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# THE ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN CHURCH AND STATE

Incorporating the Church Dispatch

THURSDAY AUGUST 26

## A PROPHET AT HOME

THE BISHOP IN POLYNESIA, THE RIGHT REVEREND J. C. VOCKLER, may not know all of all the answers; but he understands the N.S.W. Provincial Synod this week most of the right questions about the Church in Australia. Here are some of them:

- Do we realise, as Christians, that we are being out-bred? That we are becoming more and more a minority?
- Intellectually, are we not being out-thought?
- Are we mainly concerned to preserve the status quo, to bolster the institutional Church against challenge from the prophetic voice?
- Do we seek that comfortable mediocrity which never rocks the boat? Or do we discern in our critics the rebirth of the prophetic voice?
- Is it any solution to our problems to retreat into absolutism of any kind? Or to create "militant ghettos" of churchmen and laymen?
- Are our parochial and diocesan structures, which rest on an essentially rural and static view of society, out-moded and irrelevant to the needs of society today?
- Is it fair or sensible to ask the clergy to make this old machinery work?
- Can we afford so many under-staffed, ill-equipped and badly equipped theological colleges?

Is Bishop VOCKLER right when he says "The lowering of standards in many places, the absence of the ideal of sacrifice, has led to a decline in the numbers of candidates for the ministry..."

"What are we training for? What do we imagine it is enough when 'in college after college the pattern remains as it was twenty years ago'? Is not the time overdue for the re-orientation of the Church in Australia? For the American Church to regulate this part of our life?"

And what of the Australian bishops, then whom "no body of men is more in need of re-orientation"? How few of them, indeed, have any opportunity of fulfilling their true ministry pastorally and theologically, burdened as they are with administration and ecclesiastical trivia? Is not the Bishop VOCKLER right in asking whether there are any more urgent questions than the order, place and functions of our bishops?

His basic question, concisely posed, is this: do we plan to forward the mission of God and His Church in the world, or do we intend to divorce the Church as an institution divorced from, and set over against, the world?

If the latter is correct, then we are on the right lines, and need do nothing more; if the former, we are in desperate need of some hard thought about the right answers.

## HERE IT COMES!

The Federal Executive of the Australian Liberal Party, responsible as to the wishes of its card-carrying members at all levels, has asked the Federal Government to publish a White Paper on Communism in Australia.

Such a White Paper, were it to result from a thorough and impartial enquiry, would be of much general interest. By itself, however, it could have relatively small political or other value. The true, and often concealed, aims of the Communist Party are neither as simple nor as interesting as the truth about the organisation's aims and above all — finance of the Liberal and Labour Parties.

Few intelligent people imagine that a White Paper will follow upon such a request. It is the truth at all — let alone a thorough and impartial enquiry.

The nature of the topic, Communism in Australia, makes it peculiarly unsuitable for a mere legal enquiry. Not lawyers or judges but theologians, psychologists, political scientists and social scientists represent the complex of academic disciplines which alone is likely even to pose the right questions. That not anyone, the Communists alone excepted, is really interested in asking the kind of proper questions! All most of us want, including dominant sections in the Liberal and Labour Parties, is a convenient scapegoat.

The fact is that the majorities of the White Paper are already cut and dried. It is to be published, irrespective of whether any mock enquiry takes place, at a time cynically calculated to do little or nothing to help the Federal Government's electoral prospects, having regard especially to the forthcoming change in the Liberal Party's leadership. The standards of Australian political life is this fair and reasonable enough. This is the way the political game is played.

Morally, of course, this "Red Scare" is an evil dishonest thing; but since when did morality have anything to do with the Australian Political Game?

## "Everything which touches the life of the nation is the concern of the Christian."

—Dr Geoffrey Fisher

## More Concern For Beer Than Food

In the new spirit of prices, triggered off by Mr. Harold Holt's seventh (and last) Budget, Press publicity has concentrated on beer rather than food and drink.

It has been agreed that the breweries and the publicans (in fact, the latter have taken under the Budget's provisions) will be asked to contribute to the relief of the poor. But something extra too — but something more for "additional general overhead costs". The liquor trade denies the existence of such costs, but it is being administered — although my guess is that it will decline to grin and bear them.

What intrigues me more at the moment is why the rise in beer and spirit prices should almost monopolise the attention of the newspapers. Why is there not a comparable outcry (with benefit of the bolder pen) about the rising cost of the real necessities in life — the necessities, especially meat, fruit and vegetables?

There is no indication for me that the Government is being shown to producers, as it is to consumers. What I am sure that newspaper critics should show a better appreciation of the problems concerned for the penniless than the price of a pint of beer when the prices of staple food are rising so alarmingly.

After any answer to demand for more consumer protection. But the same argument is being used for developing children as far as possible, and for the poor, however, if prices are to be allowed to continue to rise.

