

## MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

### CANBERRA & GOULBURN

Mr F. Phillips, who is to be ordained deacon in February, 1979, will become Asst Curate, Kambah.

Mr M. Cohen, who is to be ordained deacon in February, 1979, will become Asst Curate, Moruya-Bateman's Bay.

Rev S. L. Woodbridge, became Asst Curate, St John's, Wagga Wagga from 21st December, 1978.

Rev L. H. Nairn, resigned as Chaplain of Canberra Grammar School, 31st December, 1978, to become a House Master there. He is succeeded as Chaplain by the Rev Brian Porter.

Rev I. A. Cardell Oliver, Canberra Grammar School has retired and now holds the Bishop's Authority to Officiate in the Diocese.

Rev M. E. Cockayne, was inducted as Rector of Queanbeyan on Thursday, 7th December.

### SYDNEY

Rev R. C. Lovitt, will become the Rector of St Jude's, Randwick, as from 31st January, 1979.

Rev C. G. F. Berriman, Acting Curate-in-Charge of Kangaroo Valley has accepted the appointment as Rector of Berry as from 2nd February, 1979.

Rev R. P. Muers, Curate at St Paul's, Castle Hill, has accepted the position as Curate-in-Charge of Blakehurst. No date fixed.

Rev K. P. Churchward, from the Diocese of Melbourne has accepted the appointment of Rector of Summer Hill. No date fixed.

Rev A. R. Miller, formerly the Rector of St Philip's, Auburn, died on 28th November, 1978.

Rev K. N. Grisdale, will resign from the position of Rector of Kensington on 16th January, 1979, to become the Rector of Bexley.

Rev G. B. Gerber, Rector of Drummoyle will resign on 1st March to take up an appointment as Assistant Minister in the Parish of Nowra.

Rev T. K. Dein, Director of the Church of England Youth Department has accepted the position as Rector of Yagoona.

## FIRST SERMON FROM THE SADDLE



A clergyman on horseback does not appear to impress the tiny rider sitting on the sidewalk. The minister, Rev Paul Rose, was delivering a sermon at an outdoor service for English equestrians near Hyde Park. He nervously admitted he had never sat on a horse before.

## Colin Buchanan new Principal of St John's

The Rev Colin Buchanan, has been appointed the new Principal of St John's College, Nottingham, in succession to the late Rev Robin Nixon. He has been a member of staff since 1964 and Vice-Principal for the past three years.

Mr Buchanan, 44, married with two daughters, is well-known in the Church both as a member of the General Synod and a leading authority on liturgy and ecumenism. He is a member of the General Synod's Liturgical Commission, and at present is heavily involved in the revision committees of Series 3 Communion.

His commitment to all



Colin Buchanan

things liturgical, pastoral and ecclesiastical is amply shown by the time and energy invested in his Grove Booklets enterprise.

## ENOCH POWELL'S REMARKS "HOPELESSLY OUT-DATED"

The Vatican responded swiftly recently to Mr Enoch Powell's claim that if Prince Charles married a Catholic it would "signal the beginning of the end of the British monarchy."

A Vatican official said Mr Powell was talking "utter nonsense." Such remarks, he said, were "hopelessly out-dated now that the Christian Churches are trying to draw closer together."

The official, an executive of the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity, said: "We Roman Catholics are not trying to take over England. In this day and age why should a Catholic be barred from the British throne?"

The official added: "My immediate reaction to Enoch Powell's speech is that I cannot see what sense it makes. In fact, it's utter nonsense."

"Is he really suggesting that the last bulwark of the Protestant establishment would be threatened if Prince Charles married a Catholic?"

It sounds silly to me. And, worse still, it makes nonsense of the Christian unity drive.

"Here we are, involved in serious ecumenical talks with other Churches and trying to sort out doctrinal differences and Mr Powell comes out with something like this."

"If this kind of feeling continues, as expressed by his speech, it's almost ridiculous to carry on. I get the impression that Powell is trying to stir up ill-feeling."

Lord Hailsham, former Lord Chancellor and an authority on the constitution, said recently, if necessary, he would recommend a public referendum to settle the issue of whether British laws should be changed to allow Prince Charles to marry a Roman Catholic.

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## OCF Convention

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full time staff worker because of the present needs of counselling for young Christians, and outreach to non-Christians in the Sydney area where their work has mushroomed in recent years," continued Mr Koo.

"OCF realized as never before, the need for providing some form of

theological training. Dr Cole, one of the main speakers, encouraged us to spend a year or even a term, at a theological or Bible college before we returned. He argued that Christians returning to Asia needed to be strengthened spiritually. Informed Christians were needed in every sphere."

### ASIAN NURSES

"One area of desperate need was among Asian nurses, many of whom found it a very traumatic experience dealing across culture with the issues of death, suffering and emotional depression among patients."

"In Sydney we need a Christian doctor and his wife who would give time to such a ministry among Asian nurses, and provide a home atmosphere where such issues could be sympathetically discussed."

"This area is uncatered for, and constitutes an open door for a committed Australian couple."

The main speakers at the Convention were Canon John Chapman, Director of Evangelism, Diocese of Sydney, who gave a series of addresses on the need and nature of evangelism, and Dr Alan Cole, Master of Robert Menzies College, who gave studies in 1 Peter.

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## NEED TO RESIST CALL FOR HOMOSEXUAL INFLUENCES IN STATE SCHOOLS

"I am strongly opposed to the promotion of a homosexual lifestyle by teachers in Personal Development programmes. This is an area where moral and spiritual issues cannot be avoided and where the rights of teachers are of secondary importance," said the Rev Tom Wallace, Director of Education, Diocese of Sydney.

The welfare of children should be our primary concern and in this regard parents have a right to expect that teachers will support those values which will lead to respect and true happiness in personal relationships.

For the vast majority of parents, Christian values are best accepted as providing the best foundation for their children's attitudes and behaviour.

### DISCRIMINATING

"There seems to be a concerted effort on the part of some people to convince us that discrimination is a dirty word. In some forms discrimination is obviously harmful, but in other forms it is positively essential. It is important that we

discriminate between right and wrong, truth and falsehood.

The Christian position would be that homosexual relationships are not God's purpose for us, and that young people should be helped to develop healthy relationships with members of the opposite sex. Further, it is God's purpose for most of us that we find a stable heterosexual relationship where there is love and commitment and within which children can be given



Rev Tom Wallace

the security and love which is their right," concluded Mr Wallace.

## Aggressive Moves by Homosexuals in Schools

Parents are concerned over increasing aggressive homosexual moves in the area of education and the growing pressure to legalise sodomy (buggery) by repealing the present laws which state: "Whosoever commits the abominable crime of buggery or bestiality with mankind or with any animal shall be liable to penal servitude for 14 years." (Crimes Act - Section 79 and 80.) Says the Festival of Light in a statement just released.

The Australian Teachers' Federation discussed in January 1979, support for the rights of homosexual teachers.

All three teacher unions in Victoria have positive policies in support of homosexual teachers.

The Melbourne Gay Teachers' and Students' Group has just issued a new publication for school and libraries entitled "Young, Gay and Proud" (60 pages \$1 each). It also contains a six-page guideline for teachers' use in counselling school children.

The first homosexual law programme is now heard weekly on 3CR - "by gays for gays" in Melbourne.

