

# A NEW LOOK IN THE NORTH WEST SEEN AT SYNOD

## BISHOP ON THE NEED TO RISKS IN FAITH

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Geraldton, June 6

God was telling his people to look at the world, and His people were refusing to obey, said the Bishop of North West Australia, the Right Reverend Howell Witt, in his Pastoral Charge to Synod here on May 26.

"Things are changing in the world, not always for the best, and we'd rather not look, for we have become an 'optional extra' in the lives of men", he said.

It was Bishop Witt's first synod since his consecration last November. The bishop hoped that all Christians must take a new look at the world, and a new look at God's plan of redemption for the people in the world.

For instance, entirely the wrong questions were being asked about Australia's involvement in Viet Nam.

"The questions now asked were 'Is it right to send troops to Viet Nam?' or 'Should we be sending conscripts there?'"

The important thing was to ask how we were to do our share in the communion in the countries closer to us in the North West than Canberra.

The lessons for the day, May 26, gave the answers to the problems raised by the people's lack of desire to look at the world.

The story of Ruth, in the days when the Judges ruled, showed that God Himself was at work in the world, even when man was not. Ruth was not Ruth called to the world, she was Ruth called to Israel.

It was from the East to the Hebrews gave the only answer there is for it, point to the Church in the world, made up of men and women, who are called to take risks in the world.

The Church is not being called to be an empire-building, conquering, but to be a serving Church and here in the North West was a unique opportunity to do so and to show His way to peopling the world in the wrong light.

### FIRST QUIET DAY

The last week of May presented a new look for the clergy in many ways for it was the first time the clergy had ever gathered together for a Quiet Day, held in the beautiful church of St. Andrew at Bluff Point near Geraldton, and the opportunity for a time of fellowship and discussion with one another were earnestly seized upon, when attention was spent together in conference.

Eleven of the staff of thirteen were present, the Rector of Kununurra, Windham, having come over 2,000 miles to be there. (This will give readers some idea of the isolated work of the diocese.)

In his report on the state of affairs, the bishop outlined some of the problems of such a remote area.

He paid particular tribute to the help received from the Bush Church Aid Society, which was helping to maintain ministries at Kununurra, Derby, Port Hedland, Portonville and the Murchison, as well as helping with travelling costs in the parish of Carnarvon.

In the new and developing situations in the North West with the iron-ore works, the Barron Island oil field, the Naval Communication Base, the Ord River Commission, the Churches must take a serious look at her work and be prepared for initiative experiments and to co-operate with other Christian bodies in the area.

Team ministries might well be

the answer to many of the staffing problems, for the old idea of "one man one district" is almost impossible in the North West.

The vast distances created problems of cohesion and one redeeming feature was that the bishop was able to be a bishop in such a diocese.

The Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Geraldton must take its place as the mother church of the diocese, the work amongst the Aborigines in the far north at Forrest River Mission must be better organised to be more effective.

### MORE SHIPPING

The Mission to Seafarers work was growing in importance with the advent of more shipping to the port, through the North West, and especially Geraldton. While being concerned with these problems within the diocese, we must look out into the world and take our part in making the Gospel a living reality.

Several important items were discussed at the synod, such as the need for thoroughness of parishes and the matter of assessments.

It was agreed that a representative of the parishes at synod, but the statute was deferred.

For the first time since the creation of the diocese in 1910 assessments have been introduced, and the necessary statute passed by synod. An initial assessment brought in a good response from the parishes.

A Bill to ensure the retirement of the clergy of the diocese at the age of seventy was overwhelmingly defeated, and so was

## "THE ANGLICAN" AND M.R.I.

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### conversion last November.

On the last meeting of synod the clergy of the diocese commended the work of the Holy Communion service in the cathedral, and within a few hours of the close of synod the bishop was on his way to Port Hedland, a distance of some 900 miles, to begin an extensive tour of the North West.

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## NO MISSION WITHOUT THE EUCHARIST, SAYS BISHOP

"From Isaiah to St. Paul, from St. Francis of Assisi to St. Vincent de Paul, to Wilberforce and Shaftesbury, to Albert Schweitzer, Flynn of the Inland and Father Tucker, all the great exponents of Mission have been men of great 'harmony with God', said the Bishop of Ballarat, the Right Reverend W. A. Harcourt, in his Charge to Synod on May 28.

"The bishop said that the reaction from a selfish and inward-looking religion to concern for the world had gone too far.

We must indeed try to be "the Church for Others" as Our Lord was "The Man for Others" but it could not be done without personal devotion.

The men who had done great things in the world had done them because "they were so deeply immersed in God, in the thought of Him, in prayer to God, in the worship of God".

Christianity was a two-dimensional thing with "a vertical dimension, so to speak, towards God above, and a horizontal reference to the world around us."

