

SYDNEY
Rev John Holle, former candidates secretary ABM and warden of the House of the Epiphany has been appointed Curate Hunter's Hill.

Rev Norman Woodhart, Rector St Georges Paddington since 1955 has resigned. He will be replaced by Rev Bruce Wilson, formally chaplain to University of NSW.

Rev John Campbell, curate Sans Souci since 1973 has been appointed curate All Saints, Nowra.

Rev Neville Bathgate, Rector St Peter's, Watsons Bay, is to resign from June 2nd this year.

Rev Gordon Blackwell, Rector St Saviour's Puntahow is to resign on June 1st to become chaplain to Gladesville Psychiatric Hospital.

NEWCASTLE
Canon Robert Beal, Rector of St Paul's Ipswich has been

appointed Dean of Newcastle. He will be installed on April 21.

TASMANIA
Rev I. F. Thomas, Minister-in-Charge of St Philip's, West Heidelberg, in Melbourne has been appointed Rector of the Parish of Bothwell.

Rev Canon G. C. Latta, Rector of Hagley and Westbury has been appointed Rector of Parish of West Hobart.

MURRAY
Rev Conrad Patterson, Rector of Loxton since 1970 has accepted appointment to the Parish of O'Halloran Hill.

Rev Ken Dixon, Minister-in-Charge of Elizabeth Downs, Adelaide, has accepted appointment to the Parish of Yankalilla.

Rev Victor Pringle, has been appointment assistant curate in Parish of Murray Bridge.

Course from Christians Teaching in Schools

Moore College is offering a course this year for those interested in General Education. Christian teachers today are faced more than ever before in the so called "Christian" West, with working out the consequences of their faith. Some of the older church schools have been rethinking the question "What is a Christian School?" There are new schools arising which are attempting from a new approach to build Christian Schools.

Alongside these there are State schools with Christians attempting to work out how their faith affects their teaching and what they teach.

Thus many questions beside the age old ones of Science and the Christian faith are raising their heads,

questions brought to a focus in issues like sex education, English reading lists and parental involvement in schools. There was quite recently a departmental enquiry into a certain English Teachers use of his freedom in the classroom in which Christian teachers should have been equipped to offer constructive comment. However in many areas we are seeing a growing tendency for the education system to portray Christianity as out of date or worse to portray Christianity as irrelevant and too often Christians silently allow it to happen.

The Moore College course is designed to stimulate Christians to be critical of the educational scene and to find constructive suggestions for the Christian teacher by study and discussion.

The course commences Thursday 6th March, at 4.30 pm and is being run by the Rev I. R. Mears BSc, MEd, BD, an ex-High School teacher and at present a lecturer at the College.

Write or phone (51 1243) the College for further details.

Two neighbouring Sydney suburban churches whose congregations have dwindled in recent years — situated in Burwood and Croydon — amalgamated recently to become the Burwood Baptist Community Church.

Over 150 concerned citizens attended the inaugural meeting of the West Australian branch of the Festival of Light in Perth in November.

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Women of the world unite: for World Day of Prayer

Women throughout the world will meet in groups in homes, churches, halls or cathedrals to participate in a World Day of Prayer, on Friday, March 7.

In Australia, as part of the International Women's Year celebrations, the World Day of Prayer is to be a special feature. The subject of this year's

service is "Become Perfectly One". The World Day of Prayer service for 1975 has come from Egypt. Mrs Martha Roy, an

American in Egypt served as the secretary of the Committee of Egyptian women, which prepared the Service for 1975.

She is a professor of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo and at the government Institute.

The committee which prepared the service consisted of nine women representing Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches of Egypt, thus bringing together various strains of Christianity which have arisen since the founding of the early Church by St Mark in Alexandria.

Throughout Australia services will be held on March 7. A central service will be held in Sydney in the Central Methodist Mission Chapel in Castlereagh Street at 11am on Friday March 7.

Representatives of all denominations will take part. The guest speaker will be Head Deaconess Mary Andrews, vice president of the World Federation of Deaconesses and member of the World Day of Prayer Committee.

Tiger confusion at SIL course

A Canadian tourist was mauled by a "tiger" during a public demonstration by staff and students attending a linguistic course in Sydney sponsored by the Summer Institute of Linguistics.

The "mishap" occurred when the tourist mispronounced the word for shirt and asked instead to buy a tiger from a Thai shopkeeper.

The public demonstration night, attended by nearly 600, was held on January 31 in the Science Theatre at the University of New South

Wales. Jim Henderson, Bill Callister, and Doreen Marks described how students were taught to recognize and reproduce unusual speech sounds, how to devise a suitable alphabet for an unwritten language, and how to begin grammar analysis.

Dr Alan Healey, the school principal, showed how the skills taught to the students during the summer course could be used to unlock a language unknown to them.

The language assistant spoke only in the Hakka

language of southern China.

The audience rediscovered the thrill of first learning to read as Denise Potts led them through a primer with an unusual spelling system.

Just when they were ready for another page to practice their new skill, Miss Potts announced that there was no more, because nothing else had been written yet in that language.

WORLD EVANGELICAL BODY 'LOW-PROFILE'

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coming together was our common evangelical commitment to biblical doctrine and duty, especially as these are defined in the Lausanne Covenant.

"We are grateful to God that through free and wide-ranging discussion we have been led to a common mind about the next steps of what we hope will be an unfolding process.

"Signatories of the Lausanne Covenant have committed themselves 'to pray, to plan and to work together

for the evangelization of the whole world."

"To this end the Covenant urged 'the development of regional and functional co-operation for the furtherance of the Church's mission, for strategic planning, for mutual encouragement, and for the sharing of resources and experiences."

"We have been encouraged to hear of numerous initiatives which have already been taken in different parts of the world.

"The Covenant has been published in many languages, is being widely

studied, and attempts are already being made to implement its recommendations.

"A Commentary on the Covenant, the Compendium containing all the Congress papers and responses, a series of six studies on evangelizing the world for Christ entitled 'Reaching All', and other materials including cassettes and filmstrips have also become available.

"The Continuation Committee understands as the Covenant indicates, that 'the furtherance of the Church's mission' means the encouragement of all God's people to go out into the world, to give themselves for others in a spirit of sacrificial service, and that in this mission evangelism is primary.

"More than that, within our primary task of evangelism, our two particular concerns and burdens must be the 2,700 million unreached peoples and the other millions of people in nominally Christian areas who have not yet heard or responded to the true Gospel."

The Continuation Committee has appointed an Executive Committee of 11 members representing the major regions of the world who will serve until the next meeting of the Committee. They are:

- Bishop Festo Kivengere — Africa
- Dr Philip Teng — East Asia
- Dr Saphir Athyal — West Asia
- Dr Armin Hoppler — Europe
- Dr Nilson Fanini — Latin America
- Dr Thomas Zimmermann — North America
- Dr Leighton Ford — North America
- Bishop A. Jack Dain (chairman) — Oceania
- Rev John Stott — United Kingdom
- Dr Kenneth Chafin (finance chairman) — North America
- Executive Officer — when appointed.

The Executive Committee will meet in Africa in August this year.

