

Mainly About People

BALLARAT
Rev G. W. Hillman was inducted to the parish of Willaura on May 29.

Rev H. S. MacGlashan has been granted permission to officiate. He is Chaplain at the Queen Elizabeth Geriatric Centre and assisting at St Peter's, Ballarat.

Rev H. Hannaford, formerly Rector of St John's Soldier's Hill, Ballarat, died on June 7.

Rev Canon L. S. Langdon, the former Rector of St Paul's parish, Ballarat, died on June 12.

SYDNEY
Rev G. L. Harrison, Rector of Wilberforce, has been appointed Rector of St Thomas, Enfield.

Rev C. L. Widdowson, Rector at Fairy Meadow has resigned to take effect at the end of 1975.

Rev S. Giltrap has been appointed chairman of the Deaconess Appointments Board and Chaplain to the Deaconess Order.

Rev W. H. Ostling, has been appointed Honorary Secretary of Deaconess Appointments Board. Enquiries regarding the appointment of Deaconess or Parish Sisters should be directed to Mr Ostling.

ROCKHAMPTON
Rev N. Knott, BCA Moranbah, has resigned to take up appointment as Rector Holy Trinity, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane.

Rev G. Ezzy, Regional Director of ITIM in Central Queensland and State Secretary of BCA, has been appointed Rector of Dalby in diocese of Brisbane.

GIPPSLAND
Rev J. M. Verspaandonk, Vicar of St Mark's, Emerald, in diocese of Melbourne, has been appointed Rector of Orbest in East Gippsland. He replaces Rev J. St. Clair who has moved to Sydney.

Rev K. Campbell, of Albion Park, diocese of Sydney, has been appointed Rector of Bruthen from September 2. He succeeds Rev B. Cliff who has become Minister-in-Charge of Stratford.

WILLOCHRA
Rev N. Forgie has been appointed Rector of Peterborough-Orroroo.

Rev J. Morley has been appointed Rector of Mt Barker in diocese of The Murray.

Rev J. Hardy, of Port Pirie, has become Rector of Auburn-Riverton.

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MELBOURNE
Rev J. L. Reeve, of St Mark's, East Brighton, to incumbency St George's, East Ivanhoe.

Rev P. P. Kan, Minister-in-Charge St John's, Sorrento, to incumbency St George's, Reservoir.

Rev R. Chittick, from Copmanhurst, NSW, to chaplaincy Bendigo and Northern District Hospital.

Rev R. L. Braddon, from Christ Church, Newport, to Assistant Curate Missions District of St James and St John.

RIVERINA
Rev B. Farran, Minister-in-Charge Lake Carrigillgo has resigned to take the appointment as Rector North Rockhampton.

CANBERRA-GOULBURN
Rev S. R. Willey, Rector of Tumut, has resigned to become ABM Executive Field Officer in NSW, from end of August.

Mr Barry Fernley, was made Deacon on June 24. He will continue at St Matthew's, Albury, where he has been a Stipendiary Reader.

New involvement in Africa

The Commission of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service of the WCC has agreed to a \$3.6 million rehabilitation programme in the Sahel countries of Africa which are just emerging from a 5 year drought.

In 1974 the rains were more or less normal but livestock resources, basis of the economy in the Sahel area, will take many years to be replaced and the situation remains precarious. In some cases 100% livestock losses occurred.

The projects will concentrate very heavily on rural development programmes and the retraining of herdsmen and farmers, in an effort for the World Council community to express solidarity with people who are struggling to build their own future.

Another grant from the Commission was made to four newly independent African nations — Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, Mozambique and Angola for agricultural, medical and educational assistance.

In approving the grants, the Commission called on the international church community to use all its resources to help the newly independent countries cope with their inherited problems.

The entry of the Roman Catholic Church into a body in which it would find itself on an equal footing with other bodies which also claim to be Churches would not diminish its faith about its own uniqueness. The Roman Catholic Church considers itself to be the only true Church and the sole depository of truth.

This is the uncompromising stand taken by the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity in an official statement issued in Rome, with the approval of Pope Paul, this month.

The statement, intended to afford guidance for Roman Catholic bishops throughout the world in their conduct of ecumenical work with other Christians, amounts, said a Vatican spokesman, to a warning against "wildcat ecumenism on the part of spontaneous groups, whose activity should be encouraged but protected against the dangers implicit in their action."

The bishops are instructed to keep close control over interdenominational activities in order to safeguard Roman doctrine. It is only in conformity with that doctrine that Roman Catholics can be permitted to enter the discussions of any interdenominational council.

It is stressed that this is particularly true of moral issues concerning population, family life, marriage, contraception, abortion, euthanasia and related problems.

The statement does, however, advocate close co-operation between Roman Catholics and other Churches on such subjects as justice, relief work, youth problems and drug-addiction. But the sharing of church buildings is frowned upon and can only be permitted "by way of exception".

The statement bears the signature of Cardinal Jan Willebrands, of Holland, who is president of the Secretariat.

— Church Times.

'THIS YEAR WE'VE PAID OUR BILLS', SAYS CMS FED SEC

The Federal Secretary of the Church Missionary Society in this interview with Mr John Lamont discusses the present position of the Society following the close of the Financial and looks to consider the future prospects for missionary work.

How has the Society fared in the light of current economic developments, I refer in particular to the recent devaluation of 12% and a reported inflation rate at present in excess of 20%.

I think that God has been very gracious to the Society and that we have also had some very devoted and efficient treasurers who have allowed for these things, so that in the immediate scene the situation isn't too bad. With great fore-sight, last year our treasurers put aside a certain amount of money for the change in currency. This year we have in fact been able to pay our bills, despite an extraordinary rampant inflation in many of the countries that we are working in overseas.

We have to increase allowances something like 30-40% in places like Tanzania to cope with the cost of living.

On the homefront, here in Australia, we can give

thanks to God for the fact that we have largely met our budget for the past year. We have to face the future with a great deal of faith because the real test is going to come in the next financial year when we are facing an enormous increase in our budget.

Do you anticipate any restrictions on your activities in the next year?

I hope not. We are a faith Society, and I guess that we have always had these kinds of problems over the last 200 years and we have looked to God to meet our needs and if we believe that it is right for us to keep people on the mission field overseas, then we believe that God will provide for them.

Do you find that you are still getting sufficient recruits coming forward?

No we're not. I think this is a complex yet important question. In the past five years we have had over 100

missionaries who have returned to Australia to resign because they have completed a tour with CMS or because their children have to come back to Australia for education.

In the same period we have only sent out 65 missionaries. This means that we are dropping at the rate of about 8 missionaries a year.

When you have a total of 200 people overseas, this means that the situation is not encouraging. However, I think that it would be wrong to state the figures coldly because of a number of other factors involved.

If you look at the returning missionaries and balance them against those who have gone out, one or two things emerge. For example, we have had in certain categories, more missionaries on the field than we had some years ago, we have more doctors, more theological lecturers etc, whereas we have fewer pastoral missionaries.

All this means that there is a changing pattern in missionary activity and a changing pattern of Christian service overseas. National Churches require more staff who are more competent to do a great many things.

