

SYDNEY Rev J. A. Burrows from Scotland has become Curate of St Andrew's, Cronulla, as

High Response at Recent Graham's Canadian Crusade

More than 9000 responded to the public invitation for spiritual commitment during the eight-day Metro Toronto Billy Graham Crusade which concluded on Sunday, June 18. That response by 9305 represented 4.5 per cent of the 209,000 who attended the meetings in the Maple Leaf Gardens hockey arena and the Canadian National Exhibition sports stadium.

from June 1. Rev G. Alais, Chaplain ARA, is to become the Rec-tor of St Peter's, Camp-Graham last conducted a brought evangelism to crusade here in 1955 when 356,000 attended during a 28-invitation of Prime Minister day period. Response to the Pierre Elliot Trudeau, invitation then totalled 7436 Graham went to Ottawa, the or just over two per cent of attendance. Observers con-curred with the evangelist hat the widespread interest. attendance, and response in-dicated the country was ripe for a spiritual harvest. He told his Canadian au-

tor of St Peter's, Camp-belltown. **Rev A. R. McMiles** from the Diocese of Armidale is to become the Currate-in-Charge of the Provisional District of Canley Heights. **Rev T. C. Milton**, Curate, New Housing District of New Housing District of Green Valley, is to become Resident Minister of Green He told his Canadian au-dience that he sensed an "insecurity, uncertainty, and search for identity" in the country where problems of national unity, unemploy-ment, and inflation loom large. That deep seated con-cern was reflected in the large number of middle aged peo-ple who made their way to the platform to register their decisions with the usual crowd of young people. The crusade generated far reaching public interest.

Valley. Rev B. Ballantine-Jones will resign as Rector of St Mary's, Concord North, as from August 6 to become Rector of St Clements, Jan-

nali. Rev D. G. Peterson has returned from study leave in England. He is residing at 40 Carillon Avenue, Newtown, NSW, 2042. We have been advised that

reaching public interest. Graham commented on the media coverage which

We have been advised that all correspondence for the Parish of Littleton should be addressed to the Curate of Lithgow Parish: Rev F. W. Mostyn, 86 Rabaul Street, Lithgow, NSW, 2790. The Archbishop-in-Council has advised that the name of the Provisional District of Lurnea has been changed to the Provisional District of Lurnea has been changed to the Provisional District of Lurnea has been changed his address to 185 Donington Court, Flinders Village, Castle Hill, NSW, 2154. Telephone: 680 1227. Rev R. C. Doyle, Curate, St Stephen's, Willoughby, has been granted leave of

St Stephen's, Willougnoy, has been granted leave of absence. As from July 31 his address in Scotland will be address in Scotland with E. C/- GPO, Crown Street, Aberdeen AB9 1AA, Scotland, United Kingdom.

MELBOURNE Rev N. Allchin will be Minister-in-Charge at St Mark's, Forest Hill, Vic, as from July 19.

"The New South Wales Government has recognised The Buttery in a very real way with the granting of two substantial amounts — \$42,500 from the NSW Health Commission and \$42,500 from the Alcohol and Drug Authority. This will be used to develop the ministry further. "It is encouraging that, in a time of seeming recession, the Government is recognis-ing the importance of this work. The work of God is in nowise hindered by the decease of His servants, no matter how eminent they be in office nor how much used in blessing to His people. -A.W.P.

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Evangelical Theologians to Meet

The Fellowship of Euro-pean Evangelical theologians will hold its se-cond conference at Altenkir-chen, West Germany from August 21 to 25. Participants will consider the subject of Christian dialogue with other religions, Marxism, and various philosophies. Leader of the conference with

Leader of the conference will be the Rev John Stott, chairman of the education and theology working group of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelisation. Trudeau and others. Canadian church leaders see the unprecedented display Canadian church leaders see the unprecedented display of unity as a further lasting result of the crusade. They believe the broad sense of denominational support and ethnic participation, in a city which has a growing ethnic community, is of equal significance to the phenomenal number of deci-sions.

for World Evangelisation. Other lecturers will be Dr Klaus Haacker, West Ger-many; Dr J. Howard Mar-shall and David Wright of Scotland; Dr Jan Veenhof, Netherlands; P. Kuzmic, Yugoslavia; Udo Mid-delmann, Switzerland; J. Blocher, France; Dr Agne Nordlander, Sweden; Dr H. Qualbein, Norway; and Dr Bruce Nicholls, India. The Fellowship of Euro-The Fellowship of Euro-pean Evangelical Theologians was founded

phenomenal number of deci-sions. The crusade chairman (Anglican) Canon Desmond Hunt, stressed that the eight-day event should be viewed by Toronto's evangelical con-stituency as a beginning of an ongoing, united thrust to bring the gospel to Canadians at this crucial time in their history. Theologians was founded and held its first meeting in Belgium in 1976.

Many are probably familiar with the beginnings of the ministry at The Buttery — a venture led by Captain John McKnight, at Binna Burra, in northern New South Wales. The Buttery is a disused butter factory and is a centre for ministry to com-mune dwellers, drug addicts, surfies, hitch-hikers, etc. John leads a team of young people who, with him, aim to minister to the various needs of those who come under

BUTTERY MINISTRY

National capital, where conferred briefly w

John himself began full-time in this work in 1973. To bring you up-to-date, John reports the following development has been my or-dination to the Diaconate by the Bishop of Grafton — on Whitsunday (14th May) at "There have been in-

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Capt John McKnight The Pioneer **ASIAN BISHOP'S AWARD**

The Right Reverend Chandu Ray, DD, has been selected to be the recipient of the esteemed Gutenberg Award 1978. This award was established in 1952 by the Chicago Bible Society, an auxiliary of the American Bi-ble Society and is bestowed annually on a person who has made some distinctive contribution to the study and dissemination of the Bible.

Bishop Chandu Ray was selected because of his effec-tive service to the Church in Pakistan, his leadership of the Bible Society in Pakistan, his special involvement in the publication of the Tibetan Bi-ble and the translation and publication of the Sindhi Bi-ble and, more recently, his promotion of the Bible cause throughout the whole of Asia. i int

Along with the award the recipient is invited to designate circulation of Scriptures to the value of

500. These Scriptures may be in any language or format that is currently in print. In response Bishop Chandu has pointed out that thousands of Tibetans are scattered all over India, specially Dharamsala and Mussoorie. Chandu comments that an effort should be made at this time to reach them with the Word of God in their mother tongue. He therefore requests



GREAT VOICE WITH FIFTY-TWO FACES!

Merrill Womach, who will be holding concerts throughout Australia in August had his face burnt in a plane accident in 1961 and it has taken him 52 operaions to get it almost back to normal

size. The skin was burned from his hands and his legs and feet were burnt severely. "One of the miracles of God," says Womach, "was that I was wearing a sports jacket. I've never worn one in the plane before or since. I just like to relax when I fly. "That jacket was made from some synthetic material It was the day before Thanksgiving when the American singer was trying desperately to get back home for the family dinner, which he had never missed in his SNOW STORM He was flying his own twin-engine aircraft follow-ing singing engagements in Los Angeles, when a blinding snow storm came up. He put down on a small airstrip in Oregon

"That jacket was made from some synthetic material which melted. The doctors had to actually break it to get it off. It protected the upper part of my body. "If I hadn't had it on, I would have died from the burns. And if I hadn't died immediately, there wouldn't have been the necessary skin for grafting." down on a small Oregon. The next morning he took off again, but after only a few minutes in the air both engines failed. He attempted to land on the highway, but the traffic prevented it.

THAT CREATURE MY HUSBAND

His wife when she first saw the charred head on the hospital pillow prayed: "Oh, God, don't let that creature be my husband!"

be my husband!" The Merrill Womach story is indeed one of courage and determination to overcome pain and adversity, which he has captured in the book "Tested by Fire", co-written with his wife. Virgina

Merrill Womach now has his own recording company, National Music Services, and does gospel concerts all over the United States. Concerts will be held dur-ing August in Sydney, 16th, 24th, 25th; Adelaide, 17th; Perth, 18th; Melbourne, 19th, 22nd; Brisbane, 23rd.

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PEOPLE OF THE WESTERN DESERT PRAISED

The Board of Education for the Diocese of Sydney has disasso-ciated itself from a number of parent groups in their criticism of the controversial social studies course "People of the Western Desert".

