

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

SYDNEY
Rev J. Hall has resigned from St Mark's, Figtree.
Rev J. W. Thomson, Blacktown, is to be Rector, Auburn as from November 23.
Rev D. M. Smith, Bathurst Diocese, is to be Rector, St Peter's, Mortdale.

NEWCASTLE
Rev G. A. Rowley, from Minister-in-Charge Experimental Pastoral Area of Toukley-Budgewoi to Rector, Parish of Birmingham Gardens.
Rev J. Lane, from Rector, Parish of Cardiff, to Rector, Parish of New Lambton.
Rev B. J. McTeer, from Senior Assistant Minister, parish of Cessnock, to Minister-in-Charge Experimental Pastoral Area of Wyoming.
Rev R. M. Hazlewood, from Rector, parish of Murrumbidgee to Minister-in-Charge Experimental Pastoral Area of Toukley-Budgewoi.
Rev Canon E. H. V. Pitcher, Rector of Merewether to be Rural Dean of the Newcastle Rural Deanery.
Rev M. Chiplin, Assistant Minister, parish of Mayfield to be Diocesan Chaplain to the Church of England Boys Society.



Evangelist Bill Newman at the crusade meeting of the Ipswich Crusade inside the Bill Newman Crusade Tent. Photo Ramon Williams.

Ampol Treasurer for Key Church Post

Mr Neville Malone (52), Treasurer for Ampol Petroleum Ltd has been appointed Chief Executive Officer (Designate) for the Anglican Diocese of Sydney.

Mr Malone's appointment follows wide advertising of the position in both secular and religious press.

Mr Malone's position with Ampol Petroleum Ltd carried national responsibility involving budgetary planning, co-ordination of financial

credit and audit and tax policies. He was also closely associated with the introduction of computers and related technology for Ampol Petroleum Ltd.

Mr Malone's qualifications include Fellowship of the Australian Association of Accountants and an Advanced Management Course from Harvard University.

In announcing the appointment, Bishop Donald Cameron, Chairman of the Selection Committee set up by the Diocese said:

"We regard ourselves as very fortunate in gaining Mr Malone's services. His experience and proven abilities will greatly assist the better administration of the Diocese and its many associated bodies."

"We are all the more pleased as Mr Malone is well known in Diocesan circles and is already familiar with many of our needs and problems."

Mr Malone is a keen churchman and is a parish councillor in his local parish of St Ives, as well as being a lay reader.

ACC Sends Bibles to Refugee Camp

The Australian Council of Churches has agreed to send 100 Bibles, 60 in Chinese and 40 in Vietnamese, to the Christian Reformed Church in the refugee camp on Bidong Island, off the coast of Malaysia.

Along with the Bibles go 100 copies of "Hope", a small booklet of selected Bible readings published in Vietnamese by the Bible Society, six sets of Bible Society scripture posters and a selection of "Singspiration" hymn books. The 60 Chinese Bibles will be bought in Hong Kong, while the 40 Vietnamese Bibles are being supplied by the Bible Society in Australia.

Pastor of the 1000-strong Christian Reformed Church on Bidong Island is the Rev Nguyen Xuan Bao, himself a refugee from Vietnam.

The request for the Bibles was brought to Australia by Sydney teacher, Miss Jane Ward, a parishioner of All Saints Church of England, West Lindfield, who recently visited the camps on Bidong Island.

DEEP CONCERN OVER REPEAL

The Anglican Synod Diocese of Sydney expressed "deep concern" over the repeal of the Summary Offences Act.

In speaking to the motion, Dean Lance Shilton said that two matters in particular were causing public alarm. These were the Prostitution Act 1979 and the Offences in Public Places Act, 1979.

"The Prostitution Act 1979," the Dean said, "had been naive. Prostitutes were blatantly coming into the open. Members of the Vice Squad had said they could do nothing about it. Hundreds of young people are in the streets of Kings Cross and other Sydney suburbs. They had turned to prostitution to support drug habits or survive away from home."

"The changes in the law have shown a lack of compassion in the long term, particularly for the girls and boys used up in the 'trade' and for the community as a whole in degrading family life."

The Deputy Lord Mayor had said about the Offences in Public Places Act 1979 that it was a "charter for street gangs. In Kings Cross louts are congregating in doorways, harassing customers and generally intimidating the public."

The synod called on Church people to urge their local members to move for appropriate amendments.

It also called on the State Attorney General to appoint members of the Social Issues Committee of the diocese and members of the Council of Churches in New South Wales to his proposed committee to advise him concerning the effects of the repeal of the Summary Offences Act 1970.

The motion is to be conveyed to the leaders of all state political parties, to the Lord Mayor of Sydney, the Police Association and the Commissioner of Police.

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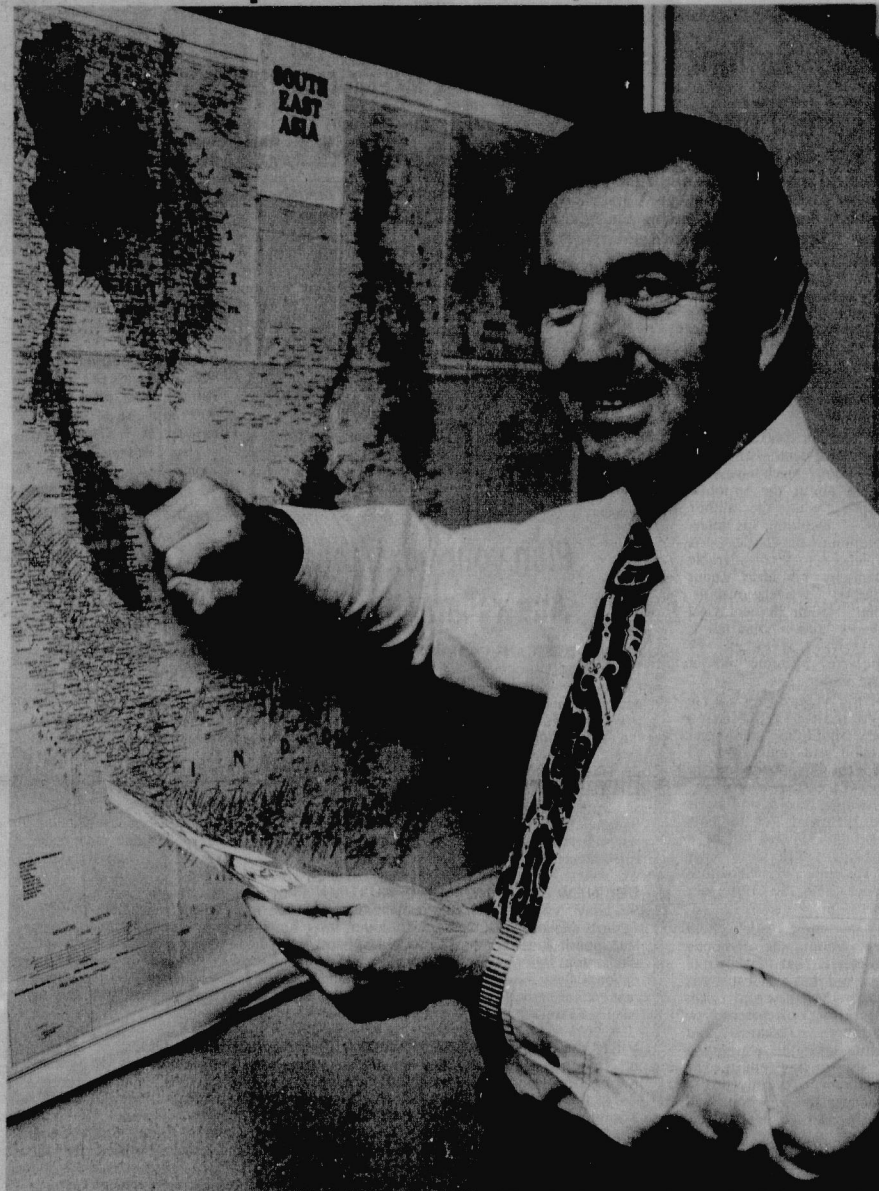
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Come, Inspect Your Projects in Asia



A party of about 30 Australians will visit Asian countries during January to see how contributions to aid projects are being used.

The tour will be led by Roger Walker (pictured), director of relief and development for the Christian aid organisation, World Vision.

He says there are still some vacancies in the party, which departs Melbourne on January 5. During the 21-day tour, the party will visit rural villages in Sri Lanka, refugee camps in Thailand, an up-river village in Kalimantan (Borneo) and a childcare project in Bali.

