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OUR TENTEN APPEAL—FOR WINGS OVER CARPENTARIA

Anglicans All! Bishop Matthews needs the last \$4,000 for a small \$22,000 aircraft to speed the Word and Sacraments to people in his enormous 640,000-square mile Diocese of Carpentaria. He has the best part of \$18,000 in hand—see how below—and this means finding \$1,000 each week between now and Easter.

One glance at the accompanying sketch map will give an idea of the distances involved. Dotted all over this vast area are men and women on cattle stations, and in tiny townships, who may see a parson once a year—and their bishop once in a decade.

There is only one sensible—and economic—way to get around this diocese in 1966: the way Sir Hudson Fysh pioneered nearly half a century ago when QANTAS started in this very part of the world, and the way the Salvation Army does it today. By air.

Here is the background to this particular Appeal, and the latest facts of the position. They will make it clear that this light aircraft is no luxury or gimmick, but a real necessity if the Church of England is to do a decent job in Carpentaria.

First, most of us will know a bit about Bishop Matthews. A Kiva by birth, he was educated in Australia, served 13 years in India, 4 years as vicar of an English parish, then another 4 years as Chaplain to the Southport School before becoming Archdeacon of Rockhampton, 1954-1960.

In 1960, he was consecrated Bishop of Carpentaria. On the 26th of this month, he will be 66 years of age. So you may take it he is physically tough.

As soon as he got to Thursday Island, where the Bishop's House is, he realised that he could never get around the diocese effectively and economically with a small aircraft, capable of flying long distances over rough country and under tropical conditions.

The Church was neglecting many of the people of the back block, because of their lack of communications. During the week in these parts, lasting

four months each year, you just cannot travel most places by road. You can only fly.

There are plenty of small landing strips. But unless you charter a plane at enormous expense—round about \$20 per hour—you are restricted to the small airlines. And the trouble here is that with fortnightly services you find yourself stuck for a couple of weeks at some place out in the bush where you have done all you need to do in a day or two. Meanwhile, you are urgently needed elsewhere.

MONEY

Quickly sizing up the picture, Bishop Matthews began at once quietly trying to collect the money to buy an aircraft.

He actually had in hand about \$8,000 from the Carpentaria Association in ENGLAND.

Other friends in Australia and THE UNITED STATES have given him some \$3,000.

The balance which he has in hand has been raised by meetings, and from sources, about which we did not press the Bishop. We suspect they have meant a lot of pinching and squeezing, and a bit of begging here and there.

Don't let us be over-cynical about this, but isn't this just like the Church of England in Australia?

Here is this Diocese of Carpentaria, with one of OUR bishops, one of OUR dioceses, inhabited by OUR fellow-Anglicans, OUR responsibility.

So the Bishop raises this help in England and the U.S.!

Similarly, isn't it just too like our Church of England at its worst that we have not moved with the times, while the Salvation Army has TWO aircraft based at Mount Isa and Katherine?

The Bishop does not say these things. We do. For his own part the Bishop is humbly grateful to all who give, wherever it comes from.

Our view is that the ordinary Anglican parish, the ordinary Anglican, will always, although perhaps grudgingly, and devotion to our Church to help in a cause like this, if only they are told the facts.

And the fact is that the Church in Australia is no longer a Colonial offshoot, relying on aid from our old pioneer work. We must—as we can—do it ourselves.

plot in the Royal Australian Air Force.

He swotted the right combination of mathematics and physics at school, sent in his application, and passed the Selection Board. Anxious to be the first to the ground when the Medical Board rejected him on a technicality in the regulations.

Instead of learning to fly at the taxpayer's expense, Tony did it the hard way, scrambling a few hours here, a few minutes there, and paying for it out of his own pocket, until he qualified for his pilot's licence. He is one of those who like flying.

Meanwhile, he fell the call to the Ministry, and was ordained. He has served for the past few years on the ground in the very territory over which he will now fly—not in anything so spectacular and terrifying as a Mirage, but on God's work.