## Church Threat To Family Law

At the risk of making this a little hot, the "Church" is not, in the words of one Minister, "a man-made institution". The "Church" is not, in the words of one Minister, "a man-made institution". The "Church" is not, in the words of one Minister, "a man-made institution".

## RELIGIOUS BROADCASTS

On the following dates (in Australian Standard Time):

- SUNDAY, AUGUST 29: 10.00 a.m. — SACRED MUSIC, 10.10 a.m. — RADIO 2GB, 10.15 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 10.20 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 10.25 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 10.30 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 10.35 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 10.40 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 10.45 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 10.50 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 10.55 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 11.00 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 11.05 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 11.10 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 11.15 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 11.20 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 11.25 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 11.30 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 11.35 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 11.40 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 11.45 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 11.50 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 11.55 a.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 12.00 p.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 12.05 p.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 12.10 p.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 12.15 p.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 12.20 p.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 12.25 p.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 12.30 p.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 12.35 p.m. — THE HOLY TRINITY, 12.40 p.m. — THE HOLY 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## CANADIAN UNION

## FIRST VOTING AT SYNOD

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

Toronto, August 23  
The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, which will meet at Vancouver at the University of British Columbia, Diocese of New Westminster, August 25 and August 26, will bring together some 400 churchmen from 28 dioceses in Canada. Members will officially record a vote on a preliminary, but not a final, union with the United Church of Canada.

The vote will be taken on a document, "The Principles of Union between the Anglican Church of Canada and the United Church of Canada."

It was prepared and unanimously endorsed by committees of ten of the two churches and made public in Toronto on June 1.

The document deals only with principles of faith and order and the principles which should govern union.

## LONG STRUGGLE

In endorsement by the responsible bodies of the two churches would pave the way for union, approval of committees to work out details, acceptance of communications reports by legal procedures, and finally the act of unification itself.

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## TRADE BOYCOTT INEFFECTIVE

ECCLESIASTICAL PRESS SERVICE

Nairobi, August 23  
The East African nations trade boycott of South Africa has been unsuccessful, and may have strengthened the South African government's position, the Right Reverend Leslie Stradling, Bishop of Johannesburg, said here this week.

The more South Africa feels the rest of the world is against them, the stronger becomes the support of some members of the South African government, he told a meeting.

He suggested that one way of creating better understanding and removing prejudice would be to encourage greater "coming and going" between the South and Africa and other nations. "Larger," the East African Council weekly, supported the appeal for greater exchange and contact, and that a weakening of the present boycott policy is required, he added. "But even if a trade boycott was universally applied and enforced by the United Nations, then it might well bring the forces of apartheid crashing down—even without violence."

"The diplomatic efforts of African governments should continue to be directed to this end."

## CONVOCATIONS CANCELLED

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, August 23  
The October sessions of the Council of Convocations of York have been cancelled this year because of lack of urgent business. The next sessions will be held from January 18 to 19, 1966.

## ABBEY-NUN PRAYERS

## ROMAN PRIEST TAKES PART

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, August 23  
For probably the first time since the Reformation a Roman Catholic priest led the prayers from the pulpit of Westminster Abbey on August 23, the Feast of the Transfiguration.

It was the occasion of the Third Hour of Prayer for Christian Unity which is held annually on that day from noon until 3 p.m.

The Three Hours were introduced by the secretary of the New Guinea Mission, the Reverend John Boddy.

He was followed by Dr. Burnett, a Methodist minister, and then by an Armenian Orthodox priest.

The two next half-hours were taken by Congregational and Baptist ministers, and the last half-hour by Dom Edmund Jones, O.S.B.

Before leading the prayers Dom Edmund Jones read a message of greetings from the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Heenan, who sent a message of these taking part in the prayers by radio.

Dr. Edmund Carpenter conducted the Three Hours with prayers and the Blessing.

## GENERAL SYNOD STRUCTURE

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

Toronto, August 23  
Plans for increasing the effectiveness of the Anglican Church of Canada's General synod will be considered there in a meeting of the synod from August 25 to September 2.

This will be the first time that General Synod has met out of the rocky mountains.

The standing committee on organization proposes that General Synod meet every two years instead of triennially.

The committee also would reduce by one-third the membership of the General Synod's Lower House, now composed of about 300 delegates, divided equally between clergy and laity.

The Upper House, comprising 50 active and retired bishops would remain unchanged.

## PRIMATE'S ELECTION

Election of the Primate of the Anglican Church in the future by General Synod if another proposal of the committee is adopted.

At present the Primate is elected by the synod's Executive Council.

Composition of a proposed National Executive Council, an authoritative body to be between sessions of the General Synod, will probably engage much debate.

At present the work is done by the Executive Council, a small representation from each diocese and consisting of bishops, clergy and laity which meets annually and the Central Council, which is called together more frequently.