They no longer need some of the kinds of people we have sent in the past. We do not need more missionaries but particular sorts of people to do the work of evangelism in today's world.

Will a time come when CMS is redundant?

No, I don't think so, for a number of reasons. I think we must never lose sight of the international character of the Christian faith and in these days when nationalism is the in thing we must keep reminding ourselves and our Christian brothers and sisters overseas that the church of God transcends all the barriers and divisions of the human race.

The fact of putting someone in another society and another culture for the sake of Christ is in itself an important part of our Christian witness.



Rev Maurice Betteridge, Federal Secretary of CMS

Hatton honours wage restraint

Independent MLA for the South Coast, Mr John Hatton has honoured his promise to give away parliamentary salary increases to aged

people's homes in his electorate, including the Anglican Home Mission Society's Nowra Chesalon Home.

In a letter to the General

Secretary of HMS, the Rev Neville Keen, Mr Hatton said:

"As you would recall, I took this action as a protest that Parliamentarians did not wait to have their salary increases determined by a Tribunal and I felt that this was wrong in principle. As an aside, I note that a Tribunal will determine increases in salary in future.

"Enclosed is a cheque which is the first payment to your Committee. Other payments will follow from time to time as the salary increase is received.

"At the time I made the announcement there were five aged people's groups in existence. Two groups in Nowra — one catering for geriatric patients and one providing self-contained units; one in Milton — which it is hoped will be an all-embracing Committee catering for units, hostel and geriatric accommodation; one in Narooma — units; and one in Nagoa — geriatric care and possibly other forms of assistance.

"I have decided to allocate each of these five Committees \$500 which will leave \$300 for a Committee which has recently been formed at Bateman's Bay.

"I would like to thank each and every member of your Organisation for the keen sense of community response which drives you to care for our senior citizens."

Bible Society visitor

A man who once travelled the world as part of an evangelistic team will bring vivid descriptions of other countries and their need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ when he visits New South Wales for National Bible Society Week.

He is Mr Fred Levett, the Bible Society's State Secretary for Victoria. Mr Levett saw something of soaring overseas Scripture distribution during a recent personal visit to India and Thailand. Earlier, Mr Levett travelled widely for many years as part of the Morris and Levett Evangelistic Team.

Mr Levett will be heard on the Sunday morning service to be broadcast on 2CH, Sydney, at 7.30am on Sunday, July 27. He will also preach at the North Sydney Baptist Church service which will be broadcast on August 3. He will be a special guest on the Roger Bush Show on 2CH at 9pm on July 27.

During his visit to New South Wales Mr Levett will also visit Grafton, Maclean, Cessnock and Newcastle.



Mr Fred Levett

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OLDEST YOUTH GROUP'S CENTENARY

On Sunday, July 20, the GFS (Girls Friendly Society) of the Anglican Church, celebrated its Centenary during International Women's Year.

Believed to be the oldest uniformed Youth Organisation still in existence in Australia, GFS caters for girls aged 7-15 years, and is similar in structure to the Girl Guides.

GFS has over 400 branches throughout Australia and also operates in thirty-five countries throughout the world.

To mark the centenary on Sunday, July 20, 1500 GFS girls in uniform will march from Hyde Park along Market Street and up George Street to St Andrew's Cathedral for a special centenary service at 3pm.

Director of GFS in Sydney, Miss Robyn Hoskins, said today: "GFS encourages individual independence as well as teamwork and provides a practical, mental and spiritual basis for life in the 20th century."

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RITUAL KILLING DILEMMA AT CMS STATION

On Sunday, July 6 last, a young Aboriginal woman was stabbed to death at the CMS Station at Groote Eylandt. An Aboriginal man was taken into custody and charged.

It is alleged that he wanted the girl for a second wife and when she refused he stabbed her as she cowered behind her grandfather. As a result of this incident the Aboriginal Council at Angurugu decided that in future no alcohol could be taken into the village. However, this decision is coming under strong pressure. White men in the club at Alyangula, the nearby township, are trying to persuade Aboriginals to disobey the Council's decision.

There have been previous knifings on the island but no deaths. The sisters at the hospital had always been able to patch up the wounds, however on this occasion the 17-year-old girl was dead on arrival at the hospital.

The incident created a difficult problem for those Aboriginals who have embraced Christianity. They were torn between their Christian principles and the deep-seated tribal customs which demand revenge in cases such as this. In fact, even as the murder was taking place, the dead girl's uncle was preaching in the church in the Anindilyagwa language following a sermon by the chaplain, the Rev David Woodbridge. The uncle was also the guardian of the murdered girl.

According to the Aboriginal tradition, it was his duty to avenge her death. If the murderer was not available, then a relative must pay the price for a crime. By the afternoon it appeared that the old ways had won out. The uncle and others had shed most of their clothing, spears appeared and there was talk of revenge. By the next day all work had stopped. The CMS store was closed. It was reported that guards had been posted on all roads leading into the town so that if any of the relatives of the charged man tried to return they could be dealt with.

Decision against alcohol by tribal elders

On the Wednesday following, the Aboriginal Council met. Mr Lance Tremlett, CMS Superintendent, attended, at first sitting at the back, he was later invited to sit with the uncle. He quoted the Scriptures, "Vengeance is mine saith the Lord, I will repay". The Council accepted his advice and it was agreed no life would be taken and no alcohol should be brought into the village. It was necessary for some gesture to be made so it was

decided that three men would throw two blunt spears each at a relative of the accused man who would be allowed a spear to fend them off.

The next morning the people were addressed by their leaders and told to return to work. Appreciation was expressed by the Aboriginals for the guidance of the "white man".

One visitor from Sydney who witnessed these events said that one thing came through loud and clear, "the care and concern of the CMS

PAUL E. LITTLE KILLED IN CRASH



Mr Paul Little, key organiser of the 1974 International Congress on World Evangelisation at Lausanne, has been killed in a car crash while travelling from Chicago to Toronto earlier this month.

Paul Little, 46, had been a staff member of the American Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship since 1950. Since 1963 he had also been a member of the faculty of the School of World Mission of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Illinois.

His work has always been connected with evangelism, and his many years of experience in organising the IVCF Urbana Missionary Conferences were put to good use as Programme Director of the Lausanne Congress which was the climax of his Christian career.

He is survived by his wife, Marie, and his son Paul junior (who was travelling with his father but thrown clear in the crash) and daughter Debbie.

EDITORIAL

Praying government leaders in or out of office

There has been considerable public discussion about the action of a Sydney parish recently in deciding to pray for the dismissal of the former Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Jim Cairns.

There is no question that the people involved were deeply motivated on this question. However, the wisdom of such a step could be questioned by some.

For example, some might say "Why stop at Dr Cairns? Why not the Prime Minister and the Government as a whole?" For in the opinion of many the present Federal Government is more ideologically opposed to the Christian faith and Christian standards of morality than any previous Government. It is often said

that there are many Labor members who are also Christians, but apart from Mr Stewart and Mr Beasley they are remarkably subdued on the actions of their Government, as they relate to community standards.