The Australian Gay CB Group is now openly operating on UHF and 17 MHz.

The NSW Teachers' Federation Sex Discrimination Committee has recommended:

2 (a) "Teachers with homosexual inclinations have a necessary and valid part to play in the education of staff, students and parents about human sexuality."

The "NSW Gay Teachers and Students' Group has also been formed for male homosexuals in the school system. A US pro-homosexual Combat Sexism kit is being used in schools.

The Tasmanian Parliamentary Committee has also recently recommended that homosexual acts, ie sodomy or buggery be legal between consenting adult males, because such acts between consenting females are already legal - (This is a

## WCC Reached Crisis Point Says General Secretary

The World Council of Churches has now reached a "crisis-point" in its relations with member Churches over its attitude and statements on public issues, the WCC's general secretary, Dr Philip Potter, said recently.

His comments were made in the course of his address to the Central Committee of the WCC, at its recent session at Kingston, Jamaica. A spokesman for the WCC, speaking to the *Church Times* from Kingston, said that the crisis in relationships was seen as partly, but not wholly, to do with the controversial Programme to Combat Racism.

The PCR had been stoutly defended by Dr Potter. But, in discussions about the Programme (which was one of the topics dominating the Committee meeting) strong pressure was arising from the floor for a review of the way in which the PCR was being worked.

In his address Dr Potter agreed that the Programme was supporting movements in Southern Africa which were engaged in armed struggles with "racist regimes" and in the course of which innocent people, including missionaries, were being killed.

He said that reactions to the PCR grants showed that for some Churches it was easier to tolerate the institutions and practices of the racist regimes than to understand the violent situations which had arisen.

Dr Potter suggested that during 1979 there should be a consultation to discuss how the Churches might be involved in combating racism. He also said that they should take seriously the call to work out some convictions and positions on political ethics.

The WCC's Moderator, Archbishop Ted Scott of Canada, told delegates to the meeting that the future directions of the ecumenical organisations must be in relation to the needs and life of the world and of the member Churches.

The WCC spokesman said that, in addition to the PCR question, considerable pressure was also arising from the floor - especially from the Orthodox Churches - that more emphasis should be placed on the issue of unity. It was being claimed that this had been related to the "second division".

On a more domestic point the meeting was also being dominated by the financial crisis afflicting the WCC. Because of this the Central Committee somehow has to find ways of paring its current budget by about 20 per cent.

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## REFUGEE CHILDREN HAVE TYPICAL AUSSIE COUNTRY HOLIDAY



The Anglican Home Mission Society Care Force is planning several projects throughout 1979 to help disadvantaged children as its contribution to the Year of the Child. The first project was country holidays for refugee children. (Timorese, Laotian, Cambodians, Vietnamese). Holidays - from 1 to 2 weeks in January were held for 50 children, 10-17 years in various country areas such as Armidale, Kiama, Moruya and Tumut. Picture shows HMS social worker, Ann Whight accompanied by 11 refugee children at Central Station on their way to Tumut.

## ANGLICANS SAY "NO" TO SUNDAY HOTEL TRADING

"In Australia you are not a man until you learn to drink and you learn to drive. A lethal combination which has resulted in many Australians driving themselves into road toll statistics".

This is one of the statements made in the Anglican Church's submission to the Joint Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry into Liquor Trading Hours in NSW made public recently.

The submission says that the introduction of Sunday hotel trading in Perth, 1970, strongly suggests that it had "a detrimental effect on traffic safety".

It also cites an increase in drink-driving offences in Queensland without the introduction of Sunday hotel trading in 1975/76.

The submission also argues that increasing liquor trading hours will put further pressure on family life.

"Family life," it says, "already under pressure,

could only suffer as a result of liquor trading hours being extended. Time spent with families would be in competition with time spent at the hotels, resulting in the possible eroding of the best investment parents could make in their families' welfare."

"Enough information about the adverse effects of alcohol on community health, crime, industrial and social welfare, backed up by any amount of reliable statistical information was

enough to convince most people that the further extension of liquor trading hours could only aggravate an already serious situation."

The submission requests no increase in hotel trading hours and the removal of the anomaly allowing hotel bottle shops to remain open on Sundays.

It says in conclusion that any move to extend hotel trading hours in NSW should be the subject of a referendum since successive NSW Governments have handled the question in this way.

Copies of the submission are available from the Anglican Information Office.

## DEAN SHILTON ON FESTIVAL OF SYDNEY

Speaking at the Festival of Sydney Service at St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney on Sunday, January 21 attended by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, the Lady Mayoress and the Executive Director of the Festival, Mr Stephen Hall, the Dean of Sydney, the Very Reverend Lance Shilton said:

"The Festival of Sydney is a wonderful time of celebration for the whole family. The organisers are to be commended for the wide range of enjoyment available to

people of all ages and tastes and for the use of overseas artists and local talent."

"Because of the essential identity with all that is good the Church has traditionally been a patron of the arts and particularly at Cathedrals."

"The community will suffer if the Church now by default allows the arts to be completely taken over by secular society. Spiritual compromise easily leads to ugly commercialism, jealous competitiveness and moral corruption. When the goodness of God is neglected, the badness of man easily asserts itself."

"A negative attitude towards the Arts by Christians could impoverish their own experience and damage their relationships with others."

"A negative attitude by artists towards Christianity could make their artistic expression incomplete and leave their own needs unsatisfied."

"The Christian who appreciates the arts is in a better

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# CRUSADE COUNT-DOWN 12 weeks

## A DOUBLE MIRACLE

### The story of Jack and May Griffin as told to Margaret Mulholland Cooper

I am three months older than May, but we share a common birthday — April 12, 1959 — when on a fine Sunday afternoon, the first day of the Billy Graham Crusade at Sydney Showground, we walked out hand in hand across the turf to receive Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

I attended the Crusade that first afternoon with no sense of need in my heart whatsoever. I was a successful businessman, one of four boys, brought up in a strict but non-Christian home. I grew up completely ignorant of the things of God.

After leaving school at fifteen, I worked as a motor spare parts salesman, before serving five years in the army as a commissioned officer in World War II.

When I left the army, I started my own business, manufacturing motor body parts and accessories. It was a highly successful venture and everything I touched turned to gold. We had all we could wish for, a lovely home, cars, a deep sea fishing boat and a good bank account.

But with all this there was a vacuum in my heart and life. I had no real joy or peace, satisfaction or purpose in life, other than to make money. For the sake of fellowship and friendship I joined most clubs available to me, the R.S.L., the Ski Club, the Masonic Club, the Golf Club, and many, many others. But I still could not fill that vacuum in my life.

May, whom I married in 1931, had a Christian mother who prayed for me for over thirty years. But May and her four brothers had never embraced their mother's faith. To both of us the Bible was an unknown book. But we had a Christian daughter who had been praying for us for nine years, and had persuaded us to attend church with her twice during the previous year.

People in that church had started to pray, and the Saturday afternoon before the Crusade started the pastor called, offering us "the last two free tickets" he had for the opening of the Crusade. "For free" just sort of impressed me a little, and May suggested that as we hadn't a golf appointment or any other commitment the next day, why didn't we go out then, and get the thing over and done with, and the pastor off our backs.

