

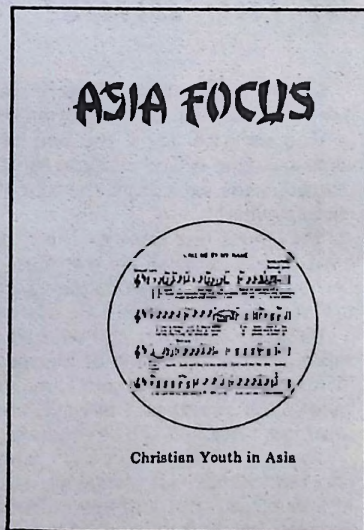
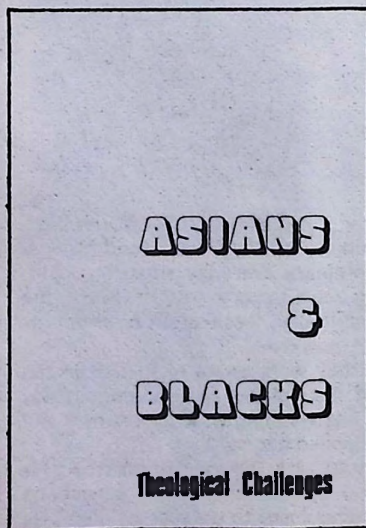
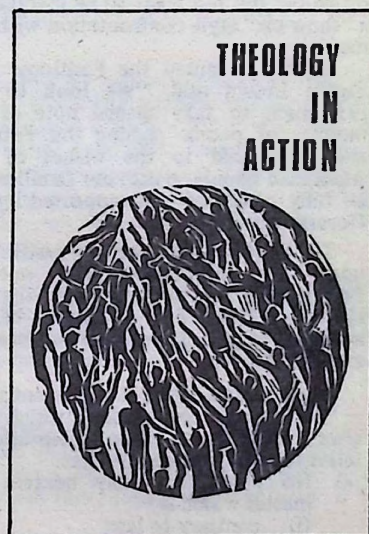
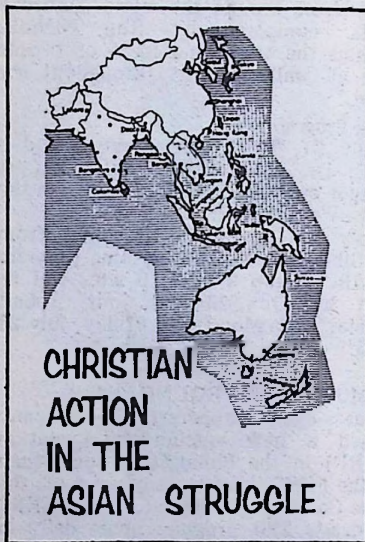
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● MORAL PROTEST

# HUGE PETITION FOR PARLIAMENT

One of Australia's largest petitions was presented to Federal Parliament on the steps of Parliament House, Canberra, by a Festival of Light deputation. The number of signatures on the Petitions totalled 127,165.

The Petition was presented to the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Malcolm Fraser, by Mrs. Freida Brown and Rev. Fred Nile.

The Prime Minister and the then Minister for the Media (Senator Doug McClelland) were invited to receive the Petitions on the steps of Parliament House but declined.

Senator Doug McClelland received a member of the F.O.L. Deputation in his office but did not want to be involved in a "show biz" style confrontation with the media.

As she presented the Petitions, Mrs. Freida Brown said, "We look to the Parliament to take special note of the number of people signing this Petition and give heed to the wishes of the Australian people so that our families will be fully protected and supported by the Government".

The Petition asked for firm restrictions upon the importation and sale of Pornography and strongly urged that the existing official T.V. Standards be not amended to permit increased violence and explicit sex.

For example, Rule 6 needs enforcing — "6. The basic requirements which must always be observed in the presentation of television programmes are that:

- (a) No programme may contain any matter which is —
  - (i) contrary to law;
  - (ii) Blasphemous, indecent or obscene;
  - (iii) likely to encourage crime;
  - (iv) likely to be injurious to community well-being or morality; or
  - (v) otherwise undesirable in the public interest.
- (b) Programmes which contain matter that is not generally suitable for viewing by children must not be televised at times when large numbers of children are likely to have access to television receivers."

**NEW CONSTITUTION** (Barolin St., Bundaberg, B.M. Nowitzke) Church has adopted a revised Constitution . . . S.S. taking part in "Fuel Fund for N.G." Project . . . S.S. and church picnic held at Bargara Beach . . . During visit of A. C. Male, Qld. Youth Director combined Gospel Service was held with Avenell Heights . . . F. Davis, a student from Kenmore College, presented the needs and aims of Overseas Missions . . . Resignation of R. Ball as elder on account of ill health was accepted with regret.

The Rev. Fred Nile supported Mrs. Brown's remarks and said, "There are many reasons for deep concern over the quality of T.V. and Radio broadcasting because of recent events — firstly, that the Control Board is seeking to amend the existing Standards; secondly, the free-wheeling, permissive attitude of the new Government radio stations, e.g. 2JJ; thirdly, the lifting of the ban upon Graham Kennedy; fourthly, the two obscene and blasphemous presentations by Reg Livermore on A.B.C. T.V. Channel 2 (i.e. T.D.T.) and, finally, the new degenerative Alvin Purple series soon to commence on A.B.C. T.V." Mr. Nile said, "We particularly expect Government T.V. and Radio, which are financed by the Australian tax-payer, to set the positive example rather than lead the moral decline.

SATURDAY RADIO

Two regular Saturday features on ABC Radio are Frontier (broadcast on ABC Radio 2 and 3 at 9.45 a.m.) and Saturday Saints (broadcast on Radio 2 and 3 at 9.45 a.m. — W.A. 10.15 a.m., Radio 2; and 9.40 a.m. Radio 3.) Frontier is a religious current affairs program which looks behind the news at people and events from around the world. Saturday Saints, compared by Ron Nichols, contains the views and ideas of people from all walks of life, throughout the world.

Other Programmes

July 21, 10.20 a.m. Radio 2 and 3 (ABC) Dr. Athol Gill (Whitley Baptist College) on "Discipleship Today" in the By the Way series.


July 21, 22, 24, 25. Readings From the Bible, the regular morning program on ABC Radio 2 at 7.10 a.m. will be given by Don Stewart, our Hobart minister, from Monday to Friday, July 21 to 25.

RADIO CROSSES BOUNDARIES

Far East Broadcasting Company opened a new mission radio station (DWRP) in the Philippines. Spokesman say the FEBC network can now reach the entire Chinese-speaking world. The FEBC broadcasts 220 program hours daily in seventy-three languages from twenty-five transmitters. "Christianity Today"

**INNER SPRINGS**

*In the midst*



Side by side with the mystery and the deeper truths of the gospel stories lies a lovely simplicity that we so often overlook. Along with the Divinity and Majesty of God we have Jesus, the Son of God in ordinary everyday situations. But, some say, God is God and you can't bring Him down to earth into the home, the sickroom, the workshop, the school, our social life, in fact there is no room for Him anywhere!

They have lost sight of the truth, if ever they were aware of it, that in the most real sense of all He was present in all of these places. His first miracle was performed in a kitchen helping a housewife. The wedding was not yet over and the wine had run-out! But He was there and supplied her need.

He was a carpenter and worked as all men do with the tools of his trade. He was a guest in the home of Martha and others. He Himself prepared a meal and invited the Disciples to join Him. He went to school and to the market place. He walked the streets and byways, and visited the sick. And in the quiet hills His spirit was refreshed and strengthened in communion with the Father.

There is no place where He cannot and will not enter. "Behold I stand at the door and knock". It rests with us whether we bid Him enter or leave the door forever closed. But if the world is going to be filled with the glory of God, then He must be allowed in all of these places. Jesus was ever in the midst of men—in the midst of life.

About my house and street I feel Himself, familiar, very real; His touch, His Presence, His quick eye	To see the hour's necessity And what I see, that will I say When any ask what is His way.
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**PRAYER:**  
We thank you Our Father, that you are never very far from any one of us. Help us to remember that we may keep communion with you amid the common tasks of every day, and find life sweeter and ourselves strengthened. Amen

Revelation 3:20 Florence Rosier



**Dr. T. B. SIMATUPANG, Indonesia**

A member of the Reformed Church, Dr. Simatupang is a hero of the Indonesia war of liberation. Now in military retirement, he is Chairman of the Indonesian Council of Churches, and a member of the Executive of the World Council of Churches. He is Presiding Chairman of CCA.



**Dr. KANG, WON YON, Korea**

A Presbyterian and CCA President, Dr. Kang has been active in church life in Korea and was President of the Presbyterian Church there in 1967. Now Director of the Korean Christian Academy. Member of the Central Committee of the WCC.



**JOHN V. SAMUEL, Pakistan**

A Bishop of the Church of North India. Formerly a Methodist, he became one of the younger bishops of the United Church. In 1968 he was secretary of the Pakistan Christian Council. A CCA President.



