



Christian Women's Convention International has launched a "Book Coaster". Jean Raddon and Mary Miller will take the vehicle, loaded with books and cassettes for sale, throughout Australia. In front of the Book Coaster, left to right, Miss M. Miller, Miss J. Raddon, Mrs. E. Brydon-Brown, Mrs. A. Chambers, Mrs. G. Collins.

New Auxiliary Bishop for Newcastle

The Bishop of Newcastle, the Right Reverend A. C. Holland, has announced the appointment of a new Auxiliary Bishop to succeed Bishop Geoffrey Parker who retires at the end of this year. He is the Very Reverend Richard Franklin Appleby, B.Sc., Th.L., at present Dean of Bathurst, New South Wales.

In announcing the appointment Bishop Holland said that Dean Appleby, though only forty-two and comparatively young to be a bishop, has had an extensive experience within the Australian Church and is well suited to meet the diverse demands that confront both Church and Society within the Diocese of Newcastle area. (The Diocese has 65 parishes and 100 full time clergy and covers an area of 16,000 square miles with a population of approximately 550,000 of whom it is estimated 250,000 are Anglicans).

Dean Appleby is a graduate in science from the University of Melbourne, and obtained honours in theology at St. John's College, Morpeth. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1968 in the Diocese of Melbourne.

It is expected that Dean Appleby will be consecrated as a Bishop and take up his appointment early in the New Year.

PRINTING PERMISSION GRANTED TO BAPTISTS

Soviet authorities have given permission for the printing of 10,000 Russian Bibles, 10,000 New Testaments and 10,000 hymnals each year, either by Baptists or by other registered free churches, according to the Reverend Alexei Bychkov, General Secretary of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. The Reverend Bychkov made the announcement while in Stuttgart on a visit to the German Bible Society and to the United Bible Societies' general office. The printing will be financed by contributions for Bibles and concordances originally supplied by the United Bible Societies and the Baptist World Alliance. Mr. Bychkov also passed on to the United Bible Societies in Stuttgart the request from Latvian Christians for the delivery of 10,000 Bibles in their language.

Keston College notes that this is the first time permission has been given for repeated printing rather than a one-off project. However, this would still come nowhere near supplying the need and demand for Bibles. The official figure given for members of the churches in the All-Union Council alone is 500,000. Furthermore, even Bibles legally published within the Soviet Union are being confiscated.

Keston College

PRIVATE CONFERENCE CENTRE RUNS UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN'S CAMP

Mr. Martin Reurich, Director of the Fitzroy Falls Conference Centre, recently announced the structure of a program of camps for underprivileged children from the Sydney metropolitan and outer areas. Speaking from the Fitzroy Falls Conference Centre which is set in 40 acres of natural bushland in the Fitzroy Falls area near Bowral, New South Wales, Mr. Reurich said, "This venture, given some government sponsorship, will enable some 150 underprivileged children to come away into an environment of natural beauty to experience some of the joys of country living and to give them a much needed break from the pressures of city life."

The Fitzroy Falls Conference Centre was opened in March 1978, and has been used by many school, church and other groups for educational and religious activities. Fifteen different schools book the Conference Centre regularly. It can cater for 100 people with six large motel style rooms centrally heated for leaders or speakers. There is a spacious dining room which can seat 140 people and an excellent kitchen. Other facilities include a large recreational hall, sports field, indoor heated swimming pool, volleyball court, trampoline, barbecue facilities and, set apart from the buildings and activity centres, is an inspiring log chapel blending into the bushland setting. The Conference Centre is run by Martin and Robyn Reurich together with help from two other full time workers. Martin and Robyn started the Centre to provide physical and spiritual recreation for children. Since January 1979 they have organised six camps for underprivileged children and as the need for this kind of camp has become more and more obvious, a formal overseeing committee has been established.

A Junior Breakaway camp for ages 8-11 and Senior Breakaway camp for ages 11-14 is carried out during January at a reasonable cost to each child. The Centre also runs two January camps for children living under more fortunate circumstances. A Junior camp (8-11) and Senior camp (11-14) provide an exciting program at a reasonable cost to each child.

Mr. Reurich said that "we hope this is just the beginning of a program which will reach those children who, through no fault of their own find themselves in very difficult circumstances. Often children in this situation need a break from the stress under which they live and their parents or guardians also need the opportunity for a rest from the children. We believe that Fitzroy Falls Conference Centre is ideally suited to this kind of pastoral care as more and more family separations take place leaving in their wake helpless children who need care and direction."

Radio success

Fifty years of Broadcasting, ten years of GOOD MUSIC, and the last Radio Survey shows there are over 600,000 people listening to 2CH each week. That keeps the Station in the Number Three place in the ratings on week days. Number Two on Saturdays and Sundays.

But the Director of Religious Programmes, the Rev. Norris Brook, has good reason to smile. On Sundays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. 2CH is Number One. There are more people listening to 2CH than any other of the seventeen Radio Stations in Sydney.

With today's keen competition, numbers are important. However, Mr. Brook sees them from another point of view. He says "It means that on Sundays we have a congregation of up to 350,000 people. We can talk to them as they are, where they are, warmly, personally, with the Good News of the Christian Gospel. We can bring faith, hope and love into peoples homes."

The 2CH format of relaxing, easy listening music, presented in a warm friendly manner with a minimum of commercials — none at all on Sundays — "much to the dismay of our hard working sales people" says Mr. Brook, gives an ideal framework for the presentation of the Christian message on behalf of the Council of Churches in N.S.W. (Not to be confused with the World Council of Churches. There is no connection.)

