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KAMPUCHEA - no recognition . . . no long term aid



Senator Bonner playing with children at the World Vision children's hospital in Kampuchea.

"Australia must aid Kampuchea"

Because Australia does not recognise the present government of Kampuchea, it won't provide long term assistance to help rehabilitate the country. The Australian Government has only provided emergency aid.

Senator Neville Bonner has just returned from Kampuchea where he met the victims of the Khmer Rouge government, visited the World Vision Children's Hospital in Phnom Penh and met government officials.

Is our Gospel too small?

"Are we evangelicals so frightened of being called proponents of the social Gospel that we don't see the social implications in the Gospel? Away with such fears! We are the people of God who have been freed from the fear. Obey God, and stop worrying about what others are saying of us!"

He was speaking on the "Messianic manifesto" Jesus declared in his reading of Isaiah 61: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me, He has sent me to announce good news to the poor, to proclaim release from prison and recovery of sight to the blind; to let the broken victims go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

These issues, on the Gospel and the Kingdom are not being hotly debated at the Congress. Issues of the life and ministry of the congregation, Christ and the Spirit, and marriage and family in God's purposes will take up the rest of the week.

An Australian Gospel

To the background of "football, meat pies, kangaroos and Holden cars" and Peter Allen's "I Still Call Australia Home" the Australian attitudes were contrasted with the church's conservatism in an audio-visual on the Australian church prepared for N.E.A.C. by World Vision.

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International W.C.C. team to visit Aborigines

A World council of Churches team will tour Australia from June 15 to July 3 to assess the situation of the Australian Aborigines.

Invited by the Australian Council of Churches, the 6-member team will visit Sydney, Melbourne, Alice Springs, Darwin before dividing into two teams, one travelling to the Kimberleys and Perth and the other to Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane and a NSW country town.

The purpose of the visit is to observe and assess the situation of the Aboriginal people, guide and consult with the churches of Australia, express solidarity with the Aboriginal people, and draw international attention to their concerns, including Land Rights.

Commenting on the visit, ACC General Secretary Jean Skuse said, "We are delighted that the World Council of Churches accepted our invitation and hope that the visit will provide an opportunity for the worldwide fellowship of Churches in the WCC to know and understand the situation of the Aborigines. If we are honest with ourselves, we know that the Aborigines have suffered immense injustices since 1788 and today live in conditions of which all Australians should be ashamed. The 1980 ACC meeting called on the Churches to set right this injustice in the land and to do it before the Bicentenary in 1988. Unless there is justice for Aboriginal Australians, starting with adequate and effective Land Rights legislation in each State, there will be nothing to celebrate in 1988."

"I hope this visit will stir the consciences of all Australians on the situation of the Aborigines, and particularly stir the consciences of Australian Christians," said Miss Skuse.

Members of the team will include — Miss Elizabeth Adler, German Democratic Republic, Head of the Evangelical Academy in East Berlin, previously Associate General Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation; Prof. Dr. Anwar Barkat, Pakistan/Geneva, recently appointed Director of the World Council of Churches' Programme to Combat Racism; Mr. Bena-Silu, Zaire, member of the World Council of Churches' Executive Committee; Dr. George Ninan, India/Tokyo, Secretary for Urban Rural Mission, Christian Conference of Asia; Miss Pauline Webb, United Kingdom, director of Religious Broadcasting, BBC World Service; Mr. Jim West, U.S.A., American Indian, member of the World Council of Churches' Programme to Combat Racism Commission.

Meetings with the Prime Minister Mr. Fraser, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Senator Baume, as well as Premier Court in W.A. and Premier Bjelke-Peterson in Queensland are being sought.

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# EDITORIAL



## Will the Shroud of Turin help?

See page five on the Shroud.

There is an expectation that if the shroud at present under lock and key in the Cathedral in Turin were proved to be the shroud in which Jesus was buried and from which He rose from the dead, then this could possibly be a buttress to faith and a helpful extra proof of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead in gospel presentation. The last paragraph in the news release indicates the way in which such an argument would proceed.

There are two important considerations.

Firstly, there is no evidence that the shroud of Jesus was ever used by the apostles as proof of the resurrection in their preaching of the Gospel in the first century, nor is there evidence of this in the post apostolic church. Both periods of church history are well documented as to how the Gospel was presented to a sceptical world which sought for signs, but you will look in vain for mention of the shroud.

Secondly, there is the plain teaching of Jesus on the issue of the Word of God and the evidence.

He made it very clear that even if a person returned from the dead, that would not change the attitude of those to whom he went. If they are unwilling to hear the Word of God, neither will they believe even if there was a return from the dead (Luke 16:31). If that is the reality, and every Christian believes that Jesus speaks from perfect knowledge about men's hearts and what rings about the response, then even if it were possible to produce the garment in which He was buried in the tomb and out of which He rose, will they be persuaded by that? The answer is no.

