

SYDNEY Rev John Holle, former secretary ABM didates secretary ABM warden of the House of Epiphany has been ointed Curate Hunter's

Hill. Rev Norman Woodhart, Rector St Georges Padding-ton since 1955 has resigned. He will be replaced by Rev Bruce Wilson, formally chaplain to University of NSW. chapl. NSW

NSW. Rev John Campbell, curate Sans Souci since 1973 has been appointed curate All Saints, Nowra. Rev Neville Bathgate, Rector St Peter's, Watsons Bay is to region from lung

Bay, is to resign from June 2nd this year.

Rev Gordon Blackwell, Rector St Saviour's Punch-bowl is to resign on June 1st to become chaplain to Glades-ville Psychiatric Hospital.

NEWCASTLE Canon Robert Beal, Rector of St Paul's Ipswich has been

Course from Christians Teaching in Schools questions brought to a focus in issues like sex education, English reading lists and parental involvement in schools. There was quite recently a departmental enquiry into a certain English Teachers use of his freedom in the classroom in which Christian teachers should have been equipped to offer constructive comment. How-ever in many areas we are see

Moore College is offering a course this year for those interested in General Educa-tion. Christian teachers today are faced more than ever before in the so called "Christian" West, with work-ing out the consequences of their faith. Some of the older church schools have been re-thinking the question "What is a Christian School"? There are new schools arising are new schools arising which are attempting from a new approach to build Christian Schools.

constructive comment. How-ever in many areas we are see-ing a growing tendency for the education system to portray Christianity as out of date or worse to portray Christianity as irrelevant and too often Christians silently allow it to happen. The Moore College course is designed to stimulate Christians to be critical of the educational scene and to find constructive suggestions for the Christian teacher by study and discussion. Alongside these there are State schools with Christians attempting to work out how their faith affects their teach-ing and what they teach. Thus many questions beside the age old ones of Science and the Christian

Thus many questions beside the age old ones of Science and the Christian faith are raising their heads, the Christian Teacher by study and discussion. The course commences Thursday 6th March, at 4.30 pm and is being run by the Rev I. R. Mears BSC, MEd, BD, an ex-High School teacher and at present a lecturer at the College. Write or phone (51 1243) the College for further details.

SEMINARS ON **EVANGELISATION**

LTANGLEDATION Two hundred people attended on the weekend of February 7 to 8 the first two seminars on evangelisation organised by Australian participants to the 1974 International Congress on World Evangelisation. At Concord Baptist Church on February 7, 70 people discussed the theology of the Gospel, mass media and secondary student evan-

Two neighbouring Sydney suburban churches whose congregations have dwindled in recent years — situated in Burwood and Croydon — amalgamated recently to become the Burwood Baptist Community Church. of the Gospel, mass media and secondary student evan-gelism. At St Paul's Chats-wood on February 8, 130 people from many parts of Sydney heard Mr Ian McDowell, Bishop John Reid and Miss Jean Raddon on various aspects of evangelis-ation. Over 150 concerned citizens attended the inaugural meeting of the West Australian branch of the Festival of Linkt in Part the Festival of Light in Perth in November.



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appointed Dean of Newcastle. He will be installed on April 21.

TASMANIA Rev I. F. Thomas, Minister-in-Charge of St Philip's, West Heidelberg, in Melbourne has been appointed Rector of the Parish of Bothwell. Rev Canon G. C. Latta, Rector of Hagley and Westbury has been appointed Rector of Parish of West Hobart.

MURRAY

A Canadian tourist was mubic demonstration by staff and students attending is ponsored by the Summer, suiture of Linguistic. The "mishap" occurred when the tourist mispro-and asked instead to buy a ger from a Thai shop. The Tublic demonstration might, attended by nearly 600, Science Theatre at the University of New South where the students of the students spoke only in the Hakka where the students is poke only in the Hakk MURRAY Rev Conrad Patterson, Rector of Loxton since 1970 has accepted appointment to the Parish of O'Halloran Hill. Rev Ken Dixon, Minister-in-Charge of Elizabeth Downs, Adelaide, has ac-cepted appointment to the Parish of Yankalilla. Rev Victor Pringle, has Rev Victor Pringle, has been appointment assistant curate in Parish of Murray Bridge.

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Women throughout the world will meet in groups in homes, churches, halls or cathedrals to participate in a World Day of Prayer, on Friday, March 7.

Tiger confusion at SIL

for World Day of Prayer

WORLD EVANGELICAL

The operation of the scheduler of the second course language of southern China. The audience re-di The audience re-dis-covered the thrill of first learning to read as Denise Potts led them through a primer with an unusual spelling system. Just when they were ready

American in Egypt served as the secretary of the Com-mittee of Egyptian women, which prepared the Service for 1975.

A central service will be held in Sydney in the Central Methodist Mission Chapel in Castlereagh Street at Ham on Friday March 7. Representatives of all

inations will take part The guest speaker will be Head Deaconess Mary Andrews, vice president of the World Federation of Deconesses and member of Deconesses and member o the World Day of Prayer

HEADMASTER

COMMISSIONED BY ARCHBISHOP

Archbishop M. L. Loane on February 9 commissioned Mr Roderick West as the Headmaster of Trinity Grammar School, Summer Hill. To a congregation of 600

To a congregation of 600 crowding the school chapel, Archbishop Loane said that he gave thought to which Scripture would be most appropriate to a new Head-master in a Church school in 1975. He chose the passage from the Acts of the Apostle where the Apostle Paul, caught in a storm on the way to Rome, called on his companions to "be of good cheer, for the angel of God appeared to me, and I believe God." Mr West, 41, married with four children, was Senior Classics Master and House at The King's School before his present appointment. He has

MA, BD and DipEd degrees

Boost for missionary

radio station Radio Station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, has been granted a new 25-year-com-tract by its host country. The cordial relations that have existed for 43

Outstanding service by HCJB to the people and the country of Ecuador were given as reasons for this liberal contract. Quito's unique middle-of-the-world location gives HCJB an effective butreach to more than 80 bercent of the earth's burface. — "New Life."

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Family Law Bill controversy Bishop, clergy attack divorce legislation -

reference to the Family Law Bill, the Anglican Bishon in

General

criticised

by **Bishop**

Robinson

said: "A divorce law should be based on justice, which includes Attorneysjustice to both parties and to the children, who are the fruit of the marriage. "The Murphy Family Law Bill ignores the question of justice and sub-stitutes concessions to the self-interest of a de-

faulting partner. "Mr Enderby's proposal for divorce by mutual consent on three months notice would further erode the stability of marriage." The Rector of St Peter's Church, East Sydney (the Rev Bernard Judd) has also faulting partner.

spoken out against Members of Federal Parliament whom he has claimed are "Playing kids' games with the institu-tion of marriage". Mr Judd said it was laugh-able and absurd to hear the new Attorney-General (Mr Kep Enderby) advocating only three months' separa-

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Churches, through its Commission on World Mission and Evangelism, is pressing ahead with a proposal to call for a moratorium on the use of missionaries to the third

It must be very confusing to the ordinary Christian to

hear that the WCC is trying to discourage missionaries, especially when he is constantly being encouraged by his minister or missionary deputationist to support the

How different was the message of the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelisation whose covenant stated: "More than 2700 million people, which is more than two thirds of mankind, have yet to be evangelised. We are ashamed that so many have been neglected; it is a standing rebuke to us and the whole church. There is now have been any neglected of the world are

now, however, in many parts of the world an unprecedented receptivity to the Lord Jesus Christ.

and para-church agencies to pray earnestly for

"We are convinced that this is the time for Churches

world

world missionary movement.

tion before divorce proceed-ings could be made operative, "You can see what he thinks of marriage, on this occasion Kep's out of step ... "The new Attorney-General is suffering from the same malady as former same malady as former Attorney-General Murphy in seeking to force his own 'trendy' image on the people of Australia,

of Australia. "The people of Australia don't want a revolving door attitude towards marriage, and indeed Australia cannot afford the disunifying effects of increased divorce which will only increase the insecurity of the nation, already gripped with infla-tion and unemployment," Mr Judd said. "Isn't it about time that the

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~~~~~~ "All family-minded people with a responsible attitude "All family-minded people with a responsible attitude towards marriage will be standing behind Mr Stewart", Mr Juddsaid. "It is ludricous to think that you can have divorce without objective tests to show whether the marriage has really broken down. "I wholeheartedly sup-port the concent of three

"Inf it about time that the Attorney-General and other members of the Govern-ment and Opposition put all their efforts and time into solving inflation and un-employment problems rather than seeking some free-and-easy divorce legisla-tion." he asked. "I commend Mr Frank Strewart's brave stand on the Family Law Bill and would en-courage him to continue no matter what pressure is brought to bear from the free-and-easy divorce people, in-side his party and outside his party.

port the concept of three tests: (a) intolerable behavi-**EDITORIAL** 

# The WCC and the Moratorium on Missions

party.

salvation of the unreached and to launch new efforts to achieve world evangelisation

The Covenant does acknowledge the need for redeployment of resources but not as a moratorium but "to release resources for unevangelised areas."