We went in the church bus, arrived late and were unable to sit together. I settled down to enjoy the choir singing, which to me was like a good concert. But as the voice of George Beverly Shea rang out across the Showground, testifying, "I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold," I wondered who this Jesus was, he'd rather have than silver or gold. For I was a business man, successfully making my own silver and gold, and Jesus to me was just a blasphemous word.

Billy Graham was talking about the two roads of life. He said, "What road are you on?" and he pointed directly at me. For the very first time in my life I came under conviction that here I was, a self-made, self-righteous man, but in the sight of a holy God, I was nothing better than a hellbound lost sinner, on the wide road to destruction. As I rose out of my seat to go forward and turned to indicate this to May, sitting some rows behind, I saw she too had risen. God wrought a double miracle in the Griffin household that day.

After this we went out to the whole twenty eight meetings. We couldn't wait for the church bus, so we went in our car and took neighbours and friends with us. Out of these a total of thirteen went forward to give their lives to Christ. We had a wonderful time.

Although we live within the precincts of five churches, I never remember hearing the gospel before. But the first time I heard it, it made sense to me. We had lived 47 years outside of Christ, and now we were eager to learn all we could about Him.

We attended a church Bible study specifically for new converts. But my ignorance of the Bible was so great that I had to ask where I could find John's Gospel. I continually asked questions, and I still do. So I was put into a special Sunday School class to help me. We both became very busy in the church. We became Sunday School teachers ourselves, and I was a deacon, while May became secretary of the Ladies Guild.

And there the miracle might have ended. But in 1961 Leighton Ford came to Sydney, and with him came a Navigator trained businessman, Bob Glockner. I met him through the counselling classes and we became very firm friends.

Before Bob left America, he had prayed for a band of faithful men to disciple, and for one faithful man among these, to carry on the work of reproducing disciples in Australia. He started a 5.30 a.m. prayer meeting with me and a few much younger men. I was the son of a milkman, so the early rising presented no problem to me, but it did to the others. After 3-4 weeks, I was the only one left. Bob felt I was the man he had prayed for, so he asked me if I was willing to spend time with him, sharing the basics of the Christian life. I eagerly agreed, and so Bob, fifteen years my junior, became my spiritual father. He first asked me, "How's your quiet time?" I said, "What's that?" for nobody had ever taught me how to have a quiet time. But this was the lighting of the match. Bob asked me to make a covenant with the Lord, as from the next morning — no Bible, no breakfast. That was a pretty tough covenant to make, but I have been able to keep that vow for 18 years now.

Bob taught me how to have this quiet time, how to pray and have a daily Bible reading; how to memorise scripture and how to get a grip on the scriptures by taking notes on what I heard and reviewing them, and by meditating on what I read. He also taught me how to lead another person to Christ, and how to stay beside him and help him after.

I wrote down all he taught me, went home and taught it to May. So having never spoken of the things of God together in 28 years of marriage, we now commenced

Hungry to know the Bible, we purchased children's storybooks, which I would read to May while she ironed at night. We would then look up the references in the Bible together. I had once refused to listen to my Christian daughter reading to me about Matthew the tax collector. I reckoned I had enough trouble with the taxation department as it was. Now I was eager to learn, not only about Matthew, but every other Bible character as well.

spending an hour a day together in prayer, Bible reading and scripture memorising, in addition to our personal morning quiet time. After two years in our new life we were still spiritual babes, but now we began to grow.

Bob taught me to likewise pray for one faithful man in whom I could invest my life. But it was 18 months before

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God answered my prayer and gave me one hungry hearted pastor, who has since become a full-time Navigator representative. During this time we led many to Christ, but could get no one down to real business with God.

In 1966 it was suggested to me that I commence a work among University students in Australia. I agreed, said, "Lord, You lead me to some University boys," and headed for the campus. After 7 to 8 months I got five men in whom I started to invest my life. Four of these are today full-time Navigator staff, two of them, both Ph.D.'s investing their lives for the Lord in South East Asia.

In 1973 I wound up my business, and became a full-time Navigator representative. My age and sometimes indifferent health made me hesitate, but I felt this was God's call to me and so I eventually accepted.

I was once a high pressure businessman working for myself. But now I'm equally busy investing for eternity, and May and I are co-partners in the disciple making business. We've seen many people come to Jesus and we've seen many people built up in the faith and its really been wonderful.

It is not surprising then that when Billy Graham comes to Sydney in April 1979, we, together with many we have trained, will be ready and eager to help disciple the new babes in Christ. For we know it works.

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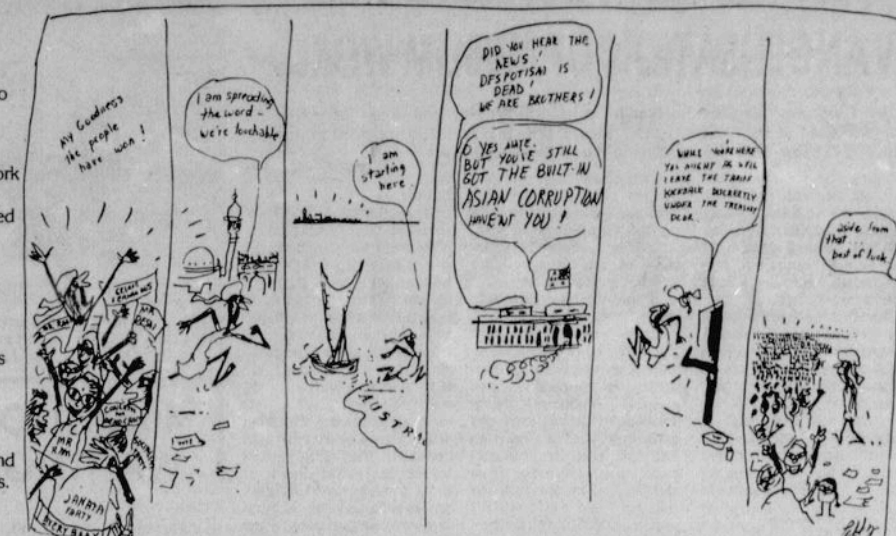
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### JOINT DIACONATE THE ANSWER?

The Bishop of Norwich, the Right Rev Maurice Wood, has called for a Third Order of Deacons, open to men and women, as a non-controversial and overdue solution to the problem of women's ministry.

Writing in the February edition of the new Norwich News Service, which feeds parish and deanery magazines, he asks PCCs and deanery synods to discuss it, together with the whole question of deeper involvement for every Christian person.

"Christian women are in the majority in our congregations. The Mothers' Union are not only tea-makers but home-makers, with their emphasis on prayer, baptism, wedding preparation and modern motherhood."

"We now have men and women churchwardens, men and women lay readers and three lay chairmen of deanery synods. And", the Bishop reveals, "Margaret, my wife, has been made president of the Church of England's Men's Society at the Prison by unanimous vote of the young prisoners whom she visits."

"Church Times".

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### NOT ONLY YOUNG NEEDED ON MISSION FIELD

Missionary societies have placed too much emphasis on recruiting young people, according to SIM Director Rob Brennan.

Opportunities abound for mature-age candidates, as was seen in the case of Ian and Marie Rendell from Wangaratta, Victoria. Their age and practical knowledge found them ready acceptance by the Ethiopian Church.

