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TWO REQUESTS MADE TO THE W.A. GOVERNMENT SOCIAL QUESTIONS DISCUSSED AT SYNOD AT GERALDTON

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Geraldton, September 23

The Synod of the Diocese of North West Australia held here last week was a worthwhile and happy family occasion.

If it lacked flashes of brilliant oratory, it also lacked the boredom and bitterness often found in the synods in the capital cities.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of synod was the introduction of two motions by a layman, Mr J. Ford, from the parish of the Marchion.

The first concerned the granting of drinking rights to Aborigines; the second referred to the Abortion Bill now before the Parliament of Western Australia.

Most of the clergy of the diocese minister to native people in many varying circumstances. Practically every priest and most of the laymen contributed to the debate.

The result was the following motion which spoke not only to the Government, but also to the Christians in the diocese in a positive way:

"That this Synod respectfully advises the Government of Western Australia, that the granting of drinking rights to Aborigines has caused grief and hardship to a great number of Aborigine people in many areas of the State and is contrary to the wishes of the Government not to grant drinking rights in any more areas until

ABORIGINES

1. A vigorous campaign has been undertaken to educate and equip these people in the acceptance of full citizenship rights.

2. Strong measures have been taken to ensure that business people who sell liquor do so lawfully and responsibly in this regard towards the Aborigine people.

and comments to all church people that they actively participate in the education of Aborigine people in the rights and responsibilities of full citizenship."

It was strange to find the synod of a diocese like the North West the object of the attention of the A.B.C. who sought the views of synodmen on this issue for nation-wide broadcast.

SYNOD FOR DENILIQUIN

Griffith, September 23

The forty-third Synod of the Diocese of Rivers will meet in Deniliquin on Monday, October 14.

Synod Evensong will be at 8 p.m. in St. Paul's Church when the Bishop, the Right Reverend John Cranford, will preside.

It is expected that synod will last until mid-day on Wednesday.

On Tuesday night, there will be a "Lambeth Hour" when the Bishop will report on the Lambeth Conference.

UPPSALA REPORT NEXT MONTH

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE, Geneva, September 23

The official report of the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches, edited by Ernest Paulson, will be presented by Eugene Carson Blake, who will be off the press in October.

The volume contains sections reports and discussion surrounding the committee deliberations, an evaluation of the conference by the editor, the report of Central Committee Chairman Ernest Payne, and texts of the most important speeches.

The Chancellor of the Diocese, Mr P. D. James, warned the synod of the danger of speaking on a bill which no one had yet read, so before the debate on the Abortion Bill, proceedings copies of the Bill before the W.A. Parliament were brought from Perth for the use of synodmen and the original motion.

"That the Synod strongly protests to the Parliament of Western Australia on the proposed introduction of a Bill to legalise abortion and that this Synod requests the Government to enforce the existing law and administration of abortion" was passed without dissent.

DEBATES

There was no evening session of synod. Instead, two public meetings were arranged at the Church of the Redeemer.

The first consisted of a debate between a local Geraldton socialist, the Rev. Michael Pennington of Port Hedland on "The Church and the State".

On the second night the Bishop and six High School boys debated "God and Morals are Dead".

Both of these meetings were extremely well attended; at one it was a case of standing room only and there were an encouraging number of comments and questions from the floor.

The last day of synod was spent by the clergy in a discussion on preaching which was led by the Reverend Isaac Coombs; and a discussion on dealing with the mentally ill led by the Reverend Peter Lomas.

Mr Coombs also conducted a "Quiet Day" for clergy wives. Synod began every morning with Bible study led by the Reverend A. R. H. Graves.

To come to the end is an event of some importance to the clergy of the diocese and it was good to have to travel considerable distance to get there, but the

opinion of all at the end of the week was that the journey was worthwhile.

In fact, there was a suggestion that synod be called every year instead of every two years.

(Report on the State of the Diocese, by the Bishop's Pastoral Address, page 3)

SYDNEY C.A.A. WALK AIDS SEVERAL ASIAN PROJECTS

Community Aid Abroad has allocated \$38,000 to self-help projects in Asia. This money was raised when C.A.A. conducted a "Walk Against Want" from Australia Square, Sydney, to Parramatta, in March.

The total raised by 3,500 walkers, through sponsorship at \$100 each, was \$34,000.

The N.S.W. Chairman of C.A.A., Mr S. Fish, this week said that the balance was taken up by the cost of organising the walk.

