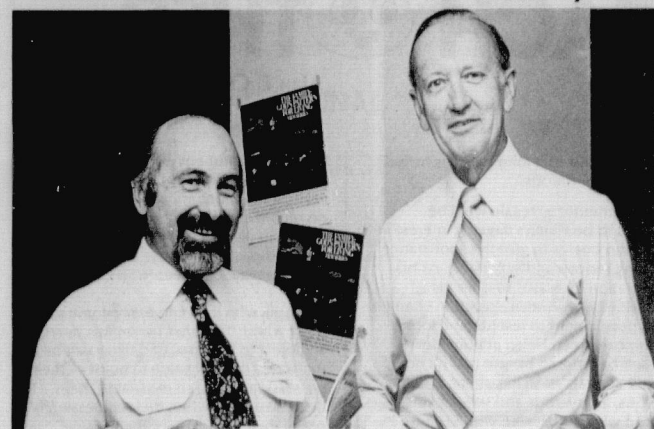


New Film Series on the Family



Fact and Faith Director, Earl Hingston with Roy Ashton, discuss the study guide and promotional material, available for "The Family" series.

Photo: Ramon Williams

Fact and Faith Films of Woolloomooloo is distributing a powerful new series of films on "The Family" produced by the Moody Institute of Science, a ministry of the Moody Bible Institute.

The Moody Institute is well-known for its excellent "Fact and Faith" films based on science but has now branched into a more specific sphere focusing upon the family.

The series features John MacArthur Jr., a highly respected pastor, author and radio speaker in the United States who preaches to congregations of thousands on Sundays.

The series on "The Family", sub-titled "God's Pattern for Living" is thoroughly Bible based. The aim of the series is to submit families to the power of God's Word so that husbands, wives, parents and children can experience all the dignity, joy and fulfilment of family life as God intended it to be.

John MacArthur Jr. is fluent in his presentation and outlines Biblical concepts in a verse by verse style that is

both gripping and easy to comprehend.

There are six films in the series:

- * "God's Pattern for Relationships"
- * "God's Pattern for Wives"
- * "God's Pattern for Husbands"
- * "God's Pattern for Children"
- * "God's Pattern for Parents"
- * "God's Pattern Broken — Divorce and Re-marriage"

Discussion outlines are available with the films which are basically for Christian families but should also prove very worthwhile to non-Christians seeking a firmer base for family life.

Fact and Faith Films are encouraging either single churches or groups of local churches to screen the films with the objective of fostering a return to a Scriptural basis for family life and its problems.

The films each run for 50 minutes and the hiring cost is \$400 for the series.

Tom Muir

David Watson makes progress

Canon David Watson is making encouraging progress after his major operation. Already he is sitting up and beginning to eat and walk normally.

"We are enormously grateful to God for bringing David safely through the operation and rejoice that he did not have to have a colostomy. He and Anne, his wife, are conscious of God's presence with them in response to the many prayers," said the Rev. John Collins, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Brompton, where David is based.

During the week a team gathered around David to pray specifically for his complete healing and especially that the spread of the cancer might be checked and that the secondaries which had been detected, might disappear. The congregation of Holy Trinity like many other churches, were urged to fast and pray not only for David's healing, but also for his family.

"I know that people in many parts of the world concerned for David have made a point of praying regularly for his return to full health. David's ministry is one to the whole Church, the whole Church therefore suffers through this.

"When a man like David in the prime of his ministry is taken seriously ill, Christians should rise up in faith, recognise the source of this attack and pray to God to enable him to overrule and bring blessing . . ."

C.E.N.

Bishop of Bunbury resigns

The Bishop of Bunbury, the Rt. Rev. Stanley Goldsworthy has resigned because of ill health.

His resignation takes effect on April 30, and he has been granted sick leave until that date.

Bishop Goldsworthy was consecrated in St. George's Cathedral in October, 1977. He came to the Province from Victoria, where he had been Archdeacon of the Diocese of Wangaratta.

The Archbishop of Perth, Dr. Peter Carnley commented: "Bishop Stanley has made a very important contribution to the life of the Diocese of Bunbury which will ever remember his human warmth and enthusiasm. We shall be sorry to see him leave this Province."

Anglican Messenger

Roger Climpson in new Mission film

Television personality, Roger Climpson has just completed a 26-minute colour videotape documentary about the Sydney City Mission called "Heart of the City".

The video was made, along with a series of training videos, with a special grant from the AMP Society.

The video covers the Mission's work amongst homeless and unemployed young people, alcoholics, the aged and the mentally handicapped.

The "Heart of the City" video on three-quarter inch umatic tape, VHS or Beta is available for hire (free of charge) from the Mission's Communication Department, 3rd Floor, 103 Bathurst Street, Sydney. Telephone 267 6136.

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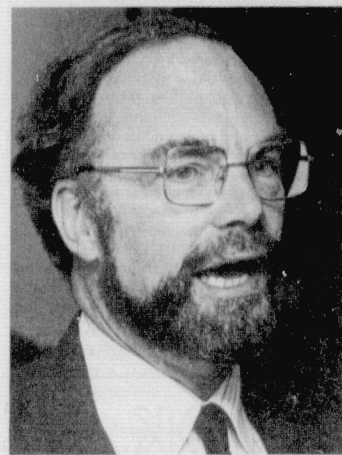
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Michael Bourdeaux to visit Australia

The latest telex received from Keston College, England, tells of an increasing thirst for the gospel in the Soviet Union.

Although the basic polarity between Christians and Marxist ideology usually results in persecution, all the news is not bad. There is triumph to report as well as conflict, and much that we in a free society can learn from Christians like Anna Chertkova — now in her ninth year in Tashkent Special Psychiatric Hospital — who writes:

"... Eternal glory to God for everything! I ask you all to carry me to The Lord in prayer, and that His will for me may be done . . ."



The Rev. Michael Bourdeaux, founder of Keston College, a centre established in 1969 to monitor the life and experiences of religious believers of all creeds and denominations in communist countries, will be visiting Australia in February and March. He will be in —

TASMANIA from 19th-23rd February
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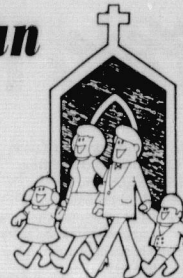


The Fisherfolk, the outreach ministry of the Society of the Communities of Celebration, a U.S. based group, are well known for their creative use of the folk arts-music, dance, drama, poetry and mime-in worship.

Betty and Graham Pulkingham are internationally recognised as authorities on music for today's church, the folk arts, and worship, and for Renewal Hymnals.

Betty and Graham Pulkingham and the Fisherfolk will be in Australia during April and May of this year 1983.

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ACC Faith and Order Group begins work

Encouraging Australian churches to respond to the World Council of Churches agreed statements on Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry was given top priority by the recent inaugural meeting of the ACC Faith and Order Commission.

Fifteen delegates from 8 ACC member churches attended the two meetings of the Commission under the chairmanship of the Rev. Winston O'Reilly, former President of the Uniting Church in Australia. The meeting received a letter from the Roman Catholic Bishops accepting the invitation to be represented on the Commission. The Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Churches of Australia is also expected to appoint a representative.

In an effort to encourage widespread study and discussion of the agreed statements on Baptism Eucharist and Ministry the meeting decided to hold a national consultation on December 12-14, 1983. Each church will be invited to prepare a working paper to present to the consultation and it is hoped the gathering will enable the churches to hear one another, to reflect on the issues and so

assist them in preparing a formal response by 1984.

The Faith and Order Commission also examined responses to the **Covenanting for Unity** proposals that have been under discussion in Australian churches over the past three years. The meeting agreed to request State Councils of Churches to encourage Heads of Churches to participate in a service of commitment to Unity during the 1983 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (May 12 to May 22).

Other decisions of the meeting included:

- agreement to publish "Paths to Unity in Australia", a report of the ACC's work in Christian unity presented to the 1982 ACC General Meeting;
- in view of Roman Catholic agreement to participate on the Commission, it was decided to discontinue the (ACC-RC) Joint Working Group.

Churches represented at the meeting were Anglican, Assyrian Church of the East, Church of Christ, Lutheran, Romanian Orthodox, Salvation Army, Society of Friends and the Uniting Church.

Canberra Human Rights Protest

Mr. Jordan Georgiev is currently protesting outside the Bulgarian Embassy. His wife and two small children have been refused permission by the Bulgarian Government to join Mr. Georgiev in Australia.

Mr. Georgiev is being supported in his protest by a number of concerned Australians including Michael Maher M.P. and Rev. Fred Nile. In a recent statement Mr. Nile writes:

"Jordan Georgiev is a refugee from Bulgaria who left Bulgaria on 18th October, 1979 by travelling to Austria on a tourist visa and on 29th October, 1979 entered the Austrian refugee camp "Three Churches Camp" as a refugee. He entered Australia as a refugee on 4th April, 1980. He has been patiently seeking the release of his wife and two small children by all normal methods, such as interviews, correspondence, etc., so that they could join him in Australia and become Australian citizens.

"Jordan has been encouraged for three years by the Bulgarian Authorities to believe if he was patient that his wife Stefka, aged 27 and his two small children, both sons, Manol aged 6 years and Georgi aged 3½ years would be allowed to leave Bulgaria to join him in Australia.