It is a deplorable lack of leadership from the WCC to evangelistic programme. It discloses on their part abysmal misunderstanding of the nature of the gospel, or as some people suspect, an outright rejection of the gospel as revealed in the New Testament.

Do these people who call for a moratorium on missions realise what is at stake? Do they realise that men or women without Christ face the certain prospect of hell? Don't they appreciate the positive contribution to the quality of life which the Gospel brings to those fortunate enough to come under its i

If they do, why propose that there be a moratorium on nary activity

> Moore College PH LA MANTE

The National Council of Churches in the USA has been asked is send an ecumenical team to Chile to determine the implications of a declaration signed by 32 church leaders supporting the ruling military junts in that country. Among those suggesting the team was the United Methodist Church, whose Latin America specialist, Dr Paul McCleary, said that the Chile declaration "leaves many questions un-answered". He was particularly per-plexed that Chilean Metho The declaration was made known at a meeting of 2500 Protestants on December 13 attended by General Pinochet, head of the Junta. (The total Protestant com-munity is about 550,000.) It was printed in the Santiago daily. "El Mercurio", on December 19. The declaration said: "The takeover by the armed forces was a response from God to the prayers of all believers who saw Marxism as the most powerful expression of evil and darkness." - "Church Times".

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**BODY 'LOW-PROFILE'** for the evangelization of the whole world." "To this end the Covenant urged 'the development of regional and functional co-operation for the further-ance of the Church's mission, for strategic planning, for mutual encouragement, and for the sharing of resources and experiences."

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coming together was our common exangelical commin ment to Biblical doctrine and duty, especially as these are defined in the Lausaner coreant.
We are grateful to God that through free and wide tranging discussion we have been led to a common mind about the next steps of what we hope will be an unfolding process.
Signatories of the Lausanne Covenant have committed themselves to pray, to plan and to work together

# **Reports of split** among Chile's Christian groups

Overseas Secretary for CMS

begins duties

The Rev Peter Dawson began duties as CMS Over-seas Secretary on February 3, the society reported. A spokesman said his appointment marked a for a spokesman said his appoint for the society as previously a system of ceitade committees operated. The new system would result in more flexibility in decision-making and a more appointed overseas. and Marie Dawson.

Peter and Marie Dawson, who have been working in Tanzania since 1959 will make their home in the Sydney suburb of Roseville. They have three children. Mr Dawson will work from the Societv's office at 93 Bathurst Street, Sydney.

# Just when they were ready for another page to practice their new skill, Miss Potts an-nounced that there was no more, because nothing else had been written yet in that

studied, and attempts are already being made to

"A Commentary on the Covenant, the Compendium containing all the Congress of six studies on evan-gelizing the world for Christ entitled 'Reaching All,' and other materials including cassettes and filmstrips have also become available. "The Continuation Com-forenant indicates, that 'the furtherance of the Church's mission' means the encourage-ment of all God's people to go out into the world as Christ was sent into the world, to give themselves for others in a spirit of sacrificial service, and that in this mission evan-gelism is primary. "More than that, within

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Dr Nilson Fanini — Latin America.
Dr Thomas Zimmer-man — North America.
Dr Leighton Ford — North America.
Bishop A. Jack Dain (chairman) — Oceania.
Rev John Stott — United Kingdom.
Dr Kenneth Chafin (finance chairman) — North America.

America.

America. • Executive Officer — when appointed. The Executive Committee will meet in Africa in August this year. Bishop Dain announced that an invitation has been issued to a Third World evan-gelical Christian leader to accept appointment as the executive officer of the Lau-sanne Continuation Com-

that have existed for 43 years between HCJB and Ecuador have been strengthened by the sign-ing of the document. The official decree carries three signatures: those of Ecuador's Presi-dent, General Guiller-mo Rodriguez Lara; the Minister of Govern-ment, Rear Admiral Alfredo Poveda Bur-bano; and that of Dr Abe Der Puy, President of. The World Radio Mis-sionary Fellowship, the

sionary Fellowship, the organisation which operates Radio Station HCJB.

Africa. • Dr Philip Teng — East Asia. • Dr Saphir Athyal-West Asia. • Dr Armin Hoppler — Europe. • Dr Nilson Fanini —

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# The Cracks are Opening

Over recent weeks the movements continually tried to supress this liberalism which was the basis of controversy over the teach-ings of the Rev Ted Noffs has attracted widespread interest and comment. progress. "The introverted, selfish evangelism that is becom-ing predominant now in the

Writers in the secular press and TV current affairs programmes, writing no doubt rom the position as commit ted Christians and informed theologians, have been quick to come to Mr Noffs defence against the terribly medieval charge that he does ot conform to the teaching of the Methodist Church

Their hysteria is particularly interesting because it reveals a fundamental cor The Methodist Church has a standard of doctrine that men wishing to work as accredited ministers have to accept. (The same is true in the Church of England with the 39 Articles.) Now the principles of that

church may be wrong, they may be right, the question is whether Mr Noffs has repudiated these teachings and still continues to operate within that church. If he has, what is wrong

with that being brought out into the open? If he has one might wonder, why he persists in working under the

umbrella of a church whose doctrinal position he rejects? Implicit in the cries of horror that anyone in the Methodist Church should question Mr Noffs' theology is the idea that other people don't have the same rights as Mr Noffs in the Methodist Church. He can, it is alleged, repudiate Methodist teach ing but nobody else has the right to defend it.

Be that as it may, the ontroversy has evoked a controversy has evoked a number of examples of the tolerant, rational, moderate tones of leading liberal churchmen which again illustrate what a priceless asset they are to the cause of ism and Christian charity.

Prof Charles Birch was reported in the Australian as saving:

"Heresy is the lifeblood of the church and the beginning of wisdom.

"I think the charge itself is quite absurd, especially as no one yet knows the exact ground of the complaint.

"There is more thinking go-ing on now than ever before, more enquiry into dogmas and creeds Christians have mouthed for so long.

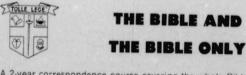
"It is absolutely tragic to y and stifle this sort of free discussion. Heretics have always been vital to the church - Jesus was a here-"Prof Birch said the funda-

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menace to the church. "This is a shocking indictment of the church, at a time when theology is far less important for Christians

western churches is the rea

A Festival of Light deputa-tion distributed an "open letter" to delegates of the Federal Labor Conference at Terrigal, NSW, on Febru-ary 5, calling for firm action against the pornographic industry and a review of the Family Law Bill. than matters of ethics, world politics and race." Prof Birch is vice-president of the WCC's Church and

The deputation, compris-ing the Rev Fred Nile (Festi-val director), Mrs Robin Beckley (Central Coast Regional organiser) and Father John Gahan (Hunter of the WCC's Church and Society dept. The Australian says he spends much of his time at Geneva and is its senior scientific advisor on food resources, population and genetics. In the light of the separation of theology and athie which he advector Valley organiser) attended a afternoon session of the co the separation of theology and ethics which he advocates one wonders what kind of advice he gives the WCC. ference.

Erence. Each delegate was given a sealed envelope containing an "open letter" requesting firm action by the confer-ence against the rapidly-grow-ing pornographic industry in Australia. The other spokesman for Liberal enlightment rushing to Mr Noffs' defence is the Rev Dudley Hyde. He wrote an article published by the Wayside Chapel which the

Rev Dudley Hyde. He wrote an article published by the Wayside Chapel which the Australian also quoted: "We ministers have seen through the absurdities, lies, contradictions and falla-cies of Methodist theology Or 40 vers. We man and the second theorem and the second theory the absurdities, lies, contradictions and falla-cies of Methodist theology We down and the second theory the absurdities, lies, contradictions and falla-cies of Methodist theology We down and theorem and theorem and theory theory We down and the second theory the absurdities, lies, contradictions and falla-cies of Methodist theology We down and theorem and theorem and theory theory We down and the second theory theory theory we down and theory theory theory we down and theory theory theory theory we down and the second theory we down and theory theory we down and the second theory we down and the second theory we down and theory theory theory we down and the second theory we down and theory theory we down and theory theory we down and the second theory we down and the second theory theory we down and the second th

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cies of Methodist theology for 40 years. "We have known for 40 years that half the stories in the Old Testament and the physical resurrection were simple not true in any sense in which the ordinary man understands the word true." tions of Australians. "However, we believe the present implementation of Section 8 Part XXII, Civic Liberties of the Federal Labor Platform has in-advertently encouraged the most exploitative non-pro-the pornographic "The pornographic

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Has the Federal Attorney-General's Depart-ment made any special arrangements with the publi-shers as implied on the cover and page 2 that the contents do not convene the laws of the Commonwealth and to give the address of the Attorney-General's Depart-ment in Canberra for further information.

information. • If the Federal Labor Party platform and policy is not intended to imply approval or protect the porno-reaching data and the first set of the set graphic industry will Federal Caucus demand firm action

the "open letter" also contained a petition signed for 125,000 Australians opposing pornography and TV violence. • Will the Federal Cauchy said. "It is time for the Labor "It is time for the Labor Government to reaffirm their original foundation policies built upon family life and Christian prin-ciples," he added. "Finally we regret the appointment of Lionel Murphy to the High Court. "His vigorous attempt to go beyond Labor policy and reshape Australia in his own image effectively cancels his suitability as an impartial judge and could bring the High Court itself into dis-repute."

