of Martin Luther King — "We shall have to repent in this generation, not so much for the evil deeds of the wicked people, but for the appalling silence of the good people."

The book is a disturbing one for it highlights the seeming impotence of our present statutes to deal with those who are obviously made wealthy overnight through agricultural pursuits. It naturally invites questions about the law enforcement officers, raises again the nagging doubts of collusion in high places by the drug scene.

Above all it is a clear testimony to the ability of the living God to meet the needs of his children in adversity, and perhaps the highlight of the book records the way on New Year's Day Barbara passed the crisis point.

The story is movingly told by Lesley Hicks and is the sort of book one cannot put down until the end. Its publication is timely with the expected release of the NSW

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parishes. These are extracts from an order of service at St Jude's Church Randwick on St Simon and St Jude's day. "Prayers before Mass (for private use) ... we offer you this most holy sacrifice, in union with the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross ... We offer it to You for our sins and for those of the whole world ..."

The intercessions were not only for the sick and needy, but also for "the dead". The celebrant at "the offering of the bread" prayed "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made: it will become for us the Bread of Life."

The comment beside the section in the order of service marked "The thanksgiving and consecration" informs the congregation that this is the place in the service "Where the bread and wine, through the power of God, are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ."

The celebrant is billed "Father" as, the music was played by "The Rogue's Gallery" and in three places the word "mass" is used.

A Concerned Protestant



Commission into Drug Trafficking. The media coverage of the book's release revealed a Christian lady who is a good advertisement for the reality of the Christian faith.

Gambling Neutral

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the devoted and selfless work of those who raise money in such a way cannot be overlooked. It is a situation which is neither right nor wrong, he says.

"In other words it is morally neutral and in these activities, as in much else, we excuse ourselves and go on. This sort of fund-raising falls short of the Christian ideal and must not be the foundations on which to sustain the maintenance of our churches or our ministry."

"I find it hard to condemn entirely, provided it is occasional and in moderation. It would certainly be indefensible if it became a norm for church life."

Putting Faces to Refugees

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children calling 'Australian' and touching with their fingers. Too friendly for comfort because their hope will be tested in a few weeks, when they will struggle with the language, take jobs which Australians won't touch, search for landlords who understand the meaning of an extended family, and face a community unable to understand the trauma of their refugee flight.

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"The blackboard on the wall in the cramped office/interview room/clinic replaces the faces with statistics. There are 741 people here from Vietnam, part of Australia's annual intake of 10,500 — 85% are of Chinese origin, mostly traders and merchants."

"Most of these have been selected from the 34,000 on the island of Bidong. A three-person team spends 4 days interviewing 400 a day, sleeping at night in the office. The documents are taken to Kuala Lumpur and checked against the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee (UNHCR) list. The fortunate ones are informed, the others are told nothing."

Dr KUBLER-ROSS AND ST PAUL LIFE AFTER DEATH

by Rev Kevin Giles, Chaplain, University of Armidale

Most of us have heard of Dr Elizabeth Kubler-Ross. As a world famous authority on death and dying, her books on this subject have been widely read. She has visited Australia more than once to run seminars for medical staff, social workers and clergy and to speak at public meetings. Those of us who have read her books and heard her speak are in no doubt as to why her work has aroused so much interest.

She is a woman of tremendous compassion and insight who has the capacity to help men and women face death. It is obvious that she has come to terms both with her own mortality and with the fact that one day we must all die. In regard to our own personal attitude to death and in gaining insight into how to help the dying we can all learn so much from her.

DOES DEATH REALLY EXIST?

But there is another side to Dr Kubler-Ross' teaching on death — one which should not go unrecognised. She claims that new "scientific" evidence reveals that all people on death have a similar experience. She writes "they are fully aware of shedding their physical body. And death, as we understand it, in scientific language, does not really exist ... It is a transition into a higher state of consciousness."

