

STATE AID: THE PRINCIPLE OR THE MONEY?

By A STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A tide of criticism is rising around the Federal Government's proposed grant of £1,250,000 to Church and other private schools, as Anglican, Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders in all States realise they have been tricked by the Government into appearing to accept principles and practices to which they have never in fact agreed.

Among other developments during the past fortnight—

- The Bishop of Armidale has refused on principle to have anything to do with State Aid, from the Commonwealth or State Governments.
- The Archbishop of Sydney has denied having agreed to "co-operate" with the Federal Government in his representative capacity as Primate or Metropolitan of N.S.W., or even as Archbishop of Sydney. His Grace states he has acted in his capacity as a private citizen.
- The Archbishop of Brisbane, the Bishop of Adelaide and the Bishop of Tasmania have criticised and rejected the Commonwealth Government's terminology as "offensive".
- Methodist and Presbyterian spokesmen have made it clear they cannot support the principle of State Aid in the light of decisions of the General Conference and the General Assembly.

The full story, in chronological order, is this:

On November 12, 1963, Sir Robert Menzies delivered his Policy Speech.

During that speech, he announced three new proposals about education. They were: First, 10,000 Commonwealth Scholarships for the first two years of secondary schooling worth £100 a year for fees, books, and £100 p.a. for maintenance. This was to be open to all Secondary School children, irrespective of the type of school they attended. They were to be awarded competitively, at state expense, to be held down by the States.

Second, he promised the States an annual grant of £100 m. to build and equip technical schools. Third, he proposed to fund the State Education Commission, which had been carefully examined by the office and other bodies before being recommended. They agreed to be sound proposals, unacceptable on any ground of principle.

GREAT SURPRISE

Third, Sir Robert promised direct Commonwealth aid to Church and other private schools. This was the great surprise which has brought about the present ferment. His actual words were:

"Third, there is a social need to improve school teaching in the secondary schools. If we are to keep in step with the march of science, we must have available £100 per annum for the building of schools and the purchase of books and equipment. This is secondary studies. The amount will be available to a school which will be available to all schools. Government will not finance, unless distribution is made, without reference to the Federal Cabinet, to the Parliament, to the Liberal Party, or to the Liberal Party Federal Executive. It was entirely his own idea. Government aid in these forms has never been advocated by any

State Conference, State Council or State Executive of the Liberal Party. It has never been approved by the Liberal Party at the Federal level.

It is believed that Sir Robert made this promise after consultation with only two of his colleagues: the Treasurer, Mr. Harold Holt, and Senator Sir William Spender. The rest of the cabinet heard of it for the first time only when they received notice of Sir Robert's policy speech.

In the key State of N.S.W., the party secretary, a Mr. J. Carrick, supported by Senator Spender, is known to have advocated State Aid in any form—Federal or State—on a long time as vote-winning policy.

Sir Robert has personally favoured such a move, as being consistent with his policy of attracting to his party the support of a section of the Roman Catholic vote.

On Election night, November 30, when the broadcasting and TV coverage was at its height, the up results and giving their opinions on the reason for the great Liberal victory, only one commentator gave a single, explicit reason. He was Sir Robert. He said, "The Liberal Party, the Sydney Daily Telegraph, who is generally regarded as one of the two or three most penetrating Australian political journalists. He said:

"The real 'sleeper' in this Election was without doubt the five million pounds for schools. That was the real 'sleeper'."

BRILLIANT GUESS

Whether Mr Reid was right or wrong is a matter of opinion; but it is what he said, and his influence, that is important. It was no doubt that Sir Robert, at least, was not deceived by a brilliant one. In terms of winning the election, it paid off.

No criticism can fairly be levelled at Sir Robert on this score. He is after all a politician and to retain it, he must get the votes, and keep getting them.

Against the policy of his party, constitutionally expressed through its several policy-making and executive organs, he risked his future, and that of his party, on the gamble of direct Commonwealth aid to private schools. The gamble paid off handsomely: he got votes. His judgement as a politician was proved triumphantly right.

Whether his judgement in other respects was right is another matter.

position was clear enough on both sides.

On January 23, at 10.15 a.m., however, Senator Corton called by appointment upon the Archbishop of Sydney, the Archbishop of Sydney and Primate, the Most Reverend H. R. Gough, at Bishopscourt, Sydney.

He explained to His Grace in outline the method by which the Minister had decided to employ in dividing up the money available for the private schools.