Encouraged by the effectiveness of the ministry of this Victoria couple who started their missionary career as grandparents, Sudan Interior Mission has launched a campaign to recruit "mature-age missionaries" — which means people over 45 years of age.

Examples of current jobs

which need mature-age house (South Sudan), doctor candidates are a business (Nigeria), and mechanical manager (Khartoum), maintenance officer manager for small guest (Liberia).

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## EVANGELICALS ASSESS NEGLECTED EVANGELISATION OF MUSLIM WORLD

Christian churches in North America have for too long neglected the evangelisation of the Muslim world, according to a report to be released as a study paper by the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelisation.

Citing the fact that only two per cent of the continent's overseas missionary force is involved in Christian outreach to that segment of the global population, the report calls for a far-reaching reassessment.

The document, framed at a conference of Christian leaders involved in work in Muslim lands, frankly admits Christian failings in approaches to Muslims. "Over the centuries Christians in both the West and the East have all too readily cherished and cultivated an antipathy towards Muslims and have

Christians are warned against a cultural triumphalism that equates the western way of life with eternal truth. They are reminded that some characteristics evident in Muslim society are more desirable than some western imports.

Cited are the apparent durability of family relationships, the rejection of pornography and sexual permissiveness, communal concern for widows and orphans, and growing Muslim reaction against the secularising process that is intruding from the West. The report blasts

consonant with our biblical faith.

Christians could also learn from the fervor and intensity of Muslim worship, adds the document. "How cheap and utterly superficial some of the more garish forms of our evangelical spectator religion must appear to them. The Muslim hires no religious showman to entertain him and worship vicariously on his behalf.

In spite of the withering self-criticism of the Christian record, the evangelical leaders insist that Christians have a solemn responsibility to evangelise the Muslim world. They decisively reject any dilution of that mandate.

"As evangelicals, we refuse to confine our mission to the development of better Christian-Muslim relations or to the involvement in social service on their behalf," bluntly state the Christian strategists.

The report cites instances of successful evangelistic outreach that involved sensitive Christians who were prepared to relate sympathetically to their Muslim neighbors and their culture. "They had to break with 'older' patterns in which they had been trained," adds the report.

While rejecting a slavish reliance on evangelistic methodology and techniques, the document recognises "the obligation to think strategically about the evangelisation of the Muslim world."

It recommends establishment of a central resource and research centre in the United States and development of regional centres in all major parts of the Muslim world.

## Response to Gospel Increasing in Ghana

Despite her economic struggles, this West African nation continues to respond readily to the gospel. Sudan Interior Mission has upped its missionary staff here from 11 to 21, and reports "all kinds" of new opportunities.

Maranatha (evening) Bible College in Accra, the capital, reports a record total enrolment of 170 in its two branches, most of its students being professional and business people.

Challenge Enterprises reports dramatic gains in student enrolment in the Young Searchers' League, a Bible memorisation and study programme operating in Accra schools. Current enrolment is over 7000.

A church pastored by African missionary Kantiok Tukura, sent by ECWA churches in Nigeria, marked its first anniversary last November by holding its first baptismal service, with over 25 being baptised.

Ghanaian prison chaplain Alfred Addison reports 60 conversions last year, 56 of them in Accra prisons. All of these are now enrolled in Bible correspondence courses and regular Bible studies.

Four SIM missionary couples, redeployed from Ethiopia, have entered Ghana's Northern Region to spearhead church-planting ministries among the Sissala, Brong, Builsa, and Fra-Fra people.

"We now have 21 missionaries here," explained SIM Ghana Director Charles Anderson. "This completes the quota allotted us by government. We have submitted application for a larger quota, to help us cope with the growth of our ministry here."

## THE MISSION TO SEAMEN LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP



A launch has just gone into service to enable The Missions to Seamen to visit ships in Port Said. Many ships calling at the port anchor in mid-stream so a launch is necessary to get the mission's Port Said Chaplain Bill Moxon (right) on board ships.

## 40 MILLION CHINESE JUST WAITING TO BE EVANGELISED

Evangelisation of 40 million Chinese who live outside mainland China is seen as a top priority by strategists at the Chinese Co-ordination Center of World Evangelisation in Hong Kong. "When mainland China opens to the world and to the gospel, overseas Chinese Christians will play the most important role in its evangelisation," states Dr Gail Law, director of a far-reaching research project to be launched in January, 1979.

Dr Law, a professor at the China Graduate School of Theology in Hong Kong, points out that many of the overseas Chinese have been unusually responsive to the Christian gospel. Strong churches have emerged in Asia and North America and recent evangelisation congresses in both countries have indicated a deep concern for involvement in evangelisation and mission outreach on the part of those churches.

Current news reports of an apparent relaxation and a degree of openness on mainland China have spurred Christian strategists to prepare for the day when the Christian message can be freely proclaimed in that country. Mainland China's population of one billion

represents about one-quarter of the global total.

The research programme will examine the concentrations of overseas Chinese population, their size, their receptivity to the gospel, and the role of existing Chinese churches in reaching their countrymen everywhere.

Dr Donald McGavran of the School of World Mission (Fuller Seminary, Pasadena), chief consultant, will be assisted by eight other consultants and regional co-ordinators in Asia, Europe, and North America.

The research project should be completed within two years, says Dr Law. She adds that its findings will be included in a book, to be published in Chinese and English and made available to interested Christian churches and agencies.

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## BEWARE OF THE IDOLATRY OF STATISTICS — LEIGHTON FORD

Christians should avoid "the idolatry of statistics" as they look ahead to the ultimate wrap-up of history, evangelist Leighton Ford told a consultation on future evangelical concerns held in a Kansas centre from December 11 to 14. Those projections of trends, he pointed out in his keynote address, could lead to two extremes.

The current "born again" wave, widely reported and analysed, was leading some evangelicals to make euphoric forecasts of a sweeping spiritual revival. Our dependence, Ford cautioned his fellow evangelicals, is on "the God of history and not on historical extrapolations based on spiritual ebullience."

He warned against the other extreme. "We can be paralysed into an unbiblical determinism by the trends highlighted in the media," he suggested. "We can moan at the progress of evil and decay. But it is not possible for God to break in and intervene as he has done in the past."

Ford, who is Chairman of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelisation, contended that Noah, the biblical figure who constructed the ark prior to the predicted flood, could serve as a model for contemporary Christians who recognise that God's judgement is coming on the world. They need the same faith displayed by Noah who "staked his confidence on the sheer word of God without any external evidence that a judgement was coming."

Like that biblical giant, Christians are called to the conscience of the world, watchmen who sound an alarm, and the pioneers of a radical new covenant, he maintained. He called on the church to conceive its mission in life-or-death terms. "We need to recover a new consciousness of the coming flood of judgment," he stated. "We offer salvation because it is the only life, the only escape from the flood."

At the same time, the 47-year-old Christian leader urged evangelicals to avoid the temptation to become cynics with no word of hope. "After the flood, came the world in microcosm." Both pictures were valid, Ford affirmed.

Evangelicals, in assessing their present and future mission, must devote themselves to evangelization of America's estimated 80 million unreached people and the 2.4 billion of the world's population who have never met Jesus Christ in a life-changing encounter, Ford said. In that sense, like Noah, Christians were commissioned to call people to the one ark for safety. "God saves his people out of the world before he uses them to rebuild it," he contended.