Others might criticise the parish's actions in that the alternative party leaders are little better. That is a question of opinion and if a group of Christians judge that a Government or opposition leader has acted in a conspicuously reprehensible way they have every right to express their concern the way this parish did. Whether the policies of Dr Cairns fit that category is open to serious question.

Probably the most serious objection is that such an action would be grossly offensive to the many Church

people who are supporters of the Labor Party. It could be disruptive of Christian fellowship within a congregation or even between congregations. This is the tight rope that any Christian spokesman has to walk.

The other objection that people could make is that — to do what they did could be interpreted as vindictive even though they said it wasn't. The personal hurt caused to Dr Cairns might seriously compromise any response he may make to the Christian Gospel.

The New Testament encouraged Christians to pray for the good government of rulers in an age when self seeking and bad government was quite wide spread. We should do no less in our age.

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SUNDAY FORMAT BRINGS 2CH GOOD RATINGS

"ACCORDING to Survey No 2 undertaken recently, Radio Station 2CH had a 14.5% share of the market, Monday to Sunday", Rev John Edmondstone, NSW Council of Churches Programme Director, said last week.

"This was only 2.3% away from the top station which had 16.8% of the market, and is a remarkable achievement seeing that 2CH only held 3% of the market in 1971," he added.

"The survey also indicated that a total of 727,000 listen to 2CH at some time Monday to Sunday, and the new pattern on Sunday meant that an extra 10,000 people tune in on that day. According to the survey at least 316,000 people listen to the station on Sunday," Mr Edmondstone said.

This significant change has come about since the "good-music" format was introduced on August 11 last year.

The Council of Churches decided to make the change, sweeping aside old programme styles that had not been varied for years. Protesters were received from individuals and groups, but having reviewed the situation after 11 months, Council members are of the opinion that they have succeeded in achieving their objectives.

These were (i) To reach those not already committed to any church with a positive presentation of the total Christian message; (ii) To speak to committed church members about the

WOMAN 'PRIEST' JOINS METHODIST CHURCH

Topeka, Kansas — One of the 11 women ordained to the Episcopal Church priesthood last year has joined the United Methodist Church.

Ms Marie Moorefield, 31, was transferred into the Kansas East Conference last month as a deacon.

Next year she will be eligible for the highest ordination in the church, that of elder.

Ms Moorefield said her work with United Methodists in the past had shown her many similarities in terms of doctrine, polity and history, between the Episcopal Church and United Methodist Church.

"I cannot in good conscience continue any longer to use large portions of my time and energy struggling with an institution which denies both its policy and its practice that women as well as men, both lay and ordained, are called of God to be ministers of the gospel," she explained.

Ms Moorefield is the first of the 11 women ordained at Philadelphia to leave the Episcopal Church.

"The establishment of a counselling service, managed by the Broadcasting Committee, has been approved in principle," Mr Edmondstone concluded.

— Australian Baptist.

'In the Christian life, theory must always be applied in practice'

Aren't letters powerful things! Some that we receive cause our hearts to sink; others lift us up and bring a glow of warmth within that is a real blessing.

Although the apostle Paul had never visited the city of Colossae in Asia, he wrote a beautiful and powerful letter to God's people who lived there.

His letter began with a prayer for the Colossian Christians and as we read that prayer today we can learn a great deal from it.

It is found in Colossians, chapter 1, verses 9 to 14. Paul prayed for specific things. He made these two great requests:

- That they may be filled with the knowledge of God's will;
- And that they will have spiritual wisdom and understanding.

The whole purpose of man's existence is to know the will of God for his life and to do it.

Prayer is the means whereby we discern what God's will is.

Notice that Paul prayed for spiritual wisdom. Not worldly wisdom, which will deceive and delude us; but spiritual wisdom, which comes from God alone through His Word and Spirit.

Paul is talking about that wisdom which God gives to those who are close to Him.

The humblest, least educated believer, may be filled with God's wisdom.

Spiritual understanding is the insight God's Spirit gives to us so that we may apply what we learn from His

word to the situations which arise in life.

God's power is available to all who call upon Him in sincerity and truth.

But, again, God does not give His power for nothing. He gives "power according to His glorious might" for endurance and patience.

Endurance is the attitude of steady progress towards our goal that disregards our difficulties.

Patience here means "patience with people".

It is the attitude of love and understanding that must be extended to even the most unpleasant and irritating of people.

We, too, must pray for God's power to practise these things, and His power is available to us through the Spirit of the ascended Christ.

But at least this shows that even a child has a sense of what is due to each person within the family group.

The Bible makes clear that God treats us on the basis of justice. Constantly throughout the Bible, the phrase occurs that "God renders to every man according to his works".

Justice is two-sided: to those who deserve a reward it is unjust to keep it back and to those who deserve punishment it is unjust to disregard it.

Justice, then, is distributive and retributive: rendering to every man his due,

Justice and punishment: 'If we don't believe in God, then punishment is self-protection'

I want to speak about the Christian doctrine of punishment, as I have heard that some members of the judiciary are confusing retribution with revenge.

The teaching of the Christian faith is that punishment is based on the concept of justice.

That is, it is never self-centred; but revenge, however, is always self-centred.

Justice may be defined as giving everyone what is their due. Justice treats people as people.

We never ask, for example, about a plant, what is due to it, or even about an animal.

We deal with plants and animals not from the point of view of what is due to them but rather with a view to what is advantageous or beneficial for some object we have in mind.

But men and women must never be treated in this way, and the concept of justice is the recognition that men and women have rights — rights which are due to them.

Justice is a concept very deep-rooted in our personality.

One of the earliest expressions of a child in a family is the cry "It is not fair", meaning, of course, "It is not fair to me".

So the starting point in determining what punishment should be imposed must be "What does the crime deserve?"

The Bible makes clear that if for a selfish willful reason you murder someone, cut short his life, make his wife a widow and his children fatherless, then you deserve to die yourself.

This is taught clearly in the Old Testament in Genesis 9, "Whosoever sheds men's blood, by man shall his blood be shed".

Then again in the New Testament in Romans 13, where the Apostle speaks of the judge as "God's minister" in using the sword, that is to

... the concept of justice is the recognition that men and women have rights which are due to them'

very noble work, but we must remember that punishment is not inflicted primarily for the benefit of the criminal nor for the benefit of society, but because justice indicates the criminal deserves punishment.

So in assessing what deliberate murder deserves, we must treat as secondary the arguments which spring from the effect of the punishment.

This doctrine of retribution is in fact the only basis on which punishment can ever be

inflicted, for we have absolutely no right to lay even a hostile hand on our fellow man by way of arresting him, or later imprisoning him unless he deserves it, and unless we are acting in the name of his Creator — that is to say, acting as a minister of God, as the Bible speaks of the magistrate.

We cannot treat men and women as though they were plants and animals and use them in a way that we think beneficial either to themselves or to society.

It is only because a person has deserved to be punished that we can take into consideration secondary benefits such as the opportunity of reforming the criminal, or the deterrent example of his punishment.

The first question to be asked is "What does the crime deserve?"