Those who have had these experiences, she says, are never "afraid to die again". On death most of these people have seen a great light which is in some way comforting, and before this light, which each person interprets in terms of their own religion or lack of it, they are privileged to a review of their own life but there is no thought of punishment or special reward. There is hope for everyone, even someone like Hitler.

WHAT IS BEHIND IT ALL?

We could explain this side of Dr Kubler-Ross' work by saying that in her long years of working with the dying she has brought herself to believe what she always opens up a better world. But there is more to it than this.

Dr Kubler-Ross, Raymond Moody and several others who are preaching this new "gospel" about the universal goodness of death all admit to involvement in the occult. She writes, "From my interviews with the dying and with mediums, I would describe the other world as similar to ours" (Quoted in *Is There Life After Death?* by J. Weldon and Z. Levitt, p.82).

Again in an interview she told how when she once considered giving up her work, a dead patient "materialised" and spurred her on. Moody likewise has had much involvement in the occult world over many years and in his books he draws on *The Tibetan Book of the Dead*, a classic and potent occult volume.

When the occult influence is detected the picture suddenly becomes crystal clear. The origins of these ideas on life after death are seen not to be based on any scientific discovery but on age old spiritualism.

The ideas of a welcoming light, a universal heaven, a pleasant review of one's life and the opportunity of existence in a higher state of consciousness are all common to the occult world.

CHRISTIANS EXCLUDED

"Under the laws of the Islamic Malaysian government, international voluntary agencies, which are mainly Christian, are not permitted to work in the camp. A small group of wives of the staff members of the Australian High Commission are running English classes to try to help them prepare for life in Australia."

"Bellfield Camp is on the top of a hill and past the guards and the barbed wire fences, the tall offices and luxury hotels of the forbidden city of Kuala Lumpur can be seen. Forbidden because these people are illegal immigrants with no legal rights or permission to visit. Somewhere beyond lies Australia, the land of hope. But further beyond this dream lies the reality."

— Australian Council of Churches

ANOTHER ANSWER

In 1 Corinthians Chapter 15 Paul offers a quite different answer to those who asked about life after death (v.35). Paul says that just as in life different seeds and bodies have different degrees of "glory" so it is in the resurrection. We now have a physical body which is weak and perishable but at the resurrection we will be given a spiritual body which will be powerful and imperishable (vv.42-43).

The promise of this new life after death is offered not to all but to those who are identified with Christ. The apostle sees the world as either standing with Adam and therefore lost or standing with Christ and therefore promised resurrection-life (vv.45-49).

Thus he insists that "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God" (v.50). There is no doubt here a reflection of our Lord's words to Nicodemus when he said, "that which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6). If Nicodemus is going to become a citizen of heaven, Jesus says, he must be "born again". That is, he must begin life again in the power of the Spirit.

It is then in these closely allied ideas that the answer to death is found. Paul's implied advice is that we make sure we are identified with Christ; that is we are disciples of Jesus. In this alone there is hope: certain hope for Christ himself has risen from the dead, "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep".

While Jesus' counsel is that we seek the new birth; that we be born again by the Spirit. There is comfort in no other teaching for other answers came not from God but from the father of all lies who wants to lull us into a false security and turn our gaze away from Christ.

Dr Kubler-Ross strikes most of us who have heard her as a woman of great compassion and understanding. However her teaching on life after death shows no understanding of the Biblical teaching on the resurrection of the dead. In the long run is not compassionate for it does not point to Christ the real answer to the sting of death.

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WHAT A WORLD

Lesley Hicks

THE CRUSADE ASSESSED

After an exhilarating few weeks, I need to come down to earth. There was joy plus exhaustion for many of us who participated in the Billy Graham Crusade, and I had the added excitement of seeing the publication of "The Appalling Silence", and sharing with Barbara Mackay in the media coverage of the book's launching, publicity which largely generated itself because of the continuing high interest in the Mackay mystery and in Barbara's witness as a Christian. We are deeply grateful to God for it, and the opportunities it gave.