He challenged the 65 evangelical leaders meeting in implementation of the new CASA. The report states: "People matter to CASA. One way to bring about change in the lives of people is to build new roads, construct more houses, run dispensaries. It is change, certainly. But change desired and brought about by an external force. It is a power from without and therefore limited in scope and effect. Because some of the people cannot change the life of all the people unless..."

"Unless the power for change comes from within. And the change is desired and brought about by the people themselves.

"This is the other concept of change. And the premise on which the new CASA is based. It involves the teaching of new skills, the running of health programmes and many other activities. But above all, it involves the people in the progress of change."

The new direction for CASA is best described in "Turning Point", a report released in late 1976 to mark the "milestone in the thinking, planning and



Leighton Ford

rainbow," he reminded them. The tensions of the time have brought a potential polarisation in Christian circles, admitted Ford. One group stresses evangelism, seeing the church as "a lifeboat to rescue drowning souls," he suggested, and the other sees it as a "landing craft, bearing a whole new

Leighton Ford calls for caution about claims of success in Evangelism

a training academy here to couple rigorous Christian discipleship with the "born again" emphasis. In addition to being a spiritual lifeboat, "the church is called to be a sign of the kingdom in the world," Ford stated.

He called for understanding in the evangelical community. "Christians don't always move at the same speed on the same issues," he pointed out. In the ferment of the age, he warned, some were calling for a rigid separation that amounted to a virtual withdrawal from effective contact with society at large. Others advocated an accommodation that, in its extreme expression, tended to obliterate the radical nature of the Christian counter-culture.

He cautioned his fellow-evangelicals against viewing "ourselves and those we represent as the total picture of what God is doing." The

The Kansas gathering was a follow-up to one held in Atlanta, Georgia last December. Dr Hudson Armerding, president of Wheaton College and consultation chairman, indicated that, although no continuing organisation was anticipated, other future consultations might be convened to deal with pressing concerns facing evangelicals in the contemporary world.

Sixteen of the 23 plenaries will feature addresses and discussions by world-renowned authorities in the fields of science, theology and related disciplines. Seven full sessions will be devoted to reports from the nine sections into which the conference will be divided in between plenaries for intensive consultations on specific subjects.

A tenth section towards the close of the 12-day meeting is to prepare a summary statement on the implications of the findings of the conference for Christian, social and ethical thought today.

The keynote address, to be given by Dr Philip A. Potter, General Secretary of the WCC, will be on "The Global Impact of Science and Technology — the Concerns of the Ecumenical Movement."

Featured themes for plenaries include the interrelation between science, technology, culture and spirituality for the coming world society; the contribution of science and faith to human understanding; science and technology as promise and threat; and nature, humanity and God — rethinking Christian perspectives on creation.

A series of four plenaries, under the common heading "The Future of Science and Technology", will be devoted to religious and ideological perspectives. The first of these will present speakers from Islamic countries, from

## WCC to Hold Conference on Science and Religion

A major attempt to reconcile scientific progress and technological advances with religious faith and ethics will be made by 400 scientists and theologians brought together from all over the globe by the World Council of Churches. The meeting will be held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, next July 12-24.

The total number of official delegates from American Churches — including the Episcopal Church — will be only 40, thought there will be a number of accredited visitors.

Called the "World Conference on Faith, Science and the Future," the event will be the first large ecumenical conference in which scientists and theologians predominate (besides being the largest meeting sponsored by the WCC in the United States since 1954).

Approximately half the participants will be natural and physical scientists and theologians from many different disciplines, 25 percent are to be theologians, church leaders and students of Christian social ethics, and the remainder represent the social sciences, trade unions, business and politics. Most participants will be named by member churches of the WCC.

The conference programme is built around four central themes: the faith-science issue in the modern context; ethical problems arising from present and future scientific and technological developments; world resources use and distribution, including environmental concerns in economic growth and a more equitable sharing of science and technology; and the changing content of Christian thought and action in the light of the contemporary scientific and technological situation.

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The second will feature the developing countries of East Asia, including the socialist countries in that region. The third will deal with highly-industrialised, market economy societies (Japan, North America and Western Europe) and the fourth will give the perspective of highly-industrialised socialist societies (USSR and Eastern Europe).

Among other major topics to be examined will be energy for the future in the developing and developed countries, the biological revolution and its social consequences with emphasis on ethical issues as they affect genetic engineering, the economic basis of the sustainable society, science

and technology as political power and how people participate in science policy.

The Most Rev Edward W. Scott, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, who is moderator of the World Council of Churches' Central Committee, will lead a discussion on implications of technological progress for Christian social thought and action.

The moderator of the international conference will be Metropolitan Paulos Gregorius, of the Syrian Orthodox Church of South India, assisted by Professor Charles Birch, a biologist from Australia. Metropolitan Gregorius and Professor Birch are officers of the WCC's Department of Church and Society.

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## uganda refugee appeal

**Thank you for hearing the cry of Uganda's refugees**

The generous response of so many Australians from all dioceses has enabled practical assistance to be given at many points of need. Tertiary level students are receiving scholarships to continue their professional training. Many refugees have been grateful for food, clothing and shelter made possible through grants to the Archbishop of Kenya's Relief Fund. The Anglican Dioceses in Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire have been helped to maintain and expand their ministry.

Your gifts and your prayers for my people are appreciated.

*Justin Kivengere*  
Festo Kivengere Bishop of Kigezi, Uganda.

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## More healing problems

Sir, Thanks to Deaconess Hall (ACR Dec 11) for advising she has a tape of the healing sermon under discussion — I encourage people to borrow the tape and assess the message for themselves.

The Deaconess could make a further helpful contribution to this discussion. I understand she is the national chief of the Order of St Luke. Would she please tell us whether she believes in the redemption of the body, as affirmed by the Order and, if so, on what grounds.

Some people have assumed I am a newcomer to the Cathedral Healing Ministry (CHM), so perhaps I should mention that that is not so — but that's another story. Also, that I have been studying Canon Glennon's book, "Your Healing is Within You", but finding it hard going, for it seems to speak against itself. The book does not decrease my problems concerning the CHM — rather the reverse. Perhaps ACR readers can help me with some of these problems.

The CHM is based on James 5:13-16 which is regarded as an unqualified promise of healing (p 180 and cover to cover). However, Canon Glennon tells me that he allows that certain afflictions and conditions of sub-total health are not likely to be healed. In the book he allows this in the case of some advanced sicknesses — "we have to be realistic and face the facts as they are." (p33).

In these cases of non-healing James 5 seems to fall away as an unqualified promise and with it, for me, goes the whole basis of the CHM. Is it possible that James 5 can be both unqualified and qualified?

Then there is the matter of God's will. In the light of James 5, Canon Glennon disposes of the concept that it may not be God's will to heal (as p165). I notice, however, that James 4:13-17 seems to teach differently, "... you do not know about tomorrow ... you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and we shall do this or that'."

It is likely that God wants

## LETTERS

us to understand James 5 in a way different to James 4? or is it that, in the context of the whole Epistle, James 5 is to be seen as a qualified promise?

The book affirms that the CHM is akin to the healing ministry of the New Testament, indeed, a continuation of it (as pp 30-34, 180). However, evidence within the book seems to contradict this.

