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## B.C.A. ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR IMPORTANT NEW WORK COOPER PEDY AND KUNUNURRA PROJECTS DESCRIBED

The Federal Secretary of the Bush Church Aid Society, the Reverend C. W. Riker, announced last week the commencement of two major projects.

They are the staffing of the new medical centre at Cooper Pedy, and a new pastoral ministry at Kununurra in North-West Australia.

The opal-mining town of Cooper Pedy, on the overland route to Alice Springs and 400 miles from Adelaide, is very proud of its new medical centre, opened on February 4. Built by local and government aid, the centre is a much needed outpost in a very hot, dry and barren part of Australia.

The Bush Church Aid Society has been given the responsibility of staffing and control of this new venture, within the framework of the Flying Medical Service.

For many years, Cooper Pedy has had to rely on monthly visits by the B.C.A. doctor, and consultations were held in a corrugated iron community hall.

More urgent cases were taken by plane to Yarcolla Hospital.

### POPE MAY VISIT ENGLAND

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

Rome, March 1  
The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Heenan, said here on February 22 that he hoped the Pope would visit England in 1967 for the consecration of Liverpool Cathedral.

Cardinal Heenan, one of the 27 new cardinals created by the Pope, was previously Archbishop of Liverpool.

If the Pope visits England he will be the first reigning Pope to do so.

There is no record of a visit after election of Pope Adrian IV, the only English Pope, who died in 1155. He was born Nicholas Breakspear in Buckinghamshire.

Several prelates who later became Popes have visited England in recent times, including Pope Pius IX, who spent some time at the British Museum library on research, and Pope Pius XII who was at the Coronation of King George V.

or to the base hospital at Colman (300 air miles).

Sisters V. Cochrane and H. Heaven are now in residence in the new medical centre, which has two two-bed wards, surgery, kitchen and staff accommodation.

As part of their Christian ministry of healing and visitation they are prepared to live and work alongside the people of this lonely and isolated place.

The doctor visits the town by air when required, and the staff will be in constant touch with the base hospital by means of the two-way radio network.

This new work has added to the problem of finding staff for the Flying Medical Service, and the prayers and practical support of interested churchpeople are earnestly requested.

Much publicity has been given to the great Ord River project, in the extreme north of Western Australia.

With its building of a diversion dam as the first stage of vast irrigation project, many pioneer families are now living in this area, on farms growing cotton, silfallow and rice.

The new township of Kununurra, 60 miles inland from the port of Wyndham, is developing into an important centre of community life.

### FROM COOMA

From May of this year, this town will also become the centre of an Anglican ministry, including families connected with the irrigation project and in the surrounding East Kimberley.

The Reverend Barry Green, assistant curate at Coom, Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn, will go at first to Wyndham, until a rectory has been built at Kununurra.

The Bush Church Aid Society has accepted this new responsibility in answer to an invitation from the Bishop of North-West Australia.

In order to establish this work, the society is faced with heavy initial expenditure.

Money given by a number of Sunday schools and youth groups within the Sydney diocese is to be used towards the purchase of a suitable vehicle for the minister, and it is hoped that others will follow this fine example.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Christian women in about 150 countries will join in the observance of the Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 5.

This annual observance is sponsored by the Department of United Church Women whose headquarters are in New York City.

The theme of this year's observance is "What do the Lord require?"

It form has been prepared by Mrs. Pearl McNeil, a distinguished American Negroess.

The Women's World Day of Prayer originated in an inter-denominational observance begun in the United States in 1887, when the first Friday in Lent was chosen as an annual time for united prayer for home and foreign missions. The observance became international after 1920.

Each year women of a different country are asked to choose the theme and prepare the order of service.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mother will attend the service in St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, when Mrs. Max Warren will give their address.

Mrs. McNeil is the wife of the Reverend Jesse J. McNeil and the mother of four children.

In Pasadena, California, where she lives, she is a member of Women Voters, and Chairman

of the World Service Committee of the Y.M.C.A.

She was recognised by the late President Kennedy as one of the 300 women leaders in the United States when he invited her to a special conference in the White House, the outcome of which was the formation of an ad hoc Women's National Committee on Civil Rights.

In Detroit, her former home, she was named "Layman of the Year" by the Detroit Council of Churches.

She was the first Negro and second woman to receive this citation.

She is now a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A.

In 1961 she led the Prayer Fellowship in Kiree, Northern Rhodesia, which was held in observance of the 75th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer.

Her choice as author of the 1965 service is most timely in view of the international and internal problems in the world today.

She selected as her theme the challenging question, "What do the Lord require?" and in her service she expresses the answer in terms of involvement in these words:

### RADICAL CALL

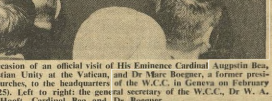
"As it is our custom, we are gathered together with Christians around the world, united in prayer for each other and for the needs of the world."

"Our world is in ferment. It is in an agony of rebirth."

"Old patterns of mankind's historical existence have been challenged."

"In this crisis the Church cannot be content any longer in the world with being merely an imaginative and conventional force for peace and freedom, for justice and righteousness."

"It is now called to a radical and deep involvement in the affairs of the world and in the revolutionary times, our



At the reception given on the occasion of an official visit of His Eminence Cardinal Anguilla, head of the Secretariat for Christian Unity at the Vatican, and Dr. Marc Boegner, a former president of the World Council of Churches, to the headquarters of the W.C.C., in Geneva on February 18, ("The Anglican", February 25). Left to right: the general secretary of the W.C.C., Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, Cardinal Bea and Dr. Boegner.

prayers must become involvement and involvement our most earnest prayer.

### NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Archbishop Michael Ramsey, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Patriarch of All England and Metropolitan, will arrive in Sydney on Friday, March 12, to begin his Australian tour.

To mark the occasion, "The Anglican" next week will feature a selection of articles and photographs about the Archbishop's life and work. It will include an article specially written for the Australian tour by the Right Reverend J. W. C. Wand, Archbishop of Brisbane (1934-1935), Bishop of Bath and Wells (1943-1945), and Bishop of London (1945-1955).

## ENTHUSEMENT AT ARMIDALE BISHOP PREACHES ON UNITY

S. Peter's Cathedral, Armidale, was packed on February 25 for the enthronement of the Right Reverend R. C. Kerte as Bishop of Armidale.

Hundreds more heard the service, seated in the grounds under the elm trees.

The Primate, the Archbishop of Brisbane and five N.S.W. bishops were present.

Mr. E. F. Ryan represented the Roman Catholic Bishop of Armidale, and ministers of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches and Salvation Army officers were present.

There were also representatives of the Federal and State government, city and shire, Church and public schools, and clergy and laymen from every parish in the diocese.

Bishop Cochrane, formerly Bishop Coadjutor of Sydney, was enthroned by the Vicar-General, the Venerable C. R. Rehner.

In his sermon he promised to seek the closest fellowship with all other churches.

He said, "In our lifetime our Church will come into union with other churches."

The many serious discussions and ecumenical negotiations on unity which these exciting times in which to live.



Mrs. Pearl McNeil who has prepared the form of service for this year's Women's World Day of Prayer.

The new diversion dam on the Ord River project, part of the extensive scheme for irrigation farming in the far north of Western Australia, where the Bush Church Aid Society is to commence work. (See story above.)



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