

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

MELBOURNE

Rev I. F. Brown, transfers from incumbency St Margaret's, Eltham, to incumbency St Oswald's, Glen Iris on November 7.

Rev B. E. Grey, transfers from Assistant Curate, St Stephen's, Richmond, to Minister-in-Charge of the new parish of Grovedale/Marshall on October 12.

Rev Dr G. Mullins, transfers from incumbency of St Paul's, Ascot Vale, to incumbency of All Souls', Sandringham on December 6.

Rev G. J. Taylor, resigns from incumbency St Peter's, Eastern Hill, to the parish of Albany, in the Diocese of Bunbury, Western Australia, on November 30.

Rev F. Kellow, died September 9.

GRAFTON

Rev Canon K. McDonald, All Saints', Murwillumbah was installed as Canon, Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton on September 16.



"I SEE THE RESULTS" — TONGAN BISHOP

"I can see the results of the help you are giving in the lives of the poor families in my diocese." This was the message Roman Catholic Bishop of Tonga, the Rt Rev Patelisio Finau gave to a meeting of the Sydney based handcraft importing company, Trading Partners (Aust).

Trading Partners, a company set up by 5 church and community aid agencies, imports handcrafts from developing countries, paying a just price for the goods, and sells them in Australia,

mainly through local church and community groups. Amongst the Trading Partners handcrafts is basketware from Tonga, much of which is made by subsistence farmers living in Bishop

Finau's diocese.

"Most of the people who make these baskets are subsistence farmers whose only source of income to buy meat, kerosene for cooking, schoolbooks for their children and so on, is from the sales of these baskets," explained Bishop Finau.

"Governments give many millions of dollars in aid to Tonga, but seldom do we immediately see the results of this aid," he continued. "But with the help coming from Trading Partners we see the results amongst the poorest," he said.

The Bishop, who was in

Australia to attend a conference on aid to the Pacific region held at the Australian National University, suggested that selling goods in the way Trading Partners does "gives an opportunity for the buyer to get to know and understand the people behind the goods. Such an operation offers the possibility of developing a partnership," he said. "This program has also helped the Tongan people involved to learn new skills," he explained. Many of these people do not have sufficient expertise to be able to fill in all the appropriate forms for

PAYNE'S PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH POPE

The General Secretary of The Bible Society in Australia, the Reverend James R. Payne, was received by Pope John Paul II at the Vatican in Rome on Wednesday, September 19, 1979 at 5pm. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs Joan Payne.

This was a full private audience with the Pope in Mr Payne's capacity as Chairman of the World Executive Committee of the United Bible Societies. During this private audience with Pope John Paul II, Mr Payne presented to him a specially bound edition of the Good News Bible containing the Deuterocanonical Books.

Mr Payne was in Rome prior to the annual World Executive Committee Meeting of the United Bible Societies, which was held in Greece between September 20-29.

This special edition of the Good News Bible contains the complete Catholic Canon, which includes the Deuterocanonicals

shipping. To learn how to do so is a tremendous achievement," he continued.

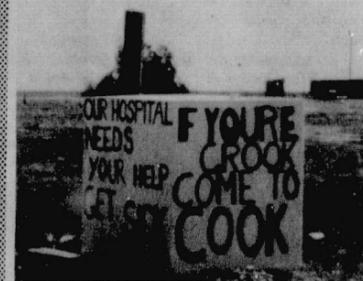
"The people have also learnt how to pack the baskets so that they arrive safely and how to maintain quality. All this has helped them to grow as people," he said.

Pictured above are: Miss Thelma Skiller, ACC; Mr Alan Burns, St Vincent's Paul; Bishop Finau; and Miss Jan Kane, Manager of Trading Partners.

THE TRAGEDY OF KAMPUCHEA



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Gradually the horrific situation in Kampuchea is being unveiled to the world. There is probably worse to come. Reports reaching World Vision tell of massive destruction of buildings, services and any commodity that could be vaguely described as modern. But what is even more alarming is how the four year rule of the Pol Pot Government has broken the people psychologically and spiritually.

World Vision's relief and development director, Roger Walker, who has been monitoring the situation, says that religious, family and cultural structures have been smashed. Every family has been scarred by the last four years.

Walker says that there are virtually no children left in the country under the age of five. "Because of the harshness of the government, the small children just didn't survive. Rigorous regulations controlled sexual relationships between husband and wife. Few children were conceived."

To date, World Vision hasn't been able to carry out relief operations on the ground in Kampuchea, however it is sending in aid. Oxfam, a British humanitarian agency working there, confirms that aid is reaching the needy. Agency officials report seeing Vietnamese soldiers handing out rice to hungry Kampuchean. Roger Walker says that it is clear that the new government in Phnom Penh is showing concern to its people and is doing its best to feed them and provide emergency medical care. Hospitals are

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"THE LAND OF THE LONG WEEKEND" AUTHOR'S WORD TO CHRISTIANS

Ronald Conway, is a noted Melbourne Psychologist and author of two important books entitled "The Great Australian Stupor" and "The Land of the Long Weekend". He is an acute and professional observer of contemporary Australian life.

Last week he addressed a Conference arranged for members of the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney. In the course of an hour-long address he made the following points:

- Christians should equip themselves to confront the pressing social issues of our day and be involved in these issues.
- It was wrong to say that the Church had "lost the poor". The Church is more involved in the life of the poorer members of our society than ever it had been in the past and it was time critics of the Church ceased to pretend to be ignorant of this involvement.
- He deplored the fact that many people, who were well educated in their professional spheres, were abysmally ignorant of what Christians believed and were doing. These prejudiced people showed a pathetic adherence to outworn caricatures which, if they ever were true, had ceased to be 40 years ago.
- While not being critical of ecumenical trends he said that the Churches should explore their oneness without surrendering their individual, historic traditions.