Singapore, India and Bangladesh are also on the itinerary. Mr Walker says, "During the tour there will be ample opportunity and encouragement for people to raise questions and discuss the issues involved."

"Our staff in the various countries will accompany the tour and together with people within the community will be able to provide valuable insights into the difficulties and opportunities available in these areas."

A full itinerary, details of costs and other information can be obtained from Roger Walker, World Vision of Australia, Box 399C, GPO, Melbourne, 3001.

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STANDING COMMITTEE BALKS AT SYDNEY'S WCC DECISION

Standing Committee of the General Synod of the Church of England in Australia at its recent meeting balked at the decision of the Synod of Sydney Diocese not to pay its portion of the General Synod's grant to the World Council of Churches because of its disagreement with the policies and direction of the world body.

The Sydney decision not to allocate this money was passed by an overwhelming majority with little debate and represents the end result of moves in recent years to register its strong disapproval of the theological stance and the general policies of WCC.

At 1978 Diocesan Synod Bishop Donald Cameron successfully moved a motion that the Standing Committee of General Synod reconsider the Australian Anglican Church's continued membership of the WCC, but this motion was "buried" by General Synod's Standing Committee.

Sydney Synod has consistently supported the view expressed by Bishop Cameron in 1978 that the world body had moved from its original position in the past 30 years, that grants to the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe epitomised its theological emphasis and that those members who joined in 1948 would have had second thoughts had they known the direction in which the movement would go.

Although some members of General Synod's Standing Committee sought to raise constitutional objections to the Sydney decision, they were overruled as the Committee recognised the right of dioceses to determine whether they would participate in grants to other bodies. The money is to be directed to the Refugee Resettlement Program of the Division of World Christian Action of the ACC.

Students will work under the supervision of a tutor and are required to write three essays on related topics, in addition to 12 lectures per week in each term.

Students who complete the course satisfactorily will be awarded a Moore College Diploma of Bible and Missions.

Intending students should contact either the Principal of Moore College or the Principal of Deaconess House for details.

NEW MISSIONS COURSE

A new one year Diploma course in Bible and Missions will commence at Moore College from the beginning of the 1980 Academic Year. The aim of the course is to provide intensive theological and biblical teaching for graduates and missionary candidates in training who have matriculation.

In addition to Old Testament, New Testament, Theology, and specified Biblical books, there will be specialist courses in Biblical Theology with an emphasis on the Theology of Missions, Missionary Apologetics and Church History studies with special concentration on the History of Christian Missions and African/Asian Church History.

EDITORIAL

Present and Future Judgment of Christians

Most Christians regret distorted presentations of the Gospel message which avoid the Biblical truth of judgment to come. Most pulpits avoid teaching about the unpalatable truth of judgment both present and future of Christians, and feel that such a message will confuse the doctrine of grace.

We are well acquainted with the great truth that Jesus delivers his people from the judgment to come that awaits all who do not believe Him and flee to Him for mercy and forgiveness. That final and irrevocable judgment is not to be confused with the clear biblical affirmations that God is both now judging his people, and he will finally judge them by their works.

The apostle Paul tells of a present judgment that God

brings upon flagrant immorality in 1 Corinthians 5 and the sinful conduct against fellow Christians in 1 Corinthians 11:29-32. In both cases the purpose is remedial, both have a very deterrent effect on the Christians involved. For some it expresses itself in spiritual weakness, physical sickness and even death. This truth stands as a salutary reminder as well as an incentive not to commit gross acts of sin. In 1 Peter 1:17 we are told clearly that God judges His people impartially. He judges each man according to his works, and in the light of that truth we are to live our lives in the fear of that judgment. The purpose of our redemption is that we should be a people zealous for good works Titus 2:14 and it is these that will form the basis of God's judgment of our lives.

A heavier judgment rests upon those who are teachers according to James 3:1, and each minister's work will be tested by the fire of God's judgment to determine its worthwhileness and each will receive his reward. 1 Corinthians 3:13-15. In a day when contemporary Christianity expresses itself in a individualistic way, and each Christian reserves the right to do as he wishes, we do well as we come to season of Advent to remind ourselves that God who loves judges and will judge His people, and this truth linked with the promised return of His Son ought to be a compelling incentive for holy living and daily good works on the part of all God's people. There is no place for indolence among God's people, and every reason to express the character of God by clean living and good works.

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GLENNON'S BOOK AWARD

Hodder and Stoughton have nominated Canon Glennon's book "Your Healing is Within You" for the award given by Collins for the outstanding religious book published in the United Kingdom in the past two years.

The assessment is made by independent judges from the nominations received from the different publishers.

Professor Sir Norman Anderson's book "The Incarnate God" has also been nominated by Hodder. The last winner was Bishop John Taylor's book "The Go Between God".

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NEW POST FOR ARTHUR DEANE

An Australia-wide teaching ministry is envisaged by the Africa Evangelical Fellowship for the Rev Arthur Deane, a former Principal of the Sydney Missionary and Bible College, who concludes his six-year term as International Director of the AEF on December 31, 1979.

The Australian Council of the AEF has been concerned to contribute to the deepening of the spiritual life and the cause of missions in the Church at large, primarily in Australia.

As an expression of this concern (and as a contribution to the whole Body of Christ), the Council has felt led to invite Mr Deane to undertake this teaching

ministry. It does not intend this as a deputation ministry to contribute to the whole Church, the Body of Christ in Australia and elsewhere.

Mr Deane will be one of the speakers at the Katoomba NSW Easter Convention in 1980 and also at the AEF's Annual Family Houseparty ("Indaba") which is to be held at Gilbulla, 23rd to 25th May, 1980.



Rev and Mrs Arthur Deane were recently presented with a clock, in the shape of Africa, by the fellowship of the African Evangelical Fellowship, in appreciation for services rendered as international director.

Ramon Williams

Scriptures in 7 Ethiopian Languages

Translation of Bible portions into seven major Ethiopian languages has been completed by Sudan Interior Mission and the Word of Life Churches (SIM-related) for people who until now have had no Scripture available in their own languages.

Known as Key scriptures, the books are equal in length to about 1600 verses, and are comprised of carefully selected passages which present the basics of Bible history and doctrine.

The project was begun by SIM three years ago, in a bid to provide as much Bible as possible in a limited time, particularly for those tribes in which there are significant numbers of believers. Each of the translations has been put on cassette tape, to make them available to non-readers as well as readers.

A series of 50 sermon outlines, based on the Key Scriptures selections, is now in preparation, to help pastors present fresh, sound Bible messages every Sunday for a year.

Fifteen languages are envisaged for Key Scriptures, all things permitting. Translation of the complete Bible is not affected by this project, which, indeed, may serve as a stimulus.

Unlike six of the seven Key Scripture translations now completed for distribution among church members, one is for the Adare people, who are considered 100 per cent Islamic. SIM linguists are hopeful that Adares will read it because of their religious interest, and the fact that the book is in their own language.

NEW MORPETH PRINCIPAL

The Bishop of Newcastle, the Right Reverend A. C. Holland, recently announced that the new Principal of St John's College at Morpeth is to be the Reverend George C. Garney, MA (Oxon), BA (Sydney).

George Garney (aged 43), was educated at Canberra Grammar School; obtained his Bachelor's degree at the University of Sydney with Honours in Classics; was a Lucas-Tooth Scholar at Oxford, and graduated in the Honours School of Theology as a member of The Queen's College. At present he is completing a Master's Degree at Leeds University under the direction of Professor David Jenkins.

He has served as an Assistant Master at Sydney Grammar School; as an Assistant Minister at Wagga Wagga and at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, and Acting-Chaplain of The Queen's College at Oxford.

From 1964 to 1974 he was Assistant Minister of St Philip's Church, O'Connor, ACT, and at the same time Chaplain at the Australian National University. In 1975, he became Minister of O'Connor. He edited St Mark's Review from 1972 to 1978. He will take up his appointment in July, 1980.

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"KANGAROO 3"

At the invitation of the Defence Forces, three members of the Everyman's Welfare Service staff will be participating in the Combined Forces Exercise being held in the northern area of Australia for approximately five weeks, announced the Honorary Federal Secretary of Campaigners for Christ in Australia, Mr Bruce F. Townsend.

The staff, led by Chief Commissioner, Stacey Kruck, have a unique opportunity to relate to service personnel from Australia, New Zealand and other countries in the tough and rough conditions such as combined exercise demands.

Welfare Representative from Kapooka, John Caldecoat, is travelling in an army convoy to Shoalwater Bay and will be attached to two Australian and one New Zealand infantry battalions.