**MS JURGETTE HONCULADA, Philippines**

A member of the United Church in the Philippines, Jurgette is the youth representative among the officers of the CCA. An active worker among rural workers and with the young people.



**FRANCIS YIP, Hong Kong**

An Anglican clergyman, Francis has become well-known for his work among the young and dispossessed in Hong Kong. He founded and still runs the Church of the Holy Carpenter which provides trade training, leisure time activities, housing and many other facilities for youth. Francis is CCA treasurer.



**Dr. YAP KIM HAO, Malaysia**

The first indigenous Bishop of the Methodist Church of Malaysia/Singapore. Holds the degree of Doctor of Ecumenics from Boston University and is an active leader in the world ecumenical scene. He was appointed General Secretary of CCA in 1973.



**HARRY DANIEL, India**

Member of the Church of South India and a long-time leader in ecumenical activities. Best known recently for his leadership in the Urban-Industrial Mission programmes and in wide demand as a speaker.



**RON O'GRADY, New Zealand**

Member of the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand and a former staff member of the National Council of Churches of New Zealand where he had special responsibility for refugees. Active in the EACC for some years he was appointed Associate General Secretary in 1973. Was a featured speaker at the World Convention in Mexico City in 1974.

# christian conference of asia

## From Vision to Reality

It all began as a kind of a dream. From different parts of Asia leading church men and women began to hope for an organisation which would bring together the scattered churches of the vast East Asian region. They recognised that there were many important differences between their national churches but they also believed that there were many matters which could benefit from mutual sharing and action.

As they came together these pioneers increasingly discovered their Asian identity. They found that all had problems with understanding the Mission of the church when this was tied up with funds and personnel from the West. They found that in almost every country the church was a small minority in the midst of some of the oldest and strongest of the world's religions. And most of all, they found new light was shed on their own needs and hopes when they shared with those of other countries.

Out of this encounter dawned the organisation which became the East Asia Christian Conference. Led by its dynamic first general secretary, Dr D.T. Niles, it became a centre for Asian exploration of the mission of Asian churches and a place of renewal for the whole region.

Throughout the area, churches responded to the call to become members of the Conference of Churches. The region was defined as running from Pakistan to Japan and the countries in between. From the beginning, Australia and New Zealand were included as full partners.

In the 15 years of its existence the dreams of the pioneers have become a reality which has helped shape new directions for Asian churches. In 1973 at the Fifth Assembly it was possible to report that 79 churches representing approximately 37-40 million people in Asia were now in the membership. The Assembly also changed the name of the EACC and it became the Christian Conference of Asia.

## OTHERS SERVING

Other full-time staff members of CCA are:  
OH JAE SHIK of Korea leads Urban-Industrial projects.

SAM ISAAC of India has been responsible for Inter-Church Aid, and has completed six years of service.

JOHN ENGLAND of New Zealand/Australia cares for laity programmes. Mr. England completes six years in the CAA in August, 1975, as Secretary for Education and Ministry.

CARMENCITA KARADAG of The Philippines is the Youth Secretary.

LEE SOO JIN of Singapore is Communications Secretary.

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## RESOLUTIONS RESPONSE

### DRINKING & DRIVING

The Vic-Tas Conference Resolutions (refer "Australian Christian" June 14) relating to the effect of Alcohol and other Drugs of Dependence on Driving were sent to the Victorian Government.

The first part of the Resolution sought to have learner-drivers made fully aware of the effects of drugs of dependency as part of their driver education and licence testing procedure.

The Chief Secretary, whilst indicating that there would be considerable practical difficulties to include questions about drinking and drug dependency in the tests, pointed out that

"the Road Safety and Traffic Authority has now prepared a pamphlet to be issued to all applicants for learner drivers' permits, giving a general warning on the effects of alcohol and of taking any medication in drug form, either alone or combined with alcohol, when driving.

As you are no doubt aware, a number of television commercials on drinking and driving have been produced and

commercials in relation to drug taking and driving are being prepared."

Another part of the Resolution dealt with the suspension of a licence automatically during any adjournment of a hearing when the blood alcohol content (.05% in Victoria) is certified as having been exceeded, and the Chief Secretary has indicated that the question of penalties is under consideration at the present time and that this review will include not only the foregoing situation but also the position of persons convicted for the first time for driving under the influence of a drug.

### URANIUM

The Vic-Tas Conference approved a resolution relating to the peaceful uses of uranium and disposal of radio-active wastes.

The Minister for Minerals and Energy, Mr. R.F.X. Connor, has responded in the following terms to Stanton H. Wilson, Secretary, Vic-Tas Conference.

"Dear Mr. Wilson,

Thank you for your letter of the 15th instant. As you state, I have sought to treat with great sensitivity the wise and moral use of Australia's very large resources of the controversial energy source, uranium.

I note from your letter the terms of the resolution of your Churches of Christ and this equates with the policy and objectives of the Australian Government,

Uranium, whether milled into yellowcake or enriched, will be sold only to countries which are signatories to, and have ratified, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. They will be subject to the closest audit requirements of the International Energy Agency, and we will obtain from them full details of their proposed methods of disposal and safeguarding of the radioactive wastes.

In the case of Australia, we are singularly fortunate in that we are so well endowed with black coal for electricity generation, supplemented by hydroelectricity, that there is no conceivable need for at least a generation for resort to nuclear power stations, with their attendant problems.

R.F.X. Connor"

The Victorian Tasmanian Conference believes that this type of response is encouraging and there appears to be a growing awareness of governmental responsibility for the welfare of our neighbours as well as for our own nation.



## THE MYSTERIOUS HOLY SPIRIT BY KATHY SANDER

I read, not so long ago, that Christian people do not have what could be called a 'Spiritual Thought'. We do have experiences and thoughts surrounding those experiences, which we may conceptualise. 'A spiritual conception of a physical experience' summarises my following thoughts.

As I expectantly moved across countries into Spanish speaking Guatemala, it was everything and more than I had dreamed of, as a picturesque country. The Indian people reflected its beauty in their characters.

I viewed many of the country's thirty-three volcanoes from ground level, and marvelled at the height of their peaks, disappearing into the clouds, their tops still remaining a mystery.

The Holy Spirit, to me, will always be a marvellous mystery, and I liken these volcanic mountains, to the God who is responsible for both. As a child, climbing a volcano seemed to me to be an exciting but terrifying task for the person who would venture upwards. At an early age, the 'spirit of God' had a similar 'Awe-some-ness'. I read, thought and listened to what many had to say about this 'Holy Spirit', and I treated it almost like a haunted ghost. There seemed to be so much power it could radiate within; to those who ignored it, nothing seemed to happen.

As I wound my way by car twelve kilometres up Mt. Pacuya, the excitement and determination to climb this active and exploding mountain because irresistible. As I remember, it was the same sort of slow, deliberate interest for me into the "Christian life". I soon arrived at a picturesque farming village,

Dean and Kathy Sander are ministering at Flinders Park Church, S.A. The photo shows Mrs. Sander on Mt. Pacuya, with the active volcano in the background.

# UNITY WITHOUT UNIFORMITY



Back Row: Larry Douthwaite (U.S.), Anthony Perry (South Africa), Charles Bailey (Pentridge Prison), John Blair (U.S.), Stephen Ames, Sr. Christina Harcombe (N.S.W.), David Farlie, Graeme Gibbons (Director), David Santiago (Philippines).

Centre: Boyd Glassey (N.Z.), Sr. Winefride Murphy, Fr. Les Harper, Joan Chandler (Stenographer), John Paver, Barry Loveridge (N.Z.).

Front: Jocelyn Hill (Brisbane), Sr. Mary Owen (Brisbane).

Over the last three months, representatives of all major Christian denominations have worked and trained together within the Department of Pastoral Care and Education at the Austin Hospital, Vic.

The programme brought together the most diverse group of students yet to participate in the course. There were twelve students and four supervisors, representing all major Christian denominations. Students came from as far away as South Africa, the Philippines, New Zealand and the U.S.A.

The Inter-Church Chaplaincy Committee of Victoria provides the services of the Chaplain Supervisor, The Rev. Graeme D. Gibbons, and the Department of Pastoral Care is an integrated feature of the Austin Hospital's services.

The training course gives preparation for hospital chaplaincy work, specialised work in the parish ministry such as pastoral counselling, and for the teaching of pastoral care and counselling.

The course, based at the Austin Hospital, has given training to over 160 clergymen and professional religious workers since it began over 7 years ago. The Austin training programme is regarded as having a higher standard than those established in Britain and Europe, and is affiliated with similar training programmes in the United States.

almost totally hidden in the thick jungle, just one hour's walk short of the top. These Indians were so accustomed to the constant, seven second explosions that shook their mountain, that they hardly noticed it, unless you raised it in conversation.

I liken this to many Christians we know. When asked about the Holy Spirit the subject is changed and people look embarrassed, or they respond with a warm glow which reveals they have touched a little on what it is all about.

