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RADICAL CHANGES IN FINANCIAL CONTROL SYDNEY SYNOD DEBATES

The thirty-third synod of the Diocese of Sydney held a gruelling third session last week, from Monday to Friday, October 15, when it finished shortly before 11 o'clock p.m.

In organisational terms, it was perhaps the most important session that Sydney has ever seen, because it passed two Ordinances which radically altered the financial control of the diocese.

These two Ordinances, which arose from the Report of a Commission set up by the Archbishop three years ago, alter the way in which Church property and investment policy are governed.

The membership of the Church of England Property Trust has been increased to fourteen men, instead of being a 'dry' Trust. It is now given extensive executive powers.

Instead of being elected by the synod, it will now be appointed indirectly by the Standing Committee of the Synod.

An amendment to the draft Ordinance was passed by the synod, making it necessary for all members of the trust to be active members of the Church of England. Under the proposed Ordinance in its original form this would not have been necessary.

The corporate trustees will now be able to carry out many functions without needing ordinances to be passed by standing committee. The synod will give them great freedom of action.

By another ordinance, the synod set up an Investment Trust consisting of seven members and seven commissioners — all laymen.

They will all be appointed by the corporate trustees, subject only to the approval of the standing committee.

The powers to invest in securities of all kinds have few limits for practical purposes, and the trust is as wide as is those exercised by a similar body in England.

LOOSE DRAFTING

Under the terms of the draft ordinance submitted by the standing committee, these commissioners, too, could have been members of other diocesan synods or even athletes. The synod passed amendments to make necessary for them to be active Anglicans.

Both ordinances, as presented, were marked by surprisingly conflicting and even contradictory little bits in many respects.

It was stated that their terms had been carefully agreed by eminent laymen. The amendments to the synod suggested, during the committee stages, went far beyond mere policy of expression and were to some of the principles in both ordinances.

Although several speakers went out of their way to state that the synod held ultimate power over all questions of investment policy and the like, the effect of the two ordinances will undoubtedly in practice be to remove from the synod any effective role in the financial policy of the diocese at the highest level.

The protracted debate, the synod passed an Ordinance to legitimate Rural Deanery Conferences.

Several speakers expressed disapproval whether the synod was even necessary. Others

thought the more meetings held the better.

The original ordinance, as submitted, was perhaps very well drafted even to come before the Synod. It was substantially amended before being finally passed.

Whether it will accomplish anything remains to be seen.

As usual, the synod took so much time discussing the ordinances prepared by the central diocesan authorities that it was unable to deal with a wide range of important motions by private members until the very last day of the session.

Of the private motions, the most important in terms of the way the diocese should be run was a motion by the Vice-Principal, Canon D. W. B. Robinson.

Last year, in an effort to avoid the customary lengthy debate on the diocesan budget which has been a feature of each synod to date, it was decided to pre-approve budgets only for two-year periods.

WITHOUT APPROVAL

The standing committee, without any explanation to the synod, had increased the expenditure of some £14,000 over the amount that synod had approved.

Canon Robinson's motion, which was passed, expressed the view that the standing committee should not increase substantially the amounts already approved by the synod, without first seeking the synod's approval.

A member of the standing committee, Mr Stacy Atkin, explained in some details some of the reasons for some of the increased expenditure. While accepting his tardy explanations, the synod nonetheless passed Canon Robinson's motion.

Another motion directed the Commission on Investment Trust not to invest money in tobacco, alcoholic liquor, or gambling in either Australian or overseas. The synod refused to extend this prohibition to any argument manufacture, or the printing and publishing of obscene or pornographic literature.

A SECOND MEETING HELD OF THE PRAYER BOOK REVISION COMMISSION

The Commission appointed by General Synod to consider the possibilities of Prayer Book Revision met from October 15 to 20, first in Sydney and then at "Gillbraul", Menangle.

The commission has 33 members, drawn from the priest and laymen from all States, including the Diocese of Sydney. They represent a wide range of outlook and opinion within the Church of England.

The Sydney Synod did not, as is widely thought, instruct them to explore the possibilities of revising the Prayer Book. The terms of reference were that the commission should explore the possibilities of revision of, and additions to, the Book of Common Prayer, and to report to the Synod on the results of their work.

