

FIRST SUMMER SCHOOL OF MISSIONS PERSEVERANCE OVERSEAS NEEDS STRESSED

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Perth, January 17

The Anglican Missionary Council of Western Australia held its first Summer School of Missions at Guildford Grammar School from January 7 to 10, attended by 56 people.

The Bishop of North West Australia, the Right Reverend Howell Witt, was the chairman.

In this capacity he led the study of the Bible in its relevance to the twentieth century world.

Bishop Witt is that teenager would describe as being "with it" — no pun intended — and he opened his instruction with dramatic and colourful references to current controversy.

Whether it is the mystery of the Creation or what is in the top 40 Chart, Bishop Witt had many a succinct point to make.

Canon Ted Arbutnot is a West Australian who for the last 16 years has been a missionary of the C.M.S. in East Africa.

He was Chaplain to the Archbishop of East Africa and very much involved in movements towards unity.

AFRICAN MISSIONS

His wide experience and grasp of the difficulties facing the Church on that vast continent made his study of the history of African Missions, political climate and ecclesiastical relations a fascinating exercise.

Canon Arbutnot spoke with authority and knowledge of the winds of change sweeping that country with its emerging nations, and an excellent film called "The New Day" was shown to a receptive audience.

Canon Eric Hawkey, Secretary of A.B.M.I. Queensland for 17 years, spoke of the situation in the Pacific, with its peoples emerging towards nationhood.

To illustrate the impact of the Word he made in that area and showed a film, made by Lily Best, called "Retaliatio", about the Hawaiian brotherhood.

This showed how these men literally go out, our Lord commanded, two by two, taking nothing with them, completely trusting in God as they serve and preach the Gospel among the peoples of the world.

The lovely chapel at Guildford Grammar School was the focal point of the activities and in the daily celebrations of Holy Communion and the devotions each evening at the end of a day's talk, many felt uplifted, and in the quiet way serve and used God for their lives to be used for His purpose.

SMOOTH FLOW

It must be said that to the Anglican Missionary Council staff whose attention to detail made the whole programme flow smoothly from day to day.

Informal discussions and a genuine warmth of feeling were the key note throughout in the charming room, discussion groups or the swimming pool.

There were some post mortem discussions by the final day and it was evident that many were deeply affected by the teaching and felt it was one of those things that are very convincing of the spirit of God convincing among them.

The chairman for the summer school, the Right Reverend Brian Macdonald, preached at the final service, thanksgiving and there intervention was made for many a shepherd, with their eyeswards parts of the world. These

were mentioned by name. On that final morning, almost as a manifestation of all that had been said, the experience to spend five minutes *extra* each Sunday for the next year (to their normal custom), in personal prayer after receiving Holy Communion, they continued steadfast in the Apostles' teaching of fellowship in the breaking of bread and prayer, and to meet in Le Famille twice in three months' time, to spend an evening and a day together, to consider what may be done next.

EXPERIENCE

To hear him speak of what it meant to the people of India to have Christians serving them in such real ways, to hear of his own service, people, the terribly poor, emaciated, diseased and starving souls he is serving, was a stirring and moving experience.

Like the other speakers, Dr Cranwell spoke of the history of Church overseas in crying out for highly trained and dedicated missionaries, in many fields, to offer to the people of the world a Christian experience must be lack.

It is a terrible indictment of the lack of awareness of a spirit of mission in our day, as well as coming, and that little is forthcoming among our young people of their own service, people, to stimulate them into offering for missionary service.

The Secretary of A.M.C., the Reverend N. J. Eley, who was responsible for the idea of a summer school of missions, directed members to keep alive the

flame that had been kindled in many during the week-end, and asked the members as a practical exercise to experience to spend five minutes *extra* each Sunday for the next year (to their normal custom), in personal prayer after receiving Holy Communion, they continued steadfast in the Apostles' teaching of fellowship in the breaking of bread and prayer, and to meet in Le Famille twice in three months' time, to spend an evening and a day together, to consider what may be done next.

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At the Summer School for Missions held at Guildford Grammar School, Perth, January 17. Left to right: the Reverend N. J. Eley, Bishop Howell Witt, Canon Eric Hawkey, and the Right Reverend Howell Witt. Bishop Macdonald jokes during a break between sessions.