I refer to the 'Holy Spirit' as 'IT' and not 'HE', because of the mystery in my mind it still contains.

The last climb up the mountain by foot was in places made on hands and knees. Often I felt apprehensive; usually after a larger and louder explosion than the last, then hearing the huge rocks rolling downwards. I felt very tired and stopped for a long rest, my inquisitive nature not allowing me to turn back. I felt hot, then cold, then sometimes indifferent.

What a parallel and likeness to the 'Spiritual life'. Apprehension, enthusiasm, then complete lack of interest! It may more easily be recognised as 'mountain top and valley experiences'.

It was then that I came across these people descending from their mountain climb. I could see by their faces they had achieved something; probably what I was clamouring for! I liken this experience to my 'observation' of Christians, some of whom had this extra plus to their person.

I asked these three climbers how much further it was and if it was really worth it. Their reply was, 'keep climbing and you'll know'. IT'S the same in the christian life. You can ask, inquire and continue to listen to others' experiences, but for one's self, a step of faith is necessary. NO ONE can give to you their mountain top experience.

As I reached the top, the sight really 'blew my mind'—spectacular?—yes—but not as I had imagined, so very different. If I'm honest, I suppose I expected to be peering right down into the crater, feeling the heat and almost having the lava chase me down the mountain. But once I accepted where I was and what was happening, it was very logical and

practical. It appeared as though I could have been on the ground watching a fire-works display.

Sitting in a sheltered spot, on the edge of a steep slope, I looked slightly up and across a few hundred yards, watching the frequent explosions. The rocks and stones were expelled with force into the air and rolled down the steep slope down which I was looking. The ash and soot were like light rain, the jungle in the valley below was slowly disappearing under the debris. Beside me was a small tree, covered with lovely soft green moss. From out of the moss were signs of life, little flowers. Such a contrast of nature—over there, a powerful mountain not able to contain its energies; right here, not far from all this activity, on the same peak, flowers and fine growth. Of course, only God could be responsible for both!

It finally hit me. Of course! The Holy Spirit to some is mostly NOISE, NOTICEABILITY, and ACTION. In fact for these, unless you have this 'evidence' you are told you have 'not got it'. After all, didn't the bible talk about tongues of fire?

But—to many it is just as noticeable and has as much impact, awe and wonder as all the noise and gusto of an eruption, in the quietness of new life. This moss was so green and soft as it covered the almost dead tree, it gave a new life and beauty. The flowers growing from its carpet were some of the most delicate and lovely I have ever seen. They made an old tree—NEW and BEAUTIFUL. So much like the Holy Spirit as I understand it.

As the darkness engulfed me, the red glows became even more spectacular, as this was the original idea of choosing this time of day. I sat and waited . . . two hours and more. Waiting on the Holy Spirit or being led by the Holy Spirit is so important. If we do not wait we miss so much.

I may never see another volcano in all of its spectacular glory, but I will see delicate flowers and growth. I will always remember the volcano's glow and fascination—like my first encounter with God's holy spirit. In my ups and downs of life's unending experiences, I will know the Holy Spirit is always with me, every time I see something quiet and delicate.

# STANTON WILSON BEGINS SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

The first time I met Mildred Cable and Francesca French—those two intrepid travellers who crossed the Gobi Desert—Mildred was sitting cross-legged on a huge packing-case in a Launceston warehouse writing an article for no less a journal than "The British Weekly". At this moment, how I envy those who can compose articles in unfamiliar and interesting places!

## WHITHER AND WHY

I am "doing the second time round" purely for sentimental reasons—to visit relatives in East and West Germany (including a grand-daughter!)—to visit former congregations in U.S.A. and England and also, with Jean, to have the honour of being Australia's Fraternal Delegate to this year's Annual Conference of Churches of Christ in Great Britain, and, of course, to re-visit at more leisure some places we saw much too hurriedly in the Summers between 1965 and 1970.

## "Q" WITHOUT A "U"

All this in three months makes speed essential, so I want to talk, first, about a very famous airline. To my knowledge there are only three words in which the letter "Q" is not followed by its devoted companion "U". On each of these three lapses from fidelity, I want to have a word. Ironically, all three instances of impropriety are to be found in proper nouns.

First, "Qatar", the name of a peninsula on the coast of Saudi Arabia, projecting into the Persian Gulf. Qatar is an independent sheikdom having a population of 20,000 with Doha as its capital. No, we haven't been there!

Then there is "Qattara", a saucer-shaped desert region of Egypt one hundred and thirty miles west of Cairo. No, we haven't been there either! But Australians who fought in World War II went there, and wrote red in World History the names of Tobruk and El Alamein.

Finally, there is "Qantas". We "went Qantas" and were very glad we did. "Qantas" is derived from the initial letters of "Queensland and Northern Territory Air Services". From its humble beginnings with its first booking office in Longreach, Queensland, more than fifty-years ago until now, when the word "Qantas" is emblazoned on the most modern and impressive aircraft in the great international airports of the world, this Australian company has had an unparalleled history.

It is the world's oldest English-speaking airline; it is one of the few airlines in the world making substantial profit, and, moreover, in half a century it has never made a loss. Advance Australia fair!

It was (for those who understand the terminology) in a Qantas 747 B Jumbo Jet that we set out on our sentimental journey. Externally the aircraft suggests strength, speed and all that is needed to defy distance and annihilate space.

For its more than 400 guests there are 14 washrooms, 2 kitchens (galley) serving 450 hot meals at a sitting. For inflight entertainment, there are 3 simultaneous colour movies which may be tuned in to through headphones at fingertip control units. For those who prefer otherwise, there are 3 stereo and 4 mono music programmes available, also literally at one's fingertips.

## MUCKING UP THE CALENDAR

We left Melbourne on a Saturday at 4.30 p.m. and arrived in San Francisco the same day at 7.30 p.m. "Golly" said my friend's little boy, "That's no aircraft, it must be a spaceship"! He didn't know what tricks modern travel can play with clocks

and calendars and seasons. It was all because within an hour we crossed both the International Date Line and the Equator—and, we didn't see a thing; not because we were travelling at 550 miles an hour at an altitude of 35,000 feet, but because, as the little boy across the aisle said disgustingly: "There just ain't nuthin' to see". He was unconvinced by my explanation that our measures of time simply have to begin somewhere in space and that the International Date Line is an invisible line along the 180° meridian marking the difference in time between East and West. For the Westward-bound traveller crossing the Line, the date would be put forward one day, and backward for the traveller in the reverse direction. That was why on this flight, we were having (I didn't say 'enjoying') two Saturdays in one week.

## GEOGRAPHY GETS INTO THEOLOGY

Now, in fixing the International Date Line to avoid differences of date in adjacent land areas, the Line is made to deviate from the 180° meridian where it crosses land. Well, I thought I had problems but I considered how complicated life must be for the Tongans, for instance. The Tongan Islands are actually East of the 180° meridian but because all their connections are with the West, the Date Line is given a slight bulge at that point. This means that Tongans hold the first Church service in the world each Sunday. The Seventh Day Adventists, however, do not recognise this adjustment of the Date Line. The result is that in Tonga they observe the Seventh Day on Sunday and fall into line with the rest of us! So, where are we now? Could this be the point at which geography promotes ecumenism?

## FIJI—MISSIONARIES—MERCHANDISE

Here we arrived after only four hours flight from Sydney.

Fiji is an independent Dominion and a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United Nations. There is a Governor-General and a bicameral elected legislature. Leisurely informality is the atmosphere of these tropical islands. Even the Changing of the Guard at the Governor-General's Residence is often timed to coincide with the presence of a tourist liner in port. I couldn't help thinking what havoc the Stevedoring Union could wreck on the militia under these circumstances!

Fiji is a group of 300 islands, one third of which are inhabited; of the remainder, many are used by the Fijians as planting grounds and some as fishing bases. The 300 islands were progressively discovered over a period of three centuries. The Dutch explorer Abel Tasman first sighted the islands in 1643. Captain Cook visited them in 1774 and they were later observed, as every school-boy knows, by Captain Bligh, after the mutiny on the Bounty during his epic voyage in an open boat. Jumbo jets for me, please!

The Fijian people are predominantly Methodist, but the Anglican, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Assemblies of God and Mormon churches are also represented.

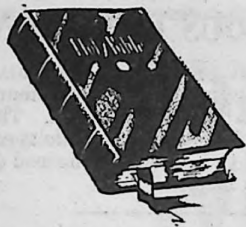
Most Indians in Fiji are Hindus but there are strong Muslim and Sikh communities.

Be it known that it was Christian missionaries who opened the first schools and who first transcribed the local tongue into a written language. It was Christian missionaries whose influence over forty years calmed fierce warriors and ended tribal turmoil. In 1875 Fiji became a British Crown Colony and on Oct. 10, 1970, gained full independence.