This question seems seldom to be asked by those who discuss the merits of capital punishment, what we need is a passion for righteousness.

Not everyone has the right to punish (or to blame). Status is essential for inflicting punishment (including blame).

This is true in the home, in society, or between the nations — ultimately only God can punish.

It is the result of the relationship of Creator to creature.

The magistrate and the parent acts in God's name and the school teacher acts in the name of the parent.

As private individuals we are not to punish, "Avenge not yourselves ... Vengeance is mine, I will repay", says the Lord.

Unless we believe in God and make Him the centre of our world-view — for if we believe in Him, he must be the centre of understanding reality — unless we thus believe in God, all punishment must be self-centred.

Justice is other-person-centred — rendering to them

what is due to them; we can only render punishment as due if we act in God's name — so only so have we the right.

If we don't believe in God, then punishment is a form of self-protection and is ultimately self-centred.

For people who do not make God central, it is impossible in the ultimate to distinguish between retribution and revenge.

Retribution merges into revenge.

The Humanist view of punishment, which is that it should be inflicted only as a deterrent or as a cure for criminal propensities, though it has the appearance of being merciful, is most cruel to the criminal, for it means that from the moment he breaks the law he is deprived of his rights as a human being.

The Humanist theory removes from punishment the concept of desert. But desert is the only connecting link between punishment and justice.

On the Humanist theory, punishment is removed from the sphere of the common man's ability to estimate whether it is effective.

If we stood in the dock we should all much prefer to be judged by the community's sense of fairness, rather than by some expert's view of what was good for us.

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FRED RICE CALLS FOR MORE CO-OPERATION

The head of a major church agency has called on State Governments to "get more involved with the voluntary agencies", making clear their intention to support them according to a defined plan.

According to the director of the Church of England Homes in Sydney, the Reverend Fred Rice, there is discontent and dissatisfaction on several grounds, particularly in the breakdown of communications between voluntary agencies and some statutory bodies.

"Voluntary agencies in the social welfare field feel their important role calls for better definition and greater practical appreciation by State Governments," said Mr Rice.

"We function in a system which is poorly planned and integrated and this leads both to gaps and overlaps in services."

Mr Rice emphasised that this issue was of acute concern to all voluntary agencies, which in recent weeks have been meeting frequently to exchange views on the action they should take in the hope of finding

are substituting the family group atmosphere with family homes and cottage type care. We are also giving special attention to foster care programmes, creating a bridge of understanding between foster and natural parents with the ultimate goal of restoring children to their natural parents.

We are also embarking on the establishment of a school and hostel for intellectually handicapped children which will be opened next January. We have a staff of professional social workers to supervise these activities and a sympathetic committee which is wide-awake to the need for changes. In short, we have a policy that is flexible to meet present-day needs within the social welfare programme.

MR WILLIAMS SAYS . . .

Mr Williams says he doesn't need to go to church — he has more light on sacred subjects than the man in the pulpit, anyway.

Perhaps you have, Mr Williams! But have you ever thought there may be times when you ought to accept less light than that of your own?

Often other people may not be ready for the degree of your light. A less amount may be essential to them.

If this is so then you ought to step downward. Jesus did.

Paul told the Galatians: "God sent forth His Son, made under the law," Galatians 4:4.

The idea is that Jesus never used his full freedom. He observed the religious ordinances of His time. He went to church. He hid no need to go to church.

Jesus was in direct communion with His Father. He must have felt the services to be most inadequate and

obstructive to the emotions of His heart.

It was like a great author reading the work of a poor one.

He asked to be baptised. He had no need for baptism. But He saw the crowd go down to the river and He went with them. He wished to identify Himself with that which was beneath Him.

Jesus refused to separate from the people, to be thought as separate.

Jesus insisted on serving during the same hours laid down for their working day. He would carry a burden equal to theirs. He would serve the same length of time.

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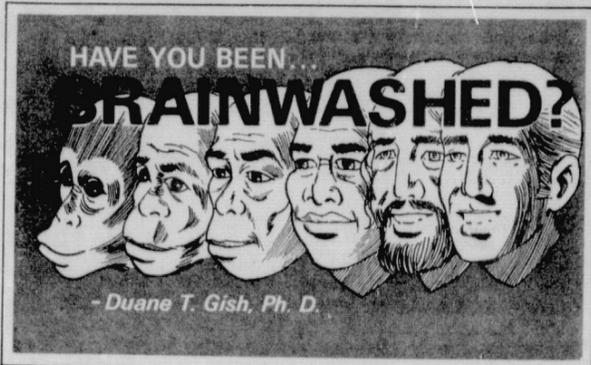
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I think it would be a good idea. I've really been confused on the subject of evolution.

Let's pass the word around to meet at the Lecture Hall tonight, and see if he has any solid evidence to back up his statements.

Yeah... that's the first time I ever heard of a Ph.D. scientist taking that point of view on evolution.

Listen to what this reporter says, "Why have I been on this campus for four years and never had the opportunity to hear this kind of evidence? I challenge each student to hear the other side of the issue. Don't allow yourself to be brainwashed. Hear Dr. Gish present the other side of the creation/evolution controversy tonight at the campus Lecture Hall."

LATER THAT EVENING

I'm surely glad you were willing to speak tonight, Dr. Gish.

I only hope we have a decent turnout. You just never know how the students will respond.

I know what you mean. We've been taught that we evolved from lower life, which evolved from dead matter... It just doesn't add up.

Wow!... We've never had a turnout like this before.

...and now I would like to introduce our guest speaker of the evening, Dr. Duane T. Gish!

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BY DR. GISH HAS BEEN MODIFIED AND GREATLY CONDENSED FOR THIS PUBLICATION.

The refusal of science teachers to consider creation as a possible explanation for the origin of all things, is unwarranted and undesirable. The student is being indoctrinated without being given a complete presentation of the evidence.

This situation could be remedied by taking a closer look at both creation and evolution.

As a scientist, I believe we must examine all the evidence and facts before we can come to any conclusion on any given subject. I'm asking only one thing of this audience... that you examine the facts thoroughly and without prejudice.

Thank you. I would first like to say how delighted I am for the opportunity to speak here on the Davis Campus this evening.

* See inside back cover for a brief resume of Dr. Duane T. Gish.

First, let's examine the claims of each.

The EVOLUTIONIST states that all life gradually evolved from a single cell, which had evolved from dead matter.

CREATIONISTS believe that life and our existence came by the acts of a Creator.

The evidence the EVOLUTIONIST needs to establish his claims, is fossils showing a gradual step-by-step development of lower animal life into more and more complex forms.

The evidence needed to support CREATION, is fossils showing complex life appearing suddenly... with no fossil evidence of lower animals developing into new and complex forms of life.

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Letters

Glebe still in news

It must be remembered however that, until a few years ago, virtually all of the Board's assets were old Glebe properties giving these low returns. Mainly because the Board increased its staff to provide active management, development and sale of these properties, the Board's profitability has increased over recent years so that the Diocese through the Assessment Ordinance has received substantially increased sums from the Glebe Board each year. In 1970 the amount was \$130,000, in 1975 it is \$640,000.