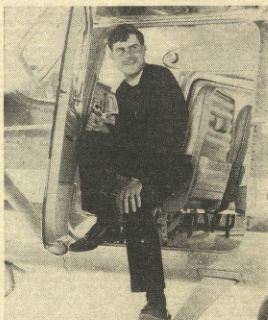
Three weeks ago Tony was married. A school teacher, Valerie, when he met her was an assistant engine fitter in Darwin. We met them in Sydney, and she's a sweetie who has survived the oddest sort of honeymoon: we've ever heard of in time of peace; comparing different kinds of aircraft, travelling from one aerodrome to another, poring over technical and sales reports, weighing the economics of many second-hand types against new aircraft, and watching her husband conversing with the type and getting his pilot's licence endorsed accordingly.

With "the Old Man"—Tony's bishop—cannily watching it all.

They finally bought the aircraft, a Cessna 182. By the time these words appear in print it should be in service from Thursday Island—with more than \$4,000 still to go.

Which is where we needed.

There is a need: the need of our fellow-Anglicans living in some of the most remote and inaccessible parts of the Gulf Country and Central Australia. An aircraft and a pilot, which will go a long way towards meeting the need, are the things that remain is \$4,000, as to which there is a form on page 12.



The Reverend Anthony Matthews in the Cessna 182.

OUR CURRENT M.R.I. PROJECTS

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The Church of England Information Trust acknowledges with gratitude the gifts listed below for our \$18,000 series of the spirit of M.R.I.

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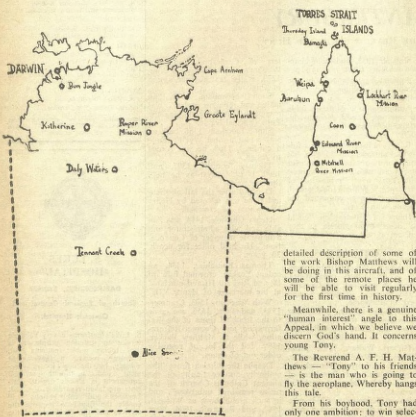
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Avery, Perth	1	0
S. J. B.	1	0
L. S. Smith	1	0
T. R. King	1	0
TOTAL	5,573	100

DR J. A. MUNRO FOR CANBERRA

Dr J. A. Munro, at present Rector of St. John's, Dee Why, Diocese of Sydney, is to become Rector of St. Paul's, Manuka, A.C.T., at the beginning of June.

Dr Munro, one of Australia's best known parish priests and theologians, is a former Dean of Ballarat and Federal Supervisor of Religious Broadcasters for the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

He is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Church of England Information Trust.



detailed description of some of the work Bishop Matthews will be doing in this diocese, and of some of the remote places he will be able to visit regularly for the first time in history.

Meanwhile, there is a genuine "human interest" angle to this Appeal, in which we believe we discern the need, and the need is young Tony.

The Reverend A. F. H. Matthews—"Tony" to his friends—is the man who is going to fly the aeroplane. Whereby hangs the tale.

From his boyhood, Tony had only one ambition: to win selection for the R.A.A.F. Academy, Point Cook, and to become a

Cattle country in the Diocese of Carpentaria. The last draft of cattle for the year leaves Mitchell River in the Gulf of Carpentaria for the 750 mile drive to Mareeba.

MEMO TO MR CHAMBERLAIN

It is not the Australian Labor Party, any branch or affiliated trade union, and least of all the Federal Executive of that Party, which pays Members of Parliament. That pleasant duty is the lot of the taxpayers. It is not the taxpayer, either, who is to be made to foot the outside of Parliament, and over which the taxpayer exercises no control at all, that Members of Parliament are responsible. For any extra-Parliamentary body such as the Executive of the A.L.P. or of the Liberal Party to instruct Members of Parliament to vote for or against a particular bill, or to vote and to threaten them with penalties if they fail to vote as directed, surely comes close to constituting contempt of Parliament. The principles on which our whole system of parliamentary government is based, and which are the basis of specific political issues, which may arise at any time,

It is in defence of these principles that we join in the general condemnation of those members of the A.L.P. Federal Executive who, led by a non-Parliamentarian in the person of Mr F. E. CHAMBERLAIN, attempted last week to suborn the parliamentary Deputy Leader of the A.L.P., Mr E. G. WHITLAM, and certain of his colleagues.