Welfare Representative from Balcombe, Bob Neander, will be attached to the RAAF in the Rockhampton area where he will be in a strategic position to provide "Welfare Work with a Purpose" to every man involved in the exercise.

In commenting on the importance and value of sharing in the Exercise Kangaroo 3, Chief Commissioner Stacey Kruck stated, "This exercise will allow us to gain experience in the type of operation which would be required of us during an emergency or time of war."

"We are convinced that the Lord would have us make a positive Christian witness and practical contribution to the lives of men involved in 'Kangaroo 3'. Our desire is to communicate the love of Christ and His Gospel to the men of our defence forces. As God's servants we are looking to His people to stand with us in Prayer and Financial support."

Stacey knows what is involved as he spent 12 months in Vietnam as one of

LOANE'S KAMPUCHEA GIFT

The Archbishop of Sydney, Sir Marcus Loane, recently announced a grant of \$5000 from the Overseas Relief Fund, for the relief of Kampuchean Refugees.

Normally this would be sent direct to local persons or Societies, but the disorganisation of the Kampuchean Church has made it necessary for the money to be given through the International Red Cross.

Kampuchea is only one of the areas to which money is being sent from this year's fund, which is focusing on the refugee problem worldwide, but particularly in the Indo-China area.

The Archbishop has called on clergy to pray for the Kampuchean situation and for the ill-fated refugees who have fled to Thailand.

In announcing the gift the Archbishop said: "There is pain in the heart of the world over the horrifying and appalling plight of countless thousands of Indo-Chinese refugees. Nothing has so dominated world news in recent weeks as this human catastrophe of almost unbelievable proportions."

"It behoves all Christians to act with the utmost love and compassion towards their suffering fellow human beings."

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Welfare Officer, John Caldecoat, with the Land Rover, Series 3.

W.C.C. FOOTS PATRIOTIC FRONT'S HOTEL BILLS

A GRANT of £16,000 has been given by the World Council of Churches to the Patriotic Front delegation attending the Rhodesia talks in London.

The money, requested by Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, leaders of the Front, is to pay the hotel bills for its technical staff at the talks. The British Government is meeting only the costs of the official delegations to the conference.

The WCC has explained that the grant symbolises its commitment to finding a negotiated and peaceful settlement in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, in which all parties can share. It is to be paid from its Special Fund to Combat Racism, which is separate from normal WCC financing, and which particularly helps "to strengthen the organisational capability of racially-oppressed."

Last year the Council provoked worldwide protest when it donated £42,500 to the Patriotic Front, which is waging war on the Salisbury government. The gift was made at about the same time that the Front was accused of shooting 40 missionaries in Rhodesia.

"Major Rethink" in Gospel at Cambridge

Last month three dozen well-known New Testament scholars from around the world spent a week together at Pembroke College, Cambridge University, England, engaged in discussing the interrelationships between the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke).

The average churchgoer is likely to find this subject very far removed from his everyday Christian living — what does it matter what order these three Gospels were written in, and which (if any) made use of one or both of the others?

In fact (as speakers at the Conference demonstrated) in many books which have been written about the Synoptic Gospels, what the author says — including his interpretation of the Gospels — is influenced to a considerable extent by his ideas about Synoptic interrelationships. What is taught in theological colleges and seminaries is certainly affected by scholarly opinions about these matters.

The Conference participants represented every shade of theological opinion and came from all the major denominations of the Christian church. Australian theologian Rev Dr Ward Powers — the only Australian invited to be a participant at the Conference — has now returned with a report about the Conference discussions. He says:

"The most widely held view about the Synoptic Gospels is that Mark wrote first, and that his Gospel was used by Matthew and Luke. A great deal of current New Testament research and writing takes this assumption as its starting point. The Conference was convened to challenge this viewpoint and to suggest that the available evidence in fact points in the opposite direction: that Mark was written last, not first, and that it made use of Matthew and Luke's Gospels."

SOME AGAINST — OTHERS UNSURE

"At the end of the week the Conference attempted to make an evaluation of its discussions. My impression was that about a third of those present still held firmly to the Markan Priority view, while acknowledging the difficulties which that view left unexplained. Another third of the participants felt that the evidence led them to the view that Mark wrote last (ie, Markan Dependence)."

"The other third remained unconvinced by these two theories, and felt that a completely convincing explanation still remained to be found, and that such an explanation would need to recognise that a larger role was played by oral tradition behind the Synoptics."

"All scholars were agreed, however, that the previous assumptions that Markan Priority could be taken for granted, were no longer acceptable. We had now entered a new era in New Testament scholarship in which the different views

DEATH OF MRS BRUCE KAYE

Mrs Rosemary Kaye, wife of Dr Bruce Kaye, senior tutor at St John's Theological College in Durham, died recently. She was 38.

Her funeral was held in the family's parish church, St Margaret's. The service — officiated by Rector, the Rev Stephen Davies — reflected Rosemary and Bruce's involvement in the life of the diocese.

Mrs Kaye, a librarian, had been suffering from cancer for almost two years and despite a remission following a major operation, she had been acutely ill since April this year.

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Departing on January 7 with the Very Rev Norman Faichney, this 27-day tour visits Bangkok (2 days), Egypt (8 days), Jordan (3 days), Israel (9 days) and Singapore (2 days). We still have a few vacancies, and at \$2583 this is an exceptionally good value tour. HURRY for this one.

SEE NEW ZEALAND IN THE AUTUMN

Leaving on March 9, this popular 18-day tour of New Zealand visits Christchurch, Tekapo, Mount Cook, Oamaru, Dunedin, Invercargill, Milford Sound, Te Anau, Lake Manapouri, Queenstown, Wanaka, Haast Pass, Fox Glacier, Greymouth, Nelson, Picton, Wellington, Napier, Taupo, Rotorua, Waitomo and Auckland. Provision is made for an optional 4-day extension to the Bay of Islands. This tour will fill quickly so make your reservation early. Prices: from Sydney, \$901; Brisbane, \$921; Melbourne, \$926. Bay of Islands Extension, \$205.

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3. Departing on October 23 — 22 days — Hong Kong (3 nights), China (16 nights) and Manila (2 nights). Kwangchow, Hangchow, Shanghai, Chengchow, Nanking, Peking, \$2416.

Membership of each group is strictly limited to 24, so make your reservation early.

LANDS OF THE BIBLE TOUR

Our next departure will be in March, 1980, and details are now being finalised. We will spend 13 days in Israel, 10 days in Greece, and 4 days in Rome. Register now and details will be forwarded when available.

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"I feel a spiritual pull" Ali



ALI, BOXING'S "GREATEST" VISITS BILLY AND RUTH GRAHAM

Muhammad Ali — the greatest — looked up to another man recently and liked what he saw. The retired, three-time world heavyweight boxing champion flew to Asheville recently, and spent several hours with Billy Graham in the evangelist's home atop a mountain in Montreat.

Sitting on the porch of Graham's home, Ali looked at Graham with admiring eyes and said, "He comes before me, I'm just a boxer — famous and all that — but he leads people to God. I look up to him."

Ali said his visit to Graham was one of "looking and searching" in an effort to "learn more about other people."

"I feel a spiritual pull," the ex-champion said. "I want to do something with people. I've always admired Mr Graham. I'm Muslim and he's Christian, but there is so much truth in the messages he gives, Americanism, repentance, things about government and country."

"I think all religions are basically good and I had a lot of questions I've been wanting to ask about Christianity. I asked them. He gave me answers. I cannot go into them beyond that."

Ali arrived at the Asheville Airport about 1.30 pm. Graham met him and drove him to Montreat. The two talked until 6.50 pm when Ali departed for the airport and a flight to Louisville, Kentucky where he was to address the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

"People are influenced by ministers," Ali said, and indicating Graham, added, "I like his style."

"When we arrived at the airport, Mr Graham himself was waiting for me. I expected to be chauffeured in a Rolls Royce or at least a Mercedes, but we got in his Oldsmobile and he drove it himself. I couldn't believe he came to the airport driving his own car."

"I thought he'd live on a 1000-acre farm and we drove up to this house made of logs. No mansion with crystal

chandeliers and gold carpets, but the kind of a house a man of God would live in."

"I notice all these things. They're signs of a spiritual person."

"The Book says Christ will come as a thief in the night. I'm sure God wouldn't come bragging 'I'm God' — and neither did Mr Graham. He's a humble man."

Ali, who retired from the ring recently said he was "trying to figure what to do now."

"I've had so many offers," he said. "I've turned down major movies, professional contracts to fight the three top contenders, managerial contracts. I was offered a network television show — a one hour, once-a-month special, interview people like Mr Begin and Mr Sadat, and I turned it down."