A research paper by Dr John Court, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, Flinders Uni-versity. Adelaide detailing the harmful effects of porno-graphy was also enclosed. The "onen lettor" Governments? • Will the Federal Caucus instruct the Post-Master General to immediately with-draw access to all PMG Boxes-Telephones etc: by the pornographic industry? A research paper by Dr John Court, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, Filnders Uni-versity. Adelaide detailing the harmful effects of porno-graphy was also enclosed. The "open letter" contained a copy of the National FOL magazine

of Light Movement in its

and 72. Mr Nile said this week that: love and family life? Mr Nile said his organisa-tion "Congratulate the Federal Labor Cabinet in view of the above details upon their courageous decision to the controversial Lionel Murphy from the sensi-tive offices of Attorney-deneral and Minister for Customs. "We look forward in anti-fution to strong action by the new Attorney-General, Mr Enderby, to enforce the law of the Commonwealth in co-operation with State Mr Nile said this week that: "We completely agree with Senator Button's statement at the Federal Labor Confer-ence that the publication "Screw' is obscene and porno-respin

laws of the Commonwealth in co-operation with State Governments to control the flood of obscenity, porno-graphy and violence now in-vading the privacy of Australian families through printed materials, R Movies and TV.

"Light" which called for amendments to Family Law Bill, particularly Clauses 48

"The Australian people have no desire to blindly adopt harmful, degrading,

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# MORATORIUM ON USE **OF WHITE MISSIONARIES**

A "radical revision" of traditional patterns of mission work is required if Churches on all continents are to participate actively in mission.

According to a report published in the "Church Times" in London. Two possibilities for achiev-ing new patterns were affirmed by the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism of the World

called for dis called for discussions on how missionaries from Asia, Africa and Latin America could be sent to Europe and North America. On the other hand, it agreed that a moratorium on the sending of funds and person-nel by Western Churches was. "one possible way to create mature relationships of Churches in Mission."

"Disengagements"

"Disengagements" After an intensive dis-cussion on the ecumenical sharing of personnel, CWME agreed: • To invite an interna-tional team to study the experiences of Churches that have deliberately decided to initiate a moratorium

To be ready to constitute an international team, when requested to do so by a misssion board or member Church, to work out how moratorium might be put into effect.

etween regions. The more

between regions. The moratorium discus-sion, initiated at the Bang-kok Conference on Salva-tion Today (1973), was given new urgency last year at the Lusaka Assembly of the All Africa Conference of Churches. That body termed "moratorium" one way for African Churches to free the mselves from dependence on foreign money and person-nel.

They saw "disengagement" from present pattern as a way of encouragin self-reliance and self

Dr Peter Beyerhaus, a noted German theologian, who was one of the speakers at the international Congress on World Evangelization at Lausanne last July, will preach at St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, at 7 pm on Sunday, March 9. Professor Beyerhaus will be passing through Sydney follow-ing meetings in New Zealand.

**Dispute in Kenya** over hosting WCC Soon after the World Council of Churches announced its general assembly would be held in Nairobi, Kenya, next November, strife shattered the peaceful unity of many of Kenya's churches.

Anglicans and Presby-terians, are members of both

At a recent press confer-ence General Secretary John Kamau of the National Christian Council of Kenya stated that the NCCK will host the WCC meeting at Nairobi's Kenyatta Confer-ence Center, the first WCC assembly on African soil in the WCC's 26 year history. But some evangedical But some evangelical members of the NCCK, claiming they were not con-sulted, said they will protest the decision

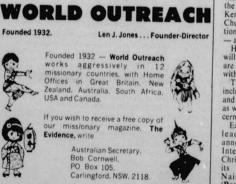
sulted, saw wey first and this is definitely not the and this definitely not the and this definitely not the and this defini

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sidering their membership in the NCCK. terians, are members of the WCC and the NCCK. They say the Kenya body must decide whether the hosting of the two-week assembly is worth the loss of member churches. It may be that the WCC the WCC and the NCCK. Conversely, many groups such as the Africa Inland Church, the Africa Gospel Church, the Southern Baptists, and their mission sponsors are NCCK members but not WCC

denominations that are also n the NCCK will have to sponsor the assembly themselves, say observe rather than as members the NCCK, which has ma

The WCC has 271 member bodies in more than 70 countries, NCCK chairman Lawi

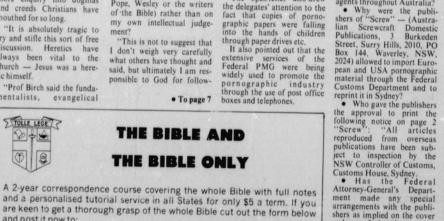


members but not WCC members. "We are apprehensive that the public will think that all members of the NCCK endorse the World Council, and this is definitely not the Case" asserted a member

NCCK chairman Lawi Imathiu, presiding bishop of the Methodist Church in Kenya, said the Catholic Church will send a delega-tion to the Nairobi gathering – another WCC first. He added that participants will also include people who are in no way connected with the church. The assembly agenda included social, political, and technological problems as well as strictly church con-cerns, he noted. Earlier, Bible Presbyterian leader Carl McIntire announced his separatist International Council of Christian Churches will hold its general assembly in Nairobi next July, – (Reprinted from "Christianity Today")

adopt narmful, degrading, overseas trends, "We also trust that the removal of Mr Murphy will lead to an immediate review of the controversial, reac-tionary Anti-Family Law Bill, II. "The Bill as indicated in the confidential Senate Bil. "The Bill as indicated in the confidential Senate committee transcripts enshrines the personal philo-sophy of Lionel Murphy con-cerning marriage. family and divore." The Bill should now be referred to an "open-enquiry" before it was fur-ther chopped about in the House of Representatives as occurred in the Senate with over 135 amendments! "The removal of Lionel Murphy now opens the way for the Australian Labor Party to review their social and moral legislation as well as administrative directives concerning Civil Marriage Cebrants, Customs Pro-cedures, Film Censorship Board and the Film Board of

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'Open letter' to delegates at conference in Terrigal

**Festival deputation** 

assails ALP on

pornography, Law Bill

climaxed the commemor-ation of 30 years' ministry by Dr W. A. Criswell at the First Dr W. A. Criswell at the First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas – the world's largest Baptist church. At the same time the 234-church Dallas Baptist Association requested its member churches to either desist from participation in the charis-matic movement or volun-tarily withdraw from the association. efforts to promote purity, love and family life?

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**Gilmore Attacks Lewis** on Senate Vacancy

The council president, The Rev Neil Gilmore, said Mr Lewis had ignored a call from the churches for "per-sonal and public integrity in national leadership".

national leadership". He attacked the NSW Gov-ernment plan to appoint a non-Labor senator to the Senate vacancy created by **Mr Murphy's** resignation to go to the High Court. Mr Gilmore's statement said the proposed action by Mr Lewis "strikes a blow at the Australian Parliamen-tary system."

It said: "This is not simply

"This cuts at the very basis, of the democratic conven-tions which are of the fibre of our national life.

"It ignores and flaunts the will of the people of NSW as expressed in the Federal election less than 12 months

Canberra — The Austra-lian Council of Churches yesterday condemned the NSW Premier, Mr Lewis, for planning to breach Parlia-mentary convention.



A sunken baptistry for observance of the rite of baptism by immersion and an 18th century marble font for christen-ing stand side by side in Emmanuel Church, Northampton, England, where leaders of three denominations participated n dedicatory services.

Anglicans, Methodists and Baptists share membership, ownership and ministry in the new church, which is located in the multi-million annual the multi-million-pound Weston Favell Centre with shopping mall, schools, community theatre and sports centre. The £130,000 cost of Emmanuel Church came

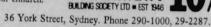


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# **Baptist, Reformed churches** meet for talks on theology

The first joint meeting in a series of theolo-gical conversations officially sponsored by the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Baptist World Alliance took place at Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzer-land last December.