Upon the proximate cause of the dispute, the issue of State Aid for Church and private schools, as it happens, this newspaper and, we believe, the public, are entitled to know the views of Mr. CHAMBERLAIN rather than Mr. WHITLAM. We have no doubt whatever that, as we have frequently said, most of the political parties in Australia are in favour of State Aid, from all parties, do so less from concern about Australia's backwardness and parsimony about education in all its phases than from the conviction that the Government of the day has a fundamental difference here between the attitudes of Mr. WHITLAM and Sir ROBERT MENZIES: they are equally cynical, and equally determined to use the A.L.P. as a means of maintaining the true policy of the A.L.P., is attributable primarily to cynicism of the same kind. The only thing that can be said in favour of Mr. CHAMBERLAIN is that he is a man of an earnest study, unlike that of the Liberal Party, has at least, in however muddled a fashion, and with whatever semantic confusion, made some attempt to collect and collate the views of the various parties.

However much we approve Mr CHAMBERLAIN's well-known views on State Aid, our support stops short at the point where he attempts to subvert the processes of democratic election. It is not the business of political organisations who work for the election to Parliament of candidates who support their general views. There is no room in Australia, however, for any party or group to be an Executive, or like certain groups within the Liberal Party, then to attempt to control in detail the actions of Members of Parliament. It is appalling that this should happen, and that the A.L.P. should be so completely intransigent as to insist on the A.L.P. to form the Government. The fact that, upon Mr CHAMBERLAIN's view, it could properly come to pass in the latter case, is assuredly no reason that the A.L.P. is likely to remain in Opposition.

WINGS OVER CARPENTARIA

Christians do not bother trying to keep up with the Joneses, so it is with no such thing in mind that we mention what will surprise many Anglicans, namely, that our friends of the Salvation Army actually operate two aircraft already in the territory covered by the Diocese of Carpentaria.

If we reject any idea of competing with the Salvation Army — and who would ever believe the Church of England could manage to provide two aircraft! — this does not mean that we cannot learn a great deal from them and put what we learn to extending God's Kingdom.

On the facts, as the experience of the Salvation Army has shewn in Queensland, and as our own Push Church Aid Society has shewn in South Western Australia, it is barely credible that the Diocese of Carpentaria should not have had its own aircraft these many years past. As a missionary diocese, it has been understandably reluctant to press its need, on top of other needs, on the rest of the Church which gladly helps it in other ways. Those of us who live in the South have perhaps tended to forget the local plight of the settlers in the north, and to think mainly in terms of the needs of the Torres Strait Islanders and Aborigines.

As individual Anglicans, parishes and groups of all kinds responded to the Appeal for the Bishop of North West Australia, who is the Bishop of Carpentaria's neighbour, so we hope they will respond, and equally quickly, to our Appeal this week.

"Everything which touches the life of the nation is the concern of the Christian."
—Dr. Geoffrey Fisher

Utzon And Whitlam —And Harmony

Utzon and Whitlam are the names that have been most in the Australian news in the past week — the one seeking to give up the post of architect of the Sydney Opera House, the other seeking to take up the Australian Labor Party (in a metaphorical sense, of course). At the time of writing the designing future of both gentlemen had not been finally resolved. But it would be pleasant if events proved that in each case decisions could be taken on principles, rather than on personal attitudes, spite or heated passions. Both have been engaged in both the controversies in which Messrs Utzon and Whitlam have been the central figures.

Both controversies have a political basis, but happily, I think, the argument about the Opera House has also revealed that there is in the community an intense feeling that this project should be carried to completion in the form in which its inspired designer conceived it, and under his continued direction.

The Opera House has for long been regarded mostly as a bad joke because of the mounting costs and long delays involved in its construction. Quite properly, the Askin Government, which criticised these aspects when in opposition, felt bound to act firmly to control the cost and time factors. But the overwhelming public reaction (as shown by letters in the Press) is that these objectives should be achieved without los-

ling the services over the remaining stages of the original architect.

We do not attempt to apportion blame for any clash of personalities which has occurred, but do express the hope that the public concern which has been shown will induce all concerned to resolve their differences and so ensure that the Opera House will fulfil the best expectations held for it.

It might be a good idea if the row of which Mr Whitlam has become the centre could be resolved in the same spirit to ensure that the ideals for which the Australian Labor Party stands can be pursued without further waste of substance. For all the time the Opera House has been a building, the Labor Party in the Federal sphere has been unwrangling. On present indications there could be harmony in the Opera House (in, say, three years' time) long before there is harmony in the Labor Party.

Minor "Fleecings" In The New Currency

While the conversion to decimal currency less than a month ago was made with much less confusion than most people had feared, it is to be hoped the operation will be completed long before the two years officially scheduled.