Over emphasis on either aspect led to a distortion and corruption of Christianity.

On the one hand there were "far too many comfortable Churches" in the parish of independent parishes and congregations.

On the other hand, "there are

those within the Christian community itself who appreciate the need for divine inspiration and power for Mission and service."

"Without Godwardness" the Church's Mission in the world will degenerate into fatalism, dogmatism, which the robot man-in-the-street, whom it is meant to serve, will rightly despise."

**CORPORATE LIFE**

The bishop said God had made provision in the Holy Eucharist for a form of corporate life "which will maintain His people in due balance between the two dimensions of Godward and onward living."

"It is in the Eucharist that we are meant to be constantly drawn to the Source of our Being, and at the same time, and by the same act, receive the divine inspiration by which

God sends us out to perform His Mission in the world."

Only in the last four hundred years had there been any Christian life not centred on the Eucharist; it was significant that this period had seen the splitting up of a great part of Western Christendom into hundreds of sects.

The Eucharist gave expression to all the scriptural aspirations of the human soul towards God — "praise and thanksgiving, penitence and fear, love and trust, awe, reverence and adoration, exultation in the glory of God."

We were identified with Christ in the act of Communion: "the poor offering of our lives is taken up and offered with His Perfect offering."

This could lead to the comfortable picture, so justly condemned by those sensitive to the call of Christian service.

But there was nothing in the Eucharist itself to encourage such error.

Eucharistic thanksgiving was thanksgiving for and on behalf of the whole world; for Christians "Eucharist" was a social word. God was not a private but a social God.

**"A SOCIAL GOD"**

The Ten Commandments were a code of social conduct; the Gospel was read from the altar towards the north, the offertory sentences spoke of our duty to serve others with money, the Prayer for the Church was a prayer for the whole community and the Consecration itself was a sacrifice for the whole world.

"The root error of the pietistic and other devotional practices, in regarding the Eucharist as an act isolated from life, whose virtue and meaning are confined to what happens in the priest's hands during one hour on Sunday."

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— Newcastle "Missing Heroin" Mission. Vere Richardson (left) and Elizabeth Todd (centre), both of Newcastle, watch as Mrs. Leslie Hooper of Wyong puts the finishing touches to a Melanesian Village entered in the Missionary Diocese display at the Newcastle Diocese's G.F.S. exhibition on May 28.



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## G.F.S. MISSION EXHIBITION

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Newcastle, June 6

Branches from all districts of the Newcastle Diocese Children's Friendly Society conducted the success of a missionary and handicraft exhibition held in the Youth Centre on Saturday, May 28.

The standard of work was very high and a vast quantity of material required by the mission stations was made or collected by the girls, their sisters and brothers.

Typical of the goods on display were rugs, table linen, church needlework, and clothes made by the girls as well as food, medical supplies, books, toys, and school requisites.

This year a new section was added to show the educational work among missions that is done in the branches. Each G.F.S. district was allotted a mission area which its project display was to be mounted.

Great ingenuity and skill were shown in this area which was won by Newcastle District's display on Polynesia. Closer honours were awarded to the G.F.S. district which was allotted a mission area which its project display was to be mounted.

The aggregate points score for branches was won by Scotts with 100 points, followed by the third, Places in junior, intermediate and senior, and the sections were widely distributed throughout the diocese.

The exhibition was opened by Mrs. L. Stubbart, wife of the Assistant Bishop of Newcastle, and was attended by a large number of children and parents, and interested people.

## ARCHBISHOP STRONG ACTING PRIMATE

The Archbishop of Brisbane, the Most Reverend P. W. Strong, returned from overseas on June 1, having accepted the Consultative duties of the Lambeth Conference in Jerusalem.

He is now Acting Primate, following the Archbishop of Sydney's resignation.

Archbishop Strong's first major task in Brisbane is to preside at the diocesan synod from June 20 to 24. The sacred synod of the clergy will meet on June 21.

## N.E.B. OBSERVER

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

London, June 6

The R'thr Reverend R. C. Butler, O.S.B., the Abbot of Downside, has been appointed to represent Cardinal Heenan as a Roman Catholic observer in the Joint Commission of Churches which has planned and is directing the celebration of the New English Bible.

A second Roman Catholic observer will be appointed to represent the Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh.

The N.E.B. New Testament was published in 1961. In its first five years, it has achieved sales approaching six million copies.

Translation of the Old Testament and Apocrypha, to complete the new English version, has now been completed. It is now compared with the traditional Hebrew and Greek and revised to ensure the greatest possible accuracy for the translation.