A report in Sydney Argus, Sunday Telegraph, June 15th, 1978 said that parent groups were taking action to prevent use of the course by the NSW Dept of Education. main reference book "Desert People", by Meggitt. We believe that provided the teacher is judicious in the use of material from the book, few problems should arise.

Since then the Anglican Board of Education has subjected the Report to an intensive investigation and a report was released this week.

The Report says that:

The objections that have been brought to our attention have been investigated and we believe they cannot be substantiated. substantiated. Much of the critic the course has centred

The Board believes that the course would be a very useful supplement to upper Primary Social Studies programmes. It praises the way in which

It praises the way in which the course deals with the Aboriginal way of life. "We believe the compilers of the course have shown sensitivity in both handling the Aboriginal culture and in helping European/Australian children come to grips with the aboriginal world view.

"The background material "The background material on Dreamtime, Dreaming Groups and Ceremony, is very well expressed and is signific ant for an understanding of aboriginal culture and society. In fact, this aboriginal learning process shows us vital learning experiences that are often missing from the upbringing of many Australian children.

"The religious and moral dimensions of the aboriginal life are set out clearly in the Background Information Background Information Sheets for Teachers. They put the moral dilemma situations that arise into their proper religious life perspective, thus overcoming one of the major difficulties the Board saw in the MACOS materials'.

The report is also approving of the educational methods used by the compilers of the course. "The course makes extensive use of discovery learning methods. The Board believes these methods to be educationally effective for this age group".

The Court said its intent was to impose a permanent mandatory injunction requir-

EDITORIAL

The discussion on the relationship between culture and the Christian faith usually focuses on the Third World. The Willowbank Consultation on this issue held recently under the sponsorship of the Lausanne Committee uses no exerction ttee was no exception.

The Western Desert people about whose study for primary school social studies controversy has raged.

ON OTHER

AGES

It is relatively easy to see the foreign particles in the eye of the missionary to the Third World rather than the log in our own eve.

The issue of culture and Christianity is as much the real issue for the Western Christian living in the West as it is for the Third World Christian or the Western Christian living in the Third World.

The Third World Christian who has lived in the West is vocal on returning home about the sub Christian standards that we regard as acceptable conduct as Christians in our society.

In spite of our denial that the West is Christian, when it comes to thinking about the things we have always done, we are committed to the fundamental view that

these things are Christian. They row just be culturally acceptable, but not necessarily Christian.

While the Bible by no means denigrates culture, it clearly indicates the way we do things is shot through with the consequences of the fall of man.

with the consequences of the fall of man. Most Christians ignore the Old Testament injunctions governing conduct and look only to the New because "we are not under law but under grace". However the extent to which, for example, laws governing the deprivation of another's property or goods is worked out on the basis of the prohibition against theft shows how much Israel's cultural practices came under the scrutiny of God's Word.

Covetousness which slew Paul hardly affects us because we have been conditioned.

We do not believe that the majority of things we do warrant Biblical assessment, because we have become unconsciously committed to the view of autonomous ethics, i.e., there are inbuilt rules for doing things we



"I understand how they feel," he says. Merrill Womach now has

the way to the hospital and even when the doctors work-ed on me that day. "One doctor told my wife that more people who suf-fered with burns like mine, had died from the shock rather than from the burns. "But for me there was no shock. I guess it was the singing of praise to God that kept me from shock," says Womach.

kept me from snock, says Womach. All the flesh on his face and hands had been burned off by the explosion and fire. When his wife Virginia arriv-ed at the hospital, his head was swollen to basketball

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that the \$500 be given to the Bible Society in India. Recipients of the Gutenberg Award have in-cluded General Douglas MacArthur (1952) — Mr Bil-ly Graham (1962) — Dr Frank C. Laubach (1964) — Dr Robert G. Bratcher (1969) — Mlle Annie Vallotton (1970) — Bishop Fulton J. Sheen (1974) — Dr Laton E. Holmgren (1975) — Arch-bishop Donald Coggan (1976). Furniture Removal and Storage G. & C. Drew Pty Ltd 68 Smiths Avenue

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to land on the highway, but the traffic prevented it. He tried to bring the plane back to the landing strip, but pine trees blocked the path. "I opened my eyes and all 1 could see were flames," he recalls, "I groped for the door, ripped off my seat belt and staggered away. How I got to the highway I don't know. "Some men, whom I had been having a cup of coffee with just minutes before, and who had heard the explosion, came to help.

SINGING PRAISE

TO GOD "I remember singing all the way to the hospital and the doctors work

came to help.

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Bishop Chandu Ray

"They got me into the car and I laid down on the back seat as they rushed me to the



SEPARATIONISTS LOSE CHURCHES

The long awaited resolution of the property dispute between the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and four parishes who had separated from it came on June 21 when Superior Court Judge J. Wesley Reed ruled that the property of the four parishes does indeed belong to the diocese.

the diocese. Judge Red's memoran-dum of intent to rule stated that the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, being a hier-archical church both in ec-clesiastical and temporal matters, member parishes therefore are part of "a much larger and more important religious organisation, under its government and control and bound by its orders and judgments."

The four parishes involved are St Mary of the Angels, Hollywood; Holy Apostles, Glendale; Our Saviour, Los Angeles; and St Matthias, Sun Valley. Each had withdrawn from the Episcopal Church early last year, and had changed its Ar-ticles of Incorporation with the California Secretary of State to remove all reference to the diocese and the Protes-tant Episcopal Church. The parishes and their rec-tors did not advise diocesan

The parishes and their rec-tors did not advise diocesan bishop Robert C. Rusack or the Standing Committee of these actions at the time. Rather, the chancellor of the diocese learned about the amendments from the Secretary of State after they had been filed.

All of the property of each arish is impressed with an parish is impressed with an implied charitable trust, re-quiring its use for the benefit of members or congregations of members or congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

ing the rectors, wardens and vestrymen of the four parishes to surrender title, possession and control of all property to the diocese as trustee, to carry out the trust purposes established by the Court and of the charitable trust for which the property was originally acquired and which had been set forth in the original Articles of In-corporation of each parish. Informed of the decision, Bishop Rusack said: "I am of course gratified to have our position upheld by the Court. It has been extremely dif-ficult for us to have to go into Court to settle this matter of property ownership.

Icuit for us to nave to go into Court to settle this matter of property ownership. However, we had no other choice, given the responsibili-ty for stewardship of the resources of the Episcopal Church in this Diocese. "When there is a schism, all suffer," Bishop Rusack went on, "and neither side can rejoice. It is the constant hope of the Bishop and the diocese that those who have left our fellowship will return, and that the unhappy divisions may be healed. We assure those who have left us that they are continually in our thoughts and prayers. We miss their participation in our flie of work and worship.

We miss their participation in our life of work and worship. May God guide them in the way they have chosen." After the decision was an-nounced, the Rev George Clendenin, rector of Holy Apostles, and the Rev John D. Barker, rector of St Mary of the Angels, said that they intended to file an appeal.

The Australian Council of Churches deplores the escalating violence in Rhodesia as witnessed by the brutal killing of 12 mis-sionaries at Elim Pentecostal Mission, near Umtali recent-ly, the ever increasing number of black civilians "caught in crossfire" by Rhodesian security forces, and the brutal killing of refugees fleeing from Rhodesia into neighbouring countries by Rhodesian forces on "hot pursuit" exer-cises.

RHODESIAN

MARTYRS

The ACC equally The ACC equality recognises the depth of frustration within the African community in Rhodesia resulting from the continuing denial of Basic human rights and aspira-tions.

We do not know who kill-ed the missionaries. The guerilla movements have been accused of the murders, yet guerilla leaders have denied involvement. We have evidence associating the Selous Scouts of the Rhode-sian Army with similar such massacres and recognise the propaganda value of the senseless deaths of mission propaganda value of the senseless deaths of mission-aries to the regimme of lan Smith. No matter who commits such atrocities, we deplore the killings.

In response, we repeat our call to the Australian Government and all concern-ed governments to urge renewed negotiations be-tween all parties in Rhodesia — both those in the Interim Government and those of the Patriotic Front — to seek a peaceful transition to black majority rule.