The emphasis in the numerous religious talks throughout the week and on Sundays, is on brevity. The aim is to present practical, positive "spot" messages which are true to the Scriptures and true to life. A high percentage of those listening are not committed Christians. This fact is constantly kept in mind.



Rev. Norris Brook

When 2CH celebrated its 50th Anniversary in February this year, the Chairman and Chief Executive of AWA, Mr. John Hooke, spoke of the unique relationship which exists between the Council of Churches in N.S.W., which owns the licence of 2CH, and AWA, the Company which has been the Operator since 1936. He said "The Council of Churches and AWA have never been closer. They have never had a more cordial or more effective relationship. The community has never been served better than now by 2CH. This arrangement between the Council and AWA enables both bodies to do a better combined job for the community than either could do separately."

HONORARY DOCTORATE FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD HOME BIBLE LEAGUE

The Graduate School of Theology in California has extended and Honorary Litterarum Doctorate to Mr. William A. Ackerman, International Director of the World Home Bible League. This doctorate was granted in recognition of Mr. Ackerman's part in the great and worldwide ministry of Scripture distribution.

Dr. W. Ackerman joined the Bible League in the U.S.A. during its infancy in the late forties. He saw the work grow from a small national work, to an organisation that now covers more than eighty countries. Annual income in the U.S.A. alone exceeds the \$6 million mark. The Bible League has a unique ministry of supplying missions and local churches with Scriptures and Bible study material. The organisation has a host of suggestions and practical plans for outreach through local church membership. The Australian address is P.O. Box 464, Penrith N.S.W. 2750. Phone (047) 36 4433.

Crisis in Church Welfare Work

Many projects for which state and federal government grants have been made in past years, and for which on previous experience the Home Mission Society could have expected government support, have been severely hit by shortage of government money. All of these projects were in the H.M.S. Welfare Division, "Care Force".

On the basis of many year's experience in dealing with government agencies, H.M.S. in 1981 worked out its budget for 1982, including \$148,100 for inflation. Not only was this amount impossible to obtain but another \$155,600 of budgeted grant money failed to materialise, giving an income shortfall of \$303,700 in anticipated grants.

"The government did not actually promise this money, so we cannot blame it. But those responsible for the budget at H.M.S. could not have foreseen the State's near bankruptcy; and so it is not a case of mismanagement either," said The Rev. Allan Whitham, General Secretary of H.M.S.

"We have approached the government to the highest levels, both individually and in association with other agencies, and have done everything we could to rescue all our current projects," he told Church Record.

Total Care Force shortfall \$463,700

"But not only have various government departments let us down — many other areas have felt the impact of the recession.

Opportunity Shops for the first six months of the year made half their usual profit and The Smith Family Food Drive which was budgeted to raise \$30,000 for Care Force in fact gave us only \$3,773.

"For the latter, however, the Archbishop made a special grant to compensate the loss; and private donations have reached an all-time record," Mr Whitham said.

The H.M.S. budget for all Divisions for 1982 was \$10.2 million and involved 625 staff. It had budgeted for a deficit of \$239,000 of which \$160,000 belonged to Care Force.

All this would have used up virtually the last of H.M.S.' resources, and H.M.S. had already recognised that it must have a balanced budget from 1983 onwards.

Care Force had a budget of \$1,597,600 for 1982, including \$160,000 as their share of the HMS budget deficit of \$239,000. When to this was added moneys not received from the government, Care Force's cost above income to H.M.S. would have totalled \$463,700 for the year.

Urgent measures taken

"So we could save H.M.S. from such an

untenable financial situation — which for many commercial enterprises would have meant closing down — we have reorganised our work, and prepared a new budget," Mr. Whitham said.

Some projects have had to be scrapped involving the loss in August of six permanent and two part-time positions. But the staff and project cuts we actually made were minimised because of the extensive internal reorganisation. Other positions lost included two full-time and one part-time staff who left for their own reasons and were not replaced and another full-time staff worker was reduced to half time.

"In an attempt to save jobs, 30 of Care Force's 110 staff signed a petition which was presented to the last meeting of the H.M.S. Council.

"The petition was constructive and not seen as a confrontation and it contained many useful suggestions.

"The whole exercise has been painful and difficult and has caused everybody to have a close look at what they are doing. A special sub-committee will soon be appointed to look at the future of Care Force in depth.

"But we cannot promise job or project security when we don't have funds. In the last year wages have gone up by 17 per cent while inflation rose 10 per cent. We have no hidden surplus funds; no products to sell at an increased price to cover increased costs. So cuts had to be made in the area of work done."

Cuts lead to changed emphases

• Staff to be trainers; not doers only

There are presently 13 Care Force teams, all of which have been maintained in the recent reshuffling in spite of the loss of funds.

They are a main avenue of introducing non church-attenders to Jesus Christ.

As far as possible the teams are being moved into church accommodation to identify more closely with local church

life and to increasingly train and use voluntary staff at the parish level.

"We have seen that we should not rely so heavily on outside grants for our work. One of the main thrusts of Care Force for the future will be in parish training programmes which might be requested by the parishes after analysis of their own community's needs.

"Staff will be lent to the parish to train members of the congregation and to stay until the work is established and even to help them carry out the original analysis work.

"The end result will be a far greater amount of work being done by a much greater number of people; and it will be parish-based.

"An organisation like H.M.S. also can provide centralised resources for the use of the whole diocese which would be beyond the resources of individual parishes; for example, Chesalon Homes or Carramar. But as soon as a welfare agency begins to do for parishes what the parishes themselves should be doing, there is trouble. And so we are aiming to enable parishes to do the work which they can do best, because they are a part of their own local community."