I shall never forget the final Crusade service. On that last Sunday afternoon, 85,000 people attended. Most arrived early. Hordes of children with their parents discovered the fun of the movers, the long moving footways giving access to the upper levels of the Queen Elizabeth stand. The crowds were orderly and cheerful, the atmosphere one of picnic, and by the time the service began, from my place in the Yellow stand, as far as I could see the racecourse appeared turfed with people.

Beyond the packed stands for the 3000 who formed the double Red and Blue choir, extra crowds lined the banks on the far side of the racetrack near the ponds, and beyond them were the serried rows of buses and cars which had brought them all.

Overlooking the whole scene were the taller buildings of Randwick and Kensington, encircling the basin in which the course is set. Above them the sunlit blue-black clouds threatening still more rain, and a magnificent rainbow, with wheeling flocks of seagulls and wind-streaming flags.

There were the familiar hymns — the whole vast crowd singing "Blessed Assurance", and "To God be the Glory", and George Beverly Shea singing "I'd Rather have Jesus than Silver or Gold"; then once again the strong voice preaching.

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Dr Billy Graham

sight of Christians are each of inestimable value in God. I was a counsellor, and talked with eight people at their moment of decision.

Some were responding for the first time to such a challenge, others renewing their commitment. Not all who went forward found an instant and radical change for good in their lives, but some did, and those who live and work with them will wonder at it.

TEST OF TIME

Time will test both the obviously transformed and

Captain Midnight

From page 1

The man working with the Captain behind the scenes is Mr Mal Garvin, possibly one of Australia's most experienced youth communicators. His aim is to gently reflect back to young Australians through music and features a vision of the complete people they can become.

Mr Garvin is committed to the view that our country, with its young people, will only glimpse a much needed sense of destiny when it comes to an understanding of the historical forces that have

those making a quiet new beginning, learning to live in love to others and to God, and at peace with themselves. Over 20,000 were counselled all told, and the churches now have the task, for which most have prepared carefully, of nurturing and

assimilating these new Christians or newly-awakened members. For participating churches, hundreds Protestant and individual Christians both Catholic and Protestant, the crusade provided a magnifi-

shaped its present vision of what is normal and has that view of normality tempered by the Biblical vision of what man should and could be.

So one can expect to hear not only the best of the music young people are wanting to hear, but also short features and specials designed to work to that end.

Sunday night's programme is designed to serve Christian young people in a way that other listeners will be encouraged to identify with the music and issues that get raised. It's called the Gospel and Gold Show. Every second record track will be contemporary gospel, the alternative track a meaningful oldie.

One outcome of the Broadcasting Tribunal's public inquiry into the renewal of television licences, has been a new awareness of the inadequacies of programming for children. Very real problems that are associated with the television viewing habits of children.

The new guidelines that were announced last week will help a little. They go only a fraction of the way they should in that the "action promotions" of adult programmes will now be banned between four and six pm.

This will partially remove one source of violence from the main viewing time of children. However, still shots will still be permissible.

Few people would argue these days that television violence has no effect on people, especially children. The recently released report on children's viewing habits reveals that 56% of Australian children watch television for more than three hours each day.

We are also told that a large number are disobeying parents' wishes by watching adult programmes later in the evening, encouraged



Myrtle Hall

cent opportunity for fellowship across denominational and traditional barriers.

Archbishop Sir Marcus Loane, at whose invitation Billy Graham came for the third time to Sydney, spoke at the final meeting of this oneness in Christ, and we all experienced it. Whatever



George Beverly Shea

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secular Sydney's verdict on the crusade might be, they cannot write Christianity off as a spent force.

Billy Graham preaches powerfully the 2000-year-old message that God was in

Christ reconciling the world to himself, and that Christians are ambassadors for Christ the King, calling on men to be reconciled to God.

Around the Randwick district, there are signs saying RACECOURSE, with arrows pointing vertically heavenwards, meaning that it is straight along the road ahead. However it's a nice piece of symbolism for Royal Randwick, which twice this year, first in January for the International Conference on the Holy Spirit, and again for the Graham Crusade, has provided a theatre for the King of Kings.