Unfortunately, because of current economic conditions which have affected all property owners, some very severely, the Board's results will be lower in the next couple of years.

In the first half of 1976, the Board will be required to invest in St Andrew's House, the sum (expected to be in the region of \$4.5 million) which will complete the building. The return to the Board on these funds is only expected to be about 4% in

the short term. Before many years pass, however, this return will start to increase and St Andrew's House should prove to be a very good investment in the long term.

The lower rate of return on these funds in the next couple of years, combined with the pressure of outgoings rising more than rents for many of our property investments (an experience being shared by all property owners at present in varying degrees) means that the Board's net income for 1976 and 1977 will be lower than present levels. The actual results will depend to a considerable extent on the rate at which we are able to sell the old Glebe properties in the next year or two.

Beyond that time, as rent reviews start to occur in our new property investments and as well sell more of our old Glebe properties and reinvest the proceeds in higher income-producing assets, the Board is confident its results will improve again.

G. B. V. KING,
Chief Executive Officer,
Glebe Board.

principles of good stewardship".

The Bible makes it clear that the most important thing we are stewards of is the gospel. "the mysteries of God", and therefore the duty of responsible stewardship will involve investing our money in the propagation of the gospel.

At the moment, however, we have the situation where many millions of dollars are tied up in the erection of St Andrew's House, and the face-saving activity (to some) of keeping a couple of church schools open. At the same time evangelistic and pastoral agencies like Moore College, the Dept of Evangelism, and the Board of Education, have been told that they will most probably receive much less (as far as the real value of money is concerned) than they did last year, and so be faced with crippling deficits and/or the retrenchment of staff.

What principles of good stewardship warrant this kind of action?

With regard to Synod elections, Mr Robinson seems to assume that the re-election of members of the Glebe Administration Board or Standing Committee will indicate that "most people believe the Diocese is pursuing the best policy possible".

Three points need to be made about Synod elections.

First, it is well-nigh impossible for a voter to know enough about each candidate, for a committee for the donkey vote" not to apply in some instances.

Second, persons who have already served on a committee have a better chance of being re-elected than others have of being elected.

Third, the foregoing will be compounded this year in that we can assume that approximately a third of the Synod representatives will be at Synod for the first time.

For these and other reasons I find it impossible to agree with the statement that "the voice of church people throughout the diocese" is heard in Synod elections, and that these elections before us will "indicate that most people believe the Diocese is pursuing the best policy possible".

It would seem to me that the members of the Glebe Administration Board are clutching at straws if they regard the forthcoming synod elections as a vote of confidence or an indication of diocesan-wide approval of their policies.

John Baxter,
Blaxland.

Author's institute views origins as 'design of an intelligent Creator'

• From page 4

The author of material in this strip (refer page 4), Dr Duane T. Gish, has recently completed a series of lectures in Australia, arranged by the Evolution Protest Movement.

Dr Gish, associate director of the Institute for Creation Research in America, received his BS degree, with a major in chemistry, from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1949. He was elected to the UCLA chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, and to Phi Sigma Upsilon, a chemical honorary fraternity.

He received his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1953, majoring in bio-chemistry.

From 1953 to 1955 he was a Lilly Postdoctoral Fellow in the Natural Sciences at Cornell University Medical College, New York City.

In 1956 he held the position of assistant professor of biochemistry at that institution.

At Cornell University Medical College, he collaborated with Dr Vincent du Vigneaud, Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, and several others, in synthesis on one of the hormones of the pituitary gland.

In 1956 Dr Gish joined the research staff of the Virus Laboratory of the University of California, Berkeley.

While there he collaborated with Dr Wendell M. Stanley, Nobel Prize winner in medicine, and several others, in elucidating the chemical structure of the protein of tobacco mosaic virus.

From 1960 to 1971 Dr Gish was a member of the research staff of The Upjohn Company, a pharmaceutical firm in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he was a research associate in the Department of Hypersensitive Diseases Research.

During these years, Dr Gish, was engaged in the synthesis of drugs with hormonal, anti-cancer and immunosuppressant activities.

For many years Dr Gish's avocation had been the study of the scientific evidence related to the question of creation versus evolution theory.

In 1971 he resigned his position with The Upjohn Company to devote full time to this work. He is now the Associate Director of the Institute for Creation Research in San Diego.



Stewards of the Gospel

I have read with interest George Robinson's letter (ACR June 12), in which he replied, as a member of the Glebe Board, to a previous letter which questioned certain aspects of diocesan finance. His letter raises two issues in my mind.

He rightly reminded us that "we must also remember the scriptures which lay upon us the duty of responsible stewardship" and that we must "invest our money as wisely as possible in accordance with the

Playboy theology

Congratulations to the Church Record for publishing the excellent article by Rev Bruce Winter "Playboy Theology behind much of Today's Youth Work" (ACR, July 24). I was almost despairing that anyone was living today who thought like Mr Winter.

It is to be hoped that certain people in influential positions in Sydney diocese might "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" every word of the article.

It has been sad to see in so much activity in the Sydney diocese, a diocese known formerly for its strong evangelical witness, a move over

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Students are selected from among those who offer themselves for training for full-time Christian Service in Parishes, the Mission Field, Church Schools, Religious Education, Youth Work, Hospitals, Child Care, Social Welfare Work, etc. or who plan to return to their secular occupations.

Applicants for the position of Principal must be mature in attitude to the role and status of women in today's world. They must be committed Christians and able to give proper leadership for the devotional life and training of students with an ability to minister to them pastorally.

It is anticipated that the person appointed will be of sufficient academic attainment to be recognised as a full member of the teaching faculty of Deaconess House and of Moore Theological College.

Salary will relate to qualifications and experience and will be a matter for mutual agreement. The successful applicant will commence her duties on the 1st January, 1976, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Applications should be made in handwriting on or before 30th September, 1975, and should be addressed to The Committee of Management of Deaconess House, c/o Archdeacon R. G. Fillingham, Post Office Box Q 190, Queen Victoria Buildings, Sydney, 2000.

BIBLE NOW PUBLISHED IN 1549 LANGUAGES

Books of the Bible have been published in 1549 languages, according to the American Bible Society's annual updating of its official Scripture language count.

The new figure represents, as at the end of 1974, the total number of languages and dialects in which at least one book of the Bible has been published since the invention of printing.

Twenty-three new languages were added last year.

The publication of the New Testament in Yapepe brings that South Pacific language to the list for the first time.

The other 22 new entries represent publication of individual Biblical books in languages ranging from Abua (Nigeria) to Tsumkwe, a dialect of the Kung language of South-West Africa. (The represents a click.)

The total of 1549 includes the publication of the complete Bible in 257 languages, the New Testament in 368 more, and one or more individual books in an additional 924.

The report also lists many new publications in languages previously counted. — "The Sower"

The Pakistan Bible Society decided half-a-loaf is better than none due to limited funds.

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Unique trip by CEBS

A group of 22 CEBS (Church of England Boy's) will make a unique 6000 mile trip to hand over funds collected by the boys for the work of the Church Missionary Society.