• More parish grants

"I believe that the tap root of a successful community is spiritual, and the greatest enabling of a community will be ministry, which H.M.S. can supply through parish grants as well as Care Force and other H.M.S. ministries such as hospital chaplains.

"This year our budget included \$150,000 for parish grants which supply parish clergy, deaconesses, and youth workers to areas which could not otherwise afford them. I would want to see that fund increased to \$½ million by 1985; but not at the expense of existing projects. We need new commitment and new money from parishes and Christian people.

"With new outer suburban and South Coast growth at least 16 new parishes



need to be established by 1987. Salary subsidy costs will be at least \$240,000 per year and H.M.S. and New Areas Committee will have to be the source organisation on behalf of the Diocese.

"This figure is apart from extra staff currently urgently required in existing overloaded parish structures, particularly in areas of ministry to youth and sole-parent families and ethnic groups.

"I also would like to see a voluntary task force develop in the Diocese, similar to the U.N. Peace Corps. I would encourage Christian people to live in areas which need support and leadership and to commit themselves to being members of a local congregation for a specific number of years, to build up the church and through it the community," said Mr. Whitham.

A personal diagnosis

"The present situation has been thrust on us by the current economic crisis. The cuts we have made are short-term as we reorganise ourselves and expansion will occur again.

"I think the whole nation has been heading for this pit over the last decade; and generally speaking, the big fat pidgeon called greed — both of labour and management — has come home to roost and social welfare work of every kind has suffered most.

"The powerless — the pensioner, the unemployed, deserted wives, disadvantaged children — are the meat in the sandwich of this conflict between those who have or want power without proper regard for what is in the interests of the nation as a whole."

F.O.L. sends us dirty literature

The Festival of Light recently sent us a piece of pornographic literature — a photocopy of two pages from a book entitled Young, Gay and Proud. We found it to be disgusting — but we were pleased to receive it for it put more eloquently than the other 26 pages of the Press Release the concern that the F.O.L. has over this matter.

Young, Gay and Proud is a Melbourne publication produced by "an autonomous collective of the Melbourne Gay Teachers and Students Group". It has been around for a while and pressure has been brought to bear to have it introduced into N.S.W. schools. In a Circular to Principals dated 27/10/81 the Director General of Education, D. Swan, wrote:

"Young, Gay and Proud" has now been classified as 'Restricted' under the Indecent Articles and Classified Publications Acts, 1975. This means that it may only be sold, displayed or exhibited in areas not accessible to persons under the age of 18 years. Notification of this decision appeared in the Government Gazette on Friday,

17th July, 1981 at which time the classification took effect.

"The teaching kit being produced with the Schools Commission grant is not yet available, for appraisal and the Commission has been advised that this Department cannot be committed to its use in schools. When available, it will be carefully appraised and schools will be advised through the Personal Development Bulletin of its suitability or otherwise for use with students.

"I seek your co-operation in ensuring that 'Young, Gay and Proud' is not introduced to students in your school and that the views of parents about the school's involvement in controversial areas of the curriculum are respected.

That seems quite clear and should have been the end of the matter. However, the recent release of the Anti-Discrimination Board's new Report on Homosexuality has reopened the whole matter.

The National Co-ordinator of the Festival of Light, Rev. Fred Nile, M.L.C., said:

"The most irresponsible recommendation which has completely destroyed the Board's credibility relates to its support for the obscene children's school text book entitled 'Young, Gay and Proud'.

"After 5 years of research by a team of 'experts' the Board dogmatically recommends that 'Young, Gay and Proud' be included in all School libraries (Primary and Secondary). (Refer enclosed Library List issued by the Anti-Discrimination Board.)

"It has included 'Young, Gay and Proud' in its school library list even though it has already been prohibited in 1981 by even the permissive Wran Government from use in all N.S.W. Schools.

"'Young, Gay and Proud' has also been declared a restricted R rated publication by the N.S.W. Government in 1981. (It is not to be sold or displayed to persons under 18 years.)

"Even broad-minded media personalities have been outspoken in

their condemnation of 'Young, Gay and Proud'.

"John Laws said, 'Young, Gay and Proud' is quite the most revolting journal I've yet encountered. It goes under the guise of a homosexual education journal for use in schools. But in fact it is an explicit, disgusting gutter language encouragement to experiment in homosexuality. It has no place in sex shops let alone our schools'.

"Ron Casey thought 'Young, Gay and Proud' went too far and echoed John Laws sentiments."

Having read the pages enclosed with the F.O.L. Press Release and then the whole book the Record shares this concern. The publication very clearly presents homosexuality as a lifestyle in a way that would sicken most members of the community — be they F.O.L. supporters or not.

Fred Nile is concerned, however, that this is only one of the Recommendations of this report. He continued:

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EDITORIAL

Shame!

The announcement, on the front page of this issue, of cutbacks in the work of CAREFORCE in the Diocese of Sydney should cause us as a Church to hang our heads in shame. The statistics are disturbing — a deficit of \$463,700, 6 full-time and two part-time workers retrenched and a complete revamp of the whole Careforce operation — but more disturbing is the hidden heartbreak that lies behind those statistics; the people who desperately need help but amongst whom that help will begin to spread more and more thinly. It is amazing that, faced with such a huge deficit more jobs have not been lost and more services cut back. Obviously many Careforce employees will now find themselves working even harder to enable them to cope with the many who come for assistance. That, at a time when economic conditions are causing an increasing number of people to the brink of disaster, the Church should be cutting back its welfare work is a matter of shame; but more so when we place this against the rest of the story.