The first meeting, at Gillbraul

More than 500 letters were sent out last Monday to the public and friends of the society throughout Australia.

Other plans include a garden party to be held at St. Michael's House next year and personal visits by the brothers in the society to the members of the society.

At St. Michael's House men are trained for service in the society and also for the Sacred Ministry.

Since the society was established in Australia in 1946, it has trained more than eight priests for the priesthood. They are serving in all parts of the country and overseas.

This year there are 64 men in residence, including members of the society, novices and students training for the priesthood. There are also twenty students from other parts of Australia, who are completing their studies.

S. Michael's House originally

belonged to the Bakewell family, and was a gift to the Church of England.

In 1949-1950 a new accommodation block was built at St. Michael's (for the growing number of students).

The present need is two-fold: a kitchen-dining room block to cater for growing numbers. The dining room will also be used as an auditorium for visiting speakers.

A library, with sufficient space for 3,000 books, including a quiet room for study and research. The present stable building is to be renovated for this.

S.S.M. WORK

As well as establishing a religious community and conducting a theological college, the S.S.M. has also conducted retreats, preached missions, and run universities and parish churches assisted in student conferences.

The Church of England Information Trust gratefully acknowledges the following further gifts towards our M.R.I. Appeal.

We propose next week to open a specific appeal for the Diocese of North-Western Australia, after consultation with the bishop-elect, the Reverend Howell Wain, who will be in Sydney this week at the invitation of the Prime Minister to attend the annual Bishop's Meeting.

The precise form of the Appeal will depend on the bishop-elect's suggestions, and in part on the outcome of discussions by all the Australian Bishops.

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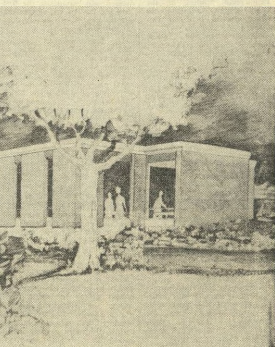
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The architects' sketch of the proposed new kitchen and refectory at St. Michael's House, Crofters, N.S.W., for which an appeal for £45,000 was launched by the Society of the Sacred Mission last Monday. The architects are Woods, Bagot, Laybourne-Smith and Irwin of Adelaide.

£45,000 NEEDED FOR NEW BUILDINGS AT S. MICHAEL'S

Last Monday, October 18, the Society of the Sacred Mission launched an appeal for £45,000 for extensions to St. Michael's House, Crofters, South Australia.

It is hoped to build a new kitchen-dining room block and renovate the present stable building for a library.

WOMEN APPEAL TO SYNOD

Lay and clerical synodwomen, meeting in Andrew's Cathedral grounds in Sydney last Thursday encountered a twenty-four barrier with the caption "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these My brethren, ye did it unto Me."

The banner was flanked by some fifteen members of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom — one of the non-communist "respectable" women's peace groups, founded in 1915.

A secular organisation, the W.I.L.P.F. membership includes many who are opposed to war on ethical and humanitarian grounds. Others are Christians, Quakers, Anglicans, Roman Catholics, Methodists and the like—who have their stand on their understanding of the Christian faith.

NAPALM BURNS

In addition to the banner, last Thursday's demo rulers carried placards depicting Viet Namese victims of napalm bombing, or proclaiming "Withdraw Australian Troops" and "We want no more of this war." The women handed out leaflets which showed a small Viet Namese child, her back hideously scarred with napalm burns.

The cathedral authorities asked the women to leave the grounds.

SUDAN BISHOPS IN SAFETY

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, October 18

The Archbishop in Jerusalem, the Most Reverend A. C. MacInnes, has now had word from the Sudan that the Sudanese Bishop of Sudan who had not been heard of since July when it was reported that he had to flee for his life following the outbreak of violence and massacre in the Southern Sudan.

Both the Right Reverend Huzam Nigam and the Right Reverend Yerninus Doffi are reported to have escaped the Sudan, and safety.

SYNARNA MAN DECISIONS LONG SERVICE/LEAVE DEBATE

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

The Synod of the Diocese of St Arnaud commenced on Sunday, October 18 with Evensong in St. Margaret's Church, Mildura.

The music for this service was specially arranged and the singing was accompanied by an orchestra.