## JEWISH SCHOOL IN GERMANY

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, June 6

The first Jewish school to open in Germany since the National Socialist era is now functioning in Frankfurt/Main. The only Jewish school in Germany, built and maintained by the Jewish community in Frankfurt, provides, apart from standard curriculum, subjects daily taught by the Jewish community in the Hebrew language and Jewish culture. The student body is not exclusively Jewish.

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## "HIS SPECIAL GRACE"

BY FRANCIS JOHN BREELY

LONDON, JUNE 6

The term, "My good child", then, is not important as for it reminds us of our Baptismal vows and the respect which is given to those who are called to continue our learning.

Secondly, know this: To know means to recognise; perceive with certainty; be assured of.

When the catechist bids the catechumen "know this," he is saying in effect, that in what he is saying, he is not merely expressing an opinion of his own, but that he has a certain belief which Christians through their own experience and sacrament have proved by their own lives.

Thirdly, "Thou art not able to do these things of thyself without His special grace." These things refer to all that the catechumen has already learned. Our duty towards God is assuring the catechumen that he can do none of these things of himself or of his own strength, but he can, as St. Paul writes to the Romans, do all that God requires of him through the strength of His grace.

Special means particular; direct. Our duty towards God for a particular purpose; grace is the gift of God's favour (which means an act of grace or mercy); pardon is the gift of forgiveness; eternal life or salvation.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Parts of some of the illustrations

## A PASTORAL PRIMATE

## A NEW OFFICE SUGGESTED

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ANGLICAN

Sir, — In your recent editorial, "The Primate's Realization," you stated: "The qualities most needed in a Primate are least needed in a diocesan Bishop."

This stimulates thinking as to the essential role of the Primate. It would be desirable if the chief pastor, set free for pastoral work at the episcopal level. When "numbered above" with the care of an archdiocese (or even a diocese) he cannot exert the unique influence which is so very needed.

If a Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, or Adelaide, or Melbourne would fare better than an over-burdened diocesan Bishop, his first and chief loyalty would be to one diocese. And he would still be clamped down by the manacles of administration.

Many dioceses are being closed or their buildings plan and the signing of facilities.

The Primate should belong equally to the whole of Australia. Each part should be THE part, just as much as to THE whole of the God. If the Primate becomes a Bishop of honor rather than prestige, we will esteem the man highly, love for his work, and it will be desired.

Do we need a metropolitan? Do we need a primate on a pedestal?

There are some reasons why the Primate should reside in Canberra. He could exercise thereby the ministry of national leadership, close to politics but apart from them. The provision of his stipend, house and travelling could be a burden on the Australian Church. With-out one encroaching on the prerogative of the Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn for any part of the country, he could be present on great national occasions. But he should certainly not be hidden away in an ivory tower in the A.C.T.

The Primate's task ought to be expensive, missionary and itinerant. He is needed as much as the highlands of New Guinea as in the heart of Tasmania. He requires time to travel from place to place — to listen to people, to talk to them, to encourage them, to be heard, to be heard and he should not lose to piles of correspondence and a desk deferred to another day. Such pressure can destroy body and mind.

One wonders why any bishop should be elected to the Primate's office. Why could not an experienced priest of outstanding ability be considered for this very task? Australia is too big to be served with such movements. Perhaps we need through General Synod a new office — "A PASTORAL PRIMATE."

Such an office, being a new creation, would derive its authority from the Synod. It would be necessary to SERVE, to SERVE, to SERVE. The Primate would need great energy and determination to carry out priorities. But if he travelled to the little village of the hillside in the Parish of Ballarat to confirm three people, would he not be treated differently. This would do more good than many "prominences."

Such a task is other made about the souls of archdeacons.

But what about the souls of bishops? The Primate (especially in retired and Quiet Days) would be available to all. Such an office could draw strength from his episcopate. General Synod faces great tasks this year. Surely none is more important than the question of the Primate's office. Prayer is needed for the Guild of St. Albans.

Yours sincerely,

(The Rev. R. S. SHERLOCK,

Coomerabarr, N.S.W.)

## CHURCH AND LIFE MOVEMENT

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ANGLICAN

Sir, — The publication of the views of Bishop Hardie on the Bishop of Ballarat himself, THE ANGLICAN (May 26), and in particular his criticisms of the Australian Council of Churches, and his fears of a "super-church," with great force for us have used with the week of Prayer for Christian

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2. In many cases, worshiping is not a matter of "worship only and let the needy world go by." Such an attitude is self-centered and contrary to the well-known teaching of the primitive Church where, while the members were being baptized in the Body of Christ, they were also for those who needed material assistance in the spreading of the Gospel.

The Church and Life Movement provides an opportunity for us to discuss problems with members of other branches of the Church. Various opinions are being brought to bear, including the Christian Orthodox, providing one way for Christians to obey Christ's command to go into all the world.