The boys from the Earlwood branch of the CEBS will travel in an ex-government double-decker bus, purchased by one of the CEBS leaders. Mr Geoffrey Brown, leaving from St George's Anglican Church, Earlwood at 6 pm on August 15.

Over forty companies have acted as sponsors for the trip, by donating products for the boys, fathers and CEBS leaders to use during the trip. The bus will be covered with advertisements for the companies concerned.

Apart from handing over the donations to CEBS the trip will be educational, social (in learning to live together) and spiritual as daily devotional sessions will be held each day of the 24-day trip.

On Sunday, August 3, after the 10 am Family Service, the Rector of St George's, Earlwood, the Rev Stuart Langshaw, will offer prayers for the safety of the boys in the street where the bus is parked.

The trip will include visits to Wilcannia, Broken Hill, Port Augusta, Coober Pedy, Ayers Rock, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Mt Isa and Rockhampton.

Elders in the New Testament Church were required to prove themselves capable of governing their own households before they were appointed over the household of God (1 Timothy, 3 and Titus 1).

Most Jews also learned a trade. Paul, an academic, was able to resort to saddlery as a means of keeping himself and spreading the gospel (Acts 18).

Why then are today's churches so willing to accept men (?) for the ministry before they have had any real experience in the world?

If preaching is to be related to life, and particularly to

Massacre of Christians in Ethiopia due to lack of Gospel message

Has the need for foreign missions passed away?

Not in the light of a recent massacre in southern Ethiopia.

A couple of months ago 400 believers were wiped out in a Sunday morning attack on a predominantly Christian settlement.

Seventy worshippers in a church building were cut down one by one as more than a thousand naked warriors of the Bodi tribe charged across a nearby river armed with rifles, spears and knives.

Mothers saw their children killed and mutilated while terrified fathers were helpless to resist; killers cut off captives hands and feet and danced around the pile; small children were surrounded, tortured and cut up one by one.

The attackers were followed by their own women and children who killed the wounded, pillaged the houses, drove off the cattle and carried away clothes and grain.

Some had miraculous escapes and the Sudan Interior Mission now has to house, clothe, feed and give medical treatment to 1000 survivors, half of whom are Christians.

Why did it happen? There's no simple answer: Bodi cattle herds needed replenishment after an outbreak of disease; political unrest and uncertainty made it an opportune time to raid; some claimed the killers were after ancestral land.

"All these speculations contain some truth," says SIM. "But the real reason is that heathen darkness, sin and savagery burst from the hearts of these Bodi people in an orgy of blood and lust. They have never been reached with the Gospel of Christ." (My emphasis.)

It's not enough to sit back and say that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church". If you'd like to help, the SIM will accept gifts marked "Relief for Boroda Refugees".

It will also take volunteer nurses, engineers, mechanics, secretaries and driving instructors for a 12-month term in Ethiopia.

In Old Testament days, Levites had to be aged 25 before entering the ministry. On top of that, chapters 4 and 8 of Numbers indicate they had a five year apprenticeship.

Noting that Jefferson's clauses denouncing the slave trade had been removed from the final draft, he asked, "How is it that we heard

the lives of those in the pew, surely the man in the pulpit needs to know his subject.

The BBC's Richard Clutterbuck put a strong case for mature students (not necessarily for the ministry) in "The Listener" a year or so back.

He found that while one in every six students admitted to English universities was of middle-class background, only one in 24 came from the working class.

By way of contrast, 80 policemen admitted to uni studies were all working class and one had no GCE "O" levels.

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Clutterbuck (I love the sound of that name, don't you), found four reasons for their success:

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loudest yelps for liberty among the drivers of negroes?"

A Bible Society "read-a-thon" of 70 people at Wangaratta took 13 hours to read the four gospels aloud. Sessions were spread over two days and readings were broadcast to passers-by in the street.

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"AUST ENTERING PERIOD OF OPTIMUM CHURCH GROWTH"

ONLY two of every 10 Australians are regular church goers according to a visiting growth researcher.

But trends are pointing to a rapid improvement, says Dr W. Arn, director of the American Church Growth Institute.

He was in Australia for an ecumenical church growth seminar.

Australia was entering a period of optimum church growth, a period which was already producing encouraging figures.

In many parts of Australia attendance increases had been as high as 25 per cent, he said.

Deterioration of and dissatisfaction with the



Dr W. Arn.

quality of life was forcing people to look for a deeper meaning to life.

"The sexual revolution (the role of women), economic fluctuations and political scandals are making people look for a solid base".

This had been the case in the United States, and indications were that Australians were facing similar problems, Dr Arn said.

"People have tended to move away from the church in times of prosperity and to some extent the church could take part of the blame."

"But now we are aiming to build a church which will grow in times of prosperity, not just in times of instability."

— Hobart Mercury.

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'Theology replaced with sociology, and faith with human betterment'

A claim that disastrous consequences would follow the Western churches' failure to offer any moral or intellectual resistance to atheistic Communism was made by Mr Bernard Smith, Anglican Secretary of the Christian Affirmation Campaign, at a meeting in London.

Mr Smith said there had been "a total capitulation of the Christian mind to the forces of modern atheism."

"We have replaced theology with sociology, sin with social injustice and faith with human betterment."

Churches and the Roman Catholic Church had decided on a policy of détente with Communism, and this was why both were silent about the persecution of Christians in Soviet Russia.

"Have the Churches abandoned the struggle in prudent anticipation of an eventual Communist take-over in the West?"

"Are the churches deserting Western civilisation?"

"The continued refusal of the churches to arouse the moral and spiritual resistance of the West makes the triumph of atheistic Communism inevitable," said Mr Smith.

At the end of the meeting the following resolution was passed: "This meeting, noting the alignment of the WCC with international Marxism and the Marxist philosophy of secular liberation, calls upon the leaders of the Anglican Church and other British Churches to withdraw from membership of the WCC."

— "Church Times".

Welsh New Testament

Y Testament Newydd — this is the title of the New Testament in Welsh, which appeared in all Welsh towns on their national day, St David's Day, March 1.

It is the first instalment of a complete Welsh Bible in modern language which it is hoped will be published in 1988 to mark the 400th anniversary of Bishop William Morgan's 1588 Bible.

This new translation has been produced under the auspices of the clergy in Wales and was published, as the full Bible will be, by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Welsh language experts are pleased by this new translation because of its simple, direct style which closes the gap between spoken and written Welsh. It took 14 years to achieve. — "The Sower"

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Justice — from the Christian and Humanist viewpoints

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On the remedial view of punishment, the offender should, of course, be detained until he is cured.

This is the Communist theory of punishment, often involving life-long curative treatment in Siberia.

But what right have we got to cure a man against his will in this way?

And how terrifying is the prospect of living in a community where justice — that is to say retributive punishment — is abandoned, and the curative or remedial theory alone holds the field?

Anyone might be arrested and subjected to this curative treatment whether or not he deserves it (as we should say), because the concept of desert belongs to the theory of retribution and this has been abandoned by the Humanists.