Bishop Dain announced that an invitation has been issued to a Third World evangelical Christian leader to accept appointment as the executive officer of the Lausanne Continuation Committee.

HEADMASTER COMMISSIONED BY ARCHBISHOP

Archbishop M. L. Loane on February 9 commissioned Mr Roderick West as the Headmaster of Trinity Grammar School, Summer Hill.

To a congregation of 600 crowding the school chapel, Archbishop Loane said that he gave thought to which Scripture would be most appropriate to a new Headmaster in a Church school in 1975. He chose the passage from the Acts of the Apostles where the Apostle Paul, caught in a storm on the way to Rome, called on his companions to 'be of good cheer, for the angel of God appeared to me, and I believe God.'

Mr West, 41, married with four children, was Senior Classics Master and House Master at Baker House at The King's School before his present appointment. He has MA, BD and DipEd degrees.

Boost for missionary radio station

Radio Station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, has been granted a new 25-year contract by its host country.

The cordial relations that have existed for 43 years between HCJB and Ecuador have been strengthened by the signing of the document.

The official decree carries three signatures: those of Ecuador's President, General Guillermo Rodriguez Lara; the Minister of Government, Rear Admiral Alfredo Poveda Burbano; and that of Dr Abel Puy, President of The World Radio Missionary Fellowship, the organisation which operates Radio Station HCJB.

Outstanding service by HCJB to the people and the country of Ecuador were given as reasons for this liberal contract.

Quito's unique middle-of-the-world location gives HCJB an effective outreach to more than 80 percent of the earth's surface. — "New Life."

Family Law Bill controversy Bishop, clergy attack divorce legislation — justice need

Speaking in reference to the Family Law Bill, the Anglican Bishop in Parramatta (Bishop Donald Robinson) has claimed that: "The recently-retired and present Attorneys-General are menaces to the family life of the country and to the basic morality of keeping one's word."

Bishop Robinson said: "A divorce law should be based on justice, which includes justice to both parties and to the children, who are the fruit of the marriage."

"The Murphy Family Law Bill ignores the question of justice and substitutes concessions to the self-interest of a defaulting partner."

"Mr Enderby's proposal for divorce by mutual consent on three months' notice would further erode the stability of marriage."

The Rector of St Peter's Church, East Sydney (the Rev Bernard Judd) has also

Attorneys-General criticised by Bishop Robinson

spoken out against Members of Federal Parliament whom he has claimed are "Playing kids' games with the institution of marriage."

Mr Judd said it was laughable and absurd to hear the new Attorney-General (Mr Kep Enderby) advocating only three months' separa-

tion before divorce proceedings could be made operative.

"You can see what he thinks of marriage, on this occasion Kep's out of step ...

"The new Attorney-General is suffering from the same malady as former Attorney-General Murphy in seeking to force his own 'trendy' image on the people of Australia."

"The people of Australia don't want a revolving door attitude towards marriage, and indeed Australia cannot afford the disunifying effects of increased divorce which will only increase the insecurity of the nation, already gripped with inflation and unemployment."

"Isn't it about time that the Attorney-General and other members of the Government and Opposition put all their efforts and time into solving inflation and unemployment problems rather than seeking some free-and-easy divorce legislation," he asked.

"I commend Mr Frank Stewart's brave stand on the Family Law Bill and would encourage him to continue no matter what pressure is brought to bear from the free-and-easy divorce people, inside his party and outside his party."

Bishop Rayner — new Archbishop of Adelaide

Bishop Keith Rayner, 45, Anglican Bishop of Warragatta in Victoria, has accepted the invitation of the Diocesan Synod of Adelaide to become Archbishop of Adelaide.

The Synod met on February 19 and the invitation was accepted on February 21.

Bishop Rayner was born in Brisbane in 1929, is married and has three children. He has been Bishop of Warragatta since 1969, and is secretary of the Anglican Bishops' Conference.



"All family-minded people with a responsible attitude towards marriage will be standing behind Mr Stewart", Mr Judd said. "It is ludicrous to think that you can have divorce without objective tests to show whether the marriage has really broken down. I wholeheartedly support the concept of three tests: (a) intolerable behaviour, (b) irretrievable breakdown, (c) the welfare of the children."

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EDITORIAL

The WCC and the Moratorium on Missions

It is distressing to learn that the World Council of Churches, through its Commission on World Mission and Evangelism, is pressing ahead with a proposal to call for a moratorium on the use of missionaries to the third world.

It must be very confusing to the ordinary Christian to hear that the WCC is trying to discourage missionaries, especially when he is constantly being encouraged by his minister or missionary deputationist to support the world missionary movement.

How different was the message of the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelisation whose covenant stated: "More than 2700 million people, which is more than two thirds of mankind, have yet to be evangelised. We are ashamed that so many have been neglected; it is a standing rebuke to us and the whole church. There is now, however, in many parts of the world an unprecedented receptivity to the Lord Jesus Christ."

"We are convinced that this is the time for Churches and para-church agencies to pray earnestly for the

salvation of the unreached and to launch new efforts to achieve world evangelisation."

The Covenant does acknowledge the need for redeployment of resources but not as a moratorium but "to release resources for unevangelised areas."

It is a deplorable lack of leadership from the WCC to seek to discourage, confuse and dissipate the churches' evangelistic programme. It discloses on their part abysmal misunderstanding of the nature of the gospel, or as some people suspect, an outright rejection of the gospel as revealed in the New Testament.

Do these people who call for a moratorium on missions realise what is at stake? Do they realise that men or women without Christ face the certain prospect of hell? Don't they appreciate the positive contribution to the quality of life which the Gospel brings to those fortunate enough to come under its influence?

If they do, why propose that there be a moratorium on missionary activity?

This latest move highlights the great difficulty facing churches and individual Christians in considering their attitude to the WCC. How can an organisation which is so equivocal on the basic question of evangelism, and which is seriously compromised on the question of race grants be the focal point of Christian unity or really claim the position of leadership in the world Christian community?

The WCC seems to create more divisions among Christians than it heals. It creates tensions and gives rise to suspicions as to its theological presuppositions and its ultimate objectives.

This is not to say that the WCC does not have many laudable programmes; its concern for the poor and underprivileged is an outstanding example of its better side. But what a tragedy that its good works are so often brought into disrepute by its impulsive actions, its shallow theology and its confused thinking about the nature of the gospel.

Notes and Comments

The Cracks are Opening

Over recent weeks the controversy over the teachings of the Rev Ted Noffs has attracted widespread interest and comment.

Writers in the secular press and TV current affairs programmes, writing no doubt from the position as committed Christians and informed theologians, have been quick to come to Mr Noffs' defence against the terribly medieval charge that he does not conform to the teaching of the Methodist Church.

His hysteria is particularly interesting because it reveals a fundamental confusion as to the principle at stake. The Methodist Church has a standard of doctrine that men wishing to work as accredited ministers have to accept. (The same is true in the Church of England with the 39 Articles.)

Now the principles of that church may be wrong, they may be right, the question is whether Mr Noffs has repudiated these teachings and still continues to operate within that church.

If he has, what is wrong with that being brought out into the open? If he has one might wonder, why he persists in working under the umbrella of a church whose doctrinal position he rejects?