DR RAMSEY TO VISIT POPE PAUL IN MARCH

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, January 17

The Archbishop of Canterbury is to visit Pope Paul in Rome on Wednesday, March 23.

This will be only the second occasion since the Reformation that the Primate of All England has taken such a step.

The first was in December, 1960, when Archbishop Fisher of London's courtesy call on Pope John.

Archbishop Ramsey will be accompanied by the senior Anglican member of the Anglican Communion, the Right Reverend R. S. Doan, the Bishop of Ripon, the Right Reverend John Moorhead, who was the senior Anglican observer throughout the recent Vatican Council; and the Right Rev. D. N. Kelly, Principal of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, and

chairman of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Roman Catholic relations.

Also in the party will be Canon J. R. Satterthwaite, general secretary of the Church of England Council on Foreign Relations; and the Reverend John Andrew, the archbishop's chaplain.

They will be joined in Rome by Canon John Findlow, who is Dr Ramsey's representative there. Dr Ramsey will leave for Rome on the morning of Tuesday,

March 22. His return flight on the Thursday will be broken at Geneva where he will visit the new headquarters of the World Council of Churches and call upon the general secretary, Dr W. A. Visser 't Hooft, and the staff.

He is due to arrive back in London the following day. Dr Ramsey last week issued the following statement about his visit:

"My visit to Pope Paul will be one of courtesy, made in the spirit of the renewed friendship between all the Christian churches."

DR FISHER

"Since the time when my predecessor, Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher, took the first step in visiting Pope John in 1960, observers from many parts of Christendom have been welcomed at the Second Vatican Council as brothers in Christ though separated by a thousand man communion.

It is a measure of the increase of friendship and brotherly understanding now evident among the churches of Christendom in spite of the divisions between us."

"It is my hope that my meeting with the Pope will afford opportunity for speaking of some of the matters which emerge from the Vatican Council. I pray that in the new atmosphere an meeting may be blessed by God and I ask that Christian people will remember it in their prayers."

THE POPE HAS MISGIVINGS OVER U.S. ACTION IN VIET NAM

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE

Rome, January 17

The strongest public statement so far to emerge from the Vatican on the Viet Nam war was published here on January 5 in the form of an authoritative article to appear in the Vatican's semi-official newspaper.

It goes a long way to counter the impressions of the Pope's recent statements about America can policy, as well as the conflict with the other combatants.

The article, entitled "Voice of humanity," is followed by the Pope's intervention in the crisis.

It is the reply of the common father to the cry of children from all climes. We know him who, now that he knows us loves those who, now at the limits of their physical strength, are in demand peace.

It is the cry of the human conscience imploring the end of sufferings which are afflicting so many persons without a reason. "Yes, it is true that the pollution of the earth is increasing and we, especially we who look at things from a distance, understand without difficulty its balance of forces, spheres of influence, the supreme reasons of liberty for all."

"But there are millions of people who are not aware of understanding the reason for the slaughter which, in their eyes, can no longer be explained and

inherent in the conflict which could have its effects, as the article points out, "not only in a distant country of south Asia, to the north and the south of the seventeenth parallel but on all humanity."

Recalling the warning of Pius XII that nothing is lost if the article points out, "not only in a distant country of south Asia, to the north and the south of the seventeenth parallel but on all humanity."

It is a message with combats for all of the old and new world, and it is probably one which has already been conveyed verbally to the Americans just as the basic thinking behind it has gone to the Russians, the Chinese and to the two governments in Viet Nam.

LECTURE ON S. PAUL

FR SNELL'S STUDY FOR SYDNEY

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Father Anthony Jewell, S.S.M., the Head Tutor at St. Michael's Theological College in Adelaide and at present in Sydney for three weeks, is to give a public lecture in Christ Church Sydney, on 8 p.m., called "St. Paul Personally."

The subject of the lecture is an intimate study, based on Fr Anthony's studies, of the personality of the man, Paul, as his writings are such a large part of the New Testament it is a subject of great interest to all students of the New Testament.