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For criticism of WCC financial support of Patriotic Front, see page 4.



have always done in politics, economics and law to quote a few areas. We may complain that in Third World Churches, when the choice is between Biblical injunctions and culture, the latter wins in many instances. We have to be certain in our own case before we make for own eye. We have to be certain for example in our private life we have been changed by the instructions of the Bible. We have to be sure at a personal level as well as at a Church and denominational level we have been boast in the handling of money or not given over to susary contrary to Biblical injunctions. We may find purche but do we look for and can we find Biblical warrants for so doing them?

more, but do we look for and can we find biolical warrants for so doing them? The extent to which we are concerned about changing our ways to bring them into conformity to the will of God will be a good test of whether we ourselves are winning the battle of our Christianity over our culture.

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NOTES & COMMENTS

Wayzgoose

The much heralded Channel 2 children's production, "Wayzgoose", has been screened on a number of successive Monday evenings. We were forewarned by an officer of the Department of feducation that the series was lacking as a professional leevision production, although he added some praise. Those adults who have managed to sit through the series will not have been disillusioned by the usual negative approach to most issues we have come to expect from "controversial productions".

Although we were assured that this production was made in nsultation with experts in the field of children's education d communication, the series has to date been very determine

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pedestrian. We are sure as the series progresses and as higher authorities are denigrated that God himself will be the subject of discussion. However it is doubted if we have much to be concerned

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The experts seemed to have missed the mark, for children of the age group intended are in search of that positive motivation for which this production is singularly lacking. Like the production, "Waterloo Street", "Wayzgoose" is repugnant to the values of the group for which it was made and perhaps the real critique came from the child whose father sat watching the first in the series, "This is really boring — can't we switch to 'The Flintstones?" ".

GALLUP POLL ON UNCHURCHED

The majority of Americans who are "unchurched" nevertheless hold traditional religious beliefs, with a quarter saying that they have had a "born-again" experience, according to the findings of a Gallup poll eleased recently

The poll — which is the first specifically on the values, interests and back-grounds of the unchurched — was conducted by The Gallup Organisation for a coalition of 29 religious groups — including the Episcopal Church — conven-ed by the National Council of Churches. unchurched persons who in-dicated they had "problems" with churches checked a statement which said, "I wanted deeper spiritual meaning than I found in the church or synagogue." The unchurched are defin-ed as those who are not

At a news conference at the At a new connerence at the Interchurch Center, Gallup said that "more of the un-churched than the churched have had a sudden religious experience. They're all charg-ed up, but with no place to ""

The project was conducted The project was conducted in two parts, the first cover-ing both churched and un-churched, and the second covering only the unchurch-ed. A total of 848 churched adults and 1255 unchurched adults were interviewed. Gallup noted that a major criticism of the unchurched persons in regard to religious institutions is that "churches have lost the spiritual part of religion". About one in five

AGAINST SIKHS SALE

Church Society has sent a letter of protest to the Church Commissioners

Church Commissioners about the possible sale of St Leonard's Church in Bedford to the Sikhs. The local cir-cumstances are not the main issues — the matter is one of principle. The General Synod of the Church of England has discussed the issue of the sale of redundant Church buildings to non-Christian faiths on a number of occa-sions.

Tailing on a number of occa-sions. In February 1973 Mr Menon's amendment that demoliition was preferable to sale to non-Christian faiths was carried by 170 to 143. Mr Chandler's proposal to refuse use for a non-Christian religious faith although lost in the House of Bishops and Clergy, received overall votes of 186 in sup-port to 172 against (House of Laity 98 in support to 49 against).

Church Society believes that the sale should not go ahead to a non-Christian faith until it can be shown that the House of Laity is in rather than over

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ON&OFF HE RECORD **By David Hewetson**

AN OLD DEBATE the Book, his special term for both Jews and Christians. He also adopted a few Jewish customs. But the Jews were not easily assimilated. To them a real aly was a Jewish proselyte. And anyone who made prophetic claims like Muhammad's was just as mad and dangerous as Saul of Tarsus and his notions. So the break had to come. And in Muhammad's thinking the Jews (and the Christians as well) certainly possessed spiritual understanding, but they were perverse in their failure to exonice of God (hanifiya). The time came when he ordered his followers to face Mecca when they prayed and not Jerusalem.

THE SECULAR VIRUS

In recent colonial times the West's invasion of the Islamic world was not seen as novel or strange. It appeared almost as if it were the Crusades in a new guise. Gone were the swords and shields; in their places rifles and gunboats. Religion and politics, being all of a piece to the Muslim, this new incursion was simply seen as another **Christian** Inverties

invasion. But this time the invader carried with him an undetected but potent virus: secularism. With its notions of liberty, democracy, technology, etc, it managed to penetrate the defences of the Islamic heartland. This was vividly seen in Kemal Ataturk's Turkish revolution in 1908. There for the first time in Islam there appeared such radical changes as the separation of religion and state, the institution of Islam as a private religion, and even the abolition of the office of the Caliph (a move almost as extreme as Roman Catholics denosine the Pone¹).

"The East's answer to Alexander the Great", was how someone once described Muhammad. But Islam was also in part a reaction to Christianity, the inheritor of Alexander's old spiritual empire. Things as far back and as deep rooted as this may explain more about Muslim-Christian relationships than we comptime realize

more about Muslim-Christian relationships than we sometimes realise. In Muhammad's time Arabia was in a typically borderline situation. The constant pressure of advancing Christian civilisation bore upon it heavily. And in Ethiopia (where Muhammad found asylum during the persecution by the men of Mecca) he saw what might also happen in Arabia unless there was another option.

SHADOW APOSTLE

Perhaps the kind of Christianity that Muhammad met with encouraged him to see hinself as an Apostle to the Arabs, a counterpart to the prophets and Apostles of the Jews and the Christians. A muslim Paul! In any case those who later reflected on the role of the prophet saw him as Al-nabi al-ummi, the prophet to the gentiles (and there is both Arab particularism and Muslim universalism mixed up in that phrase).

both Arao particulation and the base of the protect against that up in that phrase). It was almost as if he was in protest against that concentration on the Graeco-Roman world that wrote Arabs and others off as "barbarians". This illiterate prophet would show them a thing or two: that God paid no attention to wealth and sophistication, and could, through a devout son of the desert, speak his last word to men.

prophet would show them a thing or two: that God paid no attention to wealth and sophistication, and could, through a devout son of the desert, speak his last word to men. Muslims and Jews had a strange relationship with each other. Once again, like St Paul, Muhammad found himself grateful to the Jews for much of their tradition but actually opposed to them in practice. Just as Christianity took Israel outside its old boundaries, so (says Arred van Leeuwen) Islam is the form that Judaism took when it immersed itself in the Arab world. It was of course, a particularly "Arabicised" Judaism that was so transmuted.

ALLAH AND ABRAHAM

Jewish monotheism in Arabia pushed the local gods into the background. Allah (of Muhammad's Qur'aysh tribe) emerged as a High God. And this was dear to his heart and for it he was grateful enough to Ahl al-kitab, the People of

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Rev M. Youssef (at left) speaking with two of the men attending one of the Haggai Institute

"USE THE KORAN TO CONVERT MUSLIMS"

Rev Michael Youssef, former Curate at St Philip's Church of England at Caringbah, Sydney, is visiting Australia, on a four months tour, on behalf of the HAGGAI INSTITUTE. Rev Youssef has just completed a thesis for his Master of Theology degree at the Fuller Theological Seminary in the USA on the subject "Jesus in the Koran as a New Method for Muslim Evangelism".

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Speaking from Brisbane, where hand is family are based during their in terest by leaders in Notrd America and his thesis is to be published by Thomas Nelson Publishing House.
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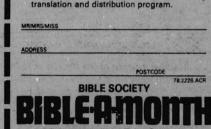
The of for Muslim Evangelism". interview with President Sadat of Egypt. Another in terview is being planned in September. **JESUS IN. THE KORAKI** When asked about the Koran, Rev Youssef explain-ed that He is called the "word of God"; "spirit of to Haling as well as referring to His death and resurce-to healing as well as referring to His death and resurce-tion, are all to be found. "Issus in the Koran is hid-task challenging the Church task challenging the Church task rablenging the Muslims or the Arabs", says Rev Youssef. "In other words, it's building"

Haggai Instru-Coast, in California. He also be writing a major volume on the "History of Protestant Mission to the Muslim World" for his PhD Muslim World" for his PhD

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Decline and Resurgence in UK by J. D. Douglas

A British clergyman has threatened to tape his sermons so they can be played in church in his absence. This is hailed as opening up all kinds of possibilities. The organist could record his music. The congregation could send cardboard cutout models of themselves to church. And, it is concluded, everyone could then get on with the *real* business of Sunday — washing the car and relaxing with friends.