He said that the \$38,000 was allocated to Asian projects as follows:

\$3,500 for an irrigation development project at Gajavanti Village, Gujarat State, India.

\$12,675 for building a high school and farm extension centre at Gram Tiritha, in Surat District, Gujarat State.

\$2,200 for teaching piping to complete an irrigation scheme at Fatepur Hospital, Bihar State, India.

\$990 to complete a farm development project at Sararaya Ashram, Gujarat State, India.

\$470 to the Australian "For Synod Who Has Less" organisation to send a helper, in calf, to Pakistan as part of a dairying development scheme.

\$4,750 for construction of a grain store for the Farmers' Association of the diocese.

As the figures total upwards of 1,000 worshippers, exclaimed: "Let there be light."

THE BISHOP OF ADELAIDE GIVES PRESS INTERVIEW ON RETURN HOME

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Adelaide, September 23

The Bishop of Adelaide, the Right Reverend T. T. Reed, and Mrs Reed returned to Adelaide on September 11.

They had come direct by aeroplane from England to New Zealand where they had spent a few days at Auckland.

On the return by air to Adelaide by way of Sydney.

The Press interview held shortly after his arrival, Bishop Reed said that the Lambeth Conference had been in his personal opinion, more successful than the conference held in London in 1963.

Almost every nation had been represented at the conference and the confessional had been greatly improved.

On the matter of the ordination of women to the priesthood the Bishop said that the con-

ference had recommended that national and regional churches should give consideration with this question and that therefore it was likely that the General Synod of the Church of England in Australia which will meet in Sydney next year, will discuss it.

MORE FROM LAITY

In the meantime he expected that the members of the laity would be encouraged to be encouraged to take a greater part in the running of the Church.

The Bishop gave it as his personal view that a presbyterial system of governance, in which the laity would have a greater part in the running of the Church, would be a more desirable one than the present system of governance.

He said that the ordination of women was not a reason why women should not hold a large part in the running of the Church, which was now occupied by men.



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GRAHAM CRUSADE IN VICTORIA

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, September 23

The Billy Graham Crusade will be held at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl, Melbourne, from March 14 to 22.

The Christian Life and Witness classes, originally planned for November this year, will be held during February.

Leadership training in Bible discussion groups is being held this month and will continue in October.

*Mr Gilbert Cann has been appointed to the Crusade staff to deal with the country areas.

TORCH LIGHT DISPLAY BEGINS COVENTRY'S "CALL TO MISSION"

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, September 23

Coventry's "Call to Mission" began on Tuesday evening, September 17, outside the cathedral with the lighting of the Seven-Torches Display, symbolising "Christ, the Light of the World".

The Archbishop of York, the Most Reverend E. D. Coggan, turned on the special gas supply to the display which was then lit by the seven professional torches held aloft by clergy at the end of nine days' journey throughout the parishes of the diocese.

As the flames took upwards of 1,000 worshippers, exclaimed: "Let there be light."

This began the two weeks of "Call to Mission" to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary celebrations of the re-founding of the diocese.

The Bishop of Coventry, the Right Reverend Clifton Bardsley, is preaching every night in Coventry Cathedral until September 27, on the theme "Learn to Live".

The climax of the mission will be a diocesan Eucharist on September 29 at the Royal Show Ground, Stonington.

After the opening last Tuesday night, 2,500 people packed the cathedral around 1,000 watched on closed-circuit television.

"UNEASY LIGHT"

The Archbishop of York, preaching at this service, said that being an active Christian automatically meant being a world citizen.

"As a follower of the Saviour of the world you will be called to have a share in the griefs and sorrows of this world, a large part of which is starving and illiterate."

"Christ has a way of shedding an uneasy light on the world, but you must not let it be a light which is shining only on you and your family, but a light which is shining on all who are with Him in the light to redeem the world."

Bishop Bardsley said that "Call to Mission" was "not an escape from the world, but a way of being in the world, a way of being with Him in the light to redeem the world."

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into the world for service and leadership.

The trouble with the world, he said, was the people who lived in it.

The problems of the world were, of course, more complicated than this.

"There are basic flaws in systems of government; power-structures are dangerous; mass-media of communication can be corrupting; the economic system which permits one half of the world to live in luxury and the other half in poverty is pernicious. All this is true."

"And yet basically the root trouble of all this is to be found in man himself. Man who is born to be great, who has greatness within him, is too often corrupt, selfish, grasping, greedy and cruel."