The truth is that faith comes as a response to hearing the message and that comes through the Word of Christ (Romans 10:17). Christians must direct their energies to making that Word known because that alone will produce belief.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

In your last two issues I have been the target of attack by yourself, and in the latest issue by Rev. Milton Myers.

Freemasonry is not syncretic as it does not seek to unite any religions, the subject never being discussed. It is not a religion, it having no creed, dogmas or catechism.

It will be of interest to readers to know that I have much to complain about in Freemasonry. Quite recently I wrote a book stating my objections, which was sent to a firm in America for consideration. The firm agreed with most of the material in it, but refused to print it because of my references to the free consumption of alcoholic beverages in N.S.W. Apparently in the U.S.A. this practice is completely forbidden.

I want to have this book published, so if anyone can suggest a firm who might be interested I shall be most grateful. The book will open up new vistas of thought particularly amongst Brethren of the Craft.

Yours sincerely,  
P. G. Smith

Dear Sir,

On Sunday 5 April 1981 six members of AngGays attended an Anglican service at a north shore parish. The purpose was to share in worship with the parish, and afterwards to distribute amongst the other worshippers a letter encouraging debate and enquiry into the then proposed changes in the legislation on male homosexual acts.

We write to express our shock and disgust at the reaction of some of the parishioners. We are saddened that members of our church would resort to force and abuse in an attempt to suppress the expression of opinion within their ranks.

After the service a woman member of AngGays was grasped by the arms and forcefully shaken while quietly standing outside distributing these letters. Other members had letters snatched from their hands, were grasped also, and addressed rudely by parishioners.

On other occasions we have handed out similar material to worshippers at other parishes. They did not react in this way, but accepted the information civilly. Our intention on 5 April was simply to distribute a letter, not to provoke confrontation. We were genuinely surprised to be treated in this fashion by our fellow Anglicans.

Your sisters and brothers in Christ,  
Prudence Barthwick  
Geoffrey Scott  
Rosemary Warner  
David Purchase,  
for AngGays.

(The group was lobbying for support for the decriminalising of homosexuals.)

Dear Sir,

I have read with interest the various recent items on the subject of Freemasonry. I am aware that a large number of Christians are involved actively in various ways with Freemasonry and, whilst I will not further the discussion on the theological aspect as to whether Freemasonry is compatible with Christianity, I wish to make comment on an undesirable use of Freemasonry by its members.

It is a well known fact that membership of a Lodge, presumably evidenced by the secret handshake, is used to secure professional and/or employment advancement and that Freemasons will discriminate against non members. This can occur in both private and public employment — despite various safeguards under the respective Public Service Acts. Even if the secret handshake does not achieve its object in every case, the fact that members use it is evidence that they are hoping to gain an advantage over the other applicants. This is no doubt the reason why many of the so called Church Colleges have old Scholars lodges — so that members can obtain a twofold advantage — the old school tie and the secret handshake.

The Church has encouraged the social advantages for old scholars of its establishment schools for many years — even if only tacitly by not discouraging the attitude that the only worthwhile persons are those who have attended such a school. Freemasonry is merely another means of discrimination in our community and, as such, should be condemned together with old school tie and other means of social discrimination which is alien to the true nature of the Christian Church.

R. T. Wheaton,  
Rose Park, South Australia.

Dear Sir,

As another ex-Mason, I fully support the article by Rev. Milton Myers in the latest issue of the A.C.R. I joined the Blue Lodge in 1974 (Frenchs Forest No. 927 UGLNSW) and the Red Lodge in 1977 (Brundah, No. 527, SC).

I became dissatisfied with the very limited part of Old Testament teaching found, in rather distorted fashion, in these two branches of Freemasonry, and was hesitant about accepting an invitation to join the "Christian" 18th degree. When I did join the 18th degree in 1979 (Montgomery-Hamilton, No. 53, SC) I was very disappointed with it for the reasons which Rev. Myers describes well in his article.

I also took the opportunity to view the workings of some of the intermediate degrees which lead up to the 18th degree but the theme was the same throughout — Freemasonry knows only one hope of eternal life (or, for those Masons who interpret the ritual in a more pictorial fashion, only one hope of pleasing God in this life), and that is through good works.

What a pity so many Masons feel comfortable with such a hopeless hope when they could turn to Christ and obtain assurance of eternal life.

It would be good for Anglican clergy to sound a very clear warning to Christians who are tempted to join Freemasonry. It is utterly contradictory to be both a Christian and a Freemason. Clergy who remain Freemasons will have some awkward questions to answer at the final judgement (Matt. 18:6,7).

Yours sincerely,  
G. D. L. Costin

Dear Sir,

I find the editorial which you published in the issue of the 23rd February difficult to follow.

Why should the congregation at Carlingford incur court costs of \$1000 (and the risk of having to pay part of the court costs of the Mormons as well) in an endeavour to prevent the Mormons from using a parcel of land which happened to be once the site of an Anglican children's home? If the congregation had been successful before the courts, it will still have been out of pocket and, in any event, I assume that the Mormons would have established their show somewhere else. If my assumption is right, what would have been gained? Had the congregation gone to court, the courts would not have provided any opportunity for the elements of the Mormon heresy to be exposed and there would have been every risk that the court proceedings would have been viewed as an inter-denominational squabble.