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Medels of themselves to church. And, it is concluded, everyone could then get on with the next of the real business of Sunday – washing the car and relaxing with friends.
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 British Government statistican P. W. Briefley

British Government statistician P. W. Brierley also gives data that make sombre reading. From a cross-section of 100 in-dividuals in England over the age of 14, only 14 were members of Christian chur-ches in 1975. In Wales the figure was 23; in Scotland it was 39. In Northern Ireland, that unquiet province, it was

INCREASE Jehovah's Witnesses, Mor-mons and Spiritualists have recorded substantial gains — which testify to what has been called "the unpaid bills of the Church." But note this: The estimated total for Bud-dhists, Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs has risen over the five years from 381,000 to 636,000. Most of these live within their own com-munities with little thought of proselytism. Not so the Ahmadiyya Muslim sect, which this year plans to spend one million pounds on a missionary crusade in was 39. In Northern Ireland, that unquiet province, it was a staggering 76. Peter Brierley, who went to endless trouble to put the material together, discloses that of the five main categories of churches, Britain has 2.41 million Catholics (mostly Roman), 2.25 million Episcopalians, 1.75 million Reformed (Presbyterian and Congrega-tional), 0.59 million Methodists and 0.25 million Baptists a miss Britain.

Acthodists and 0.25 million Baptists.
Tom Houston, who writes a thoughtful introduction, in-dicates that:
The proliferation of churches is increasing, not diminishing.
There is no positive link between a church's attitude
Douglas, editor of The

door-to-door visitation and wide-scale distribution of literature. Each of its adherents undertakes to give 16 per cent of his income to a central fund for the financing of J. D. Douglas, editor of The New International Dictionary of the Christian Church, is editor-at-large for Christianity Today and formerly lectured at St Andrew's University in Scotland.

Founder of the Kobe Central Church, and for the past 21 years an outstanding city evangelist in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and North America, the Rev Koji Honda is on a visit to Britain under the auspices of the Japan Evangelistic Band.

JAPANESE EVANGELIST TO BRITAIN

Honda is on a visit to Britain under the auspices of the Japa Deeply aware of the rap id ly in creasing materialistic outlook of the Japanese people, Mr Honda has come to Europe with two burdens. The first to ask Christians in Britain to pray for the Church in Japan and its witness and the second to call for more missionaries from Britain to work with the Japanese people who are non-Christian. Mr Honda himself is

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children, who remain at the school for four and a half days each week and rejoin their families at weekends. Their ages range from four to 15 wars

Their ages range from four to 15 years. Training programmes of-fered in the school and hostel allow the pupils a real op-portunity to learn valuable lessons in responsible living. Apart from basic subjects, such as the development of speech and language, remedial reading, arithmetic, musical activities, physical education, cooking, art and simple religious instruction, a variety of crafts has been at-tempted, both during school hours and at the hostel in the evening.

hours and at the hostel in the evening. The pupils at Kingsdene are learning pottery, rug making, tie dyeing, batik, papier mache and the building of models to enable them to make use of leisure time as they grow toward adulthood and the level of competence achieved is ex-tending. Besides social training given individually and in no-hands-but-our-hands.) In an age when, more than ever, men have lost sight of their eternal destiny, Paul's answer to depressing statistics would surely be something like the words once addressed to the Ephe-sians: "Use the present op-portunity to the full, for these are evil days" (Eph 5:16, NEB). After a reminder, of course, of whence comes the strength and enabling.

tending. Besides social training given individually and in groups there is instruction and practice in the use of public transport, use of telephone and public conve-niences, entertainment, bandling money and care of World Vision ling money and care of nanding money and care of general appearance. Four girls and five boys have recently entered a one day a week work experience programme offered them by Cumberland Industries, a sheltered workshop at Baukhem Hills.

The new government of the Seychelles has agreed to licence the Far East Broad-casting Company's giant short-wave transmitters for an annual fee of \$120,000. FEBC's investment in buildings and equipment is more than \$2-million and the stations transmit in 19 languages.

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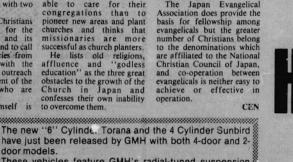
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sheltered workshop at Baukham Hills. The Church of England Homes is very strongly aware that responsibility for the future well-being of these trainees needs to be understood fully by parents and staff as the young people grow up in the 1980s. Long term as well as short term goals are necessary and must be constantly reviewed.

President Idi Amin has abolished Sunday. He has replaced it as the weekly holi-day by Friday, the Islamic holiday, in spite of the fact that 70 per cent of Ugandans are Christians, only 7 per cent Muslims.





HANDICAPPED CHILDREN FOR ADULTHOOD

Training handicapped children for adulthood by teaching them useful skills is an undertaking on which increasing emphasis is being given by the Church of England Homes in the development of its Kingsdene Special School and Hostel at Carlingford, a western suburb of Sydney.

r, has facilities designed neet the needs of 26 mildly moderately retarded



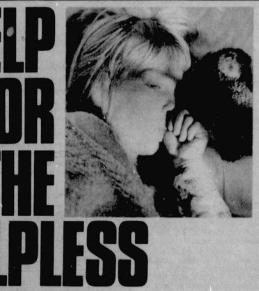
These students at the Kingsdene School and Hostel for mentally handicapped children are involved in training programmes which allow valuable lessons in responsible living.

For this reason an adulthood training hostel is envisaged. This will be in the nearby Tress Manning building own-ed by the Homes. It is hoped the young Kingsdene residents will soon begin the new experience of communi-ty living and that this addi-tional facility will be fully operative toward the end of this year.

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people. As well as providing care and education it is important for Kingsdene to explore con-tinually a range of choices. Rehabilitative training is a

residents will soon begin the new experience of communi-ty living and that this addi-tional facility will be fully operative toward the end of this year. Recent trends throughout the world emphasise increas-ingly more active roles for the retarded person and his fami-ly and the need for new and innovative planning for the



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IN SPITE OF RHODESIAN CARNAGE

It's hard to believe that all over the lovely land of Rhodesia evil men are right now planning and executing more acts of murder, torture, rape, looting and destruction, and are right now planting landmines for the unsuspecting innocents who will cross that path tomorrow.

This week we listened to the grim story of a young African who had escaped from a terrorist training camp where, for the past eleven months he had been held against his will. He was the grave digeer, and each the grave digger, and each day he had to dig at least 20 graves for those of his fellows who died from starvation, disease or for punitary

With five out of six of the With five out of six of the Anglo/American proposals adhered to, and with the sixth, free elections, being met by December, the Western world refuses to ac-cept the settlement. We are perplexed to say the least.

perplexed to say the least. Although the situation is grave and we carnestly re-quest prayer for this land and people, we rejoice in all that God is doing in spite of, or often because of this present tension. Each Saturday night 80 or more young Africans gather at the Umtali Teacher Training College. With the alternatives of a

Training College. With the alternatives of a film or a dance they have chosen instead to study God's word and have con-tributed well to the study of Romans. We are realising afresh our primary respon-sibility of 'making disciples' and not just converts. We re-joice also as lives are changed and deepened in the two Biblestudygroups.