PRECENTOR WINS CRICKET BAT

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, September 23

Dr John Painter, now Precentor of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, for the best batting performance in this year's "Church Times" Cricket Cup competition.

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By MICHAEL J. LAURENCE

MISSION TO STREETS AND LANES CHANGE IN FORM FOR ANNUAL MEETING

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

A change in the form of the annual meeting of the Melbourne Diocesan Mission to Streets and Lanes on September 17 proved to be a great success.

Instead of the familiar afternoon meeting, the formal business of the annual meeting began at mid-day with the bigger than usual attendance seated at tables set out for lunch.

All speakers were able to take the hint, with the result that the various matters were dealt with most expeditiously.

The catering was carried out by the various auxiliaries of the Mission.

In the absence of the Warden (Bishop Sambell) who had not yet returned from Lambeth, the chairman was the Right Reverend F. R. Arnott, who also moved the adoption of the annual report which had been printed and circulated.

It told of happenings within the Community of the Holy Name, including the arrival of Novice Cora from the Community of the Visitation in New Guinea, and long awaited entrance to the mother-house.

The report of the Mission traced some of the changes that have occurred in the last five years since it was first established.

It was the changes in attitude, and altered circumstances for children of the street.

GIRLS' HOSTEL

The former 'Home for Little Children' at Darling has been sold, and with the proceeds a Family Counselling Service has been developed, and a hostel for delinquent girls is being built.

Ellenise, for the aged, and the Retreat House, continue to be active. The report also described the work of the Children's Homes Committee and the Auxiliaries.

The financial statement showed that every cent for the year for the Mission is being used, and, in fact, there was a small deficit for the year.

The speaker was the Reverend Peter J. Hollingworth, of the Brotherhood of St. Laurence, who spoke of the social service role of the church.

SHOWGROUNDS OPENING ON SUNDAY RESOLUTION

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, September 20
The Social Questions Committee of the Diocese of Melbourne met and discussed the proposed opening of the Melbourne Showgrounds on the afternoon of Sunday, September 22.

This meeting passed the following resolution:

"The Social Questions Committee finds no objection to the Royal Melbourne Show being opened on a Sunday afternoon if the only educational facilities to be open to the public, but as it is proposed to open commercial stalls and other amusements, this committee is opposed to the project Sunday opening this year."

"We are not to be dismayed by this move of the Royal Agricultural Society, but in other quarters it will be welcomed as a progressive step into the technological age. The time has now come for the people to re-examine its attitude toward its Sunday of rest and worship."

"In a majority of countries the day of rest and worship is recurring every six days it is still very much protected by law, but in the foreseeable future this may well no longer be the case."

"No doubt a resolution will have to be made whether we wish to preserve the pattern of living in this technological age where life is being entirely

transformed. We are sure to be faced with the question?

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ENGLISH VISITORS FOR SYDNEY

The Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Reverend M. L. Lorne, has announced that two leading English clergymen will visit Sydney next year, partly in connection with the Cathedral Centenary.

Writing from England in this month's edition of "Southern Cross" he says:

"The first is the Reverend R. C. C. (the Rev. Canon) who will conduct a Cathedral Mission to the Great St. Helen's Church in the heart of London."

"Mr Lucas has established a remarkable ministry among business men in the City, and holds lunch-hour services which some hundreds of city people attend."

"He holds a meeting every week in St. Stephen's Church at the House of Commons which is attended by a number of Members."

CITY MISSION

"It is hoped that he will conduct a Cathedral Mission to the City from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday next year, and he will also take part in the Clergy School in May."

"The second visitor will be the Reverend M. A. P. Wood, now Principal of the Archbishop's School for Lay Leadership in encephalitis in the City, for five days at the end of July."

"Mr Wood will conduct a School for Evangelism for clergy and others in the Chapter House at the last afternoon of the School for Lay Leadership in encephalitis in the City, for five days at the end of July."

"The Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Reverend M. L. Lorne, has issued the following statement, commending the observance—"

"I am glad to commend the observance of the Reformation, which is being organised by the Council of Churches in New South Wales."

"We can never remind ourselves too clearly of the great New Testament doctrines which were so strongly emphasised at the time of the Reformation."

"This is a heritage which is our duty to cherish and to safeguard for our own generation and for posterity."

"I hope that the Reformation Sunday service this year will be an occasion of very great encouragement."