Truth, he maintained, is not a matter for consensus and Christians should not be diffident about declaring this fact. In answer to a question, Ronald Conway said that he considered that many people today were less resolute in maintaining a strong individualistic line of conduct than in former times. They seem more fragile. Psychologist Conway has a lot to teach readers of "The Great Australian Stupor" and the "Land of the Long Weekend".

B. J.

INTERNATIONAL FLAT

"International Flat" was no understatement in describing two wonderful weeks in our flat at Eastwood, a Sydney suburb.

Four young people, fresh in Australia for a year under the International Christian Youth Exchange program, spent their first two weeks in Australia as part of our family. Susanne from Denmark and Eva from Sweden slept in the second bedroom and Jergen from Germany and Shinzo from Japan slept in the living room. And that's our flat!

This was repeated at two other houses for the remainder of the eleven exchanges who have come to Australia. Meanwhile, around the world exchanges from many countries are sharing similar experiences, including eleven young people from Australia who have gone to other countries, including Finland, Iceland, Denmark, the Philippines and Japan.

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Roger Dadd



Noriko, in Australia from Japan with the International Christian Youth Exchange program, farewells fellow exchangee Anita about to return to Switzerland.

Man of Africa



ABIEL THIPANYANE
ABIEL THIPANYANE, an evangelist, was born in Orange Free State into a Christian family. Leaving school he decided to train for the ministry. While attending a bible training college he met Michael Cassidy and his team and joined African Enterprise. He moved to Natal to aid evangelistic missions there and in Zululand. He felt a specific call to minister to his own large Sasotho tribe and interpreted Michael Cassidy's evangelistic messages into that language. He also became involved in a radio programme in that language.

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EDITORIAL

Church's Use of Property

The best attended session of the recent Sydney Synod was the last two hours when the subject was the theological principles governing the Church's use of its property. A committee had brought in a longish report and the report was the subject of the debate. The report was like the curate's egg, good in parts. Continuing the metaphor it might be said that it was cooked on one side only, for the Synod was told that more than half the committee's report had not been considered by the committee as a whole but only by those members who were able to spare the time to stay on for another two hours after the four hours allocated for the last meeting had elapsed!

The Synod received the report and commended it for further study in the parishes but readers will need to remember that section 7 which contains most of the controversial material was, to quote two of the committee members, "based on less than adequate research and investigation and was barely discussed in the committee."

The suggestions of the report are based on altruism, that is to say, on emotion rather than on reason. But the ordinary reader may not notice this because we are all attracted by altruism. However, actions which spring from unsupported altruism are doomed to disappointment. Similarly some of the condemnations in the report are emotive rather than true.

Section 6 lists eighteen principles of a biblical theology of wealth. This is the core of the report but it is where its weakness becomes most apparent. Its theology is inadequate and this is fatal for a Church report. For example the report is silent about thanksgiving to God for His gift of wealth; for wealth is God's gift to be used to His glory in service to our fellow men. Indeed, the overtones of the report are that wealth is an evil, something of which we should grieve ourselves.

The acquiring or maintenance of wealth, that is to say, the making of money is never to be the first aim and objective of any of our actions. But the report does not articulate this fundamental principle. Had the Church followed this principle it would not have been involved in some recent financial disasters. It is hoped that we have learnt this important lesson for otherwise we will continue to suffer the gracious chastisement of God through further financial catastrophes.

The basic theological principle for the use of wealth is the same principle that ought to direct all activities which bring us into relationship with our fellow men, and this principle is that of service. Christ's life was a life of service and we have been created for service. Our money brings us into contact with people and we should be serving them in this relationship. That must be our principle object. Although the eighteenth principle listed in the report mentions the word service, it does not develop its implications.

Another principle in the use of money on which the report is silent, indeed which it contradicts in section 7, is the principle of faithfulness. The report assumes that the wealth which the Church controls can be used without any reference to the trusts on which it was received. However all the Church's wealth has been given to it by people who have forgone the legitimate spending of this part of their wealth themselves. They have made it available to the Church for certain purposes and the Church in receiving it has agreed to use it for those purposes and faithfulness to this trust is required. Faithfulness, of course, does not mean extracting the last cent out of investment but it does mean that the money will be used to further the purposes for which it was received and not be diverted to other objects however altruistic. In secular society such diversion is called embezzlement. Prayer and appeal will provide what is needed. For God will keep His promise. But we are not to divert money to the need when we have undertaken to apply it in another direction. Unless we are faithful in the unrighteousness mammon, we will not be entrusted with the true riches.

All Australians are wealthy compared to large sections of humanity. This report, inadequate and unbalanced and in parts mistaken, will have done us all a very great service if it makes us think, and wakes us to action, as to how we should use this gift of God.

State of C of E 'worries' Catholics

THE Roman Catholic Church may not be so eager to unite with the Church of England as many Anglicans suppose, a leading figure in the charismatic movement said on Monday.

The Rev Michael Harper, founder and former director of the Fountain Trust, told a meeting of the York Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship that many Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians were privately expressing concern about the state of the Church of England. It was not only the



Michael Harper

women's ordination issue that was bothering them, but current views on Christology.

But Mr Harper was confident that Bishop Robert Runcie as Archbishop of Canterbury would try to restore order here. "He feels things have got out of hand in Christological discussion and with the growth of unitarianism," he said. "He will probably do more than any of his predecessors to get this straight."

The bridging of the gulf between Roman Catholics and Protestants through the charismatic renewal movement

was one of its most important developments, and "one of the miracles of the 20th century."

Clearly addressing those evangelicals with reservations about this he said, "Those involved in renewal cannot go back on it. We are sure the Spirit of God is moving in that Church."

But Mr Harper was obviously not so confident the Spirit was moving in the synodical structure of the Church of England Amplifying a point in his Ashe Lecture last week, he cast doubts on whether the General Synod could ever be "an instrument in God's hands."

He complained of the erosion of episcopal authority in the Church. With many problems to solve — doctrinal, ethical, ecumenical, economic — leadership was needed, and the Holy Spirit would be shackled by the lack of it.