One understands that a governing factor is the speed at which cash registers and other machines can be converted. In the interests of the ordinary men and women in the streets

It is highly desirable that the period of mixed currencies should be reduced to the minimum. Apart from the inconvenience of disposing of pennies and threepences, many housewives feel (with some justification, I believe) that the cost of living has been increased by some shopkeepers giving themselves the benefit of a slightly higher profit in marking up prices in the new currency.

The N.S.W. Liberal Government made no bones about doing that with bus fares and not always to achieve a slight profit. There are cases

where housewives, taking a bus a few stops to the nearest shopping centre, now have to pay one shilling instead of nine pence, which itself was dear enough.

At least if we can pay for everything in dollars and cents we will not be so conscious that we are being "fleeced" for paying for everyday goods and services. What the eye does not see, they say, the heart does

Primate's Suggestion For Fixed Term

The Primate of Australia revealed to be considerably in advance of this column in his thinking on the appropriate retiring age for bishops. By coincidence our reflections on the subject last week (with the suggestion that it might be wise for bishops generally to retire at about 65) appeared when the Archbishop's diocesan magazine was being distributed with retirement as the main theme of his monthly letter.

As the Primate, we thought had contemplated remaining in office until 1975, when he would be 70, other Anglicans may have been surprised to read in 1973 that he was going to resign, thus leaving the prospect of our bishops to remain in office for life or at least until 65 or 70 years of age. They had been our custom and surety for a long, good many years. Fathers was good enough for our age. As it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be! A terrible example of lazy complacency, a bad role model for the modern life around us.

One of the questions the Anglican Church ought to face is the possibility of bishops retiring at a certain age, say 65, for a fixed period of time. After too long a period it requires a man of quite exceptional ability to keep fresh and alert in the quickening tempo of modern

TOWNSVILLE
COLLEGE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Townsville, March 7
A new Church residential college, capable of housing four hundred university students, was foreshadowed by the Bishop of North Queensland, in a series of meetings with his clergy in Townsville Mackay, Cairns, and Mt Isa last week.

The Right Reverend Ian Shevill said that the first stage of the new S. Mark's College should be ready in March, 1968, and the second stage in 1969.

These two stages would care for eighty students mainly from parts of the diocese remote from Townsville, and would cost \$400,000. The final stages would follow in progressive order.

Three times as many students applied for accommodation this year than there were vacancies. The plans for the new college have been approved by the Universities Commission which will

A further quarter will be underwritten by the State government and the Church will have to supply the remainder.

A joint appeal will be made on behalf of the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Methodist colleges to industry and proprietary companies, and separate appeals will be made to

ONE MINUTE SERMON

Read I Corinthians 10 : 15 - 33

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pend on the fellowship w
fashions our lives. St. Paul
once points out to us that
the Holy Communion is
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the Eucharist takes the place
the Passover Feast, being
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This suggests, says Goudge, that Paul taught the true Presence of Our Lord's Body and Blood as a Real Presence granted to the whole Body of the Church by consecration and not primarily to individuals by reception. A second, more subtle, allusion to this doctrine is contained in the unifying effect of the Holy Communion. "Seeing that this is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread," reads the real benediction of Our Lord's Body and Blood in real and actual, not merely symbolic. He turns to the unbelieving Jews who in eating peace offerings have communion with God. Communion with God is real, he says, but not real, but the Jews thought heathen worship as offered demons. Missionaries in our own day have felt as St. Paul did that in heathen lands they grapple with unseen power

19. S. Paul says commun-
ion with Our Lord and communion
with demons are incompatible.
The phrase "Table of the Lord"
is synonymous with "Altar."
Matthew 23:17-23. To partake of
the Table of the Lord is simply
to partake of the Eucharistic
Feast which the Lord made
with His people. There is com-
munion with God by partaking
by joint sharing in the sacrifice
that has been offered.

Jealousy! It is strange that
both in the Old and New Testa-
ment, jealousy is ascribed to
God. Of course, God is jealous
without jealousy. The word has
an ugly sound when we think
of human jealousy and our
unjustified claims of exclusive
love. But God's claim
cannot be exaggerated. The
word jealousy when applied
to Him tells us of the utter real-
ity of His claims and the right-
ness of His claims.