"I met Mr Brezhnev, and talked to communist students in Russia to see what they felt. I met Col Gaddafi of Libya. Now I'd like to meet Rex Humbard and Oral Roberts."

"I find that titles separate people — Jew from Moslem, Catholic from Protestant, Hindu from Buddhist. These are man-made titles. Put a Jew and an Arab heart on a table side by side and you couldn't tell them apart."

"I believe God will not judge on colour or race, but on men's hearts — and so I'm searching to learn more about other people."

Ali dressed in a dark blue suit with dark blue tie, removed the brash facade that helped him gain the heights of the athletic world. He was in a serious mood and he spoke quietly. "I don't want to talk boxing," he said. "I want to talk about spiritual things."

At the end of their five-hour session, Graham said of Ali, "He has a fantastic memory and a brilliant mind."

The thing that makes him different from many other major sports figures is that he has substance to his life. What we see on television — the fighting and the clowning — is just the tip of the iceberg. I've thought that for years, and now I know it."

"I believe God has a great future and purpose for him. I will pray that God will show him the path to serve humanity and the Kingdom of God."

"He has a wonderful ability to transmit to the world. There are few people in the world who transcend all barriers — race, religion, and such — and he is one of them. This puts tremendous responsibility on him, and I promised to pray for him and to help him all I can."

Both Graham and Ali recognised the differences in their faiths, but they found common ground.

DIFFERENT FAITH BUT SAME WORLD

"We come from different faiths," Graham said, "but we have many things in common. Islam and the Koran accept the prophets of the Old Testament, Isaiah, Elijah, and they accept Jesus Christ as a prophet."

"There are areas we could not agree on — that Christ was the son of the Living God, for example — but whether we like it or not, we've got to live in the same world with the terrible arms race, so we've got to live together or blow up together. We as Christians have not only got to be for peace, we've got to work for it. So have the Muslims, the Jews, and everybody else."

Ali added, "I wish people who don't like Christians could learn what I've learnt. I'd like to see many faiths represented at a conference table to see how they think. I would like to be at that table,

WCC ENTRY TO KAMPUCHEA

The World Council of Churches has been granted approval by the Phnom Penh authorities to commence a substantial relief program in Kampuchea.

A WCC-Christian Conference of Asia team received the approval during a six-day visit in early October to Phnom Penh and the interior of the country. The team held discussions with government authorities in the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Health and Economy.

In a telex received by the Australian Council of Churches, the WCC team reports:

"Kampuchea is indeed a country of hungry people. Imported rice now being regularly distributed in Phnom Penh and nearby provinces has resulted in some amelioration of under-nourishment. Evidence points to far more serious starvation in northern and western parts of the country."

"Immediate step-up in food aid needed with prospects of food relief necessary until at least January, 1981. The principal agricultural need in the next five months will be seed rice. Health care services and orphanages struggling to cope with little medicine, almost no equipment."

On the basis of the team recommendations, plans are underway for a first sea shipment of 1200 tons of rice, sugar, milk powder, soap, sewing machines and children's clothes as well as in airlift from Europe of medical supplies and equipment.

The Rev Jean-Louis Clavaud, a man with considerable experience in the region, has been appointed as the WCC/CCA representative in Phnom Penh to receive and supervise aid distribution and for liaison with other relief agencies.

The WCC's initial appeal has been extended to US\$2.5 million, towards which US\$700,000 has already been pledged.

The Australian Council of Churches is a member of the International Disaster Emergencies Committee and will direct its share of income from the current Kampuchean Relief Appeal through the WCC.

and would hope that Mr Graham would be there, too."

About 6.30 pm Graham and Ali moved from the porch to the living room of the Graham house. A fire crackled in the fireplace.

"Ali," Graham said, "I've been watching you since you started making headlines through the WCC."

Ali stopped in his tracks and a look of faked horror crossed his face.

"If I'd known Billy Graham was watching me," he said, "I might've acted different..."

1/4 MILLION FOR "PRIVATE" TRACT

A tract never intended for general publication has reached a circulation exceeding 250,000 in less than 10 years.

The Director of Evangelism in the Diocese of Sydney (the Rev John Chapman) said that he first wrote "What Is A Christian?" as the sixth lesson in a correspondence course offered by the diocese.

Response was so encouraging that it was printed in booklet form and has since been translated into Greek, Italian, Spanish and Chinese. "The book really explains the main points preached in public sermons recorded in the book of Acts," Mr Chapman said.

"Those familiar with what we call 'dialogue evangelism' will recognise them immediately. "It has been a tremendous encouragement to hear over the years of people converted through its use."

One Minister (the Rev Trevor Middleton) said that he had distributed over 3000 copies of the tract in his parish of Oak Flats, south of Wollongong.

"We encourage each member of the congregation to carry a copy or two for personal evangelism," he said. "Several people have definitely come to Christ in recent months through the use of this tract."

CANCER MAN A MISSIONARY

Mr Middleton said that he had visited a couple after learning that the husband

MODERN BIBLES ARE THE MOST POPULAR

Recent Bible Society research indicates that a quiet but sweeping revolution is occurring in bible purchases as people turn increasingly towards modern-language translations.

One survey just completed showed that seven out of every 100 adults in Britain bought a bible last year. "A surprising result of the survey," a Society release commented, "is that 37 per cent of the people questioned bought a New English Bible. Next came the King James Authorised Version (16 per cent); the Good News Bible — launched three years ago (13 per cent); the Revised Standard Version (9 per cent); and the Jerusalem Bible (1 per cent)."

Most of the Bibles (46 per cent) were bought in secular bookshops, 19 per cent in religious bookshops, 11 per cent from church bookstalls, and 3 per cent by direct mail or through book clubs.

The sales in this survey were to "the average person in the street". Other research which the Bible Society is engaged in at present suggests that Christians who use the bible regularly are switching to modern-language versions in an even bigger way and that they prefer something even more up-to-date than the New English Bible.

The research so far shows that the Good News Bible is the best-seller, with the recently published New International Version also proving popular. The Authorised and Revised Standard Versions both score a very low percentage in the chart.

Mr Peter Brierley, Programme Director for the Society, has a possible explanation for the difference in preferences between the average person in the street and the regular Bible user. "I would suggest," he writes, "that it is because most of the bibles bought by individuals are bought as gifts for others and not intended for personal use. When a bible is used personally the purchaser is much more concerned about reading and understanding."



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KAMPUCHEAN CHRISTIAN CALLS FOR PRAYER — A LETTER FROM INSIDE — "PEOPLE NOW LOOKING FOR GOD"

Rev Hay Seng San, Kampuchean pastor who broadcasts the Gospel into Kampuchea over the Far East Broadcasting Company facilities, has recently received a letter from a Kampuchean refugee in Vietnam with an interesting interpretation of the tragedy in Kampuchea and also a plea to Christians to pray for his countrymen.

This is an excerpt from the refugee's letter:

"At the present time there is an appalling lack of things in Kampuchea especially medicine, food and clothing. Transportation is the key to this. Everything that moves anywhere in Kampuchea goes either by foot power or animal power. So much physical effort is required to move anything and the people have almost no reserve energy.

"All this is come about because of the one cardinal sin of the Kampuchean race that it has persisted in ever since time immemorial. It has not recognised the true God and, instead, has substituted for Him anything at hand. Now we see a miracle.

"Any conceivable thing that might have been an image for worship has been destroyed throughout Kampuchea. Not one is left.

"This is true everywhere whether in the countryside or in the city... even in the Royal Palace, every single image has been destroyed. This is truly an amazing thing. Now the Kampuchean people are looking for God but they are not able to find Him. Only we are able to bring God to them and His Word to them so that they may receive salvation."

MOORE'S SUCCESS

Fourteen students at Moore Theological College passed their advanced papers for the recent London BD, five of whom completed their degree with second class honours. Ralph Bowles and Mark Harding obtained upper seconds, and Graeme Toovey, Rod Irvine, John Jenner and Aureliano Tan obtained lower seconds.

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RETALIATION FOR POPE'S POLISH VISIT

In the courtyard of Vilnius University, two plaques commemorating its Polish founders Jakob Wujek, SJ, and Piotr Skarga, SJ, the first rectors, were removed and replaced with Latin inscriptions.

The Pope quoted the renowned poet, Piotr Skarga, during his tour of Poland.

This retaliatory action of the Soviet authorities is a clear indication of the growing concern about the revival of Polish-Lithuanian friendship and the effect the Pope's visit will have on the Catholics in what constitutes the most fervently Catholic and nationalistic part of the Soviet Union.