Implicit in the cries of horror that anyone in the Methodist Church should question Mr Noffs' theology is the idea that other people don't have the same rights as Mr Noffs in the Methodist Church. He can, it is alleged, repudiate Methodist teaching but nobody else has the right to defend it.

Be that as it may, the controversy has evoked a number of examples of the tolerant, rational, moderate tones of leading liberal churchmen which again illustrate what a priceless asset they are to the cause of Ecumenism and Christian charity.

Prof Charles Birch was reported in the Australian as saying:

"Heresy is the lifeblood of the church and the beginning of wisdom."

"I think the charge itself is quite absurd, especially as no one yet knows the exact ground of the complaint."

"There is more thinking going on now than ever before, more enquiry into dogmas and creeds Christians have mouthed for so long."

"It is absolutely tragic to try and stifle this sort of free discussion. Heretics have always been vital to the church — Jesus was a heretic himself."

"Prof Birch said the fundamentalists, evangelical

movements continually tried to suppress this liberalism which was the basis of progress."

"The introverted, selfish evangelism that is becoming predominant now in the western churches is the real menace to the church."

"This is a shocking indictment of the church, at a time when theology is far less important for Christians than matters of ethics, world politics and race."

Prof Birch is vice-president of the WCC's Church and Society dept. The Australian says he spends much of his time at Geneva and is its senior scientific advisor on food resources, population and genetics. In the light of the separation of theology and ethics which he advocates one wonders what kind of advice he gives the WCC.

The other spokesman for Liberal enlightenment rushing to Mr Noffs' defence is the Rev Dudley Hyde. He wrote an article published by the Wayside Chapel which the Australian also quoted:

"We ministers have seen through the absurdities, lies, contradictions and fallacies of Methodist theology for 40 years."

"We have known for 40 years that half the stories in the Old Testament and the miracle stories of Jesus and the virgin birth and the physical resurrection were simple not true in any sense in which the ordinary man understands the word true."

"If you insist on basing your theology on Jesus, his person and his teaching, you simply have to accept with honesty the fact that we hardly know for certain anything about the historical Jesus."

"Honesty compels us to abandon both an infallible Pope and an infallible Book and return to reason and rational argument as the authority for our beliefs," Mr Hyde said.

The Church's role is not to answer questions, but to help people to question the answers.

Mr Hyde said that every theologian appeals to authoritative tradition, be it a Pope, a Bible of John Wesley's sermons.

"Exactly why should I base my faith on what another human being taught (be he Pope, Wesley or the writers of the Bible) rather than on my own intellectual judgement?"

"This is not to suggest that I don't weigh very carefully what others have thought and said, but ultimately I am responsible to God for following."

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Festival deputation assails ALP on pornography, Law Bill

A Festival of Light deputation distributed an "open letter" to delegates of the Federal Labor Conference at Terrigal, NSW, on February 5, calling for firm action against the pornography industry and a review of the Family Law Bill.

The deputation, comprising the Rev Fred Nile (Festival director), Mrs Robin Beckley (Central Coast Regional organiser) and Father John Gahan (Hunter Valley organiser) attended an afternoon session of the conference.

Each delegate was given a sealed envelope, containing an "open letter" requesting firm action by the conference against the rapidly-growing pornography industry in Australia.

The "open letter" stated: "We commend the Federal Government's efforts to control exploitative companies and monopolies in Australia to protect the living standards and conditions of Australians."

"However, we believe the present implementation of Section 8 Part XXII, Civic Liberties of the Federal Labor Platform has inadvertently encouraged the most exploitative non-productive industry in Australia — the pornographic industry."

"The pornographic industry is the most harmful fruit of soul-less Capitalism. We respectfully therefore call upon the Federal Labor Conference to clarify Section 8 with the following amendment:

"That Section 8, Part XXII shall not be construed as to imply approval or legal protection for racialist, anti-semitic or anti-family pornographic literature or films."

"The enclosed so-called 'Sex Paper' readily available in newspapers in most parts of Australia will illustrate the need for such an amendment particularly as it implies on page 2 Federal Labor Government approval."

Quote — "All articles reproduced from overseas publications have been subject to inspection by the NSW Controller of Customs, Literature Section, Customs House, Sydney."

The "open letter" also drew the delegates' attention to the fact that copies of pornographic papers were falling into the hands of children through paper drives etc.

It also pointed out that the extensive services of the Federal PMG were being widely used to promote the pornographic industry through the use of post office boxes and telephones.

The "open letter" also contained a petition signed for 125,000 Australians opposing pornography and TV violence.

A research paper by Dr John Court, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, Flinders University, Adelaide detailing the harmful effects of pornography was also enclosed.

The "open letter" contained a copy of the National FOL magazine

by the Federal Attorney-General's Department in co-operation with the State Governments?

• Will the Federal Caucus instruct the Post-Master General to immediately withdraw access to all PMG Services — Post Office Boxes-Telephones etc; by the pornographic industry?

• Will Senator Button and the Federal Labor leaders support the Festival

Review, and so on," Mr Nile said.

"It is time for the Labor Government to reaffirm their original foundation policies built upon family life and Christian principles," he added.

"Finally we regret the appointment of Lionel Murphy to the High Court."

"His vigorous attempt to go beyond Labor policy and reshape Australia in his own image effectively cancels his suitability as an impartial judge and could bring the High Court itself into disrepute."

'Open letter' to delegates at conference in Terrigal

"Light" which called for amendments to Family Law Bill, particularly Clauses 48 and 72.

Mr Nile said this week that: "We completely agree with Senator Button's statement at the Federal Labor Conference that the publication 'Screw' is obscene and pornographic."

"The shock indicated publicly by Senator Button and Mr Clyde Holding confirmed our impression that Labor leaders were unaware of the serious inroads by the pornographic industry into every area of our Australian society."

"We now call upon Senator Button and the Australian Labor Party together with the Australian Liberal Party to clearly dissociate themselves from the obscene and pornographic literature and films which have flooded Australia during the past two years."

"In particular we call upon Senator Button to press for an immediate enquiry to discover the answers to the following questions."

• Why is obscene and pornographic material such as the paper 'Screw' allowed to be sold in suburban newsagents throughout Australia?

• Why were the publishers of 'Screw' — (Australian Screwcraft Domestic Publications, 3 Burken Street, Surry Hills, 2010, PO Box 144, Waverley, NSW, 2024) allowed to import European and USA pornographic material through the Federal Customs Department and to reprint it in Sydney?

• Who gave the publishers the approval to print the following notice on page 2 'Screw': "All articles reproduced from overseas publications have been subject to inspection by the NSW Controller of Customs, Customs House, Sydney."

• Has the Federal Attorney-General's Department made any special arrangements with the publishers as implied on the cover and page 2 that the contents do not contravene the laws of the Commonwealth and to give the address of the Attorney-General's Department in Canberra for further information.

• If the Federal Labor Party platform and policy is not intended to imply approval or protect the pornographic industry will Federal Caucus demand firm action

of Light Movement in its non-party community efforts to promote purity, love and family life?

Mr Nile said his organisation "Congratulate the Federal Labor Cabinet in view of the above details upon their courageous decision to remove the controversial Lionel Murphy from the sensitive offices of Attorney-General and Minister for Customs."