The fact is, of course, that punishment in itself does not reform. Love reforms; when punishment is administered by someone who is loved, it becomes chastisement and leads to repentance and reformation.

The alternative Humanist theory is that punishment is inflicted for deterrence, as a safeguard of society.

This is an even worse basis for punishment, as it involves using people as a means to an end; and the benefit aimed at is not the culprit's, as in the reformatory theory, but that of the community in general. That is to say, it uses people for somebody else's end, which is morally reprehensible.

This theory means that punishment need have no relation to the crime but only to the effect, as to whether it actually deters or not.

It might well be argued, if our society were to become

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SYDNEY PARISHIONERS BUILD A HOUSE

A party of parishioners from St Paul's, Seaforth in Sydney spent a month at Groote Eylandt building a house for the Chaplain, the Rev David Woodbridge.

The team arrived in three groups, the first on June 18, the second on July 2 and the last on July 12.

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Rev W. C. Whitehead, Vicar of Ballan with Bungaree has resigned, effective from September 29.

RIVERINA
Canon G. Morrison, Rector of Broken Hill has resigned to take up the appointment as Rector of Dubbo in the Diocese of Bathurst from the end of October.

Rev R. W. Ginn, Rector of Tocumwal-Jinley to take a position in Tennant Creek.

PERTH
Rev J. Cook, Rector of Dalkeith, has been appointed Rector of Victoria Park.

BATHURST
Rev R. Sherlock, Rector of Coonabarabran has been appointed Rector of Cumnock.

Rev R. Stockdale, has been inducted Rector at Cudal.
Rev R. M. Stamp, Assistant Minister at All Saints' Cathedral is Acting Chaplain of All Saint's College, Bathurst.

BUNBURY
Rev D. J. Hawkins, Chaplain for Missions to Seamen, Singapore, has been appointed Rector of Gnowangerup on July 1.

Rev J. MacDonald, Rector of Kondinin has been appointed Rector of Cranbrook from February 1, 1976.

Archdeacon S. F. Threlfall, Rector of Narrong has been appointed Sub-Dean and Canon Residentiary of Bunbury Cathedral from February 1, 1976.

FOL v TED NOFFS

The Director of the Australian Festival of Light, the Rev Fred Nile, has today issued a firm denial to the false malicious allegations made by Ted Noffs of Kings Cross, that the FOL has prepared dossiers on the private lives of public figures.

Mr Nile said, "The FOL has NO personal dossiers on the private lives of any person. I have never had any such dossier either prepared or filed by FOL. I carried no such dossiers, nor presented any such dossiers to TCN Channel 9 on Tuesday, July 22, 1975. I simply handed a transcript of the 'Lateline' programme to Mr Tony Ward for factual confirmation by the TCN News Department of our public statements, as the FOL only deals in the truth and the fact of a particular situation."

The small FOL Office has always been opened to the public and the radio, TV and press personnel. Many university students have also used their press scrapbooks in the preparation of university assignments.

It is unfortunate that Mr Noffs has decided for reasons only known to himself to launch a public attack on the FOL and its staff.

Mr Noffs first approached TCN 9, "A Current Affair", on 22/7/75 for an opportunity to attack the FOL and defend Richard Neville's ABC "Lateline" programme on "Pederastic activities" (child seduction or adult/boy sodomy). These self-confessed pederasts freely described their activities in picking up boys outside schools in the Eastern Suburbs and whilst using four letter words accented Catholic Priests and Brothers of engaging in sodomy "even at the altar!"

Mr Noffs issued a Press Statement on 24/7/75 attacking the FOL and described on Radio Station 2GB how he had seen a dossier with Richard Neville's name on it handed by Rev

ANGLICANS WITHDRAW FROM UNITY TALKS IN CANADA

The Anglican Church of Canada has formally withdrawn from union negotiations with the United Church of Canada and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The church's General Synod, meeting in Quebec last month, relegated Plan of Union — which was to have united the three churches — to the status of a study document, and reaffirmed the negotiated 1965 principles of faith and order as the basis for any further talks on union.

In effect, any future negotiations will have to start from that point.

Although Synod said it was willing to negotiate stage-by-stage agreements on faith, ministry and sacraments with the United and Christian churches, this particular union is no longer a major commitment for the Anglican Church.

In fact most of the union resolutions passed by Synod were broadened to include not only the two other partner churches but "other Christian communions."

Leaders of the United and Christian Churches who attended Synod as official observers expressed deep disappointment at the outcome of the debate.

The Rev Robert Leland, executive secretary of the Christian Church, said he felt "very discouraged" by the proceedings and saw the Anglican Church as wanting to return to a position of being available for all conversations and discussions.

"The church wants to engage in broader efforts to unity at the expense of taking a smaller step in the same process," he said.

The Rev Robert Craig, who has been chief United Church negotiator on union since 1967, said bluntly that the Anglican Church was not willing to pay the price of union.

The United Church is itself the result of a 50-year-old Methodist - Presbyterian merger.

Mr Craig attributed the failure of union to "a lack of will to visible union in the Anglican Church and a will to endless conversations on unity which is entirely foreign to the ethos of the other two Churches."
— "Church Times"

Choristers in depth at St Andrew's



St Andrew's Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Choral Society accompanied by the cathedral organ and a specially formed chamber orchestra under Donald Blair (leader of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra) recently presented the "Kleine Orgelmesse" in English in the context of the 1662 Holy Communion service.

The music was under the direction of Michael Hemans, the Cathedral organist and Master of the Choristers.

The Epistle was read by Canon Broughton Knox from the Lectern and the Gospel by Canon Glennon from the pulpit. Soloist was Ailsa Knox.

Members of the choirs and the orchestra and congregation received Holy Communion in what the Dean said was a service of participation rather than a performance of music.

More Bibles sold in Sudan

With the coming of peace to the Sudan, a country torn by civil war in recent years, the Bible Society there has had an opportunity for wider distribution, particularly in the southern region.

It is in this region that most Sudanese Christians live.

Circulation last year was 117,562 copies of Scripture, an increase of 175 per cent over 1973.

Festival of Light Sunday

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EDITORIAL Encouraging one another

We need all the encouragement we can get in trying to live consistently for Christ. It is heartening to see in many quarters a fresh appreciation by Christians of the need for such mutual support, and a renewed willingness to bear one another's burdens.

The first and chief source of encouragement is the Word of God. Christian fellowship is fellowship in the truth, that is, it grows out of a common acceptance of the authority of God's Word. The Holy Spirit ministers faith, hope and love through His truth and we must always maintain this priority.

We need instruction to build up our understanding. We need teaching in sermons and we need it in informal settings too, so that in smaller groups questions can be asked and answered, and contributions made by group members, not only group leaders.

But the Christian life is more than accuracy in doctrine, vital though this is. While our Christianity lifts

'Eternal crown in my heart worn by Christ' — Miss America

Memphis, Tenn — About 11,000 junior and senior high school girls and their adult leaders got "in touch" during the National Aetceens Conference sponsored here by the Woman's Missionary Union, the national auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Shirley Cothran of Denton, Texas, the current Miss America, and dozens of missionaries, launched the meeting with testimonies to their Christian commitment.