The authority of the Word

Mr Harper said the future of the Church of England lay in a flowing together of its evangelical, catholic and charismatic elements. God wanted to unite the different traditions to face the problems ahead, he said.

Evangelicals should reaffirm their conviction that scripture had the authority of the Word of God, and share it with the rest of the Church.

The renewal movement had not passed its peak as some had said, but was still growing. It was accused of being without a theological foundation, but he was not sure it needed one.

"We still find in hundreds of parishes there may be correct theology, but people don't have an experience of the Lord."

It was theology that needed to be renewed by the Holy Spirit, as was happening in the Roman Catholic Church.

A NEW TESTAMENT EVERY 10 SECONDS IN WARSAW

There was a queue outside the Bible Society shop in Warsaw when the new illustrated New Testament went on sale. The news spread rapidly by word of mouth and a sales record was set. A total of 2676 copies were sold to individual customers on that day — an average of more than six per minute.

"Never since Bible Society work started in Poland in 1816 had such an instant success been witnessed," said Ole van Luyk, UBS regional secretary for Europe. Dr van Luyk was in Warsaw on the day that the Bible Society released the large-format common language Polish New Testament with colour photographs.

It was especially striking, he reports, to see that many — if not most — of the purchasers were young people. "Obviously new audiences are being reached with this edition," he said.

The New Testament with illustrations is the Polish edition of similar publications in

Dutch, English, French and German. It supplies the text in a contemporary translation together with many coloured photographs of archaeological and topical interest. Production took place in Poland under the supervision of the national Bible Society secretary, Mrs Barbara Enholc-Narzynska, with technical advice from the UBS Europe regional production.

"I am both happy and sad," was Mrs Narzynska's comment. She is happy because the new edition turned out to be so popular in so short a time, and sad that no more than 20,000 copies were printed.

Word and Life

by Dr D. B. KNOX

SELF CENTREDNESS POISONS HAPPINESS THANKFULNESS MAKES IT OVERFLOW

What would you say are the main ingredients for happiness? I would put thankfulness high on the list. Although it is not included amongst the seven cardinal virtues, it is perhaps more important than any of the usual seven because you cannot be happy if you are not thankful, and we have so much to be thankful for, especially to our fellow men and people who have lived before us.

I often think of Abraham who was perhaps the richest man in his times, yet the poorest Australian is better off than he. Abraham, for all his wealth, had to sleep on the ground, sit on the most uncomfortable of chairs, travel about on a camel, live in a tent under the scorching sun or freezing winds, and so on.

He had no medication for his aches and pains, no interesting reading matter, let alone recorded music or TV entertainment, and so I could go on. We are so much better off because of the work and energy and ingenuity of people who lived between us and the time of Abraham.

Our comfortable life is due to the effort and work of people who lived before us. We ought to be thankful to our fellow men who, whether they lived in the past or in the present, have contributed so much to our comfort.

But friendship is more enjoyable than possessions, and we should be thankful to members of our family and our community who extend their friendship to us. Especially we should be thankful to our spouses who share their life with us.

There is another great benefit that we in Australia enjoy and that is a comparative freedom from fear and for this we ought to give God thanks as it is the result of the Christian religion, though a lot of people don't realise it.

MAKE COMPARISONS

But you have only got to compare life in a country where the Christian religion does not exist or where it has been obliterated to see that a social life comparatively free from fear is the gift of Jesus Christ.

Take for example present day Uganda or Russia, where you cannot rely on the justice of the community. Fear is a normal accompaniment of life in so many communities, both past and present.

STUDENTS' SUPERVISOR TO VISIT UGANDA

Mr Kevin Lyne, a newly appointed director on the Australian board of African Enterprise Limited, left Sydney on September 22 to visit Uganda in connection with the organisation's Uganda Relief and Rehabilitation programme.

Eleven Ugandan students have been brought to Australia by African Enterprise in the past two years. Some are studying in Sydney and others in Perth on courses ranging from two to four years.

They will return to Uganda after completing their courses so that they will be available to assist in the rehabilitation of their country after eight years of terrorist rule by president Idi Amin.

Mr Lyne visited Kenya last year a few months before Uganda was liberated.



Above all we ought to thank God for our life and health, and for the prospect of a happy eternity through the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus the Saviour who died and rose again for us. We commemorate his birth at Christmas.

So let us be thankful. You always enjoy things more if you are thankful for them. Because while you are thankful you are not self-centred. Self-centredness is the essential evil. We can overcome it by beginning to be thankful to God and then, through his presence in our lives,

remembering to be thankful to other people.

The Bible says (Romans 1) that our basic sin in which we are all involved, is failure to thank God for what we have received and enjoy from Him. We have to train our children to say thank you, and we ought to train ourselves, not merely to say, but to be thankful.

Self-centredness poisons happiness. Thankfulness makes it bubble over. Thankfulness is reality, because we have received so much from God and others. Some people are so crabbed that they cannot bring themselves to be thankful.

We all know something of this ourselves; so ask God's Spirit to expand our personalities, so we appreciate our fellow men and what they contribute to our comfort, thankful to our friends for their company, thankful to our family and spouse for their love and what they do for us, thankful to God for everything and especially Jesus the Lord, born at Christmas, God sharing human life to save us, though forgiven, that we might enjoy the pleasures of his presence in one another's company for ever.

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Departing on January 7th, this 27 day tour takes us to Bangkok for 2 days, 7 days in Egypt, 3 days in Jordan, 9 days in Israel, and 2 days in Singapore. The cost includes 2 meals each day, extensive sightseeing, and generous free time. Our group Leader is the Very Rev Norman Faichney and the PRICE is from Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide or Brisbane — \$2583.00.