God. Knowing that Britain and America cannot be depended upon and seeing in-creased Russian and Cuban involvement on the conti-nent, people here have only two options — to rely on themselves or to rely on God. Biblestudy groups. One woman has had her newly found faith truly tested while coming under attack on her farm, and this week has attended the funerals of three friends who are the victims of this war. She says, "A few months ago I would have-become hysterical and depressed, but how wonder-ful to feel that inner Presence and peace". themselves or to rely on God. In increasing numbers people have turned to God. Earlier this year, for a special week of prayer, about 700 people met each day in Salisbury — at 5.00 am! In many churches, early morn-ing prayer meetings are being held weekly. and peace"

A young couple, recent converts in the Chipinga area have also come into a time of lesting. They have been sent to manage tea estates right on the Mozambique border, and with their three small children have only been there a short time

held weekly. Inevitably this has brought about changes in the attitudes of different sectors of the community. Harmony and co-operation are now the themes taiked about by politicians and businessmen, African and European. The majority of people are deter-mined to make a success of a multi-racial society. It is t shoit time. The other night their estate came under mortar and rocket attack for 5 hours! Considering that this was the only target it is a miracle that there was no damage to

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property, and no injury to any person.

Each morning we praise the Lord for a night of peace. Each journey completed brings forth praise for His protection. While travelling to Chipinga recently the twelve cars in the convoy in which Roy was travelling skirted a pothole in the terred road. INVALID BAPTISM Recently the final sheet of pothole in the tarred road.

recently me must sheet of roofing was nailed to the Dangamvura church! The process was not without hazard, for one night thieves brought a truck and attemp-ted to remove some of the reacting. A truck travelling just behind them detonated the landmine which the pothole contained and the back of the truck became a mangled mass of metal. The driver escaped with minor injuries. roofing.

The night watchman awoke and raised the alarm. In their haste to escape they ran through the nearest door and fell into the baptistry which was full of water! Their impromptu baptism discouraged them and they never returned.

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heavily outvoted.

the fact that the settlement has not been accepted by other countries has increased people's dependence upon God. The fact that the settler

Another 4 of our church members were abducted and shot this week. We request prayer against this evil. Roy&GwynethCowrie Africa Evangefical Fellowship

A New Rhodesian Harmony

On March 3rd, the Salisbury agreement was signed, bringing in the transitional government, with an executive committee of four (Ian Smith, Bishop Muzorewa, Rev Sithole and Chief Chirau) and 18 ministers (9 ministries, each headed by an African and a European). Plans are going ahead for elections before the end of the year. Some terrorist groups do not want them as they know that their faction would be

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Forty members of Christian renewal movements in Britain, Germany, South Africa, Rhodesia, New Zealand and the USA formally constituted themselves into the International Christian Network at a con-ference in London recently.

ference in London recently. Through its chairman, Professor Peter Beyerhaus, Director of the Institute of Missionary Studies at the University of Tubingen, West Germany, the Network has expressed its "amazement" at the silence of most member churches of the WCC over the slaughter of missionaries and their children "by members of Marxist libera-tion movements which since 1970 have been supported morally and financially by the WCC's "Programme to Combat Racism"." meeting referred to "the alar-ming crosion of biblical stan-dards of doctrine, morals and social order in the churches throughout the world". Furniture Removals and Storage G. & C. Drew Pty Ltd 68 Smiths Avenue Hurstville Local, Country and Interstate Removals Write or phone: 50 8366 After Hours: 53 7377

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The meeting called upon Dr Philip Potter, General Secretary of the WCC, either Secretary of the WCC, either to take steps to abandon the programme or to resign, and, "failing such action", called upon the member churches of the WCC urgently to con-sider withdrawal from it. The object of the Network described as "the defence f the biblical faith". A ress-release issued after this

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missionaries were slain dur-ing 1977 according to the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelism. These include AIM mis-

These include AIM mis-sionary pilot Harold Bowman in the Sudan, Peter Wyss and his companions in Northern Thailand, German missionary Hans Wener in Bangladesh, Dr Don Me-Clure in Ethiopia, Arch-bishop Luwum in Uganda and Dr Gleen Eschtruth in Zaire. More than 30 Roman Catholic bishops, priests and nurses were killed in Africa and South America including Cardinal Emilie Biayenda in Brazzaville. Scores more

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Christians from all over Africa at "Love Africa" Congress

It was an inspiring sight for delegates to the Love Africa congress to see flags of forty different African ntries flying high above the International Conference Centre in Blantyre, Malawi, one flag for every country to to the Congress. send a delegat

Love Africa was called together by Open Doors, an international organisation founded by the well known Brother Andrew ('God's Smuggler'), to discuss the important theme: "The Church of the future and the future of the Church in Africa". Brother Andrew, himself can, the Rev Jan Pit (Open responsible for 'smuggling' Doors director for Africa).

Brother Andrew, himself responsible for 'smuggling' hundreds of thousands of Bibles to communist cour-tries, said in his opening tries,

ed. But we have to do even more than that: every single Christian in Africa should prepare himself and herself for the day when he or she may be called to witness for Christ in a similar way. One of the most fatal sentences used in every countries, said in his opening speech: "A dark shadow is hang-ing over Africa. Already in the world one out of every two persons live under a dic-tatorsnip, many of them Christi ans who are persecuted for their beliefs. And in Africa many thousands of Christians are arrested annually and even martyred for Christ." Daniel Kyanda, a leading member of the Anglican Church in Uganda, passed a grave warning:

grave warning: "The battle for the soul of

"The battle for the soul of Africa is on, the extent of which is nearly impossible to perceive. During the past two decades nearly all the African countries obtained their in-dependence — and they are in terrible danger of losing it again.

"One dictatorship after another closes its ranks, to say nothing of the ominous presence of Russia, Cuba and Red China in the African continent " Many Christians all over

Many Christians all over our continent are persecuted and exiled; recent events in Uganda, Sudan, Ethiopia, Mozambigue and Angola – to name but a few countries — demonstrate this grave fact in a most dramatic way. Speaker after speaker got up at the congress to testify to the conditions in their own countries.

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Many a reason was given at the conference for the persecution of Christiane in Africa: Communism, Islam, Black Nationalism, political strife, even jealousy and in-tolerance among Churches and Christians themselves.

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As Christians we have the responsibility to aid the suf-fering Church wherever we

Students React to Missionary Promotion

A combined meeting, comprising of 21 missionaries, five Bible College students, two Board members and two faculty members of the Sydney Missionary and Bible College, came together in conference to discuss the presentation of Missions on June 24 in Sydney. The meeting took place at the Sydney Missionary and Bible College following a series of similar meetings over the past year.

Contact between the Bible Colleges and Missionary Societies on this question, commenced after the South Pacific Association of Bible Colleges Conference held in New Zealand. In August 1977, a meeting was held at the Melbourne Bible Institute for representatives of the Bible Colleges and Mission Societies, of which 15 societies were present.

At that time members of the Colleges said that they were preparing their students for missionary service, but questioned as to whether they were preparing their students for missionary service, but were preparing them for the Mission Field as it exists to-day. If not, then what changes are needed? February 1978 saw a Con-ference called at the SMBC Croydon between the College Board and the Evangelical Missionary Alliance. Special speakers were invited to speak on the relevance of such a subject. Because of the general interest shown by those present, the Evangelical Missionary Alliance organis-ed the special conference held on June 24th. Breakfast was followed by a time of prayer for the mis-sionary scene around the world. Then came two ses-sions, chaired by Roy Forguson with Rev R. Dowthwaite serving as scribe. The first address, How Students see missionary deputationists, was given by Rev H. Green, Principal of the SMBC.



Bish op Taylor of Winchester, unlike many people today, does not regard an abortion as merely the removal of an unwanted organic growth (ACR, 24th July). He recognises the human foretus as a life which has been given by God and for which God has a continuing care.

for which God has a continuing care. He has drafted a prayer for use after "a medical termination of pregnancy" and proposed its inclusion in the Alternative Service Book. It is to be hoped that this will be deciviely rejected by the

It is to be hoped that this will be decisively rejected by the General Synod of the Church of England in England. The proposed prayer is made up of three sentences. In the first, God is addressed as the giver of life. The second is a commitment to God of "the developing life that we have cut short". The third is a twofold appeal: for kindly judgement and for reassurance of divine love. No safeguards appear to hedge about the use of this prayer — the vast majority of terminations of pregnancy

terminations of pregnancy these days, in England as in

meetings over the past year. A questionnaire had been circulated amongst 36 second year students. This resulted in comments such as, "Highly professional ap-proach (by missions) not popular". The biggest hin-drance to missionary ap-proaches being, "too much technical detail, geographical and historical". The "big time, super smooth, hard-sell, emotional approach" was also obvious-ly disliked. Poor slides, poor equi pment and poor literature left an un-favourable impression on the students.

