

U.S. BISHOP IN VIET NAM

CHURCHMEN IN SYDNEY AFTER FACT-FINDING MISSION

Two non-communist, non-pacifist members of a high level group of thirteen United States leaders flew in to Sydney from Hong Kong last Tuesday, after a fact-finding mission in Viet Nam.

They were the Bishop of Erie, the Right Reverend William Crittenden, and the Minister of the Centenary Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, the Reverend James M. Lawson.

They unequivocally condemned the continuance of what they bluntly called the "Giet War" in Viet Nam, and expressed the view of the entire fact-finding mission, that military intervention could not solve the economic, social and political problems of that country.

Bishop Crittenden, a stocky, gaiter-wearing personality, is a member of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church (corresponding with Australia's Standing Committee of General Synod), and Chairman of its Peace Advisory Committee.

He is also a Vice President of the National Council of Churches in the U.S.

Bishop Crittenden told Tan Anson, a member of the U.S. Air Force, or a member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation whose activities led to the appointment of the 13-member mission.

"Early this year there was the famous advertisement in the Walker-McClellan signed by thousands of ministers of religion, calling for a cease-fire," he said.

"This got a response of 18,000 names."

"It was decided to send a fully representative fact-finding mission to Viet Nam, instead of members of the Fellowship only."

"After two days in Thailand, the members went on to Saigon, where they talked with members of the Government, the South Viet Nam, the corps of foreign correspondents, the Roman Catholics, the Buddhists, American teachers and the Korean Catholic Archbishop of Saigon and the

Regional Officer for Britain.

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Apostolic Delegate, the acting U.S. Ambassador, the Prime Minister, the Labour Union leader, and the

The Mission then flew to Hong Kong, where they spent two days comparing notes and producing a joint statement, which was sent to President Johnson, the U.S. Department of State, and which was published yesterday. (It will be published in The Australian next week.)

WORKING LABELS

For one day only, at the invitation of the Reverend Alan Walker, Minister of the Anglican and Protestant Clergyman who are conducting the fact-finding mission, the two churches there will be known as the

U.S. Bishop, the Right Reverend William Crittenden said. "It is time we stopped using such labels. Every Christian Church has its peace or disarmament committee. That's what the Gospel is all about. I'm sorry your Prime Minister says that. For the leader of a great Western nation to stoop to expressions like that is unworthy both of him and his office."

The politicians have got to get used to the idea that Christians mean what they say about peace.

The Bishop spoke to a public

notice of motions that if he agreed to support any personal income tax to enable the Federal Government to increase its aid to developing countries up to one per cent. of the national income.

"This motion demonstrates a growing sense of responsibility, for it incorporates support for a decrease in tax on personal income, and this is a definite in the spirit of the Gospel," said the Bishop.

The motion was carried by a large majority, and the Bishop said that during the last half of this year about half of the churches in the Anglican Executive Office, and the

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meeting in Sydney on Tuesday

(An account of this meeting and of his Press Conference will appear next week—Editor)

METHODISTS VOTE FOR LINKS WITH ANGLICANS

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, July 12

The Methodist Conference, meeting at Plymouth on July 5 and 6, resolved by 601 votes to 14 to seek closer relations between the Church of England and the Methodist Church.

Two observers from the Church of England were present, the Bishop of Winchester and the Dean of Windsor.

The president, the Reverend W. Walker Lee, read a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury and wrote to the Conventions in May.

The conference decided to set up of a Commission which they suggested should act jointly with a like number of members from the two churches there will be known as the

Conference, by 488 votes to 157, gave general approval to the main proposals in the Church of England-Methodist Report.

The resolution has a safeguard that before full communion between the two churches there will be an opportunity for the clarification of points raised by the quarterly meetings and synods.

These include the form of service of reconciliation, including

the laying on of hands, the interpretation of the priesthood, and the ministry of the local preacher, "open Communion," use of sacraments with the disposal of the elements; relations with world Methodism and other free churches; questions arising in stage two such as changes in the establishment that should be clarified before stage one is ended; preparation of the laity in the councils of the Church, and the work of lay preachers and the deaconesses (order appointment and function of Methodist bishops; and marriage discipline.

MAIN PROPOSALS

An amendment was earlier moved by Dr Kingsley Barrett, Professor of Divinity, Durham University, asking conference reserve judgment on the report. He had been a signatory of the Minority Report in 1963.

His amendment was defeated by 467 votes to 165.

The president said that they could not now go back on the main proposals.

The joint negotiating committee would work on the points of doubt and the whole thing would come back to conference in three or four years time.

Then conference would give its vote, but even this would not be final.

The final vote of conference would be given when the matter came back again from the Synod and quarterly meeting.