Are you suggesting that, once a parcel of land has been used for Anglican purposes, it is thereby "sanctified" in some way? If so, what is your scriptural authority? If not, why object to this parcel of land (as distinct from some other parcel of land) being used for Mormon purposes?

Surely, all land is God's creation and the use of any land for Mormon purposes is equally objectionable?

Yours sincerely,  
N. M. Cameron

## No justification for apartheid

The moderamen of the white Dutch Reformed Church (NGK) in South Africa has proclaimed its agreement with the declaration made in March, 1980 by the four Dutch Reformed Churches in South Africa that there is no biblical justification for the policy of Apartheid. Originally when the declaration was made, the moderator of the white NGK, Dr. E. P. J. Kleynhans, had opposed this united stand. The declaration now accepted by the moderamen is especially directed against the South African law which forbids marriages between members of different races.

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## 'An evangelical is a pessimist and an optimist,' said Dr. Leon Morris

"He knows that extremes of left and right end in oppression; he looks for no Utopia, as he cannot trust sinful men's systems. He is an optimist, because he knows no-one is beyond salvation."

He quoted 1 Corinthians 15:3 "of first importance, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures". This is the evangelical state; he is a Gospel man."

### The Bible in context

Bishop Robinson spoke on the use of the Bible. "The application of any part of the Bible must be determined by the theology of the Bible as a whole."

"Is it all still relevant? The New Testament writers did not envisage the twentieth century — or anything beyond the first. They thought they were writing at the end of the age not at the beginning of a long church history. They were particular people in particular situations. We must look at the writer's intention, how it applied to his hearers before applying it to ourselves.

### Just talking?

The singer walked on stage and said, "The organisers have given me three minutes to sing a song. I can't. They don't know what it is like to sing out here. Maybe that is like church. We talk a lot about being Christians in the world, but we don't know what it is like to be one of them outside."

Over dinner members at our table were asking "Are we just going to listen and discuss with no chance of feed-back to the whole church? Many Australian Christians are looking to N.E.A.C. for fresh light on many of our current problems. How are we going to effect the transaction from talk to action?"

### A full report

Next issue will look at the full Congress in an attempt to set out the issues raised and the next steps to be taken.

## In sight of Suicide Cliff

### Telling of true life after death

In sight of Suicide Cliff, the last command post for the Japanese army in 1945, F.E.B.C. is to build a radio station at Marpi Cliff, Philippines, telling out the good news of Jesus Christ, the true story of life after death.

The first segment of "Open Door to China — Phase III" — leasing land, building studios and offices, installing a transmitter — was completed on Easter Sunday 1978, by the Far East Broadcasting Company. From that day Radio KSAI began its ministry to the Chamorro people of the Northern Marianas. The station has been successfully operating now for three years, during which time we longed to see the shortwave facility for China also become a reality.

Two sites were approved for the shortwave station on Saipan but had to be abandoned. One of the reasons was that the first site was the last command post of the World War II Japanese Imperial Army so had historical significance for the Japanese war veterans who did not want the sacred area disturbed.

Now, however, a third site known as Marpi Cliff, has been approved and the

franchise from the U.S. Federal Communications Commission received. The property overlooks the sea, in a clear 160° arc giving an unhindered over-water take-off path for our radio waves to all of Asia.

Not only does the construction site have to be cleared of thick jungle and brush but of high explosives, artillery shells and hand grenades, left over relics of World War II which F.E.B.C.'s engineer Mr. Byrd Brunemeier, found too much.

Commenting on the sight, he said, "The clean up crew began collecting and the pile just grew and grew. The Civil Defence Office was called in and when the count of 1,000 live pieces was passed, about two tons of the stuff, the Civil Defence appealed to the U.S. Navy in Guam to send a demolition team to destroy the pile up, now resembling a pyramid on the site. The mushroom cloud was spectacular. For a full half-minute after the boom, I could hear shrapnel raining down all over the woods. Two tons of pulverised steel makes an awfully heavy rain!"

F.B.C.

## WANTED — Chinese Photographs

Former missionaries to China and their offsprings are requested to help the Chinese Co-ordination Centre of World Evangelism in setting up a 'visual archive' of the Chinese Church.

The plea came from Rev. Larry Y. K. Hsieh, head of the newly-established Mass Communication Department of CCCOWE.

Rev. Hsieh said missionaries can help by making available to the Centre photographs, slides and films which were taken during their ministries in China.

If the original visuals cannot be donated to CCCOWE, their copies will also be greatly appreciated, he said.

"There are millions of Chinese Christians all over the world today, and outside mainland China there are more than 4,000 Chinese churches," he said.

"This is the result of relentless missionary efforts in China for more than a century."