CLERGY NEWS

ABBOTSMITH, the Reverend A., Curate of Christ Church, Gladstone Diocese of Sydney, to be Vicar of "Thomas", Winchester, Diocese of Melbourne, as from March 15.

GRAY, the Reverend A. J., Vicar of St. Paul's, Kingsville, Diocese of Melbourne, to be Vicar of All Souls, Kallista, in the same diocese, as from March 30.

GREENALL, the Reverend L., Curate of S. Thomas', Essendon, Diocese of Melbourne, will commence work at the Bush Church Aid Society in Diocese of North West Australia.

LATTA, the Reverend G. C., Rector of St. John's, Perth, will be in charge of the Diocese of North West Australia.

STANTON, the Reverend M. R., Rector of S. George's, Invermay, Diocese of Tasmania, to be Director of *Quarantine Department* in the same diocese from April 18.

THOMAS, Canon C. N., Vicar of Agnes', Glenhumbly, Diocese of Melbourne, to be Vicar of S. Peter's, Hill, in the same diocese as from 16.

WANDMAKER, the Reverend F. be Dragon Assistant at S. Paul's Cathedral, Sale, Diocese of Gippsland.

WITTINGTON, the Reverend E. Chaplain to the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Diocese of Melbourne, to Vicar of Holy Trinity, Williamstown, in whose name donations are from Melbourne.

CHURCH CALENDAR

March 13: Lent 3.
March 17: S. Patrick.
March 18: Edward, King of
West Saxons.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following letters in the Editor's column are published in order of their receipt. The Editor is glad to receive letters of criticism, constructive criticism or of controversial matters, and will accept them, if possible, in full. Letters must be dated, signed, and must be brief. Space is limited.

Preference is always given to letters from the Anglican community.

Parts of some of the following letters may have been omitted.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD

SUGGESTIONS NOT ACCEPTED

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ANGLICAN: Sir, — My attention has been drawn to the inaccurate reporting of the proceedings of the Queensland Provincial Synod in *The Australian* of February 28, and as a synodman who was present, I must correct the misapprehensions given by your reporter.

The report is inaccurate from the start. The heading reads "Queensland Anglican Synod: Care and one would assume that the synod had been discussing the care of the sick." In the text which reads, "The report of the synod of the Queensland (P. 27) was given approval, and then to the dioceses for consideration." On my copy of the report is written "Recommended to dioceses which is not general approval."

On the Registrar of the Diocese of Rockhampton in his report on the Provincial Synod (one on page 27) was not debated in detail, it being a decision recognised by the tenor of the report as a decision which would in all probability be rejected. On the motion of Dr. [Name] it was agreed that the recommendation be commended to the Bishop for his consideration. This is not general approval, but a recommendation for his consideration. This is not general approval, but a recommendation for his consideration.

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also Quinquagesima Sunday.) I was asked by the Commissioner of the Grafton district to conduct a service for the occasion. After careful preparation the service was duly approved. A few hours before the service was to be held I was told to me that no Roman Catholic clergy would be allowed to enter the church. This was a little surprise to me, as a "Thinking Day" service would be regarded as an occasion to proselytise. So the Roman Catholic clergy were invited and Brownies stayed overnight.

I brought a great surprise to the Protestant and Anglican clergy, who attended their "Thinking Day" service. They were surprised to find that the Anglican Catholic Church was there.

Charity suffers long and is kind. This is the letter should not be written. We are, I think, only minority. We are to be sure to challenge the great excitement of the situation. Far easier to accept it.

In recent weeks, the Reformation has been a tragedy in history. The Reformation has been a tragedy in history. The Reformation has been a tragedy in history.

Well, chances, it makes one very sincerely.

(The Reverend) S. GADEN, Mackean, N.S.W.

"AT THE END OF THE LINE"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ANGLICAN: Sir, — Many thanks to the Reverend W. N. Lines for his article in the *Anglican* of February 28, regarding early baptism. The report given was only a summary of the proceedings.

To put the record straight, I am the history of the Church in Patchewolke. The report was only a summary of the proceedings. The report was only a summary of the proceedings.

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In Holy Baptism, the Holy Spirit is given to the child, and we, to make our bodies His temples, and we may find quicken us with His eternal life and, secondly, seal us in His love and putting on His robe of righteousness. He is as His own and putting on His robe of righteousness. He is as His own and putting on His robe of righteousness.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Weekly Question Box on Faith and Morals, conducted by the Reverend A. V. Mladick

What is meant by the Communion of Saints? After death, surely, we are all judged worthy of Paradise there and then, but are judged at the three last things.