"We look forward in anticipation to strong action by the new Attorney-General, Mr Enderby, to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth in co-operation with State Governments to control the flood of obscenity, pornography and violence now invading the privacy of Australian families through printed materials, R Movies and TV."

"The Australian people have no desire to blindly adopt harmful, degrading, overseas trends."

"We also trust that the removal of Mr Murphy will lead to an immediate review of the controversial, reactionary Anti-Family Law Bill."

"The Bill as indicated in the confidential Senate Committee transcripts enshrines the personal philosophy of Lionel Murphy concerning marriage, family and divorce."

The Bill should now be referred to an "open enquiry" before it was further chopped about in the House of Representatives as occurred in the Senate with over 135 amendments!

"The removal of Lionel Murphy now opens the way for the Australian Labor Party to review their social and moral legislation as well as administrative directives concerning Civil Marriage Celebrants, Customs Procedures, Film Censorship Board and the Film Board of

Over 10,000 members attended services which climaxed the commemoration of 30 years' ministry by Dr W. A. Criswell at the First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas — the world's largest Baptist church. At the same time the 234-church Dallas Baptist Association requested its member churches to either desist from participation in the charismatic movement or voluntarily withdraw from the association.

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Chief Executive Officer

MORATORIUM ON USE OF WHITE MISSIONARIES

A "radical revision" of traditional patterns of mission work is required if Churches on all continents are to participate actively in mission.

According to a report published in the "Church Times" in London.

Two possibilities for achieving new patterns were affirmed by the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism of the World Council of Churches on the final day of its annual meeting at Figueira da Foz, Portugal, earlier this month.

On the one hand, CWME called for discussions on how missionaries from Asia, Africa and Latin America could be sent to Europe and North America. On the other hand, it agreed that a moratorium on the sending of funds and personnel by Western Churches was "one possible way to create mature relationships of Churches in Mission."

"Disengagements" After an intensive discussion on the ecumenical sharing of personnel, CWME agreed:

• To invite an international team to study the experiences of Churches that have deliberately decided to initiate a moratorium.

• To be ready to constitute an international team, when requested to do so by a mission board or member Church, to work out how moratorium might be put into effect.

• To encourage regional Church bodies to assist with ecumenical sharing of personnel within and between regions.

The moratorium discussion, initiated at the Bangkok Conference on Salvation Today (1973), was given new urgency last year at the Lusaka Assembly of the All Africa Conference of Churches. That body termed "moratorium" one way for African Churches to free themselves from dependence on foreign money and personnel.

They saw "disengagement" from present patterns as a way of encouraging self-reliance and self-identity.

Dispute in Kenya over hosting WCC

Soon after the World Council of Churches announced its general assembly would be held in Nairobi, Kenya, next November, strife shattered the peaceful unity of many of Kenya's churches.

At a recent press conference General Secretary John Kamau of the National Christian Council of Kenya stated that the NCCCK will host the WCC meeting at Nairobi's Kenyatta Conference Center, the first WCC assembly on African soil in the WCC's 26 year history.

But some evangelical members of the NCCCK, claiming they were not consulted, said they will protest the decision.

The NCCCK is not a member body of the WCC, but some of the main-line denominations, such as

Anglicans and Presbyterians, are members of both the WCC and the NCCCK.

Conversely, many groups such as the Africa Inland Church, the Africa Gospel Church, the Southern Baptists, and their mission sponsors are NCCCK members but not WCC members.

"We are apprehensive that the public will think that all members of the NCCCK endorse the World Council, and this is definitely not the case," asserted a member of the Africa Inland Church. Some state they are reconsidering their membership in the NCCCK.

They say the Kenya body must decide whether the hosting of the two-week assembly is worth the loss of member churches.

It may be that the WCC denominations that are also in the NCCCK will have to sponsor the assembly by themselves, say observers, rather than as members of the NCCCK, which has many evangelical constituents.

The WCC has 271 member bodies in more than 70 countries. NCCCK chairman Lawi Imathiu, presiding bishop of the Methodist Church in Kenya, said the Catholic Church will send a delegation to the Nairobi gathering — another WCC first.

He added that participants will also include people who are in no way connected with the church.

The assembly agenda included social, political, and technological problems as well as strictly church concerns, he noted.

Earlier, Bible Presbyterian leader Carl McIntire announced his separatist International Council of Christian Churches will hold its general assembly in Nairobi next July. — (Reprinted from "Christianity Today")

Gilmore Attacks Lewis on Senate Vacancy

Canberra — The Australian Council of Churches yesterday condemned the NSW Premier, Mr Lewis, for planning to breach Parliamentary convention.

The council president, The Rev Neil Gilmore, said Mr Lewis had ignored a call from the churches for "personal and public integrity in national leadership."

He attacked the NSW Government plan to appoint a non-Labor senator to the Senate vacancy created by Mr Murphy's resignation to go to the High Court.

Mr Gilmore's statement said the proposed action by Mr Lewis "strikes a blow at the Australian Parliamentary system."

It said: "This is not simply party politics."

"This cuts at the very basis of the democratic conventions which are of the fibre of our national life."

"It ignores and flaunts the will of the people of NSW as expressed in the Federal election less than 12 months ago."

'Togetherness' theme of new English church

A sunken baptistry for observance of the rite of baptism by immersion and an 18th century marble font for christening stand side by side in Emmanuel Church, Northampton, England, where leaders of three denominations participated in dedicatory services.

Anglicans, Methodists and Baptists share membership, ownership and ministry in the new church, which is located in the multi-million-pound Weston Favell Centre with shopping mall, schools, community theatre and sports centre.

The £130,000 cost of Emmanuel Church came from the Anglican Church Commissioners, the Methodist Rank Trust and local Baptist congregation.

The church staff is comprised of a Methodist, a Baptist and two Anglican ministers, according to a report from the European Baptist Press Service.



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Baptist, Reformed churches meet for talks on theology

The first joint meeting in a series of theological conversations officially sponsored by the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Baptist World Alliance took place at Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland last December.

Discussions for planning such a meeting between representatives of the two bodies started in 1969 the "Australian Baptist" reported.

The mandate for these conversations was approved by executive committees of both groups and interpreted their motivation as:

"Both Baptist and Reformed traditions recognize a common root in their history, which runs back through the Reformation period, the early Fathers of the Church, to the New Testament.

"It is interesting to observe that historically the theology of Calvin and Zwingli has had a very great

have a common concern to live out today a witness and service in the obedience of faith.

'Common root back through Reformation...'

"Further relevant aspects may be noted as the widespread concern in many Reformed churches about the doctrine and practice of baptism (infant baptism,

all this there is the basic importance of investigating a theological problem which is central to the ecclesiological question confronting the whole ecumenical movement on the nature and understanding of the Church.

"Both traditions are fully aware that this bilateral conversation should be properly carried out in the awareness

of our responsibility within the one Family of the People of God."

At its first meeting the group had before it papers on "The Distinctive Elements of the Baptist and Reformed Heritages Today" by Dr Ernest Payne of England and Dr Sandor Czegledy of Hungary and on "The Baptist and Reformed Perspectives in Understanding the Gospel" by Dr Gunter Wagner of Switzerland and Dr Karel Blei of Holland.