Evie Tonquist

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THIS MAN SURVIVED AMIN'S STATE RESEARCH BUREAU



At this place, an innocuous three-storey office block amid the trees of picturesque Nakasero Hill in Kampala, up to 200 Ugandans a night had been hammered to death by Amin's secret police. Rev George Lukwiya, one of the few Ugandans to survive internment at the State Research Bureau, took members of the World Vision Relief Team on a tour of this chilling place and told us his story, page 6.

"There was blood on the walls. So much of it. As if someone has spilled buckets of blood. With horror I realised I was walking in it. My torch revealed the thick stains of dry blood and human faces which flowed across the floor. This was the execution room in the basement of Idi Amin's infamous State Research Bureau," said Philip Hunt, Communications Director, World Vision of Australia, who was in Uganda recently with the first international aid agency invited to visit the country after liberation.

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EDITORIAL Mechanical Evangelism

Now that Billy Graham's 1979 Sydney Crusade is over, three post-Crusade reactions call for comment.

First is the reaction of **disappointment**. Hundreds who had prayed for the conversion of friends and family for a long time hoped that Billy Graham's visit may have been God's time for their loved ones to be saved. But it didn't happen. Many Christians feel that all their efforts in connection with the Crusade were rewarded with very little result. Some have been heard to say that whereas their churches were praying and believing and working for a certain number of converts as a result of Billy Graham's ministry, the number of new Christians fell far short of the goals they had set.

All Christians would rejoice to see a greater number of people coming to faith in Christ and entering the fellowship of the churches. But we must remember that God Himself is the sovereign Lord of salvation. He calls His people to Himself in His own time.

There is no hint in the New Testament of any Christian expecting a fixed number of converts as a result of gospel proclamation. The nearest approach was probably when the spiritless apostle Paul received special revelation that God had "many people" in Corinth (Acts 18:10). Results, but not expectations, are recorded. For some, the faithful statement of the gospel was a savour of life to life, to others a savour of death to death (2 Cor 2).

A mechanical view of evangelism is to be avoided just as resolutely as a mechanical view of the sacraments. Those who take such a view of sacraments believe that a certain combination of activities will always produce a certain spiritual result. For example, if a properly ordained clergyman follows a proper form of service for baptism, the person baptised will always, on this view, be regenerated by the Spirit of God. Transferring this approach to evangelism we could adopt an attitude that if we pray and plan and visit and advertise and preach we more or less place God under an obligation to convert a certain number of people. It may even be thought that the statistics of conversions will bear a direct ratio to the amount of work done. But such a mechanical view of divine grace sullies the majesty of God's wisdom and saving purpose. Old Testament prophets who won no converts were no less faithful than Peter who won about 3000 in a single day. Let us never lose our wonder and joy at the salvation of one individual, but remember the rejoicing of heavenly angels over one sinner who repents.

Second, there is the reaction of making **comparisons**. Little or nothing may be spoken about this, but we may be tempted to think, "My parish is more faithful and spiritual than the neighbouring one because we had 100 referrals from the Crusade and they only had 50." Head-counting of this kind is ungodly. It contradicts the truth of Christ's sovereignty in evangelism. It is invalid to assess the faithfulness and effectiveness of parishes by referrals statistics. The true criteria relate to ongoing patterns of love and prayer and Christ-centred fellowship and ministry. Be they few or many, if Crusade enquirers find these features in a congregation they should be deeply thankful to God.

The third reaction is that of **weariness**. Thousands worked, and still work, very hard indeed for the Crusade's success. And they are now very tired. They feel that they have exhausted their evangelistic energies for this year, although six months remain until it ends. Such tiredness is natural and predictable. It may even be important for many Christians deliberately to reduce their pell-mell pace of life in order to recover from their fatigue.

But evangelistic enterprise must go on. Billy Graham has left these shores but the power of the gospel of Christ is undiminished. We thank God for every person converted and otherwise helped through the ministry of Mr Graham and his team. However, as many became Christians earlier this year before the arrival of our American visitors, so now surely others will become Christians after their departure.