3. Some of the promoters of the C.L.M. understand those orthodox theological views, the Bishop of Ballarat himself, notes that the leaders of the movement are orthodox churchmen, but considers that the real work is being done by those with

Scripture. While it maintains the steady ritual, the deep mysticism of the Church, the sacramental grace of the Church of Rome, it has given to its members complete freedom in interpretation but not in doctrine. The C.L.M. prides itself, therefore, on being "orthodox" in doctrine and "liberal" in interpretation of Holy Scripture.

The Liberal Catholic Church sprang out of the Anglican Church when following the 1870 split in the Church of Rome when those who were called "Old Catholic" withdrew from the Anglican Church.

The Bishop also expressed a fear that in many cases, the C.L.M. is not really a "super-church" but a "super-church" in name only, and that the Christian community is being divided into those who are "super-church" and those who are not.

This reunion can develop only if there is a genuine agreement and understanding among the churches. Such an agreement cannot be imposed from above. The way in which to develop such a reunion is by being for Christians in different parts of the Church to work together, firstly in those areas where there is agreement, and secondly, C.L.M. covers just such an area of agreement.

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## DO YOU LIKE TO KNOW...

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

Could you give readers full details about the Liberal Catholic Church? How authentic is the eyes of other branches of the Catholic Church?

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## OVERSEAS NEWS

U.S. CHURCH UNION  
PLANS TAKE  
SHAPE

**ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE**  
Further information about the church union consultations, involving a number of major American churches ("The American Churchman," May 19) includes the publication of a 105-page report for the Possible Plan of Union, prepared by a special commission of the Consultation on Church Union.

The special commission, chaired by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, consisted of one representative from each of the participating denominations. The commission's assignment was to prepare a detailed plan of union, but it suggests that the major essential features of a united church might be what steps should be taken or the way to union.

Steps on the road to a united church as seen by the "Outlines" include:

● The consultation's acceptance of an outline and its consequent preparation of a detailed plan. This step might take several years.  
● The adoption of the plan by the denominations. At this point commitment on the part of the churches to becoming one church takes place. This might take several years to obtain these commitments, because of the time and procedures of the denominations vary.  
● The unification of ministry and membership and the establishment of a provisional council to govern the new church. This step would merely implement the unification which had been made in the previous step.

Finally, after perhaps some years of growing together and experimentation, the adopting a constitution.

Member churches of the Consultation are: the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Methodist Church, the Methodist Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church and the United Church of Christ.

BAPTIST FOR ROMAN  
CATHOLIC UNITY

**ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE**  
San Francisco, June 6

A professor at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary near San Francisco, California, is believed to be the first professor from a Southern Baptist Convention seminary to be appointed to the theological faculty of a Roman Catholic school.

The professor so appointed is James William McClelland, who beginning this autumn, will be associate professor in the theology department of the University of San Francisco, where he will teach a graduate division course in Protestant thought.

Dr. McClelland will be visiting professor of religion at Stanford University, also located in the San Francisco area. The University of San Francisco is operated by the Society of Jesus while Stanford University is a private institution.

## BISHOP PROTESTS

**ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE**  
Johannesburg, June 6  
The Right Reverend Leslie Strading, Bishop of Johannesburg, and Dr. B. M. Casper, the Chief Rabbi, were among church leaders who joined the Black South, a women's protest organization, in a silent demonstration on the University of Witwatersrand campus in Johannesburg, last month.

The demonstration was the first in a series of five which the Black South has conducted in protest against the banning of people without charges being made against them.

INTER-RELIGIOUS  
INSTITUTES

**ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE**  
New York, June 6

A Roman Catholic scholar proposed the establishment of permanent, academic institutions of dialogue among the scholars and other leaders of the world's major religions at the Second Edward F. Gallagher World Religious Dialogue held at Princeton Theological Seminary from May 11 to 15. Father R. E. Whitson said that dialogue among world religions is "still at its most primitive stage" and that while "initiatives" such as this are important, they "cannot themselves form an on-going communion."

The theme of the conference was "Religious Pluralism and World Community." It brought together fifty leading scholars and historians representing Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, Hindu, and Muslim from the U.S.A. and nine other countries of Europe, the Middle East, South-East Asia, and the Far East.

It was the most representative held in the U.S.A., and the gathering of its kind, ever held in the U.S.A. and the first sponsored by a Christian theological institution. The participants in attendances and planners of the conference took pains to stress that the dialogue was not an end in itself, but an attempt at synthesis, but rather an attempt to understand the kind of understanding that makes meaningful communication possible. "Syncretism is a form of intellectual laziness," said Donald James L. McCord of Princeton Theological Seminary.

UNION TALKS  
GO ON

**ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE**  
Arnold, June 6

The National Consultation on Church Union Consultation met in Arnold, Mo., May 13 and 14.