Most people think of bananas when they think of Fiji but we were impressed to learn that Fiji manufactures a comprehensive range of over 150 products both for home consumption and export. Fiji in its geographic isolation has, by initiative and resourcefulness, not only become highly self-sufficient but has established itself as the Hub of the Pacific. Alongside, and often in spite of its economic achievements, Fiji has maintained an atmosphere of leisureliness and has preserved a terrain of tropical luxuriance and loveliness.

Not even the prospect of a climate around 60° F from May to November could tempt us to linger longer in Fiji or depart from our intentions. Besides, lovely Hawaii and the sound of the surf on Waikiki Beach were calling.

Even on a Sentimental Journey one must eventually consult the calendar and watch the clock. So, for now: "Mizpah".



# WORD TALK

# ADULTERY

## FROM THE PULPIT

In many Bibles this magnificent story is printed in smaller print and often at the bottom of the page indicating that it is not included in the oldest manuscripts. Many people prefer this matter in smaller print.

Why do good people become anxious when confronted by issues concerning sex? We are confronted today by a sexual barrage through the media. Some believe the subject should never be mentioned in church, although there are many sexual references in their Bibles which are marked "Appointed to be read in churches"!

People who are guilty, ashamed, with bad consciences, should get tense. But why should good people who live clean, honourable lives get tense over matters of sex?

Good people often have mixed attitudes towards sex: they have strong condemning attitudes towards the misuse of sex; they frequently have very real personal frustrations; and they often also have a curious interest in other people's involvement in sexual activity.

Disgust is often close to jealousy and strong anger against often indicates strong yearnings towards.

That inner conflict makes good people tense.

We won't associate with the adultress, so that leaves us standing with the Pharisees. Then we find Jesus is also looking at us! He is the one who pays the penalty for her sin, and theirs, and ours.

When we come closer to Christ we gain a healthier understanding of ourselves, the influences of our social environment, and our own sexuality.

It is always easier to stone others' sin than it is to examine ourselves. Our own sin needs the healing of His forgiveness. Until then, tension rests in our hearts, and matters of sex are preferred to remain in small print.

## AMONG THE PEOPLE

I meet the people in this story frequently.

I have met the crowd that is always quick to accuse other people of sin but allow to see their own sin.

I have faced the cunning of people who will use all the resources of the law to trap a man into making decisions that will condemn him.

I have seen the humiliation of a sinful person caught in the act.

But best of all I know the forgiving Master who demands a change in our lifestyle and who promises to us each forgiveness and new life.

Gordon Moyes

## IN THE STUDY

There is a sad break between Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of John's Gospel. The break is obviously one verse too soon. Verse 1 of Chapter 8 is the continuation of the previous verse. It leads into John 8: 2-11, a controversial piece of genuine writing not found in the oldest manuscript. The oldest manuscript containing this passage is the 6th C. A.D. A large group of early manuscripts place this portion of the gospel following Luke 21:38, possibly a more suitable position. Other early manuscripts place it in other positions.

Scholars indicate that the vocabulary is like that of Luke rather than John. Jerome translated it into Latin in 485 A.D., and references are made to this passage back to 100 A.D. Augustine said it was removed from the gospel to avoid scandal, because some were of slight faith.

The O.T. Law (Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22), indicate both guilty parties of adultery are to be killed. Deut. 22:23-4 reserved stoning for a virgin engaged to another man caught committing adultery.

This charge was used to trap Jesus (V.6) into either supporting the O.T. Law and so inciting a death in defiance of the Roman Law, or to avoid that by condoning the act and so negating the O.T. Law. Jesus again refused to back Jewish nationalism against Roman Imperialism.

V.7 is in line with Deut. 17:7, where witnesses were to commence the stoning.

Jesus neither condemned nor condoned—he forgave when none would accuse her and instructed her to no longer sin. Here we have what Paul described as "the gentleness of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:1).

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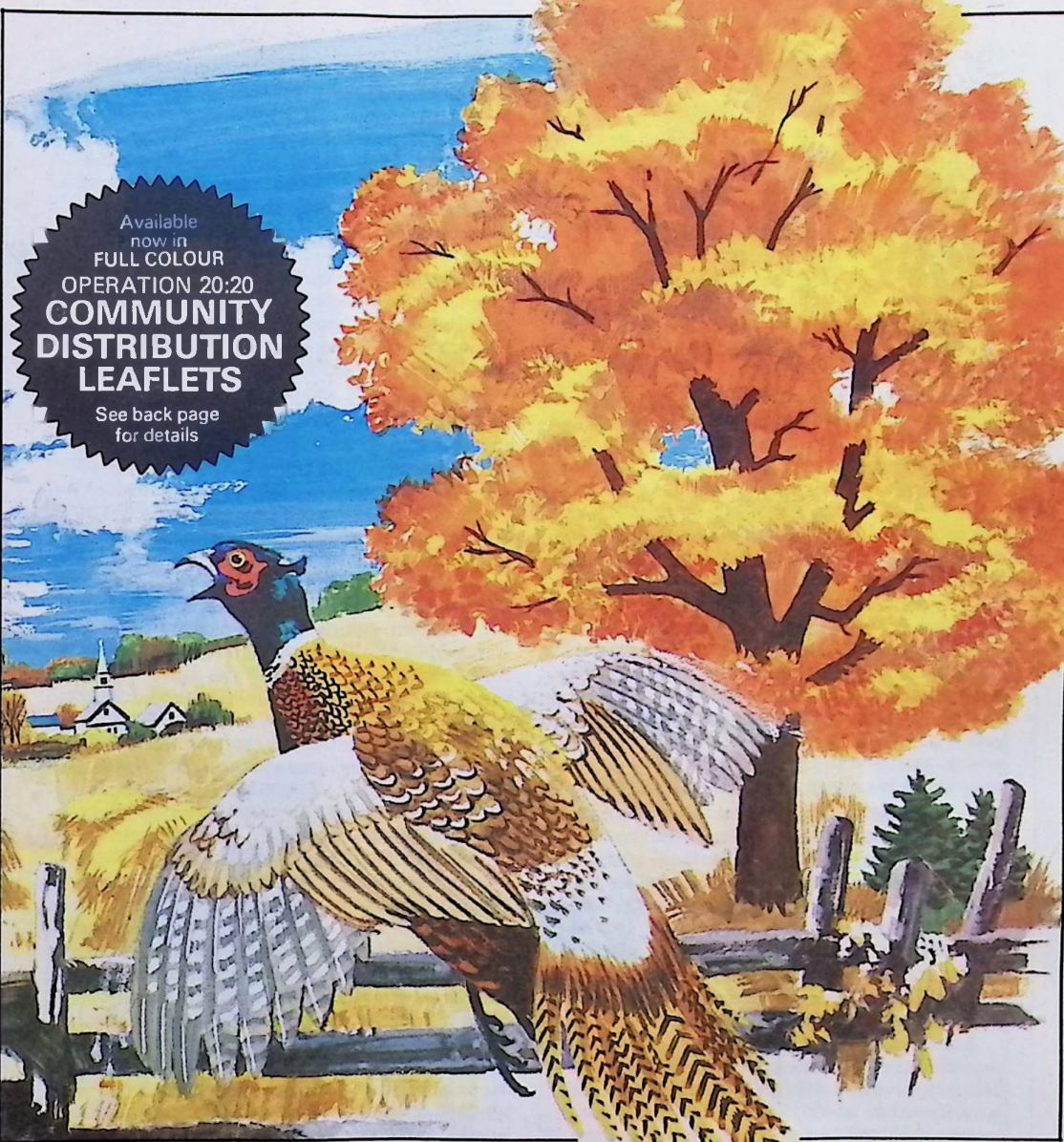
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# Does God Exist?

by Richard W. Innes

The atheist says there is no God. The agnostic says you cannot know if there is a God or not. The pantheist says that all or everything is God. The polytheist says there are many gods. The deist says there is a God, but He is an absentee God — like a watchmaker who made the universe, wound it up to run by itself, then went away and left it. The dualist says there are two principles, good and evil, with two divine beings equal in power and authority. And the monotheist says there is only one God. Who's right?

I remember reading, just a few years ago, about a university student who painted in large bold letters across a garbage truck a question that has troubled mankind since the beginning of time. The question was, "Where is God?" At some time or another almost everybody struggles with this and similar questions. If there is a God, where is He and who is He? Can we know that He exists, and if so, can we know Him personally?

And if there is a God who is interested in mankind, it seems reasonable to believe that He would reveal Himself to man in some way. In other words, where do we look if we genuinely want to find God? In what ways has God revealed Himself to mankind?

*God has revealed Himself through nature.* Long before man had the written Word of God, God revealed Himself through His creation. As David put it, "The heavens are telling the glory of God; they are a

marvellous display of His craftsmanship. Day and night they keep on telling about God. Without a sound or word, silent in the skies, their message reaches out to all the world" (Psalm 19:1-4 *Living Bible*). Or as Paul said, "But God shows His anger from heaven against all sinful, evil men who push away the truth from them. For the truth about God is known to them instinctively; God has put this knowledge in their hearts. Since earliest times men have seen the earth and sky and all God made, and have known of His existence and great eternal power. So they will have no excuse . . ." (Rom. 1:18-20).