Part of the present crisis is due to the fact that the N.S.W. Government has not funded Careforce to the extent that was budgeted by H.M.S. That is understandable. The N.S.W. Government is currently facing its own financial crisis and it needs to sort out its own priorities. It has done what it considers to be best for N.S.W. The real question is why H.M.S. — and other Church welfare agencies — have become so dependent on Government assistance. After all we are not, despite what many seem to think, the "Established Church" in Australia. It has been to our detriment throughout our history that we began with the clergyman/magistrate relationship and that people have seldom seen the Church as being separate from the State. Many people, even in Anglican congregations, still have a vague idea that the "government" or some such organisation pays clergy stipends — certainly the money for these is not seen as coming from the Sunday offertory. We have become too dependant on Government handouts for our welfare work — now that the crunch has come it is easy to blame them — easy but totally unfair.

Instead we should look at ourselves and our own priorities. We should seek to rediscover what our mission is. Since this crisis affects the welfare arm of Sydney Diocese it is right to concentrate our assessment there but the principles undoubtedly apply in other places as well.

A quick look at Sydney's expenditure shows that, according to the 1982 Year Book, 42% is spent on Education, Chaplaincy, Social Work and Evangelism. That, at first, may seem impressive until you realise the importance of each of these in the overall mission of the Church. And it becomes less impressive when it is realised that slightly more than half as much (23%) is spent on what is called Diocesan Services. The structure of the Church administration would appear to be more important than the Mission of the Church! This is further seen in the answer to a question at the last Synod of Sydney Diocese in which it was stated that there are nine members of the administration who earn more than the Archbishop. Has the Church come to exist to support its administration?

To pay for all of this Parishes are taxed. But the Diocese has evolved to a point where its Assessment system is as close to what economists call flat tax as you could get. There is not much more than 4% separating the Assessment rate between the richest and the poorest parishes. At the last Synod there was some cosmetic surgery done to show that many were unhappy with this and we eagerly await the Report of the Assessment Review Committee which Synod requested for this year. But plainly the gap between the rich and the poor is large and getting larger. And, as we would expect, of the 22 Parishes with an Assessed Income over \$50,000 (and remember that's after all allowable deductions including their giving) and the two with Assessable income over \$100,000 most are in areas which are cushioned from the real impact of the increasing number of needy in the community. Those parishes where the needy are dealt with face to face are usually themselves poor parishes, struggling to carry on under great financial pressure.

Or, to take it a step further, the money spent on buildings, especially the historic Churches of the Diocese, in the past twelve months would dwarf the budget deficit for Careforce. And often those buildings are used only on Sundays and then only for a handful of people. Where are our priorities?

And what is to happen in the future? Will we sit by and let H.M.S. struggle on cutting back its services because it cannot balance its budget? If past history is any indication the answer is yes! And so what will go next? We suspect that pressure will be brought to bear on the reason H.M.S. came to exist in the first place — Parish Grants. And as stipends continue to increase and economic conditions continue to deteriorate more and more Parishes will need those grants — are we then to see a cutting back of the Ministry of the Church in those areas of greatest need such as New Housing Districts?

Frankly we are ashamed of the image presented by the picture we have been forced by facts to paint. It is the image of a Church that is unfeeling and uncaring despite its protestations to the contrary. It is not an excuse to plead that the system is too difficult to change. It is not an excuse to plead the issues are too complex. It is about time that we took a fresh look at our priorities and reassessed our whole reason for existence.

And it is about time that the Church as a whole learned something of the compassion of Christ who condemned the Pharisees for what was a religion without love. Now, of all times, we must assess our mission to the needy in our midst.

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Aboriginal Office
93 Bathurst Street, Sydney (02) 267 3711

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Having read your account of the Australian Council of Churches Opening Service (ACR 9/8/82), it is not only time to quit the ACC, but time to "keep our heads when all about us are losing theirs". Undoubtedly a new faith is springing up — a mixture of Marxism and a university so total that it includes all shades of paganism. Sydney, it would seem, is almost the last frontier of Christian sanity.

Liberalism in religion, as in politics, is a fine ideal, but when carried to the ultimate extreme leads to chaos with everyone demanding their "rights", thus creating dissatisfaction in all quarters.

In view of the pacifist movement in Britain's Church of England and the attempt to water down the National Anthem, plus the desecring of well-known hymns and America's new Revised Standard Version, plus the movement into the political arena, plus the subtly changed new Prayer Book, we never so much needed to pray for "mercy upon us miserable offenders". Christ is the Prince of Peace NOT the Prince of Pacifism — two entirely different philosophies.

This deepening crisis has arisen because many clergy have lost faith in the Word of God. Too much learning dulls the mind, spiritually and physically. Years ago when reawakened by the Living Word, I vowed to make a full study by purchasing some books on theology — not the popular best-sellers. On winged feet I entered a well-known Christian bookshop and spent two hours dipping into large tomes on the top shelf. My faith was momentarily shaken and I walked out into the grey wintry day on leaden feet. Never again! I would stick to the source — the very fountain of living waters before they were muddied by doubting Thomases. The grand old Book is chock full of hidden treasure. Later, I did acquire *The New Bible Commentary Revised* (Inter-Varsity Press) and the *New Bible Dictionary* for background knowledge.

I mention this incident because I feel what is needed is a revolution in theology — a new approach. I quote from the late Right Rev. J. C. Kyle Lord Bishop of Liverpool: "I think we have made great mistakes, and it is high time that we should confess it. I warn you that unless you interpret the prophetic portion of the Old Testament in the simple, literal meaning of its words you will find it no easy matter to carry on an argument with an unconverted Jew... From the time of the Old Fathers Jerome and Origen down to the present day men have gone on in a pernicious habit of

"Spiritualizing" the words of the prophets until their true meaning has been well nigh buried."