"If the visual records of the missionaries glorious past were not well organised and preserved today, the result can only be irreparable loss," he said.

Individuals or groups who can help in this project please write: Mass Communication Department, CCCOWE, P.O. Box 98435, TST, Hong Kong.

Chinese Around the World

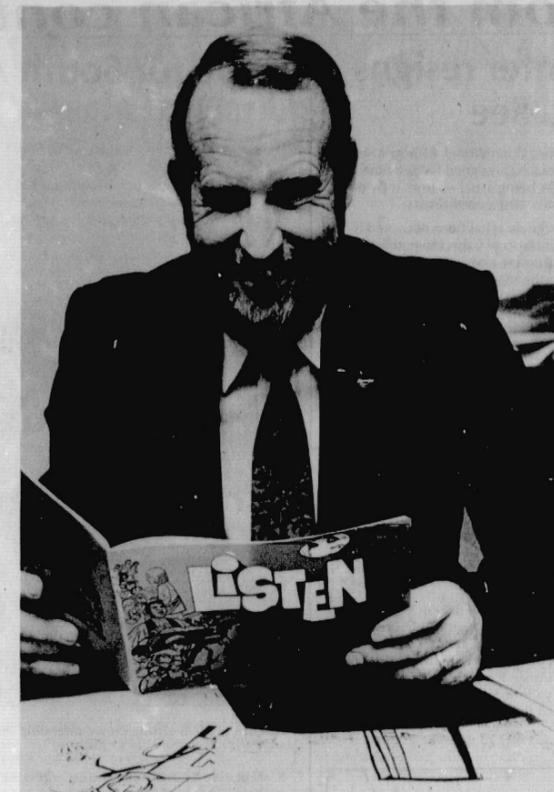
## Married RC Priests

Married Anglican priests in the United States may become Roman Catholic priests. This startling departure from tradition — which has the Pope's approval — was announced by San Francisco's Archbishop John Quinn at the recent national conference of U.S. Roman Catholic Bishops.

It was also the subject of discussions at the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission.

It also seems that former Anglicans, both clergy and laity, who convert to Rome, may be allowed to retain certain aspects of Anglican liturgy and structure.

Archbishop Quinn is reported as describing the new policy as 'precedent setting'. He expressed the hope that the new development will not 'impede Anglican-Roman Catholic ecumenical dialogue' which he said had been made.



John Lane has been appointed National Literature and Media Director for Scripture Union. Mr. Lane, author of 'Start, Look, Listen', is responsible for the overall design and marketing of Scripture Union's Bible reading resources in Australia.

Ramon Williams

## Abortion is illegal in NSW

In the District Criminal Court in Sydney a 74 year old doctor of Macquarie Street, Sydney, was found guilty on a charge of abortion under section 83 of the N.S.W. Crimes Act.

This is the first time in many years in N.S.W. that a doctor has been charged and convicted of performing an abortion. At the time the abortion was performed the girl was approximately 24 to 26 weeks pregnant.

During the trial the girl gave no indication that she suffered with either physical or mental ill health and there were no circumstances that made an abortion necessary to protect her health.

There was no evidence brought forward by the defence in this regard but the girl did say however, that the act of intercourse that gave rise to the pregnancy was not performed with her full consent.

The girl had been referred by Children by Choice to a doctor who in turn refused to do the abortion. The girl was referred to by a shop assistant in a store where she was buying maternity clothes.

Dr. Smart attempted to perform the abortion in his rooms in Macquarie Street but, having commenced, he was unable to complete the procedure.

She was admitted to Crown Street Hospital, Sydney, and had a Caesarian section after an induction of labour using prostoglandins was unsuccessful.

The baby had been eviscerated and part of its buttocks removed in the

abortion attempt by Dr. Smart and the weight of the baby after this mutilation was approximately 1 kilogram or 2.2 lb.

Section 83 of the N.S.W. Crimes Act is generally interpreted that for an abortion to be legal a doctor must have formed an honest opinion on reasonable grounds that the abortion was necessary to save the life of the woman or to protect her mental or physical health from the consequences of the pregnancy and that the risk of the abortion must not be out of proportion to the danger to be averted.

In pressing for a conviction in this case the Crown pointed out in its summing up to the jury the lack of grounds for the abortion.

The jury, which was composed of six men and six women returned a verdict of "guilty" to Judge Cameron-Smith (after retiring for five hours).

The President of Foundation Genesis, Dr. J. G. Sertori, said: "This case lays to rest the myth that abortion is legal in N.S.W. It makes it quite clear that abortion is not a matter of a woman's choice and that doctors who perform abortions on healthy women run the risk of criminal charges being successfully laid against them. The vast majority of abortions performed in N.S.W. are done on women who are perfectly healthy in every way and it is hoped that further legal action is taken to protect the life and rights of the unborn child in this State and prosecute illegal abortionists."

Patricia Judge

## MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

### MELBOURNE

Rev. A. H. Cadwallader became part-time Asst. Curate at Holy Trinity, Kensington.