This is a time to thank God, without disappointment or comparisons, for all the positive benefits of the Crusade. It is a time to wait upon God and to renew our strength. Let us not slacken off or grow weary in well-doing. Let us be encouraged by the sovereign power of the God of saving mercy, and spare no effort in making Christ known to a lost world.

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WARD FOR HOMELESS



Television personality Tony Ward has made a dramatic television commercial for the Sydney City Mission to highlight the plight of the homeless during winter.

The sixty-second and thirty-second versions of the commercial graphically illustrate the fact that thousands of homeless women, men and young people roam the city lanes and alleys looking for something to eat, somewhere to sleep every night.

By contrast, the commercial shows homeless people eating a piping hot meal at Swanton Lodge, one of the Mission's Centres at Surry Hills, Sydney.

The Sydney City Mission is hoping to raise \$150,000 from its Winter Appeal to enable it to continue its widespread community services.

Financial Response at Final Meeting

In response to an appeal for an offertory of \$100,000 at the final meeting of the Billy Graham Crusade on Sunday, May 28, over \$124,000 was given. The Chairman of the Sydney Committee, Bishop Dain, said that in asking for so large an amount he was doing something he had never previously done.

He underlined the fact that Dr Graham and the team's salaries and travelling expenses were completely covered by Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of America.

Although it will be several weeks before audited statements of account are available, it is quite clear that the costs of the Sydney Crusade have been fully met. These audited statements of account will be published in the daily press.

In commenting on the amount given at the final meeting, crusade organisers said, "We thank God for the way that the faith, prayer and sacrificial giving of thousands of Christians has been honoured above all that we could have asked or thought." Crusade Office

TWO WEEK CONFERENCE THE ITIM LOOKING INTO THE 80s



Pictured left to right are: The Rev Brendan Lovett, Professor of Missiology, St Columban's Seminary Turramurra; The Rt Rev Oliver Heyward, Bishop of Bendigo; The Rev Colin Johnston, Chaplain, "The Age", Melbourne; Mr Ron Moore, Clerk of Chapel, PKIU, John Fairfax & Sons, Sydney; The Rev Dr Geoffrey Scott, Executive Secretary for Justice, The Uniting Church in South Australia; and The Rev Lawrie Styles, Chairman Federal Council of ITIM and Director ITIM (Vic). They gathered at Clyde Cameron College, Wodonga for a two week-long conference with forty-five full-time staff members of ITIM from all States of Australia and New Zealand for biblical and theological reflection, consultation, prayer, critical review and forward planning.

From Bible Society to SU



Robert Forsyth, above, who was until recently Managing Editor at the Bible Society, has moved to Scripture Union to take up the joint appointment of Organising Secretary of the SU Schools Department and of the Association of Christian Teachers. He is 47 and is a Reader and Vice-chairman of the PCC at St Jude's, Mildmay Park in North London.

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PSALTER EXPERT LECTURE

Anglicans are invited to hear Professor David Frost, co-translator of the Psalms in the New Prayer Book.

Professor David Frost, Professor of English at the University of Newcastle, will give the lecture at the next meeting of the Macquarie Ancient History Association on the topic "On Translating the Psalms", Tuesday, 12th June, 8.00 pm. Lecture Theatre WSA T2, Macquarie University.

Professor Frost formerly held a position at St John's College, Cambridge, and was requested by the Church of England to participate in the preparation of a new English version of the Psalms for liturgical use.

While the translation from Hebrew was carried out by a board of Hebrew scholars under the supervision of Professor John Emerton, Professor Frost was responsible for the English expression of the version, which was eventually published by Collins, and has been officially adopted for use in the Church of England in both England and Australia.

In Australia, the version appears in the new Prayer Book. All interested members of the Church of England are invited as guests of the association and to share in the supper which will be served following the lecture.