Yours sincerely,
Phyllis Creasey

Dear Sir,

I was very happy when asked to review the Church Record. My initial reaction was that it was unlike any other record that I had bought recently. It looked very much to me that it was made out of some kind of paper, unlike the more traditional vinyl material. But I suppose what can one expect for 50 cents these days?

The other obvious difference is that the church record is not the usual turntable circular shape but square... a common complaint made against church things.

I also wondered what age the record was aimed at. The family logo at the top indicated that we could be looking at 16 or 33 category but a couple of the photos and the obituary track indicated perhaps closer to 78.

The three tracks on side one where certainly varied in style. The first about Cassidy's crusade in soccer stadiums in Africa was most informative. I had not realised that Umtali had changed its name to Mutre. Nonetheless it was most encouraging to see what God was doing in Africa set out so clearly in black and white.

The second track sounds like a who's who of heavies and the third track sounded like a commercial for an easy to read Greek book, which, at 336 pages will most probably need an even easier to read guide book.

On the flip side was an even greater assortment of tracks. I could not help but wonder who the sixth woman in the bus picture was. My copy was a bit scratchy at that point but she did look very much like royalty. The best track was about the work at Fitzroy Falls by Martin Reurich (who has not made his money from the slaughter of kangaroos for the ever-growing Australian meat market) and since I heard of the work there live recently I was very pleased to see his camps discussed in print.

I wasn't sure how the World Home Bible League could still be in its infancy when it was in its late forties but overall I found the record most informative, if not as provocative, as it claims.

Unfortunately the record was in mono, which seems par for the course today in evangelical circles, but I was still able to read it with stereo equipment.

Yours sincerely,
SALEVO II.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

A.E.F. DIRECTOR RE-APPOINTED

The Australian Council of the Africa Evangelical Fellowship has re-appointed its former International Director, the Rev. Arthur Deane, as its Teaching Minister for a second two-year term. The A.E.F., which began as the Cape General Mission in 1889 and was later known for many years as the South Africa General Mission, was originally led by the Rev. Dr. Andrew Murray. His prime emphases on the "Keswick" teaching of scriptural holiness and commitment to missions are preserved in Mr. Deane's present ministry, through which he has been made available to the church at large in Australia and overseas. Mr. Deane's diary for 1983, is already filling up for ministry at Conventions, mission conferences and local churches. He may be contacted at 42 Victoria Road, Pennant Hills, N.S.W. 2120 (Tel. 84 2779), but from 9th October his address will be 101 Old Bell's Line of Road, Kurrajong, N.S.W. 2758.

ARCHBISHOP OF P.N.G. TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

The Most Rev. David Hand, Archbishop of Papua New Guinea, will visit Australia in October of this year.

Archbishop Hand, who is to retire next year, will address a session of the A.B.M. Board meetings, this session will be open to the public.

DIOCESE OF ADELAIDE

Rev. R. J. Dehle resigned as Asst. Curate in the Parish of Walkerville-Hillcrest on 31st August, 1982.

The Ven. A. G. Daw, has been appointed as Locum tenens of the parish of Holy Cross, Elizabeth, on 31st August, 1982, when the resignation of the Rev. J. M. Edwards becomes effective.

Rev. J. H. Stephenson is to be Priest-in-Charge, St. Oswald's, Parkside, 1st November, 1982.

DIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Rev. R. N. Beard, Rector St. Augustine's, Bulli, will resign 30th November, 1982 to become Rector, St. Columba's, West Ryde.

DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

As from 1st July Canon John Warby officially retired as our Diocesan Chaplain with Aboriginal and Islander ministry.

DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Rev. G. E. Beaumont is to be Priest-in-Charge, All Saints', Kooyong, from 7th November, 1982.

Rev. B. R. Brown is to be Priest-in-Charge, St. Bartholomew's, Burnley, from 9th November, 1982.

Rev. A. T. E. Dalling is to be Rector, St. Agnes', Black Rock, from 27th October, 1982.

Rev. B. E. Hansford is to be Rector, Holy Trinity, Lara, from 7th September, 1982.

Rev. P. B. Muston is Asst. Curate, Holy Trinity, Doncaster, as from 16th August, 1982.

Rev. E. C. Smith is to be Rector, St. James', Ivanhoe, from 3rd November, 1982.

Rev. P. R. Elder, Asst. Curate, Department of Chaplaincies, resigns from 4th October, 1982.

Rev. R. V. Bolt, Senior Chaplain, Missions to Seamen (Victoria), will retire 31st December, 1982.

Sams Field Officer

The Federal Executive of the South American Missionary Society has appointed the Rev. Bob Duffield as Field Officer and Victorian Secretary.

While Vicar of the Melbourne parish of St. Mark's, Spotswood, Mr. Duffield was Deputy Chairman of the Victorian Committee and a member of the Federal Executive.

In the last few years, the Lord has been drawing increasing support from Victoria for the task of proclaiming the Gospel in South America.

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Urban church expert in Sydney

Professor Raymond Bakke recently visited Sydney to lead a seminar on reaching people in the city. Professor Bakke's approach to urban ministry impressed Inner City Director Geoff Huard and the visit proved very successful. Church Record interviewed the Professor during his stay in the city.

Know your Bible

"We teach people to exegete the Scripture. But we haven't given pastors tools to understand their context", said Professor Raymond Bakke formerly of the Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education and now teaching urban ministries at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was in Sydney to take part in a seminar on reaching people in the city.

"You must understand the environment of your ministry or you run the danger of franchising. Too many seminaries today have bought into the McDonald's philosophy. We learn how to make one kind of hamburger and then seek out the market that will buy that hamburger. The rest of the people go hungry — or make do with whatever they can devise. We teach programmes at seminary that certain people will buy (usually people like us). But we don't have anything for the rest. We need to teach pastors how to custom-build ministry; that is, how to move into a community, exegete the context, exegete the Scripture, and scratch where people itch.