"However, the Bulgarian Consul in Sydney has now advised Jordan in a letter dated 6th January, 1983 that his wife and two sons will not be allowed to leave Bulgaria and that Jordan should return under the current amnesty law. Refer letter attached, appendix 'A' and the English translation below:

"We inform you, that the authorities of the People's Republic of Bulgaria do not permit your wife and children to come and join you in Australia. They advise, if you wish, to use the law for the amnesty, which expires on 31.XII.1983."

"This brutal decision means his wife and two sons are virtually hostages in an effort to force him to return to Bulgaria where, he believes, he would face instant imprisonment for his successful attempt to leave Bulgaria and migrate to Australia without Bulgarian Government approval. This heartless decision is a major human rights violation which must not be allowed to go unnoticed by the

Australian or world mass media and public.

"The Australian Government has already agreed to accept Jordan's wife and two sons into Australia on a Entry Visa.

"The Australian Government has also agreed to grant Australian citizenship to Jordan during February 1983. The Australian Government has already agreed to provide "Family Allowances" for his two sons. Jordan transmits a money order each month to his wife and shows the receipt to the Australian Social Security Department.

"Earlier assurances of co-operation were given if Jordan was patient by the Bulgarian Consulate in Sydney through one of its officers, Mr. Baev, a vice consul. However, Jordan has been advised by his wife that the Police Officials at the town of Veliko Tirmovo said:

- (a) They have not heard anything from the Bulgarian Consulate in Sydney.
- (b) They would not issue an exit visa.
- (c) They refused to give reasons for this refusal, either orally or in writing.
- (d) They refuse to return the Statutory Declaration which stated Jordan's request for family reunion.
- (e) Pressure has also been placed on Jordan's wife to get a divorce if she wants special permission to live in a village of her choice or else she has to continue to travel 600 km to the Police Officials concerned with her case.
- (f) Jordan's wife and parents are living under difficult situations in a small place of accommodation. She and her family are both mentally, physically and financially desperate. His wife's health is suffering and her father has suffered two breakdowns. They are also experiencing constant pressure by the Bulgarian Government and Police Officials.
- (g) Further pressure is being placed on Jordan's family by the regular interference by the Bulgarian Authorities to both mail and telephone calls to and from Jordan's wife.

"We list the following points concerning Jordan to show that he has been a loyal citizen in the eyes of the

Christian Ambassador from Jerusalem

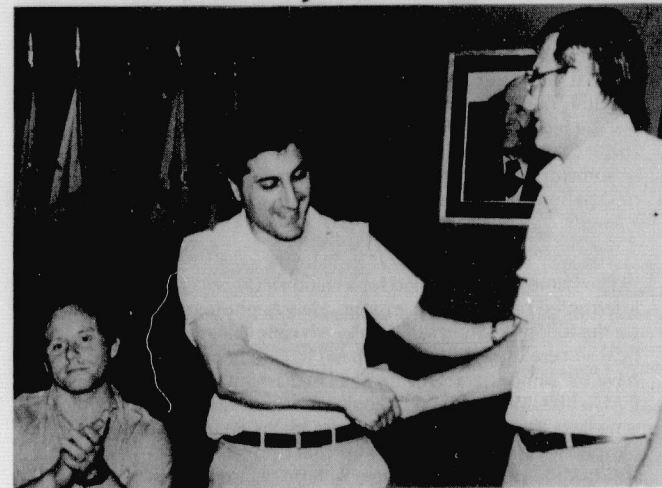


Photo: Ramon Williams

The Rev. Johann Luckhoff (right), Director of International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem, thanks Christian Lebanese leader, Bashir Jemayel (centre) for allowing a press conference with the Christian media in Lebanon. Bashir Jemayel was subsequently murdered.

The Rev. Johann Luckhoff, a Dutch Reformed pastor originally from South Africa, has been visiting Australia as Director of the International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem. Under the auspices of Intercessors for Australia, he is here to inform Australian Christians about the aims and work of the Embassy.

The Embassy was set up in 1980, occupying a building vacated by one of the many government embassies which withdrew in protest when the Knesset declared Jerusalem to be the eternal undivided capital of Israel. Its position, then, is not without controversy, both political and religious.

Staffed mainly by volunteers, the Embassy represents those Christians from many different countries and denominations who identify strongly with the Jewish people and the State of Israel, and see the latter's existence as a fulfilment of Biblical prophecy. They envision Christians and Jews coming together as history draws to its close and Christ's return becomes imminent.

Mr. Luckhoff says that this is indeed happening, and that the Embassy has been accepted and welcomed by the Jews to a remarkable extent. The Christians believe that the Jews will increasingly come to recognise Jesus as their past and future Messiah, but their aim is to love them unconditionally even before that happens, to "comfort" them

in obedience to Isaiah 40:1, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says our God."

The Embassy distributes aid sent by its supporters in many countries to Jews, Arabs and Christians in Israel and Lebanon; produces media material mainly supportive of Mr. Begin's government; provides a centre for visiting Christians; and encourages prayer for the peace of the whole area.

Mr. Luckhoff spoke of media bias blackening the role of Israel in last year's invasion of Lebanon, and defended the action as being in the eyes of the Lebanese, a liberation from the dominance of the P.L.O. Israel's recent inquiry into the Phalangist massacre of Palestinian refugees has accepted a measure of blame for Israel, and this, Mr. Luckhoff said, showed the strength of Israeli democracy.

Each year in September religious Jews celebrate Succot, the Feast of Tabernacles, and increasing numbers of Christian pilgrims are now joining in a concurrent Christian celebration of this feast. It is the only Jewish feast, Embassy literature points out, with instructions for both Jew and Gentile to gather before the Lord in Jerusalem and offer a "sacrifice of thanksgiving" together, in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah.

Bulgarian Government, neither has the Bulgarian Government been able to give any reason for their lack of co-operation.

- Jordan Georgiev aged 32 years is a University Graduate in Philosophy after studying for 7 years at the important University in Sofia, the capital city. The importance of this philosophy course will be better understood when it is realised that there are only a maximum of 60 "Philosophy Graduates" each year out of the whole of the Bulgarian population of 9,000,000 people.
- Jordan has no Police record or any kind of punishment record.
- He spent two years in the Bulgarian Army as a conscript.
- He was a member of the various communist youth movements such as 'KOMSOVOL' (Community Youth League) and was appointed secretary of the Komsomol branch in his army unit.

- After his army service he was a member of the Komsomol Special Voluntary Squad at the university which had important functions such as the supervision of other students, and the provision of security for V.I.P.s at official government demonstrations.
- Jordan's father was secretary of the Communist Party in his village and was until recently a member of the Communist Party for 33 years from 1942-1975 which includes 2 years in the communist underground before the communists came to power.
- "Jordan, who had doubts concerning communism at the university has become a Christian and was baptised in Australia on 11th January, 1981 and regularly attends his local Church."

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DIOCESE OF SYDNEY

The Rev. Ray N. Wheeler who retired from active ministry at St. Peter's Anglican Church Burwood East, has taken up the part-time task of accountant with the World Home Bible League. Brother Wheeler is known for his clear Bible exposition. He will be available on a limited scale to preach in churches, and speak at house parties and deputational meetings. He can be reached at (047) 57 1790 or (02) 673 3206, P.O. Box 464, Penrith 2750.

DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

The Principal of Ridley College, The Rev. Maurice Betteridge leaves for 6 months' study leave in the United Kingdom late in February. He will be working at the Institute of Historical Studies in London. In his absence Dr. David Williams, the Vice Principal, will be Acting Principal of the College.

DIOCESE OF ADELAIDE

The Rev. D. W. Owers has been licensed as Assistant Curate to the Rev. K. N. Giles, Rector of the Parish of Kensington with effect from 1 February, 1983.

The Rev. R. G. K. McEwin has been issued with Permission to Officiate from 4 February, 1983.

The Rev. D. A. S. Brown, S.S.M. has been given a General Licence with effect from 9 February, 1983.

The Rev. F. N. Lewis, Rector of the Parish of St. Aidan, Payneham has announced his retirement from parish ministry with effect from 1 May, 1983.

DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

Rev. B. Farran became Dean of St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Rockhampton on February 2, 1983.

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Acts of God

The tragic bushfires that swept through Victoria and South Australia on Ash Wednesday and in the days following provided a reminder of the resilience of Australians in the face of disaster. Hastily organised appeals for food, clothing and money brought a spectacular response.

The media described the fires as a "Natural Disaster". It is good that they have moved away from the older term "an Act of God". But the terminology does not prevent people asking questions about God — where is He? Why does He allow this to happen? Even its some of the fires were deliberately started the widespread devastation and the loss of so many lives still cause us to ask "Why?".

The Prime Minister called for a National Day of Prayer and even interrupted his election campaign. He was photographed in Church on the following Sunday. Like all such calls Christians are apt to ask how sincere they really are. Appeals to God in times of crisis often have the same characteristics as a child asking Santa Claus for a B.M.X. bike. What right do people who ignore Him the rest of the time have to call on Him when there seems no other answer. Despite this, isn't it good to know that God still listens — even to those who live most of the time with no regard for Him.

But at least one Australian Church leader, in calling for a day of prayer in response to the Prime Minister's request, added "and repentance". This puts the matter into a new and necessary perspective.