The Communion of Saints is the lovely term for the loving relationship between the twelve Christianities everywhere. It is the rich fellowship between men and women, past and present, whom Christ delights to call "saints." How more lovely is the fellowship between the living and the dead, who are in a sustaining joy. But we must not let the rearing exercise to lead in prayer the lines of those who walked with us, who befriended us, and especially those who made the eternal way real for us.

One of the poems generated of school boys have learned is Henry Newbolt's in which he describes a boy who died around his old school. When he comes to the chapel, he says: "There is a room where I used to sit, and I am sure that I shall find it there."

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THREAT OF BREAKAWAY IN C.S.I. DIOCESE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY BEGINS WORK

ANGELIC NEWS SERVICE

London, March 7

An independent commission of enquiry, established by the Church of South India Synod, into the trouble in the Madhya Kerala diocese, began last week.

Serious danger has arisen in the diocese of a breakaway of "backward class" Christians.

The C.S.I. came into being in 1947 as a union of Congregational, Presbyterian, Methodist and Anglican in South India.

The Kerala trouble has been exacerbated by support for the breakaway group from the International Council of Christian Churches, a body opposed to the World Council of Churches.

The breakaway leaders have issued circulars designed to stir memories of the origins of the Christian work in their area through the Church Missionary Society, and are reported to be in process of forming an independent Anglican Church.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. A. M. Ramsey, has expressed his hope that "the Commission will find that there may be a real reconciliation". He adds, "I am sure that many will share this prayer and this hope."

The commission of enquiry consists of Bishop H. Sumatra, Moderator of the C.S.I., Mr. R. D. Paul, and the Reverend Geoffrey Pilling. The latter was a C.M.S. missionary in South India from 1920 to 1965, and from 1952 was on the staff of the Kerala Theological Seminary. He flew to South India from London on February 23.

MUCH FRUITION

There has been friction for some years between the "backward class" Christians and those of Syrian origin who occupy many of the positions of influence and authority.

Recently this has led to more serious signs of disaffection, and many thousands of "backward class" Christians are involved.

The commission is listening to all parties and will try to suggest ways of restoring fellowship.

The breakaway group has been in touch with leaders of the International Council of Christian Churches and claims that on March 10, there will be an ordination of twenty new presbyters, held by an "Anglican bishop from America."

It is understood that the ordinations may be performed by someone who claims to be an Anglican bishop but who is in fact a bishop whose claims are acknowledged by the Anglican Church.

The I.C.C.C., with headquarters in Amsterdam and an office in New York, has been promoted in opposition to the C.S.I., to which the Church of South India belongs, as does every Province of the Anglican communion, the Orthodox churches, and all the main Protestant traditions.

Dr C. MacIntyre of the

IMPLEMENTING THE VATICAN COUNCIL

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

New York, March 7
An Institute of Ecumenism to help provide scholarly leadership in understanding and interpreting the 16 documents of the Second Vatican Council will be established this autumn by the Roman Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

SAME FOR LENT

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, March 7
For the first time in the Netherlands, the separate Catholic and Protestant broadcasting companies are carrying the same series of sermons during Lent.

S.C.M. POST FOR ROMAN CATHOLIC

ANGELIC NEWS SERVICE

London, March 7

For the first time in its 100-year history, the Student Christian Movement has appointed a Roman Catholic priest to its staff.

Fr. Laurence Bright, O.P., former research scientist now based on St. Dominic's Priory, Hampstead, will spend part of his time as associate study secretary at the S.C.M.'s national headquarters and in travel round regional meetings.

The general secretary, the Reverend David Edwards, said last week: "Our general council already expresses observations on the presence of Catholics. Students, our branches are open to Roman Catholics as to every one else, and the University Teachers' Group associated with it includes Roman Catholic members."

"But this appointment is the biggest step we have taken to open the S.C.M. to Catholics in the British universities, and we are delighted that it has the full blessing of the Roman Catholic authorities."

EXTREME MEASURES SEEN IN RHODESIAN CAMPS

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

London, March 7

The British Council of Churches charged in a statement issued last month that the Smith regime in Rhodesia is using "excessively harsh" and "extreme" measures in restriction camps "in its attempt to break the morale of restricted Africans."