The joint meeting issued the following statement:

"Our discussions have been most stimulating and illuminating when we have seen these traditional 'loci' of theological reflection in the

context of wider questions about the world and God's purpose in it through our Lord Jesus Christ that confront all the churches in our time."

In light of this common affirmation the group adopted a plan to work for the next three years with the aim "(a) to provide our member churches with information on our present theological positions, (b) to do this in a way which helps to overcome the differences which still exist along with so much that we have in common, and (c) to treat our particular convictions about baptism in a way which illuminates their relation to, and consequential nature within, a total under-

standing of theology and of the church's task today."

The overall mandate recognises that these conversations in the first instance are set up within the European context, without prejudice to other areas of the world.

Baptist representatives were Dr Rudolf Thaut of Hamburg, Germany, Dr Jannes Reiling of Utrecht, Holland, Dr Ronald Goulding of the BWA staff in London, Dr Penrose St-Amant and Dr Gunter Wagner of the Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

The next meeting, would be held at Cartigny, Geneva, Switzerland September 7-11 next, the report stated.

WORLD VISION REPORTS INCREASE IN ACTIVITIES

World Vision of Australia and New Zealand had "advanced on all fronts with incredible momentum," Executive Director Graeme Irvine said recently.

Mr Irvine said that during the year ended September 30, 1974, the organisation had:

- Made a 58 per cent increase, to 16,422, in children sponsored.
- Received a 67 per cent increase in financial support, to \$2,237,393.
- Conducted an outreach in five states of Australia by TV, film and mail.
- Conducted activities such as: Aborigines' conference, New Guinea Pastors' Conference, sponsored return tour by the Korean Children's Choir, and became involved in the Lausanne Congress.

"Perhaps the thought behind this activity and

giving was best summed up by Cambodia Medical Team Leader, Dr Penelope Key who said: "Why do we help a single child when there are thousands needing help."

"I must treat children or people one by one. We feel bound to do the very best we can for each individual person."

"One by one" ... not statistics, but people. That's what the work and growth represents Mr Irvine said.

"Whether it's one's own family, neighbourhood, or the whole world — people must be regarded as individuals, with special needs and aspirations.

"And make no mistake! In the process of this individual care, whole communities are being assisted as World Vision extends its community development programs throughout the world."

He said that during the year, all administration and promotion expenses amounted to 22%.

This was actually a reduction since last year, despite Australia's soaring inflation!

New Zealand has now become a separate World Vision office as from October 1, 1974, under Geoff Renner as Director and Mr John Calder, chairman of the board.

Mr Irvine said the challenges and needs were so great, "that we can pause only momentarily to look back."

"It is expected that 1975 will be a crisis year for world food.

"Special World Vision projects are being planned

now to enable us to contribute significantly both to the relief of those facing starvation, and also in longer-term development projects to help make people self-sustaining.

"As a Christian humanitarian organisation working in crisis areas we will be grappling with hard problems that have no easy answers.

"Our task in Australia is to make our whole nation more keenly aware of our responsibilities — not only as Australians, but as 'citizens of the world'.

"To channel the concern of ordinary people in ways that really count in the lives and future of those whom Jesus loved. Those whom He called 'the least ones'."

SYDNEY STANDING COMMITTEE CALLS FOR BETTER DIVORCE REFORM BILL

Standing Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney — the governing body of the diocese — recently made an appeal for better divorce reform than the Family Law Bill now before Parliament.

The Committee passed a resolution which said: "The existing divorce and family laws require substantial reform and improvement.

"The present law is unnecessarily cumbersome, technical and expensive.

"We encourage reform and improvement of family law which assists the preservation of marriage as a voluntary and exclusive

union of one man and one woman for life, and which provides for divorce where the court is satisfied on the basis of objective tests that a marriage has in fact irretrievably broken down."

The resolution stated that Clause 48 and 72 of the Family Law Bill were "ill-conceived in principle and mischievous in their effects upon society."

The Standing Committee resolved that, if the Family Law Bill is defeated, it wished to encourage continued effort towards responsible reform of family law in Australia.

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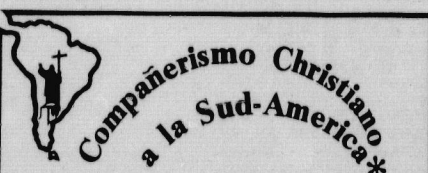
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'Subtleties of Communist propaganda'

Sir,

M. Taylor is concerned with "equality" as expressed in "one-man-one-vote" — a fallacy in many countries especially in Africa (Record — 6.2.75).

In his criticism of D. B. Knox's article "What the Bible says about Racism" he asks: "Would your columnist please explain how it is that inequality in the vote is not unjust?"

I think M. Taylor does not understand the subtleties of communist propaganda and how certain words are loaded to create a guilt feeling in people, such as the much-abused word of "racism".

However, he is anxious to check with the Bible and I would suggest he does not distort the whole revelation by a half-baked idea of what Scripture really says.

In today's climate it would no doubt shock him to read "that the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel," (Exodus 11:7) yet God's whole method of choosing is not by one-man-one-vote but by Divine selection for His own special purposes.

Never has truth been so distorted as today.

It is therefore a constant joy to me to turn from the pervading confusion to the sound common sense of the Bible.

No nonsense about God's way to win the world.

He makes it plain it is a spiritual (ie ideological) warfare against the forces that would destroy Christianity, but to limit His work to a dusty building under a stained glass window is to under-estimate our God.

Equality in Christ is a very different matter from equality in rulership of this world and if we allow ourselves to fall for communist propaganda in Africa or nearer home, we shall soon be suffering under the greatest atheistic power which ever existed.

I support D. B. Knox because he realises the full significance of the ideological war raging in the world today.

(MRS) P. CREASEY
Clontarf Beach, Qld

Democracy versus degrees of equality

Sir, M. Taylor ("Record" 6.2.75) wants the Bible to pronounce on the validity of "equality" or "unequality" in the voting system.

It seems hardly necessary to point out that democratic processes did not prevail in the biblical era of either the Old or New Testaments.

However the Bible leaves no area of human behaviour untouched where it comes to the application of principles so we find the prin-

Letters

'Warmer' away from Sydney?

Sir,

I write to your readers in Sydney who hold the denomination Anglican and who look down their noses at us outside the borders of Sydney Diocese.

Having been transferred in my occupation to Wagga I sought local C of E services.

I was embarrassed at the warmth and friendly reception I received and continue to receive in the "high" church — in comparison with that which I knew in Sydney.

Before being transferred many folk urged me to attend the Baptists or any other denomination than my own and indeed in this tertiary education city many have.

There is a culture shock entering into the fellowship of a church that may have not had the benefit of bible basis that I had in Sydney.

However there are committed Christians in the churches and if their emphasis is not as it is in Sydney churches, where is the patience and gentleness that Paul writes to Timothy.

Will you Sydney people prepare you members for the Anglican church outside

your borders and explain, if you know what might happen in the services and why it happens.

But please do not send them elsewhere without allowing them to make up their own mind.