We do not suggest, of course, that this disaster is a punishment for the sins of those who suffered. Jesus made it clear that we should not see things in this way. But we cannot get away from the fact that God created a perfect world. It was the decision of man to rebel against God; a decision made possible by God giving man freedom to choose. That rebellion led to expulsion from the Garden. And as a result of that rebellion Satan gained control over much of the creation. He continues to rule despite the victory of Christ on the Cross for he has power wherever a man's heart is turned from God. So we live in a fallen world.

To answer questions about why God allows such things to happen goes much beyond this, of course. The problem of evil and suffering has exercised the minds of theologians and philosophers for centuries. Job's friends tried to comfort him with perfectly orthodox but totally unsatisfactory answers to his predicament.

We should, however, ask what we can learn from these disasters. Lots to be learned about firefighting methods, the adequacy of disaster plans and so on. But will the nation pause to consider whether the God who we were so quick to call on may well have some demands to make of us? C. S. Lewis once wrote, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world".

What is God shouting to us as a nation? Surely the call is for repentance and a turning back to Him. Now!

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

We would like to support Michael Glass in his comments on Church Record reporting with regard to homosexuality and the amendments to the Anti-discrimination Act (ACR 24/1/83). Your paper presented the view that it is "Christian" to oppose homosexuality wherever possible and in particular that it is a Christian duty to oppose legislation which protects homosexuals from discrimination.

We wish that Church Record would take into consideration Christians who affirm homosexuality as a good part of God's creation. As far back as 1975 the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria passed this resolution: "That the Assembly encourage ministers and congregations to deepen their understanding of homosexuality and affirm the right of homosexuals to be accepted as persons in church and community."

In America the majority of the House of Bishops at the 66th General Convention (Synod) of the Episcopal (Anglican) Church agreed to ordain celibate homosexuals. What interests us is the 30 Bishops who voted against that resolution and signed a conscience statement supporting the ordination of practising homosexuals saying: "We do not believe that either homosexual orientation as such, nor the responsible and self-giving use of such a mode of sexuality, constitutes such a scandal in and of itself."

In our own Anglican Church of Australia, the following Dioceses and church leaders have expressed public support for homosexual law reform:

The Diocese of Melbourne
The Diocese of Canberra/Goulburn
The Diocese of Newcastle
The late Archbishop of Perth, The Most Rev. Geoffrey Sambell
The Archbishop of Adelaide, The Most Rev. Keith Rayner
The Bishop of Ballarat, The Rt. Rev. John Hazelwood

We regret that Church Record does not reflect these alternative Christian views on homosexuality and we fully understand how your correspondent has been led to his conclusion about Christians through reading your paper. Church Record contributes to the reputation of Christians for intolerance and prejudice in the wider community.

Prudence V. Borthwick,
Geoffrey I. Scott
for AngGays Collective

Dear Sir,

A delightful book of Meditations by an Anglican Bishop recently came my way, but on the final page its beauty was annulled by an almost sneering disparagement of the Bible under the guise of "superstitious veneration" — that "the Church had produced the Bible and not the Bible that produced the Church."

I could not but wonder where he received his knowledge of Christ. Nor is he alone for many upholders of Christianity today ignore the words of our risen Lord "O fools, and slow of heart to believe ALL that the prophets had spoken . . . and beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." (Luke 24:25,27). Again and again Jesus stressed the truth of the Old Testament "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed ME, for he wrote of Me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe My words?" (John 5:46); and "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law" (a reference to the Pentateuch — the first five books of the Bible). His favourite prophet was Isaiah, but even the disputed Book of Daniel in Luke 24:15 was not left out by our Lord.

How could we not take Jesus' words seriously? In his time only the Old Testament existed. For us, the New Testament had endless treasures, but it is well to remember that the Divine Horticulturist planted the seed long before the flower appeared in full beauty and it is the sap flowing up the stem which is the life of the bloom. Today, it is the fashion of theologians to cut the flower from its source. Jesus did not do that. He is both the flower and the source, and we are in danger of presenting a lop-sided Personality when we neglect what He stressed so strongly, that "the Scripture cannot be broken". (John 10:30).

We hear critics claim that the Old Testament is unreliable or worse. According to the New Bible Dictionary, differences in Textual Criticism of the various Manuscripts "relate mostly to vocalisation". Linguistically considered they are largely irrelevant minutiae . . . like believing 'honour' is a better spelling than 'honor'. We can be sure that the 3000 of differing sects working on textual criticism, not one has come up with anything to shake our faith. Proof lies in the many Bible translations in the world today. Differences are relatively slight. If I prefer the Authorised, it is because its translators lived at a time of high spiritual integrity when men were prepared to die for their Faith to give you and me the Open

Book. Let us use it to the full lest we receive "another Jesus — another spirit — another gospel" (See 2 Corinthians 11:4).

Yours sincerely,
Phyllis Creasey

Dear Sir,

As the rector looked back to the days when the congregation was large and lively, he realised that the rot had really set in with the French Patisserie across the road. Funny, but no one had thought much about it.

Of course, a few oldies had tutted about shops opening on the Lord's Day, but the majority didn't seem concerned. Come to think of it, he'd never preached on the subject; somehow it seemed irrelevant, especially since the commandments had been taken down for renovations and not replaced.

But back to the patisserie. The goodies were so attractive and the smell wafting across after service so tantalising, that business noticeably increased each Sunday. Some of the younger people started to patronise the place, but no one really sat up until Mr. Andrews announced his decision.

Mr. Andrews was a local baker who'd been a real "pillar" of the church for years. His problem was that since the "Frogs" as he called them had opened on a Sunday, he would now have to do the same or he'd lose too much business. Some asked him to reconsider his decision, but most realised it was the only practical solution.

After a while, several other shops cashed in on the trading opportunity. The funny thing was that they soon found that seven days a week was no joke. Staff became tired and irritable (even with the overtime) and mistakes were being made which shouldn't have occurred. Sunday was such a big day that they decided to close on Monday, as this would affect fewer people.

The next thing was that Billy Bradley had to leave the Bible class. He worked for the service station down the road. This had always opened on Sunday mornings, but other staff had worked while Billy (to their surprise) preferred not to work on Sunday, even though he missed the extra pay. Now that Sundays were becoming busier, the station had to open in the afternoon as well and Billy's job was on the line — either he worked Sunday afternoons or he wouldn't work at all.

Actually, his absence from the Bible class was hardly noticed, for it too folded up. Whereas in the "old" days, church picnics were held on Saturdays, they'd recently been more successful when held after church, because more people were inclined to go. Of course they'd played a bit of touch football in the park and entertained the children. One day a group of footballers nearby had asked a few of the bigger guys to make up a team. This was really a good witness, you know, Christians mixing with non-Christians and that's how it proved to be. Before they knew it, four of the fellows from the Bible class were in the weekly camp. They really showed the others that Christians could take it (and dish it out on odd occasions also).

Unfortunately, family life started to suffer. Some seemed more conscious of this than the effect on the congregations. Some wives who worked part-time were expected to work on Sundays. Now that "keeping the day holy" (whatever that might have meant) was not stressed, more and more of the children were using the day to do their homework.

So the rector found himself with an ever decreasing flock; and of course, as the congregation shrank and as any differences between the church and the world (no one was quite sure of who or what the "world" was) disappeared, church seemed more and more an anachronism.

So the rector gave the announcements to the faithful few before his sermon. In an effort to ginger things up, he'd arranged a theatre play. This one was not likely to cause any offence; it was about a young Christian at the Paris Olympics. Quite a few turned up to see "Chariots of Fire" — it had enjoyed such great reviews. And being the sort of film it was, no one seemed to mind that the session was held on a Sunday night.

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A SCRIPTURE UNION SUMMER

Walking boots, paint brushes, surf boards and billy carts were all a part of the summer with Scripture Union. In diverse places ranging from the Tasmanian wilderness to busy Gold Coast resorts, family missions, camps and special teenage work took place. Nearly 5,500 volunteer workers took part in what the National Director Ron Buckland described as 'a program representing one of the largest regular evangelistic projects in Australia'.

This year, Scripture Union campers scaled the rugged Frenchman's Cap in south-west Tasmania, rafted down the Thompson River in Victoria and goggled and snorkelled at Point Peron in Western Australia. These were some of the impressive summer camping options. Across Australia about 100 camps were held, involving around 1,000 leaders and 4,000 campers. These numbers reflected growing interest in a broad-based camping programme catering for individuals and families of all ages and most interests.

According to N.S.W. Camps Co-ordinator, Peter Stone, Scripture Union's camping philosophy is "to give the

life". A primary camper summed up his experience by saying, "I never realised before camp that God has a nicer side".

FAMILY MISSIONS

In an amazing mobilization of forces, some 4,300 workers form around 130 teams for the summer's Scripture Union Family Missions. Dotted around Australia in holiday resorts and urban centres, they brought fun, excitement — and their faith — to thousands of holidaying families. There was something for everyone in the family-oriented programmes of games, competitions, craft workshops, meetings, studies and concerts.