Archdeacon R. H. Deasey will be inducted into St. Paul's Kingsville with St. Luke's Marraville.

Rev. W. A. Reid will be inducted into St. Anselm's Middle Park.

Rev. P. P. Kan has resigned as Warden of Avalon Community, Lara in the parish of Morley in Diocese of Perth.

### BRISBANE

Rev. Dr. Graeme Goldsworthy, Assistant Minister, St. Stephen's Coorparoo.

### HONG KONG

The Rev. Canon Peter Kong Kit Kwong, 44, was consecrated Hong Kong's first Chinese Anglican Bishop. Bishop Kwong became the ninth bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong and Macau.

An official delegation from Mainland China's Christian Council, headed by Bishop K. H. Ting, also attended the consecration service.



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# T UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER

## Is it right to discipline children?

Dr. Alan Craddock

In our present society Christian parents are often uncertain about the way in which they should discipline their children. On the one hand they acknowledge Biblical teaching which strongly urges parents to discipline their children ("Don't hesitate to discipline a child. A good spanking won't kill him. As a matter of fact, it may save his life." Proverbs 23:13-14; "Parents, do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry. Instead, bring them up with Christian discipline and instruction." Ephesians 6:4). But on the other hand, they are confronted by large numbers of parents who claim that discipline is old-fashioned, that discipline is inevitably repressive and destructive of a child's individuality.

Far from seeing all forms of discipline as either unnecessary or damaging I would argue that difficulties emerge for the parents and the child when discipline is either lacking and ineffective, or present in an unduly harsh and punitive form.

This point emerges in a recent review of factors associated with child abuse (Berger, A.M. "The child-abusing family" *The American Journal of Family Therapy*,

1980, 8, (4), 52-68) in which the roles of certain varieties of disciplinary strategies are linked to parental anger and frustration in the face of an aggressive and uncontrollable child.

### Effects of no discipline

Psychological studies have shown that parents who are unwilling or unable to control their children adequately are highly likely to create circumstances in which their children become extremely aggressive or irresponsible. The behaviour of such children may eventually become intolerable and parents may resort to serious physical violence in the face of their lack of disciplinary resources to provide more appropriate means of controlling such extreme behaviour. In this situation discipline is not the problem, it is lack of or ineffective discipline which is problematic.

However, there are situations where particular kinds of discipline lead to child abuse. Parents who make use of high levels of physical punishment, verbal threat and abuse are likely to extend this aggression to become abusing parents

and the child becomes unresponsive and rebellious in the face of their harsh disciplinary techniques. This kind of discipline is based on fear rather than upon reason and love. Emotional reactions dominate the scene rather than co-operation and concern. (See Ephesians 6:4 above).

### Child abuse related

Studies have also linked child abuse to inconsistent discipline. One study found that abusing families used physical punishment to excess and did so inconsistently and often inappropriately. In these cases the children were made fearful, angry and resentful. They were being accused of wrong when they behaved in ways that had not been punished before and now were being nagged, scolded and physically hurt. There is also evidence that at times such children were being disciplined inappropriately. They were being punished for not being able to control their behaviour (crying or urinating) when they were simply not old enough to do so.

In the case of harsh, inconsistent and inappropriate discipline the child

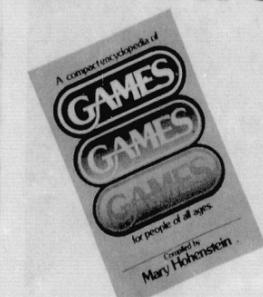
becomes angry and confused. In order to cope the child may act in a way that simply makes the parent angrier and more abusive and child battering may occur. In this situation discipline of a particular kind has become a problem, but the problem is not with discipline as such.

### To Christian parents

Christian parents have a twofold responsibility. First, they should be prepared to discipline their children and second, they should do so in a way that is consistent with the loving concern shown to Christians by the way in which God, our Father, has dealt with them. We set limits on our children because we love them and care about the consequences for them if they go beyond those limits.

However, we need to be cautious about the form our discipline takes and the nature of our expectations and standards. We need to allow God and His Word to shape our values in both of these areas. Is it right to discipline? My answer is yes, providing the discipline is right.

## BOOK REVIEWS



### The Compact Encyclopedia of Games for people of all ages

compiled by Mary Hohenstein  
Bethany Fellowship, 1980, paperback,  
298 pp

This book is a well thought out and clearly presented compilation of games for use within the context of a church community. Over one hundred games are presented in a standard format which indicates the number and ages of the players required, any special materials or equipment needed, time required and a detailed description of the game and its rules. Of special interest, however, is the inclusion of a comment on each game as to its purpose or benefit. Whilst many of the games are just old-fashioned good fun, many can be used to illustrate or highlight some Biblical principle, or could provide the springboard for such a discussion.

The book is divided into ten sections, each dealing with a particular type of game according to the degree of physical activity required, the intended purpose, the skills of the players and so. The sections covering "get-acquainted" and "building-up" games will be of special interest to many Christian workers and Fellowship organisers. It is a very handy resource book.