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students. Other factors not liked were the "flashy audio-visuals" and those of a longer duration than 20 minutes. Some a-v's only showed the good, while others only showed the bad — both of which the students repeared are arguing

both of which the students spoke out against.
 Was there anything they did like?
 Personal testimonies of the Lord's dealings; His leadings; a person's "walk with the Lord"; honesty; humility; an obvious zeal for the "lost". Mr Dowthwaite summed it up by stating, "In other words they are looking for genuine people, not for professional approaches".
 When asked for sugges-tions as to how missionaries can improve their presenta-tions in Bible Colleges, nobody could supply the

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This is the second revision This is the second revision of the author's originally published study (1949) in the Prophets, the first being the Penguin Books edition of 1958. Although much of the old material remains, it is essentially a new book. We may be grateful that the author has set out his presuppositions in the open-ing chapter although one could argue that the chapter

OOBES AND GHOSTIES

How do you decide when somebody is dead? This question is more difficult now than ever before, because of all the gadgetry at our disposal for resuscitating people who, in prior days, would have been pronounced people who, in prior days, would have been dead. This is not the place to give the vari ous answers, none of which is wholly satisfactory.

But it is interesting that Dr Kübler-Ross (a non-Christian) has concluded from her interviews with peo-ple who have been retrieved from a state of "Technical death." that there is life after death. The OOBEs (Out Of Body Experiences) they describe, she says, have a consistency not otherwise ex-plicable. licable

Does this help or hinder Christians in their belief in the immortality of the Soul? Trick question? Because that belief belongs to Plato and Socrates, not to Christians. True, "God is a Spirit" (John 4:24) and "No man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18). But if you try to form an image of God from those texts alone you will end up (if you are like me) with a God who is a wispy apparition floating in the wind. God is not a gas! Read the rest of John 1:18 — "The only begotten Son ... He has declared Him". The word literally means Does this help or hinder Dr Alasdair Livingston, Warden at Holy Trinity, Adelaide to eat, only that He could do so. In short, He had all the faculties of human physical life without its restrictions. Since "when He shall appear we shall be like Him" (1 John 3:2) we may presume that our post-resurrection state will be

post-resurrection state will be something like His — though no doubt the best ideas we can form on earth are far from complete 1 Cocienthia deciared Him". The word literally means "led out". Our conception of God needs to be led out of obscurity and given flesh and bones: and this is exactly what Jesus gives it. We learn what God is like by looking at Him. from complete. I Conthians 15 is our key text here: we will have "spiritual bodies" (vs 44) when "this mortal will have "spiritual bodies" (vs 44) when "this mortal puts on immortality" (v 53). So OOBEs and ghosties have little bearing on our belief in the after-life. No at Him

at Him. In particular, for our pre-sent purpose we look at His post-resurrection state. Even then, He had flesh and bones, (Luke 24:39), and could be handled. He stood, walked, talked, ate and breathed (John 20:19-23). But He could pass through closed doors (John 20:19) and vanish without apparent movement (Luke 24:31). We disembodied spirits floating in the void, but spiritual bodies in our Father's House (John 14:2). No reincarnation either (but that is another story). As I said Immortal Souls do not fill the bill. We believe in something rather different, the Resurrection of the Body. At least, we say we do nish without apparent ent (Luke 24:31). We it suppose that He had every Sunday

The courage of Mary Whitehouse

In 1970, Mrs Mary Whitehouse accepted an invitation to take part in a debate at Leicester University on the subject "That Pornography Should be Freely Available". Her opponent was the playwright Edward Bond, whose play "Saved" included a scene in which a baby is stoned to death. Bond launched the debate by referring to the obscenities scrawled about her — or so he said — on the walls of gentlemen's lavatories. He also suggested that she was in some way responsible for the infamous Moors murders! In reply, for over forty minutes she straggled to make herself heard while the students erupted in chaos around her. Eventually the debate had to be abandoned. Conservation of

"It was like living in a madhouse," she explained afterwards. "Unreason took over and obscenities flew hard and fast the whole of the night. It was quite clear that they wanted to make me go away, and all my natural self wanted to run a mile." "But I knew I had to stay because I had to be a cataiyst. I knew that if I stayed some of the students would see which side they were on and whether they were for or against.

"An experience becomes creative, if you like, if you really suffer in it. If I went there and didn't care two hoots, it would not have done a thing to anybody. Not really. So you don't have to be afraid to go where the diri is."

Yet, as her biographer Max Caulfield records, she sees Caulfield records, she sees Leicester also as a turning point — "the Stalingrad and El Alamein of her campaign: thereafter the high tide of Marxist student opposition That is typical, I felt, of Mary Whitehouse's courage. She looks back on that ex-perience as one of the most traumatic of her career. She returned home from Leicester University in a state

The principal advantage of this book is the way in which the author seeks to get to the heart of the message of the prophets which he chooses, without going into a ball-by-ball description of each book. The student looking for an outline of every pro-phet will be disappointed as some of the minor prophets are omitted from all but an introductory thumbnail sketch.

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answer from amongst those answering the questionnaire. The second session was ad-dressed by Rev B. Thit-chener of The Evangelical Alliance Mission. His subject being. Stirring Mission Sup-port in the Churches. Mr Thitchener showed that there are wide open doors for mission deputation work amongst churches these days as was evident recently when he was able to plan a series of meetings lasting seven weeks.

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of the many distressing ways in which children can be abused and damaged physically, emotionally and morally by adult neglect and exploitation. 1979 has been

designated the International Year of the Child, and Mary Whitehouse's visit will be linked with the focus of that year. Mary Whitehouse is seeing in Britain much cause for en-couragement, a change of at-titude mainly among the younger generation. Dare we hope that in Australia also the tide may be turning against immorality and increasing towards an incre spiritual hunger forgiveness veness and the ousness that only

righteousness that only Christ can supply? We car certainly pray that Mary certainly pray that Mar Whitehouse's visit will prov it so, and pray for her and support her solidly.

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hazards and hindrances, but was in some sense a triumph. Now sixty-eight, this is working harder than ever at an age when one might ex-pect her to want to settle back to enjoy a grandmotherly

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WHAT A WORLD!

by Lesley Hicks

CROWDED PEWS, LONELY PEOPLE

For what purpose does a local church exist? The message that used to come through most strongly to me was expressed in slogans like "The church that lives to itself will die by itself", and "The church exists by mission as fire exists by burning", and in verses of Scripture like "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" or "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel".

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GALLUP POLL From page 2

cent said they disliked chang-es from traditional forms. The survey showed that 64 percent of the unchurched said they believe in Jesus as God or the Son of God, and 68 percent believe in the resurrection of Jesus. The Episcopal Church was one of the first groups to join the project as a sponsor and contributor. The Rev Donald W. Kimmick, Midland Park, NJ, served as a statistical consultant to help in drafting the questions and structuring the survey. Caution should be used in applying the results of Gallup's poll indiscriminately to Episcopalians, according members or have not attended church except for special occasions in the last six months. They represent about 41 per cent of the population

population. The poll revealed that the views of the churched and the unchurched differ most sharply on matters of per-sonal freedom. For example, while a minority in both groups said they would welcome greater acceptance of sexual freedom and of marijuana usage in the future, the unchurched are "far more likely" to welcome such changes, according to Galup. to Episcopalians, according to the Episcopal Church' Statistical Officer, the Rev John A. Schultz. "The number of Episcopalians in a eneral population data base

such changes, according to Galup. Galup said that the survey found that "many of the churched have never in their lifetimes invited anybody to come to their church," though it was found that one in five said they chose their church because somebody asked them to come. general population data base as used by Dr Gallup is too small to infer the same con-clusions about unchurched Episcopalians as about Americans as a whole," he said. However, he pointed out,

advanced computer facilities will be used by the Episcopal Church in an effort to discover any significant cor-relations applying to Episcopalian

WHY THEY LEFT

Dr Dean Hoge, a Catholic University sociologist who took part in the study, pointed out that "the number who left because of change in the church was not as large as the number who left because of lack of changes." While 23 percent disliked tradi-tional worship forms, 9 perrelations applying to Episcopalians. Mr Schultz said that the results of this specialised study, along with other facts still to be uncovered from the Gallup poll, will be released this fail. At the same time, he said, the Episcopal Church Center in New York City, under the chairmanship of Matthew Costigan, treasurer, is engag-ed in developing a model for surveying the opinions and attitudes of Episcopalians. When field testing has been completed, he said, it is hoped that a technique will be available so that any agen-y in the Church will be able to conduct statistically valid surveys on attitudes and con-cerns of Church people.

