

"A NEW RAY OF HOPE" IN THE SUDAN

BISHOP'S REPORT ON NEW REGIME

FROM OUR C.M.S. CORRESPONDENT

"There is a wonderful new ray of hope on the horizon after the terribly dark period through which the people of the Sudan have been passing," said the Bishop in the Sudan, the Right Reverend Oliver Allison, last week.

This was the first comment to reach Church Missionary Intercourse in London since the dramatic events of the past fortnight, in which the military regime has been replaced by a civilian government, with the prospect of a new approach to the Southern Sudan question.

The bishop has written from "back in the old haunts" as he puts it, that is, the Southern Sudan.

Earlier he had been refused permission to visit this part of his diocese, but his permit for a short visit to the south was given a few days before the overthrow of General Abboud's government.

"So here I am," he writes. "It was as much a surprise and joy to me as it was to folk at this end when I appeared on the scene." He was in Juba, capital of Equatoria Province, for All Saints' Day. It was the first anniversary of the consecration of Juba Cathedral.

There were about five hundred communicants, and four Confirmation services, which Bishop Allison and Bishop Yereyama, Bishop of the Southern Sudanese, Assistant Bishop, shared in conducting.

"Although it is early yet to say just how the great problem of the South will be solved, there is certainly a wonderful new ray of hope on the horizon after the terribly dark period through which the people of the Sudan have been passing."

STAFF MAY RETURN

"The appointment of Sir P. Khatani as our new Prime Minister seems almost too good to be true — a real answer to prayer. I am sure."

The Church Missionary Society says that in its Africa Secretary, the Reverend Brian de Sarum, who is now in East Africa, hopes to go to the Sudan in a few days' time for consultations and will report to the society's committee on his findings.

Asked whether C.M.S. and other missionaries, expelled from the Sudan by the previous regime, were now likely to return, he replied: "I am not sure."

"It is much too early to say. We must await the Africa Secretary's report."

"If the Church in the Sudan invited us to do so, and the government gave the necessary permits, we would aim to make a qualified and experienced staff available to R.C.C. immediately."

BISHOP OF NEW GUINEA SEEKS MORE TEACHERS IN ENGLAND

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, November 23

Bringing a jet age civilisation to a Stone Age people was how the Bishop of New Guinea, the Right Reverend David Hand, on November 16 in London described the task of his diocese.

The bishop is in England to recruit teachers and other missionary workers for his diocese.

Those who enlist will receive to salary but will be provided with a house, food, necessary transport and medical attention.

At the end of five years they will be entitled to five months' furlough with a cash payment, to enable them to live without working during that period.

Already Bishop Hand has received two offers.

He emphasised that the people were Pacific Islanders, not south-east Asians.

And in many parts still cut trees with stone axes. They had not developed the wheel.

In the highlands they were completely primitive and those who visited them were not always greeted in a friendly way.

PRIMITIVE

"At times we are commanded to get out, not at the point of the gun but at the point of the arrow."

There were 50 languages with English as the basic means of communication.

Many Church services were conducted in local dialects.

Native music, the to-m-tom,

and the dances were incorporated in the services.

At Easter the dance of triumph had been integrated into the ceremony, and the triumphant shield which was carried into church bore the Cross.

In a country of vast potential, the Papuans were recognizing that they could not get by with traditional methods.

That was why there was great need of more teachers, instructors, and teacher-trainers.

Two-thirds of the children in recognized schools were in mission schools of the various churches.

They had considerable assistance from the administering country, Australia, but more teachers were needed to cope with the evangelic work but for the general development of the country.

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MISSIONARIES MEET IN PERTH

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Perth, November 23

An unscheduled meeting of missionaries took place here last week when the Reverend Bogzo Pilot from the Torres Strait and Miss Happle Webster from Melanesia attended a luncheon organised by the Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Missionary Council.

The Reverend Bogzo Pilot, who is on deputation in Western Australia, was billed to speak at the luncheon as one of his numerous engagements.

A large gathering of some two hundred women representing many parishes attended.

A pleasant surprise was in store for everybody, for returning in the "Oracles" from Lough, that very day was Sister Happle Webster en route to Melanesia.

Spending a few hours ashore while the ship was in Fremantle, Sister Webster came to the luncheon too and spoke of the work she had done in England, taking a training in hospital administration.

EARLY LINK

At this unscheduled meeting of missionaries which provided a menu of good food, good speech and good fellowship, there was an additional cause for delight.

Present amongst the guests was Mrs L. M. Davies, widow of Bishop Stephen Davies, third Bishop of Carpentaria.