Discussions for planning such a meeting between representatives of the two bodies started in 1969 the have a common concern to live out today a witness and service in the obedience of faith. "Both traditions are fully aware that this bilateral con-versation should be properly carried out in the awareness "Australian Baptist"

reported. The mandate for these con-versations was approved by executive committees of both groups and interpreted their motivation as:

"Both Baptist Reformed trad traditions recognize a common root in their history, which runs back the Reforma through period, the early Fathers of the Church, to the New Testa-

"Further relevant aspects may be noted as the wide-spread concern in many Reformed churches about the doctrine and practice of baptism (infant baptism, ment. "It is interesting to observe that historically the theology of Calvin and Zwingli has had a very great

# 'Calvin and Zwingli influence on thinking'

influence on the develop-ment of Baptist thinking since the Reformation. "It can also be noted that both traditions share a common emphasis on the normative source of Holy Scienture the general place

"It can also be noted that both traditions share a common emphasis on the normative source of Holy Scripture, the central place of the Word of God, the wit-ness to Jesus Christ as Saviness to Jesus Christ as Savi-our and Lord, the sovereignty

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the one Family of the People about the world and of God." importance of investigating a theological problem which is central to the ecclesicolo-At its first meeting the group had before it papers on "The Distinctive Elements gical question confronting the whole ecumenical move-ment on the nature and under-standing of the Church.

"The Distinctive Elements of the Baptist and Reform-ed Heritages Today" by Dr Ernest Payne of England and Dr Sandor Czegledy of Hungary and on "The Bap-tist and Reformed Perspec-tives in Understanding the Gospel" by Dr Gunter Wagner of Switzerland and Dr Karel Blei of Holland. 'Common root The joint meeting issued the following statement:

about the world and God's purpose in it through our Lord Jesus Christ that con-front all the churches in our time." In light of this common

The overall mandate recognises that these con-versations in the first in-stance are set up within the European context, without prejudice to other areas of the world. In light of this common affirmation the group adopted a plan to work for the next three years with the aim "(a) to provide our member churches with information on our present theological positions, (b) to do this in a way which helps to overcome the differences which still exist along with so much that we have in com-Baptist representatives were Dr Rudolf Thaut of Hamburg, Germany, Dr Jannes Reiling of Utrecht, Holland, Dr Ronald Gould-ing of the BWA staff in London, Dr Penrose St-Amant and Dr Gunter Wagner of the Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

The joint meeting issued the following statement: "Our discussions have been most stimulating and illuminating when we have seen these traditional 'loci' of theological reflection in the The next meeting, would be held at Cartigny, Geneva, Switzerland September 7-11 next, the report stated.

# WORLD VISION REPORTS **INCREASE IN ACTIVITIES**

World Vision of Australia and New Zealand had "advanced on all fronts with incredible momentum," Executive Director Graeme Irvine said recently.

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Reformation . . .

Mr Irvine said that during the year ended September 30, 1974, the organisation had: • Made a 58 per cent increase, to 16,422, in children snoosord

Received a 67 per cent increase in financial support, to \$2,237,393.

Conducted an outreach in five states of Australia by TV, film and mail.
 Conducted activities such as: Aborigines' con-ference, New Guinea Pastors' Conference, and activity

Conference, sponsored return tour by the Korean Children's Choir, and became involved in the Lausanne Congress.

giving was best summed up by Cambodia Medical Team Leader, Dr Penelope Key who said: 'Why do we help a single child when there are thousands needing help.

"'I must treat children or people one by one. We feel bound to do the very best we can for each individual person"." "One by one" ... not statistics, but people. That's what the work and growth represents Mr Irvine said.

"Whether it's one's own family, neighbourhood, or the whole world — people must be regarded as individuals, with special

needs and aspirations. "And make no mistake! In

"Perhaps the thought development programs behind this activity and throughout the world."

year, all administration and promotion expenses amounted to 22%. This was acutally a reduc-tion since last year, despite Australia's soaring inflation!

Calder, chairman of the

the process of this individual care, whole communities are being assisted as World Vision extends its community

Dr Alan Redpath, noted preacher, author, and con-vention speaker, who has ministered at leading churches in Britain and USA, and is now associated with the Capernwray Fellowship in England, will visit Australia briefly in April next, following Easter meetings in New Zealand. Dr Redpath has visited Australia on former Conpanerismo Christie Conpanerismo Christie La Sud-America S.A.M.S. Annual Rally FRIDAY 21st MARCH 1975, 8 P.M. The Chapter House St. Andrew's Cathedral George Street, Sydney Stephen and Judith Barrett - MISSIONARY CALL Annette McCaw - MINISTRY AMONG MATACO INDIANS Music - MICHAEL AND JANET HEMANS Seminary on film - ANGLICAN CHURCH TRAINS CHAIRMAN THE RIGHT REV. A. J. DAIN Christian Fellowship South American Style great gathering for groups -ake this a must! Bring a group from your Parish 6

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now to enable us to contri-bute significantly both to the relief of those facing starvation, and also in longer-term development projects to help make people self-supporting.

New Zealand has now become a separate World Vision office as from October 1, 1974, under Geoff Renner is Director and Mr John "As a Christian humani As a constant normalization working in crisis areas we will be grap-pling with hard problems that have no easy answers. "Our task in Australia is to

Mr Irvine said the challenges and needs were so great, "that we can pause only momentarily to look back."

"To channel the concern "It is expected that 1975 will be a crisis year for world food. "Special World Vision projects are being planned "It is expected that 1975

# SYDNEY STANDING COMMITTEE CALLS FOR BETTER DIVORCE REFORM BILL

Standing Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney — the governing body of the diocese — recently made an appeal for better divorce reform than the Family Law Bill now before Parliament. union of one man and one woman for life, and which provides for divorce where the court is satisfied on the basis of objective tests that a marriage has in fact irretrie-vably broken down."

The Committee passed a resolution which said: "The existing divorce and family laws require substantial reform and improvement. The resolution stated that Clauses 48 and 72 of the Family Law Bill were "ill-conceived in principle and mischievous in their effects

"The present law is un-necessarily cumbersome, technical and expensive. upon society. The Standing Committee resolved that, if the Family Law Bill is defeated, it wished to encourage continued effort towards responsible reform of family law in Australia.

"We encourage reform and improvement of family law which assists the preser-vation of marriage as a voluntary and exclusive

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# 'Subleties of Communist propaganda'

Sir, M. Taylor is concerned with "equality" as expressed in "one-man-one-vote" — a fallacy in many countries especially in Africa (Record -6.2.75). In his criticism of D. B. Knox's oricide "What the

Knox's article "What the Bible says about Racism" he asks: "Would your colum-nist please explain how it is that inequality in the vote is not unjust?"

I think M. Taylor does not communist propaganda and how certain words are loaded to create a guilt feeling in people, such as the much-abused word of "racism". However, he is anxious to check with the Bible and I check with the Bible and I would suggest he does not distort the whole revelation by a few half-baked ideas of what Scripture really says. In today's climate it would no doubt shock him to read "that the Lord doth put a difference between the Feyntians and Lerael"

"that the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel," (Exodus 11:7) yet God's whole method of choosing is not by one-man-one-vote but by Divine selection for His own special purposes. Never has truth been so distorted as today. It seems hardly necessary to point out that democratic processes did pot prevail in the biblical era of either the pervading commonsense of the search of the sear by Divine selection for His own special purposes. Never has truth been so distorted as today. It is therefore a constant joy to me to turn from the sound commonsense of the Bible. No nonsense about God's way to win the world. in the voting system. It seems hardly necessary to point out that democratic processes did not prevail in the biblical era of either the Bible. No nonsense about God's way to win the world.

Despite those problems, it was evident that southern Africa was wide open to the Gospel and that results were being achieved through the ministry of staff workers and their associates, the mission said in a recent report. The Southern Field of the AEF encompasses the

THANKS!

in Darwin

The Most Rev M. L. Loane,

wishes to thank all those who

He makes it plain it is a spiritual (ie ideological) war-fare against the forces that would destroy Christianity, but to limit His work to a musty building under a stained glass window is to independent of the explored the ex Equality in Christ is a very different matter from

different matter from equality in rulership of this world and if we allow our-selves to fall for communist selves to fall for communist propaganda in Africa or nearer home, we shall soon be suffering under the greatest atheistic power which ever existed. I support D. B. Knox because he realises the full significance of the ideologi-cal war raging in the world today.

today (MRS) P. CREASEY Clontarf Beach, Qld

Democracy versus degrees of equality

**Christian outreach** 

extends in Africa

ciple of inequality in God's order a natural and funda-mental one, without which there could be no true and honest relationship be-tween individuals. Of necessity such truth should carry through to the field of Government and the voting system.

Of necessity such truth should carry through to the field of Government and the voting system.
(1) God does not operate on any basis of equality. "I am the Lord thy God .... Thou shalt have no other Gods but me." Exodus 20:2.3. He has never allowed a democratic vote on His restrict the system in the invelop of God, but unequal in the ther relationships to one another.
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In the parable of the talents In the parable of the talents there were great inequalities between the servants them-selves, "to every man accord-ing to his several abilities." Matt 25:15. One could go on, but it seems obvious that if earthly institutions are to follow God's pattern there should be a voting system based upon

a voting system based upon degrees of ability and responsibility — as there was in more Christian times!