"As a research scientist," writes Lambert Dolphin, Jr., "confronted every day with the mysteries of space and the atom, I continue to be amazed at the complexity and order of our universe. From the sub-microscopic realm of the atom to the expanding reaches of the galaxies, our universe runs like intricate and well-oiled clockwork according to great physical laws and principles which never change nor falter.

"Our sun, which is the nearest star, a hundred earth-diameters across, is 93 million miles into space. Each day the sun supplies our solar system with heat, power and light at the rate of a million billion, billion horsepower! Yet it is only an average star.

"Our island universe of stars which we call the Milky Way is 100,000 light years across. If we could travel at the speed of light (186,000 miles per second), it would take us 100,000 years to traverse the Milky Way! Yet this is only one of a billion or more such island universes stretched out in every direction from our earth to distances measured in billions of light years."<sup>1</sup>

And of all these billions of stars in our universe of which our sun is merely a stepping stone, the mind reels at the sizes of them. Our sun has a diameter of 864,000 miles compared to the earth's 7,900 miles. But the giant star Antares has a diameter of 428,000,000 miles. "If Antares were our sun, it would extend to well beyond the orbit of Mars."<sup>2</sup>

But one doesn't have to be a scientist to see and feel the greatness of the world and universe in which we live. One just has to look around him every day. I recently spent a few days on an island not far from Adelaide,

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and in the course of those few days never ceased to marvel at some of the wonders of nature such as the grandeur of the undulating hills, the brilliant colour of spring flowers and trees in bloom, the majesty of the cliffs rising perpendicular from the sea, the tireless regularity of the rolling waves crashing against the rocky cliffs or thundering down on a lonely beach, the beauty and agility of a seagull as he swoops over the waves tipping his beak into the waters to pluck his meal from the sea, the grace of a huge pelican stretching his wings across a span of eight to ten feet as he effortlessly soars through the air, the elegance of a playful porpoise as he swims beneath the bow of the boat and glides with ease through the crystal clear waters, the inquisitiveness of a fur seal as he answers a fascinated child's call and comes out of the water as if to say hello. A kangaroo bounds across a field. A silver-grey possum scuttles high in a gum tree. Then night falls — a million stars stud the sky and a brilliant full moon resplendent in all its glory fills the sky with its radiant glow then repeats itself by mirroring its beauty in the now quiet, calm sea.

Did this all happen by chance? It seems to me that it takes much more faith to believe this than it does to believe that our world and universe were created by a Master Designer whose power and greatness are beyond human comprehension. We cannot see electrons in motion, but we see the evidence of electricity all around us in our daily life. We cannot see an atom either, but we can see where an atom has been and we witness its mighty power. And we can't see God with human vision, but everywhere we look we see the evidence of His presence and His almighty power.

*God has revealed Himself in the human soul.* Man is a very complex creature. He is much more than a physical being. He is also a rational, emotional and spiritual being. He is a living soul (Gen. 2:7) in whom there has been planted a consciousness of God. This consciousness or instinct has two parts. First, there is a "religious instinct" whereby man acknowledges the existence of a supreme being and his dependency on Him

(Acts 17:22-28). And second, there is a "moral instinct" whereby our conscience reveals there is a Lawgiver to whom we are responsible (Rom. 2:14,15).

Anselm, the celebrated Italian theologian who lived in the eleventh century and became the Archbishop of Canterbury, stated that the idea of God in the mind is satisfactory proof that God exists. Pascal, the famous French physicist and philosopher who lived in the seventeenth century, spoke about the God-shaped vacuum in every life that only God could fill. If God didn't exist in the mind of the atheist, the atheist would have no need or desire to seek to disprove God's existence. The more defensive the atheist becomes, the more he proves that God does exist in his mind and that he is troubled about Him.

Another evidence of the existence of God, it has been argued, lies in the fact that there is provision for all of man's many needs such as food, air, water, sleep, etc. for his physical needs and love, relationships, etc. for his emotional needs. Man, being a spiritual being, also needs God; therefore God exists or else man wouldn't have this deep need for God. Since time immemorial people of all ages and all races have had a religion of some form or another. This speaks very eloquently of man's deep need of God.

*God has revealed Himself in His Word, the Bible.* The Bible doesn't seek to prove God's existence. It states it as an accepted fact. The very first verse simply says, "In the beginning, God . . ." (Gen. 1:1). In human terms, we become very defensive and seek to justify ourselves when we doubt ourselves or are in fact guilty of false representation. Very often, the more guilty we are the more defensive and aggressive we become. God just states that the Bible is His Word and that He is the one and only true God (II Tim. 3:16; Mark 12:29). In no way does God seek to defend or justify these statements. The fulfillment of God's Word in minute detail is sufficient proof that the Bible is in fact the Word of God.\* This, too, is our final voice of authority. The Bible is God's specific guide and personal message to mankind. It is the measure by which we test the validity of all other revelations. And if we genuinely want

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to find God, the most logical place to look for Him is in His Word, the Bible.

*God has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ.* Jesus Christ is a fact of history. He is not only the Son of God (Mark 1:1), but also God the Son. Referring to Jesus Christ, the Apostle John wrote, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us . . ." (John 1:1,14).

Philip, another of Jesus' twelve disciples, wanted to see God. "Jesus said to him, 'Have I been so long with you and yet you have not come to know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how do you say, 'Show us the Father'? . . . Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me . . .'" (John 14:9,11).

When Jesus Christ stepped onto the stage of human history, it was in fact God the Son, Creator of all the universe (John 1:2), coming to earth as a man to identify Himself with lost mankind. This was God's personal, living and final revelation of Himself to mankind (Heb. 1:1,2).

Unfortunately though, we do not always see things the way they are. All of us have ...the following text has been temporarily deleted to allow for the Order Form below.

way that God doesn't exist. It only serves to prove that my experience of God doesn't exist yet.

Some of us have never found God because we feel we aren't good enough for Him, but that is exactly why Christ died for us. He died for sinners, not the self-righteous (Matt. 9:13). God's love for us is totally unconditional. He loves us exactly as we are. We don't have to become or be anything but ourselves. God's only requirement is that we confess our sins and failures and come to Christ believing in Him and accepting His sacrifice on the cross for us. When we do this, God accepts us. He forgives us. He gives us a new spiritual life, a right relationship with Himself and the gift of eternal life. It is through Jesus Christ that we find God. He is the only way.

God says to each one of us, "I know you've failed. I know you've sinned. As a matter of fact, I know everything about you. But I love you and I understand you. I accept you as you are. Won't you come to me through Jesus Christ and accept my gift of eternal life and sins forgiven?"

This is the greatest news in all the world. We do not have to pay for our own guilt because God loves us and paid that price Himself. However, it isn't sufficient for us only to know about God through His many revelations. We need to know and find Him personally. This we can do through Jesus Christ. His invitation is open to all. Whosoever will may come. See Revelation 22:17.

If you have never found God by accepting Christ, you can do so by quietly praying wherever you are for Christ to forgive you for your sins and invite Him to come into your heart and life as personal Lord and Saviour.

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# WORD TALK

# ADULTERY

### IN THE STUDY

There is a sad break between Chapter 7 and Chapter 8 of John's Gospel. The break is obviously one verse too soon. Verse 1 of Chapter 8 is the continuation of the previous verse. It leads into John 8: 2-11, a controversial piece of genuine writing not found in the oldest manuscript. The oldest manuscript containing this passage is the 6th C. A.D. A large group of early manuscripts place this portion of the gospel following Luke 21:38, possibly a more suitable position. Other early manuscripts place it in other positions.

Scholars indicate that the vocabulary is like that of Luke rather than John. Jerome translated it into Latin in 485 A.D., and references are made to this passage back to 100 A.D. Augustine said it was removed from the gospel to avoid scandal, because some were of slight faith.

The O.T. Law (Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22), indicate both guilty parties of adultery are to be killed. Deut. 22:23-4 reserved stoning for a virgin engaged to another man caught committing adultery.

This charge was used to trap Jesus (V.6) into either supporting the O.T. Law and so inciting a death in defiance of the Roman Law, or to avoid that by condoning the act and so negating the O.T. Law. Jesus again refused to back Jewish nationalism against Roman Imperialism.

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### FROM THE PULPIT

In many Bibles this magnificent story is printed in smaller print and often at the bottom of the page indicating that it is not included in the oldest manuscripts. Many people prefer this matter in smaller print.

Why do good people become anxious when confronted by issues concerning sex? We are confronted today by a sexual barrage through the media. Some believe the subject should never be mentioned in church, although there are many sexual references in their Bibles which are marked "Appointed to be read in churches"!

People who are guilty, ashamed, with bad consciences, should get tense. But why should good people who live clean, honourable lives get tense over matters of sex?