Mrs Davies is in Perth with her son who is in the C.M.I.O. and has come to make her home with him and his family while they are in Western Australia.

Her presence was singularly appropriate to the occasion, because the Reverend Bogzo Pilot had been made deacon by Bishop Stephen Davies.

The Reverend N. J. Eley, Organising Secretary, Anglican

Two new missionaries who will leave Sydney on December 9 to work with the Church Missionary Society at Angurugu in the Northern Territory. They are the Reverend R. S. and Mrs Barker seen here with their children, Stephen and Julie Anne.

REGISTRAR FOR POLYNESIA

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cessnock, November 23

Mr Kevin Loock, a keen layman from the parish of Cessnock, sailed on the "Oronsa" this month for Suva, where he is to become Registrar of the Diocese of Polynesia.

A qualified accountant, Mr Loock, will be a valuable asset to the diocese.

Before leaving for overseas, Mr Loock was an active member of the Anglican Fellowship, and also of the Camps of S. George, being one of this group's foundation members.

He was connected with the Aberdeenshire section of the parish and for some years has been Sunday school superintendent and served on the vestry of St. Mary's Church.

At a special commissioning service in St. John's Church, the local officer of the Australian Board of Missions, Mr. Jim Stacey, presented Mr Loock to the rectory, who offered special prayers and gave him the Church's blessing.

After the service a farewell took place, at which representatives of the Anglican cricket club, Y.A.F., C.E.M.S., vestry and parochial council spoke and made presentations.

The curate, the Reverend P. H. Hutton, and five members of the Y.A.F. travelled to Sydney to farewell Mr Loock.

BUSY WEEK-END

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Brisbane, November 22

The weekend of November 21 and 22, saw a number of activities for the Archbishop of Brisbane and his coadjutor.

On Saturday afternoon His Grace dedicated a new accommodation wing at the Church Missionary Society's centre at Tanciglan, where conference facilities have been increased to cope with an extra people making a total of 50 beds.

On Sunday morning, he preached at the Australian Student Christian Movement end-of-term thanksgiving service, at St. Christ Church, St. Lucia.

Bishop Hudson on Saturday set the foundation stone for the new parish church of St. Andrew's, Leigh.

On Sunday he blessed a new vicarage at Morningside in the morning, dedicated St. Paul's Church, Manly, in the afternoon, and inducted the Reverend Inda Askew as the new Rector of Stafford in the evening.

CALL FOR PRAYER

S. ANDREW'S — TIDE

The Anglican Missionary Council, representing the Australian Board of Missions and the Church Missionary Society, has called the Australian Church to share in the day of World-wide Intercession for Missions which falls on St. Andrew's Eve, November 29.

The origin of this special day of intercession is of particular interest to Australians and New Zealanders.

In 1871 Bishop John Coleridge Patteson was martyred on the island of Nikupia.

The name eventually reached Bishop Selwyn, of Lichfield, in England, on November 29. Bishop Selwyn had been the first Bishop of New Zealand and the founder of the Melanesian Mission.

It was he who had persuaded Patteson to come out and he who had appointed him as the first Bishop of Melanesia.

LICHFIELD

The news of Bishop Patteson's death was a grievous sorrow to Bishop Selwyn, and in 1872 there began a yearly commemoration of Patteson's death in Lichfield Cathedral, with a day of special intercession for the Melanesian Mission. On the day the terrible news was first received.

This gradually developed into a day of general intercession for missions and spread from Lichfield to the entire Anglican Communion.

A special folder, "Prayers for the Mission of the Church," has been published by the Anglican Missionary Council and circulated to all clergy throughout Australia for use on the day.

DR RAMSEY TO OPEN SCHOOL

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend A. M. Ramsey, will open and dedicate the new buildings for the S. Andrew's Cathedral Choir School, Sydney, on Saturday, March 13, at 2.30 p.m.

The buildings will be complete and furnished for occupation by the beginning of first term next year.

The official opening was to have been next Saturday, November 28, but this has been postponed because of bad delays.

TEXT FOR THE N.E.B.

LAYWOMAN ATTACKS HUMBUG IN THE CHURCH

The message of Toronto,

—AS

S. THOMAS AQUINAS


While it is as true as ever that at the heart of a congregation must be a quality of life, so lovingly manifested that those

—A.V.M.

stant churches for the first time anywhere in the world and by studying the Scriptures at combined meetings".

the claims of religious statements would be considerably strengthened.

—J.O.R.



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