Equality of voting is a denial of natural law and must result in chaos, as we are now witnessing.

EDWARD ROCK Greenborough, Vic

The Africa Evangelical Fellowship has referred to "problems in some areas, resulting from staff shortages, friction among church members and endeavours to related mission goals to the ever-increasing selffreliance of the indigenous people"

The broad scope and outreach of The Africa Evangelical Fellowship were high fragments and hash occurs at the mission's recent Southern Fields Conference. The conference was held in subscender. The reports referred to problems in some areas, shortages, friction among favorages, friction among endreases, friction among self-reliance of indigenous selfical Churches in the nedwavours to relate mission is recent developelies. Despite those problems, the were, outreach and the self of the self of

Pastor Paul Charles and his wife, Bessie. Pastor Charles, who was completed two years of study at the Johannesburg Bible Institute and then did

Literacy classes were being held and there was a regular flow of people becoming literate. Although the original plan was to enrol church members only, there had been such a demand from those outside the church that plans were in hand to open the classes to all

outreach

AEF missionary Mr A. G. AEF missionary Mr A. G. Leonard commented in a report that literacy work could become the full-time work of interested teachers, if any were available. Colportage was expanding and more Bibles, books and tracts were distributed in

However, outreach continued and new churches were being established in several areas.

gave so generously to assist the cyclone-stricken people of Darwin through the Arch-bishop of Sydney's Darwin Disaster Fund. tracts were distributed in 1974 than in the previous

In Zululand, two more church sites had been granted and outreach continued among the African, Indian and white population.

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The amount of money put on the Sunday collection late is lagging behind infla-a church, according to a usur. The Newcastle usur, the Newcastle us

ministers were now asking families to give \$2 or more a week

Disaster Fund. Over \$80,000 has now been donated to the Fund, which has been distributed through such organisations as the Church Missionary Society, the National Home Mission Fund and through Dr E. K. Cole and Bishop K. Mason church to cut down on expen

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And write population. An Australian couple, Mr and Mrs Allan Daddow, were now on their way to Mselini to work in the children's how run by the AEF. The home write items like building social work programs. Newcastle director of com-



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your borders and explain, if you know what might happen in the services and why it happens. But please do not send

them elsewhere without allowing them to make up their own mind.

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gospel.

J. H. FRASER Wagga, NSW

Complain to teachers

Sir, May I suggest another, and better, course of action than that outlined by the "con-cerned anonymous head-mistress" (6.2.75). If you, as a memory descent the second son with that which I knew in Sydney. Before being transferred many folk urged met oa attend the Baptists or any other denomination than my own and indeed in this tertiary. There is a culture shock entering into the fellowship of a church that may have not had the benefit of bible basis that I had in Sydney. However there are committed Christians in the churches and if their sydney churches, where is the patience and gentleness that

Sydney churches, where is the patience and gentleness that Paul writes to Timothy. Will you Sydney people prepare you members for the Anglican church outside

ence Bible Studies, Christian Radio Fellowship, Africa Christian Literature Advance, Theological Education by Extension (TEE) and RI work in a number of secondary and high schools. Full-time workers in these various AFF activities came

Full-time workers in these various AEF activities came from Australia, Britain, Canada, the United States and South Africa. The International Secre-tary of the AEF, with head-quarters in London is the

quarters in London, is the Rev Arthur Deane, formerly Principal of the Sydney Missionary and Bible College.



munications, Canon E. Barker, said that inflation had already caused the closure of some parishes in NSW.

But it had not yet caused any of the parishes in that diocese to close, he said.

"We can't put up our prices or charges, it's a voluntary thing," Rev E. R. Glover, property secretary of the NSW Methodist Church, said. "We are affected by infla-

diocese to close, he said. Canon Barker said parishioners had caught up ton some of the disparity be-tween inflation and dona-tions in a special campaign diaunched throughout the diocess last year.

children or absurdities such as the "rum ball issue" (how could anyone be a Christian and eat rum balls?). If parents sensibly talk over these complaints with the teacher, often each party is able to see the other point of view and some sort of reason-able compromise can be view and some sort of rea able compromise can reached. Who knows might even be able to explain to the teacher what you believe and why you believe it, and surely that is a believe congregation. might even be able to explain The Lord often uses the frailest of folk for His instru-ments in proclaiming His all about.

G. R. HILLIER

Inequality

Sir. Concerning the letter headed "Inequality of vote not unjust" which appeared in your edition dated the swent-eth of February. In his letter, dated the sixth of February. M. Taylor asked D. B. Knox for an explanation of how it is "that inequality of vote is not unjust"; not for a discussion on "whether a government is a just one".

Undoubtedly, many readers would agree with Mr Knox that the way a govern-ment treats its citizens deter-mines the justification for its but that has littl wance to the question "inequalities of vote".

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SCRIPTURE UNION AT ROYAL EASTER SHOW

 1975 Royal Easter in Sydney will have as of its more unique its, a stand in the Manu-rers' Hall for Scripture i (NSW).
 ats year's stimula-Jungle Doctor Safari itons with interested show Show in Sydney will have as one of its more unique exhibits, a stand in the Manu-facturers' Hall for Scripture Union (NSW). Union (NSW), Like last year's stimula-ting Jungle Doctor Safari exhibition, the 1975 pro-gramme is directed speci-fically towards children and

goers. NORM BENNETT, Gen-eral Secretary of SU (NSW) said that the organisation behind the exhibition is exten-Designed in the shape of a cripture Union Branch behind the exhibition is exten-sive. He said, "This year we are calling on many more in-terested people to help build the exhibition, staff it and contribute to the costs. Beach Mission workers are already sharing quite considerably". "CSSM Beach Missions have proved highly success-ful in communicating Bibli-cal truths to children and teenagers". Mission marquee, the out-reach effort retains the ini-tials "CSSM" — for Children's Sydney Show Mis-

A large team of volunteers will build, equip and staff the exhibition. During the day, teams of specially trained children's workers (many from Beach Mission teams) will present puppet shows, screen audio-visuals depicting the import-ance of systematic Bible teenagers". "The 1975 Easter Show outreach will use many Beach Mission techniques as

well as draw upon the skills

Bible Letters From page 5 study

The expressions, "political power", "political equality" and "equality of vote" con-cern only the form of govern-ment known as "Democlasses cracy". These expressions have no meaning in the context of the "Monarchial System", so

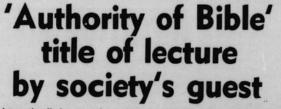
Archdeacon Donald ameron will conduct a series a four bible studies in ydney's western suburbs aring March. why does Mr Knox make the comparison. The fact that "equality of vote has not existed in England for more than fifty years" is no reason for justi-buing the inequality. This will be his last teach-ng mission before he

The studies will be on the "Signs and Sayings of Jesus". Four churches of Peter-sham Rural Deanery will be hosts on successive Wednes-day nights. fying that inequality. You must look at the problem of inequality on its own, without recourse to outside situations and if Mr Knox can accomplish that objective outlook, I am sure that he will arrive at the conyou ca y sort of

day nights. The archdeacon will speak at Summer Hill on March 5 (Jesus: the Bread of Life); Haberfield on March 12 (Jesus: Light of the World); Petersham on March 19 (Jesus: Resurrection and Life); Ashbury on March 26 (Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life and the Living Vine). clusion that y justify any "inequality". SIMON STAINES Eastwood, NSW

It is no small matter to stand up in the face of a congregation and to deliver a message of salvation or damnation, as from the Albert Pitt-Owen) has been encouraging ministers in his deanery to bring a large number of parishioners to from living God, in the n Redeemer. —

- Richard



An internationally-known author and orator would deliver the second annual Olivier Beguin Memorial Lecture for the Bible Society in Australia, a society spokesman said this week.

No lack of students for **GFS** leader

The lecture will be given in Melbourne on April 7 and will be repeated in Canberra and Brisbane the following two nights.

He taught Latin, Greek, Ancient and Biblical History for 42 years.

The organisation caters for girls aged 7 to 15 years and leaders are from 18 years The lecture series is a oute to the late Dr O



of specialist people and groups, cg Owen Shelley, our own Children's Missioner, artist Graham Wade, Har-vest Theatre and musical this kind of market-place or specialist people and this kind of market-place groups, eg Owen Shelley, our compeliation because of the own Children's Missioner, splendid opportunities it yrest Theatre and musical groups''. Mr Bennett concluded by stressing the potential of

African reminder of when Christmas banned in England

inhabitants, eight million are Catholics, two million are Protestants, and several million are and several million are Kimbanguists (members of an independent African church), and many of these are expected to observe the day privately and at night or early-morning services.

or early-morning services. Dr I. B. Bokeleale, head of the Church of Christ in Zaire, the Protestant church council, supports Mobuto. The date was taken from a pagan celebra-tion anyway, he says, adding that the CCZ will meet in February pick our own day".