ENGINEER ENGINEERS HM W'GONG

The Anglican Home Mission Society has appointed a new representative for the Wollongong region.

He is Brian Bradley, a civil engineer, who lives at Figtree.

Married with four sons, Mr Bradley is an active member of St Mark's, West Wollongong.

He has been closely associated with the Wollongong Civil Rehabilitation Committee. For the last three years he has served as its President.

He has also been involved with a telephone counselling service in Wollongong.

Mr Bradley will take up his new appointment at the end of June.

EVIE'S GOLD

Evie Tornquist, top recording artist for Word Records was awarded a gold record for her album "Mirror" at a reception for the record trade and media at the Sydney Hilton on Thursday, May 10, 1979. The presentation was made by Mr Stan Moulton, Joint Managing Director of Word Records Australia.

The gold award which is accredited by the Australian Record Industry Association, represents sales in excess of 20,000 units of the "Mirror" album in Australia. This is Evie's second gold record from Australia, the first being for her album "Gentle Moments" received last July

at Denver, Colorado. She also has record industry awards overseas and has sold over one million records in the United States.

Evie's seventh album titled "Never The Same" will be released by Word Records in June. Her six previous

albums have sold over 100,000 copies in Australia and the new release is expected to receive a similar enthusiastic reception.

Evie has toured Australia three times and was here with the Billy Graham Crusade.

Word Records



Pictured with Evie Tornquist are Word Executives from left to right: Norm Moulton, Martin Jones, Stan Moulton.

A Healthy Christian is a Missionary One

To follow up the Crusade the Church Missionary Society has organised a Missionary Convention to be held in the Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday, June 27 to Saturday, June 30, at 7.45 pm nightly. It is hoped that churches will arrange for their Nurture Groups, Bible Study Groups, etc to come to the Convention meetings that week, as the Christian involvement in the outreach of the Gospel to all men is not an optional extra but a direct command of the Lord.

The main speaker will be Dr David Howard who served for fifteen years with the Latin America Mission in Colombia and Costa Rica, where he was Assistant General Director. After this he was Missions Director of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in America before accepting the position of Assistant to the President of IVE.



Dr David Howard

Dr Howard is presently on loan to the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelisation to serve as Director of the Consultation on World Evangelisation to be held in Thailand in June, 1980.

He has written a number of articles for Christianity Today, Eternity, HIS, Moody Monthly, United Evangelical Action, Evangelical Missions Quarterly, Pensamiento Cristiano, and others. He is a clear, forthright speaker.

Rev Canon Alan Cole, CMS Federal Secretary, will also be taking part in the meetings.

Other meetings will be held in St Michael's Hall, Wollongong at 7.45 pm on Friday, June 22; St Stephen's Hall, Penrith at 8 pm on Monday, June 25; as well as Seminars for clergy and full-time parish workers in St Michael's, Wollongong, 9 am to 12 noon on Saturday, June

23 and in St Andrew's House Auditorium, 9 am to 12 noon on Wednesday, June 27.

His books include The Great Commission for Today (Inter-Varsity Press, 1976); Words of Fire, Rivers of Tears (Tyndale House, 1976); By the Power of the Holy Spirit (Inter-Varsity Press, 1973); How Come, God? (A. J. Holman Company, 1972); Student Power in World Evangelism (Inter-Varsity Press, 1970); and The Costly Harvest (Tyndale House, 1975, formerly entitled Hammered as Gold).

He is the editor of Jesus Christ: Lord of the Universe, Hope of the World (Inter-Varsity Press, 1974) and Declare His Glory (Inter-Varsity Press, 1977). These volumes are compendiums of the addresses given at URBANA 73 and 76.

Dr Howard and his wife Phyllis have three sons and a daughter. They live in Bartlett, Illinois.

CARDINAL HUME FLIES TO SEE POPE ON COFFEE

Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, flew to Rome recently for a special audience with the Pope at which they will discuss, among other things, the effect on ecumenical relations of any decision by the Church of England to ordain women to the priesthood.



Brian Bradley

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