SEE NEW ZEALAND IN THE AUTUMN

Our 18 day tour of both Islands is very popular. We visit Christchurch, Tekapo, Mount Cook, Manapouri, Queenstown, Wanaka, Milford Sound, Te Anau, Haast Pass, Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers, Greymouth, Nelson, Picton, Marlborough Sounds, Wellington, Napier, Taupo, Rotorua, Waitomo Caves, Auckland. An optional excursion to the Bay of Islands may be taken as a supplement of \$188.00. We have two departures — March 9th and April 8th. FARES: From Melbourne \$926.00; Sydney \$901.00; Brisbane \$921.00.

A HOLIDAY WITH A DIFFERENCE

Leave by Jet on March 9th for 2 nights in Kuala Lumpur, 2 nights in Penang and 2 nights in Singapore with good accommodation, transfers and sightseeing tours. Then cruise in Kota Ball for 9 nights cruising to Fremantle, stopping at Jakarta en route. Fly from Perth to Melbourne, but time can be extended in Perth by prior arrangement. Fares are from \$1140.00 to \$1355.00 depending on the cabin occupied in the ship.

VISIT CHINA

We leave with Qantas on April 26th to visit Hong Kong, then base our China sightseeing on CANTON, HANGCHOW, SHANGHAI AND PEKING. All meals are provided in China, and breakfasts in Hong Kong. This 22 day tour is priced at \$2358.00 from Sydney.

OTHER DEPARTURES ON 4th July and 23rd August, 1980.

GO CRUISING IN BEAUTIFUL FAIRSTAR

Sail a 14 day cruise leaving on March 25th for Noumea, Vila, Lautoka, Savu and Suva — a wonderful break over Easter for busy people. Fares are from \$635.00 to \$1950.00, and our group leaders are Rev and Mrs W. M. Constable.

Other Cruise departures in FAIRSTAR are on April 8th — 17 nights Pacific Islands from \$725.00; July 7th to the Orient — 29 nights from \$1295.00; September 5th to Tahiti with Mr & Mrs Alec Dick — 23 nights from \$955.00; October 17th to Samoa — 21 nights from \$870.00; and January 13th, 1981, to Pacific Islands — 17 nights from \$815.00. Book early for these Cruises.

OBERAMMERGAU 1980

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Wesley's Chapel welcomes Bishop Muzorewa



Bishop Muzorewa, in London for the Zimbabwe Rhodesia conference, preached in Wesley's Chapel. Even here, however, he couldn't get away from a handful of demonstrators. (Photo: Roy Cook).

PRESTIGIOUS LITERACY AWARD FOR SIL

The Papua New Guinea branch of the Summer Institute of Linguistics has been awarded the International Reading Association Literacy Award for 1979 by UNESCO.

It was one of three prizes this year for literacy that were made "in recognition of the services of institutions, organisations or individuals having distinguished themselves by making a particularly meritorious and effective contribution to the struggle for literacy."

The selection panel noted that, "the number, variety and calibre of the nominations submitted this year attest to the growing interest of member states and non-governmental organisations in the struggle against illiteracy."



Robert Young of Ballarat, Victoria, teaches reading to some of the 14,000 Bens, Bens people near Goroka, Papua New Guinea.

YOUNG ADULTS RESPOND TO THIRD WORLD CHALLENGE

The Haggai Institute for Advanced Leadership Training recently held a series of Annual Dinners in Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Sydney and Adelaide, attended by Dr John Haggai, Rev Michael Youssef and Dr E. H. Watson.

The most obvious point of interest at each meeting, was the high percentage of young adults present. The newly appointed Functions Co-ordinator, Margaret Mackay, stated that over 80 per cent of those present were under 35 years of age.

A newly produced multimedia audio-visual was presented at each place, using four projectors and taper narration. It showed clearly, yet graphically, the challenge of the needy in the Third World and the urgency to train leaders from amongst the people.

Leaders, already recognised within the Church in these countries, and those who need no visas or permits to live there.

In the land of Indonesia alone, approximately 80 church leaders, men and women, old and young, have been trained in Singapore through the HI Programme. One man has used that training to train close on 5000 other leaders.

Recent moves by the Government there has resulted in an estimated 2,400 foreign missionaries having their visas terminated. Not only Western missionaries are involved, but also those from Japan and Korea, according to WEC missionary Trevor Kalmier.

While foreign personnel are leaving, national leaders, trained through the HI work, are carrying on the task.

Adelaide's HI Dinner organiser, Peter Daniels, told of such an outstanding response to the invitations, that many had to be turned away. Three special meetings were arranged, so that business leaders could meet Dr John Haggai in his hotel. "We could have accepted over 400 people," said Mr Daniels, "but unfortunately there was no space."

A new system of Bible



Dr John Haggai addressing the HI Annual Dinner in Sydney. The unusual aspect of all the meetings held in Queensland's Gold Coast, Brisbane, Sydney and Adelaide was the high percentage of "under-35" young adults who showed a keen interest in the HI Third World Leaders Training Programme. Photo: Ramon Williams.

Study, through a booklet named *The New Door*, was also introduced at each function. Combined with general information about the HI work, it is aimed to introduce

the reader to a new form of Bible study and prayer support.

Each month a new booklet is forwarded to those in the programme, keeping them

up to date with their study of the scriptures and their involvement with the HI programme.

Ramon Williams

A BIG WEEK FOR A DESERT HOSPITAL

About 60km from the South-Western Australian border in the small railway settlement of Cook, stands a Bush Church Aid Society Hospital. Cook is a settlement of about 100 people which owes its existence to the Australian Railways. Cook is a major refuelling and rewatering stop for all the trains which cross the Nullabor Plains.

HOSPITAL OPENED

In September, 1937 the BCA opened the small Cook Hospital as a memorial to the first Secretary of the BCA, Bishop S. J. Kirby. In those days, medical treatment was hard to come by in this isolated place.

Although, with the advent of the flying doctor, treatment is somewhat easier to obtain, the hospital still meets the real needs of the railway families in Cook and beyond. Every year the nursing sisters — a husband and wife team — Keith and Rhonda Anstee from Sydney, treat over 1000 out-patients and some years about 20 in-patients.