Innovative use of drama was a feature of the 1982-3 season. At Mt Oberon in Victoria the life of Moses was re-enacted in a play covering several kilometres and co-ordinated through C.B. radios. The Coffs Harbour (N.S.W.) team held a King Arthur's Drama Night — and those who came to watch became the actors! People not normally church-goers happily took parts in a crucifixion drama, and were themselves involved in bringing God's Word powerfully to life. 'The Resurrection' was one of the themes for



people a really good holiday while teaching them about Jesus Christ. The aim is for a good balance of evangelism and recreation". Peter co-ordinated a varied programme of camps including a 'Southern Highlands Adventure', an 'Arts and Media Camp', a 'Boys' Electronics and Photography Camp', a 'Co-ed Senior Water Sports Camp' and two family camps.

Tasmanian Camping Co-ordinator, Peter Grant, explained that "Camping is not only for the young and fit. In Tasmania this summer campers ranged from less than 2 to over 70. They ranged in fitness from disabled people through average mums, dads and kids to extremely fit mountaineers. Camping brings all sorts together". He has seen the number of Tasmanian camps triple in the last three years and sees one reason for this being "A deliberate policy to involve economically and socially deprived people".

Victorian Scripture Union held a new camp this year for mentally handicapped people, at Camp Coolamalong near Lake Victoria. Camp Director Barb Lloyd is experienced in working with handicapped people but to some of the 12 leaders it was a new experience. 24 campers aged between 18 and 30 were taken fishing, sailing, kayaking and picnicking. Story-telling with puppets was a medium used for teaching about the Christian faith.

Leaders and campers form friendships as they live together, sharing interests and activities. It is on the basis of trust and respect, then, (having earned the right to speak) that leaders share their faith. As Peter Grant said, "Camps give a chance to see (as well as hear about) Christianity in the lives of the leaders."

He quoted one camper who said, "I liked the fellowship and love shared by the people. I've never experienced anything like this before." He found responses to direct teaching equally positive. Teenagers commented, "The studies put God in a clearer light" and "I loved learning more about Jesus, and feel I can more easily accept him into my



Meetings held on the beach, by C.S.S.M. teams, include fun, chorus singing, story times, serials, and a presentation of the gospel. Many children, and adults, never attend a church but would not miss attending such a meeting, held in their midst.

Photo: Ramon Williams

Wollongong. (Winners were given trophies donated by the caretaker of the local caravan park.) The N.S.W. Evans Head team involved experts amongst local residents and holiday-makers in its craft programme, and the Stockton team visited a nearby hospital to work with mentally retarded children and adults. Such events reflect S.U.'s growing involvement with whole communities, a trend which began with the change from child-oriented to family-oriented mission two years ago.

It has often been puzzling to parents that unpaid S.U. workers are prepared to spend their holidays running activities for children. Through new family programmes, leaders saw many curious parents become involved this year and show interest in Christianity. Some parents are challenged by their children's response to the missions. John Lane, and S.U. staff member spoke to the parents of Roger, a young teenage boy who had just become a Christian. They'd had a glimpse of the significance of this mission for Roger, and said: "We've been thinking about going to church again but never got around to doing anything about it. We've decided to start!"

At the request of Aborigine people of the area, S.U. workers returned this summer to the Warburton Ranges (near the W.A./S.A. border). They travelled about 3,800 km visiting a number of settlements, some for the first time. They were able to share the gospel with children and adults and strengthen the bond between the Aborigine and Walypala (white) Christians.

THEOS YOUTH WORK

Nearly 500 Theos workers spent their time making contact with teenagers in

National Parks, beach resorts, towns and cities around the country. They ran coffee

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EXCITING ABORIGINE REVIVAL



* "MY LAND RIGHTS ARE IN HEAVEN" says old man at Bourke, N.S.W.

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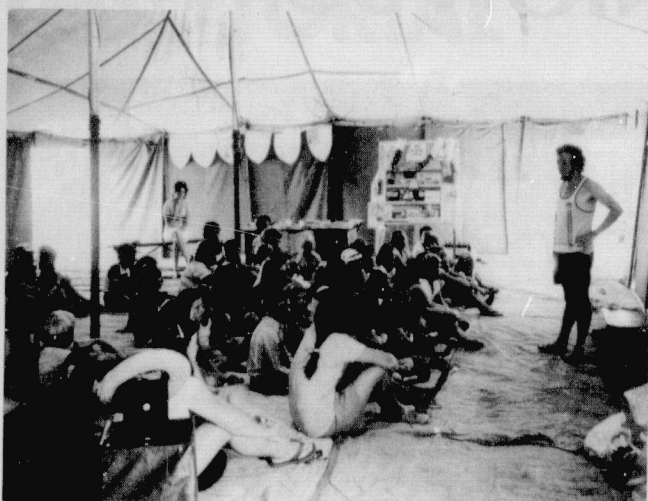
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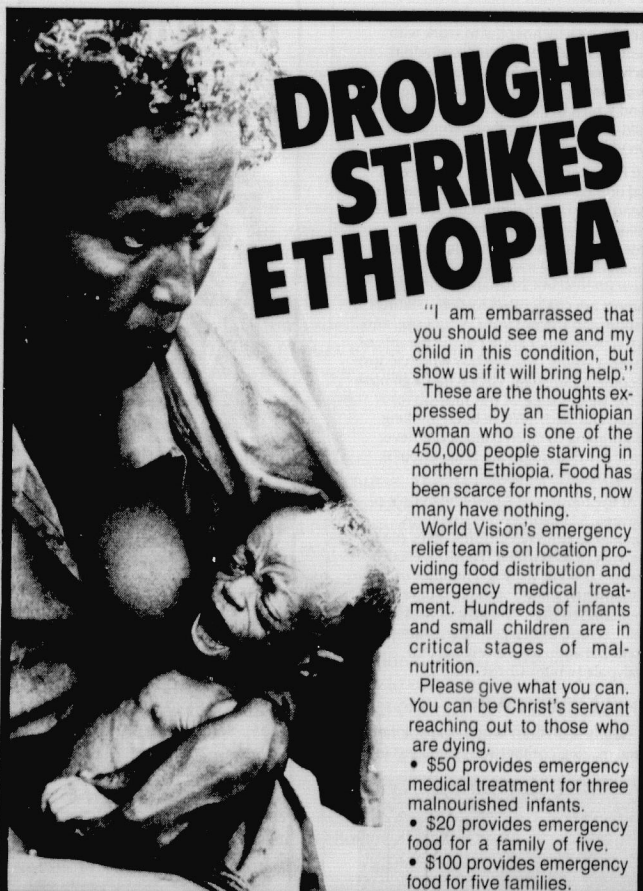
houses and craft workshops, gave concerts and held meetings.

At Kingscliff (Queensland) hardly anyone came to the coffee-house at first, so workers paraded the streets wearing sandwich boards. Thereafter they had to find room for more than 100 visitors a night. The Victorian team at Rye experienced a similar problem, a spot close to several popular surf beaches. (It was the first year a Theos mission had been held there). By the end of two weeks, however, many contacts had been established and a number of young people brought to Christ.

The Queensland Theos bus was a great success at the Scout Jamboree where dozens of scouts took turns to fill the bus, some staying to ask Theos workers about their beliefs. A large amount of evangelistic material was distributed.

It seems from reports coming in from Scripture Union leaders around Australia that over 60,000 people this summer experienced a more than fleeting contact with the Gospel of Christ. For some it was a turning point in their lives.

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From Bernard Judd

A GRIM ANNIVERSARY with a LESSON for FREE PEOPLE

Sunday, 5th March, 1933 proved to be one of the most fateful days in world history. On this day, 50 years ago, a General Election was held in Germany and the National Socialist German Workers' Party (the Nazi Party) under the leadership of Adolf Hitler came to power. Hitler was a political genius, albeit an evil genius. Ruthless, unscrupulous, perfidious, treacherous — a Machiavellian exploiter of the weaknesses of political opponents — a repulsive psychological cripple whose devilish cunning enabled him to embody in his person and his Party the brutal, earthy paganism which dominated German society during the Third Reich. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)

We still marvel at his success when you consider what a bunch of mentally unhealthy pervers Hitler gathered around him in those early days of 50 years ago. 56% of the voters at the General Election voted against the Nazis but Hitler, disregarding his minority status and using the dictatorship powers which the senile President Hindenburg had surrendered to him, crushed all opposition, proving his dictum that one determined man is more than a match for many undecided, irresolute men. The resolution of Hitler was in sharp contrast to the appalling weakness of the other European rulers who cynically threw the Austrians and then the Czechs to the ravaging Germanic tribes in the vain hope of appeasing their wolfish appetites.

They did not want to know

Docile Germans excused their nation's acquiescence in the subsequent nightmarish reversion to barbarism by saying that they did not know what was happening. THEY DID NOT WANT TO KNOW and the bulk of the Church people (apart from the heroic exceptions like Martin Niemöller) were as guilty as the rest of the nation and how terribly they suffered for it.

Media Scrutiny

Dictators always silence the media as soon as they can. The media often exasperate us with their sensationalism and low-down muck-raking but the barbarism of dictatorship cannot co-exist with a free press, so let's be thankful that we have one which, despite its crudity, keeps our politicians under close scrutiny.