Representatives of all five churches which have taken part in the discussions in recent years were present—namely Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans and Moravians.

The final objective of full organic union was reaffirmed by all delegates, but it was recognized that there may be stages in moving to this objective which are common to Churches or other ways.

A further meeting of this kind is expected to be arranged for November, by which time further studies in comparative doctrine have been studied in congregations and synods.

A new Committee on Liturgy and Doctrine has been formed which will be charged with more detailed theological issues separating the churches.

It is further understood that the Lutherans are preparing a draft proposal for a Federation of Churches.

1968 LAMBETH  
CONFERENCE

**ANGLO-CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE**  
London, June 6

It is expected that the attendance from the 1968 Lambeth Conference, to be held at Canterbury from 25 to August 25, will be the largest in its history.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting not only diocesan bishops, but suffragan bishops and assistant bishops doing full-time work. In addition, more than 100 bishops will be invited from Africa, Asia, the Middle East and the West Indies, and will be representative of bishops from churches, such as the Anglican Church in India, the Church of India, Indonesia and the Philippines.

The general theme will be "The renewal of the Church."

SOME URGENT  
PROBLEMS

**ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE**  
Istanbul, June 6

The Ecumenical Patriarch, Athenagoras, official leader of Eastern Orthodoxy stressed in his World Religious Dialogue that there are "many churches" in the world today, but there is only one Christianity.

He said it was a "theological paradox" that although Christians founded one Church, Christians pray for the "good estate and union of them all."

The Patriarch urged Christians to have their theological differences to theologians engaging in dialogue and to join in common action in implementing a "Christian message to the world."

He cited a number of "urgent problems demanding our proper understanding and attention": the cold war and peace, world health, poverty, overpopulation, social equality, justice, freedom of conscience, speedy development of needy countries, atheism, and morality.

## VACUOUS RUBRIC

There is another major problem, he said—"the crisis in religion which, under today's social pressures, threatens to pervert Christianity into a vacuous moral rite, devoid of doctrine and empty of faith in a God who took on flesh, was crucified, and rose from the dead."

Christians, said the Patriarch, are called upon to "demonstrate their conviction that the union of the churches and the coming together of Christians at a single altar may still move slowly, yet their oneness in action moves swiftly."

The Ecumenical Patriarch noted that this year the Eastern and Western Easter fell on the same date, April 10, and expressed the hope that all Christians "may one day achieve a common observance of the Resurrection."

THREE RELIGIONS  
MEET

**ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE**  
Geneva, June 6

In Paris 500 people have participated in a consultation on the encounter of the three monotheistic religions. Representatives of Christianity, Islam and Judaism had been called together by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal S. John de la Motte.

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## AFRICAN INSTITUTE

**ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE**  
Nairobi, June 6

The All Africa Council of Churches has decided to create a permanent Christian Institute for Radio and Television in Nairobi. Starting in May this year, the Institute will provide courses to prepare its members for the radio and television programmes in African and Asian countries. Application forms will be received from nine African countries as well as from the Middle East, Jordan, India, and the Philippines.

KARL BARTH  
IS EIGHTY

**ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE**  
Basel, June 6

Numerous honours and tributes were paid here to the eminent Swiss theologian, Professor Karl Barth on the occasion of his 80th birthday on May 10.

It is ceremony at which the University of Basel conferred on Barth a honorary doctorate, the general secretary of the World Council of Churches, Dr. Hans Küng, also conferred him with having received a theological student in which "a theologically relevant ecumenical movement could rise."

The University of Bonn, where he taught until the Nazis forced him out of office in 1935, bestowed on the Swiss theologian the title of honorary senator. Only four persons before him had received this honour. The dean of the university and the dean of its theological faculty came to Basel for the rite of presentation.

A concert of the works of Mozart, Professor Barth's favourite composer, was offered by the city of Basel to mark his birthday.

At the ceremony where he was given the doctorate, more than 150 prominent persons, college friends and students heard Dr. Barth offer his simple response to eulogies paid to him.

"No one should be called a great theologian; the two words contradict each other. I am only like to be known as one who has tried to understand the Word of God. That is the only thing that matters."

In Geneva Barth church weekly of French-speaking Switzerland. He is also a member of the Swiss occasion by publishing an annual review of the Confessions which he edited out that the present generation had ceased to be able to understand the message of the Gospel "a message of freedom in a freedom of obedience."

NEW DIOCESE IN  
EAST AFRICA

**ANGLO-CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE**  
Dodoma, June 6

The Right Reverend Musa Kahurama will be enthroned as Bishop of the new Diocese of Western Tanganyika on July 24.

The diocese is being formed by a further subdivision of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. The new diocese is headed by Bishop Kahurama who has served as suffragan bishop. He will be elevated to his former Diocese, the Right Reverend.