The Senator gave the Archbishop the impression that the Government's proposals were cut and dried, and that the Government intended to go ahead with them whatever objections might be raised.

For practical purposes, the Archbishop was given to understand that the Government's proposal would shortly become the law of the land, and that there was nothing he could do to alter their minds.

On that basis, the Archbishop informed the Senator that he

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR UNITY TO COMMENCE TO-DAY

Christians of all Churches in Australia will join in the annual Week of Prayer for Unity of All Christian People from Ascension Day to Whit Sunday, May 7 to 17.

There will be special services in cities and towns at which congregations will pray for Christians of other Churches.

This year's theme is "The Great Shepherd of the Sheep". Leaflet containing Bible readings and meditation notes on this is available from all bookshops in all States.

During the six days preceding Whit Sunday, congregations and individuals are asked to pray for:

- Roman Catholics, Monday.
- Eastern Orthodox and Anglicans, Tuesday.
- Congregationalists and Methodists, Wednesday.
- Lutherans and Presbyterians, Thursday.
- Baptists, members of the Society of Christ, Society of Friends, Salvation Army and all other Christians, Friday.
- Jews and all others who do not know Christ as God and Saviour, Saturday.

There are special prayers for Ascension Day, and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday following. This is a daily prayer in the form of a letter, with the text of the liturgy, with the text of the liturgy, with the text of the liturgy.

SYND AT CARLSLE

London, May 6.—The Bishop of Carlsle, the Right Reverend Thomas A. C. Gorton, is to be a synd of the clergy in Carlsle Cathedral on September 28.

"We call you to prayer, then, in increasing faith and hope and urgency, for the northern hemisphere the Week of Prayer."



His Holiness Pope Paul speaking to the Bishop of St. Armand, the Right Reverend A. E. Winter, at St. Peter's, Rome, on April 4. The Bishop of Southwark is partly visible behind Bishop Winter.

PILGRIMS SEE POPE PAUL

THREE BISHOPS IN AUDIENCE

A group of pilgrims, predominantly Anglican, led by the Bishop of St. Armand, the Right Reverend A. E. Winter, were received by His Holiness Pope Paul at St. Peter's, Rome, on April 4.

Their visit coincided with a visit by a group of 400 English people led by the Bishop of Southwark, the Right Reverend Mervyn Stockwood, and the Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Reverend J. E. Fison.

The three bishops along with the Orthodox Archbishop James of Christopolis had private audience with His Holiness before the pilgrims were received.

Later on, in the general audience, he read a message in English expressing his concern for the unity of the Church, which he did not envisage as coming about by the absorption of one group by another.

There was no suggestion of the attitude often seen in the past, "Come back, and all will be forgiven and forgotten".

The Pope invited all to join in the Lord's Prayer in English, and gave his blessing.

DANISH CLERGY IN ENGLAND

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, May 4. Six pastors of the Danish Lutheran Church arrived in London last week and spent five days as guests of the Church of England.

They discussed common pastoral questions with a group of Anglican parish clergy. They were received at Lambeth Palace by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

AUSTRALIA'S POSITION

National expenditure on education of all kinds—Primary, Secondary, Technical and Technical—expressed as a percentage of the Gross National Product per annum, is shown in the following table prepared by UNESCO for the year 1962.

Country	%age
U.S.S.R.	7.1
Finland	6.3
China	6.2
Japan	5.7
Belgium	5.6
Poland	4.8
Cambodia	4.8
Czech	4.6
U.S.A.	4.6
Canada	4.5
U.K.	4.2
India	3.7
Yugoslavia	2.8
Brazil	2.6
Argentina	2.5
Turkey	2.2
Australia	2.2

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

PRIMATE CONFIRMS VISIT NEXT MARCH

The Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Reverend H. R. Gough, confirmed at a Press conference last Friday, on his return from England, that the Archbishop of Canterbury would visit Australia during three weeks of March, 1965.

His Grace had attended a meeting of the Lambeth Conference Committee, which the Toronto Congress decided in 1963 should be held every two years.

The Archbishop told the conference that matters discussed at the meeting included the Colonial Clergy Act.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "I raised this myself, after receiving certain facts from Bishop McKee."

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are going to appoint a committee to go into the general impression was that the Colonial Clergy Act does not seriously affect the clergy generally speaking.

At the same time people in England are beginning to realise how offensive the word "colonial" is to us in Australia — and of course, the United States.