"AH, WILDERNESS" TO BE
PRESENTED IN CANBERRA

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Canberra, September 23
Canberra merged theatre in 1966 when the Inter-Church Players were formed as a subsidiary of the Inter-Church Council, a body composed of representatives from all the major Christian denominations, including the Roman Catholics.

The Players have come a long way since their first production, a short play, "The First Nowel".

This was presented in three local churches, and the first production, a short play, "The First Nowel".

Last year they branched out into more secular drama when they presented "The Crucible", a play about religious fanaticism, but with much to say about all kinds of fanaticism.

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ANNUAL BACH FESTIVAL

SPECIAL MUSIC AT SOUTH YARRA

From a Correspondent
Melbourne, September 13
The sixteenth annual Bach Festival at Christ Church, South Yarra, will shortly commence.

An introduction to the festival there will be a Bach Festival Evening on Sunday, September 15, when the festival will be presided by Dr Barry Marshall, Chaplain of Trinity College, University of Melbourne.

On this occasion Christ Church Choir will sing Cantata No. 22, "Jesus called unto Him the Twelve".

A week later on Sunday, October 6, at 2.45 p.m. the Orana Madrigal Choir, the Dorset Singers and the Orana Chamber Orchestra will give a performance of the S. John Passion, under the direction of Leonard Pullard, the Festival Director.

Mr Pullard will play the complete Little Organ Book at two o'clock on Sunday, October 6, when Dorcas McClean will give a recital on Sunday afternoon.

At a recital of Chamber music on October 6, a harpsichord of two manuals built by Mrs McClean in Melbourne will be given to play the Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue by Leonard Pullard.

Geoffrey Hawkey and Dorcas McClean will contribute flute and violin to the programme, accompanied by the harpsichord.

Brandenburg Concerti Nos 1 and 2, and Concerto for Violin and Cello, will be given on October 6, when the "Thou Guide of Israel", will be given on Sunday afternoon.

An eight-page brochure giving details of the festival will be obtained free by writing to the Vicarage.

JUDGE TO SPEAK
AT MERIDEN

From a Correspondent
Judge Sir Adrian Curlew will deliver an address on the Reformation at Meriden School, which is being organised by the Council of Churches in New South Wales.

Meriden is an entirely self-supporting Church of England School, which by the efforts of its council has increased its size to accommodate 54 additional girls next year.

Walls Hall has also been extended, and the moving ceremony will commemorate this event.

A Back-to-Meriden day will be held on November 2.

NEW WORK OUTLINED FOR NORTH WEST BISHOP WITT'S REPORT ON STATE OF DIOCESE

Reporting on the state of the diocese to the Synod of North-West Australia on September 16, the Right Reverend H. A. J. Witt said that the Diocese of Calgary in Canada wished to have a special link relationship with the diocese.

Bishop Witt said that the great stability in the staffing of the diocese, especially when most priests came from outside the State, was most encouraging.

There were only two priests at the synod two years ago who were not at the present synod. The diocese, he said, was divided roughly into two distinct areas.

There was a small group of self-supporting parishes in the southern half, mostly staffed by Englishmen who could be called "high church".

The clergy in the northern area were supported by the Bush Church Aid Society, while the Australians could be called "low church".

The Bishop said he was glad to be in a diocese where these distinctions existed; the diversity showed the need each had for the other.

The diocese was very grateful to the Bush Church Aid Society; eight of the clergy at synod were supported by B.C.A.

Because of the amount of time the Bishop needed to spend travelling on pastoral duties, he hoped to appoint a Diocesan Manager to care for the administration of the diocese.

The Bishop spoke of the need for a priest to work with Aborigines at Wyndham, to build on the foundations laid by the Reverend Harry Green.

Much of the nature of the work of the diocese was changing with the emergence of large industrial complexes.

More and more Anglican work was bound up with the other denominations.

The Bishop announced that the secretary of both the British Society and the Mission to Seamen in England would visit Port Hedland next month.

WELCOME HOME TO ARCHBISHOP

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT Melbourne, September 13

The Archbishop of Melbourne and Mrs Woods return to Melbourne from the Lambeth Conference early in October. In order to give the clergy and their wives an opportunity to welcome them home again, Bishop Arnot has arranged for a morning tea at St. John's Parish Centre, Camberwell. This will be at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, October 10.