He is the fifth African to become a diocesan bishop in the Province of East Africa.

## PATRIARCH'S VISIT

**ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE**  
Geneva, June 6

At the invitation of the World Council of Churches, the Patriarch of Romania, His Beatitude, will visit the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva from June 28 to 30.

The Patriarch will be on the return journey from London to Bucharest at the end of the visit to England as the guest of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Dr. Ramsey has announced that the Patriarch is expected to arrive in Britain with other representatives of the Rumanian Orthodox Church on June 28 and to remain in the country until June 28. During his visit the Patriarch will have an opportunity of seeing different aspects of church life in May which he receives. This visit will be in return for a visit to Romania in 1965 when he was the guest of the Patriarch.

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# BUILDERS WANT UP CENTY

By SUSAN YOUNG

MISSIONARIES are particularly busy at present, such and nurse the heathen with sweet reasonableness. It seems to be a general idea, even in Church circles.

The average man and woman rarely seems to think of missionary work as being what most of them are: ordinary people with hopes and problems common to all, and certainly the average man and woman never thinks of labelling himself an artisan as a missionary.

Yet that is precisely what is being done in the fresh mission work of New Guinea - builders and other skilled craftsmen who will carry out the Church's heavy programme of urgent building work: help maintain mission buildings and vehicles and above all train indigenous people in these skills.

For the past three months building work in the diocese of New Guinea has been virtually at a standstill because the Mission's sole master builder has been on much-deserved leave and there has been no one to replace him.

Rodd Hart, Principal of St. Stephen's Manual Training School at Popondeta, who is in charge of artisan work in the diocese, says: "It's pathetic to have a building committee with no one on it."

At the moment, apart from Rodd himself, the Mission has no one to help maintain buildings. Both Harte (maintenance man), Ron Robinson (electrician) and David Dryden (mechanical driver and invaluable jack-of-all-trades).

## "NOT YET READY"

There are also trained Papua craftsmen, but they are not yet ready to take complete responsibility for the bigger jobs.

Rodd reckons he could do with at least one, possibly two, qualified builders and at least one, maybe two, plumbers. He wants another electrician and a carpenter. He also needs a qualified maintenance man.

The requirements are based on the assumption that the workers would stick with the Mission. If they mean to come for just two or three years, then says Rodd, "You can double those figures."

The builders need to be able to do some designing as well as the maintenance men need to be able to do "a little bit of everything" - building, plumbing, electrical work and so on.

All the craftsmen ought to be capable of training Papuans and New Guineans because, as Rodd puts it, "all our work is for less unless we can teach the local people to do it, too, and do it well."

There's plenty of work to

keep everybody busy for a while. This time, however, the projects are being held through the most common cause of all - a shortage of skilled craftsmen in a major factor and many a more serious business because all the money in the world would be worthless if we didn't have the men to turn the cash into construction.

The list of building projects waiting to be tackled is awesome.

For example, there's the one of St. Margaret's hospital going up on the present site at Eoro mission station. The steel frames and iron rods have been erected, but nothing more has been done to it for three months now owing to lack of skilled labour. There is at present \$24,000 worth of work to be done on it.

It is also planned to rebuild St. Barnabas' hospital at Dogura.

## NEW PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED

### FOR M.R.I. PROJECTS

ANGLIAN NEWS SERVICE

London, June 6

The Director of the Primate's Committee on M.R.I., the Right Reverend G. T. Sambell, is one of a small committee which has been appointed to advise the Executive Office of the Anglican Communion, the Right Reverend R. S. Dean.

The committee was recommended at the conference of M.R.I. projects and directors in London in May, 1965. It has been approved by the Lambeth Consultative Body which also met in Jerusalem.

The committee will help to co-ordinate projects put forward by the Provinces with the funds available in the M.R.I. fund. It has been set up experimentally for two years.

There are three Metropolitan areas on the committee: Canada, the Most Reverend George R. Hall; the Middle East, India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon, the Most Reverend Lauchlin Curzon; and the Archdiocese of East Africa, the Most Reverend Norman B. Beacher.

The others are Bishop Stephen Bayne, Canon Douglas Webster, Canon David Lawrence and Bishop Sambell.

The new M.R.I. programme

## LONG SERVICE HONOURED

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, June 6

A thanksgiving service was held at St. James', Ivanhoe, on May 31 to mark the 58 years of active association with the parish.

Now aged 94, Mr. Sutton first settled in Ivanhoe in 1908, and from the very beginning took an keen interest in the life at St. James'.

He became a member of the vestry in 1912, and his membership continued until his death in 1964, when he was churchwarden for 40 years.

He was a lay reader before coming to Ivanhoe, and has acted in this capacity for 73 years.