Father Anthony is regarded as one of the Anglican communion's foremost Biblical scholars and he is the author of a number of books, the last of which issued last year, is entitled "Truth in Words."

During 1965 he was invited by Moore Theological College to give a series of lectures at the college on the New Testament Epistle examinable for the Anglican College of Theology course.

Before lecturing at St. Michael's, Fr Anthony, 1961, was attached to the Society of the Sacred Mission at Kelham, England.

Fr Anthony is also to be the celebrant at the regular hourly Holy Communion at St. James' Church, King Street, on Thursday, January 20, and this service will be the first corporate Communion of the Fellowship of the Sacred Mission for 1966.

CONGO OPENING

ECCLESIASTICAL PRESS SERVICE

Lusopoldville, January 17

A large gathering of religious and political leaders met in the dedication ceremonies here this month of an inter-confessional biblical institute that will translate and disseminate the Bible in the Congo. Among those who attended the ceremonies were the Apostolic Delegate, the Congo, and the General Secretary of the British and Roman Catholic Lutheran and other denominations.

LETTER FROM AMERICA

THE New Year begins with the news that our bishop is in the headlines again, this time that he has done, or tried to do in Rhodesia.

You will no doubt have heard, Bishop Pike was asked to leave Salisbury, after having spent only twelve hours there.

The local paper here, which treats anything that the bishop does as startling news, had as headlines, "Pike Exposed" and "Bishop gets bomb rush from Rhodesia."

The bishop's visit to Rhodesia was a fulfillment of a promise to the Bishop of Matabeleland, the Right Reverend R. Nelson, who was in California over a year ago.

The Diocese of California has entered into a special M.R.I. relationship with the Diocese of Matabeleland, and as part of this the Bishops have exchanged visits.

Bishop Pike's visit had arranged independence, and according to newspaper reports, he had been dissuaded from going by the Rhodesian and British governments.

However, he heard a sermon by Bishop Nelson in Westminster Abbey last week which told of his personal expression of his evident desire to go there to see his homeland.

It is hard to see at all stages what his visit will accomplish, but the practical question asked by church people here was "Who will come for it?" No doubt the bishop will have an interesting struggle to tell when he is back among us, and about which he can say very little just now.

The strong hope and prayer here for the New Year is that there will come to Visakhapatnam. Not only are people generally worried about the international linkage which the U.S.A. is taking on, but they are naturally most anxious about the international drain on the young manpower of the country.

The young men are concerned about the interruption to their careers. The latest classification

RECORD REVIEWS

SPECULATIONS ON FAME

BLOW: "AN ODE ON THE DEATH OF HER HENRY BY BELL'S, NEW YORK SELECTED VOICE AND INSTRUMENTAL WORKS. NEW YORK: CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS RECORDS, INC. 1963. Pp. 42. \$2.95.

JOHN BLOW (1649-1708) was the first to give the recognition that he deserved. His songs and his harsher compositions are worthy of being kept in remembrance as he was a voluminous and dignified writer and formed musically, as well as historically, a valuable part of the history of English church music.

It appears that Blow was a teacher of Purcell in the Chapel Royal and it is known that, on the death of Purcell, Blow returned the post of organist at Westminster Abbey which he had resigned in favour of Purcell in 1679.

Obviously the brilliance of Purcell left Blow in an unfortunate poor light. It is an interesting speculation that had Purcell never lived, Blow might have been the greatest name in English music history. This speculation has many parallels, but the not least interesting being the current Australian government.

An ode was written by John Dryden and was set by Blow - two of Purcell's greatest admirers.

has included me in the final stages of their university and college courses, and they four of them are now in the first year of their new hope, none ever, with all the diplomatic activity which is being reported, and no doubt there is a good deal going on of which we are not yet fully aware.

The anti-Viet Nam demonstrators, however, are still at work. We had two parades in front of St. Clement's on our Christmas Eve, and the demonstrators. One church goes to their aid, and no doubt there is a good freedom to express your ideas. It would like to have freedom from our fellow for just one day.

BERKELEY people on a whole are very politically minded and take an active interest in politics on the local level as well as nationally. Your correspondent has experienced this recently on several occasions.

A few weeks ago I attended a public hearing by Berkeley planning Commission on its proposal to widen certain streets, which St. Clement's faces.