PSYCHIATRIC ABUSE CONTINUES

Fresh evidence of the extent to which religious believers are subjected to enforced psychiatric treatment in the USSR is provided in the two most recent issues of the Information Bulletin of the Moscow based Working Commission to Investigate the Use of Psychiatry for Political Ends. Information bulletins numbers 17 and 18 contain details of 22 believers — Orthodox, Catholic,

And the closing request for prayer: "Pastor, will you not get the word out to Christians and churches everywhere, in every land, that this is the time to pray for Kampuchea asking the Lord to open the way in Kampuchea for active preaching of the Gospel again. This is truly a miraculous sign that shows us that the time of the Lord's coming is very near."

Rev Hay Seng San

100TH PROT ITALIAN BROADCAST

The 100th Protestant radio programme was recently broadcast from Verona in Northern Italy. Australian missionaries, Joe and Eileen Lenton, reported this in their recent prayer letter.

Freedom for non-Roman Catholic organisations to broadcast is comparatively recent in Italy, and results have been so encouraging that people are praying for the owner of the radio station.

"Our summer evangelistic programme, due to end mid-October, is proving to be exciting, challenging and encouraging," the letter said. "Older Christians have used their much-ried patience and knowledge of the Bible, while younger ones have brought 'spiritual' effectiveness to the work."

Mr and Mrs Lenton plan to be in Australia from November 5 to April 1, when they will be available for Italian evangelism and speaking engagements.

Those who are interested or who wish to encourage them in any way should write to 5/5 Chandos Street, Ashfield, NSW, 2131.

prepares programs for Kampuchea at the Far East Broadcasting Company recording studios in La Mirada, California, and they are then broadcast by both short-wave and medium-wave into Kampuchea providing the only available radio, Gospel outreach into the country.

276 RECRUITS FOR NIGERIA

Two hundred and seventy-six Nigerians (138 couples) have been added to the task force being recruited by the Evangelical Missionary Society (EMS), missions arm of the Sudan Interior Mission-related Evangelical Churches of West Africa, ECWA) to help evangelise all of Nigeria.

Of these, 104 couples were new graduates of ECWA bible training schools; 34 were pastors and their wives who have been sent by their congregations for one year's missionary service.

Christian businessmen donated the use of five trucks to transport the new workers to their places of ministry; individuals and churches purchased 27 bicycles for them to use — Nigerian contributions to EMS during 1978 totalled 141,693 Naira, or about one-quarter of a million USA dollars.

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BISHOP IS DETAINED — AND FREED

The Bishop in Iran was detained by members of the revolutionary committee in Isfahan recently. He was released after several hours of intensive interrogation.

This is the latest incident in a series which has been harassing the tiny Episcopal Church. Two Church hospitals have been taken over by the new regime, while in August the home of the Bishop — the Right Rev H. Dehqani-Tafti — was raided. Reports reaching London recently said that Bishop Dehqani-Tafti was taken from his home and detained in the local revolutionary court building. It is said that he was locked alone in a small room for about an hour.

Revolutionary officials apparently demanded that the Bishop hand over funds which they said had belonged to the former Church hospital in the southern town of Shiraz. The reports put the sum involved at between £500,000 and £750,000. The Bishop insisted that he could not hand over the money "because it belongs to the Church and our whole life and work here depends on it."



Bishop Dehqani-Tafti.

WIDER REP ON OFFENCES ACT

Opposition Leader John Mason has condemned the Attorney General's refusal to include Churchmen and Local Government representatives on his committee to review the controversial Offences in Public Places Act.

"The Attorney General's failure also to ask the Committee to specifically consider the old offences of 'indecent exposure' and 'soliciting for prostitution' is to be deplored."

Mr Mason called on the Attorney General in Parliament recently to strengthen membership of the Committee and widen its terms of reference.

"The new Act has been in force for only a few months yet has raised community and objection of any legislation in living memory."

"The Attorney General has a duty to the public to enlarge his committee to include the widest possible representation because no law has brought such sweeping changes to community standards and to permitted behaviour."



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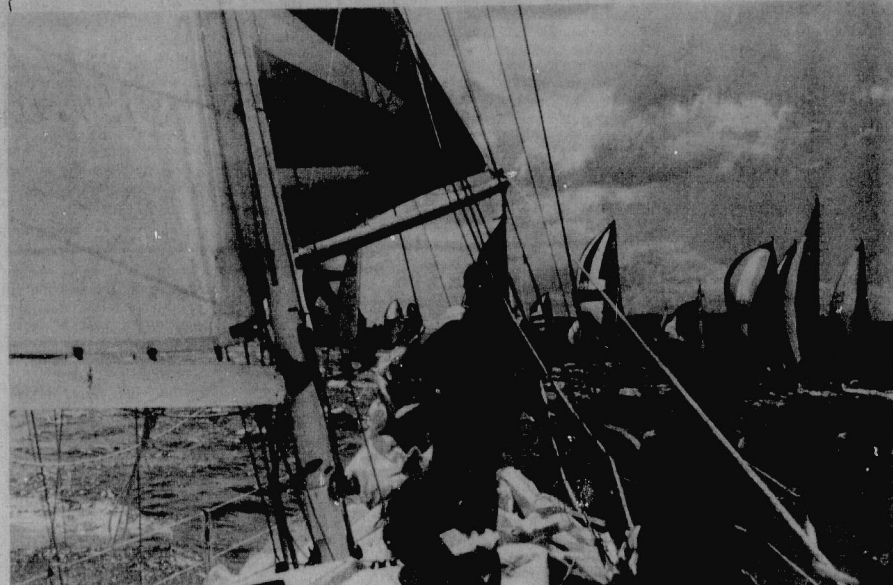
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"Destiny", a 45 foot steel racing yacht will be crewed by 20 CEBS for the Sydney to Hobart yacht race in late December. The crew has been hard at training under Magnus Halvorsen, the Safety Officer and Crew Trainer and Crew Co-ordinators George Atkinson and George Collins. This is a new CEBS project and a development of Sydney Diocese's Sailing Corps.

ACC MAN PEACE AWARD

Mr Russell Rollason, Information Officer for the Australian Council of Churches has been awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" by the Peace Research Program of the United Nations Association of Australia.

The award is given for work recognised as a contribution towards the building of a peaceful society and as a constructive effort to find non-violent resolution to conflict.

Mr Rollason received his award at the inaugural presentation of the Media Peace Prize by the UN Association in Sydney on October 22, the beginning of UN week. The 1979 Peace Prize was shared between the Canberra Times and film maker, Mr Paul Ransley for a film of the plight of Indo-Chinese refugees.

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SYDNEY DIOCESE REACTS TO ENGLISH REPORT

The Rev Philip Oliver, Director of the Anglican Information Office in Sydney recently commented on the report issued by the Working Party set up by the General Synod of the Anglican Church in England on homosexuality.

The report recommends fundamental changes to the Church's attitude towards homosexuality. These include that Church recognise that homosexual relationships involving the physical expression of free love can be justifiable and also that Bishops should not refuse to ordain a man because he is a homosexual.

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NEAC IN 1981

It was announced recently that a National Evangelical Anglican Congress will be held May 11 to 15, 1981, probably at Monash University, Melbourne. It will be just 10 years since the first such Congress, which was also held in Melbourne.

Purpose of the Congress is stated to be: "In the context of personal fellowship, to provide Evangelical Anglicans with the opportunity to join in the significant debates about the place of scripture in regard to salvation, mission and outreach, and to share in overseas thinking among Evangelicals on theology and evangelism."

A Representative Executive Committee, currently being convened, will decide on location, theme and speakers. Chairman of this Executive Committee will be Bishop John Reid, of Sydney. Bishop Reid is a member of the Lausanne Continuation Committee.

Deputy-Chairman will be Mr Alan T. Kerr, a Melbourne businessman. Alan Kerr is International Chairman of the Scripture Union movement. He is also a member of the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Melbourne.

Secretary of the Executive Committee is the Rev Alan Nichols, director of the Mission of St James and St John. The Congress Office will be based within the Mission's head office at 8 Batman Street, West Melbourne.

Mr Kerr said: "The drive for a Congress in 1981 has been from the grassroots, especially since the parallel English Conference of Evangelicals in 1977."

"The demand for a Congress has been confirmed as over the past 12 months we have conferred with State branches of the Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion."

"We know that God's gracious Spirit will only speak as the Word of God is applied to our hearts under His guidance and control. "Nothing could be more desirable than that we should seek fresh inspiration and encouragement from this source as we enter upon the complex and changing nature of Australian society and the world at large in the eighties."