In earlier years he frequently walked through the country to take services in the now thickly populated suburbs of Montmorency, Greens-

borough, and Hurstbridge. At St. James', in addition to his duties as lay reader, Mr. Sutton has served as Sunday school teacher and superintendent, secretary of the C.E.M.S., and wined and dined.

He is one of the original trustees of both grammar schools in Ivanhoe, and is still a member of the council of both. In 1946, he is still a regular newspaper editor and contributor.

The service was attended by the clergy, representatives, followed by a musical in the parish church, the Ven. W. H. Graham, Archdeacon of W. H. Graham.

Australasian Capital Territory, New Guinea, and the Pacific brought the total received to \$54,077.

Mr. Perkins said that funds were no longer urgently needed and that the council was endeavouring to give maximum financial support to longer-term famine prevention programmes.

Funds being given from now on would be used to develop village well-fedging and irrigation programmes to increase the supply of foodstuffs.

The National Christian Council has been invited to assist in its family planning service as a contribution to the population problem.

## JERUSALEM BIBLE

ECUMENICAL PAPER SERVICE

London, June 6

The Bible in contemporary English is to be published in the autumn. From its text has disappeared such words as "thee", "thine", "art", and "mayest", which will be replaced by "you", "your", "are", "be", and "may". The traditional archaisms have been avoided.

The work is under the general editorship of the Reverend Alexander Jones, Senior Lecturer in Divinity at Church College, Liverpool, which has been working on it for ten years. It has been assisted by 26 collaborators.

The Jerusalem Bible, as the new work is called, accepts interpretations adopted by the French Bible de Jerusalem published in 1956, but is more than a translation of the French version, due account being taken of the ancient texts, critically examined in the light of most recent archaeological discoveries and the evidence of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

## WOMEN ELDERS

FOR THE KIRK

ANGLIAN NEWS SERVICE

London, June 6

An historic decision to admit women elders to the Church of Scotland was taken by an overwhelming majority at the General Assembly at Glasgow last year.

It was greeted with applause and even some cheering, joined by women in the public galleries.

Thus the assembly ended a 400-year-old tradition, stretching from the great Reformation rebellion and John Knox, who since first a formal historical salvo against the "monstrous signment of women."

The Rev. James Barrie Act, an overture about the admission of women was sent to the local parishes last year. Forty-nine voted in favour and 17 against.

The balance of opinion within the assembly in recent years has been fairly steadily maintained until last year. Women elders have been used for 34 years.

## CHURCH CAPITAL FUND requires a Promotion Officer

to promote loans to a fund recently established by the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.

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## 94,000 DOLLARS GIVEN TO INDIAN EMERGENCY APEAL

Australian churches contributed more than 94,000 dollars for famine relief in India this year.

The Inter-Church Aid Division of the Australian Council of Churches announced the completed 1965-66 Indian emergency appeal last Sunday.

The money was given by congregations of the council's 11 member-churches in all States, in response to a request for help in February.

The national Inter-Church Council, the Reverend Harry L. Perkins, said that 750 who responded to the appeal already on its way to India from Australia and a further 500 from New Guinea, New South Wales, 16,071.66c, Tasmania, 53,988.43c, Western Australia, 53,677.25c.

Most is being distributed to unemployed famine victims in India. Return to work done on village well-fedging, irrigation and dam-building has been used to alleviate future food shortages.

It is being given as direct relief.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

The largest contribution to the emergency fund came from Victoria. Contributions by State are: Victoria, \$51,144.75; New South Wales, 16,071.66c; Tasmania, 53,988.43c; Western Australia, 53,677.25c.

Other contributions from the





## THE A.C.C. GENERAL SECRETARY APPLICATIONS INVITED

The Australian Council of Churches is inviting applications for the position of general secretary of the council.

The general secretary is the chief executive officer and is also responsible for general leadership in the council's work and for maintaining relationships with member churches and with the World Council of Churches. A nominations committee, appointed by the last meeting of the A.C.C. executive, is inviting applications this month with a closing date of July 15.

It is hoped that the new general secretary would take up the position by early 1967. The council's last annual meeting, in February, indicated that the scope of the council's work had grown to such an extent that, if possible, the general secretary should no longer be responsible for one of its five working divisions.

The present general secretary, the Reverend Harry L. Perkins, has held the position since November, 1965. Until last year he was also secretary of the Division of Studies and Communion. In 1965 he was transferred from that division to become secretary of the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refuge and World Service.

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The A.C.C. at present has eight executive staff members responsible for inter-church aid, refuge and world service. Their studies: the executive committee's work; Christian education; leader training; youth work; information and promotion.

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The general secretary is chief executive officer of the council, responsible for leadership and coordination of the divisions and commissions of the A.C.C.