The Bishop of St Arnaud, the Right Reverend A. E. Winter, presented his Charge to the Synod during this service. In his Charge Bishop Winter outlined some of the problems facing the Church as it tries to adjust to grips with questions of divorce and remarriage of divorced people.

Bishop Winter stressed that whilst the Church could not compromise itself just to meet the desires of the world, the Church must have compassion for divorced persons and for persons who have remarried yet seek help from the Church.

The real work of synod commenced on Monday when legislation was presented to amend a number of acts.

These provided for vestries to have the power to appoint trustees and minute secretaries from outside the vestry.

The method by which the motion of synodism from each parish was assisted was changed. Provision is depended on a delegate parished or an elaborate parish roll.

There was simplified to entitle each parish to two representatives and one additional representative for each stipendiary assistant clergyman employed in the parish.

The superannuation act was amended to keep it within the ambit of the income tax laws. Provision was brought forward for the temporary vestry of funds raised for special projects.

A new title was erected to diocesan, that of Senior Priest Assistant.

It was envisaged that the persons on whom this title was conferred would be assistant clergy working in the same parish for a number of years and having taken on the responsibilities rather different from those of the assistant clergy only in the parish for a year or two, largely for training purposes, and move on to a parish of his own.

Mr George O'Brien, minister of C.B.E.K. addressed Synod on Monday. Mr O'Brien outlined the history and background of C.B.E.K.

Mr O'Brien went on to outline how C.B.E.K. could help diocesan life. He stressed the importance of St Arnaud with Christian Education.

Mr O'Brien also stressed the financial difficulties of the diocese.

When reports were considered the first involving the diocese was that on the Long Service award produced by the Long Service Committee of General Synod.

ANNUAL LEAVE

This scheme was rejected in 1976 by 24 votes to 16. The Reverend R. M. Davis, Bishop of Ouyen, said clergy should not be rewarded in this manner for carrying out their duties.

Mr M. Dunn of Swan Hill said that clergy were getting the best of two worlds. They were getting the benefits of employees, whilst retaining many of the benefits of self-employed.

Mr Noel Matthews of Mildura said that if Long Service Leave was introduced to provide the clergy with a measure of health of clergy more annual leave would be more satisfactory. In fact his business is in many cases insisting that key staff have to take 20 days each year.

Some financial breakdowns occur before a man leaves for twenty years. Long Service award too much too late.

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The Mildura parish provided excellent meals for synod, breakfast, lunch, and evening, a barbecue and a buffet.

Tuesday was mainly taken up with dealing with the questions of divorce and remarriage. A motion seeking to establish a dialogue with Buddhist doctrine to discuss alterations to diocesan boundaries, was carried unanimously.

Canon O'Brien introduced a motion seeking to have donations for erecting buildings to be used for religious purposes, allowed as taxation deductions.

Canon O'Brien pointed out that many church buildings were designed as war memorials purely to obtain the concession.

Mr Barry Phillips of Maryborough claimed that many of the concessions granted would inevitably result in some sort of a lottery of grants.

The motion was defeated.

Mr J. Ford of Swan Hill introduced a motion protesting against encroachment of St Arnaud by organised sport and calling on the General Synod to call councils to protect the observance of the Sabbath.

The motion provoked much discussion although the hour was getting on and the afternoon session was adjourned.

After amendment the motion finally carried.

Mr O'Brien said that the Church must be prepared to meet the needs of the people on whom it is called to minister.

Synod unanimously agreed that the needs of the people of the diocese to seek every opportunity to take their full part in the life of the Church.

C.B.E.S. BUSH SPORTS

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Wangaratta, October 18. The C.B.E.S. Sports Club, at Linn Estate, was shattered on October 18 by the arrival of a cold front.

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in community organisations such as trade unions and associations, service organisations, school organisations, the like, and that they deliberately undertake such work as part of their Christian witness.

The need for a new Diocesan Registry was discussed and after this discussion it was agreed that Bishop-in-Council should be authorised to proceed with plans for the building of a registry office and Registrar's house.

Synod expressed its support for the motion passed in the Melbourne Synod, urging upon General Synod the necessity to involve the Church of England in the current moves for church unity, with special emphasis upon the discussion now taking place by the United Churches.