Cook is a harsh place in many ways; the temperature ranges from about 7°C in winter to even 40°C in summer. The rainfall would be about five centimetres yearly. In this isolated place, it is difficult to get things done for the hospital. Therefore, it has been some time since major repairs have been carried out in the hospital. This was a concern to the BCA executive as well as the Federal Secretary, the Rev Theo Hayman.

As a direct result of a BCA

deputation to the Church of St Andrew's Ruse Airds and Kentlyn — an area east of Campbelltown, NSW — a few members of the congregation offered their services. Keith and Ray Arthur, both builders, agreed to go to Cook to repair the hospital.

A WORK PARTY

The Arthurs then gathered a team of Christian men, all of whom were tradesmen and set out late in August to work on the hospital. The team was made up of an engineer,

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A working party at Cook Hospital.

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AFRICAN ENTERPRISE ENLARGES WITH AFRICAN MEN

The chairman of the Australian support board of African Enterprise, Dr Paul White, announced in Sydney recently that the board has been enlarged to involve more people with personal experience of the African scene.

Three new directors have been appointed. They are:

The Reverend David Cohen, rector of St Matthew's Anglican Church, Manly, who was regional secretary for Africa, United Bible Societies, from 1973 to 1975, when from headquarters in Nairobi he travelled round all African countries.

The Reverend David Hewetson, rector of St Phillip's Anglican Church, Turramurra South, who was a Church Missionary Society missionary in Tanzania from 1961 to 1965.

Mr Kevin Lyne, a church warden of St Paul's Anglican Church, Carlisle and North Rocks, supervisor of Ugandan students brought to Australia by African Enterprise, who visited Kenya in connection with that work last year and is now visiting Uganda.

The other directors of African Enterprise in addition to Dr White are: Mr Warwick Olson, Mr Roy Baxter, Mr Graham Wade (all of Sydney), Bishop Feste Kivengere (who returned to Uganda at the liberation earlier this year) Mr Michael Cassidy (South Africa) and Mr Keith Jesson (USA).

African Enterprise is a ministry and aid support agency for the organisation's African work.



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EVANGELICALS IN SPAIN FIND NEW FREEDOM TO WITNESS

It was appropriate that the annual meeting of the European Evangelical Alliance council should for the first time take place in Spain (September 18-20) for the Spanish Evangelical Alliance celebrated its centenary at the end of last year and Spanish evangelicals, since the liberalisation of the regime, have experienced a significant new freedom to share their faith.

Whereas a few years ago they were not allowed even to indicate outside their places of worship that the building was a church, this year officials of the Provincial Government of Catalonia formally received the European EA Council members in their headquarters in Barcelona.

This reception, and an informal one later in the church of the Spanish EA, Jose Martinez, came at the end of two days of meetings at the resort of Castelldefels, just south of Barcelona. As reports were shared it was clear that national initiatives in evangelism were a feature of many European countries not only of Britain.

West Germany's Evangelical Alliance has the support of the state churches, the free churches, and independent evangelical groups for a Year of Mission in 1980. The EA in the German Democratic Republic plans a parallel effort, and French-

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speaking Switzerland plans a three-year mobilisation of local churches for evangelism, also starting next year.

A similar evangelistic spirit was reported from evangelicals in minority situations in central and southern Europe. While Germany is the land of the Reformation, Pastor Jan Urban of Czechoslovakia commented that his country was the land of the counter-Reformation and Protestants were today only 10 per cent of the population after being 90 per cent at the beginning of the 18th century.

However, his own free Evangelical Church has its centenary next year; most of its congregations were growing, if slowly, and there were

many students in their youth groups in the university towns.

While it had not proved possible for representatives to attend the EEA Council from East Germany or Hungary, a newly-formed national evangelical alliance was welcomed into membership — from the Netherlands, where after one or two false starts in past years evangelicals in all the main churches have agreed to unite for more positive witness.

A main topic for discussion at this year's council meeting was spiritual unity and relations with Roman Catholics. It was soon evident that evangelicals in mainly Catholic countries were far more defensive in

their attitudes to the Roman Catholic Church than those in Protestant countries, though all accepted the need to have fellowship with individual Catholics who shared the same conversion experience.

Evangelicals from Spain and Italy doubted whether the Roman Catholic system really changed, and felt the political power of Rome was a continuing barrier to constructive relationships.

As the EEA President, the Rev A. Morgan Derham, commented evangelicals in Catholic countries need to be aware of their need not to be unduly defensive, while those in Protestant countries would at times be unduly accommodating in their relationships with Roman Catholics.

The Council helped both groups to take a fresh look at their situation.

Gordon Landreth is general secretary of the Evangelical Alliance.

JOHN'S GOSPEL GOES INTO MODERN RUSSIAN

A new translation of the Gospel of John in modern Russian may help pave the way for a future updating of the language of the whole Russian Bible.

The United Bible Societies have published 2000 copies of the new Russian John as a special issue of its "Technical Papers for the Bible Translator". The new version, which follows the translation principles of the New English Bible, is the first fruit of the work by the so-called Leningrad Bible group.

The group was first set up at the Leningrad Theological Academy in 1969 with the approval of His Eminence Nikodim, the late Metropolitan of Leningrad and Novgorod.

The Leningrad group concluded that existing versions of the Russian Bible did not fully satisfy the three criteria that it considered essential. These were (1) the use of a Greek original, either immediately related to the oldest Slavonic translations of the New Testament or presenting the results of an attempt to re-establish the oldest New Testament text possible; (2) the use of modern literary Russian; and (3) the rejection of formal literalisms that distort the meaning of the original.