### FOR NEW ZEALAND

The Reverend C. R. Seneket, N.S.W. Inter-Church Aid Secretary, formerly of New Zealand, has been nominated by the A.C.C. Executive to represent it at the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand, on July 27 and 28.

Imison, Inter-Church Aid, refuge and world service, faith and order, and communications, Christian education, youth, international affairs.

The officer is expected to keep in communication with the heads of member churches and with the World Council of Churches, to keep the council abreast of current developments in the ecumenical field.

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## CHURCH WITH INTERESTING DESIGN DEDICATED AT EDENHOPE

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Edenhope, June 6

The new All Souls' Church, Edenhope, one of the most modern in Victoria, was dedicated by the Bishop of Ballarat, the Right Reverend W. A. Hardie, on Sunday morning, May 22.

The plan of the building is based on a square, with the roof pitched 38 feet from the ground along the diagonal and high illuminated at night. Beneath each of these is a pool for reflections.

The sanctuary is placed at one of the corners below the ridge so that the building is dominated by the altar and the altar cross of wood with stainless steel insets fifteen feet high set in the brickwork above the altar. Identities in the brickwork take away any idea of service of design.

The porch is at the opposite corner to the altar, while the

**VIET NAM SYMPOSIUM**  
Two Federal Ministers of Parliament and a Sydney academic will be principal speakers at a Viet Nam symposium in Scots Church, Sydney, on Friday, June 17, at 7.30 p.m.

They are Mr. T. E. Hughes, M.H.R. Mr. Gough Whitlam, M.H.R., and Professor Frederick May of the University of Sydney. The meeting under the title "Young Christian Looks at Vietnam Now", is sponsored by the "New" Waves Vietnamese Youth Council.



All Souls' Church, Edenhope, Diocese of Ballarat, which was dedicated on May 22.

sanctuary and vestry are at the "corners" of the roof. The roof is surmounted by an aluminium cross fifteen feet high, illuminated at night. Between 400 and 500 people were present at the dedication and afterwards at a buffet luncheon.

The normal seating capacity of the Church is 130, but with extra seating held three hundred for the service.

The building itself cost \$29,000 while the total cost including fees, furniture and carpets was \$38,000.

### FORMER VICARS

Those assisting in the service were the Reverend G. Pollard, who was vicar when the first All Souls' was built; who read the Gospel; and the Reverend F. Wilcox, of Naitimuk, a former vicar, who read the Epistle.

The Reverend A. Choudeau of Hopetoun, assisted as bishop's chaplain as well as the Reverend A. Brabant of Kaniva and the rector; the Reverend J. B. Goodman.

The secretary of the parish council, Mr. C. Forster, requested the bishop to dedicate the building; the keys were presented by the architect, Mr. W. Widdows.

The bishop, after commenting

on the work of those who had made the building possible, spoke of the church being on the hill as a landmark and witness to the Faith, so the lives of the men and women who worshipped here should be a witness to others. They should let their light shine before the world.

Among the official visitors were representatives of other parishes, the diocese and other denominations, Koroore Shire Council, the Army, and the Hon. R. Mack, president of the Legislative Council; and the Hon. K. Gross, M.L.C.

The speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Sir William McDonald, apologised as he was absent overseas as well as the Minister of the Army, the Hon. M. Fraser, who was engaged working at Canberra.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

ANGLIAN NEWS SERVICE

London, May 6

At the annual general meeting last month of the Women's World Day of Prayer, Miss Bridget M. Hill, the general secretary of the Council of Women's Ministry in the Church, was elected chairman of the Under-craft of the Holy Chapel of the Abbey Church.

## GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE

ANGLIAN NEWS SERVICE

London, June 6

The thirty-eighth annual pilgrimage to Glastonbury Abbey will be made on Saturday, June 25, when Father Basil Oddey, of the Society of the Sacred Mission, Kelham, will celebrate the first Eucharist of the day at 6.30 a.m.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells, Dr. Edward Henderson, will celebrate Holy Communion at 8 a.m., with the special intention of preparation for the dissolution and destruction of the Abbey.

Motins will be said at 11 a.m. and the Litany sung in procession at 11.45 a.m. to be followed by a Eucharist sung in the nave of the Abbey Church by the Bishop of Exeter, Dr. Robert Mortimer, with a sermon by the Reverend J. Hooper, Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Oxford.

**SOLEMN TE DEUM**

In the afternoon the Archdeacon of Wells, the Venerable J. de Bostley Latney, will preach at Evening, which will be followed by a solemn Te Deum.

The organisers hope that many parish groups will make the last stage of their pilgrimage on foot, and lay pilgrims have been urged to take part in the procession and to be more spectators.

An Act of Continuous Prayer will be made throughout the day by pilgrims in the Under-craft of the Holy Chapel of the Abbey Church.

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