SUPPORT

The Church and Life Movement programme for 1964-66 was strongly supported. It was expressed that communications had broken down in the early stages of the movement.

The Reverend C. N. Dodd of Melbourne stressed that this was due to the Australian people's lack of understanding of the massive job for which it was undertaken.

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Powdered milk for a South Viet Nam refugee village collected by the Roman Catholic nuns at Gordon, Victoria. More than half a ton was brought by the people to Mass on Sundays and, through the cooperation of Mayne Nickless and the Federal Government, this has been sent to Da-Nang refugee village, packing it are members of the Gordon National Catholic Rural Movement, (left to right), Neil Carey, Kevin Jones, Joe Dougan, Owen Widdison and Tom Keenan.

NEW CONFERENCE CENTRE AT RAYMOND ISLAND

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

A modern camp and conference centre at Raymond Island, built at a cost of \$25,000, will be officially opened and dedicated by Bishop of Gippsland, the Right Reverend D. A. Garnsey, on Saturday, November 13, at 2.30 p.m.

The centre, known as 'Becken Park', is situated in five acres of bushland at the western extremity of Raymond Island on the Gippsland coast. It is accessible by car ferry from Paynesville.

The property is bordered on two sides by the lake, and offers many attractions in the way of swimming and boating.

The focal point of the new centre is the conference hall, an "A" frame building of aluminium and glass rising to a height of 30 feet.

Adjoining the hall is the modern kitchen block, fully equipped with such amenities as a large electric range, refrigerator, etc. There is also private accommodation for couples.

The dormitory blocks are furnished with comfortable beds complete with foam rubber mattresses, built-in wardrobes, power points for shaving, utility shelves and mirrors.

There are six rooms to each block and each room accommodates four persons, taking the total accommodation to forty-eight.

Further accommodation is provided also in another large dormitory building which at the present time is unfurnished.

Although built primarily for the use of the Church of England in Gippsland, the centre may be hired by other organisations for holding conferences, camps and conventions etc.

In fact it has already been used by a number of groups from Melbourne.

Full details may be obtained by writing to the Diocesan Registrar, P.O. Box 28, Sale.

FACT AND FANCY

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

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BISHOP CALLS FOR SMALLER DIOCESES

Addressing the annual parochial tea at Christ Church, St. Laurence, Sydney, on October 17, the Right Reverend said that the size of a bishop is hampered by the administrative tasks required in his dioceses.

The Bishop was introduced by the rector, the Reverend P. A. Day, and was speaking to a group of about 100 people at the annual parochial tea.

The first task of a bishop, he said, is to be a pastor and to be a pastor, he must be able to visit his people.

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WILLOCHRA JUBILEE

The Diocese of Willochra will hold a Thanksgiving Eucharist, in connection with its golden jubilee year, at the Ozone Theatre, Port Pirie, on October 31.

This is the Sunday nearest St. Simon and Jude's Day on which the present Bishop of Willochra was consecrated in 1958.

The first Bishop, the Right Reverend Gilbert White, Sydney, was consecrated at Port Pirie, on July 28, 1915.

The Bishop of Adelaide, the Right Reverend L. T. Reed, will preach at the Eucharist on October 31.

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M.U. NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Mothers' Union National Conference will be held at 'Gibbilla', Menangle, Sydney, from October 11 to 15.

Mr D. Stuart of the Central North Queensland, was elected as new Commonwealth President, succeeding Mrs. T. T. Reed of Adelaide.

Mrs. H. R. Gough of Sydney and Mrs. D. A. Garmey of Gippsland were elected vice-presidents.

Delegates came from every Australian diocese, including those from the first, representative from New South Wales, the Torres Strait Islands.

A full account of the conference will appear in next week's issue of 'The Anglican'.

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CRIMINALS, GUILTY CONDEMNED "CRIME AGAINST GOD AND HUMANITY"

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Three English prelates on October 6 called on the Vatican Council to repudiate its position on the problems of modern war — one at least proposing a markedly pacifist approach — and on the respect due to genuinely conscientious objection.

The English trio was led by the Abbot of Downside, Dom Christopher Butler, who drew attention to the passage in the Declaration of the Council which states that so long as international organizations are inadequate for peace keeping, it cannot be said to be illegitimate to possess modern arms, or to use an adversary actively equipped.