The turn out was astonishing, so great in fact, that the meeting had to be postponed to a later date and a larger hall.

NEW UNITY MOVES FROM EDBURGH

THE long term aim of creating a united Church in England to be in full communion with a united Church in Scotland was emphasised by leaders of the panels of the Anglican and Presbyterian churches in Edinburgh on January 7 at the end of their three days of new conversations on steps towards unity.

In an interim report published in March for government to the governing bodies of the churches involved they stated they would encourage the Church

of Scotland and the Episcopal Church in Scotland to try to find a way forward to unity.

They also said the Church of England and the Presbyterian Church in Scotland should direct conversation to develop the understanding already achieved in the two churches.

They recognised that the situation in England is in some ways more complex and these two churches were engaged in conversation with other churches; the Anglicans with the Methodists, the Presbyterians with the Congregationalists.

CONTINUATIONS

The panels agreed that continuing meetings of their representative groups comprising members of the four churches would be required.

The groups should be supplemented by a small liaison committee which would be charged to take full account of all moves for Christian unity in both churches.

The convenor of the Church of Scotland's panel, Dr. J. C. Douglass, said that as a result of these conversations in full contact with the members of the churches generally speaking had been made on the position of recognizing the validity of each other's ministries.

Dr. Douglass said, however, that bishops in that context had not even been discussed.

He explained, had tentatively been agreed on a "performing covenant" between the Church of Scotland and the Episcopalians to work for a united Church in Scotland which would include the Episcopalians and Presbyterian essentials, and in recognition of each other's ministries.

The proposed meeting was most interesting. Speeches given by the leaders of the highest order including one by one of the citizens Town Planners in the country who is now member of the University faculty here.

The common fear expressed by all speakers was that widened roads would only lead to more motor traffic which would mean domination of the city by the automobiles.

Alternative suggestions were made, with a special plea for greater use of public transportation, including the subway trains which are soon to be built. The East Bay Buses, which are called, with one another and San Francisco across the bay.

It would be most significant that in this country where it has been something of a status symbol to own more than one car, it is now becoming desirable to forsake even that for mass and public trains.

Another opportunity was given last week to observe local politics, when I was asked to give the invocation at the Christmas dinner of a political education group.

The speaker was Dr. Neil Sullivan, the Superintendent of the Berkeley School District, an officer equivalent to that of a State Director of Education in U.S.A.

A Happy New Year to all. **GORDON GRIFITH**, 2837 Claremont Avenue, Berkeley, California 94705, U.S.A.

THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE

There is strong feeling in Berkeley that integration of the schools is being pushed too fast and that the standard of education has suffered accordingly.

Dr. Sullivan, a very able and allegedly a very ambitious man, who has been invited to dine at this dinner, and was "grilled" suitably for nearly two hours about his policies.

Again, this meeting demonstrated the political awareness of the American voter and the acumen of the Berkeley women take in local affairs which affect them and their families.

The new English Bible was announced by the Very Reverend Lawrence Rose, Dean of the General Theological Seminary, New York, as of June, 1966. Dean Rose was to have retired in two or three years time, but his health has brought this premature announcement.

He has been Dean of General since 1947, having previously been Dean of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale and Professor in the United Seminary in Japan. His quiet kindness and wise leadership will be greatly missed.

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THE BIBLE STUDENT SPEAKS

By WINIFRED M. MERRITT

16. THE MAJESTY OF GOD: Psalm 116 is a glorious psalm of deep poetic beauty and religious significance. It is based on the contemplation of God's power and wisdom and goodness shown in the healing and maintenance of the world.

The author of this Psalm has been identified as the Wisdom of the Ancients. He has a similar insight into the heart of nature, and a like insight.

He speaks of the creation of the earth and the waters, and recounts how God fertilises the land by springs and rains, making bountiful provision for the wants of man and beast.

Creation is continuous, for God is ceaselessly sending forth His Spirit and renewing the face of the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God. The voice of the Lord in full majesty, says Psalm 29, and in His temple every thing sings of His glory.

The opening words of Psalm 9 tell us that God has set His throne in the heavens, and that He is His glorious Name for ever.