Please encourage them to seek out the local "priest" and join the local Anglican congregation.

The Lord often uses the frailest of folk for His instruments in proclaiming His gospel.

J. H. FRASER
Wagga, NSW

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Complain to teachers

Sir,

May I suggest another, and better, course of action than that outlined by the "concerned anonymous headmistress" (6.2.75). If you, as a parent, are concerned about educational experiences into which your child is being led at school, then why not go and talk directly to the teacher concerned? Contrary to what many of the educational hierarchy would like you to believe, class teachers are interested, approachable people, who are only too happy to discuss your child's needs with you.

All teachers receive complaints channelled through administrative hierarchy, who are only too pleased to exercise their authority, and most of these complaints are exaggerations brought home by the

Inequality

Concerning the letter headed "Inequality of vote not unjust" which appeared in your edition dated the twentieth of February.

In his letter, dated the sixth of February, M. Taylor asked D. B. Knox for an explanation of how it is "that inequality of vote is not unjust"; not for a discussion on "whether a government is just or not".

Undoubtedly, many readers would agree with Mr Knox that the way a government treats its citizens determines the justification for its existence, but that has little relevance to the question of the "inequalities of vote".

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'Calvin and Zwingli influence on thinking'

influence on the development of Baptist thinking since the Reformation.

"It can also be noted that both traditions share a common emphasis on the normative source of Holy Scripture, the central place of the Word of God, the witness to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, the sovereignty of grace.

"Further, both traditions

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The Africa Evangelical Fellowship has referred to "problems in some areas, resulting from staff shortages, friction among church members and endeavours to relate mission goals to the ever-increasing self-reliance of the indigenous people".

four years at Durban Bible College.

He was now stationed at Tongaat, one of the first autonomous Indian townships, which had thousands of Hindu shrines but no Christian church building.

Already, however, there were regular meetings for worship and a strong Sunday school and YP group.

In the Johannesburg district the AEF was involved in a number of special projects including the Ministry to Miners, Youth Alive outreach, Johannesburg Bible Institute, Johannesburg Correspond-

ence Bible Studies, Christian Radio Fellowship, Africa Christian Literature Advance, Theological Education by Extension (TEE) and RI work in a number of secondary and high schools.

Full-time workers in these various AEF activities came from Australia, Britain, Canada, the United States and South Africa.

The International Secretary of the AEF, with headquarters in London, is the Rev Arthur Deane, formerly Principal of the Sydney Missionary and Bible College.

INFLATION HITS CHURCHES

The amount of money put on the Sunday collection plate is lagging behind inflation-stricken costs of running a church, according to a report in the Newcastle "Sun".

Church leaders in Newcastle and Sydney agreed that the days of the "two shilling" Sunday donation had long gone, and said some parish ministers were now asking families to give \$2 or more a week.

The minister-in-charge of Waratah-Mayfield Presbyterian parish, Rev Herbert Pepper, estimated that while inflation had added 30 per cent to church costs the congregation had contributed only 10 per cent more.

He said this had caused the church to cut down on expensive items like building maintenance and some social work programs.

The Church of England's Newcastle director of com-

munications, Canon E. Barker, said that inflation had already caused the closure of some parishes in NSW.

But it had not yet caused any of the parishes in that diocese to close, he said.

Canon Barker said parishioners had caught up on some of the disparity between inflation and donations in a special campaign launched throughout the diocese last year.

"We can't put up our prices or charges, it's a voluntary thing," Rev E. R. Glover, property secretary of the NSW Methodist Church, said.

"We are affected by inflation as much as anyone else, and I think it's reasonable to expect someone with higher wages to give more.

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Designed in the shape of a Scripture Union Branch Mission marquee, the outreach effort retains the initials "CSSM" — for Children's Sydney Show Mission.

A large team of volunteers will build, equip and staff the exhibition.

During the day, teams of specially trained children's workers (many from Beach Mission teams) will present puppet shows, screen audio-visuals depicting the importance of systematic Bible

Reading and highlighting the extensive Scripture Union Camps programme.

At night, new teams will attract teenagers by means of drama and music. They will also enter into dialogue situations with interested show goers.

NORM BENNETT, General Secretary of SU (NSW) said that the organisation behind the exhibition is extensive. He said, "This year we are calling on many more interested people to help build the exhibition, staff it and contribute to the costs. Beach Mission workers are already sharing quite considerably."

"CSSM Beach Missions have proved highly successful in communicating Biblical truths to children and teenagers."

"The 1975 Easter Show outreach will use many Beach Mission techniques as well as draw upon the skills



of specialist people and groups, eg Owen Shelley, our own Children's Missioner, artist Graham Wade, Harvest Theatre and musical groups."

Mr Bennett concluded by stressing the potential of

this kind of market-place evangelism because of the splendid opportunities it presents, saying that "it is well worth the cost in time, talents, energy and cash to share the good news that Jesus Christ lives today."

Letters

From page 5

The expressions, "political power", "political equality" and "equality of vote" concern only the form of government known as "Democracy".

These expressions have no meaning in the context of the "Monarchical System", so why does Mr Knox make the comparison.

The fact that "equality of vote" has not existed in England for more than fifty years is no reason for justifying that inequality.

You must look at the problem of inequality on its own, without recourse to outside situations and if Mr Knox can accomplish that objective outlook, I am sure that he will arrive at the conclusion that you cannot justify any sort of "inequality".

SIMON STAINES
Eastwood, NSW

It is no small matter to stand up in the face of a congregation and to deliver a message of salvation or damnation, as from the living God, in the name of the Redeemer. — Richard Baxter.

African reminder of when Christmas banned in England

Christmas in Zaire has fallen victim to President Mobutu Sese Seko's "authenticity" campaign.

Stricken as a public holiday because it is not authentically African, the day celebrated in the West as Christmas will be just another work and school day in the African nation.

Of Zaire's 23 million inhabitants, eight million are Catholics. Two million are Protestants, and several million are Kimbanguists (members of an independent African church), and many of these are expected to observe the day privately and at night or early-morning services.

Dr I. B. Bokoleale, head of the Church of Christ in Zaire, the Protestant church council, supports Mobutu.

The date was taken from a pagan celebration anyway, he says, adding that the CCZ will meet in February "to pick our own day".

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"The Immortal Dreamer" will do a lot to help young people understand, and I hope, encourage them to read, if they have not done so, that valuable Christian classic.

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"A graceless, inexperienced preacher is one of the most unhappy creatures upon earth; and yet he is ordinarily very insensible of his unhappiness."

It is repetitive in some cases but only because we need to be reminded of our calling — "to see God in his creatures and to love him and converse with him."

Baxter aims at helping the minister to give all glory to God.

Sometimes rather strongly from our present day think-

BOOKS

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Dr Powers has been quick off the mark with a rejoinder to the Answers of the Appellate Tribunal on the questions referred to it by the Primate whether the Provisional Canon of General Synod on the remarriage of divorced persons is consistent with the Constitution of our Church.

Dr Powers, no doubt like many others, does not like the Tribunal's findings, and, jumping to the conclusion that those findings are based on a particular interpretation of Matthew 19:9, he offers seven reasons for thinking that this interpretation is untenable — though he acknowledges that "a great many Christians, including scholars of the highest repute, hold views along the lines of those from which I differ".