He asked that the passage be omitted from the document. "No one thinks," he said, "that the great powers merely possess such arms."

The fact is that, on both sides of the curtain, there is a system of preparation for the use of these arms — and for their illegitimate use in indiscriminate warfare.

He dealt with the question of obedience to the government, and to superior officers in war, rejecting the theory of "blind presumption" in favour of those who issued orders.

It is true, he said, in theory, this "presumption" had occasioned errors in recent years, but through obedience of subjects to their rulers.

Moreover, all men now had a moral duty not only, nor private citizens, but even women, to the whole human fellowship.

It would be better for the Council to emphasize that it sometimes compels withholding obedience.

He disliked the suggestion in the draft that conscientious objectors in some way morally immature.

He might be prophetic of a Christian morality.

He asked the Council to say clearly that the Church, the Christian God, does not offer protection from its enemies wherever there may be in war, especially not in war of the modern type.

NOT NUCLEAR

"We are the mystical body of Christ in our hearts. We refused to defend himself and his mission by the sword, but by the sword, or even by the sword, the ministers of God, justice and love."

"The weapons of the Gospel are not nuclear but spiritual, and his victories not by war but by suffering."

Two other Englishmen, the Auxiliary Bishop of Northampton, and the Bishop of Middleborough supported Dom Butler.

Cardinal Alfredo Ottaviani on October 7 was loudly and warmly applauded by the Council Fathers for his proposal of war and on a world peace.

He called for civic and religious education "for the peoples in order that the minds of the rulers (and therefore also of the rulers selected by them) might be prepared for co-operation in an international level and for the mutual recognition and exchange of rights and duties."

This will lead to the cessation of struggles between nations, struggles between races and individuals, struggles whether political or economic, all of which constitute the principal sources of war."

He asked for "a fraternal recognition of peoples according to Gospel principles so that there would be respect for the right to make sacrifices for the good of the community, that for the human society."

He said that arbitration should

be used as much as possible, and that "the decisions of international organizations established to settle controversies, like the United Nations and International Courts, should be made more binding."

Besides condemning war in general, the cardinal said the Church must also condemn specific wars, "like armed revolution which can lead to civil wars, irregular or guerrilla warfare which is the method of fighting used especially by Communists to bring about the subjugation of peoples to Communism, and the cunning types of wars which nations wage against another, like sabotage and acts of terrorism."

IDEOLOGIES

He called for the "better condemnation of wars carried out to impose ideologies," and quoted Thomas Aquinas as saying that "popular leaders who mean to exceed their rules from office if it is clear that the destruction and ruin of its people is the only way to achieve its end."

Cardinal Ottaviani said that in the future world would be only a memory from the past.

He said that the Church must in mind the words which Pope Pius XII said in the United Nations Organization.

It was said by Cardinal Achille Liénart of Lille, France, who called modern warfare a "crime against God and humanity."

The distinction between just and unjust wars, he said, is not as simple as he said. The type of armaments used have to be taken into account.

Men should no longer seek to destroy the enemy by "legitimate rights through war," instead they should become mindful of the injustices which people befall and which wars generate, and to work out reasonable solutions.

It was the Bishop of Verdun, Mr. Bouillon, called for a strong statement of the Church's position.

He said that distinction should be permitted, he felt, between conventional wars and wars between major and minor wars.

He said that many were killed on the battlefields of his diocese with what was now called "chemical weapons."

Wars between nations which caused the death of thousands of people, he said, were a cause for protest to non-believers and to Catholics, and an obstacle to evangelization.

MUSLIMS NOT MUSLIMS NOT

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Singapore, October 31

The Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, has warned the nation's leading Malay newspaper that it will be indicted for sedition if it continues to publish articles that could arouse religious strife.

"Unus Malay" (Malay Messenger) has been publishing articles alleging that Christians, particularly Roman Catholics, are offering bribes to convert Muslims.

Singapore Christians leaders issued a statement declaring that such allegations are of course untrue and unfair or unethical attempts to charge a person's religion with crime.

They said the churches had never been involved in any such scheme, and that the Roman Catholic Church's policy has always been to refrain from this.

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