Peter Stone

### Leviticus

by R. J. Harrison

(London, I.V.F., 1980), paperback, 253 pp  
Harrison's commentary in the Tyndale series is generally a helpful one. I do not

think, however, Harrison is quite positive enough in his treatment of the worth of the Old Testament sacrificial system. Broadly speaking it was the normal means for atonement for confessed sin (not merely ceremonial breaches) within a covenant context. Perhaps a little more attention could have also been paid to the purpose of Leviticus which is to erect the symbolism, etc. whereby the holiness of the ideal people of God is projected. I am sure, however, the reader will find Harrison's book very useful.

W. Dumbrell



### Acts — An Introduction and Commentary

by I. Howard Marshall  
I.V.P., £5.50, 427 pp

This is a very handsome addition to the Tyndale New Testament Commentaries by a distinguished Lucan scholar who is Professor of New Testament Exegesis at the University of Aberdeen. It is seldom that a N.T. exegete produces commentaries on both Luke and Acts. There is of course every reason why this should be done seeing they are Volumes 1 and 2 of Luke's work. Too often little attention is given to expounding the Book of Acts in the light of Luke's Gospel. Dr. Marshall is well equipped to undertake this task as he has produced a monumental work on the Greek text of Luke as well as his earlier work on *Luke: Historian and Theologian*, which covers the themes of Luke and Acts.

This commentary is not a slender piece of work. It is the largest Tyndale commentary published in the N.T. series, and is nearly comparable to F. F. Bruce's English commentary on Acts.

There are fifty pages of introduction spilt only by a weak section on the permanent value of Acts. The remainder is taken up with the commentary proper. Within the confines of this review it is impossible to make detailed comments. Suffice to say the commentary is clear

and those who read it will find it a great boon to their understanding of Acts.

If this volume in the Tyndale series is a deliberate editorial move under its general editor, Dr. Leon Morris, to produce larger commentaries, then this is an admirable first.

Bruce Winter



### Inner Growth Outer Change

by John H. Westerhoff III  
Dove, 164 pp

Westerhoff is one of those people who by seeing clearly our present situation is able to show us the hope God offers us for our future by drawing on how God has acted in the past. His is a prophetic message for the church in the latter part of the twentieth century.

Christian piety, a badly misused concept by many today, is given the following working definition by Westerhoff, "Christian piety is the church as the body of Christ reflectively acting in the world on behalf of the good news that God's kingdom is indeed among us. It is individual and corporate, otherworldly and this — worldly, intellectual and emotional. It is expressed throughout every aspect of our daily lives, giving our actions their explanations, our attitude their justification and our beliefs their foundations."

Faith for Westerhoff "is not simply knowledge of God or a relationship to God, it is rather an action in response to God, a centred reflective action of the total personality that assumes various styles in terms of our growth and development. Persons who live in a nurturing environment assume the characteristics of an ever expanding and more complex expression of faith".

"Evangelism," says Westerhoff, "has been understood as a membership campaign. But it is the process by which

the christian community by faith, through the proclamation of the Gospel in word and deed, leads persons inside and outside the church to radical re-orientation of life-conversion."

Authentic Christian life for Westerhoff, is personal and social life lived on behalf of God's reign in the political, social and economic world. The spiritual life is an historical life lived with a conscious awareness of God's presence; it is a life so lived that our minds, hearts and wills and God's are united in common reflective action.

Westerhoff offers an educational model whereby people might learn to live the "reflective action" life in union with God within His world. Over the half of the book is concerned with activities, programmes and exercises to help people grow into Christian maturity.

There will be those who rightly point out Westerhoff's lack of Reformed theology. However, I see him as a man God has decided to use to bring further changes in the world of Christian education. His reminding us about catechesis (the way the church helped people grow as Christians prior to Christian education) is a rediscovered truth our church needs.

Tom Smith

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Dean Lance Shilton was also on hand to greet the royal visitor, to the oldest cathedral in Australia.

Prince Charles then proceeded to inspect the work needing to be done on St. Andrew's Cathedral's walls and roof.

Photo Ramon Williams



Bishop Robinson, who is a Vice-President of South American Missionary Society shares a joke with members of the Federal Council. He led the Bible studies on the theme 'World Vision for World Mission', exposition of the missionary theme in 1 Thessalonians. Several states and New Zealand were represented at both the weekend and The Federal Council, where the target of almost \$250,000 was set for 1981, 27% increase on income for 1980. With Bishop Robinson are Rev. Bob Duffield (Melbourne) and Rev. Allan Yuill (right).

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## N.I. now officially in Sydney Diocese

Two bills introduced by Mr Walker, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice into the N.S.W. Parliament are designed to allow Norfolk Island to be included as part of the Anglican diocese of Sydney. The Government sponsored these bills at the request of the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney. Norfolk Island is a Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia and not part of New South Wales.