Dr Powers takes too limited a view of the Tribunal's Answers.

Tribunal on remarriage—some perspectives

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Schaeffer said he sees evangelicalism moving particularly toward a focused debate on the

"historical nature of the first half of the book of Genesis." "This time the debate will be among those claiming the Evangelical name. Before it was primarily between evangelicals and those not of the Evangelical stance," he said. — Australia Baptist

NEED FOR DIVORCE LAW REFORM RECOGNISED BY ARCHBISHOP

The Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Reverend M. L. Loane said today he would withdraw his opposition to the Family Law Bill if Clause 48 were amended in line with the English law.

He said his opposition to the Bill focused on Clause 48 which provides for divorce on the sole ground "that the marriage has broken down irretrievably", without ascribing fault to either party.

"It is argued that this will allow for a more decent and dignified dissolution of a marriage that has failed and will obviate the suffering or collusion or scandal that is frequently involved under the present law. And it is often implied that this is a natural extension of the principle which has now been embodied in the law in England."

"However it does not take sufficiently into account the enormous suffering or injury that is often incurred by one party in a divorce. Nor does it provide as the English statute does for the

necessity for the Court to establish the fact that an irretrievable breakdown has taken place on the basis of one of five stipulated sets of facts which must be proved by the petitioner. "These are (1) adultery (2) misbehaviour (3) desertion for a continuous period of two years (4) separation for a continuous period of two years and the consent of the respondent to a divorce (5) and the living apart of the parties to a marriage for a continuous period of at least five years."

"I recognise that there is need for divorce law reform, and if the Bill now before the Australian Parliament were to adopt the English safeguards, I would withdraw my opposition to it."

"But I am totally convinced that Clause 48 as it now stands, providing for divorce on the NO FAULT principle, will prove a devastating blow to the character and permanence of the marriage tie, and to the strength and stability of the family as the basic unit in the social structure of our nation."

There is more to it than an interpretation of Matthew 19:9.

The Tribunal did not indicate the full extent of the liberty allowed by the Provisional Canon, and it is a pity that Dr Powers did not include the relevant parts of the Canon in his appendices.

Whatever is to be said for his views on marriage and divorce — and this reviewer has some serious disagreements with them, as with the majority opinion in the Report of the Sydney Committee on Marriage and Divorce — it would be better to wait and consider them in the larger book on the subject by Dr Powers that we are promised than to evaluate them in a rather lop-sided relation to the Answers of the Appellate Tribunal.

D. W. B. Robinson

Some views on the subject of 'man'

"Man" by Jürgen Moltmann The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge London, Price UK £2.50 cloth, £1.50 paperback

Professor Moltmann has held a theological chair at Tübingen since 1967, and his book "Man" reflects that theological background.

However, the book is not a heavy treatise and is written in a lucid and interesting style that should stimulate the average reader reflecting about the problem of Man.

He begins by showing some of the ordinary circumstances and then shows that the answer will take different forms, according to the context in which the question is raised.

Several comparisons are usefully explored: with the animals, with other men, and with the divine, before concentrating on the comparison that produces the "Christian view".

This view contrasts with the earlier comparisons in that it arises "at a point at which man in his life is charged with something impossible by the call of God". P 16.

It is in its assertion of what the Christian view of man is that the book is weakest.

Heavily influenced by an existential philosophy, the book though claiming to oppose the setting up of Man on a pedestal nevertheless does just that by redefining Christianity with man-centred definitions.

As a result Christ becomes a tool to self-realisation, more than the Lord before whom man must bow, and the Christian "hope" is reduced to a motivation for maximising one's potentialities.

In short, this 117-page paperback is stimulating and worth reading for its insights and examination of man in society, but disappointing in what it claims is the "Christian view" of man.

Ian R. Mears

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Mr Noel Robert Samuel Eve, who will continue his studies in St John's College, Morpeth.
Mr Thomas Sydney Jewell, who will become Assistant Deacon in the Parish of New Lambton.
Mr Maxwell Pelham Davis, who will become Assistant Deacon in the Parish of Gosford.
The following were Priested:
The Rev Bruce James McAteer, who will become Assistant Minister in the Parish of Taree.
The Revd Graham McLeod, who will become Assistant Minister in the Parish of Toronto, where he has been Assistant Deacon.

Special evening studies at Sydney Missionary and Bible College have attracted 50 part-time students and a higher number is expected next term.

The lectures are a new venture and are an outstanding success.

Sunday school attendances halved, say ACC

The Australian Council of Churches was told that attendance of children at most denominational Sunday Schools had fallen by about 50 per cent since 1963, the "Canberra Times" has reported.

An interim report on the church's ministry with children, compiled by the minister of the Warrandyte Presbyterian Church, Victoria, the Rev Stan Stewart, was presented to the council's meeting at Canberra College of Advanced Education.

Bishops on Tour

The Bishop of Tasmania (the Rt Rev Dr R. E. Davies) and the Assistant Bishop (the Rt Rev H. A. Jerrim) will visit the North-East of Tasmania on Sunday to open Mission '75 in that area.

Dr Davies will preach at St Peter's Church, Fingal, on Sunday at 10.30 am. Bishop Jerrim will preach at St Paul's Church, St Helens, at 8 am, at Christ Church, Ringarooma, at 11 am, and will meet parishioners at Scottsdale at 3 pm.

Both bishops will attend St John's Church, Launceston, at 7 pm for a combined parishes service.

PERTH

Rev Cyril Manuel, Rector of Subiaco, has been appointed clerical canon of St George's Cathedral, filling vacancy of Canon Paice.

Rev Gordon Cox, was commissioned as Rector of Gungahlin on February 19.

Rev Vincent Weare, has been appointed Associate Rector of Parish of Northman from February 17.

Rev Ray Neve, was commissioned as Rector North Midlands, February 7.

BATHURST

Rev A. J. Cook, formerly of Stratford (Diocese of Newcastle) has been appointed Rector of Rockley.

NORTH WEST AUSTRALIA

Rev E. J. Kerr, formerly Rector of Brisbane Water (Diocese of Newcastle) has been appointed Dean of Geraldton.

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ACC REPLIES TO 'RECORD' ON MISSIONS MORATORIUM

The assistant, general secretary of the Australian Council of Churches (Mr Russell Rollason) has replied to the criticism by "The Church Record" on the issue of moratorium on missionaries.

His letter is reproduced here:

"You do service neither to the Gospel of Jesus Christ nor to your own church, which is a member of the World Council of Churches, when you print an editorial such as you did on March 6 — 'The WCC and the Moratorium on Missions'."

"The proposal for a moratorium on the sending of funds and personnel to particular churches for a period of time was one of many proposals to develop new patterns of relationships that arose at the 1973 Bangkok Meeting of the WCC Commission on World Mission and Evangelism (CWME)."

"The intention is that

churches requesting such a moratorium have an opportunity to work with their own resources to find their own selfhood and identity.

"Churches no longer able to send money and personnel will be freed from the traditional, institutionalised missionary enterprise to use these resources for new approaches to education for mission amongst their own people."