Psalm closing words of Psalm 72, and the words which are filled with His glory. The psalmist rejoices in the psalmist in Psalm 92, and He to adore with majesty. The toils of nature which ocean of the nations may lash themselves into any raging against the rock of His Throne, but it stands eternally unmoved and unmovable.

MOSAIC PSALM

Psalm 97 is a mosaic psalm. There is scarcely a phrase in it which is not to be found in other psalms, but the "editor", with masterly skill, has brought together all the extracts into a new and beautiful pattern on the theme "The Lord reigneth".

O Lord my God, cries the psalmist in Psalm 97, and He is very great. Thou art clothed with strength and majesty. Thou dost arrest Thyself with light as with a garment, and stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.

Psalm 145 is addressed to God as the Supreme King. Whose Kingdom is universal and eternal. It celebrates His Majesty, Goodness and Greatness.

The people of Israel open the choros of praise, but it will not be complete until all mankind join in the praise.

S. Great is the Lord, is their cry, and highly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. Of the glorious majesty of His throne will praise, replies the Psalmist, and I will declare Thy greatness.

The Psalter concludes with a group of Psalms each commencing with "Praise ye the Lord".

In final analysis is a stupendous show of universal praise, with every accompaniment of jubilant rejoicing, the sound of trumpet, the melody and harp, the timbral and dance, the instrumental and organ, high-sounding cymbals, and as well as the human voice.

It is the climax to all the moods and experiences recorded in the book of psalms. Tears, groans, longings, expressions of grief, meditations on the ways of God, doubts and agonising questioning and supplication, are all gathered up in this one, all are brought up in this one final tribute to Jehovah.

The antiphone which is now God's Temple, and all its instruments, and all other things are called upon to contribute to the supreme act of worship.

The Psalmist's words find an echo in John's vision in the Book of Revelation — Every creature which is in the heavens and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things that are in them, heard I saying, Unto him that sitteth on the Throne, and unto him that is the blessing and the honour and the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Hallelujah.

"THE EPISCOPALIAN" SUMMERS REVEALED OF THE YEAR 1965

AUGUST

This month saw our series of "Episcopalians" which we know from long experience that the "Episcopalians" of the Anglican world who rarely attend public worship, will appreciate any sound specific appeal for any cause.

The total amount which we have received from the members of our great family, but this is to be divided into a number of concrete proposals, which we have already received from £10 to £1,000, and which are now being spread over a period of a year to conduct these appeals in such fashion as to strengthen existing bonds between all parts of the Anglican Communion, and between all kinds of Anglicans, and also make it possible for more of us to know more of our great family. To this end, we are deliberately looking every aspect of all of these equals with the increasing circulation of The Australian Episcopalian seems to be the most effective means of communication within the Anglican world.

Major General the Reverend C. A. Osborne retired during the month of August, and he has been appointed to the Archbishop of Sydney. His appointment is the main channel of communication with the Archbishop, who had got to be a very busy man. The Archbishop has never met a person who has not been one whose personal integrity was beyond any question.

Not everyone appreciates the daily problem of selection faced by the secular press, because each week we face pressure from the many who are with some regret that we criticised the Australian secular press, and the fact that in August, on the ground that its news was not of the highest quality, we were obliged to discontinue the publication of journalistic standards and integrity.

In particular, we deplored the amount of space given to trivial parish party settings, to crime and violence and "sensational" news. The press has shown sound coverage of international affairs. Not one Australian daily newspaper, for example, reported a word of Lord Avon's remarkable speech on Viet Nam in the House of Lords at the end of July.

Perth had an unusually lively parish with its discussion of the "Geographical Statute and the Forfeiture of the Bishops' Boundaries" always raise a storm of protest from the archbishops and bishops in Australia, with perhaps one or two exceptions, the laymen.

His Majesty's Yachting territorial integrity of the British Isles.

The Anglican Church of Canada agreed to its General Synod to a proposal to unite with the Episcopal Church of Canada. The details will be pursued this year.

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OCTOBER

The Diocese of Willochra celebrated its golden jubilee. We supported the views frequently expressed by the Right Honourable John McEwen, leader of the Federal Country Party, in the House of Representatives of overseas investment in Australia which could well have its with nothing to show for it, but holes in the ground.