"If you were to be a missionary to some primitive West Irian Jaya tribe you would study cultural anthropology and linguistics. You would spend four or five years making contact and learning. You would not go in and start running programmes. But the same people expect to go to the city, throw up a building and start ministering without any regard to how people function, what their needs are or without any regard to the cultural luggage people carry around. The assumption is that if they can speak English we can programme them," he told an ABC reporter.

"We need to listen to people talk and begin to communicate Jesus with concepts the people already understand."

"Our missionary strategy shouldn't be to look around the fringes of a group for some disaffected person who is being disciplined by the tribe. If we set up house in the disaffected substructure of a cultural group, we never will touch the core of the people. We need to properly exegete the meaning system in the context of each people group so we can reach them all.

How do you get to know your context?

"When I began working in Chicago I spent time 'networking'. I went to all the pastors in the neighbourhood and asked them 'what is the most important lesson you have learned about being a pastor here?'. I studied the ethnic backgrounds and cultural units of the people; the gang structure governing the youth. I visited all the agencies, asking the police what kinds of arrests they made; the schools, asking what problems they encountered; legal aid offices, etc. I visited businesses.

"Pastors want to reach he city, and they work hard and get nowhere because they can't communicate not knowing how to break impersonal barriers. They don't realise that the only way people can survive is to tune them out because they're just one more of the noises in the city. The more complicated the city, the less of it the people comprehend. Nearly every relationship is a secondary one.

Learn to distinguish your faith from your culture

"When I moved into Chicago I found that there were 60,000 people in my area. 52 nations were represented at the local school, which taught in eleven languages. I suddenly realised how culturally captive I was, as were our seminaries, churches, liturgy, goalsetting and planning.

"On the one hand the city is like a giant magnet drawing people from all backgrounds; it's like a smaller version of the whole world. To be a pastor in and of the city is to pastor the world. On the other hand I realised that we had come to minister to it with our own cultural baggage. Unbiased people are a myth.

Which church model?

"One of my students started a church in a part of Chicago. He asked 'Who is



the unreached in this area? He profiled them, then asked 'what would a church have to be like to reach them and how would I pastor it?'

"In my own church we had many ways of reaching out and touching people but we never tried to pull it all into one building.

"But this approach can be misused to resegment the body of Christ. A church with a mixed membership can model care in a world of prejudice.

"In my church in Chicago at one time there was a conflict of expectations of what role I took. The elders wanted a shepherd to feed the sheep. I was up there saying, 'Onward, Christian soldiers!' That's what you call a conflict of images, of expectations. Both are biblical — in fact, there are almost a hundred different images of the church in the New Testament. The context a church finds itself in decides which models are appropriate.

Outreach through vocation

"The city will never be reached by pastors or programmes. It will be reached by people who function through vocational networks — that is where city people get their meaning system.

"The only kind of effective evangelistic communication is that which empowers lay people to work in their vocation. The nature of the city makes that mandatory.

"Lay people become a threat to pastors, they have skills and live in another world than ours. We'd rather have the ministry happen in the sanctuary where our role is very clear. Everybody leaves their role to come and listen to us. But for us to lose our identity and empower people to do ministry where their role is clear — we lose control and don't know quite how to deal with it.

What's in the Sydney seminar?

"In the Seminary's summer vacation I travel to cities around the world. Before my arrival, a committee has organised a conference of 75 to 100 pastors working in that city from various groups and denominations. I was asked here by Bishop John Reid, who knew I had a few spare days before I was due to conduct a seminar in Melbourne.

"On the first day of the conference delegates are divided into small groups of mixed denominations and sent out to talk with ministers working in the area, asking them what they are accomplishing, who they are reaching and how. They report back, receiving a great deal of affirmation as they teach and learn from each other.

"As an outsider I can't teach you what to do in Sydney. The seminar has the function of helping workers see the forest and not just a tree.

"After seeing what is we talk about what ought and what might be: 'This is what it looks like. What would the church have to be like if we were to reach this group?'

The urban ministry course

"In the course I try to get my students to identify who they are and what their values are. I don't say let's all forget we're black or white or brown; but to make our own cultural inventory, so we don't pretend to be what we are not.

Then they are taught by a black from Harvard and a Spanish woman who explain their ways of thinking, and challenge the students to further understand how much of their spiritual understanding is a result of their cultural experience.

"They learn urban church history: of individuals and movements from left to right. For example, the Salvation Army and D. L. Moody.

"We study Corinthians which was addressed to a church in an urban culture: their problems and the way Paul dealt with them.

"The students look at different models of ministry in the city: those that work and those that don't. They talk with pastors some of whom are burnt out. Some forget the church and do social work. Some are paranoid about the city and close themselves in. I want them to look at reality and from there move on to look at the ideal.

"It's a rigorous, academic internship including assignment of 20 hours a week to aid existing ministries.

"As far as I am aware, it is the only programme like it in the world.

"I'm really trying to train people to be pastors in and of the city. Not only to help the people to cope, but the city too. Why has God brought them together? What should the church be like? The role of pastors will be less significant if we use old models than if we understand the nature of the city.

SHORT NOTES . . .

EVANGELICAL MISSION THEOLOGIANS MEET

Partnership in Mission has announced the release world wide of a set of 10 video cassettes; the entire text of the Consultation of Two-Thirds World Evangelical Theologians held in Bangkok. From July 1, 1982 the videos in both P.A.L. and N.T.S.C. systems will be available in the V.H.S. and BETA formats.