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Lewis Again

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This useful book contains thirteen essays taken from Lewis's *Undeceptions: Essays on Theology and Ethics*. The essays aimed to defend orthodox Christianity, especially those elements of it which, if removed, bring down the whole fabric of belief. The essays are still relevant today, especially for senior school and tertiary work.

Lewis, in his essay entitled 'Miracles' writes with the modern materialist in mind. He says that whether you believe in miracles or not will determine whether you can recognise them. The hardened materialist will just explain a supernatural event away as an hallucination or trick.

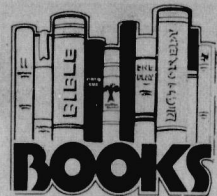
This line is often taken by the unbeliever because of the experience of the supernatural comes through our senses — and the senses are not infallible. Our preconceptions will determine what is proved or disproved. The belief in miracles is not based on sense experience.

Lewis reminds us that those who lived in Biblical times were no more gullible than we are. He debunks the idea that 'they believed in miracles because they did not know the laws of nature'. The events they recognised as supernatural would also be called supernatural today if they were witnessed today.

An interesting side point Lewis makes is that there must be some reality beyond nature if reasoning is not just an irrational physical process of the mind.

The essay *Dogma And The Universe* answers the common reproach against Christianity that its dogmas are unchanging, while human knowledge has continued to grow.

For those who revel in facts and propositional truths, the essay *Myth*



Became Fact has some interesting ideas concerning the relationship between truth and reality. He asserts the religious equivalent of science's Uncertainty Principle, that if you reflect on what it is you are experiencing, you cease to be able to continue the experience and vice versa.

Most of us are familiar with the statement: "Can't you lead a good life without believing in Christianity?" Lewis himself has very little patience with the person who says, "I don't care whether Christianity is in fact true or not, all I'm interested in is living a good life. I'm going to choose beliefs not because I think them true but because I find them helpful."

For Lewis Christianity is not a patent medicine for our good and society's. He hammers home this point in the essay 'Man or Rabbit?'. The idea of reaching "a good life" without Christ is based on a double error. Firstly, we cannot do it; and secondly, in setting up "a good life" as our final goal, we have missed the whole point of our existence.

Priestesses In The Church is one essay that is a must for those agonising over the Women's Ordination issue. He covers, what appears to me, to be fairly new ground.

For those who believe in looking at the assumptions and logic of issues and beliefs this book is a must. C. S.

Lewis is not easy reading but then he never tried to be. However, his work is clear and incisive; the mark of a man who did his mightiest as unto the Lord.

Tom Smith

Undiscussable Topic Can be Discussed

"So You're Single"
by Margaret Clarkson

Elisabeth Elliott describes this book as one of Sanity and Sanctity. A Canadian, Margaret Clarkson is a poet and teacher who is now in her 60's. She approached this task with some reluctance. "Nobody wants to open up a discussion about singleness", she confides, "but, I felt impelled to speak".

She speaks as a person whose life is demonstratively hidden with Christ in God. Her wisdom, commonsense, spiritual discernment, sensitivity, compassion and complete lack of self pity is a help to all, single or married.

How refreshing in these days of psychological explanation and self-examination to find someone who comes through her difficulties sane and serene simply by obeying the direct commands of the scripture! "There is no question as to whether I can obey or not. When God puts His finger on something I can," she writes.

There are 23 chapters. Here are some of the titles — "Why aren't you married?", "Roots", "Greener Pastures" — in which she observes married life very shrewdly — "Married Friendships", "Expressing Affection", "Non-Persons", "Singles and the Church" —

the latter having some discerning and thoughtful suggestions to congregations — "Cheated?" and "Sexuality". It takes courage and honesty to tackle such themes as "Sexuality". "As a Christian single, I knew that I could not have sexual relations — sex was out," she states. Movingly, she writes on "Cheated" "I understood its torments very well. Holding someone else's child in your arms does something to you deep down inside".

On that painful subject "The love that may not be", she points us back to God's strength. "For the true Christian there is only one answer — give it back to God. True, this is more easily said than done. But, if in the clear light of the scripture must be done, then in the power of the Holy Spirit it can be done." Nothing is glossed over, nothing is over-dramatised. Here we have a mature Christian soul who has grown in grace through trial and

joy. She is reassuring to singles and very human. She has not lost her sense of humour and her practical suggestions have been proved in her own life.

In the words of the introduction, this book is a shout of triumph and praise to Jesus Christ, El Shaddai, the God who is Enough. His grace is sufficient for the deepest needs of the human heart. Trust Him, for He is faithful.

Ailsa Knox

Summary Offences

Sir, I refer to the Member for Cessnock; Mr R. J. Brown's letter you published in the *Church Record* for October 8, 1979 and his criticism of Christian response to the restructuring of the Summary Offences Act 1970.

In my opinion the government enacted the "Offences in Public Places Act 1979" under the persuasion of prostitution and other immoral behaviour is to become less offensive (or more moral) than formerly.

By no standard can the Member for Cessnock argue; nor has his government defended the act by any claim the Police are better able to deal with offenders (as they should be) than formerly.

The Police Association asks for public support and the request would be superfluous if its enforcement procedures were strengthened.

We did not suppose the government has allowed itself voluntarily hand down enactments making it less able to deal with street offences. Left alone it is safe to say it would prefer not to besmirch its record.



But by the act we are forced to conclude the government has allowed itself to be influenced by people of lower moral standards than the norm, hoping thereby to weaken our own resolves, bringing our scruples down to the level of degenerate advisers. We have no alternative.

In order to cover the enormity of its offence to citizens, "guide lines" are inserted. These put restrictions on the circumstances an offence can be proceeded with.

The disputation that could be applied to such requirements as a "reasonable person" or "serious alarm" can be imagined in a court. Certainly arguments on definition could be used almost at will to prevent a clearly just verdict coming out.

Now the government has thrown out the summary offences act of 1970 I see the new enactment to be a veiled

attempt: a threat: a pre-requisite to the hearing of evidence when an opportunity presents itself: that of raising the question of the complainant being a "reasonable person" or whether he "justifiably" complains, not in particular circumstances but "in all circumstances."

In some part the witness is legally dis-possessed of some characteristics, including probity. An exchange takes place with guilt as an ingredient.

The hidden purpose of the Attorney General is achieved, that of deadening the guilt in society, so we do not smart so badly under it and the presence of those personal qualities of probity and character are less prominent.

The sad thing is it is the courts that will be called upon to apply the gag to our social conscience.

ROBERT DE LOUTH
Bowral, NSW

More True Charity

Sir,

Dr Knox's antics seem to confuse social justice and mercy and grace. They could well learn from Mrs Thatcher's address published in October 8 issue. Social justice demands a fair reward for honest work, but to quote 2 Thessalonians: 3:10 "If any one will not work, let him not eat."

As an old age pensioner, and one whom inflation has robbed of the value of savings; I do not regard my pension as a "right." It is an "ex gratia" payment by the rest of society. It is the children who have the ultimate responsibility for their parents (Matthew 15:5-6).

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WHAT A WORLD FAMILIES UNDER STRESS

Lesley Hicks



I mentioned Germaine Greer some weeks ago, saying that I had heard of her lately. Even before that piece appeared, she was well to the fore again, publicising the launching of a new book. In one TV interview, she was asked if she felt any responsibility for the influence her earlier book "The Female Eunuch" had on people's lives — any regrets, for instance, that marriages might have broken up as women adopted her philosophies.

She shrugged her shoulders. "Why should I?" she said. "It's just a book." She illustrated well one of society's root problems. Rights, yes! Responsibilities? No!

CHILDREN AND DIVORCE

Recently I was listening to one of the excellent ABC radio *Year of the Child* broadcasts, based on some of the principles of the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child. This programme focused on the impact on children of the separation and divorce of their parents.

Mostly the children spoke for themselves, with little in the way of adult commentary, although we heard a sociological and one parent arguing that it is bad for children emotionally to put all their eggs in one basket — that they should learn not to depend utterly for their security on the love and care of one or both of their parents.

These children were articulate and had come to terms with the trauma of divorce and any ongoing problems, enough to be able to discuss things dispassionately; some were in easy-going communal arrangements, such as three boys aged 9, 11, 12, living with their father, his girlfriend and her two younger daughters; yet it seemed that overwhelmingly they longed for their own two parents to be together again and happy.

Realistically, they had come to terms with the fact that their parents could not get on with each other, and therefore, could not stay together, but that was still what almost all the children questioned wanted most.

At the recent Child Care Conference at Macquarie University, small groups of

lesbians and homosexuals distributed leaflets maintaining that the traditional family itself is society's problem — that since many children suffer from attacks of brutality and even sexual assault within the nuclear family, that unit has to give way to looser arrangements.