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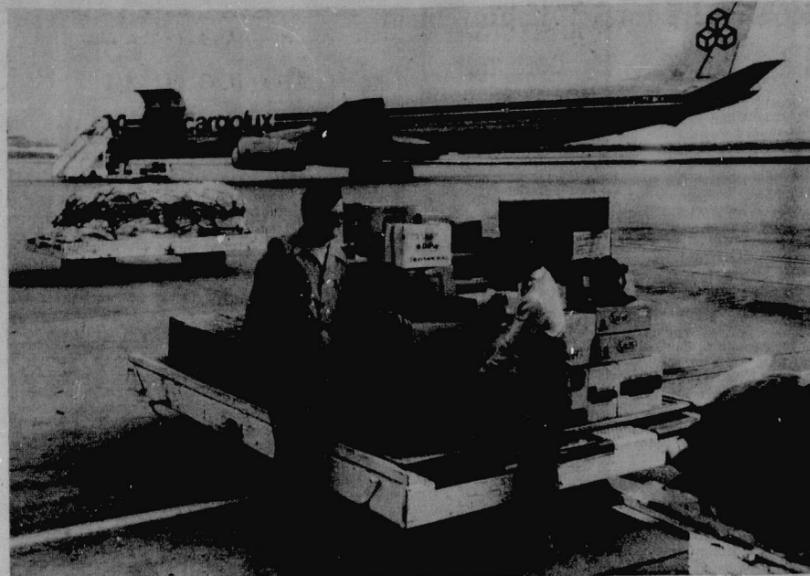
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The first major airlift of aid for Kampuchea being loaded at Melbourne airport. World Vision's executive director, Harold Henderson is pictured with the consignment.

Kampuchea — Non-recognition Stumbling Block

RUSSIANS ALLOW BIBLES IN FOR CHRISTMAS

Christians in Moscow are eagerly looking forward to having a very special — and historic — Christmas present this year. They are to receive 25,000 Russian Bibles and 5000 concordances, with the full approval of the Soviet government.

The Russian authorities granted an import permit in October to the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the Soviet Union. The United Bible Societies are supplying the books.

The Bibles were printed by the Biblia printing plant of the German Bible Societies in Stuttgart. Production of German Bibles had to be stopped so that the printing presses could get the Russian Scriptures out on time.

The Bibles are now being

stitched by five of Biblia's women employees. On their book-stitching machines each of the women can sew the spines of up to 500 Bibles a day. The covers have already been prepared and the Bibles should be completely ready by the first few days in December.

After packing, they will be taken by truck through the German Democratic Republic and Poland and into Russia. The entire trip from the Stuttgart printing plant to the Moscow customs

house where the Baptists will collect the Bibles is expected to take ten days. The roads in Russia are said to be in poor condition and Moscow is already well into winter. The maximum speed limit is 60 kilometres per hour and is half that in many places.

The total cost of the books and delivery is estimated at 75,000 US dollars. Baptists and Bible Society supporters around the world are in the process of raising the funds that are needed to send this Christmas present to fellow Christians in Moscow.

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being set up, usually in appalling conditions. Grossly under staffed and with few provisions, orphanages are opening up to meet an acute need.

In the present situation it is impossible to give accurate figures, but those who have witnessed the tragedy firsthand, claim that the majority of the population is starving. Only about 10 per cent of the rice harvest has been planted.

"Now that the Heng Samrin Government is established in the capital, it isn't just a matter of winding up a system that has been let run down. In his fanatical desire to destroy anything modern, Pol Pot demolished almost every piece of mechanisation the nation had.

"Motor vehicles were wrecked. Stories are told that people were even forbidden to eat with spoons but rather use their hands. Now the new government has to begin again."

It is reported that about 400,000 Kampuchean are still caught in the fighting along the border with Thailand. They are in areas controlled by Pol Pot's soldiers. Even now they are living under cruel and rigid conditions. Some assistance is reaching these people from Thailand.

"There will also be a need to rehabilitate the Kampuchean as people. They have lost trust in their fellow human beings. The old government has almost wiped out all external signs of the majority Buddhist and minority Christian religions. As these people begin to find themselves again, there will be a great need for spiritual renewal," says World Vision relief and development director.

"It is plain that Pol Pot no longer controls Kampuchea. Politically Australia must accept the reality of the situation, but more importantly, if recognition is given to the Heng Samrin Government, opportunities for us to mount a larger aid and rehabilitation programme for the starving people of Kampuchea will become possible.

The Kampuchea's ambassador in Hanoi, Chea Soth, is arranging with his government for a World Vision airlift into Phnom Penh, which will carry a medical team and medicines.

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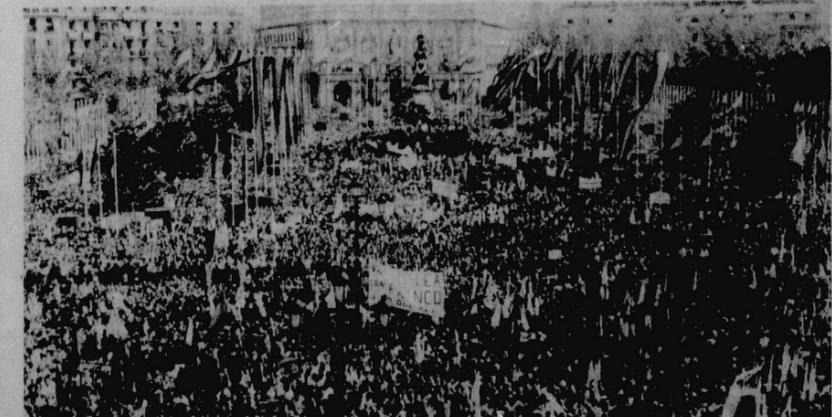
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Social Justice

Sir,
Dr D. B. Knox's views on social justice (ACR 10 Sept) raise some puzzling thoughts. His confident assertion that "the call for social justice springs from envy rather than from compassion" seems to me to be a totally incorrect version of the facts.

Numerous well-known instances of well-to-do people devoting themselves to replacing injustice on a massive scale by justice for the benefit of the poverty-stricken victims of injustice, and certainly not out of envy for them, come to mind.