Until 1938 the affairs of the Church of England on the island were controlled from New Zealand. In that year the then Archbishop of Sydney and the Bishop of Melanesia each signed a document approving of the transfer of all ecclesiastical control to the Archbishop of Sydney.

Since then the Archbishop of Sydney has exercised episcopal responsibility and is generally in charge of the affairs of the church on the island. Though the Archbishop of Sydney has had this responsibility since 1938 the arrangement has never been formalised and the island has not formed part of any diocese of the church since 1869 when it was severed from the diocese of Tasmania by an Act of the Parliament at Westminster.

In 1979, members of the church of Norfolk Island requested that arrangements be made to include the island as part of the Sydney diocese and in the same year, the diocesan synod passed and ordinance providing for the incorporation. Before legal effect may be given to the arrangements made by the church to include Norfolk Island as part of the Sydney diocese, the island church will have to be formally made subject to the constitution of the Church of England in Australia.

## New consultant

The Reverend Stewart Jones has been appointed National Scripture Distribution Consultant for the Bible Society in Australia, effective April 27, 1981. He is a graduate of Moore College in Sydney and was ordained in 1955.

He was Studio and Production Manager at Pilgrim International Limited from 1968 to 1980. Last year he became Production Manager responsible for client liaison and for print, press material and display production.



Rev. Stewart Jones

## Coveted award for CPAS filmstrip

The Church Pastoral Aid Society's filmstrip 'Bonfire at Babylon' has just won the highly coveted British Industrial and Scientific Film Association award for 1980.

BISFA was founded 13 years ago to help industry, government, science and education achieve their most effective internal and external communications through audio-visual techniques.

Rebecca De Saintonge, production manager of the AVA department at

CPAS said: "What especially thrilled us is that we were the only religious organisation to reach the finals."

'Bonfire at Babylon' is a 14-minute soundstrip aimed at urbanised 10-15 year olds, narrated by Frank Topping, written by Dick Shepley, and illustrated by John Haysom. It's about Shadrach's encounter with Nebuchadnezzar — only here Ancient Babylon gets a bit mixed up with modern USA!

C.E.N.



The award-winning 'Bonfire at Babylon'.

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## "The Church is like the Snake Gully Junction Band playing Beethoven

"The music is superb, but the result? The composer is brilliant and sometimes we hear parts which thrill the hearers and the players," said David Hewetson speaking on his paper "Life and Ministry of the Local Church". "Gone is the bride without spot or wrinkle". The local church often is bad singing and ordinary people imprisoned in dull respectability and Sunday best. Salvation is more than personal. The doctrine of the Church is not merely peripheral. The church is a congregation and not an aggregation (a collection of unrelated individuals)."

### A praying and praising community

"Live to the praise of His glory". Worship is not entertainment but it shouldn't be dull or dreary. It is more than church services. Worship is the only possible response to God. It is a return from the fantasy world of human rebellion. It is submission and surrender to God."

### A serving community

"There is no more opposite to Christian principles than the self-fulfilment, self actualisation mood of the seventies. The hallmark of Christian of Christian character is service."

### An equipped community

"The word 'equip' in Ephesians 4 means 'to mend' — like a fishing net, or a fracture. What came first? the chicken or the egg? Clerical domination, or the egg of laity inertia? Pastors must decrease so that laity can increase. But not to the point of extinction."

### An interdependent community

"Unity is the cardinal rule of congregational life. We could add to the list of differences Paul gives in 1 Corinthians 12 old/young, let/right, conservative/progressive. "Our biggest problem is our desire to standardise the ministry, to confine rather than use our diversity of gifts."

### A self-giving community

"Love is the fundamental motif in the New Testament. Men are perishing for lack of love. Local congregations are not well-designed for fellowship. They are governed by liturgy and architecture. I am pressed to find any other answer than small groups, for face to face relationships."

### Other aspects

"Co-operation: a team. Expectancy. Defeatism must go. Attractiveness not entertainment, but care and imagination. Thoughtfulness: not haphazard action, nor the status quo accepted without question."

"At worst, the church is a travesty. At best, it is a taste of heaven."

### Respondents

"On the Snake Gully Band, it's not that we should be straining to hear the music, but to re-train the band," said Colin Buchanan.

"Australians suffer from 'overseasure'. We must rely on Australian research, if we are to make sense at all."

### "Behaviour suitable to the Household of God"

"The Bible holds a dual attitude of the ideal and the actual. To make the actual ideal is wrong. It has gone on too long. It is time for the church to actualise the ideal relationship between men and women. The Magna Carta of the Christian faith is Galatians 3:28, "There is no male or female" said Vinay Samuel, in his Bible study opening the topic of The Life and Ministry of the Local Congregation."

"Public worship is for building up the faithful, and for public prayer. We should pray for all men. The world isn't dragged into worship: it sets the agenda for prayer. God extends his concern for all men; Christ died for all."