The lesbians want to banish men from the scene altogether, it seems, while homosexual men claim that they should be allowed to adopt children.

These people argue

"nothing is 'natural'; everything is socially created by the society in which it is inserted and whose needs it meets." Christians on the contrary maintain that the family unit is God-ordained. Biology plus commonsense (=Nature?) also tells us the ideal — parent's loyalty bonded to each other to provide secure nurture for the long time the human child needs to reach maturity.

NUCLEAR FAMILY WEAKNESS

"Until children are seen as a social responsibility, the family unit will continue to bear more weight than its

narrow shoulders should ever have been expected to carry", a pamphlet states, going on to demand free, round-the-clock, community-controlled child-care facilities.

This is a subtle half-truth — for the nuclear family's shoulders are too narrow. But the answer is not the replacement of the mother by multiple carers, especially for the vulnerable first three years.

Generally speaking, the family in the Bible is the extended one, as it has been in almost all non-industrialised societies. Amid the stresses, mobility and isolation of our society, the

Bill Newman Crusades Director Appointed

The organisation Bill Newman Crusades, has announced the appointment of John Sheen as its full-time Crusade Director, as from September, 1979.

With more and more interest being shown in major city-wide Crusades, the appointment was seen as a necessity many months ago. After much prayer, Mr Sheen agreed to accept the position.

For the past 18 months, John and his wife, Diane,

with their children, Richard and Julie, have served the Lord with the Inala Gospel Chapel, Brisbane, in evangelistic outreach to the area, and pastoral responsibilities.

Mr Sheen's previous experience in business

management, has already been appreciated, especially in the planning of the recent Ipswich Crusade.

It will be part of his task, as Crusade Director, to supervise the planning and operation of such Crusades.



John and Diane Sheen, with their children, Julie and Richard. John Sheen is the newly appointed Crusade Director for the Bill Newman Crusades.

The Bishop Speaks Out

Energy

Worldwide concern has developed as to what has come to be referred to as "the energy crisis". We have always known that resources of the Earth are not unlimited, that coal, oil and other natural commodities will sooner or later run out. The predicted shortage of oil in the immediate future seems to have occurred earlier than most people anticipated.

It is the responsibility of governments and other bodies to make every effort to conserve energy and at the same time to try and develop alternative sources and forms of energy. Although in doing so we are really only concentrating on the symptoms of the problem rather than the cause.

The crisis facing Western Civilisation and the energy crisis is only part of it, is essentially a moral and spiritual crisis. Almost all our efforts are being directed towards the material results of years of putting number one first, of greed and neglect.

Our consumer society programmes us into believing that the purpose of life is to be easy

on ourselves and to own more and more. The Bible warns us over and over again that life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. The Bible reminds us that our Creator measures life in terms of relationship with himself which must affect our concern and relationship with one another.

God is the source of life and the provider of everything required by life. We do need to work at solving the energy crisis, but really it is only the symptom. We need more urgently to face the real problem. That is the spiritual crisis and take efforts to help the moral and spiritual decline that has characterised Australia over this past decade.

Bishop Ken Short

To Understand Each Other

by Dr Alan Craddock

CARING OR CONDEMNING? I PARENT

As Christians we are anxious to enter into loving and supportive relationships within our families and among fellow Christians. But how anxious are we to achieve similar relationships with members of disadvantaged minority groups in our community? Perhaps we are anxious but not particularly active.

Our failure to act may be caused by the difficulties we experience in identifying with the problems faced by minority groups. One of the most significant minority groups in Australia today consists of one-parent families.

The economic and psychological stresses confronting one-parent families are great and yet many church congregations share little of their personal resources (economic, spiritual and psychological) in order to assist one-parent families in their community.

The significance of this neglect is indicated in these statistics: In 1975 approximately 9% of all families in Australia, with at least one child aged younger than 18, were one-parent families.

Of these, 88% consisted of a woman and her children. The majority of one-parent families originate in divorce (16.6% males; 21.2% females) or separation (44.7% males; 39.5% females) with death of the partner being the next most frequent factor.

A recent family survey (English, B.A., et al., *Families in Australia — A Profile*, University of NSW, 1978) has provided these statistics, and one of the authors of the report has

calculated that as many as 20% of children now being born in Australia will live in a one-parent family for some time before they turn 15.

The economic burden placed upon one-parent families, particularly for female one-parent families, is indicated by the survey: The median gross weekly income (at the time of the survey) for male single-parent families was \$141 and for female single-parent families it was \$47. This compares with \$160 for husbands in two-parent families.

The stresses of survival are reflected in the fact that single parents have more contact with mental health personnel than parents in two-parent families. The percentage of each category seeking help is:

One-parent families — Fathers: 9.7%, Mothers: 21.7%;

Two-parent families — Fathers: 6.0%, Mothers: 11.8%.

Other statistics in the survey further underline the economic and psychological stresses confronting one-parent families: Two-parent families are almost twice as likely as one-parent families to be owning or buying their accommodation. The one-parent family is more likely to live in shared accommodation or in public housing.

Two-parent families are much more likely to have luxury items (freezers, clothes driers) and to possess a car and telephone. The children of one-parent families are less likely to stay at school beyond the School Certificate level and therefore are less likely to stay at school beyond the School Certificate level and therefore are less likely to advance to any form of tertiary education.

The total picture which emerges ought to be a disturbing one for Christians. But unfortunately Christians are sometimes (often?) pre-occupied with theological questions concerning the morality of separation and divorce and thus they fail to question the morality of their own failure to minister to those who have divorced or separated.

This is not to suggest that the theological question is unimportant, but it need not take precedence over the expression of love-in-action to those who are in need. When we become obsessed with the letter of the law to the exclusion of all else we become like the Pharisees of the New Testament who objected to a healing because it took place on a Sabbath day.

Some Christians will only befriend and help members of one-parent families when

there is first a confession of sin and a display of repentance. Their "loving support" is questionable when it appears to be conditional upon the performance of a "proper" religious response by those who are to receive support.

Jesus provides us with an example of one who befriended those who were apparently sinners or unconventional. Did His love depend upon their reaction to Him or did He care and meet their need simply because they needed Him?

Perhaps we should look around us in our community in order to sense the needs of those single parents who are our neighbours. Then we need to examine our own resources in order to see how we might assist. Religious judgments which act as barriers serve no useful purpose at all.

There is no room for patronising interference either. Genuine concern, with a focus upon the particular persons and their needs, will express itself in a properly balanced ministry under the guidance of God. I fear however, that this is one kind of guidance that many Christians appear reluctant to accept. A judgmental role seems to suit them better than a caring role and this is a great tragedy.

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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

BUNBURY

Rev R. Collins, formerly of Harvey, inducted to Bridgetown on September 10.

Rev G. Hilton, Deacon at Wollaston College to be ordained on December 4, and licensed to Canon John Smith, Minister of Busseton.

Rev J. Hopkins, Assistant Minister of Busseton, to be Minister of Jerramungup, from December 2.

Rev G. Howells, of Swanbourne, Diocese of Perth, to be Minister of Kojonup, from December 14. Rev G. Taylor, of Eastern Hill, Diocese of Melbourne, to be Minister of Albany, from December 3.

PERTH

Rev H. Bird, has been appointed Minister-in-Charge of Leeming.

Rev M. Brown has been appointed Rector of Moora, December 5.

Rev D. Cockram, has been appointed Rector of Kambalda/Norseman, from October 30.

Rev R. Hanson, has been appointed Rector of Gosnells/Maddington, from October 18.

Rev M. Harford, has been appointed Rector of Bickton/Attadale, from November 20.

Rev P. H. Lim, has been appointed Minister-in-Charge of the new Parish of Forrestfield, from November 19.

SYDNEY

Rev Alan Begbie, formerly Rector of St Stephen's, Willoughby, 1955-67, and Chaplain General to the Australian Forces, 1957-74; died, October 30, at Blackheath.

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Queensland's Deputy Premier Launches Explo 80

Local interest meetings for Explo 80 have already been held in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, but the national launching of Explo 80 finally took place in the Festival Hall, Brisbane, Saturday, October 6. Over 2000 attended the rally.

Explo 80 will be held during the week of May 11-17, 1980, in Brisbane, when it is hoped that 15,000 young people, aged 15-25, will converge on Brisbane for a series of seminars on personal evangelism and disciplining.

Prior to the Explo 80 week, local crusades will be held in suburban regions throughout Brisbane. Following the main week there will be a four week Central Crusade at the Milton Tennis Courts, Brisbane, addressed by Rev Brian Willersdorf.