Good people often have mixed attitudes towards sex: they have strong condemning attitudes towards the misuse of sex; they frequently have very real personal frustrations; and they often also have a curious interest in other people's involvement in sexual activity.

Disgust is often close to jealousy and strong anger against often indicates strong yearnings towards.

That inner conflict makes good people tense.

We won't associate with the adulteress, so that leaves us standing with the Pharisees. Then we find Jesus is also looking at us! He is the one who pays the penalty for her sin, and theirs, and ours.

When we come closer to Christ we gain a healthier understanding of ourselves, the influences of our social environment, and our own sexuality.

It is always easier to stone others' sin than it is to examine ourselves. Our own sin needs the healing of His forgiveness. Until then, tension rests in our hearts, and matters of sex are preferred to remain in small print.

### AMONG THE PEOPLE

I meet the people in this story frequently.

I have met the crowd that is always quick to accuse other people of sin but slow to see their own sin.

I have faced the cunning of people who will use all the resources of the law to trap a man into making decisions that will condemn him.

I have seen the humiliation of a sinful person caught in the act.

But best of all I know the forgiving Master who demands a change in our lifestyle and who promises to us each forgiveness and new life.

Gordon Moyes

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## ABORIGINAL TELECAST

On Sunday, July 13, there will be a special feature on the role of Aborigines in the community in an A.B.C. telecast throughout Australia.

Sir Douglas Nicholls will be leading this service and the guest singers in the program will be the Lowanna Singers from the Cheltenham Church of Christ.

Aboriginal leaders and politicians will be involved in the telecast which will mark National Aborigines Day.

## ANONYMOUS DONATION

Anonymous gift of \$60 and \$150 have been received by the Vic.-Tas. Conference Executive for the general fund. The receipt of the first amount was delayed, being addressed to Lonsdale St. instead of 52 LaTrobe St., Melb.

CARPET (Avonsleigh, A. B. Titter). Donation of carpet pieces made for church platform . . . Church appreciates donation of hymn books from Wattle Park. Mr. Wyett of Croydon covered them . . . S.S. Anniversary held in April. Laurie Dunn showed films . . . June 15 baptismal service.

FEATURES AT FIVE (Glen Waverley, R. B. Elbourne). Features at Five commenced: Guests — St. Paul's Music Group, Principal of C.O.B. and some students, Margaret Scott and Matron Davis of Frances Perry House . . . Question Box and Talk Back held . . . Pastoral Group has completed family directory . . . Young Adult Fellowship has been formed . . . Sixteen Boys and leaders participated in camp at Lorne . . . Cricket Club held presentation night . . . Officers' Board reviewed mission of the church.

## CHURCH GROWTH SEMINARS

There has been a remarkable response to the opportunity of sharing with Dr. Win Arn in Church Growth Seminars.

In almost every case, many folk had to be turned away. Most of those attending are from our own churches. If it were possible the seminars would have been opened to folk of other churches, but only a few from those churches could be accepted.

The numbers registering are: W.A. 320; S.A. 200; Vic. 506; Tas. 157; N.S.W. 320; Qld. 300.

Dr. Arn's first seminar will be in Sydney, July 15-17. His other engagements are: Melbourne July 18-21; L'ceston July 22, 23; Hobart July 24; Perth July 25, 26; Adelaide July 28-30; and Brisbane August 1-2.

## OPEN FORUM

### HELP FOR FAMILY

To the Editor,

After six months in hospital a mother died and left her husband with six children. The children belong to our S.S. and the mother attended church. I was responsible for directing an appeal for assistance and there was a fine response in Christian charity and community caring.

East Keilor church raised \$140, Nth. Essendon church \$179, and the Social Service Dept. of the Vic-Tas Churches of Christ made a grant of \$228. Community groups have contributed over \$500. One lady from the Nth. Essendon church donated \$60. I have also supervised food from the Nth. Essendon church and the Keilor Jaycees, about \$50 worth.

The church was at the centre of this concern and took the initiative. When the community gave it insisted on funding the money through the church, a good example of the community's trust.

Steve Downie, Vic.

FIVE DECISIONS (Ashburton, Harvey Miller). At Camberwell District Churches combined gospel meeting, five young people made their decision. These and two others have been baptised . . . Dr. Bowes spoke at morning service . . . Women serve regularly on church morning service plan . . . Pottery classes are being held . . . C.W.F. staged successful Mannequin Parade with help from June St. Aubyn and Maureen Daniels.

### LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

## GROWTH

To the Editor,

When our minister asked permission to attend a Church Growth Conference we agreed with alacrity and paid all of his expenses. He'd been working too hard and needed a rest, and a conference couldn't do him any harm. Now we're sorry we let him go.

He came back with charts and graphs and facts and figures to annoy us. He told us that there are only three possible ways of church growth.

1. Natural increase. That is our kids growing up in the church and staying in it.

2. Transfer. We reap from other people's labour.

3. Going out and getting close enough to people in our neighbourhoods in order to win them to Christ.

He's been doing a lot of homework. In the past ten years we have added 37% by natural increase. In the next ten years we will add .08% because most of our young people will marry and move from the district. In the last decade we have added 23% by transfer. In the next decade we are likely to lose 7% by transfer because all building space in our district is filled. We will also lose over 30% by both sorts of death.

So, says our minister, we've just got to go out and get people for Jesus Christ. This was met by an intense silence. He must have mistaken our shocked stupor for apathy. So he let himself go. "According to Jesus," he said, "The Pharisees compassed land and sea to make one convert. I think that some of us would compass land and sea to avoid having to make one convert."

So we're not too happy about conferences.

Hoping you are the same.

TERTIUS.

# WOMEN'S WRITE



Edited by Gladys Mackenzie

## • GETTING TO KNOW YOU

### GLADYS BENT

Gladys M. Bent was born in Mataura, New Zealand, daughter of well known minister, the late Geo. D. Verco.

She came to Australia in 1935 where her early association was with both the Lane Cove and Mosman Churches as a Sunday School Teacher. Her love of music has found expression as an enthusiastic member of the Conference Choir.

Mother of five children, Mrs. Bent is at present in fellowship with the church in Caringbah, where she has been actively involved in C.W.F. work as Secretary and President, and currently leader of an Adult Christian Education Group,



Deaconess, and a Committee member of the Overseas Mission Board.

In the years of 1973-4 she served as State President of C.W.F. in N.S.W.

Participating for a period of five years as a member of the Cronulla Toastmistress Club International, Gladys held several positions on the Executive, including Treasurer and President.

A recent honour has been her election as President of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council. The installation service held at the Belmore Church of Christ, was attended by 175 women. Items by the C.W.F. Choir were appreciated, and Mrs. Bent's pertinent address challenged all.

### FROM THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT

C.W.F. Federal President — Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong — sends greetings and writes: "I want to enthuse you concerning the 1976-7 C.W.F. HANDBOOK. The New Book will be different, with emphasis on personal appeal, and usefulness to individual members, as well as collectively. At this stage we cannot state a definite price for it, except to say that it will not be less than 50 cents — we hope not more".

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### AT WORK AND WORSHIP

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Mrs. Joyce Long presided at the June meeting when the aims of International Women's Year—Equality, Development and Peace, were considered.

Devotional segment in word and music was led by Mrs. Dorothy Heard and Miss Julie Legget.

Mrs. Wenham, President of S.A. Committee of I.W.Y., a dedicated Christian woman, when introducing its aims, emphasised the desire of women to walk equal to men, not against, to be considered as people, judged on our abilities and our contribution to Society. She spoke of the beginnings of the Committee in S.A., made up of women, including three Aboriginal women, from

varied walks of life, interests and standards. They would like to be represented in the media as responsible women with dignity; but have difficulties as Newspaper and T.V. reporters tend to report controversies and more sensational aspects. There is a need for women to contribute to society in many areas and in setting standards, for if women really got together they could do wonders. We need to study, to be informed, to contribute in our own way. God entrusted the world to men AND women!

Coming I.W.Y. Events: "Women in the Community, Church, Local Government, Parliament"—July 30, 9.30 a.m., Henley Town Hall. "Coping with Aggression"—August 15, 8.00 p.m., State Library Theatre.

#### VICTORIA

Mrs. Loris Joyce presided at the first Council meeting of the new Conference Year on June 6. 150 delegates represented 55 groups.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Lois Smith, and the Intercessory Prayer was given by Mrs. Betty Dow.

All were enthralled as Miss Priscilla Ludbrook when interviewed, shared some insight into her family background, former occupations and world travel experiences.

Equally absorbing was the guest speaker, Dr. Margaret Blackwood, whose subject "The Genetics of being a Woman", explained the difference in each person, how each race is affected by its genetic pattern, and finally how "Woman" herself must be responsible for her own position and status in society.

Mrs. Dulcie Henshilwood, member of the Vic-Tas C.W.F. Hospital Committee, is to be conferred as an Honorary Life Governor to Hampton Hospital for services rendered.