UNION SCHEMES

The Archbishop said that the committee had approved the Anglican Church Union scheme, but that no decision had yet been made on the Northern Union scheme for Church unions.

He said that the name of the Director to Bishop Strickland Bayne as Executive Officer of the Anglican Church Union would be announced shortly.

The assembled Primates and Metropolitan had submitted three papers for the consideration of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who would make a final choice.

The Archbishop told reporters, who asked for his view on immigration, particularly with reference to the fifty-two children of Melbourne.

MISSION AT ABERDEAR

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Newcastle, May 4
The Bishop of Newcastle, the Right Reverend A. G. Horton, commissioned three priests to conduct a mission at St. Mary's Church, Aberdear, on April 28.

They are the Reverend John Beer, from the Diocese of Armidale; the Reverend Alex. MacKinnon, from the Diocese of Sydney; and the Reverend Andrew Schneider, from the Diocese of Melbourne.

All three priests were formerly associated with cathedral work before becoming rectors of their parishes.

Father Schneider begins each day of the mission with Holy Communion at 1.45 every afternoon and the Eucharist service at 7.30 at night, when the singing of the Psalms is accorded.

During the mission, the three Clergy have also been visiting the local schools and homes in the Aberdear area.

BAPTISMS

Several Baptisms took place before the Family Eucharist at St. Mary's at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday. Also on Sunday, a youth tea was held at 5.30 p.m.

Members of St. John's Young Anglican Fellowship have been visiting the young people of Aberdear as part of their efforts in the Diocese Y.A.F. Membership drive which began on Sunday.

On Wednesday last the Mayor of Newcastle, Alderman McDonald, extended a civic reception to the party.

On Tuesday, the Reverend Andrew Schneider, formerly General Secretary of the Church of England Boys' Society in Australia, and now Regional Commissioner for C.E.B.S. in the Diocese of Melbourne, will be the Guest of Honour at a dinner with members and get together with members.

Australian Servicemen, now living in Japan, "I would not hesitate in saying that I hope the Government will agree to the adoption of these children."

"I think Australia is a more responsible to do so."

His Grace also spent nearly a fortnight in Africa on his way to England, said that he had formed a high impression of the capacity of African leaders in Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda.

At the same time, he said, the Anglican Church tended to be regarded throughout East Africa as a "divisive force."

"For that reason," he said, "they must walk carefully lest they offend national sentiment."

HUNDREDS FAREWELL WELL-LOVED RECTOR IN SYDNEY

Christ Church, Sydney, proved far too small indeed last Thursday evening to contain all the people who came for the Valedictory Solemn Eucharist on the last day of the Reverend John Hope's incumbency.

Parishioners, past and present, were packed close and people not only from Sydney but from dioceses as far afield as Melbourne and Hobart.

Many who could not come sent messages from several parts of the world.

The Solemn Eucharist, sung to Arnold Richardson in A, was truly an act of thanksgiving for the life of the late John Hope.

The Hands of people, who had crowded into the church, vestry and porch, received the Holy Communion.

The trumpets added to the hymns "Thy Hand, O God, has made us" and "Praise to the Lord."

MANY MESSAGES

The Archdeacon of Sydney, the Venerable C. A. Goodwin, was chairman at the dinner which followed at the dinner.

Long lists of apologies and messages were read, including those from the Archbishop of Sydney and several diocesan bishops.

Most loudly clapped were the Dean of Geraldton, and the Reverend G. F. Lester was the Bishop's chaplain.

The Rector of Northampton was unable to attend, but he sent greetings at his parish until the Parish of Christ Church was created in 1937.

LOCAL STONE

At a social function arranged by the Ladies' Guild and held in the hall where the first services were conducted, the rector, the Reverend E. W. Doncaster, paid tribute to those who had helped to build the church of consecration.

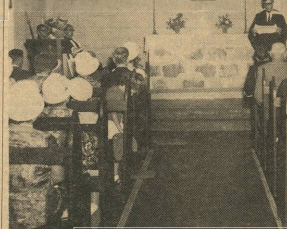
St. Luke's church is built of attractively coloured local stone and stands on a hill overlooking the township of Nanton.

The church has been beautified by the painting of the windows, and the portraits of the donors, by the gift of the parish, are honoured.

GREETINGS

Almost one hundred people were present at the consecration service and among these were the Mayor of Nanton, Mr. Fred Murphy.