Clerical judgement on Bunyan, Baxter "John Bunyan, the Immortal

"John Bunyan, the Immortal Dreamer" by W. Burgess McCreary Published by Reiner Publica-tions... and "The Reformed Pastor" by Richard Baxter Published by The Banner of Truth Trust

Trun Trust These two books are reprints from the same period. The temptations and ten-sions which are assaulting both young and old Christians today may be different than they were in the 17th century, but what John Bunyan had to say in "Pilgrim's Progress" then, has been of great help through the years to count-tes numbers of Christians. The Immortal Dreamer" wild do a lot to help young people understand, and Th hope, encourage them to read, if they have not done so, that valuable Christian classic. I using every opportunity to plan my time, my life so that God may work through me?

classic. For all those who only know John Bunyan through "Pilgrim's Progress", this book will introduce you to many of his other works and enable you to know this great man more intimately. Very easy reading.

Schaefer against Liberalism

God may work through me? "A graceless, inexperi-enced preacher is one of the most unhappy creatures upon earth; and yet he is ordinarily very insensible of his unhappiness." It is repetitive in some cases but only because we need to be reminded of our calling — "to see God in his creatures and to love him and converse with him." Baxter aims at helping the minister to give all glory to minister to give all glory to God. Sometimes rather strongly from our present day think-

seminaries teach the pastors," he said. Asked if he saw any traces of Neo-Orthodoxy, of which he said liberalism was a part, in Southern Baptist semin-aries, Schaeffer replied: "I think so, but I don't know. I'm not that familiar with those in the States." He said later in an interview that he believed Southern Baptists could overcome the liber-alism issue if they didn't refuse to raise the issues. When asked to define liber-

Richard Baxter was a different kind of man and wrote in a different style. His message is relevant for today ing, "Divinity must be the beginning, the middle, the end, the life, the all, of their today. This book should be a must

"As every Christian liveh to the glory of God, as his end, so will he gladly take that course which will most effectually promote it." Some suggestions may not be for our times but the spirit of this book will help to achieve "the increase of the purity and the unity of his churches," which every servant of Christ aims at. This book should be a must for every minister of the Gospel and those who are considering the ministry would do well to study it first. Baxter preached Christ not only from the pulpit but in his life. This book asks: 1. Do I believe this Gospel? 2. If so, what about the necessity of conversion? 3. What about my own personal life? 4. Am I using every opportunity to

Tribunal on

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Stan Colefax

Dr Powers, no doubt like many others, does not like the Tribunal's findings, and, jumping to the conclusion that those findings are based on a particular interpreta-tion of Matthew 19:9, he offers seven reasons fo thinking that this interpreta tion in untenable he acknowledges that great many Christians including scholars of the highest repute, hold view along the lines of those from which I differ". the

"Remarriage After Divorce" A Brief Study from a Christian Perspective-in the Light of the Ruling of the Appellate Tribunal Dr Powers takes limited a view of Tribunal's Answers.

BOOKS

"Does the Bible give truth downward from God — or is it the feeling of man upward during his own time and "historical nature of the first half of the book of Genesis." "This time the debate will be among those claiming the Evangelical name. Before it

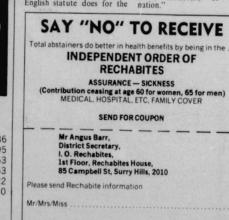
culture." Evangelical name. Before it Schaeffer said he sees evangelical ism moving particularly toward a focused debate on the said. — Australia Baptist

NEED FOR DIVORCE LAW REFORM RECOGNISED BY ARCHBISHOP

"for the clarity of the word and mismi issue if they undit to for dod without terror every-where it speaks," Schaeffer said in one of three addresses. "I believe you stand in a place of historic response." He urged the Evangelism — of which he con-siders Neo-Othodoxy a part — Schaeffer said, "The every due to the belives the Bible gives as factual truth issue is if one belives the Bible gives as factual truth Bible grew up as a cultural expression of the writer's day. must be interested in what the set interest interested in what the set interest interested in what the set interest inter

disciplining committee will be very interesting. It is hard to escape the "It is

"It is argued that this will allow for a more decent and ignified dissolution of a marriage that has failed and marriage that has failed and twill obviate the suffering or collusion or scandal that is frequently involved under the present law. And it is often implied that this is a natural extension of the principle, which has now been embodied in the law in England.
 "Howaver it does not take sufficiently into account the enormous suffering or injury that is often incurred by one party in a divorce. Nor does it provide as the England.



He is Professor E. M. Blaiklock, Emeritus Professor of Classics at the University of Auckland. His subject will be "The Authority and Relevance of the Bible in the Modern World."

The new director for the Girls' Friendly Society (GFS) in the Sydney Anglican Diocese (Miss Robyn Hdskins), is a former science teacher with a Bachelor of Science degree — majoring in zoology and psychology — from Sydney University. She has been a member of the GFS Council and Execu-tive for many vears. Professor Blaiklock held the Chair of classics at the University of Auckland for 21 years.

GFS is a character-building group similar to the Girl Guides, which has some Professor Blaiklock is president of the New Zea-land College of the Bible and president of the Scripture Union of New Zealand. Guides, which has some 50,000 branches throughout

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Beguin, a Swiss school-teacher, who, as General Secretary of the United Bible Societies from 1949 until his death in 1972, helped untie the scattered Bible Societies into a closely inte-grated, economically conducted world movement. Professor Blaiklock will deliver the lecture at Camber-well Civic Theatre, Melbourne, at 8 pm on April imited vacancies for ne delbourne, at 8 pm on April ; at St Mark's Institute of Write or telephone for more information. Theology, Canberra, at 8 pm on April 8; and at the Henry Abel Smith Lecture Theatre, University of Queensland, at 7.45 pm on April 9. 511 KENT STREET SYDNEY, 2000 TELEPHONE: 61 6491

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WASHINGTON — Francis Schaeffer, an internation-ally known evangelical conservative, recently declared that "standing against liberalism is part of sharing the holiness of God and the love of God." He was praying that Southern Baptists would "do some-ting about it," a report said. "I would urge you to take "I would urge you to take the lead" in taking a stand "for the clarity of the Word



Notes and Comments ing my own God-given reason With these kinds of friends

coming to Mr Noff's aid, the hearings of the eight man The Rev R. G. D. and Mrs Strong celebrate their gol-den wedding on 22nd March. They will be pleased to see any friends on that day between 11.30 and 4.30. 10 Cook Road, Oyster Bay Telephone: 528 8679

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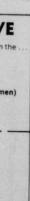


by B. Ward Powers Jordon Books, Beverley Hills, 1974, 40 pages 90 cents



necessity for the Court to establish the fact that an irre-trievable breakdown has taken place on the basis of one of five stipulated sets of facts which must be proved by the petitioner.

facts which the by the petitioner. "These are (1) adultery (2) (3) desermisbehaviour (3) deser-tion for a continuous period of two years (4) separation for a continuous period of two years and the consent of the respondent to a divorce (5) and the living apart of the parties to a marriage for a continuous period of at least five years.



There is more to it than an terpretation of Matthew 10.0

The Tribunal did not indi The Iribunal did not indi-cate the full extent of the liberty allowed by the Pro-visional Canon, and it is a pity that Dr Powers did not include the relevant parts of the Canon in his appendices.

Whatever is to be said for his views on marriage and divorce — and this reviewer has some serious disagree-ments with them, as with the majority opinion in the Report of the Sydney Com-Report of the Sydney Com-mittee on Marriage and Divorce — it would be better to wait and consider them in the larger book on the subject by Dr Powers that we are promised than to evaluate them in a rather lop-sided relation to the Answers of the Appellate Tribunal.

D. W. B. Robinson

Some views on the subject of 'man'

"Man" by Jürgen Moltmann The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, London, Price UK £2.50 cloth, £1.50 paperback

Professor Moltmann has held a theological chair at Tubingen since 1967, and his book "Man" reflects that theological background.