CANBERRA'S NEW AREAS CO-OPERATE

The first co-operating churches canvass of parishioners in the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn is now under way in Belconnen, Canberra, reports "News Release", the diocese's monthly news sheet.

After careful planning, the Reverend J. Southerton, was appointed in May to represent Anglicans, Congregationalists, Methodists, Presbyterians, and members of the Churches of Christ.

He is being supported by a "common purse" of the five churches, and a subsidy from the Anglican Diocese.

In the canvass, which is addressed to all members of the five churches in Belconnen, the attempt will be made to strengthen the common purse to the point where it takes over full responsibility for Mr. Southerton.

BELCONNEN

In addition, preparations must be made for a second appeal to take place (a Presbyterian) to the area in January, 1969.

There is considerable interest and much enthusiasm for the common cause.

It now seems certain that at

In a few years' time, he said, Port Hedland would be exporting more tonnage than any other Australian port.

Many of the visiting statesmen would be Japanese, perhaps as many as 5,000 of them a year.

The Bishop said he had found a Japanese-speaking Australian priest prepared to come to the diocese.

"I believe that the two Sallor Societies will be interested enough to help in this regard and I have hopes that for the first twelve months of his time in Port Hedland I have found this priest a true friend," he said.

The establishment of the Tom Price Church Centre had come about because of the desire of the Anglicans, Presbyterians and Methodists to work together.

It is a pattern which he hoped would be followed elsewhere in the diocese, a building which could be used for worship by all Christians on Sunday and by the community during the week.

A recent view of the facade of St. John's Cathedral, Brisbane. The last work to be done in the present contract is the landscaping; it is hoped that this will be finished in November for the consecration of the cathedral.

PRECENTOR FAREWELLED IN COURTYARD OF CATHEDRAL

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Brisbane, September 20

The retiring Precentor of St. John's Cathedral, the Reverend R. L. Burrell, said at his farewell this week that he felt all clergy needed to "step up" with new knowledge from time to time. He said that he personally was looking forward to the chance to be able to think things through again after seven years at St. John's.

At the last of his work in the courtyard outside the cathedral after Evensong, a very large crowd of well-wishers from the cathedral and elsewhere attended the function.

Bishop C. E. B. Munchamp, the Dean of Brisbane, expressed his thanks to the Precentor in a delightful and witty speech.

Bishop Munchamp said that Fr. Burrell had had great experience in training Deans in both Rockhampton and Brisbane, and he was personally most grateful for the fact that his first year had been so happy and easy.

Mr. P. J. Morgan, one of the cathedral wardens, said that he wished to pay the Precentor of the greatest possible tribute: one Australian could pay another, "he's a jolly fine bloke".

Mr. Mervyn Reid who presented a cheque to the guest of the hour said that the cathedral congregation was very sorry to lose the Precentor, but were delighted to know that he would be returning to the diocese.

Footnote: Probably this was the last official function to take place in the cathedral courtyard. Within the next few weeks, it is to be converted into lawns and gardens as part of the landscape work in connection with the extensions to the cathedral.

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BISHOP CLEMENTS IN ENGLAND

Following the Lambeth Conference, the Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, the Right Reverend K. J. Clements, and Mrs Clements, are spending their annual holiday in England. They expect to return about the middle of October.

HELP REACHING BIAFRA

A.C.C. SERVICE

Australian Church contributions to relief operations in Biafra are being flown in through arrangements with the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The Australian Director of Inner-Church Aid, the Reverend E. H. Arblaster, says that \$80,000 has been given so far for food and medical supplies.

Mr. Arblaster says supplies have been stockpiled on the island of Fernando Po, off the Nigerian coast, away from the outcome of negotiations between the warring parties and the aid organisations over a neutral air corridor.

Word has been received from the World Council of Churches in Geneva that supplies there were now being air-lifted to refugees in the worst affected areas.

Contributions to this month's Force Ten programme of Australian Inter-Church Aid will provide additional help for the starving in Nigeria and Biafra. They are expected to reach all-time high.

Force Ten is a group of Australians who contribute each month to a series of development project overseas. In September the project is in Biafra.

Current monthly income is about \$4,000 from 1400 members. Responses to the Church's appeal have been particularly high.

Force Ten projects in October and November are in the Philippines and Laos.

SOME BOOK BARGAINS

THE ANGLICAN Book Department offers the following, many of which are not now obtainable in the bookshops.

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A CENTENARY HISTORY OF MOORE COLLEGE, by Marcus L. Loane.