The Bishop of Ontario, the Right Reverend John Voelcker, has been elected to the N.S.W. Provincial Synod,

generally regarded as a redundant meeting, and said we should have a meeting out-of-the-outdoor, and drilling into the minds of the people, coming to the position, we could have a meeting in the open air. Carpentaria Synod resolved to create a new Diocese of the Territory, which would be heard of this proposal.

At the end of the month, the Right Reverend J. H. W. was elected Bishop of North West.

The Bishop of California, the Right Reverend James Pike, was elected to the Territory. In the event the charge fell to the ground.

SEPTEMBER

The Headmasters' Conference of the Independent Schools of Australia held its thirtieth annual meeting in Perth, where Mr H. E. Roberts, headmaster of Brisbane Church of England Grammar School, was chairman.

In Kashmir, things really warmed up. Both sides were to lose a lot of tanks and other military equipment, and human suffering. We plumped for the Pakistanis on the merits of the case, but the fact that Sir Owen Dixon and the other members of the International Commission of Enquiry had no legal or moral claim of any kind, during the month of Kashmir. At the same time, said, the matter could not be solved by the United Nations.

Adelaide Synod resolved not to support the proposal to parishes to its sister Diocese of Willochra; but to undergard the gift to the Diocese of £2,000.

The Diocese of Bunbury decided at its synod to merge its diocesan paper with that of Perth, and to issue a Provincial newspaper. This was welcomed by the Diocese, but obviously there would be the Bishop of Perth, who assured that there would be a trial period of a year before any final decision was taken.

ECUMENISM

Bishop Hawkins showed himself well in the ecumenical field, and his message of the opening of unity with other Roman Catholics, Presbyterians and other Protestants, and Orthodox, were represented.

In another despatch from Mr J. B. Terry on Viet Nam; his forecasts on U.S. build-ups have been fulfilled to the letter.

A fine example of generosity: Carpentaria Diocese resolved to give £250 per year to the stipend of the Bishop of North West.

Canon Cecil Warren was appointed as Assistant Bishop of Canberra and Gould.

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everyone realized, we thought there was a case for re-examination of the attitude of the Church to divorce and "re-marriage". However, the Church officially changes her mind, we felt bound in loyalty to abide by her present teaching.

negotiations in Ceylon during the month suggested the certainty of a United Church in that country by 1968.

SOUND BUSES

The Archbishop of Melbourne suggested to his Synod five buses upon which Australian foreign policy should rest, and very sound buses they were.

In Sydney, the Archbishop told his synod that individual clergymen might not deviate from the standards of public worship laid down by the law of the Church, and urged members to move forward out of narrow parochialism into the full life of the Australian Church.

The Prayer Book Commission had a remarkably successful meeting. Its work, which has been expected to be discussed in the next issue of the "Episcopalian", will come under the notice of the General Synod later this year.

Sydney Synod passed a number of financial resolutions, which we predicted will have the effect of remedying from the Synod its practice.

self any real say in his own income. The Mothers' Union had what must have been a gay and interesting annual meeting; they read us a very full report about it, to the pleasure of many readers.

The annual Bishop's Meeting, which was held in "curial secrecy" which drew forth structures in our Leading Article of October 28. We drew unfavourable comparisons between this and the Vatican Council.

The bitter suffering of Christians in the Sudan was chronicled in the same edition — something unnoticed by the secular Press, of course.

On the last day of the month, the Right Reverend J. J. Booth, our late Archbishop of Melbourne died. We were very fond of him. None of the points of difference between the former Archbishop and THE AUSTRALIAN were mentioned, and we were privileged with the help of Melbourne and other friends to publish an obituary edition of December 9, with its account of the consecration of the Bishop of North West Australia. We were able to announce in the same edition that the Appeal for a motor car for the Bishop, which readers had so splendidly supported, had passed the necessary stages.

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The issues in the war and possible solutions are very complex and there are sincere differences among us.

Some believe that the military effort should be continued as long as that unless the spread of Communism by violent infiltration checked by further military means, liberties of not only South Viet Nam but also of South East Asia are imperilled. In this view the war must continue until the military results bring the Viet Cong and North Viet Nam to the conference table.