The Reverend G. B. Dickinson, Precentor of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, represented the Dean of Geraldton, and the Reverend G. F. Lester was the Bishop's chaplain.



The Acting Registrar of the Diocese of North-West Australia, Mr. P. D. James, reading the Deed of Consecration at St. Luke's Church, Nanton, on April 19. The Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Reverend John Frewer, is seated on the left. (See story this page.)

UNITY WEEK IN PRESTON

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, May 4
The Minister, Fraternal at Preston, Victoria, have arranged services of intercession to be held during the Week of Prayer for Unity of All Christian People, May 6 to 17.

They will be held on May 12, 13, 14 and 15 from 12.10 to 1.20 p.m. at All Saints Church of England, the Methodist church and the Churches of Christ church.

A combined act of witness will be held in the Preston City Hall on May 17 at 8.30 a.m.

The Mayor, Councillor B. J. Conner, will preside. The Vicar of All Saints, the Reverend E. Cooper, will lead a litany for unity.

The Vice-Master of Ormond College, the Reverend J. C. Alexander, will give the address.

G.B.R.E. MEETING

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, May 4
The Division of the G.B.R.E. Mr. D. K. Brown, has announced that the annual board meeting of the G.B.R.E. will take place at the Retreat House, Cheltenham, beginning on Thursday, May 18, and continuing until the following Thursday.

It will be attended by representatives and special visitors from every diocese in Australia.

A report will be given by the manager of the G.B.R.E., Mr. G. O'Brien, who has just returned from England.

St. Peter's, Brisbane, and St. Peter's, Eastern Hill, were also represented.

Two well-known Victorian priests who from time to time assist at Christ Church, Mon G. O'Keefe and the Reverend G. H. Copp, were representatives of many such; of the fifty, associated in so many ways with Christ Church.

There were ex-chor boys, boat boys, and a number of church wardens and mortals of far less holy distinction.

MEETING FOR MEN

On Tuesday, May 12, during the Week of Prayer for the Unity of All Christian People, an ecumenical meeting of men will be held at Christ Church, King Street, Sydney.

The meeting will begin with dinner at 6.30 p.m., at which Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational laymen will join with men from Anglican city.

Following a service in the church, a dinner will be given by the Reverend Harvey Perkins, General Secretary of the Australian Community.

The S.J.M. branch of C.E.B.S. will be invited to the evening, extended an invitation to all interested young men, requesting that they bring 28s.40d if they intend to be present.

FOUNTAIN FOR S. MARK'S

PRESENTATION BY MR DOWNER

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Adelaide, May 4
Mr A. M. Downer, formerly Minister of Immigration and now High Commissioner-designate in London, presented a fountain to St. Mark's College on April 28.

St. Mark's College, which was founded in 1923, is the Anglican school of divinity in the University of Adelaide and was the pioneer university college in Adelaide.

The presentation took place at a ceremony in the quadrangle of the college, where Mr Downer was introduced to a large gathering of students, old colleagues and friends of the college, by the Mayor of Adelaide, the Right Reverend T. T. Reed.

Dr Reed is a former tutor of the college, and present Master of the college is Mr R. B. Lewis.

The fountain includes two fine pieces of sculpture, the figures of St. Mark and the winged Lion which is the symbol of St. Mark. The sculpture is the work of South Australian sculptress Miss Nancy L. Lewis.

The fountain is a gift perpetuating the memory of Mr Downer's father, the late Sir John Downer.

FATHER'S MEMORIAL

The original building of St. Mark's college, now called Downer House, was acquired for the opening of the college by the students of Sir John Downer.

It is on a commanding site on Kensington Terrace within easy walking distance of the university.

When the college opened it provided the warden's residence, students' rooms, dormitory, gym, dining hall and common room.

In formally presenting the gift of the fountain Mr Downer appealed for the influence of youth in public life.

In all the patriotic and social affairs of national and international life there was need for highly trained and dedicated young men and women.

Especially was there a great need of young people prepared to serve their country in public life who brought Christian principles to bear on the solution of problems.

Young men and women who were committed Christians were greatly needed in Australia today. Parliament required a supply of such young people.

The Reverend Yolanda Madinda and Mrs Madinda, Mr Madinda, the Assistant Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, will be consecrated today, Ascension Day, in Holy Trinity Church, Morogoro, by the Archbishop of East Africa, the Most Reverend L. J. Besscher.

THURSDAY MAY 7 1964

May 10: Sunday after Ascension