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for a return visit to Australia. She was first here in 1973. That trip was not without hazards and hindrances, but to enjoy a grandmotherly retirement. As usual her main concern will be the welfare of children — Child-Care not Child-Abuse is to be the theme of the tour. One of her most re-cent triumphs was to see the passing of a bill in the British parliament outlawing child pornography, as a result of a petition of which she was the main organiser.

NOPRUDE

prude, and she is emphatical-ly not anti-sex. It is precisely because she knows and values sex in its God-given role as part of a happy marriage that she feels she must fight against all that would pervert and debase and degrade it. Pornography is essentially anti-sex — worse than that, it is anti-people, anti-life. Perhaps one of the reasons that the tide seems to be turn-

Perhaps one of the reasons that the tide seems to be turn-ing for Mrs Whitehouse and her colleagues in Britain and elsewhere is that some began to wonder why certain groups of people were so fanatically, almost hysterically determin-ed that she should not be given a chance to state her case. It was as though they

Mary Whitehouse is no prude, and she is emphatical-

RANELAGH HOUSE

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st student opposition to ebb as more ate people, while not necessarily subscribing to her views, tended towards the opinion that she was being unjustly vilified and abus-ed."



creasingly, it becomes a body of people that seems to be involved in practical, friendly caring. But it is only as more and more of us allow Christ, in the Person of the Holy Spirit, to transform every facet of our habitually selfish lives, that outsiders will truly be caused to wonder at the quality of our love, and recognise Christ as its source.

POSTSCRIPT TO WHO WAS JESUS?"

I came across the perfect book to counter the kind of theology represented in that programme – Pro-fessor Blaiklock's ''Layman's Answer''; beautifully written, cogently argued. It was written as a response to the heresy trial of his fellow-New Zealander Lloyd Geering in the sixties. It might be a good book to lend to a thoughtfully seeking non-Christian, or a Christia disturbed by the implications

of such a programme. Incidentally, why not 'phone or write to the ABC suggesting a programme slanted in the opposite direction — full of positive, joyous faith in Christ alive and active today? It might also be worth suggesting that Francis Schaeffer's "How Should We Then Live?" series be screened.



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ordained Deacon at St Mary's, Ballina. Rev J. Bowie was ordained at Church of Our

Lady, Bonalbo Rev F. H Rev F. Horton was ordained Deacon at ellingen. Captain Rev J. McKnight was ordained Deacon at St

Mary's, Ballina. Rev R. Shārwood

Assistant Minister of St James, King St, Sydney has of Do en made rector of Dorrigo. Very Rev StJ Edwards will transfer from Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton to Diocese of Melbourne in

New Dean for **Evangelical Seminary**

The Rt Rev Alfred Stanway, the first Dean of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry has announced his retirement effective October, 1978.

Upon Bishop Stanway's retirement, the new Dean of the Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry will be the Rev John Rodgers, ThD, who, before his appointment as Dean, was senior Professor at the seminary. Upon Bish

Dean, was senior Professor at the seminary. Bishop Stanway's most re-cent post before coming to Trinity was as Deputy Prin-cipal of Ridley College of the University of Melbourne, Australia. Previously, he had served as Bishop of Central Tanganyika from 1951 to 1971. Bishop Stanway's work there has been described in Bishop Stephen Neill's book, Call to Mission. Bishop Stanway's reputa-tion not only as a recognised evangelist, but as a disciplin-ed organiser made him the perfect choice to be the first dean of the evangelical new Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Although the school did not open officially until 1976, Bishop Stanway came to America in 1975 to plan and

Bishop Stanway came to America in 1975 to plan and organise for the seminary's first classes the following

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Computerised Testaments

Newly printed Engenni and ambila New Testaments just completed were the first to be processed on the minicomputer and line computer installed at the Wycliffe Centre in Buckinghamshire. One of the main ad-vantages of the system is the

computer's error-detecting facility. The text is typed on a ter-style keybo Errors can be corrected by back spacing and retyping. A second typing serves as a form of proof-reading and produces a tape with a high degree of accuracy. The print-out of the tape is then used for the character by

character proof-reading. In addition to its error detecting capabi computer ena apabilities, the enables the translator to make numerous checks and corrections without disturbing the other, already correct material

As the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume enters the Palace of Westminster's Crypt Chapel, Dr Ian Paisley, Ulster Unionist MP for North Antrim, leaves. Dr Paisley was protesting at the first Roman Catholic mass being held in the chapel since the Reformation. FLYING BIBLEMAN

Ian Sexton, aged 36, married, with two daughters, has been appointed the Bible Society Representative in Northern Australia. He will be based in Darwin and will fly the Society's Cessna 182 over the Kimberleys in Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Western Queensland.

year. At that time there were seventeen full-time students. On opening day this year at least fifty students are ex-orested His task will be to co-perate with churches, Chris-ian organisations and in-ividuals in circulating the

On opening day this year at least fifty students are ex-pected. The selection of The Rev Dr Rodgers to replace the retiring dean was made by a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees of the seminary. Dr Rodgers graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1954 and, after serving in the Marines for one year, he resigned to study for Holy Orders at the Virginia Theological Seminary and obtained his Doctor of Theology degree in 1963 from the University of Basel. Switzerland. Dr Rodgers is Chairman of the Board of Editors of the Canterbury Press and the author of Theology of Peter Taylor Forsyth published in London in 1965. Before coming to Trinity in 1976, Dr Rodgers had been Professor of Systematic Theology at Virginia Theological Seminary since 1963. In 1975-76 he was Chaplain and Associate Pean of Students at Virginia. Scriptures. The Aerial Colporteur, as he will be known, will have more than 500 cattle stations on his list and all the mining towns in that vast area. In the first year of operation he is expected to fly more than 300 hours and to cover at least 50,000 kilometres.

SERVICE WITH QANTAS . Ian Sexton has been with antas since leaving school. He began as an apprentice aircraft maintenance

engineer, moved up to the post of instructor in the Ap-prentice School and since 1972 has held an administrative post as Engineer-ing Service Sales Co-

ordinater. He began flying in 1976 and has 250 hours to his credit. In addition to his private licence he has com-pleted five subjects towards his commercial licence. In Christian activities Ian Sexton has been a youth In Christian activities lan Sexton has been a youth leader, Sunday School Superintendent and Deacon. He has served as a New South Wales State Council member of the missionary Aviation Fellowship since 1964 and Deputation Convenor for that Council since 1974. He and his family are active members of the Gymea Bap-tist Church.



Ian Sexton, Bible Society of Australia representative in Nor-

INSERVICE

TRAINING

After joining The Bible ociety on September 25, Ian

Sexton will have a few mo ths inservice Bibe Society training at the National Headquarters, Canberra; Sydney Bible House and in

NEW NSW CMS GENERAL SECRETARY

ENTER CARDINAL HUME

The Revd Peter Tasker has accepted the invitation to be the NSW General Secretary of the Church Missionary Society. Peter has been the Assistant General Secretary for some 18 months and has carried the burden of Acting General Secretary of the Branch for the past few months. Peter is not new to the Society and will bring various experiences that can only help in his new position.

Peter trained at Moore Theological College and served as Curate in the parishes of West Wollongong, Chatswood and Engadine/Heathcote. General Secretary of the NSW Branch, was overseas. A few months later he succeeded Revd J. A. Taylor as Assistant General Secretary and now, has taken up his new position. CMS

In 1968, he and his wife Joan entered St Andrew's Hall, Melbourne for a year's training before going to Malaysia where Peter was the pastor of St George's Church in Penang. They served in Malaysia from 1969-1977. If the evangelist's choice in employing "the invitation" is an optional one it cannot have scriptural evidence to warrant it, for in that case the evangelical preacher would be under an obligation and have no option. On his return to Australia Peter "helped out" while Revd John Turner, then - Jain Murray

Rev Peter Tasker



COPTIC BIBLE REVIVAL

7000 Coptic Christians gather for two hours of Bible study in Alexandria every Friday night, according to Bishop Antonious Markos, the Bishop of African Affairs who is presently in Australia.