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T UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER

When we don't feel like helping...

Dr. Alan Craddock

There are times when understanding other people depends very largely upon our first understanding our own feelings. A reaction of anger and resentment or just plain exasperation appears at first to stem from the person who provokes this reaction. But, on closer scrutiny things may be seen to be far more complex. Our own feelings about the total situation are just as involved as the feelings and actions of the other person.

This is particularly the case when through tiredness, overwork or ill health we find ourselves reacting negatively in the face of the need to minister to others. On such occasions we find ourselves aware of the need to help, but equally aware of the fact that we just don't feel like helping. What should we do in the face of this situation? We can feel so guilty that we push ourselves to, and beyond, our limits and so we fail to help despite our attempts to do so.

We need to look more closely at our own feelings. Consider these two "case-histories".

Case 1: The snappy psychologist. This is my own case! There are times when I just get tired of giving out all the time. As I began this column I was aware that this was one of those occasions. Outside the sun is shining, I'd like just to go out in the sun and read the paper. But, the deadline for this column demands that it be written now. So I'm conscious of times when I don't feel like helping!

I recall a time when I'd had one of those days. Lots of lectures and tutorials,

a host of student consultations, a series of harrowing counselling interviews and a string of 'phone calls seeking advice. When I arrived home and was beginning to eat tea the 'phone rang and a cheery voice announced that he doubted I really existed because I was so hard to reach!

I didn't see the well-intentioned joke and rather snappily asked the caller to come to the point. At that stage I just didn't want to be of any help to this person at all. In a sense I was right to feel as I did, but by the same token my caller wasn't at fault either. He didn't know the situation so it would be totally unreasonable to take my feelings out on him. I'm glad I realized this and the call was completed amicably. My feeling of being overwhelmed was still present and needed not to be denied however. In the light of that I considered the request to speak at a meeting and said, "Thanks for asking but I'm just too over-committed at this stage."

I have had to learn to say "no", to recognize the limits to my ministry and to allow time for personal relaxation and for family activities. In brief, we all need to distinguish between the ministry God calls us to and an overcommitted "work-bench" which we and well-meaning others can drive us into.

Case 2: The reluctant preacher. I recently spoke with a Queensland pastor who was talking to me about sermon preparation and delivery. He obviously spent a great deal of time on his preparation and took his ministry of the

Word of God very seriously. His difficulty was that on infrequent occasions he found himself so tired and flat that it was hard for him to feel enthusiastic about his task. He just didn't feel like "performing". This was no idle statement and no pious cliches would alter the situation. Surely even those who would produce cliched calls for him to stir himself up, would at times be too flat to even produce the cliches!

I can relate to this pastor's feelings. He is a thoroughly dedicated preacher and loves the Word of God. He has a real ministry in this area. But, there will be times when his feelings stand in the way. When this happens denial of those feelings is unhelpful. It is better to assess them, and their origin. My friend spoke of his need to allow time to indulge in some of his interests (he is a frustrated car mechanic and loves going to car races) so that he doesn't become stale and apathetic in general. He has learned to recognize that he cannot sustain a high level of work energy without taking time to rest and to relax doing things which he is really good at and which provide a totally different direction for his energies.

It is better for him to aim for this balance than to become resentful of his congregation or his colleagues for the pressures their high expectations place upon him.

In general, I am arguing here for a careful distinction to be made between the unknowing pressures being placed upon us by well-intentioned others and

our own feelings of being under pressure. Instead of blaming others or blaming ourselves for being unable to respond to all of the pressures, we need to examine why we feel under pressure. If the requests are inappropriate and insensitive, perhaps only we can recognize that to be the case. With God's help then let's seek to do so.

There were times when Jesus was under this kind of pressure. In the face of the pressure from the vast crowds seeking healing, personal gain, political guidance and wanting Jesus to be their worldly King, Jesus withdrew and sought time to be alone. Afterwards we read of Jesus re-asserting in very frank terms the exact nature of His ministry and making it very clear that He was not going to be pressured into other people's versions of what His ministry was to be. (John 6:14-70). We also read of Jesus becoming tired and taking time to rest, of Him being ministered to through the hospitality and service of those whom He had served. (John 12:1-7).

When we get out feeling of being overwhelmed into prayerful and thoughtful perspective, and avoid placing our anger upon others whom we unfairly blame, we will find our ministry fulfilled despite these apparent set-backs. After all, I did get this column written! Ministry consists of mutual activity in which Christians both give and receive in appropriate ways, these ways being dependent upon the will of God not man.

BOOK REVIEW

The Shattered Cross in Australia

by H. Colin Wheat, \$3.95
(see advertisement in this issue)

H. Colin Wheat is a Church of Christ Minister in Western Australia. This book is made up of notes of lectures delivered at the Woolwich Bible College N.S.W. and which accompanied the original lectures.

The book is about Australian Churches and cults. The first Chapter is about Anglicanism and this I found most unsatisfactory. However, on reflection, his confused treatment of Anglicanism probably simply reflects the confusion that exists in Australian Anglicanism. It must be hard for an outsider to get any kind of clear picture of what we're about. There are four pages devoted to Anglicanism and here lies the book's biggest problem. It is simply impossible to deal with the complex subject of what a Church is, does and believes in four pages — and some denominations get even less!

There is much in the book that is valuable. For anyone not familiar with what others believe it will serve as a handy introduction to Churches and cults

and it has the advantage of being Australian. Some chapters are better than others. In some there is just straight description; in others there is an attempt at some assessment. To help readers go deeper there is a reading list at the end of each chapter.