"For the women to keep silent was a tradition of the church. Paul was eager to keep the system acceptable to Jewish synagogues. That women are subordinate, must be a Rabbinic rule, not an Old Testament reference. It was based on tradition and not scripture. The ideal is that there is no differentiation between men and women. Paul was speaking of the actual: giving instructions as the actual moves towards the ideal. "The bestowal of gifts was without discrimination. "The description of leadership in the church is one of qualities rather than duties. The main focus is that the leader be above reproach."

We base our behaviour on the vision of our incarnate and ascended Lord. Christ took on manhood: He came from plenty to poverty, from Lord to servanthood. The church must demonstrate this. Christ is ascended. The church should display that Christ rules in history now. The final aim of ministry is to uplift Jesus."

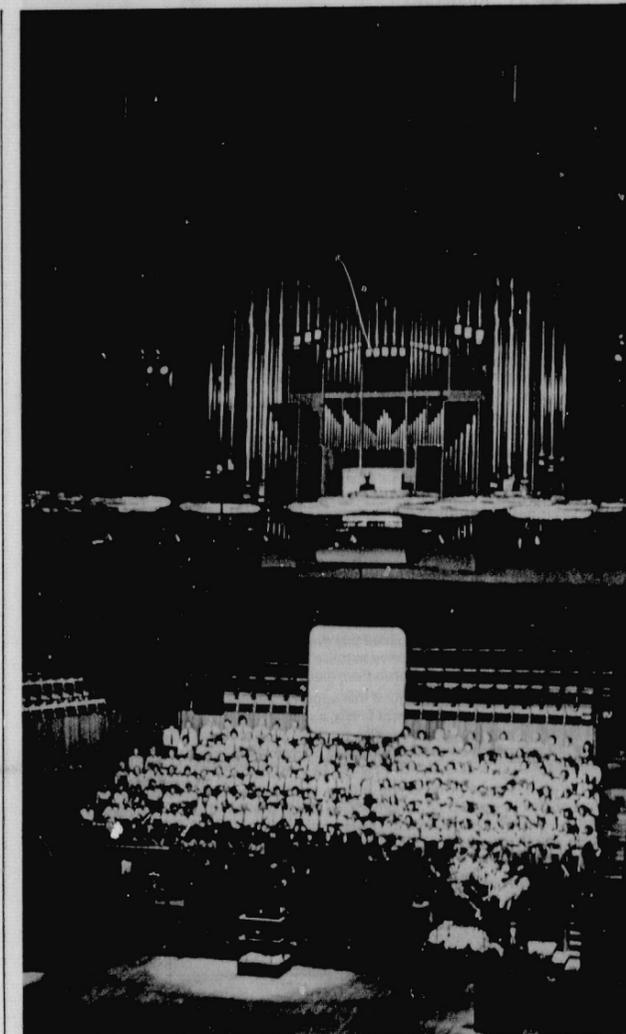
## "Well worthwhile, very stimulating"

### Impressions of NEAC

In answering "How was NEAC?" it's very hard at this early stage to be anything but subjective. The Congress revealed divisions, polarisation, unity, humour, a world of issues which you would call either a watershed, or bewildering. Issues from the fundamental of what is the gospel to ordination of women and headship in the family, were raised. Much of the discussion took place

over meals and (very late) cups of coffee and are unfortunately unrecorded. The issue of the gospel and the Kingdom was very dominant. The runner-up being the Ordination of Women. Underlying both of these, was the question of the use and interpretation of the Bible.

It appeared that all viewpoints on controversial issues were aired but they were not solved. Many people remarked on the fact that there are differences within Anglican evangelical articles. "The common point is that we all believe that the scriptures are sufficient for salvation. We may not hold similar views on women and worship but they're not essential issues for salvation" said one delegate over a meal. "The question is not the uniformity of our approaches, but our unity" said another. "The foot cannot point to the ear, and try to describe it in



## Baptists celebrate 150 years

150 years span the time since the first Baptist service, conducted in the long room of the Rose and Crown Inn, to the larger scale celebration in the Concert Hall of Sydney's Opera House, Friday, May 1st, 1981. The Anniversary Celebrations, held in Sydney over the past weeks, served to inform and remember how it all happened.

Friday, May 1st, over 2,000 attended "CELEBRATION 150" at the Sydney Opera House's Concert Hall.

The official opening of the new Denominational Headquarters, June 13th, will close the 150th Anniversary Celebrations, but it will also open the beginning of the next period of growth and expansion of the Baptist Church in Australia.

Ramon Williams

## Inside: an overview of N.E.A.C.

This report on N.E.A.C. does not in any way claim to be comprehensive.

Many worthwhile ideas were raised in workshops, which are not covered, and in the massive choice of discussion groups. Impressions of participants in various of these will appear in the next edition.

The report simply gives a cross section of issues raised. For a full report, order the N.E.A.C.'s 2-volume edition called "Agenda for a Biblical Church" which sets out in Volume 1 the major papers and in Volume 2 (which will be available shortly), a review of the workshop issues, published by A.I.O.

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