However, the book is not a heavy treatise and is written in a lucid and interesting style that should stimulate the average reader reflecting about the problem of Man.

about the problem of Man. He begins by showing such a problem confronts people in quite ordinary circum-stances and then shows that the answer will take different forms, according to the con-text in which the question is raised.

raised. Several comparisons are usefully explored: with the animals, with other men, and with the divine, before con-

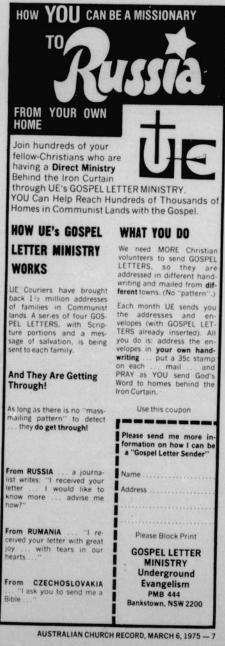
with the divine, before con-centrating on the compari-son that produces the "Christian view". This view contrasts with the earlier comparisons in that it arises "at a point at which man in his life is charged with something impossible by the call of God". P 16. It is in its assertion of what the Christian view of man is that the book is weakest. Heavily influenced by an

that the book is weakest. Heavily influenced by an existential philosophy, the book though claiming to oppose the setting up of Man on a pedestal nevertheless does just that by redefining Christianity with man-centred definitions. As a result Christ becomes a tool to self-realisation, more than the Lord before whom man must bow, and

whom man must bow, and the Christian "hope" is reduced to a motivation for maximising one's potenti alities

In short, this 117-page In short, this 117-page paperback is stimulating and worth reading for its insights and examination of man in society, but dis-appointing in what it claims is the "Christian view" of man.

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Mr Noel Robert Samuel Eve, who will continue his studies in St John's College,

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ord. The following were

NEWCASTLE G. W. Barnier, Assist-

ant Minister, Parish of Charlestown to be Minister-in-Charge, Experimental n-Charge, Experimental astoral Area of Gateshead. Rev C. W. Brown, Assistant Minister (part-time) Parish of Merewether Rector of Brisbane Rev G. J. Coad, Rector of harlestown to be Rector of

Mayfield. **Rev C. L. Ford,** Assistant Minister, Parish of Single-ton to be Rector of Kendall. **Rev M. D. Fowell,** Director of Dept of Social Concern to be Rector of Charlestown. **Rev T. G. Frewin**, Deacon **Assistant.** Parish of Taree to Assistant. Parish of Taree to

The following were Priested: The Rev Bruce James McAteer, who will become Assistant Minister in the Parish of Taree. The Revd Graham McLeod, who will become Assistant minister in the Parish of Toronto, where he has been Assistant Deacon. Assistant, Parish of Taree to be Assistant Deacon, Parish

Rev C. J. N. Gundry, Rector of Mount Vincent to be Rector of North Lake MELBOURNE Rev A. S. Hoskin, formally of the Northern Territory has taken charge of the new parish Lang Warrin from 20th Edware

Macquarie. Rev N. C. Hamonet, Assist-ant Minister, Parish of Waratah to be full-time Hospital Chaplain in Newparish Lang Warrin from 20th February. Rev H. K. Browne, of St Peter's Bundoora will be-come vicar at St Michael and All Angels' Bennettswood

Auspress castle. **Rev R. P. Howell**, Assist-ant Minister, Parish of May-field to be Assistant Priest, Parish of Wallsend.

come vicar at St Michaei and All Angels' Benettswood from 3rd April. Rev G. E. Beaumont, incumbent of St Francis in the Field, Mooroolbark, has been appointed to the Incumbency at Arma-dale/Hawkesburn from 13th Echmary Parish of Wallsend. Rev K. C. Jones, Rector of Coopernook to be Minister-in-Charge, Provisional Dis-trict of South Lakes. Rev B. E. Muller, Assist-ant Minister, Parish of Cess-nock to be Assistant Priest, Parish of Mayfield. February. Rev W. D. Singleton, died

Parish of Mayfield. Rev R. B. Newell, Rector of North Lake Macquarie to be Rev C. N. Onslow, Rector Bulahdelah to be Asist-t Minister, Parish of

TASMANIA Ret I.F. Thomas, has been appointed Rector of the Parish of Bothwell. He has been minister-in-charge of St Philips West Heidelberg. Ret Canon G. C. Latta, Rector of Hagley and West-bury, has been appointed Rector of West Hobart, which will incorporate the former Parish of St Michael and All Angels' and St John the Baptist. ock. G. M. Parker, Pro-Rev Minister-in-Charge, Pro-visional District of South Lakes to be Rector of Mount

Vincent. **Rev D. M. Pullar**, Assist-ant Minister, Parish of Gos-ford to be Acting Rector of Bulahdelah.

PERTH Rev Cyril Manuel, Rector of Subiaco, has been appointed clerical canon of St George's Cathedral, fill-ing vacancy of Canon Paice. Rev W. J. Redden, Rector of Kendall to be Director, Department of Social

Concern. Rev G. A. Rowney, Assistant Minister, Parish of Wyong, to be Minister-in-Charge, Experimental Pastoral Area of Touk-ley/Budgewoi. Rev C. J. Taylor, Rev Charles John, Rector of Paterson to be Assistant

aterson aterson to be Assistant Ainister, Parish of Maitand. Rev C. H. R. Varcoe, Rev

St George's Cathedral, fill-ing vacancy of Canon Paice. **Rev Gordon Cox**, was com-missioned as Rector of Gin-gin on February 19. **Rev Vincent Weare**, has been appointed Associate Rector of Parish of Nor-tham from February 17. **Rev Ray Neve**, was com-missioned as Rector North Midlands, February 7. Connol Henry Rowe, Assist-ant Minister, Parish of Mait-land to be Minister-in-Charge, Experimental Pastoral of Wyoming. Rev A. J. Cook, formerly of Stroud (Diocese of New-castle) has been appointed Rector of Rockley.

The following were made Deacon's at Christ Church Cathedral on February 22.

NORTH WEST AUSTRALIA Rev E. J. Kerr, formerly Rector of Brisbane Water (Diocese of Newcastle) has been appointed Dean of Geraldton. Mr Gregory Neville Clarke, who will become Assistant Deacon in the Parish of Cess-nock.

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Mainly About People Bible College courses for part-time students The academic year commenced with an enrol-ment of 43 students in first

Morpeth. Mr Thomas Sydney Jewell, Special evening studies at Sydney Missionary and Bible College have attracted 50 part-time students and a higher number is expected next term. will become Assistant con in the Parish of New Lambton. Mr Maxwell Pelham Davis, The lectures are a new venture and are an outstanding success. Details of the courses were announced by the college last week.

Sunday school attendances halved, say ACC

The Australian Council of Churches was told that attendance of children at most denominational Sunday Schools had fallen by about 50 per cent since 1963, the "Canberra Times" has reported.

Bishops on Tour

Helens, at 8 am, at Christ Church, Ringarooma, at 11 am, and will meet parishioners at Scottsdale at

An interim report on the church's ministry with child-ren, compiled by the mini-ster of the Warrandyte Pres-byterian Church, Victoria, the Rev Stan Stewart, was presented to the council's meeting at Canberra College of Advanced Education.

Church. While most churches were losing members, he had been told by the Victorian Scout Association that its numbers were not declining. The vice-president of Australian Church Women, deaconess Nora Noris, told the council that she hoped there would not be a need for ACW within a few years. Dishops of Lour The Bishop of Tasmania (the Rt Rev Dr R. E. Davies) and the Assistant Bishop (the Rt Rev H. A. Jerrim) will visit the North-East of Tas-mania on Sunday to open Mission '75 in that area. Dr Davies will preach at St Peter's Church, Fingal, on Sunday at 10.30 am. Bishop Jerrim will preach at St Paul's Church, St Helens, at 8 am, at Christ years.

years. Times had changed since it was formed 12 years ago, and women were now better represented in the Church. After the ACW's report, the secretary of the NSW Council for the ACC, Miss Jean Skuse, presented a session called "1 Am Woman". Voman". After the session, she said hat women had themselves o blame for the lower posi-

3 pm. Both bishops will attend St John's Church, Launceston, at 7 pm for a combined parishes service. Women had accepted the stereotyped role which society had given them but now waited to be "regarded as people".

SYDNEY Rev F. H. Hordern, retired since 1948 died February 5. Rev A. L. Ironside, retired since 1972 died February 17. Rev S. C. S. Begbie, Chaplain Repat General Hospital from 1968 died February 26. Rev S. W. Kurtle, head-master The King's School from 1965 was installed as Honorary Canon, St An-drew's Cathedral, March 4. **STAND AGAINST VIOLENCE BY STH AFRICAN CHURCH**

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The following resolution has been issued by the annual S England in South Africa, which met at Cape Town late last year.

GIPPSLAND Rev P. Farrington, Rector f Stratford will resign on "This Synod unanimously resolves to place on record that the Church of England in of Stratford will resign April 14. He will becc Rector of Eugowrie NSW.

Family Law Bill controversy • From page 1

our, (b) desertion for at least two years and (c) separation for at least three years. "Without such tests Parliament should uphold and

mant is playing in some make-believe fantasy world fit for children, but not for responsible adults." The Chemical Strategies and the support and commend Mr Stewart for his courageous stand on the family Law Bill. "Divorce Family Law Bill. "Divorce proceedings should be undertaken only after a great deal of thought, counselling and effort. "We wholeheartedly reject the one year or less separa-tion concept and believe that anything short of two years would be irresponsible."

The Chief Secretary of the Salvation Army in Eastern Australia (Colonel Harry Goffin) has also spoken out on the controversial Family Law Bill.