Issued in association with the Conference of British Missionary Societies, the statement charged that growing evidence from reliable sources indicated that "the use of police tyranny are now widespread."

"This document indicates that it is given in the fact that no mission society has been permitted to visit those restricted at the camp at Gungahuzungu."

It said the Bishop of Malawi also had been communicating with government officials for permission to visit this camp.

It said that in one camp restricted Africans are confined to a small hut in the bush, surrounded by barbed wire heavily guarded and with electric lighting all night. In another camp they are allowed to receive mail but not to receive visitors. Relatives, even wives, are not told where they

these remittances to be "reasonable and fair."

It said it did not want those in restriction camps to be given special privileges, but it was equally sure to believe the pastoral care exercised by the Church in a time of spiritual tension and of service to African education form vital contributions to the future peace of Rhodesia."

The statement was issued by the London Missionary Society, the Methodist Missionary Society, the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the British and Foreign Bible Society.

DR RAMEY'S GOLDEN LECTURE

ANGELIC NEWS SERVICE

London, March 7

"Religion and Language" was the subject of the lecture given by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. A. M. Ramsey, at St. Lawrence Jewry on March 3. It was a "Golden Lecture," sponsored by the Haberdashers' Company.

Dr. Ramsey said that

"During that time the prison authorities refused to allow a Bible sent in for his use, and overseas workers for a month without any charge being made for it, and they were then released with no explanation."

"The conditions of overcrowding, lack of sanitation and the filthy conditions were appalling."

The British Government has given assurance in Parliament that mission societies and overseas workers in Rhodesia will be allowed financial help for their work during the present emergency.

Britain has imposed complete economic sanctions on Rhodesia, following the Unilateral Declaration of Independence by the white majority Smith government last year.

The government said that mission bodies will be permitted to set up in Rhodesia 75 per cent. of last year's remittances.

A statement issued by four British Missionary societies said it considered the level of

£50,000 NEEDED FOR CATHEDRAL

ANGELIC NEWS SERVICE

London, March 7

An urgent need for £400,000 for that the second and third phases of Blackburn Cathedral can be completed was made last week by the Bishop of Blackburn, the Right Reverend C. R. Claxton.

The work began last Tuesday and will consist of completing the crossing, the building of the lantern and the spire above it, and finishing the south transept.

In the large central space at the crossing of nave and transepts and underneath the lantern will be a dome of polished Derbyshire marble.

Above the altar will be suspended a decorative modern wrought-iron carrying eight silver lamps.

The octagonal lantern will contain stained glass designed by John Hayward.

From the lantern will rise an aluminium spire ninety-seven feet high.

Dr. Claxton is to appeal to meet the cost of completing the south entrance of the Cathedral.

The portion already in existence was paid for by them.

KENYA FAMINE REAL THREAT

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Nairobi, March 7

An official of the Christian Council of Kenya has reported that the threat of starvation is very real so many of the nation's peoples.

Mr. Timothy Wamukoye reported to C.C.K. officials that while the distressed areas had been convinced him additional need was urgent.

The C.C.K. now operates famine relief programmes in Kenya, the World Council of Churches has issued an appeal for help to the Southern, Central and East Africa.

SOUTH AFRICA INCOME

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, March 7

The Southern Christian Institute of South Africa received 10 per cent. of income from churches and church organizations in the Netherlands, Germany, Britain, Sweden and the U.S.A., Institute director Dr. Beyers Naude has reported.

He said most of the money is being used for work among independent South African churches which have traditionally shunned contact with the larger churches.

DR CHANDRAN APPOINTED W.C.C. VICE-CHAIRMAN

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, March 7

The Reverend T. Russell Chandran, Principal of the United Theological College, Bangalore, India, has been appointed a vice-chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

The Central Committee had authorized its Nominations Committee to present to it the name of someone from a continent other than North America for appointment as a vice-chairman at the 1968 Assembly.

The present vice-chairman is Dr. Ernest A. Payne, London, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Central Committee's appointment chairman was Dr. Frank Clark, New York, president of the Lutheran Church in America, that he be permitted to resign as Central Committee chairman.

Dr. Fry submitted this request because it was in fact an abnormal and basically undesirable situation for a world-wide council of churches to have both of what may be its chief posts of leadership filled by men of the same nationality."

This was a reference to the election of Dr. Eugene Carson as general secretary.

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