TWO BISHOPS SPEAK AT MISSIONARY RALLY

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, July 12

More than 1,000 people crowded into the St. Kilda Town Hall on Thursday evening, July 8, for a rally, "Confrontation for Christ", arranged by the Australian Board of Missions.

The principal speakers were the Bishop of Kuching and the

first Christian mission, there has been a great emphasis on education, so that most of the seven secondary and 70 primary schools in this district are Government schools.

Population is mixed, with the San Dyaks comprising of the head hunters, the gentler Laos, Malays, and Chinese, Malays, Indians, and Europeans.

The Church has a tremendous opportunity, but needs to be encouraged to stand upon its own feet, despite the problem of poverty. Of 12 clergy in Kuching, only two are local.

After another hymn, "For my sake and the Gospel," the Bishop of Kuching, Dr. V. R. Annot, said as chairman.

After the processionary hymn, "For all the Saints," and presented by the bishop, the lesson was read by the Reverend C. R. Annot, said as chairman.

A paper from Brighon Grammar School, Ian White, then spoke of visits to the Martyrs' school by boys from Brighon Grammar, and the gift of a science book by Mrs. G.C.S.

He was followed by Guthrie Warby, of Geelong Grammar School, which had presented a tractor to the Martyrs' School in 1960.

The Right Reverend D. N. Alabaly, Bishop of Kuching, described the mission of the Church as a work of equal concern.

Borneo is a strategic centre of great opportunity, and even the establishment of the

First Steps

"M.R.I. is first and foremost this seeking of the will of God and the discovery of His purpose in all life, and then the giving of ourselves in obedience to a similar project."

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Marulan in the disastrous bush fires of last summer — all in the spirit of M.R.I.

UNITED COMMISSION FOR DIOCESE

SYNOD DECISION AT GOULBURN

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Canberra, July 12

In addition to urging General Synod to make a formal approach to the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches for a combined preparation for union, the Synod of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn on June 29 decided to set up a commission within the diocese to study and follow up the aspects of church union.

"We have been greatly moved by the changes about us within the Roman Catholic Church and with movements toward unity expressed among various communions," said Bishop Clements.

"The processes involved in this movement in Australia—especially among the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregationalists—have been very carefully observed by the Anglican Church."

"In fact, every effort has been taken to consult with the Anglican communion in the hope that finally it might take its own place in the process."

The bishop said denominational leaders within the Australian Council of Churches were already facing up to the challenge of union.

"From the Anglican point of view this matter cannot be clarified until the Synod of next year, but meanwhile all those who are asked to consider themselves with this challenge, must find it most important to do in this diocese to hold our next synod prior to General Synod."

Bishop Clements said that the Synod was to be set up of clergy and laity would undertake a study of the implications and possibilities inherent in this situation.

NEW WEAKNESS

Synod also decided to order two reports of the Joint Commission to General Synod (that the results of the Church of 1959) and "The Church, its Nature, Function and Ordering," that such reports be referred to each diocese for study and suggestion.

Bishop Clements said that the advances being made by the leaders was not being matched by the laity.

"This is the one great weakness of the Church, it would be true to say that many non-church workers for the right reason move out of the Church and there are many of our regular church members who look pale at convenient hours."

As part of the decision taken at the C.E.M.S. in Australia in 1965-6 it was decided that ten or more members would visit the Church and Life Movement.

This is an educational programme organized by the A.C. for next year, in which members of all churches can join. It means that Christians at the regional level can work together in examining their special calling as Christians.

There is nothing like working together in order to get to know each other and to grow in respect for each other. Already preparations for this programme are in hand and the Synod's programme for clerical and lay leaders will begin in this diocese within weeks.

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SYDNEY SEMINAR

Dr. S. K. Ramsey of St. Mark's, Sydney, is to speak at a seminar on the "Two Christologies in the New Testament" to be held by the Department of Seminary Studies at the University of Sydney on July 27 at 7.30 p.m.

arduous times. The whole Christian scene is in ferment in response to the challenge of God in our times."

Synod carried a motion to encourage parishes and people of the diocese to give their "whole-hearted support to the Church and Life Movement, and to express their satisfaction in this real attempt to relate the faith to modern day living and the crossing of denominational barriers."

TASMANIAN C.E.M.S. REPORTS

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Hobart, July 12

Members of the Church of England Men's Society in Tasmania will be encouraged to participate in national appeals for worthy causes provided the times do not conflict with the hours of public worship.

This was decided this month at the annual meeting of the State Council of the C.E.M.S. at Christ Church, Longford, when about twenty-five members attended from the north, south and northwest.

The Bishop of Tasmania, the Right Reverend R. E. Davies, presided.

It was claimed that because national-wide appeals were being prevented from many people were prevented from attending church services, they were helping with appeal organizing, were canvassing, or stayed home to make donations.