Great Moral Issues

This Anniversary calls to mind the great moral and political issues which were at stake during the period of 1933-1945. Human rights, despite such treaties as the Helsinki Accords, are still greatly threatened and contemptuously violated. The protest against these violations is much stronger than 50 years ago. I do not trust any Government instrumentality. Governments need to know that they are being scrutinised. A political democracy provides the machinery to do this to some extent, although the festering "cancer" of organised crime poses a more serious threat than most people realise. Like white ants these evil people work in the dark and we only get to know of their machinations after the damage has been done. So, it behoves us to look to the health of our own nation while we, at the same time, protest against the brutality of the forces of international atheistic Communism as we see what it does in Afghanistan and Poland.

Bernard G. Judd

CLTC given grant

The Christian Leaders Training College in Papua New Guinea has received a grant of \$55,000 to help prevent a serious financial problem. The grant was made by the Christian humanitarian aid agency, World Vision.

World Vision's executive director,

Harold Henderson, said, "World Vision is privileged to be a part of the ministry of this college, which has been used by God during the past 18 years."

Economic instability has created serious financial problems for the Christian Leaders' Training College.

Throughout the South Pacific region, CLTC has been a leader in evangelism and church growth programs. The college offers undergraduate and graduate studies in theology, education and agriculture to 200 students each year.

Appreciation needed for "Lucky Country"

Australians don't appreciate their 'lucky country', says Jim Glazier, East Africa Director for International Christian Aid.

Jim Glazier will visit Australia, March 13-19, en route to Africa, at the request of the local International Christian Aid office.

He will be speaking at several functions while here.

In his gruelling job of recent years, Jim has had every opportunity to compare Western lifestyles with those of the underdeveloped countries of East Africa.

"The insatiable quest for material possessions passes unnoticed in our western countries, yet it is almost unbelievable in context with the world situation. Where I work children by the hundreds die daily of starvation, malnutrition and related diseases, while in Australia and America, two of the richest countries in the world, we press for more and more money to spend on 'things'. We don't appreciate the wealth we have.



Jim Glazier, East Africa Director, International Christian Aid.

"Many Christians have entered the fight against hunger in the Third World, through support of the various agencies working in those areas. At ICA we are grateful for our many Australian supporters because without them we must simply watch people die. In some parts of East Africa we are turning the tide, but the need is yet enormous."

Quoting the World Development Report 1980, he said, "At the global level, if income were distributed differently, present output of grain alone could supply every man, woman and child with more than 3,000 calories and 65 grams of protein per day... eliminating malnutrition. It would require redirecting only about two per cent of the world's grain to the mouths of those who need it.

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"Those who are currently supporting international relief agencies have the satisfaction of knowing that they are achieving positive results for their gifts. At ICA we have taken the Somali refugees from near starvation to self sufficiency over a period of years. We are battling hunger in Asia, Africa, Central America and Portugal."

"Op Shop" work expands



The Rector of St. Barnabas' Anglican Church Fairfield, the Rev. Gregory Clifton, "Op Shop" manageress Jennifer McMullen and the general secretary of the Anglican Home Mission Society, the Rev. Allan Whitham, at the opening of the new "Op Shop" in Smart Street, Fairfield.

"Christian musicians harassed in Leningrad"

Keston college has just received two urgent appeals for Western support from a group of young Christian musicians in Leningrad. The group, composed of young Baptists, calls itself "Trumpet Call". One of the major aims of the group is to employ their musical talents for open evangelization in the Soviet Union. Tapes of a mini rock-opera which they composed and recorded, both in Russian and in English, have been circulating unofficially in the Soviet Union for some months. Copies of both versions recently reached Keston College. The purpose of the English version is to establish contact with young Christians in the West and to share the evangelical vision of young Soviet Baptists with Western Christians.

The first appeal, dated 17 January, 1983, is signed by two members of the group — its leader Valeri Barinov, and Sergei Timokhin. It is an open appeal to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and calls for the right to stage open performances of contemporary Christian music. Barinov and Timokhin point out that this activity is non-political and not prejudicial to the interests of the Soviet State.

The second document is a statement, dated 25 January, 1983, and is also addressed to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. It describes how Barinov and Timokhin were detained on the evening of 24 January before boarding a train for Moscow by a group of ten militiamen led by a man in plain clothes, who refused to identify himself. Barinov and Timokhin were given no reason for their detention, but were held until 2 a.m., abused, threatened and searched. Ten personal letters and three cassettes were confiscated from them. The plain clothes man told them that they could expect to be summoned for further questioning in the near future and warned them not to leave Leningrad and its environs.

Anglican Primate calls for aid Bushfire victims

The Anglican Primate, Archbishop Sir John Grindrod, urges all Anglicans to give generously for the relief of the sufferers in the Victorian and South Australian bushfires.

The Primate asks that donations be given to existing appeals or sent to the Anglican National Disaster Fund, St. Paul's Cathedral Buildings, Flinders Lane, Melbourne or through the appeals set up

by their own diocesan archbishops or bishops.

The Primate asks Anglicans to share with all others in a day of mourning and prayer this Sunday, 20th February for those suffering from the Victorian and South Australian bushfires.

The Primate said, "We pray for their care and for mercy on us all. May this time draw us close to those who suffer everywhere; we pray humbly for the blessing of drought-breaking rain."

Tax deductibility for aid fund

The Federal Treasurer, Mr. John Howard, has announced that from January 19, 1983, all donations of \$2 or over to the Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Relief and Aid Fund will be tax deductible.

In a letter to the Anglican Information Office, Mr. Howard said, "Donors should be advised when making donations that income tax deduction claims for gifts to the Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Relief and Aid Fund should bear the full name of the fund. Receipts issued in respect of such donations should also clearly display that name."

Archbishop Robinson has said that the granting of tax deductibility is welcomed as an encouragement to people to give generously to those in need and is an acknowledgement by the government of the contribution the fund is making to overseas aid.

Used Bibles for Philippines

"Thank you for sending those used Bibles and concordances. They mean a lot to our Filipino brethren," reads a letter from Manila received by The World Home Bible League just before Christmas. A consignment of 65 cartons was shipped in November. These used Scriptures are given out to churches in this needy country where so many cannot afford a copy while they can read English. Used Bibles and portions of Scripture in any translation are received by the WHBL to be forwarded to the Philippines. It costs the Bible League an average of 15¢ per copy to ship Scriptures to the Philippines.

O.M.F. visit

The Overseas Missionary Fellowship has just announced that their General Director, Rev. Dr. James H. Taylor is to visit Australia in April.

Dr. Taylor became General Director in 1980 and brings twenty-five years of missionary experience in Asia to the Fellowship which was founded in 1865, as the China Inland Mission, by his great grandfather, James Hudson Taylor.

WHAT A WORLD

Dialogue with the Communists?

Lesley Hicks



The new Soviet head of state, Mr. Yuri Andropov, is a mystery man, according to an article by Edward Jay Epstein in the Herald's Good Weekend of February 5. He analysed the bewildering contradictions among the supposed facts asserted about Andropov at the time of his succession to Brezhnev, and reached the conclusion that the American press needed to admit that "virtually nothing is known about this man Andropov: not the names of his parents, not his ethnic background, not his education, not his war service, not his preferences in music or literature, not his linguistic abilities, not his ideas. He stands at the head of Russia, but we don't even know how tall!"

Irinape Having just read that, I was fascinated to read in a book published earlier last year a first-hand record of an encounter with him when he was chief of the KGB, the secret police. "Irina" by Hermann Hartfeld (Hodder & Stoughton, \$5.95) tells the story of Irina Sokdova (not her real name, for safety reasons), a young intellectual convert to Christianity whom the KGB hoped to use as an infiltrator and an informer within the churches. She proved unco-operative. With a number of other leaders from different denominations, she organized an attempt to engage in dialogue with the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

In a letter to her father, which was one of the original sources used for the book, Irina described the delegation's first three-hour interview with the committee, of which Andropov appeared to be the chief spokesman. "We asked first: 'Why are Christians only permitted 'the practice of their worship as a cult' and why is their voice not to be heard outside their church buildings and houses of prayer?' Andropov made it clear that the intrusion of the church into the spiritual life of our country's citizens cannot be permitted. It was his feeling that the government confined the activities of Christians to their buildings in order to protect its citizens from the 'opiate of religion.'" (p.180)

Using the Church

An elderly ex-colleague of Andropov's Ryabushin, now a Christian, reminded him of their former aims "to make use of the people who are active in the area of religion in order to improve our relations with western society." "If you're going to use the church to achieve your

political goals, you could surely make the appropriate freedoms available to it," Ryabushin reasoned. (P.182) He pleaded for the right of students to graduate without passing an examination in so called scientific atheism; the right to print Bibles legally in sufficient quantities to meet the vast demand, instead of doing so illegally or smuggling them from abroad.

Implacable Enemy

Yuri Andropov emerges as a well-informed, implacable enemy of the Christian Church. His arguments were totally fruitless, Irina concluded. Two days before their meeting, she had miraculously escaped an attempt to run her down by car; soon after it, all the Christian participants were arrested and held either in jails or psychiatric institutions. So much for their lofty ideals of dialogue between Christianity and Communism. Soviet brand!

The book "Irina" gives a fascinating insight into the strength and the suffering of the Church in Russia, both the approved and the banned sections of it. It is also a moving and dramatic love story. I found it, however, to be somewhat confusing and difficult to follow, as are so many Russian stories, fact or fiction.