Behind them a blue backdrop framed a huge rear-projection screen on which images constantly interpreted the conference theme — "In Touch".

Miss Cothran, a Southern Baptist and former Aetceens leader, told the girls that following Jesus Christ in faith and behaviour could bring satisfaction and achievements.

She gave her personal testimony, telling of a third grade "secure" profession of faith and a true conversion experience in camp at Falls Creek, Oklahoma.

"In September I will take off the crown that I occasionally wear as Miss America, but I have an eternal crown in my heart and it is worn by Jesus Christ," she said.

"Being Miss America didn't just happen. It is some-

thing I worked hard for," Miss Cothran said, describing her dieting, exercising and talent practice in pursuit of local titles.

She said that she did not meet with success until she asked God's guidance. "I had put Shirley number 1 and God number 2, and that is a losing combination."

She challenged the Aetceens to stick to their beliefs about Christian behaviour. She said she does not smoke, drink, use drugs, or "sleep with my boyfriend."

"My challenge to you is that it is not necessary to compromise for an artificial high when you have an all time natural high through Jesus Christ," she said.

In the closing session of the five-day conference, Carolyn Weatherford, WMU's national Executive Secretary, charged the girls to return to their daily routine with determination to keep in touch with themselves, with God and with the world, the report stated.

— "Australian Baptist"

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CIA LINK REFUTED BY WORLD VISION

World Vision has defended itself against charges by a Japanese churchman to the effect that World Vision was acting for CIA in South East Asia. The charges were made in the April edition of the Far Eastern Economic Review. On June 23 the President of World Vision International, W. Stanley Mooneyham replied directly to Rev John Nakajima, the General Secretary of the National Christian Council of Japan who made the charges. Recently World Vision Australia released details of the exchange.

The attack on World Vision began, "under the guise of humanitarian relief work at least two Christian voluntary agencies in South East Asia are receiving million dollar annual subsidies from the US government in exchange for highly valued political and military intelligence". The two agencies named were the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and World Vision. Both were working in Cambodia before the Communist takeover.

Mr Nakajima also attacked the role of these agencies in the local churches, "horrible things are happening in the name of the Christian church... Agencies like the CRS, serving as willing pawns of US foreign policy interests, are greatly undermining those local and truly Christian efforts."

In reply Dr Mooneyham wrote, and we reproduce parts of his letter.

"Dear Mr Nakajima, A short time ago your report published in the Japan Christian Activity News after a brief visit to Cambodia earlier this year was called to my attention. You cannot imagine my shock upon reading your unfounded, distorted and untrue charges about World Vision."

I am totally amazed that a responsible Christian leader such as yourself would make such serious and potentially damaging charges against a Christian organisation without checking your information in the most thorough manner. That you did not check it or even inquire is transparently evident, however, for all the facts which I will set forth in this letter were available to you with even the most elemental inquiry.

What is even more puzzling to me, however, is that you chose to ignore many of the facts which were presented to you by Mr Carl Harris, our director in Cambodia, and by selective editing you have attempted to make his own words stand as "proof" of your unwarranted and erroneous allegations.

Let me at the outset, Mr Nakajima, reject categorically the implication that World Vision personnel have ever been involved in "information gathering" of a military or political nature for the government of the United States or any other government. The very thought is repugnant to our understanding of the gospel as a supranational and supracultural message which calls us to an allegiance to a Kingdom which is not of this world.

We have on occasion received funds or goods from the governments of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United States and West Germany for humanitarian purposes, but never with any strings attached. The only information asked for or provided has been responsible reporting on the projects for which the funding was received.

When Mr Harris noted that 'we give more service to the US government than we get from it,' he went on to explain exactly what he meant.

settlement villages, they discovered needs which were then shared with the AID worker who could not physically have acquired this information on his own. This was important because the monthly allocation of rice and supplies was determined by the numbers of refugees needing assistance.

As for the 'necessary information' we provided AID, it all had to do with our refugee programmes. This is what is called 'accountability' and I am sure it is a generally accepted practice in Japan as it is among all people. Copies of all reports submitted by World Vision to USAID were in Mr

people were treated every month, and was responsible for feeding some 75,000 refugees monthly?

Would it have appeared significant to you that out of a staff of approximately 200, only 10 to 15 were non-Khmer, with virtually all of these expatriates being

for inspection by your team if you had chosen to look at them. Those reports are now in our headquarters office and are still available for inspection. You will find they contain information concerning:

- 1. Relief assistance by physical location, number of families, and amounts of rice, other food, clothing, utensils and other household goods.
- 2. Resettlement by location, number of families, agricultural tools, fertilizer, pesticides, and seeds given.
- 3. Nutritional centre feeding by location and numbers fed.
- 4. Shelters constructed by location and numbers treated.
- 5. Medical care by location and numbers treated.
- 6. Comparison of income by camp to the vital minimum for living level.

Only by a vicious corruption of the facts concerning these reports could an interpretation be made that World Vision (and Catholic Relief Services, whom you also charge) exchanged 'highly valued political and military intelligence' in South-east Asia for US government funds, as the Far East Economic Review interpreted your report to say.

It is strange that you, as a member of a team representing the World Council of Churches' Fund for Reconciliation in Indo-China, would overlook or ignore the humanitarian and Christian aspects of our programme. Is it possible your inquiry did not uncover the fact that World Vision has constructed 4000 refugee housing units, operated 10 clinics and nutrition centres where some 25,000 people were treated every month, and was responsible for feeding some 75,000 refugees monthly?

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CHURCH'S CENTENARY

One of Sydney's most historic Anglican churches — St Stephen's, Lidcombe — will celebrate its centenary with a special service on Sunday, September 14 at 10.30 am, and launch a new book on the church, called "Spanning a Century".

The small book sets out historic information about early Sydney — and particularly about the Lidcombe-Parramatta area — during the period of the church's inception in 1875.

The book is illustrated with local scenes from last century and depicts the lifestyle from which society in the area has developed into its present day setting.

The Rector of St Stephen's, the Rev John Hawkins, said this week that the book had been compiled especially to acquaint people of the area with some knowledge of their heritage.

Mr Hawkins said visitors would be welcome to the special centenary service on September 14, at which the

Appointment to Temperance group

The Australian and South Pacific Temperance Council — a National body for the Temperance movement in Australia, New Zealand and New Guinea — has appointed its first full-time officer.

He is Mr John Williams who comes to this position with a background in business, politics and Christian service.

Mr Williams, 35, had his own retail shoe store for 14 years, during which he served on the local council for 12 years.

He was Mayor of Essendon, Victoria, for two years — the youngest person to occupy that position.

Prior to taking the position, Mr Williams had been in North Queensland for the Bible Society and was Associate Secretary for Victoria of World Christian Action.

The new position is being funded by Ansvaar Australia Insurance Limited.

The work involves assessing the present situation of the temperance work, developing new ideas and policies, using the existing resources, together with those available from the government, the community and industry.

Mr Williams may be contacted at 18 Collins Street, Melbourne, Phone: 63 9711, for assistance in temperance matters.



Mr John Williams

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