The next Council meeting on July 4, will be in the Dawson Street, Ballarat, church. Matron Phyl Davis will be guest speaker.

This visit to Ballarat is particularly interesting because it is just ninety years ago that the wife of the Ballarat preacher, Mrs. C. L. Thurgood, wrote to the Australian Christian Watchman suggesting that the women of Churches of Christ in Victoria should come together in conference. What is believed to have been the first sisters' conference held in Australia took place at Buninyong in connection with the Ballarat and District Evangelistic Union (Churches of Christ).

#### CORRECTION

N.S.W. C.W.F. Treasurer is Mrs. Iris Webb, not Mrs. Elaine Alderman as reported. Mrs. Alderman is Pianiste.

PLANNED GIVING (Norlane, I. Adams) Planned Giving review in June with Trevor Giles in June brought slight increase in weekly giving . . . C.W.F. discovered new talent at pottery night . . . Special services were held with Joe Small on "Triumph through Testing" . . . Singing and Parable Charades were held at Les & Doris Baldwin's home.

• OVERSEAS MISSIONS

# SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL — SHRIGONDA

— P. G. BHALERAO

The summer Bible School was held at Shrigonda, April 7 to May 6. Letters were sent to all of our Churches following the Committee of Management approval of this project last November.

It was with some concern that I waited for the day to arrive as I had no idea how many would be attending. No intimation had been given. On the evening before commencement day 7 had arrived, three from Dhond, one from Shirsuphal, and the others from the Shrigonda area. On April 7, there were 7, the perfect number. Mr. Veal officially opened the Bible School with an appropriate message from the Word of God.

As the sessions continued numbers built up to 16. We had the assistance of 7 of our own Conference leaders, and one from outside. Some of the leaders who assisted with lectures were able to stay for 24 days while some stayed most of the time.

Subjects taught included studies from the Gospel of Mark, Epistle to the Romans and the Book of Revelation and Church history, particularly as it related to India. Doctrinal subjects included sin, repentance, salvation, baptism; preparation of simple messages; leading meetings; open air preaching, and person to person evangelism. Books provided by the Hawthorn Church, S.A., assisted tremendously in the preparation of many

of my notes.

We commenced and ended each day with devotions, and during the final week we gave the students the opportunity to conduct the morning devotions.

At night we went to the nearby settlements to share our faith in singing and speaking. The students also took a part in open air preaching at the weekly Monday bazaar at Shrigonda. During this period of one month we sold 181 Gospel portions and distributed hundreds of tracts, along with Correspondence Course cards. Mr. Tiwari, who marks the Marathi Correspondence lessons told me that they are now receiving cards from the Shrigonda area for the Way of Truth Bible Correspondence Courses.

The money which was received from the Overseas Mission Board was just adequate to cover all the expenses of the Bible School, (\$150).

The closing ceremony was conducted by H. M. Waghmode. He had assisted earlier with lectures for three days. Following this service of dedication all shared in a fellowship dinner. We plan to have Mr McLean hand the certificates to the lads when he is here in July. On the whole the programme was a great blessing, and I thank the Overseas Mission Board and the Brotherhood for their fervent prayers and financial support. To God be the glory.

## SKILLED PEOPLE SOUGHT FOR OVERSEAS

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## HARASSMENT

Of the 3,500 Catholic priests in Czechoslovakia, 500 have been banned by the government from engaging in any priestly functions, leaving about 1,600 parishes without priests. There is also harassment of religious teachers.

"Christianity Today".

# JAY'S FOR JUNIORS

## JAY'S JUMBLES (Persons & Places).

In 2 Samuel, chapter 23, we read that three friends of IDVAD went to THE HEB ELM and did something that required great daring and courage. Answer on page 18.

## ALWAYS A FIRST TIME!

In its long history, no British fleet ever surrendered — until a young upstart American named Oliver Hazard Perry fought the British to a standstill in the middle of a lake!

Almost as remarkable as the battle was the fact that the 27-year-old naval officer set up headquarters in the middle of a wilderness, built an entire American fleet, and launched it into Lake Erie.

Despite lack of support from his commanding officer and with urging from his officers to call off the battle because of the wind's direction, Perry launched an attack against the six-vessel British fleet already on the lake. The ship on which he sailed, riddled by British cannon, sank. He rowed to another ship to continue the battle. Two hours later he was able to send one of the most famous messages of American history: "We have met the enemy and they are ours." For the first time in history, a British fleet had surrendered.

Paul, in a restaurant: "Go see if the chef has pigs' feet."

Jim: "I can't tell. He has shoes on."



"I'm worried about Johnny's teacher. She says she hasn't had a moment's trouble with him!"

## MOTOR MECHANICS TRACTOR DRIVERS

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The Churches of Christ Field Council in Papua New Guinea has requested the Overseas Mission Board to seek the services on a voluntary basis, of a motor mechanic OR tractor driver to go to Papua New Guinea for approx. two months. The need is urgent as an airfield must be built at Samban in the Grass Country.

Voluntary workers pay own travel expenses, but board and accommodation, are provided.

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# GOSPEL MUSIC IN FESTIVAL HALL



Gospel music is rarely heard within the Festival Hall, Melbourne.

On June 19, however, Melbourne's "barn" was brought to life by an American soul/gospel band — Andrae Crouch and the Disciples.

Every song — *It Won't Be Long*, *I Surrender All* and *Take Me Back* — was a testimony of the Christian faith, and the group had a ready made, fan-filled audience to help them through the night.

But faith aside, they put on one of the tightest performances of the year.

The sound was excellent and the

combined harmonies of Andrae and Sandra Crouch, Bea Carr, Phillis St. James and Perry Morgan was undoubtedly the best heard on stage since Gladys Knight and the Pips sang here.

Much more use could have been made of Morgan's voice, for instance, and Sandra Crouch's agility with various percussion instruments could have been a highlight.

But as Andrae explained repeatedly, the Disciples were there to glorify Jesus, not their music.

—Helen Thomas — in "The AGE"

## BOOKS TO READ

### PORNOGRAPHY

By Ed Dearn (Renda Publications, Sydney) \$1.75

This small, cheap book is a book of facts about people, books, magazines, films concerned with and reactions to pornography. Pornography is big business and it is a filthy business, but it is sometimes aided and abetted by high-minded cultured folk who argue for freedom from outside controls, including censorship. But all laws for the good of man involve some kind of censorship and the State has a duty to protect public morality. Many have defended the sexually deviant or sexually exploitive books by arguing that violence is much more obscene and repulsive. Dearn points out that sex and violence are more and more found together, as in "The Clockwork Orange". The Statutes in various countries relating to obscenity are considered and some of the classic cases are outlined. The Hicklin case in England in 1868 defined obscenity. "The test of obscenity is whether the tendency of the matter charged is to deprave and corrupt those whose minds are open to such immoral influence and into whose hands a publication of this sort may fall . . ." This test was held generally by the courts until 1957, following the case *Roth v. the U.S.* The effect of this judgment was to move away from the test of obscenity being in the tendency to deprave and corrupt, but in a concept tied to community standards. This led to a subjective approach to the problem which made any restraint upon pornography difficult to impose. Dearn argues that we should seek to learn from the experiences of other nations and commends the New Zealand experiment with a tribunal system, set up in 1964 to control the dissemination of literature. It has clear statutory guidelines and also provides safeguards to enable appeals to be made to Courts of Law. The book is recommended as excellent resource material and would be admirable as a basis for local groups to consider this vexed question. Nobody, except those who profit by it, wants hard core pornography, but to ignore the inroads being made by perverted magazines, books, and films, is to make the exclusion of hard core pornography almost impossible.

### ON THE MOVE

(Joint Board of Christian Educ.) Single Issue \$1.50

The current issue of *On the Move* magazine (Issue 8) features many examples of building community in the local church. One example from New Zealand is of a program which responds to three problems in church life:

- even though people meet, they don't necessarily know each other;
- imaginative ideas are too often stifled or ignored;
- many decisions made at church meetings are unrealistic.

The regular section on worship resources provides words and music for four songs for contemporary worship, describes a Family Love Feast to celebrate a church anniversary, and includes an article by a 79-year-old worshipper about a festival weekend at Avenue Church, Blackburn. From Western Australia comes a description of a worship service for the opening of a new Church Centre beginning with a pilgrimage from the school in which the congregation had previously worshipped, and proceeding through the building of the Lord's Table with "family bricks", a banquet, a housewarming and praise.

Annual subscription of \$4 (4 issues p.a.). Order from the Joint Board of Christian Education, 147 Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000.

### Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"How come, you fellows know so much about sin!"

# LONG SERVICE HONOURED

(Sydney) A luncheon was held on June 5, tendered by members of the Property Trust, to recognise the long service of four men who made such distinguished contribution to the life of the churches.

The four men, shown in the photo from left to right are: S. C. Woolley, N. D. Morris, N. H. Matthews, and P. H. Morton.

They received a copy, in scroll form, of the resolution passed at the N.S.W. State Conference, 1975, expressing appreciation of their long and faithful service; together with a small memento from the Property Trust.