Escape from the Grip

Two other books from the same publisher, both autobiographies, likewise deal with Iron Curtain Christianity — the persecuted but heroic Christians of Rumania. In "Escape from the Grip", Judy Wurmbrand, wife of Michael and daughter-in-law of that remarkable, larger-than-life couple Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand, tells the story of her tough childhood as a Jewish girl in "liberated" Rumania and her eventual escape with her family to Israel. Here she met Chris, and later, in Paris, was reunited with childhood friend Michael Wurmbrand.

Prisoner Rejoice

Nicole Valery, author of "Prisoner Rejoice", also met and greatly admired Sabina Wurmbrand during their times together in prison for their faith. It is a moving story, in which the brutal darkness of prison life is illumined by courage and joy.

As I read books like these, I wonder how we will stand when the fires of persecution roar up our valley.

"Letters to Editor" continued

Dear Sir,

Amongst the rash of literature pushed into my letterbox was one which rivetted my attention, especially as it came from a Christian organisation. Stamped with the Star of David and headlined "Support Your Local Jew", continues with the various curses on nations which break diplomatic relations with Israel and do not support "God's Chosen People." — all based on the Abrahamic Covenant "I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee" (Genesis 12:3) (centuries before the Jews existed as such — see 2 Kings 16:6 for first mention in Bible of "Jews"). Poor old England gets its whack in this pamphlet "because she crossed the Jews".

This Scriptural ignorance is not only political dynamite but a dangerous distortion of God's Word. Only a small minority of Jews are of true Jewish descent. That they were a mixed race even in Jesus' time is evident from the Gospel of John, Chapter 8:33-44 in a debate with our Lord. The Jews make two strange statements, (1) that they were never in bondage to any man (v.33). (Were they absent from the Egyptian bondage?). (2) After Jesus confirmed their Abrahamic descent, they lost their head and ranted "We be not born of fornication" (v.41). This indeed was a strange statement. Some think they referred to slander re Jesus' birth, but this is extremely doubtful. Rather, it was a sneer against the tribe of Judah whose forefather committed adultery with his daughter-in-law Tamar (Genesis 38:14-30).

But why this sneer unless they were of Esau (Edomites) who sold his birthright to Jacob and consequently was not in the line of God's

people. Historically and biblically this interpretation makes sense for when Edom's land was invaded by Arabs 500 B.C. they fled to Judah. As their numbers increased, John Hyrcanus compelled them to be circumcised and incorporated into the Jewish people. Today, there are even larger and more varied admixtures.

An interesting point, referring back to Judah and Tamar's offspring, Pharez and Zerah, the law required ten generations to elapse before legitimacy is reached. Saul, the people's choice of a king, was the ninth generation, but God's own choice, DAVID, was of the tenth generation. God does not contradict Himself.

Yours sincerely,
Phyllis Creasey

Dear Sir,

At the risk of embarrassing synod I dare raise the subject of wage freezing. Following the defeat of Neil Flowers motion at Sydney Synod last October what will we do this year? If we pass a motion to freeze stipends we may be able to kid ourselves into thinking that we are doing so because of our commitment to Jesus, poverty, generosity, community first, sacrifice, etc. But everyone else will realise once more that so often the church puts Jesus' teaching into practise only when it is fashionable to do so.

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I WANT TO TRUST YOU, BUT I CAN'T!

In my last column I wrote of the damage which failure to trust can cause in human relationships. A person who suffers from this flaw can become aware of their need to be more trusting, and yet they can continue to behave in an unhelpful fashion. Their problem is that they are now wanting to trust, but deep down they continue to have doubts about the viability of their new attitude. They have shifted from an overt and cruel lack of trust to a more subtle and less obvious form of half-trust. Half-trust is of course a contradiction and brings its own set of difficulties to the relationship.

One of these difficulties concerns the tension this half-trust brings to both parties, let me illustrate the dynamics. During our recent heat-wave in Sydney I've been having a great deal of difficulty sleeping during the hot and humid nights. I purchased a large standard fan equipped with a timing device. The idea was to set the timer so that one could go to sleep with the fan on and it would switch itself off after a predetermined period of time.

The first time I used the fan I lay awake waiting to see if the fan would switch off as the manufacturer's instructions promised! I was cool but still awake. Clearly, I had doubts about the fan's

capacity to function as claimed and expected. These doubts led to tension and to a desire to check out its performance. I couldn't relax and trust the fan to do its job.

Half-trust in relationships has the same effect. If you claim to trust one of your children, but harbour doubts unreasonably about their ability to be trustworthy, you will experience a similar tension to mine. But now a person is involved, not an object. I don't believe the fan felt disappointed or resentful about my lack of real trust but one can easily communicate uncertainty and tension to another person.

This brings us to a second difficulty involving half-trust. Half-trust sends a different message from that intended. One intends to say: "I do trust you, I was wrong to be so insecure and lacking in faith. I will trust you from now on." However, the message becomes distorted by the uncertainty and the tension which perhaps lies just below the surface. The message now becomes: "I think I can trust you, I want to. I was possibly wrong to be so insecure and lacking in faith. If you'll co-operate I'll trust you from now on. But don't let me down!"

This second message is very different from the first. It is full of doubts and qualifications. It doesn't help the person receiving it to feel confident, either about themselves or about their friend or partner. The impact of half-trust is little different from absolute distrust, it just works itself out more slowly and indirectly.

I see this problem with great regularity among disturbed marital relationships, and also between parents and their children. But it is not restricted to family relationships. Relationships between members of a church are often restricted by half-trust. How often a church leader allocates responsibility to others and yet cannot relax and trust them to do the job in a trustworthy fashion. To be sure, some people cannot be trusted and their activities breed suspicion rather than trust. The problem is that we come to expect failure as a matter of course. We don't give fresh people fresh chances. We don't give people a chance to learn from past mistakes — one failure leads to total distrust, or to half-trust which has the same effect in the long run.

The way forward is to recognize the importance of trust as a characteristic acquired and shaped in a relationship between two people. I can trust best

Alan E. Craddock

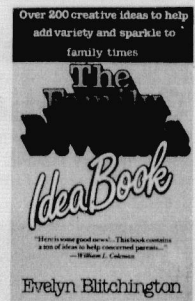
when I am with a person who helps me to trust them. They need not necessarily be proving their trustworthiness each step of the way. They have faith in me and know my needs. They minister to me just as I am seeking to do the same thing for them. We both possess a fundamental attitude and expectation. We're both prepared to trust and be trusted. We're both prepared to forgive and to understand mistakes and failures. We're both prepared to learn from them and to help each other to avoid them in the future.

Such attitudes and expectations do not come easily to human nature. This is why Christians should possess such a great advantage. Christians are bonded together by the Holy Spirit: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace." (Colossians 3:12-15).

BOOK REVIEWS

The Family Devotions Idea Book

Evelyn Blitchington
Bethany House Publishers. 139pp.



I can remember while I was at school we looked forward to a little packet from New Zealand which arrived every couple of months. A hard working godparent regularly sent our S.U. notes. Reading the notes became part of our evening meal... sometimes before we were allowed to eat dessert!

This book provides some excellent ideas of doing something a little more creative which seems to be what is needed today. It's all low key and every parent could follow many of EB's suggestions.

I was challenged on p.19 where EB asks whether my children would know as many Bible heroes as they do muppet characters.

How about reading modern Christian biographies p.40. (I still remember how much I enjoyed my mother reading to me the Life of C. T. Studd, Hudson Taylor and Eric Lidell of T. Charles of Fire fame.)

There are separate chapters for different age groups. The small chapter on teenagers could rescue many a desperate parent. Do you as a parent use Christianity as a weapon to externally control your child? p.111. Do you regard discussion as opportunity for your teenager to release aggressive energy? p.112.

An appendix lists other books available as devotional aids. I did not recognize many of them but their titles seem to fit the creative thrust of EB's own book.

Stephen Miller

A Book of Graces

Compiled by Carolyn Martin
Hodder & Stoughton, \$5.95

This is a beautiful little book, especially for an Anglican minister like myself who's forever being asked to say grace. Why I don't know — whatever happened to the priesthood of all believers. Perhaps this book will help those who feel a bit lost for words when put on the spot and help them to say something a bit more meaningful.

The book is conveniently divided into sections from all places, trades and times and even other religions, unfortunately. Fortunately, there is a section of Graces with the Hungry in Mind.

My favourite is the Robbie Burns' grace my late grandmother used to say:

Some hae meat, and canna eat
And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thankit.

For the curious and those who haven't been able to hear it, the grace said at many a Moore College evening meal is the Fearon Grace "The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord..." from Psalm 145, verses 15 and 16.

Dr. James Dobson EMOTIONS

CAN YOU
TRUST
THEM?

On the humorous, or ungrateful side, there's May I Lord make us able to eat what's on the table.

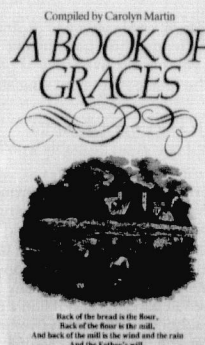
A quick read of this book might well help us make mealtimes a more meaningful time.

Gordon Preece

Emotions: Can you trust them?

Dr. James Dobson
Hodder & Stoughton. 143pp.

Many have come to expect excellent books from James Dobson, and this little paperback will not let his followers down.



I thought it an excellent book for three reasons.