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WISDEN'S CRICKETER'S ALMANACK, 1968, 105th Edition. A few copies only.

Price: \$3.93 (postage 25c).

THE DEPLOYMENT AND PAYMENT OF THE CLERGY, by Leslie Paul.

Price: \$3.90 (postage included).

HONEST TO GOD AND THE DEBATE, by John A. T. Robinson. Library edition.

Price: \$2.10 (postage included).

THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE New Testament—Library edition (Oxford/Cambridge University Press).

Price: \$3.50 (postage included).

THE MAN WITH THE DONKEY—John Simpson Kirkpatrick, the Good Samaritan of Gallipoli, by Sir Irving Benson.

Price: \$1.90 (postage included).

OUTLINES FOR YOUNG ANGLICANS, by R. Minton Taylor. Here is an impartial, well-written account of the History of the Church of England, how we got the Book of Common Prayer, and sections on how to pray and the meanings of "Catholic" and "Protestant" in the Anglican tradition. The author has accomplished the extraordinary feat of writing in a way that transcends churchmanship, giving this little work the widest appeal.

Price: \$0.35 (postage included). (Less 20% to members of the Church of England Information Trust.)

THE COMMUNIST WAY OF LIFE—AND THE CHRISTIAN'S ANSWER, by John S. Moyes. This is the second edition of the well-known booklet by Bishop Moyes, first published in 1952. It is regarded as one of the most direct and simple treatments of the subject ever printed.

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THE CRISIS IN MORALITY

By THE REVEREND PAUL ELMEN

THE melancholy truth is that in a state of disarray.

Class in morals is perhaps the inevitable consequence of the loss of divine sanction on human authority to visible now.

One no longer have a fear of living under the eye of a fearful God, they are not to fear living under the eye of another mortal.

If there is no objective standard of value against which conduct must be measured, the only alternative is to do whatever you can get away with.

Someone has said that the eleventh commandment, added recently, is "Thou shalt not get caught."

If one were to ask, whether the world is getting better or worse, the answer is not easy.

In some ways the world seems to have gotten better.

Though one cannot prove such things, there does seem to be a general revision against injustice and a disposition to stand up and confront entrenched greed and social cruelty.

The young people of our time have, no doubt, a more relaxed attitude toward sexual restrictions; but they also are more willing to risk their lives in demonstrating against injustice.

They are sickened by the instances of hypocrisy which we are all too often able to provide them.

On the other hand, signs of general decay are also easy to find. Corruption is rampant, price-fixing in business, easy resort to threats of violence to impose the will of a minority, sexual license.

There has been in our day a widespread rebellion against Victorian morals.

There is an additional reason why morals are in a state of disarray today, and that is in the decision on the part of the moralists themselves.

RUNNING BATTLE

The problem is not that many people are doing something wrong, but that rather no one is sure any more about what it is.

There are watching a running battle between the legalists and the advocates of situational ethics.

Though the two positions are matters of emphasis, and are not in their extreme forms there is a demonstrable difference between them.

What is at stake is the question of truth itself.

On the one hand there is the theory that there are laws in the world which we cannot violate. This is the traditional position.

And you find it very strongly in the Biblical view: "Thou shalt not steal; Thou shalt not commit adultery; and so on."

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A later book, *Christian Morals Today*, corrected the emphasis in a conservative direction, but the book has been largely ignored.

The ablest exposition of situation ethics is by the Reverend Joseph Fletcher, of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass., who may be said to be the most influential ethicist at work today.

Professor Fletcher used the Jewish doctrine in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II to form the basis of his theory.

He said that the law was to save the lives of 3,000 pregnant Jewish women.

What should be the Christian attitude towards this case?

According to the strict legalist, the doctor was in mortal sin, since she had taken the lives of 3,000 babies who God had chosen for the gift of life.

According to the situation ethicist, abortion is usually wrong but in this case it was morally right; the children would have died anyway, since they were the mothers and their unwanted fetus.

So we must serve ourselves for some time, but the very best course results in 6,000 deaths, the contextualists see a way of limiting the deaths to 3,000.

When neither of two possible positions is good, it is certainly possible to choose the lesser of two evils.

Conscience and theology seem to have had one of their infrequent meetings.

What can we say about that type of ethical thought?

Certainly it is right in some ways, and certainly it is Biblical. It is a way of looking at human beings loving one another.