The climax will be on the Queen's Birthday Week-end in June, 1980, with the final rallies and a giant Musicfest.

Amongst the guests at the national launching was the Hon Dr Llew Edwards, Deputy Premier of Queensland.

"The aims of Explo 80 are indeed something that are dear to my heart," said Dr Edwards. "I'd like to place on record, before you and indeed before the people of Queensland, that what we need in our country today is not necessarily a new way of



Hon Dr Llew Edwards, Deputy Premier of Queensland, addressing the national launching of Explo 80 in Brisbane's Festival Hall. Photo: Ramon Williams.

life, or a new theology, or a new political philosophy, or even a new moral code.

"To those of us who look at the tragedy in human life, the difficulty in industrial, political and family experiences, the breakdown of homes, the turning away of young people, it seems to me that all the problems we face today

... While it may be an exciting time in the 80's for science, medicine and communication, unless men and women have a change of heart for Jesus Christ, then they are going to be black years that lie ahead. That's why I identify myself with Explo 80."

The National Co-ordinator of Explo 80, Owen Thomas from Sylvia, Sydney, told of the mounting interest around Australia and overseas. Already enquiries have been received from the Pacific Area, the United States of America and New Zealand.

Explo 80 is now launched nationally. Now to see the effect that will have.

Ramon Williams



Luciano and Geraldine Ricci.

Anglicans go Italian

Luciano and Geraldine Ricci will be joining the staff of the Department of Evangelism, Diocese of Sydney in 1980 to do evangelistic work amongst Italian people. Initially they will work in conjunction with the Rev Alan Donohoo in the parish of All Souls', Leichhardt.

Luciano says: "A practising Roman Catholic for many years, I tried to live in two worlds — the religious and the secular, in the illusion of being a Christian. My scanty reading of the Bible was of a purely academic nature."

"In 1973, I met Geraldine and was encouraged to consider the claims of Christ, and the authority of Scripture above all other traditions. At this time I also began to meet Christians — some of whom have since become personal friends. I also began to attend Bible Studies, and to consider the Bible more seriously."

"I cannot look back to a specific date of conversion, but it was during the reading of John's Gospel, followed immediately after by Romans, that I was led by God to understand fully the message of salvation by faith alone, in all its implications."

"Since my conversion Geraldine and I have been attending regularly the University Church, now meeting in the Church of St Matthias' at Centennial Park."

Luciano was born in Alexandria, Egypt, in 1938 of Italian parents and educated in a local Italian school. In 1957, he migrated to Sydney where he worked as a clerk, and as a journalist for an Italian newspaper. In 1972,

he graduated from Sydney University with First Class Honours in Italian and from 1972-78 he worked at Sydney University tutoring in Italian. During this year he has lectured at Wollongong University.

Geraldine was born in Bournemouth, England, and grew up in London. As a result of the 1966 Billy Graham (London) Crusade she was converted and joined in the fellowship/Bible Study of a local evangelical church. She migrated to Sydney in 1970 and lived at Manly where she was active in the life of St Matthew's.

At Sydney University (1970-73) she was active in EU as a cell group leader. After her graduation she worked as a part-time Tutor and then Research Assistant in the Italian Department at Sydney University; she is at present a Secretary in the Anglican Information Office.

It was at Sydney University that Luciano and Geraldine met and they were married in 1975.

Both Luciano and Geraldine have been active in evangelistic work amongst Italians. During the 1979 Billy Graham Crusade, Luciano was responsible for translating the follow-up material, training Italian Counsellors and for the simultaneous translation.

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CHAPLAIN-GENERAL COMMISSIONED

In an impressive ceremony last night, held at the Anzac Memorial Chapel, Duntroon, Bishop K. H. Short was commissioned as Chaplain-General of the Australian Army and Anglican Bishop to the Forces.

The Commissioning by the Most Rev Sir Marcus Loane, Primate of the Church of England in Australia, was conducted in the presence of Army, Navy and Air Force representatives who included the Chief of Defence Force Staff and Service Chiefs.

The Lessons were read by Sir Anthony Synnot, Chief of Defence Force Staff and Lieutenant General D. B. Dunstan, Chief of the General Staff.

In his sermon the Primate said, "In taking up the mantle of the late Bishop to the Forces, Bishop F. O. Hulme-Moir, Bishop Short brings to the position a splendid record of ministry. He is forthright, decisive, fearless, yet understanding in problems which are all too human."

The Episcopal Banner of the Bishop to the Forces in the Chapel at Duntroon bears the motto — "Service to others in the name of Christ".

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PHYSICAL AID NO EVANGELISM LEVER



Pictured is Dr Stan Mooneyham with some of the horror left by the Amin regime of Uganda.

MEET MATERIAL TO MEET REAL NEEDS?

"There is still a danger among Christians to use physical aid as a lever for evangelism," says the international president of World Vision.

Dr Stanley Mooneyham, who arrived in Australia on November 11, for a week of engagements, says that he sometimes hears Christians saying that they are meeting material needs in order to be able to meet the people's real needs.

"While agreeing that the spiritual is the primary need, I still find the sequential approach to be manipulative. I would resent that kind of Christian con game if I were on the receiving end," says the World Vision leader.

He says that he sees

nothing sub-Christian in meeting physical needs in the name of Christ simply because those needs exist.

"I do not find Christ or the apostles baiting their evangelistic hook with bread and miracles. The Gospel clearly shows that Jesus had no hidden agenda."

Dr Mooneyham says that at the same time, people receiving physical help have a right to know what is motivating the helper.

"When Peter gave healing to the cripple, he also declared that the miracle was done in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth."

Frequently the World Vision president is astounded at how desperately some Christians try to wrest the Scrip-

tures to downgrade their responsibility for social action.

"Intriguingly, we do not quote Jesus in this regard as much as we quote Paul. It is almost as if Jesus is suspect — at least until His meaning is clarified by Paul and given the apostolic imprimatur. We appear to be rather certain about Paul's Evangelical position, but Jesus sounds disturbingly like a radical 'social gospel'!" says Mooneyham.

W. V. HOSPITAL STANDING

The World Vision president, who is recently back from Kampuchea, says that on arrival in Phnom Penh he

found himself among friends. People who had worked with World Vision pre-1975 were at the airport to meet the plane.

He says that he is now awaiting permission to re-equip a hospital in the Kampuchean capital which was built by World Vision in 1975. The hospital has been denuded of its furnishings and equipment but it's still standing.

While in Australia, Dr Mooneyham will have talks with the Immigration Minister Michael McKellar in Canberra. He will also speak at a Parliamentary dinner in Canberra.

Stan Mooneyham will visit Sydney, Newcastle, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide and Canberra.

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EDITORIAL

Drugging the issue

Australian Governments are notorious for holding Royal Commissions into politically hot but unmanageable issues as a means of defusing them by the passage of time. There are notable exceptions, but the history of Australian governments, from last century and this, cause our citizens to hold out little hope that these expensive exercises are little more than political window dressings which are changed according to the needs of the moment.

Will the NSW Royal Commission Report of Drugs be an exception, or will it simply gather dust on the shelves of Parliamentary libraries with other reports?

The Royal Commissioner, the Honourable Mr Justice Woodward, is certainly to be commended for the enormous and painstaking work he has undertaken in lengthy investigations.

His report is both an encouragement and discouragement. His clean and unequivocal rejection of those who would legalise marijuana, provided it were grown for private use, is heartening. "Growing your own cannabis as a policy concept, is divorced from reality and cannot be seriously considered" is a conclusion with which all thinking citizens will agree.

The Report is discouraging in that the immensity of the problem gives little hope that much will be done. The Police Commissioner has given assurances that efforts will be doubled to bring to justice the murderers of Don Mackay, but is that assurance simply another motion that we have come to expect when publicity revives an issue that has long since passed from the minds of the public who only want news, ie, new issues? The Report points to the sheer difficulty of bringing to prosecution those who appear to be able to act with impunity from the present law.

If the death of Don Mackay, who spoke out fearlessly as a concerned Christian, is not to be in vain, then it seems that a real responsibility rests on Christians to keep the issue alive with our parliamentary representatives. What we fail to take note of is that polite and persistent letters received from what is seen as a lethargic electorate, does have an effect on our political processes. Twenty letters received by one parliamentarian in a week is enough to cause him to take note of the feeling of his own electorate. Christians whose track record on writing to their members is not all that good, should organise themselves on a parish level to write to their State and Federal representatives expressing grave concern that the drug issue is so enormous, and parliamentary and legal processes seem so helpless. Will the Government act urgently? Such organised action does have its effect otherwise the passage of time will drag the issue. We need concerted urgent action now.

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