## BISHOP HALL TO RESIGN

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, August 23  
The Bishop of Hong Kong, the Right Reverend R. O. Hall, was 70 on July 22. It is thought he will be made to resign on June 30, 1966. The Hong Kong diocese synod, which meets annually, will elect a successor. Bishop Hall has been Bishop of Hong Kong since 1922, though until 1951 he was the larger See of Hong Kong and South China.

## NEW WORK IN GUIANA

## RUPUNUNI ASSIGNMENT

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

New York, August 23  
The Reverend Robert Carlson arrived in British Guiana late in July to begin the American Church's work among the isolated Mucuna Indians who live along the Rupununi River, Executive Council work in the Rupununi, and this is the first step.

Mr. Carlson, who has been working since 1960 in the Indian communities along Nicaragua's east coast, has been made available for one year to the Diocese of Guiana.

It is expected that during this time he can recommend how the mission should be manned and what should be done about the five primary schools the diocese operates in the area. Personnel for more permanent assignment is now being sought.

## ISOLATED

The Rupununi district of British Guiana covers all of the southern part of the country, but Anglican work is centred in the savannah north of the Kamuku Mountains, bordering the Venezuelan border.

It is an area of 4,000 square miles with a population of about 1,000,000 Americans. The area has a poor and arid climate, and external communication is limited to weekly air service from Georgetown, 250 miles away.

Beef is produced but has to be flown out of the interior. One of the problems which must be dealt with is a grazing rights law to keep the non-Indians from controlling them.

English has been understood for over a century but it has not been consistent. The Archbishop of the Church of the Province of the West Indies requested aid from the American Church which resulted in the work of Central America.

The area of Central America is populated largely by Mucuna, Indians and Creoles who lead primitive lives and what economy there is, is agricultural.

## AFRICAN HISTORICAL MEMORIAL

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, August 23  
A ward in a missionary hospital at Kilgoris, in Tanzania, is to be provided by the parishioners of All Saints', New Ethian, London, the Anglican Church of Canon C. Norledge, who was their vicar for 28 years, and Mrs. Norledge.

It is a particularly appropriate memorial to Canon C. Norledge, who was himself deeply concerned about his missionary work and encouraged several members of his congregation to offer for work overseas.

Nine per cent. of the memorial fund go towards the hospital, which is run by the Anglican Community of the Sacred Heart in association with the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

The remaining ten per cent. will be used for a memorial to Canon C. Norledge to be placed in the Lady Chapel of All Saints'.

## NEW BISHOP OF NAMBRE

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

Kampala, August 23  
The Assistant Bishop of Nambere, the Right Reverend D. K. Nsubuga, is to be the next Bishop of Nambere. He will succeed the Right Reverend Leslie Brown who retires on November 21.

## U.S. WOMAN CHANCELLOR

## ELECTION TO COUNCIL

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

New York, August 23  
Mrs. Andrew Borna of St. Thomas, the Virgin Islands, has been elected to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. to represent the newly-formed Northern Territory.

The missionary districts of Central America, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands make up the Province.

A practicing attorney, Mrs. Borna is Chancellor of the Missionary District of the Virgin Islands, advising the Bishop on matters of ecclesiastical and secular law. She is the only woman chancellor in the Episcopal Church.

It is expected that during this time he can recommend how the mission should be manned and what should be done about the five primary schools the diocese operates in the area. Personnel for more permanent assignment is now being sought.

## JOINT HYMN BOOK?

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

Toronto, August 23  
A proposal for the compilation of a hymn book to be used jointly by the Anglican and United Methodist Churches of the United Church of Canada was presented at the General Synod meeting at Vancouver from August 25 to September 2.

Preliminary discussions held by the two churches resulted in a decision to urge upon their respective governing bodies the desirability of producing such a hymnary.

The joint statement, the committees state that a common hymnary would have to be ecumenical and include hymns of several other communions.

It would also have to be comprehensive of past tradition and usage, and at the same time reflect the experience of its time.

"Young people must miss the vocabulary and the art forms of the twentieth century," the statement says.

"Life has been done so far in the Church to adopt contemporary modes of poetic and musical expression for use in Christian worship."

## GOSPEL LECTURES TELEVIEWED

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

London, August 23  
Four lectures on the New Testament Gospels intended for a general audience will be given by three Cambridge professors of divinity and one from King's College, London, on BBC-TV, September 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 10.10 p.m.

The four professors will then deal with questions from viewers in a programme to be given on Friday, October 1.

The speakers and their subjects will be: September 8, the Reverend C. F. Evans, Professor of New Testament Studies, King's College, London, "What kind of book is a Gospel?" September 15, the Reverend D. N. Nienaber, "What actually happened?" September 22, Canon C. F. D. Moule, Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity, Cambridge, "What did it all mean?" and September 29, Canon G. W. H. Lampe, Ely, "What does it all add up to?"

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