In many places this affected lay members of the Church. Bishop Davies said the only way to have an effective voice in the matter was to make it clear to local appeal committees that help would only be given by church people if there was no clash with church hours.

NEW BRANCHES

It was decided that C.E.M.S. branches advise local appeal committees of this, and that members would be happy to do this in appeals which took place at convenient hours.

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parishes of the diocese to form new branches or strengthen existing ones. The regional executive committees will organize speakers and arrange itineraries and the bishops will advise clergy and commend the project to them.

One member said that if 25 new branches can be established it will be a notable contribution to the success of the jubilee celebrations.

SERVICE FORM

The opening form of C.E.M.S. service was discussed and it was decided to refer the matter to the State Treasury as a recommendation may be sent to the State Treasury.

The State Treasury has authorized the recently-amended constitution printed in booklet form.

It was decided to recommend to the Diocesan Council that a youth organizer be appointed because nothing in the community was as important as the organization of youth.

Bishop Davies said that youth today was better organized than two years ago.

There is great need for full-time chaplains for hospitals, youth and institutions, but lack of funds created great problems.

The State annual meeting of the C.E.M.S., which is held in

turn in each archdiocese will be held at Devonport on the north-west on Saturday, October 2.

The subject for the annual conference will be "The Church and Life Movement."

TAPE RECORDER AT MEETING

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, July 12

A tape recording of "What the Church Begins to Pray" was used as the basis of a discussion led by the Reverend John Williams, the Vicar of St. Mark's, the Reverend John Williams.

This was the first occasion for the Forest Hill churches to use a combined service and since it was the first time a tape recording was used as an inspiring basis for future cooperative action.

FUTURE SHARING

Monthly combined services will be held from now on. It is planned to form a joint committee to investigate shared facilities and uniting activities.

Bishop Samuel is the youngest bishop in the C.S.I. His diocese, Krishna Godavari, is the largest with a population of 15 million people.

During the sermon the bishop brought greetings from the Indian Church and declared that division among the Christians was not God's will.

After the service the large congregation was able to meet the Bishop and Mrs Samuel while tea was being served.

The Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend Frank Woods, before leaving for Geneva expressed his pleasure at this historic ecumenical venture.

The offertory from the service will be sent to the Indian Church Aid Appeal to assist refugees in Viet Nam.

"A HA' PENN'ORTH OF DECENCY"

The A.B.C. television programme "A Ha' Penn'orth of Decency" about the Brisbane 64 Club (The ANGLICAN, July 12) shown on Brisbane and Townsville channels on July 4, is to be shown on other A.B.C. television channels on the following dates:

July 18, Western Australia; July 25, Toowoomba; August 1, Perth; August 8, Melbourne; August 12, N.S.W.; A.C.T.; and Victoria. September 12, South Australia; and September 26, Tasmania.

FACT AND FANCY

"Money is still coming in from the churches of the Province of South Africa for their M.C.L. project of a new launch, 'Fluence', for the Torres Strait, Diocese of Canberra."

To keep the interest going, a Cape Town priest puts a toy boat on the front each Sunday at the family service and invites people to put something extra in it. His parish is one of many people have many yachts and speedboats and the idea of "Fluence" is a far-away area has caught on.

The Archbishop of York, speaking to his diocesan conference on July 1 apologized for having used the word "gossamer" to describe television audiences. Apparently in Yorkshire "gossamer" means "widows" but the Archbishop had had in mind something less insulting rather than the "unfettered" use of the word was reported in our issue of June 24.

Nuns in nylon, on motor scooters and with short skirts took part in a parade in London in the world's first fashion show of nuns' habits. The setting was the Victoria Exhibition at Earl Court. Twenty-three orders modified their habits before an audience of 250 fashion designers and models.

The producer pointed out that nuns' habits are being saved during, plasticated skirts to make it easier to do it. And, "unfettered" half-nuns and nuns' habits are being "with" it for teachers of children.

"One Way for Modern Man" is a new book by the Rev. John's Gospel in modern form. It is set in paragraphs instead of the usual Biblical divisions. It is a city being with a white walking stick; and the Crucifixion by what appears to be a Negro-bate demonstration.

The wedding at Cana is illustrated by a photograph of a bridegroom; the healing of the man with a city being with a white walking stick; and the Crucifixion by what appears to be a Negro-bate demonstration.

Declared by the "New York Times" as "St. John in Street Clothes", it is aimed at student groups and is a new edition of the Scriptures. Its modest price is £1.00.

Also new is "The Right Time", a new book by the Rev. S. J. of New Testament books. It is a new edition of the Bible, particularly useful to people with a limited vocabulary. With helpful illustrations, it is a new edition of the Bible.

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