First, the subject is worth discussing. Especially today, Dobson clearly reminds us of the if-it-feels-right-do-it mentality that holds sway today. And his reminder is very much in today's language. The book abounds with examples that we will know and feel, some of these examples from Dobson's own life, which we discover is not perfect.

Second, the layout of the book makes it very readable, especially for groups. There are four chapters: Guilt, Romantic Love, Anger and Interpretation of Impressions. What is involved in each chapter is previewed on pp.12-14. The chapters follow a question-answer approach with the question in bold type, with answers about a page long. Each chapter concludes with several pages of discussion questions.

Third, the book is helpful. Dobson's approach is governed by biblical material. As usual he refuses to be washed ashore by sentimentality or by the majority, but stands his ground in the real world where God lives.

Perhaps your church group would like to study this book together, if, like every other church around, you're wrestling with the tension of whether you should follow your feelings and get things out of your system or not.

Stephen Miller

Africa comes Alive

The Australian and USA support offices of African Enterprise have combined to produce a twenty minute documentary 16 mm film on the work and ministry of African Enterprise in Africa today. The film, which features

- * the ministry of reconciliation of Bishop Festo Kivengere, a black Ugandan and Michael Cassidy, a white South African;
- * the ministry of other black and white team members in Africa;
- * the outworking of the Gospel through Aid and Development projects;

had its **PREMIERE** in Melbourne on Saturday, February 19th, and in Sydney on Wednesday, February 23rd.

The documentary was filmed in Uganda, Kenya and Zimbabwe by Ossie Emery and directed by Graham Wade, both Pilgrim International executives of Sydney.

"AFRICA COMES ALIVE" shows GOD at work in a mighty way.

"THE VISION" is a challenging and exciting presentation of how God is working through men and women who have a clear calling to preach the Gospel and serve the needs of the people of Africa.

"BONGINKOSI" (which is the Zulu word for 'Praise the Lord') explains the feeding scheme project supporting over 13,000 black school children in South Africa. This audio-visual shows what happened when two Christian women — one black and the other white — decided to work to help the needy children in their area.

ORGANIST/MUSICAL DIRECTOR

At St. Luke's Anglican Church, Liverpool, we are looking for someone to co-ordinate our music. We need help in learning new hymns and singing old ones. We are concerned for evangelism as well as building up the congregation.

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BOOKS BY THE TABLE LOAD!
Such was the sight when Moore College's Ladies' Auxiliary organized the recent Book Sale. It took several days to set up the tables and the merchandise, but the eager buyers found bargains galore.

Teachers' Federation attacked

The Australian Parents' Council has recently launched a major attack on the Australian Teachers' Federation which it claims has been misleading Australians during the recent election campaign.

The Parents' Council claims that the Teachers' Federation is deliberately misleading people. They say:

"The education of children is one of the major issues of the 1983 Federal election but you would never know it. Because the facts are being hidden behind a smokescreen of distortions and half-truths, children's schooling needs are being pushed to one side.

"The Australian Teachers' Federation is spending huge amounts of money — around \$1 million — on a campaign to undermine government funding of non-government school children.

"This selfish campaign is putting the education of nearly 750,000 Australian school children at risk.

"It is a highly emotion-charged campaign and it shamefully distorts the facts.

"The Teachers' Federation says funds non-government school children receive are at the expense of government school children.

"The Teachers' Federation has created

the myth that non-government school children receive more government funds than government school children.

"The Teachers' Federation has created the myth that all non-government schools are wealthy but that is another distortion because nothing could be further from the truth.

"The Teachers' Federation has created the myth that non-government education funding is purely a sectarian issue — and that, too, is a long way from the truth.

"In 1981, 23.1 per cent of all Australian children attended non-government schools, yet they received only 12 per cent of the total government education budget.

"That is a fact. But it is one the Teachers' Federation probably won't tell you.

"Nor will they tell you that growing numbers of Australian parents are turning away from government schools and exercising their freedom of choice to have their children educated in non-government schools and that many disappointed parents cannot find a place in these schools while some government schools are on the brink of closure because of the fall-off in the number of pupils attending them."

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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

DIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Rev. Earl J. Hughes, former missionary in Irian Jaya, has become Asst. Minister at Penrith.

Rev. B. C. Wynn from Diocese of Brisbane, has commenced as Asst. Minister at St. Matthews, Manly.

Rev. Geoffrey N. Collison has commenced as part-time Chaplain to the Students at Macquarie University and part-time Asst. Minister at Denistone East.

DIOCESE OF WILLOCHRA

Rev. B. Newman has been appointed Rural Dean of Yorke Peninsula.

DIOCESE OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN

Mr. F. Roberts, Registrar of the Diocese for 12 years has tendered his resignation from 31st March, 1983.

Rev. R. J. Lindbeck, formerly Rector of Berridale has been inducted as Rector of Temora.

Rev. N. S. Kelley has been appointed Rector of Berridale.

Rev. L. G. McDowell has been inducted as Rector of Junee.

Rev. E. C. Byford, Chaplain Woden Valley Hospital and Asst. Minister St. Paul's Manuka is to be Asst. Minister St. John's Wagga.

Rev. R. W. Lamerton is to be Minister-in-Charge, South Queanbeyan.

Rev. E. Burton, Rector of Bribbaree, is to be Rector of Bodalla.

Rev. C. J. White is to be Chaplain, Canberra Grammar School.

Rev. D. A. W. McDonnell is now Asst. Minister at Tumut formerly Asst. Minister St. Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn.

DIOCESE OF THE MURRAY

Rev. G. Barnier has been inducted as Rector, O'Halloran Hill.

Rev. A. Collett has been inducted as Rector, Mannum.

Rev. P. Carter, formerly Rector St. Augustine's Renmark has accepted the parish of St. Philip's Broadview, Adelaide.

Rev. M. Hayward from the Diocese of Carpentaria is to be Rector at Pinnaroo.

DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND

Rev. B. Johns has been appointed Asst. in the parish of Leongatha.

Rev. R. Collings has been appointed to a team ministry in Tamworth.

Rev. A. Shibaoka is now Rector of Orbost.

Rev. J. Connelly is to be Asst. Minister of Traralgon.

Rev. D. Pullar has been inducted as Rector of Hopetown, Diocese of Ballarat.

Rev. G. Vines has taken up duty in the parish of Nowa Nowa, Lake Tyers.

Rev. T. Binks will be inducted as Rector, Wonthaggi in late March.

Rev. R. McDonald has been appointed Rural Dean, Bairnsdale.

DIOCESE OF RIVERINA

Rev. G. McAuliffe was instituted as Minister-in-Charge of the parish of Ivanhoe and Menindee.

DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

Rev. R. Hart is now Minister-in-Charge, Parish of Barcoo.

Rev. S. Thorne has now taken up duty in the parish of Winton.

Rev. D. Hughes is to be Minister-in-Charge of the new parish of Middlemount, Tieri and will be commissioned on Friday, May 6.

Rev. B. Farran is now Dean of Rockhampton at St. Paul's Cathedral.

DIOCESE OF BATHURST

Rev. P. Hanlin, Rector of Bourke, is to be Rector of St. John the Baptist, Warren from March.

Rev. C. Whittall, Asst. Minister Blayney is to be Rector of Holy Innocents, Bourke from March.

Rev. P. Walliker was ordained a priest in All Saints' Cathedral 25th January and has been appointed Asst. at Mudgee.

Mr. R. Bowman was made Deacon in All Saints' Cathedral on 25th January. He has been appointed as Assistant Deacon, Cowra.

Rev. J. Goodman is to become a Canon at All Saints' Cathedral.

The following Army Chaplain appointments have been announced:

Chaplain N. J. Boyce from Holsworthy, N.S.W. to Bonehill, Victoria.

Chaplain W. J. Collins from Balcombe, Victoria to Bandiana, Victoria.

Chaplain J. G. Hamilton from Oakey, Qld. to Canungra, Qld.

Chaplain W. M. Harris from Townsville, Qld. to Duntroon, A.C.T.

Chaplain B. R. Horton from Duntroon, A.C.T. to Townsville, Qld.

Chaplain D. P. Robinson from Biana, Victoria to Assistant, Wagga, Canberra/Goulburn Diocese.

Katoomba Christian Convention

NEW PATRON, CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

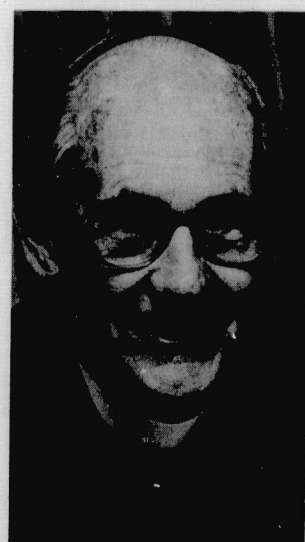
The Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Rev. Donald Robinson, has agreed to become the Patron of the Katoomba Christian Convention. The first Patron ever appointed by the Convention in its nearly 80 years of ministry. The Archbishop has had a long association with the Convention and his father, Archdeacon R. B. Robinson, was a former Chairman of the Council. The Council is tremendously encouraged by the Archbishop's acceptance of this position and is looking forward to the association with him in the days ahead.