"Only a minority of people are healed at once. The majority of those who are healed find that their healing is progressive." (p33). Does any reader know of a NT healing that was not complete, say, within 24 hours?

The Canon's explanation for slow results is that "the church is only now in the process of recovering its ministry of healing" (p33). This seems to me to be evidence that what goes for healing at the Cathedral is not what went for healing in the NT. Is there any evidence that the NT healing ministry was a process that had to be learned over a period of time?

(Rev) Fred Hanson, Waitara.

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## VINS IS MISSING

The Baptist leader Georgi Vins has disappeared from the Siberian labour camp where he has been serving a five-year sentence, according to a report reaching the West recently.

Mr Vins, now fifty years old, was due to be released from the labour camp in March, then to begin the second half of his sentence — five years' internal exile.

A report from the East-West Information Centre says that they have just

## Let's drop the word "Catholic"

Sir, Now that the term "Catholic" is generally used to denote the Roman Catholic church, is it not time that, in order to avoid ambiguity, the word "catholic" in the creed was changed to "universal"?

The word "catholic" can then be seen to refer to those who wish to add things to the gospel. The worship of Mary, the communion bread, relics, and tradition, etc.

Just as the "sectarian" will take away from the gospel, the deity of Christ.

The rest of us should be content just to be Christians, without inverted commas.

(Rev) J. R. Browning, Nelsons Bay.

## Sydney Rector Graduates Master of Arts



At a graduation ceremony at Sydney University, on January 20, the Rev Max Corbett, Rector of St Andrew's, Wahroonga, received his Master of Arts degree.

The degree was taken in the field of English Literature and marks the culmination of a course of study commenced in 1971 when Mr and Mrs Corbett returned to Australia after a 15 year term of service in East Africa with the Church Missionary Society.

Church Times



Georgi Vins

## BAPTIST TRANSMITTING STATION OPENS IN ROME

Baptists in Rome, are set to open a radio station directed towards minority religious and language groups at the end of last month, according to a report.

The Executive Committee of the Baptist Union of Italy (UCEBI) approved the facility, to be administered through its Department of Evangelism by the Centre Battista Radio.

A 1000-watt transmitter will broadcast at 1484 kilocycles, the international common frequency for medium wave. Currently there is no other medium-wave religious radio station in Italy, the report stated.

## WCC Conference

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Preceding the main event, a conference of 70 science students will be held from July 6-11, at Wellesley College. A report of their findings will be presented to the main conference.

Organiser of the world conference is Dr Paul Abrecht, head of the WCC's Department of Church and Society.

"The Twentieth Century Pulpit" Edited by James W. Cox Abingdon, 1978 pp 301, \$13.50. Soft cover

This book is a collection of 37 outstanding sermons by preachers of note throughout the world. The contributors include such men as Karl Barth, Billy Graham, Martin Luther King, Jr, Peter Marshall, Norman Vincent Peale, W. E. Sangster, John Stott and Helmut Thielicke.

At the back of the book there is a most useful biographical sketch of each contributor, and a brief Appendix on "Guidelines for Studying a Sermon".

The editor has selected these 37 preachers to give an overview of 20th century preaching. The contributors are of diverse outlooks but have this one thing in common — they have made a significant impact on the spiritual thinking of many people. The subjects dealt with range from "Why Go to Church?" to "The Revelation of God in Human Suffering".

In a day when we need to recover the vital importance of powerful and penetrating preaching of the Word of God, a book such as this is a most timely and useful contribution.

Victor Roberts



# WHAT A WORLD!

by Lesley Hicks

## CHILDREN'S YEAR

Amid the rash of comments on children's needs, and the plethora of projects arranged for their benefit as the International Year of the Child began, I found the page of children's own comments, "What Kids Want", who said: "Children would be happier if their parents wouldn't divorce or separate so much — if they'd think about it and talk to their children first and not just go off with another lady or man."

She's put her finger on perhaps the key destroyer of children's welfare — adult selfishness. I suppose really it all comes back to sin and its destruction of human relationships.

And because of entrenched sin in man's whole tragic history, I cannot feel any great optimism that the IYC is really going to enhance the general sum of the happiness and welfare of children worldwide.

## IDEALIST'S DREAM REALISED

But perhaps here my realism borders on cynicism. In another sense, I welcome the year's emphasis with all my heart, and honour the idealism of the late Maureen Bomford, wife of the Rev

Ray Bomford of Springwood, NSW, whose idea it originally was.

Her untiring advocacy of her plan of a special year devoted to the interests of children to the heads of the United Nations finally led them to set aside 1979, the 30th anniversary of the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child, for that purpose.

In any case, I am caught up in a fallacy when I think of the sum of children's happiness, just as the "sum of human misery" is a false concept.

There is only each individual child and its well-being — its right to be loved, nurtured, fed, sheltered, educated — all the basic rights as set out in the UN Charter, plus all the other less basic but no less obvious needs we can readily think of for children we know.

Each child matters; so if the concept of the IYC means that even a few parents decide to work harder to find harmony in marriage for the sake of their children, it will have been worthwhile. If stepped-up research leads to the discovery of new ways to conquer children's diseases, one could indeed praise God for that.

And how marvellous it would be if ways could be found to ensure a fair distribution of the world's food resources, so that no child suffers malnutrition! And if some way were found to restore self-respect to the Aboriginal people of Australia so that their children could be saved from the cruelty and neglect resulting from the drunkenness of demoralised parents!

What if a terrorist were to desist from a bomb attack lest children be hurt, directly or indirectly? Or if a drug peddler were to quit because kids were being damaged as he made his pile?

## UTOPIAN DREAMS?

I'm drawn into dreams of Utopia, or rather the more solid hopes of which the Bible gives glorious glimpses, of a world where "the sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

"And the streets of the city shall be filled with boys and girls playing ... "God Himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more ..."

The real Year of the Child, the eternal one, will only come when Christ returns. Only then will its ideals be realised. Meanwhile, if we are parents, let's obey, with His enabling, the Holy Spirit's instructions for family living as given in such passages as Ephesians 5 and 6, and Colossians 3. And let's

with contempt and it seems easier for one party to break it than any other type of contract, such as hire purchase, etc.

The new unjustified respectability of modern divorce where the real facts, irresponsible behaviour or "fault" are concealed by the present Family Law Act, has encouraged prominent political and media personalities to virtually trade in the "old model" for a "new model" who presents a more favourable with image.

"The Family Law Act must be urgently reformed to eliminate this form of exploitation and give true justice to the faithful wife and children", said Mr Nile.

Community groups and Churches, etc, are urged to get their Submissions to the Select Committee.

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHT SUBMISSION TO FEDERAL JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE

The Festival of Light Legal Panel and Executive has finalised the first Submission to the newly-appointed Federal Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on the 1974 Family Law Act.

The Submission urges greater powers be given to the Family Law Court to investigate the causes of the marriage breakdown with a view to saving as many marriages as possible.

It also urges that the entire Family Law Counselling Divisions put greater emphasis on saving marriages for the benefit of all concerned especially the children.

"The Festival of Light is very concerned", said Mr Nile, "over the easy divorce syndrome that is rapidly growing in our Australian society. This was illustrated by the first resource paper produced by the NSW Women's Advisory Committee on 'How to be single?' for divorced women! Its first publication should have been 'How to save your marriage?'"