There are, however, some criticisms. The book badly needs an introduction. The author has not set out either what he is really trying to achieve (is my interpretation of the meaning of the title the same as his, I wonder?) or how he divides Churches and cults. His chapter on Cultism does not adequately do this. So, for example, he has included Unitarians and the New Church (Swedenborgianism) as Churches and relegated Seventh Day Adventism to the Cult section. Many would want to question this.

The Chapters also suffer from being lectures notes. They are not always easy to read (the questions on p. 96 seem out of place) and this difficulty is not helped by the print which requires intense concentration.

This book is useful as a brief introductory book on Churches and cults in Australia.

D. Kirkaldy

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The sermons are printed in a Collins paperback under the title "Mr Jones, Meet the Master". The name arose from the fact that Peter Marshall preached not only to the rich and the famous . . . but also to the "man in the street" whom he called "Mr. Jones."

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Foundation Genesis Newsletter

GRAHAM DRAWS OVERFLOW CROWDS IN IDAHO

In the Treasure Valley area of Idaho near the western edge of the Rockies,

people who describe themselves as "independent" came together in record breaking numbers for the August 8-15 Boise/Treasure Valley Billy Graham Crusade at the beautiful Pavilion of Boise State University, to the point where business leaders and clergy alike are saying, "Revival has come to Treasure Valley". Press and Media put the evangelist on four television network stations and in the daily papers. Mr. Graham said it was the most extensive coverage of Crusade meetings in several years.

The Crusade brought church unity across denominational lines that church leaders said has not occurred before as clergy began to discover one another and work together for the Crusade.

Following the Boise/Treasure Valley Crusade, Billy Graham had only two days before plunging into a round of speaking engagements leading to the Crusade in Spokane, Washington August 22-29.



Run of faith

Australia's biggest road marathon has begun. It will take 50 days and involve about 11,000 runners. Called the "Run of Faith" it will cover more than 13,000 km around the perimeter of the country and end at the Commonwealth Games as part of an evangelical project organised by combined Australian churches.

The runners will carry on an Olympic-style torch along the entire route. The torches are to be lit using the traditional Aborigine fire-lighting method of rubbing two sticks together. "We are carrying the flame to show Australians that Jesus Christ is still the light of the world and still the answer for people who are living in spiritual darkness," says Mr. Carlisle.

With flaming torch held high, Gary McCleery (Brisbane), Ian McClure (Canberra), Lyndelle Kerr (Brisbane) and Peter Turvey (Melbourne) get in some practice for the Run of Faith which started August 8.

Zadok Director appointed

The Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall has been appointed Director of Zadok Centre, the national Christian research and resources centre based in Canberra. "This is the second phase of Zadok," Board Chairman, Mr. Alan Kerr said today.

contemporary social issues in Australia. "Peter Marshall's particular expertise in the social world of early Christianity, and his desire to search out its relevance to contemporary Christianity in current Australian society interests us," said Mr. Kerr.

Protest at revised anthem in new book

The news that a group of clergymen had produced an alternative version of the National Anthem set off a fresh furore in Britain — before the clamour over the Falkland Islands Service had died away. At the centre of the storm was Hymns for Today's Churches, to be published by Hodder and Stoughton in November, a new collection in which many popular favourites have been "up-dated."

the Daily Mirror. "Hands off Our National Anthem," yelled the Daily Mail echoing the Tory MPs. Most of the other national newspapers followed suit. But one of the clergymen most closely concerned with the book, the Rev. Michael Saward, Vicar of Ealing, West London, and a member of the General Synod, said these views were "so idiotic that they reflect on those who utter them."

Churches urge PM to support Palestinian rights

A delegation of Church leaders has reminded Prime Minister Fraser and the Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Street, that there will be no solution to the Middle East conflict until the rights of the Palestinian people for self-determination in a Palestinian state have been recognized and put into practice. The six member delegation organized by the Australian Council of Churches met Mr. Fraser and Mr. Street recently in Parliament House.

Members of the delegation were: Archbishop John Grindrod (Primate of the Anglican Church), Bishop David Penman (Anglican Bishop in Melbourne) Bishop David Cremin (representing the Roman Catholic Episcopal Committee for Development and Peace), the Rev'd David Gill (General Secretary, Uniting Church in Australia) the Rev. Ian Allsop (Churches of Christ, Melbourne) and Miss Jean Skuse (General Secretary, Australian Council of Churches).

Cages — for men



The building of Parklea Prison in Sydney's western suburbs has sparked renewed controversy as to how to deal with those who have committed criminal offenses.

This photo is of Parklea under construction — NSW's first maximum security prison built in the twentieth century. The photo and the excerpt below are taken from the PAG's 'Jail News'. "Parklea is to bring the modern era of brutality and savagery to NSW. The Parklea cages are on the north-western side of the main oblong jail enclosure. The twenty cells have a bolted-down bed occupying a lot of the 7 foot by 12 foot space.

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Changed concepts The team has restored priorities, the two clerics claim, by moving from the concept of the Church as a building to that of the Church as a people. So in the dedication hymn, "Christ is made the sure foundation," the line "To this temple, where we call Thee" becomes "We as living stones invoke you!"

Parliamentarian calls for prayer over drought

"As drought conditions worsen, sufficient prayer power needs to be mobilised among believing people to attract the needed healing rains," stated Mr. Jim Cameron, M.P. for Northcott — a former Speaker and one-time Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the N.S.W. Legislative Assembly.

New Chairman for Liturgical Commission

If time permits, consideration may be given to: Provision of services for special occasions; Provision of liturgy for children; Provision of Rites for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week.

The new Chairman of the Liturgical Commission is Bishop Alfred Holland of Newcastle who took over from the Primate Archbishop John Grindrod last week. Canon Lawrence Bartlett is the new Secretary.

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