Egypt which commenced some 45 years ago with Bible Classes, Youth Movements and Sunday Schools led by university graduates in a situation where a poor, depressed and persecuted church had been conducting a holding operation for centuries in the face of Islam. Today the Coptic Church has 7½ million members church services. The Bishop n a country of 39 million followers of Islam. situation where a poor, depressed and persecuted church had been conducting a holding operation for centuries in the face of Islam.

AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS AT LAMBETH

Today the Coptic Church has 7½ million members in a country of 39 million followers of Islam. The Church has spread into other areas of Africa with congregations in Sudan, Libya, Uganda, Algeria, Nigeria, Guinea and Tanzania with links also in Kenya, Zaire, Nigeria, Ghana and Swaziland.

Commenting on the Chris-tian situation in Ethiopia, Bishop Markos who is a surgeon and worked there for ten years, spoke of the aim of that government to

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Bishops processing outside Westminister Abbey prior tion with the Lambeth Conference.

Because of the pressures of Islam, the percentage of nominal Christians is very small indeed. Evangelism is "undertaken basically through he life style of the Christians and it is this witness that has brought about conversions from Islam. The Contic Church is also The Coptic Church is also The Coptic Church is also committed to a strong pro-gramme of instruction for children and young people whose parents are Christian. An extensive literature pro-gramme is also being run by the church and this has kept abreast of the growing needs of the members.



The Coptic 18,000 Markos' The Bishop spoke warmly of his own faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and said how strategic the Bible study and aching programme had een in the revival of the Bishop Markos spent time in Tanzania where he learnt

EDITORIA

Part of the delegation of Australian Bish ttending the special service in connection w For the report on opening see page 3.

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When concern was expressed about possible Marxist influences on the World Council of Churches with the entry of the Russian Orthodox Church into that body a number of years ago, such concerns were greeted with derision. Three areas involving the WCC will give rise to concern among thoughtful Christians about such

rise to concern among thoughtful Christians about such influences in 1978. Firstly through its regional arm, the Christian Conference of Asia, the WCC supports a Christian commune in Sri Lanka whose printed liturgy provides for the singing of the Communist Internationale in the service of Holy Communion and a Litany to the saints among whom are listed Marx, Mao and Ho. Its daily activities revolve around the reading of standard revolutionary works. "It had to be seen to be believed" was the comment of a person who lived in the commune for a week.

for a week. Secondly, an Australian Council of Churches' news release published in the Church Record, June 12 stated release published in the Church Record, June 12 stated \$170,180 had been given by the ACC since 1974 to Indochina. It was part of \$7 million given by WCC who also has the confidence of those governments to organise a reconstruction consultation held in Hong Kong. The statements of the Vietnam Peace Committee at the consultation indicates that some churches or Christian organisations are not "ready" to have relationships with the outside world and named the Evangelical Church of Vietnam, a number of whose ministers have heave killed and others are in prison. The Evaluation of viewall, a number of whose ministers have been killed and others are in prison. The secretary for the ACC Division of World Christian Action who attended the consultation said the Vienamese representatives were keen to alleviate fears

of persecution and so encourage refugees to return t their homeland.

The approval of the Three-self Marxist dominated Church in Mainland China and the support of their counterparts in Vietnam reflects the consistent policy of WCC Thirdly, the recent decision of the WCC to give a

further \$A73,900 to the Patriotic Front of Rhodesia comes in the wake of the raping and murder of thirteen The ACC commenting on the murders suggests that

The ACC commenting on the murders suggests that in the face of the Patriotic Front's denial of responsibility the Government of Rhodesia could well be responsible. One would have thought that all Christians would have been so repelled by the senseless killing of missionaries and their helpless children, that the WCC would have thoroughly investigated the matter before channeling further aid to a group who have killed their fellow countrymen, a number of whom were our fellow Christians. were our fellow Christians.

How must Bishop Muzorewa and the Reverend N.

How must Bishop Muzorewa and the Reverend N. Sithole, two key figures of the transitional government feel especially since they have been placed on the death list for signing "the Judas Contract". According to the Sydney Morning Herald, August 12, a spokesman for the WCC in Geneva stated that no controls were placed on the grant to the Patriotic Front because they trusted the Front to use the money for the support of humanitarian work amone those seeking support of humanitarian work among those seeking liberation. The ACC Accounts for 1977 show that \$21,464 was sent to "Rhodesia". The same report indicated that the Secretary of the



Australia. He will move to Darwin after Christmas.

Darwin after Christmas. The General Secretary of The Bibel Society in Australia, the Reverend James Payne, said that a large number of applications had been received. Occupa-tions represented included clergymen, a medical practi-tioner, a bio-chemist, a psychologist and school teachers.

Many were of high calibre

ITALY'S CHRISTIAN STATIONS

Since the monopoly held by the State-controlled RAI Broadcasting System was broken in 1974 more than 2000 commercial radio sta-tions have opened in Italy.

Among these are eight Christian FM stations operated by Back to the Bible Broadcasters Inc, an American religious group. The evangelical stations operate 24-hours.

COLSON'S GIFT

Charles Colson, the former President Nixon aide who become a Christian while in prison for his part in the Watergate affair, has said he will donate money from the evil donate money from the film of this book Born Again to the work of the Prison Fellowship, because of the "deplorable" conditions he witnessed while an inmate.

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"FAMILY FESTIVAL" AT RACECOURSE

and it had been difficult to reach a final decision. "We

tackle a strategic and challenging task". Mr Payne

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meet the needs of his peers. Because of the pressures of

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Bishop Markos

Swahili and was allowed to practice medicine by the government because of the medical needs of his congregation. He was able to prepare twelve leaders in Tanzania who after further ning in Egypt were able to rn home as ordained isters of the church.

ministers of the church. He explained the accept-ability of Coptic missionaries in countries of Islamic the church was seen, not as a western missionary agency. but as a home grown African church with origins pre-dating the rise of Islam. was developed by the church with the church was accepted by the church was seen, not as a western missionary agency. but as a home grown African church with origins pre-dating the rise of Islam. was developed by the church was developed



China watchers were an ed at the sudden appearance of Church leaders at the Fifth National People's Congress held recently in Peking. For the past fourteen years little or nothing has been heard of these men

Those who know Those who know the Chinese scene say that all five leaders were men who played leading roles in the revolu-

One of the best known is K. H. Ting, who was former-ly a bishop of the Anglican Church in China and who is now president of the Nanking United Theological

Seminary. Another well known leader was Y. T. Wu, the founder of the three-self movement of China, he was elected Deputy Chairman of the People's



Religion in East Germany Bible in Law lain Murray, Albert Martin Coming 1979 p6

SAINT MARX

tralian Council of Churches was at the WCC Council meeting which gave the grant to Rhodesian nationals in Botswana, Mozambique and Zambia, and noted that several Australian churches were members of the WCC.

The ACC was originally set up to be a voice for the opinions of its member churches as indeed was the WCC. The Anglican Church at the last ACC meeting expressed its dissatisfaction with the ACC because of its preoccupation with socio-political issues that had little "procecupation with socio-political issues that had little relevance to the Australian scene". A polite way of putting it. There is a growing awareness among all brands of Anglicanism that the professional ecumenists have secured the WCC and the ACC for their own particular position which is not the ecumenical stance. It is not reflecting that of the member churches.

The Anglican Church gave the ACC \$14,400 last year to perform the job of expressing its opinions in concert with other Australian Churches. It is right to ask in the aftermath of the Rhodesian killing of the missionaries whether the Secretary of the ACC consulted the President and members of the Executive about the way to vote for the allocation of funds to the Patriotic Front or did she simply as a paid staff member of the ACC or did she simply as a paid staff member of the ACC simply go her own way?

This editorial is not saying that our church representatives on the ACC are Marxists, that would be quite untrue. The deep concern of Australian Christians must surely be how it has come about that Saint Marx wields such an influence in the WCC whose aim is to reflect the opinions of member churche

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