Marriage is more than a legal contract but at the moment the marriage contract is also being treated

## The Bishop Speaks Out

## ... Job Opportunities

Late last year the Australian Government announced a scheme of voluntary community service for youths receiving unemployment relief. The idea is that those willing to work will be able to demonstrate that fact and at the same time gain experience that will better equip them in the competition for available work.

I wonder, though, will it help very much? Of course, I am in favour of providing useful occupation to those unable to find work. It will, obviously, give them a sense of dignity and a feeling of doing something useful. It is true, this scheme will tend to sort out those willing to work from those who would rather not. Beyond that, I think it will only serve to increase the competition for those jobs which become available.

Bishop Ken Short

## YOUTH GROUP SELL OUT

A recently released book "Lifestyle Evangelism" is being studied by an increasing number of youth groups as a means of stimulating interest in evangelism.

This book was recommended by the Billy Graham Crusade Youth Committee and youth groups of every denomination have enthusiastically welcomed their suggestion. In fact, the book was in such demand that the original stocks quickly sold out.

The Crusade Youth Committee is urging youth groups to begin studying this book immediately with the view to getting Christian young people actually engaged in evangelism as soon as possible.

This will allow groups to give consideration to problems their members have in evangelising, and allow time for strengthening any weakness that becomes apparent.

While the book is designed to be used by small groups, it aims at stimulating individual Christians and making them more effective in their personal evangelism.

It is very encouraging to see so many youth groups enthusiastic about evangelism and it is to be hoped that this enthusiasm spreads to other youth groups who are not yet involved in any such programmes.

Copies of *Life style Evangelism* are available from the Anglican Youth Department (20642), Scripture Union and other christian bookshops.

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ARMIDALE

Mr P. Clark was ordained Deacon in St Peter's Cathedral on December 21 and will be Assistant at Narrabri.

Mr C. Gerard was ordained Deacon in St Peter's Cathedral on December 21 and will be Assistant at Glen Innes.

Mr C. Ainsworth was ordained Deacon in St Paul's West Tamworth on February 4, and will be non-stipendiary Minister at West Tamworth.

Rev R. Godden was ordained Priest in St Paul's West Tamworth on February 4, and will be non-stipendiary priest at West Tamworth.

Rev D. Carter will be ordained Priest in St Augustine's, Inverell on February 11 and will be seconded to All Saints, Parramatta as Assistant Minister for two years.

Rev H. Begbie, Assistant Minister, Narrabri is to be Minister-in-Charge, Collarenebri.

Rev M. Hull, Assistant Minister, Ashford / Delunga / Tingha is to be Minister-in-Charge of Emmaville.

SYDNEY

Rev A. Pitt-Owen has been locum tenens for several months at St Simon and St Jude, Bowral. He and Mrs Pitt-Owen now have a property at Picton. Mr Pitt-Owen was formerly rector of Haberfield and rural dean of Petersham.

Rev R. Sewell, former Curate at Darling Point is now Curate at Nowra.

NEWCASTLE

Rev Canon W. H. S. Childs, Rector of Hamilton Childs was a notable and colourful personality both within the Church and the Community of Newcastle and the Hunter Region.

## RUSSIAN CLAMP DOWN ON SECRET RADIO STATION

Three members of the registered Moscow Baptists Church have been interrogated over the past three months in connection with a secret recording studio discovered in 1977.

The studio was located in the Home of Viktor Strelnikov (aged 45); and Alexander Semchenko, a 30-year-old preacher of the Moscow church and Alexander Butylkin (aged 27) were involved in the recording of foreign Christian radio broadcasts and of Christian songs and music for circulation in the Soviet Union. The music was also intended for use in foreign radio broadcasts.

The three men accused under article 162 of the criminal code of engaging a prohibited trade. The operation was non-profit making and the three men all support themselves from regular employment, but the law does not define clearly the meaning of trade.

The point is that private individuals are prohibited

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## Commissioning of New Church Army Leader

Friday, the 9th February is the date for the commissioning of Captain Gilbert Page as the new Federal Director of the Church Army in Australia. The time: 7.30 pm; the place: St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney. Bishop A. J. Dain will officiate.

Captain Page and his family (pictured above) arrived recently from England where he has been a Church Army Officer for a number of years.

His experience as an evangelist had included Mission

God's promises are not meant to set aside His precepts, but rather are given to encourage us to do with all our hearts and might whatever He has bidden us.

— A.W.P.

## Message for Festival

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position to discriminate for himself and others and so fulfil his moral obligation. True artistic expression and moral responsibility go together.

"Entertainment has become more significant in our leisurely, affluent Australian society. The Church has a responsibility to be where the people are when they are enjoying themselves, not so much as a moral monitor but as a positive contributor to the total happiness of all, the entertainers and the entertained alike."

## FOL Call For Strong Opposition to "Gay" Campaign

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ridiculous statement in view of the obvious difference in the anatomy of males and females).

Homosexual groups have also successfully lobbied the Australian Government Employee Organisations and the Australian Social Welfare Union to adopt homosexual policies.

"Concerned parents have to face the issue of homosexuality no matter how unpleasant the task because it is going to touch every child", said Rev Fred Nile. "If the Human Relationship Commission's Recommendation was adopted it would mean homosexual teachers could teach sodomy in the school as part of the personal development or sex education courses."

As a result of these insidious pressures two valuable resource booklets have been issued by the Festival of Light to assist parents, clergy, politicians, teachers, etc.

"The Moral Implications of Homosexual Behaviour" by Dean Lance Shilton (60c each).

"Homosexuality — Its Victims and the Value of Legal Detention" by Dr Jean Benjamin (60c each).

Write to Festival of Light, PO Box A87, Sydney South, 2000 for copies for your friends and local members of parliament.

## JUSTICE AND HUNGER AT THE TUCKSHOP

The school tuckshop at Marist Brothers High School, Eastwood became the target of a "boycott" recently for the school's Year 8 students. These students have been members of the Schools Force Ten programme during 1978.

### NEW LOOK AT HUNGER

The students' "boycott" started after studying their Schools Force Ten bulletins on "Hunger". Michael, one of the students, explains: "We decided to sacrifice some of our own money. We each wrote down how much money we would intentionally not spend over a month and we sent the total in to Force Ten."

### WE ARE THE LUCKY ONES

And the effect? Matthew, another student, tells that when he was tempted to buy something at the tuckshop he had to talk himself out of it. "It made me think what we were making a sacrifice for, and how lucky we are," says Matthew.

The boycott was not only at the school tuckshop. Grant, who collects stamps,

missed a few new issues. Michael had to wait a few extra weeks to buy his new cricket ball and Steven didn't have enough money left to go to the pictures with his friends one Saturday.

### SEVEN BULLETINS EACH YEAR

The Schools Force Ten bulletin on "Hunger" was just one of seven bulletins produced last year. The 1979 bulletins which are being written by teachers will include issues on Family Life, Loneliness and Prejudice. The bulletins are written at three levels, Primary, Years 7 and 8 and Years 9 and 10. Senior years use the regular Force Ten bulletins.

If readers would like a sample of Schools Force Ten bulletins and more information about the programme write to Force Ten, Box C199, Clarence Street PO Sydney, 2000.