He said: "The Salvation

He said: "The Salvation Army is only too well aware that divorce is a fact of life in our society today. "We counsel thousands of people a year, who are the results of shattered marri-ages — particularly the children of such marriages. "We therefore believe that the concept of marriage as aman and a woman to the ex-clusion of all others is one that should be encouraged rather than lessened by our Parliament. "We believe that Parlia-

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area authority, Mr Posu Ank, supported the claims.

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South Africa neither now nor at any time is or has been a member of the World Council of Churches or the South African Council of Churches. "In the very troubled times in which we live, this Synod reaffirms its stand on the authority of the Bible as the unchanging Word of God by which all will be judged. "It is in this Word, and not the pronouncements of

the pronouncements of men, that the solution to the

problems of our time are to be found, and it is abundant hope for the whole world. "The World Council of

made known with the result that about 50 people of vari-ous ages have enrolled for lectures on the Doctrine of Scripture by the Rev R. E. Emery and Selected Minor Prophets by the Principal, the Rev Howard Green.

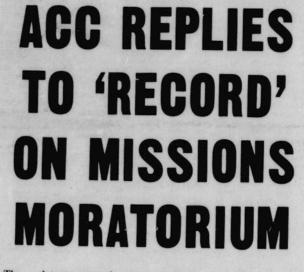
year. This group comprises nearly half the students on

completely new venture year is the introduction evening lectures on indays and Thursdays for

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the Rev Howard Green. In addition to the usual week-end ministry, second-year students are involved in practical work during each week of term. This aspect of training includes Religious Instruc-tion in schools, visitation to a Government Remand Home for boys, and general pastoral training under the supervision of local church ministers. nearly half the students on the campus. Lectures are provided in specialised fields for first term and include Mr Colin Marshall of the Navigators lecturing on Personal Christian Living, Mr Joe Lenton, well known worker among Italian migrants, lecturing on Roman Catholi-cism, and representatives structuring on Roman Catholi-sm, and representatives om Scripture Union lec-ring on various aspects of inday School work. At the same time third year

students are acting as catechists, pastoral assistants and deaconesses for approxi-mately half of each week and receiving extensive train-ing in various phases of mini-stry and outreach in the churches.



The Australian

The assistant, general secretary of the Australian Council of Churches (Mr Russell Rollason) has replied to the criticism by "The Church Record" on the issue of moratorium on missionaries.

churches requesting such a moratorium have an oppor-tunity to work with their own resources to find their own selfhood and identity. His letter is reproduced

"You do service neither to the Gospel of Jesus Christ nor to your own church, which is a member of the World Council of Churches, when you print an editorial such as you did on March 6 — "The WCC and the Moratorium on Missions". "Churches no longer able to send money and person-nel will be freed from the traditional, institutiona-lised missionary enterprise to use these resources for new approaches to educa-tion for mission amongst their own people.

"The proposal for a moratorium on the sending of funds and personnel to particular churches for a period of time was one of many proposals to develop new patterns of relation-ships that arose at the 1973 Bangkok Meeting of the WCC Commission and Evangelism (CWME) "So states the Minister of the CWME meeting. "The Assembly recommended that CWME urge, and where possible assist, missionary agencies to evaluate critically to what ex-tent and in what ways their patterns of missionary eneagement reflect cultural Evangelism (CWME).

engagement reflect cult "The intention that is

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scriminating cultural imposition on churches with which they are related, and what are the consequences for the selfhood, identity and mission of these churches'.

"Dr Emilio Castro, Director of CWME, said while in Sydney recently, in answer to a question from the editor, that 'It isn't pos-sible to think of a Mora-torium on Mission that would be a betrayal of the Gospel. Gospel.

"The Gospel should be communicated; mankind should be served in the name of Jesus Christ; so we do not have the right to stop that.

"But sometimes, there are situations in which foreign personnel and foreign money is not helping the spreading of the Gospel.

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"Sometimes because or the projection of a foreign image and sometimes be-cause foreign missionaries receive up to 12 times the salary of local people and this creates a communication gap ... Mission is the • Sat. March 29 -• Sat, March 29 — Sydney, Opera House. • Sun, March 30 — Sydney, Opera House. • Tues, April 1 — Sydney, Opera House. • Wed, ~ April 2 — Melbourne, Festival Hall. • To page 5 • Our Comment on Page 2

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the world at present which seems far more gloomy and the world at present which seems far more gloomy and troubled than for many, many years. In Western civilisa-tion the bouyant, optimistic materialism of what one man described as "the gobble-gobble society" has suffered many reverses, and it is to be hoped that men will see that to set one's hopes on riches is, as the Bible

will see that to set one's hopes on riches is, as the Bible says, to set one's hopes on uncertainty. The mood of hopelessness is not fully explained, how-ever, merely by reference to economic conditions, or even by international tensions. It is a spiritual condi-tion. The letter to the Ephesians describes men as "with-out God and without hope in the world". Without God. Sinful by nature, sinful by desire and choice, men do not merely suffer psychological guilt feelings, they are morally guilty before the Lord and Judge of all. Some are guilty of living without any regard for God. Some are guilty of living without any regard for God.

King Ozymandias, from whose name Shelley's poem takes its title, styled himself "king of kings". As the symbol of his great achievements he erected a vast statue of himself and his word to the world was: "Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair". The poem records that all that subsequently remained of that man's ancient glory was a shattered, half-sunk, sculpted image of the cruel tyrant's face, lying beside two weathered columns of stone in the midst of a great and wasted desert. There was Another who was entitled "king of kings". He too lived in ancient times. He too was a man of great

He too lived in ancient times. He too was a man of great achievements. But he was not cruel. He was not proud or boastful. The symbol of his achievements was an empty grave, and his word to the world was a word of

There is a mood of pessimism and anxiety abroad in

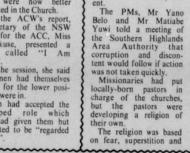


on the pressures and opinions of the World Council. of the World Council. "The fearful consequences to all inhabitants of South Africa, black, brown or white, and particularly to all black Christians, if the forces of violence and terror are let loose, should cause the South African Council to make the strongest possible protest to the World Council instead of supporting the fallacy that non-resistance to these forces is a Christian duty."

"The World Council or Churches must be rejected by all Christians until it can establish that it neither morally nor financially sub-sidises violence, terrorism or revolution in Africa or else-uchas

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any other motive or in any other way is a travesty of Christianity. "The views of the South African Council of Churches must be rejected until it gives evidence that these are based on biblical foundations, not on the pressures and ominons



Two Papuan MPs say "twisted" churchmen in their electorates are spreading "evil and dangerous cults" from the pulpit. sents councils and govern-ment offices over a wide area of the southern highpulpit. This was stated by the "Sun-News Pictorial", of Melbourne in a cable ands of PNG. The report said. Mr Belo and Mr Yuwi Melbourne in a cable attributed to its Papua-New Guipea correspondence represent southern high-lands electorates. They told the authority

Cult rears its

head in PNG

They told the authority meeting that sermons from some rural churches were undermining Government policies, traditional customs and Christian principles. Mr Belo and Mr Yuwi told of seven pastors from three established religions operating in the southern highlands. They said all seven preached cargo cult sermons.

cargo cult. The authority



29 MAR 1975

Australian tour by singer Pat Boone

American entertainer Pat Boone and his family — wife Shirley and teenage aughters Cherry, Lindy, Debby and Laury — will undertake a concert tour of Aus alia in March and April.

The dates of their pro-• Tues, March 25 — Adelaide, Apollo Stadium. • Wed, March 26 — Perth, Entertainment

• Thurs, April 3 — Bris-bane, Festival Hall. Orders for tickets have been heavy with Saturday, March 29, in the Sydney Opera House already sold out. Pat Boone, as well as being one of the all-time record sellers in the busi-ness — he has sold over 45 million records and has 13 gold records and seven gold albums — has been the star of a succession of

top-grossing films includ-ing "Bernadine", "April Love" and "State Fair". His four teenage daugh-ters, whose ages range from 14 to 17, have been singing with their father and mother since they were babies. , But it was not until a tour of the Orient in 1970, accompanied by the Osmond Brothers, that the

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They are not conscious of any need for him, nor of any offence against him, so sinful are they. Others are guilty of mocking blasphemies.

The Lord Jesus, we remember, said of Judas that it would have been better if he had never been born, so dire was his peril and punishment. We must all stand before

was his peril and punishment. We must all stand before the Judge of Judas. Already, however, men experience the beginnings of that despair that will finally mark the experience of people in hell. They are without hope. But Easter announces to guilty sinners, proud, care-less, blasphemous, a message of hope. Upon the cross Christ conquered sin. He now freely offers to pardon it. At his resurrection he conquered death. He now freely offers eternal life to all who repent and put their trust in his mercy. Only the risen Jesus, King of kings, Lord of lords, offers us light and hope in our dark world.