The Convention Council has also announced that Rev. Phillip Jensen has succeeded Mr. Colin Weekley as Chairman of the Convention Council. Mr. Weekley has served his maximum term of two three-year periods and has provided wise counsel and leadership during that time. His encouragement to younger Council members and able leadership of Council and Convention meetings, has been greatly appreciated, as has been the ministry of he and Mrs. Weekley as hosts at the Convention Lodge.

Rev. Phillip Jensen has been a member of the Council for a number of years and will bring his enthusiasm for teaching the Bible and evangelism to bear, with effect, to his new position. He is well-known throughout the State, in evangelical circles, as a man with a significant contribution to make in the cause of the Kingdom of God.

Mr. Roy Ferguson and Mr. Graham Conway have been appointed Vice-Chairmen of the Council. Both are able men of experience and enthusiasm, who will fill their positions as assistants to the Chairman, in a capable and efficient manner.

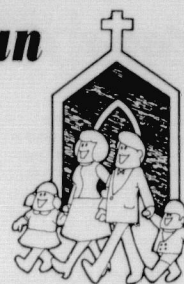
At a recent Council meeting, a vote of



the Most Rev. Donald Robinson

appreciation was passed, in gratitude to the many years of fruitful ministry given by the retiring Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. A. Gilchrist, Mr. E. A. Collins and Mr. R. E. Trowell. Their interest and untiring efforts, in the Convention ministry, have been an inspiration to all.

Convention Councils around Australia have been encouraged by a new desire on the part of many Christians, for deeper life Bible study teaching and the inter-denominational fellowship which the Convention ministry provides.



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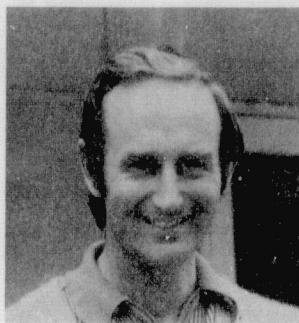
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NEAC — creating visions for congregations

The Evangelical Fellowship of the Anglican Communion (Australia) has planned a Conference as a follow-up to NEAC 1981. It will be held at Macquarie University, North Ryde, New South Wales, from Monday afternoon, 22nd August to Friday evening 26th August, 1983, with accommodation at Robert Menzies and other Colleges.



Bishop David Penman

The theme of the Conference is "Creating Visions for Congregations" and the main addresses will be given by Dr.

Os Guinness of Oxford, England, and Bishop David Penman, of Melbourne. Dr. Guinness will speak on "Evangelism" and "New Patterns of Ministry", and Bishop Penman on "New Patterns of Worship" and "Social Responsibility".

The Chairman of E.F.A.C. (Australia), Mr. Alan Kerr of Melbourne, is Chairman of the Conference. Deaconess Margaret Rodgers is Chair-person of the Programme Committee.

The following are among those who have been invited to speak: David Secombe of Perth, Alan Nichols of Melbourne, Dudley Foord, Michael Corbett-Jones, and David Hewetson of Sydney and Kevin Giles of Adelaide.

Half of the places will be for laity and half for clergy. Further information can be obtained from Mr. Alan Kerr, (03) 787 6435, Canon James Whild (02) 328 1125 or the Rev. Peter Crawford (054) 68 4046.

E.F.A.C. (Australia) sees this Conference as a particularly good opportunity for evangelicals from all over Australia to enjoy fellowship together and to seek ways to renew the life of local congregations. The addresses on the opening day will be on "Renewal of Spirituality — personal and corporate".

Easter Breakfast

The first Easter Breakfast arranged by the Department of Evangelism will be held in the Town Hall Carvery at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29.

Canon John Chapman will speak on "The Empty Tomb — Does It Matter?"

"The breakfast will provide the opportunity for friends of Christians to hear the message of Christianity," Mr. Chapman said this week.

"The 'Carvery' is widely recognised as a most attractive restaurant.

"We are suggesting that some people might like to book a table and bring a group.

"The address will be evangelistic."

An excellent meal will be served at the tables.

* The breakfast will last from 7 to 8.15 a.m., when street parking is plentiful.

Tickets at \$5 a head are available from the Department in St. Andrew's House.

Scripture Union Launches Literature Competition

Search for new authors for children and teenagers

Scripture Union's London publishing unit is launching a Competition to find new authors for their range of Christian paperbacks for children and teenagers. They are looking for works of fiction or biographies for the 8-12 and 13-18 age groups. The deadline is September 30, 1983. (For entry forms writers are asked to contact the London office direct. Write to S.U. Literature Competition, 130 City Road, London EC1V 2NJ.)

The new Competition has been launched soon after the publication by Scripture Union of 'Nothing Else Matters', a new novel for teenagers set in Lebanon by Patricia M. St. John, who won S.U.'s first Literature Competition way back in 1948 with her first novel for children 'The Tanglewoods Secret'. Supplies of this new book have just arrived in Australia.

Scripture Union's 1982 Competition judges will doubtless bear in mind that their 1948 predecessors decided the 'The Tanglewoods' Secret' though the winner, was 'not worthy of the full amount of the first prize'. But the public disagreed with their verdict. 'The Tanglewoods' Secret' has been a best seller ever since and has been published in 17 languages!

Mission Offers New Chance To Unemployed Youth

The Sydney City Mission is offering unemployed youth people the chance of special employment training at its new Vocational Employment Training Scheme (V.E.T.S.) at Mt. Drutt.

The new Employment Training Centre is situated at Ayres Grove, Mt. Drutt, where some sixty young people will be trained in Office Skills, Health Care and Trade Skills.

They will also be given information on job hunting, personal relationships, community resources, remedial reading and arithmetic.

On completion of the 32-week course they will be assisted to get a job by the Mission's Placement Officer.

The Mission still needs to hear from applicants for the Office Skills and Health Care courses. The Trades Course is filled.

Applicants should have been unemployed for at least four months. During the course trainees are paid unemployment benefits, plus a small allowance.

Mt. Drutt is the Mission's second

School of Christian Studies success

"I personally found it a tremendous privilege to have shared in the School and have gained so much not only from the lectures but the total experience and the participation of all."



A typical comment made after the first School of Christian Studies, directed by Dr. Paul Barnett, held at Robert Menzies College in the grounds of Macquarie University for two weeks in February and in which over 130 people participated.

The aim of the School was to provide serious Christian input for those without formal theological training, in order to equip them for effective Christian service in the contemporary world in their chosen studies and professions. To that end, a total of 16 speakers led sessions ranging from biblical exegesis to ethical issues, such as, the Nuclear Arms Debate and explorations into Christianity and the disciplines.

The speakers included representatives from the academic world, for example, Professors Harris, Hext and Neville; the Church, such as Bishop Reid and Rev. Chapman, and the Professions, Miss Kay Lampert, to name only some.

Fifty people were full-time at the School coming from many parts of N.S.W., Victoria and one person from Western Australia.

The School's theme was MAN IN GOD'S WORLD and there was opportunity for those who wished to do research and respond to the theme to gain credit points towards a Diploma of Christian Studies.

V.E.T.S. programme, the other being at Green Valley, through which over 300 young people have found employment.

Applicants should phone the Sydney City Mission Mt. Drutt V.E.T.S. on 675-1022 for further information.

Private values and public policy

"A person in the Public Service or any large organisation who holds a particular set of personal values often has difficulty in relating these values to the decision-making in his daily work. However, people with Christian values have seldom had opportunity to explore the personal impact of such issues as neutrality and public accountability on their personal faith."

This expressed concern of Spencer Collier, former First Assistant Director General in the Department of Social Security, is the basis for the conference Private Values and Public Policy which will be held from May 6-8 at Bruce Hall, A.N.U.

The need for a national conference on

Not all the conference was taken up with lectures and research; a bush dance, picnic and other relaxing and enjoyable social activities were part of the programme.

The next Schools are planned for 1-3rd July, 1983 and 2-4th September, 1983, looking at the theme in PEOPLE IN RELATIONSHIP, and covering such issues as Divorce, Parents-Teachers-God, Genetic Engineering, Politics, Deuteronomy and Relationships and much more.



It is anticipated that the future patterns for the Schools will be to hold a School in Easter and a 10 day School in the August/September school holidays of each year, commencing in 1984. The Easter School, it is planned, will centre around a HISTORY/RESURRECTION theme and Leadership/Ethical work in the areas of COUNSELLING.

Plan to be at the July School NOW!

For further information contact the Associate Director, Miss Evonne Paddison, Robert Menzies College: 888 7133.

ethics in decision-making for Christians in the Public Service grew out of an Australia-wide series of exploratory seminars on these issues, sponsored by the Zadok Centre, Canberra, over the past three years.

Problems arising from accountability, power, ministerial responsibility and impartiality, will be the focus of the conference, the opening session of which will be introduced by Professor Peter Wilenski, from the Social Justice Unit, Research School of Social Sciences at the A.N.U.

Other speakers include top-level public servants who have been working on specific areas of administrative theory and practice, and Dr. Robert Banks, a theologian resident in Canberra, who has been with the public servant seminars programme from the outset. Two politicians have been invited to respond to the forum address by Mr. Lindsay Curtis on the Westminster system in Australia today.

The Conference is the culmination of what has essentially been pioneering work in the field of Christian ethics and public administration in Australia. Christian public servants of any denomination or public servants of any persuasion are encouraged to participate in this landmark forum.