Michael Lee and Grant Diggins studying the Schools Force Ten bulletin on "Food and Hunger" during their boycott of the school tuckshop.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER IN MARCH

The Annual Meeting of the Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on March 2 (Friday) in over 150 countries around the world.

The service for 1979 has been prepared by African students in the Mindola Institute in Kitwe, Zambia — where about 200 students, each are trained for service in different countries throughout Africa.

The theme of the worldwide service this year is "Spiritual Growth".

Each year the number of people attending the services in Australia and throughout the world continues to increase.

The major part of the offertories in New South Wales go to support the Bible Society.

The central service in Sydney will take place in the Salvation Army Cathedral, Liverpool St, Sydney at 12 noon.

For further information contact the National Liaison Officer, Head Deaconess Mary Andrews, 8/250 Jersey Rd, Woollahra, 2025. Telephone: 32 2023.

## HELP! CHRISTIANS IN SOCIAL WORK

A conference organised by Christian students in association with the AFES (Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students) and the Social Workers' Christian Fellowship, being held at Thornleigh Conference Centre (March 9-11, 1979) has attracted widespread interest, both in Sydney and interstate.

Guest speaker is Alan Keith-Lucas, world-renowned and now retired Professor of Social Work from the University of North Carolina, USA.

He will speak on themes from his book "Giving and Taking Help" mainly.

Already it is anticipated that the conference centre will be filled and more than 200 people are expected to attend an open day on the Saturday featuring talks on Social Work views of man and models of helping as well as historical perspectives on Christian concern.

Aims of the conference include helping people in the welfare field grow and develop in their Christian

lives, to see Christ in their work as well as their work being for Christ.

Applications are still being accepted by the conference registrar: Mr D. Blythe, 43 Hazelmead Rd, Asquith, 2078.

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# "DOLE BLUDGERS"

## Denounced at Seminar

"The image of dole bludgers ripping off the tax payers sensationalized by the Media in 1975-76 did a great disservice to Australia. It obscured the real issues relating to the problem of unemployment."

This statement was made by Mrs Ann Gorman, Executive Director of Family and Children's Services Agency, Youth and Community Services at the first Seminar on Unemployment on Monday, February 12, at St Andrew's House. Over 50 people attended the two sessions organised by the Social Issues Committee of Sydney Diocese in response to a resolution passed by the recent synod.

"There is no magic solution to unemployment. All Western countries are experiencing the same problem. Labour costs are such that the demand for automation has been greatly accelerated in Australia. Originally employers paid young people a small wage. All that has changed and for Australia that change has been more rapid than in other Western countries," continued Mrs Gorman in her paper "Factors Relating to Unemployment."

"Further, Australians encouraged the intake of 2 million migrants post war to do jobs which they are not prepared to do. Many of these jobs have now been automated. Our problems are complex and long term and the use of popular phrases such as dole bludgers was psychologically damaging

especially for young people for whom there are no jobs."

### REZONING THE POOR

In the seminar discussion the following information was shared. An average of 79 applicants applied for every job in places such as Blacktown. In some other areas it was 55 for each job. The Government policy on housing has been to move the low income group out of Redfern and Surry Hills when it is easier to get jobs.

The rezoning means that low income earners are further disadvantaged because of the high cost of transport from Mt Druitt and Blacktown. Furthermore some employers are unwilling to even interview people when they learn they reside in Mt Druitt.

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The Reverend Clive Harcourt-Norton answering questions at the Seminar on Unemployment which Bishop John Reid chaired.

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## NQ OPPOSITION TO RELOCATION

Humiliating and a method of discipline.

This is how Gordonvale minister, Canon Leslie Whereat, views the moves by the North Queensland Church of England Bishop John Lewis to relocate Mackay's Holy Trinity rector, Archdeacon Gordon Guy, under a six-year-old canon.

Canon Whereat, 52, who has been attached to All Saints Gordonvale for 16 years and Rev Colin Roberts, 43, of the Church of Good Shepherd, Edge Hill, are both due to be relocated but say they will oppose any

moves for immediate transfer.

In speaking out against Bishop Lewis, Canon Whereat said he feared he may be subjected to the same humiliation as Archdeacon Guy.

"The Bishop has shown his hand by offering Archdeacon Guy an assistant curacy," he said.

This he said was a "demotion."

"It is being used to discipline him, it is humiliating."

being used for the well being of the parishes, it is being used as a tool to get rid of us.

"It makes me feel very sad. Our people in the church are very upset and see it as a fight between the Bishop and the clergy."

"This need not to have happened — it is very distressing."

"Past bishops have left situations alone when they have encountered difficulties with their clergy," Canon Whereat said.

Mr Roberts said being given a position as an assistant curate after many years in the priesthood was like being sent back to being an apprentice.

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## EDITORIAL

In the past much attention has been devoted to married women in the workforce and the social implications of this development in our society.

Christians are being forced in the light of our long term unemployment problems to face the implications of married women and unemployment.

According to a recent paper on youth unemployment published by the Confederation of Australian Industry, married women are now taking jobs that in the past had been filled by juniors.

On the other hand recent surveys carried out on married women working indicate that at least half of this workforce were there because of "economic necessity". These results have been the same for surveys undertaken by Monash University, ACTU, YWCA and the Brotherhood of Saint Laurence.

It has become a widely accepted practice in our community for a married woman with children to go to work in order to escape the drudgery of confined life in modern suburbia.

The change in the wage policy in the arbitration system to give "equal pay" to both men and women was in effect the adding of an amount to a women's wage rate that men were paid not because they were superior, but because they were the bread winners of their families. This move represented a change not only in the

annual wage bill, but also a radical departure from accepted roles of men and women.

These changes raise issues which Christians have largely failed to examine and in the main have simply gone along with. These are issues which we have preferred not to discuss for fear of offending.

Why is joining the workforce the only worthwhile alternative for a woman who is perhaps less tied down to the household activities than in early days of rearing children? For the Christian at least there are areas of ministry to others in the suburbs of evangelism, study groups, serving others who are in need. These would seem to be areas which have a strong call upon the gifts of Christian women.

Furthermore our definition of economic necessity is one which has expanded with the growing expectations of people for "the good life".

There are many cases where families may be hard pressed financially. There are also other cases where the pressure of advertising has overwhelmed families.

The desire to acquire more and more and never to be satisfied has meant that such financial commitments have created the economic necessity to work. Ten or twenty years ago many of these items would have been regarded as luxuries and not necessities.

Will our children ultimately thank us if we surround

## Married women and unemployment

them with "the good life" and they themselves become seduced by the poverty of riches in later life?

Is it just that in some homes there are two incomes and because of that there are none in other families? The non-Christian's reply of every man for himself will not fall readily from the Christian's lips.

What of the young people who for the next decade will not have jobs, if the economic forecasts are correct? What of their future and the long term effects on their way of thinking and self esteem if they are unable to obtain work?

In the depression and early post depression era of 1930's in Australia it would have been unthinkable that there were many homes where there were two bread winners and many homes where there were none. The public outcry would have been enormous. The pressure would also have been for places for young people not to be taken by others who are not compelled to work.

Have we become a less concerned and less compassionate society? Perhaps we have. Things rather than people have become the national creed when formerly "helping one's mate" was a national way of life.

The concern is have we Christians become less concerned and less compassionate for our young people and unemployed families?