"So states the Minister of the CWME meeting."

"The Assembly recommended that CWME urge, and where possible evaluate critically to what extent and in what ways their patterns of missionary engagement reflect cultural imperialism or involve indi-

scriminating cultural imposition on churches with which they are related, and what are the consequences for the selfhood, identity and mission of these churches."

"Dr Emilio Castro, Director of CWME, said while in Sydney recently, in answer to a question from the editor, that 'It isn't possible to think of a Moratorium on Mission that would be a betrayal of the Gospel.'"

"The Gospel should be communicated; mankind should be served in the name of Jesus Christ; so we do not have the right to stop that."

"But sometimes, there are situations in which foreign personnel and foreign money is not helping the spreading of the Gospel."

"Sometimes because of the projection of a foreign image and sometimes because foreign missionaries receive up to 12 times the salary of local people and this creates a communication gap ... Mission is the priority, not missionaries in

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Australian tour by singer Pat Boone



American entertainer Pat Boone and his family — wife Shirley and teenage daughters Cherry, Lindy, Debby and Laury — will undertake a concert tour of Australia in March and April.

The dates of their proposed concerts are:

- Tues, March 25 — Adelaide, Apollo Stadium.
- Wed, March 26 — Perth, Entertainment Centre.
- Sat, March 29 — Sydney, Opera House.
- Sun, March 30 — Sydney, Opera House.
- Tues, April 1 — Sydney, Opera House.
- Wed, April 2 — Melbourne, Festival Hall.

• Thurs, April 3 — Brisbane, Festival Hall.
Orders for tickets have been heavy with Saturday, March 29, in the Sydney Opera House already sold out.

Pat Boone, as well as being one of the all-time record sellers in the business — he has sold over 45 million records and has 13 gold albums — has been the star of a succession of

top-grossing films including "Bernadine", "April Love" and "State Fair".

His four teenage daughters, whose ages range from 14 to 17, have been singing with their father and mother since they were babies.

But it was not until a tour of the Orient in 1970, accompanied by the Osmond Brothers, that the

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EDITORIAL

Easter, 1975

King Ozymandias, from whose name Shelley's poem takes its title, styled himself "king of kings". As the symbol of his great achievements he erected a vast statue of himself and his word to the world was: "Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair". The poem records that all that subsequently remained of that man's ancient glory was a shattered, half-sunk, sculpted image of the cruel tyrant's face, lying beside two weathered columns of stone in the midst of a great and wasted desert.

There was Another who was entitled "king of kings". He too lived in ancient times. He too was a man of great achievements. But he was not cruel. He was not proud or boastful. The symbol of his achievements was an empty grave, and his word to the world was a word of hope.

There is a mood of pessimism and anxiety abroad in

the world at present which seems far more gloomy and troubled than for many, many years. In Western civilisation the buoyant, optimistic materialism of what one man described as "the glib-glib society" has suffered many reverses, and it is to be hoped that men will see that to set one's hopes on riches is, as the Bible says, to set one's hopes on uncertainty.

The mood of hopelessness is not fully explained, however, merely by reference to economic conditions, or even by international tensions. It is a spiritual condition. The letter to the Ephesians describes men as "without God and without hope in the world". Without God. Sinful by nature, sinful by desire and choice, men do not merely suffer psychological guilt feelings, they are morally guilty before the Lord and Judge of all.

Some are guilty of living without any regard for God.

They are not conscious of any need for him, nor of any offence against him, so sinful are they. Others are guilty of mocking blasphemies.

The Lord Jesus, we remember, said of Judas that it would have been better if he had never been born, so dire was his peril and punishment. We must all stand before the Judge of Judas. Already, however, men experience the beginnings of that despair that will finally mark the experience of people in hell. They are without hope.

But Easter announces to guilty sinners, proud, careless, blasphemous, a message of hope. Upon the cross Christ conquered sin. He now freely offers to pardon it. At his resurrection he conquered death. He now freely offers eternal life to all who repent and put their trust in his mercy. Only the risen Jesus, King of kings, Lord of lords, offers us light and hope in our dark world.

The academic year commenced with an enrolment of 43 students in first year.

This group comprises nearly half the students on the campus.

Lectures are provided in specialised fields for first term and include Mr Colin Marshall of the Navigators lecturing on Personal Christian Living, Mr Joe Lenton, well known worker among Italian migrants, lecturing on Roman Catholicism, and representatives from Scripture Union lecturing on various aspects of Sunday School work.

A completely new venture this year is the introduction of evening lectures on Mondays and Thursdays for first and second year students.

The opportunity for part-

time students to attend was made known with the result that about 50 people of various ages have enrolled for lectures on the Doctrine of Scripture by the Rev R. E. Emery and Selected Minor Prophets by the Principal, the Rev Howard Green.

In addition to the usual week-end ministry, second-year students are involved in practical work during each week of term.

This aspect of training includes Religious Instruction in schools, visitation to a Government Remand Home for boys, and general pastoral training under the supervision of local church ministers.

At the same time third year students are acting as catechists, pastoral assistants and deaconesses for approximately half of each week and receiving extensive training in various phases of ministry and outreach in local churches.

Cult rears its head in PNG

Two Papuan MPs say "twisted" churchmen in their electorates are spreading "evil and dangerous cults" from the pulpit.

This was stated by the "Sun-News Pictorial", of Melbourne in a cable attributed to its Papua-New Guinea correspondent.

The PMs, Mr Yano Belo and Mr Matiahe Yui told a meeting of the Southern Highlands Area Authority that corruption and discontent would follow if action was not taken quickly.

Missionaries had put locally-born pastors in charge of the churches, but the pastors were developing a religion of their own.

The religion was based on fear, superstition and

cargo cult.

The authority represents councils and government offices over a wide area of the southern highlands of PNG. The report said.

Mr Belo and Mr Yui represent southern highlands electorates.

They told the authority meeting that sermons from some rural churches were undermining Government policies, traditional customs and Christian principles.

Mr Belo and Mr Yui told of seven pastors from three established religions operating in the southern highlands.

They said all seven preached cargo cult sermons.

The chairman of the area authority, Mr Posu Ank, supported the claims.

STAND AGAINST VIOLENCE BY STH AFRICAN CHURCH

The following resolution has been issued by the annual Synod of the Church of England in South Africa, which met at Cape Town late last year.

"This Synod unanimously resolves to place on record that the Church of England in

South Africa neither now nor at any time is or has been a member of the World Council of Churches or the South African Council of Churches.

"In the very troubled times in which we live, this Synod reaffirms its stand on the authority of the Bible as the unchanging Word of God by which all will be judged."

"It is in this Word, and not the pronouncements of men, that the solution to the problems of our time are to be found, and it is abundant hope for the whole world."

"The World Council of Churches must be rejected by all Christians until it can establish that it neither morally nor financially subsidises violence, terrorism or revolution in Africa or elsewhere."

"It must be rejected also until it acknowledges its first priority to be subject to the sovereignty of the Lord Jesus Christ and therefore places before every other object the need to bring all men regardless of race, sex or any other human distinction into a meaningful, living relationship with Him."

"History proves that when men are first in a right relationship with God there follows also a right relationship with their fellowmen."

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