Others believe that a continuation of the fighting will not serve the cause of peace or justice or freedom.

DEATH AND SORROW

It will mean a rising toll of death and sorrow for the Vietnamese people and increasing disillusionment and division on all sides.

There is the grave possibility that a prolonged and spread further, thus jeopardizing all mankind.

The struggle, and especially the bombing of North Vietnam may delay progress in improving relations with the Soviet Union and in arrangements for arms control and disarmament.

Within the United States we also see, as associated with it, war, de-personalization of life and increase in immorality.

We hold that within the spectrum of their concern Christians can and do espouse one or the other of these views or still have their integrity of conscience faulted because they do not.

We note with approval that 1. The President of the United States on April 7, 1965 and on other occasions since then has publicly committed the Administration to the principle of unconditional discussions leading to the negotiation of the cessation of hostilities and a peace settlement, has expressed readiness to utilize mediation efforts by U.N. mediators and especially by the Secretary-General U Thant; and has proposed a billion dollar development fund for South-East Asia.

2. The United States Armed Forces have sought to avoid bombing the population centers of North Viet Nam.

The Secretary General of the United Nations has indicated that

KOREA YOUTH CONFERENCE

Seven young Australians will attend an Asian conference on the role of youth in leadership in the nation today.

The conference, arranged by the East Asia Christian Center, will be held in Seoul, Korea, from July 7 to 19.

An Australian theological college professor, Professor Anderson, will be vice-chairman of the Korean conference.

The Australian Christian Youth Council, 100 Flinders Street, Melbourne, has called for applications from young Australian youths wishing to attend.

Eighty delegates from 16 East Asian nations are being invited to Korea. They will consider possible action on issues raised by the Asian Youth Assembly in Manila earlier this year.

Conference leaders will include Dr Norman Young (Australia), Dr Yasuhiro Futaba (Japan), the Reverend David Sobrepene (Philippines), the Reverend Francis Yip (Hong Kong) and the Reverend Hiroshi Shimizu (W.C.C. Youth Department).

The A.C.Y.C. hopes to provide financial assistance to Australian delegates, who must be between 20 and 30 years of age. Enquiries should be directed to the Executive Secretary, A.C.Y.C., 100 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

his readiness to use his good offices to bring about the cessation of hostilities.

We would also remind our people that application of the basic Christian ethic of love and reconciliation should be in our hearts and minds as we seek solutions to this problem.

We would like to recommend that the United States, in the interest of bringing peace and growing friendship to the Vietnamese people, should pursue the following suggestions:

1. Continue to reaffirm and emphasize the need for unconditional discussion and negotiations leading to a settlement which remove any uncertainty about the termination of military action.
- Such reaffirmation might be expressed by a public statement of the cessation of all bombing of North Viet Nam from a sufficient period to create more favorable circumstances for negotiations to take place.
2. Adhere strictly to the policy of avoiding the bombing of North Viet Nam.
3. Endeavor to alleviate the deplorable plight of the non-combatants in South Viet Nam by increased efforts to prevent them from becoming the victims of the hostilities.

NEGOTIATIONS

4. Request the United Nations to begin negotiations wherever and whenever possible for a peace agreement (including cessation of terrorist activities) under U.N. supervision.

5. Request the United States, of North and South Viet Nam and other interested parties including representatives from the National Liberation Front; such negotiations are imperative and are possible on the basis of the mutual interest of sparing lives and suffering and fighting.

6. Request the U.S. further, as soon as may be possible to convene a peace conference regarding North Vietnam with participation of all interested governments and with representation from the National Liberation Front to explore the bases of a settlement between the belligerents and the means to give such a settlement effective international guarantees.

7. Make clear that a primary objective of a settlement of the Viet Nam conflict is the independence of South Viet Nam from outside interference with complete liberty to determine the result of a free, fair and verified choice of its people.

The choices might include whether a coalition of Nationalists and National Liberation Front, or whether it wishes to negotiate with North Viet Nam (perhaps through a "hectic") or to negotiate as an independent, neutral voice in university communities and elsewhere calling for withdrawal of troops from South Viet Nam and non-Communist spheres of influence.