SENIOR BIBLE STUDENT

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We can destroy a person with law.

We must be aware of the complexity in every human situation, and every human situation.

Therefore, when we come with our laws, we violate the uniqueness of the human story.

In situation ethics, you are not likely that you can invent a new set of laws although many people try to.

The bad side is that it has no way of distinguishing values, and it often leads to what we call in the profession, libertinism, or anything goes.

Today, when we have a sort of general relaxation of law and order—there can be no question about that—at that precise moment the Church comes along and tightens its relation by pointing out how in many cases it is better that the law not be obeyed and, after all, anything goes.

POOR TONE

So even the Church moves in and out of the legalism of a kind of intolerable legalism and helps to give us a poor moral situation.

How does one form a Christian moral tone?

In general, you and I are supposed to imitate Christ.

Let us look at Christ in his situation.

He would Christ wish you to fulfil the role that you play in life.

Surely we have to be aware of the situation.

We have to know what the context is in which we can.

We have to be "with it" as they say to-day.

We have to be aware of the unique character of every situation.

On the other hand, part of that situation is certainly law. The human race has been around a long time, and in the field of sexual morality, for example, it isn't likely that you can invent a new set of laws although many people try to.

But the human family has been watching this thing happen for thousands of years, and I know pretty well exactly what it costs to violate the sexual morals and morals.

AWFUL STRAIN

Therefore, and this is the point missed by the situation ethicists, the situation itself strains people, the situation itself strains people.

You have to make-up your mind in this situation in terms of God's will for you and in terms of the people involved, in terms of the law of the community and the people with whom you live—all this must be taken into account before you say what is the right thing to do.

There is a great deal of strain on people, for in a sense the individual becomes the administrator.

It is forced to make the decision between what is right and wrong.

In situation ethics is considered contemporary because it is the popular thing nowadays, but it can be said to have had its roots in the Gospel when Jesus said that the law was for man and not man for the law.

In that sense it is very old.

The *Revised Version* appeared in "Advance," the magazine of the Diocese of Canada.

UNITY TALKS ON THE EUCHARIST

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

London, September 20

The Eucharist and church authority were the subjects of discussion in an official dialogue here among 19 representatives of the Roman Catholic and Methodist churches.

Appointed by the World Methodist Council and the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity, the dialogue participants held their second meeting from August 31 to September 1.

An official statement issued at the close of the discussions said that "progress was achieved in refining points of agreement and disagreement" on the subjects of eucharist and authority in the Church.

The talks indicated the "necessary direction for further discussions," the statement said.

The next meeting will be held in September, 1969. The group will then consider the ministry and the opportunity open to the churches in the presentation of Christian unity in the contemporary world and its challenges.

The ten Roman Catholic delegates were headed by Archbishop John A. Murphy of Cardiff, in Wales. They were joined by Canon William Purdy of the Secretariat for Christian Unity.

The nine Methodist delegates were led by Bishop Old of Sweden.

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COMMUNITY PROJECT STARTED

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, September 13

For some years the parietal church council of St. Catherine's-on-the-Hill, New Cross, has been considering setting up a centre, made up of housing units, a branch library, and a community centre with facilities for senior citizens' work, youth work, pre-school play groups, workshops, and medical and interview rooms.

Now, in co-operation with Lambeth Borough Council and the South Bank Housing Society, plans have been drawn up for the centre which will cost, excluding the library, £70,000.

The church hopes to contribute \$32,600 towards this, and fundraising events are being organized.

David Wilksy Kahn, one of the world's leading star players, has agreed to give his four annuals in Britain next year in support of the project, and a concert is being arranged at the Royal Commonwealth Society on October 26.

The centre is to be on a neighbourhood venture, and on September 18 there will be a meeting at Saint Peter's School, New Cross, which will be addressed by David Moore, who is responsible for the United Nations Association's urban community programme, both here and in Africa and Asia.

PASTORAL AID

SERMON

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, September 23

The annual sermon of the Anglican Pastoral Aid Society will be preached in All Souls' Langham Place, on October 8, in the War Memorial Church, Oxford, Dr. J. L. Packer.

the time: "On the whole, it is certain that the Revised Version marks a great advance on the Authorized Version in respect of accuracy."

The main criticism to which it is justly open are that the principles of the Revised Version are applied too rigidly to Greek which is not classical, and that the Revisers, in their careful attention to the Greek, were less happily inspired than their predecessors with the genius of the English language.

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