In addition, it seems to be a rather remarkable moral judgement on others which conflicts with our Lord's famous rule against judging. No doubt Dr Knox who lectures on scriptural subjects will be able to reconcile this.

Again, Dr Knox's disapproval of efforts to replace injustice with justice seems somewhat in conflict with some well-known passages of scripture. For instance, I have read in Isaiah "I hate robbery."

Our Lord included justice as one of the weightier matters of the law which he upbraided the religious leaders with neglecting. Many apparently misguided people including myself have taken for granted that scripture decrees that justice is part of the will of God. It is in fact the first of the ancient seven cardinal virtues.

As Henry George says ("Social Problems") "That justice is the highest quality in the moral hierarchy I do not say, but that it is the first. That which is above justice must be based on justice, and include justice, and be reached through justice."

"It is not by accident that in the Hebraic religious development, which through Christianity we have in-

herited, the declaration 'The Lord thy God is a just God' precedes the sweeter revelation of a God of Love. "Until the eternal justice is perceived the eternal love must be hidden. As the individual must be just before he can be generous so must human society be based upon justice before it can be based on benevolence."

And, may I add, compassion accompanied by con-
nivance in injustice is morally and logically rather queer.

W. A. DOWE,
Lakemba, NSW.

Children for Christ in 80's

Sir,
I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the National Council of Christian Concern for Children. During this International Year of the Child we have sought to do what is for the spiritual good of children. As the International Year of the Child draws to a close we would like to organise an essay competition concerning children, and invite entries from adults.

Mr Clifford Warne is willing to lend his photo and comments to the competition, and I would appreciate it if "The Church Record", along with other Christian papers, would be co-sponsors of the idea in the November issues. Entries to be forwarded to me care of your paper by 31st December.

There is to be a choice of essay subjects:

- How would you attract and encourage young Christians to work amongst children?
- What new ways could be highlighted to interest children in the Gospel in the 80's?
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KEITH J. WILLIAMS,
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Titles
Sir,
The word "Reverend" is an adjective, yet it is common practice in the modern world to use it as a noun when referring to Clergymen, and also in their titles, as witness the Church Record of 10/9/79. Under "Mainly About People" Rockhampton Diocese, appear the names Rev Darnley, Rev Edgar, Rev Polgen and Rev Gribble. If no initials are supplied why not replace with "Mr", or is that title not acceptable today?

As evidence of complacency, also consider the widespread use of the word "Catholic" when referring to the Holy Roman Church. Catholic today means a Roman Catholic. Why is there no revolt from the multitudinous non-Romans?

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Warrimoo, NSW

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W. J. Dumbrell

Delightful Dour Dutchman
"Hans Rookmaaker — a biography" by Linette Martin Ecclesia Books Hodder & Stoughton, 1979 Large format paperback 187 pp. Price \$10.50
Hans Rookmaaker's name is well known to those who know the work and writings of Francis and Edith Schaefer.
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OTHER WORK PARTIES
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Special Detective Jackie Howell, Officer-in-Charge, Abused Child Unit, Los Angeles Police Department.
Special Detective Lloyd Martin, Officer-in-Charge of the Sexually Exploited Child Unit, Los Angeles Police Department.

CROOK AT COOK

two electricians, two carpenters and a motor mechanic together with Keith's wife, Georgina who went to do the cooking. Over the 10-day period, a great deal of work was completed. Water tanks were set up, extensive electrical work was performed; a new ramp to the building was finished, the kitchen was refitted and the stumps which support the building were replaced. It was a hectic 10 days which involved the team in repairing the hospital, sharing in Christian fellowship with the nursing sisters, Keith and Rhonda Anstee, and the chasing of one or two rabbits across the never-ending flatness of the Plain. Keith Anstee in a tape he sent back with the team said amongst other things, "we have enjoyed their fellowship and we are afraid we are going to miss them a lot."

Yet even here in "the lucky country", children are exploited and abused in ways that one could weep to hear about. At one Sydney Western Suburbs hospital alone, over 50 children per year are treated for physical battering. According to paediatrician Dr John Whitehall, some have been subjected to prolonged physical abuse that can only be described as torture. Others — "more than we dare to believe" — are the victims of sexual abuse within the family.

It is very likely children like these who, long before the age of consent, become the child prostitutes, male and female, who are working the streets of Kings Cross for money to support both their drug habits and the pimps who live off their earnings. The repeal of the Summary Offences Act has not made the task of police any easier in dealing with them.

CHILD-CARE CONFERENCE
Over the long weekend September 28-October 1, I attended the International Total Child-Care Conference organised by the Festival of Light at Macquarie University. About 600 delegates came from all over Australia, from New Zealand, and in the case of guest speakers, from the US and Denmark.

Many represented the professional groups most involved with the welfare of children — medical practitioners, nurses and health workers, social workers, teachers, police officers and lawyers concerned with juveniles, clergy and members of religious orders.

Also present to voice their viewpoint were groups of homosexuals and lesbians. Noticeably absent, unfortunately, were officials of the NSW Department of Youth and Community Services.

Adelaide psychologist Dr John Court's opening address highlighted the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child, from which the conference's theme of Total Child-Care with Accountability was derived. Principle 2 states:

"The child shall enjoy special protection, and shall be given opportunities and facilities by law and other means to enable him to develop physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and socially in a healthy and normal manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity. In the enactment of laws for this purpose the best interests of the child shall be the paramount consideration."

"The child shall be protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation. He shall not be the subject of traffic, in any form."