8. Whether it wishes to join SEATO or to remain a neutral, non-Communist development fund for South-East Asia, including the several associated states of India.

9. This aid to be made available, preferably through an effective international organization, to be made available to governments fully participated.

In particular the N.C.C. requests that the U.S. government

This is the full text of the Policy Statement on Viet Nam, adopted by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. on December 3, 1965. The council has representatives from all the major non-Roman Catholic churches in the U.S.A. The voting was nearly- even, for, against and six abstentions.

take further appropriate action and executive congressional action to enable the United States to join with other Christians in the U.S.A. Bank and subscribe its full quota.

In a world of revolution, ideological, Christian conflict of opportunity, and duty to be facing their respective countries.

The churches and voluntary agencies in the United States should be prepared to expand greatly their services to refugees and to those injured or displaced by the war and to play their full role in the gigantic task of reconstruction and social development.

The General Board herewith endorses the following recommendation of the Division of Christian Life and Mission adopted October 8, 1965, for action through the National Council of Churches:

1. To promote major, high-level dialogues between the United States and South Viet Nam, U.S. Christians, in co-operation with the East Asia Christian Conference, on the social, economic and political questions affecting their respective countries.
2. To place in the crisis area a Christian presence which is living political expertise as well as Christian understanding, to serve as a U.S. Christian presence in the area and to interpret Asian points of view to the churches in the U.S.

3. To work directly and through the World Council of Churches on means for bringing about more meaningful continuing relations with other churches and governments.

Looking to the future, the members of the Viet Nam area call for goals and progress big enough to encompass the needs of all people in Viet Nam.

STATESMANSHIP

The task of reconciliation and the maintenance of peace calls for statesmanship of the highest order on the part of both churches and governments.

The general board approves addressing the following message to member churches:

Dear fellow Christians:

We address this message to you at this time because of our deep concern that Christians in the U.S. are falling far short of their spiritual contributions to the maintenance of peace in Viet Nam.

Having been almost silent until our nation's involvement in Viet Nam increases step by step many voices are being raised and it is necessary to bring each step in the war as a national and religious necessity.

Our long-time policy of containment of Communism; radical voices in university communities and elsewhere calling for withdrawal of troops from South-East Asia and even sometimes for victory for the Viet Cong and North Viet Nam; the military voices pressing the government to intensify bombing and their overwhelming power to blast Hanoi and even the Peoples' Republic of China, if necessary, their appeal is becoming more palpable with the release of each casualty list of young Americans.

More and more mass media are presenting the picture of inevitable war so that every criticism of U.S. policy from any quarter is interpreted as an act of treason on grounds that it gives aid and comfort to the enemy.

The reason Christians have been silent is that they have been so busy that they have the loyalty to God which must

anything this increasing loss of life. Asians. In view of these conditions we call upon Christians in the United States to do three things:

1. First and perhaps most difficult for people involved and to end the war as soon as possible.
2. We have just passed a new policy statement on Viet Nam which we believe deals intelligently and in Christian understanding with the complex issues which face our nation there.
3. We have commended this to you for study but we must do more as Christian witnesses to the world-wide Christian family.

We must remind ourselves and our government of these convictions:

1. We believe that war in this nuclear age settles hardly anything but may destroy everything you do not overcome by evil but do overtake evil with good.
2. Let peacemaking be the priority of our Christian witness that we may be truly children of God in these difficult times.
3. Support the efforts of the United Nations and its N.C.C. in an approach to W.C.C. and Pope Paul VI in common attempt to mobilize North and South Viet Nam.

We believe that unilateral action by the U.S. in South-East Asia will not lead to peace. We must see with new determination to unite our efforts through the United Nations and its N.C.C.

NO COMPENSATION

3. We believe that if the U.S. in support of a just alternative follows unilateral policy of Viet Nam no conceivable victory to the U.S. will be achieved.

We believe that the loss of trust and hatred of the U.S. in Viet Nam is being generated each day throughout the world, of Churches in cooperation because we are seen as a predominantly white nation using its overwhelming military power together with superior strength to kill more and more support a just alternative to war.

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