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fer of L'Abri, Switzerland, as a much-loved colleague of theirs. He wrote the book "Modern Art and the Death of a Culture", an important survey of Western art history from a Christian perspective. He died in 1977 at the age of 55. Linette Martin has written a first-class biography, a portrait, warts and all, of this remarkable Dutchman, setting him firmly in his Dutch landscape. "According to the myth of national character (if it is a myth) Hans Rookmaaker was typically Dutch. A loyal family man and reserved as an oyster, combining the wit of Thyl Ulenspiegel with the sobriety of the proverbial judge; he inspired equal measures of love and rage. "He took time making up his mind, turning every facet of a question to the light, like an Amsterdam diamond merchant examining his wares. When he had made his decision, there was as good a chance of shifting his opinion as there was of flattening the Alps or flooding the Sahara" (p 10). Much of Rookmaaker's boyhood was spent in the East Indies, where he was the clever, spoilt only son of the Resident, a colonial governor. As a youth during the Nazi Occupation of Holland, Hans was arrested for delivering Underground papers. "The Nazis kept him in solitary confinement for three months. The only thing they allowed him to do was read. The only book they gave him to read was a Bible. Young Hans became a Christian. Later he was deported to Germany, and astonishingly, was able to continue both his naval and his theological studies, Don Anderson.

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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 Murrurundi 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.

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."

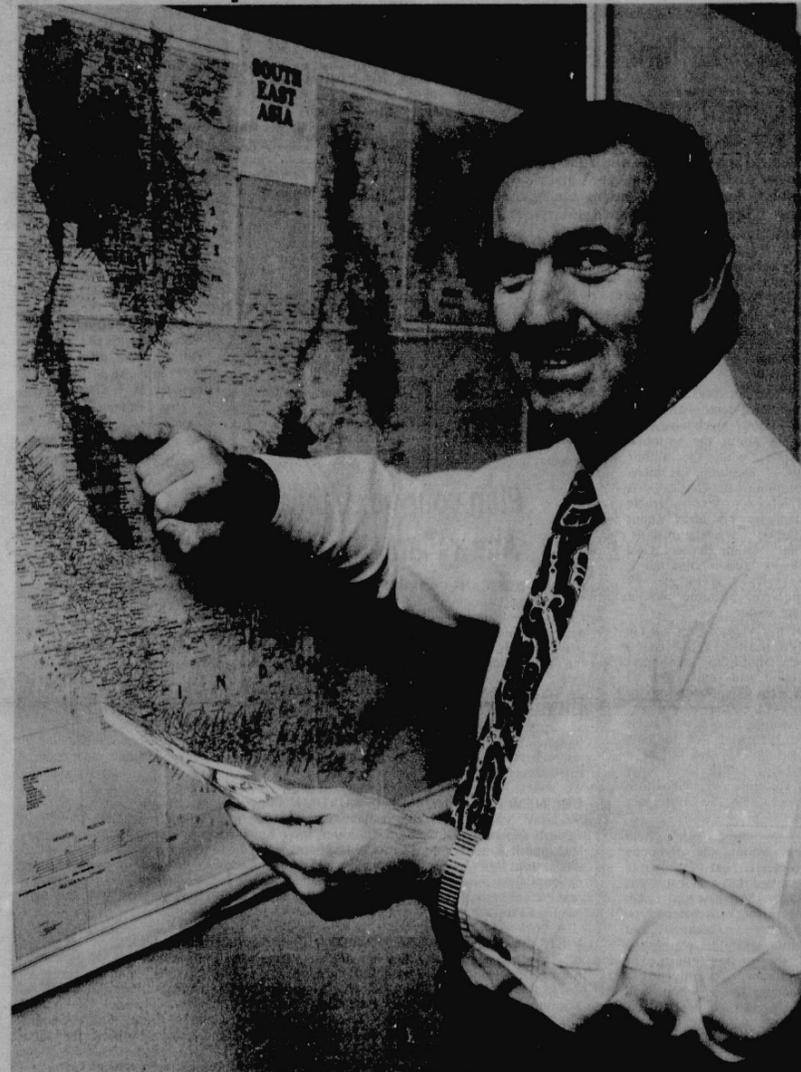
The synod called on Church people to urge their local members to move for appropriate amendments.

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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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.

BILL NEWMAN IPSWICH CRUSADE EXCEEDS ALL EXPECTATIONS

After it was all over, one lady confided to Evangelist Bill Newman, "We never thought you would be accepted, or your ideas for a city-wide crusade would work, especially in Ipswich. How wrong we were!"

Evangelist Bill Newman conducted a city-wide crusade, in the Queensland city of Ipswich, West of Brisbane, September 21-30.

Young people were not forgotten. Women and primary school children were planned for businessmen's breakfasts and special meetings led up to the ten day crusade.

Accommodation was no problem, as Bill Newman has a giant, blue and white striped tent.

The tent is conveyed on the back of a semi-trailer, which then doubles as the platform,

providing sufficient space for the choir, piano, organ, official party and rostrum. The only item missing at this time is a prime mover to drive the trailer from place to place. This has to be hired, but already plans are underway to purchase their own when funds permit.

Each afternoon, buses carry children from local primary schools to the tent, set up at the Coalstars Bundamba Soccer Grounds, just out of town. The same buses then take the children back to their respective schools after the programmes.

Over 300 youngsters come along, day by day. Puppets are used to tell the stories... puppets made by the local young people involved in the Crusade, following a script also locally produced.

700 women attended a special Ladies' Rally on Tuesday, September 25, at 10.00 am. This meeting, followed by the school children's programme, then the evening meeting resulted in several hundred hearing the Gospel as perhaps never before on the same day in Ipswich.

The closing address on Sunday, September 30, was based on the Second Coming. Illustrations from world events brought the message up to date, yet the verses used were from the same Scriptures that have been used for many hundreds of years.

Following an appeal, it was obvious that the message had reached people of all ages. Husbands and wives... young children... teenagers... all catered for in the special counselling packs available, were helped in their enquiries by trained counsellors and advisors.

Other plans for the future include a similar crusade in Bundaberg, Queensland, towns in Tasmania, as well as an increasing involvement in the forthcoming EXPLOR 80 to be held in Brisbane, when Bill Newman will be Director.

Ramon Williams

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.

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 for the AEF, but as a contribution 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.

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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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 an 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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