With the exception of N. H. Matthews, who was elected later, these men were original members of the Property Trust, when it was incorporated by an Act of Parliament in April, 1947.



**BUS MINISTRY** (Box Hill, K. R. Bond) As a result of the bus ministry, S.S. attendances greatly increased . . . Y.P.S.C.E. packed fruit for their hospital visitation . . . Explorers raising money to help First Explorer Club in P.N.G. . . . Mrs. L. Joyce, State Pres., gave devotions at C.W.A.F. Birthday when Senr. Citizens Choir gave items . . . G. Barnett, school chaplain, speaker at C.W.E.F. . . . Terrie Doctor showed slides after-church at the Mullen home. Helen Causton and family farewelled on leaving for Perth . . . Mrs. G. Mullen related her nursing experiences at Y.P.S.C.E. . . . Jan Mitchell injured at netball, Lionel Lobbe in car accident; Mesdames Turner and Street, Bob Sandells on sick list; Ernie Blake welcomed back after illness.

**LADIES ASSIST** (Chinchilla-Hopelands, A. Clarke) Our ladies helped on a "Fruit Drinks Stall" at Historical Society's 4th anniversary. This promoted the work of the W.C.T.U. . . . Members also helped on Bible Society's book stall at local Agricultural Show . . . Friends and relations of Denice and David Holt were saddened at the death of their little son, Paul . . . Hopeland and Chinchilla C.W.Fs. combined for their monthly meeting in Chinchilla . . . Hopeland and Chinchilla S.S. picnics were held recently . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis and family have gone to God's work at "Bribie Island Village" hostel for the aged.

NEXT ISSUE  
SOCIAL SERVICES

**RALLY** (Horsham, R. T. Roberts) Evangelistic rally on June 2 was addressed by Clem Clack, Melbourne business man, who showed slides of modern Israel . . . Mr. Roberts, has, at request of church, commenced Bible Studies at Haven . . . Mr. and Mrs. Meier of Quantong gave testimonies at gospel service. The church is recipient of legacy of \$200 from estate of the late Fred Lewis . . . Church saddened by death of Miss Grace Henderson.

**EASTERN SHORE DEVELOPMENT** (Hobart, Don Stewart) Following the Hobart Bridge disaster services have commenced on the Eastern Shore and up to 50 people gather at Geilston Bay High School for Sunday Service. The Board has given its approval for the purchase of an organ for this work. The help of Norm Carter, Supt. of Bethany Children's home, with preaching, has been appreciated . . . A young man was baptized recently at Collins St. Further discipleship classes are continuing . . . Malcolm Gray is leading a Lay Preachers' Training School to assist in the preaching needs of Dover, Geeveston, Eastern Shore and Collins Street . . . The church is preparing for A.B.C. Community Hymn Singing under the leadership of Jean Bartlett. The programme will be heard Australia wide on Aug. 31. Our minister will be giving ABC Readings from the Bible, July 21 to Aug. 1. . . The Board and other members will participate in the Church Growth seminar in Hobart.

● CAMPING IN VIC.

## CHANGES AT LAKE EPPALOCK



The Central and Northern District Conference of Churches of Christ, with an Executive Committee formed from the Bendigo Church, have accepted full managership of the Eppalock Camp for 1975 and 1976. The Committee is arranging Camp oversight, bookings and future planning.

They have financed and have now erected a dormitory block on the site, which accommodates 42 (see photo). The Camp has also a Septic system, hot water, assembly room and kitchen.

The Conference and Management are grateful for the voluntary labor of skilled builders from Ballarat Churches, who helped with the erection of the first building when the Camp was formed. Members from Melbourne churches also gave their time.

Many days of voluntary work around the grounds and buildings have been given by members of the above Conference, under the supervision of M. Keatch, President of C&NDC, and minister of Bendigo church.

Enquiries re bookings should be directed to Ron Lacy, 9 Tomlins Street, Bendigo, phone 43 1150, STD 054, or Dept. of Christian Education office Melbourne. A set of keys for the Camp site will be at both of the above addresses.

The Camp is in a Bushland setting on the shores of Lake Eppalock. C.Y.F. Youth Clubs, Church Family camps, or a one day outing can be enjoyed with boating, fishing, swimming and the many tourist attractions in Bendigo which is only 41 km from the camp.

**G.B. BADGES** (Ulverstone, Paul B. Burnham) A large number of badges were presented to the Girls' Brigade for individual achievements . . . Newly formed Boys' Brigade received 26 uniforms . . . Co-Ed Teens membership rose from 5 to 13 in six months . . . C.W.F. held evening for mothers and daughters with visitors from Deloraine . . . Oil heating installed in the manse . . . Adventure time in school holidays had average attendance of 100 . . . Mission '75 programme is being conducted in the High School by the Ministers Fraternal, Teen Crusaders and Scripture Union.

**VISIT FROM INVERMAY** (Caveside) Young folk from Invermay visited here led by Chris Peart. Chris preached at the morning service . . . The Boys' Brigade from Devonport spent the June holiday weekend here. Tours were guided by Maurice Harvey, such as Alum Cliffs, Western Tiers Mountain and the Wet Caves . . . Clem Burrill of Devonport and H. W. Street bring morning messages monthly . . . Mr. Street presided at a business meeting to revise church officers and responsibilities.

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## MAORIS TO VISIT

Following the very successful visit of the Maori Evangelical Team last year, they will again be guests of Mitcham Church of Christ from 12th to 20th July. The Maori Fellowship has 22 workers and 18 churches in New Zealand, all achieved in 16 years. Bill Williams is chairman and one of the original Maori Christians in the Fellowship. Bill and Pastor Ted Raharaha will be doing the preaching on the tour. The actual visiting team are a group of 8 Maoris who share their personal faith

through word and song. Their week in Melbourne is a full one as they share with other denominations, our neighbouring churches and local schools. They are also appearing on T.V. and at the Scots Church Lunchtime sessions. Two weeks of the tour will be spent with churches in Geelong and Mildura.

The final rally will be at Mitcham High School Assembly Hall (opp. church), Springfield Rd. on Sunday July 20 at 7 p.m. See Advertisement on Page 17)

**EFFORT FOR OTHERS** (Hartwell, M. J. Savage) For relief of famine in North Africa. 125 members and friends shared in 6th annual "one per cent" Dinner on June 28. This year was a "two per cent" result, and the amount raised was \$298 . . . On the first Sunday in June members from Harcourt paid a return visit to Hartwell for shared worship and an afternoon drive around the city. Fine meals were provided by the ladies . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bond recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

### HOBART SINGS

The Church of Christ, Collins St., Hobart, Tas., will be featured in the ABC radio programme "Community Hymn Singing" on Aug. 31, at 6.30 p.m.

### RELIGIOUS BOOKS

Religious book sales are still booming, and many publishers are calling 1974 their record year. Cokesbury marketing manager Gerald Battle says his twenty-eight United Methodist-sponsored stores "are selling more religious books of every kind than at any time in our history" (Cokesbury was founded in 1789). The 1,850 stores affiliated with the evangelical Christian Booksellers Association report 1974 sales were up an average of 14.2 per cent. Sales in CBA stores totalled more than \$170 million last year, estimates CBA head John Bass. The average CBA store grossed \$47,000 in 1967; the average in 1974 was \$93,000.

—"Christianity Today"

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5.00 P.M. Buffet Tea.

6.30 P.M. Evening Meeting. Speaker G. J. Chapman M.A. (Senior Lecturer, Woolwich Bible College). Community Singing & Items.

Presiding. G. K. Scambler (Conference President).

Note: Saturday Evening Session will close at 8.15 p.m. to allow day visitors good travelling time, to return for Sunday if necessary.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

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## • ABORIGINES MISSIONS

# AS I SEE IT

Report from LANCE FISHER

Senator Cavanagh, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, spoke to the National Missions Conference in Adelaide recently and said:

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

"For many years the churches have been expected to take and have taken a leading role in relation to the aboriginals of Australia. In the latter period of the 19th Century when Governments were largely inactive in the field of aboriginal affairs, Missions took the initiative in an effort to provide a kind of buffer between the aboriginals and the encroaching settlers. Settlement of the north and interior was not peaceful and it seemed the aboriginals were doomed to fall by the wayside, and indeed, it was considered that any people who did not exploit the soil deserved to lose the land they had roamed apparently so aimlessly.

"As far as possible Missions aimed to provide protection by separation, and the isolated settlements were at the same time to provide work and food for the aboriginals and avoid further bloodshed on both sides. The aboriginal population was fast decreasing and it was not surprising that the white population generally believed in an early demise for the aboriginal race.

"All the major denominations, and many less well known, were involved in missionary work by the early nineteen hundreds. Some failed entirely and disbanded; some struggled on and not only succeeded in halting the decrease in population but also sought to achieve the old aim of 'civilising and Christianising'.

"C. D. Rowley, in his book 'The Destruction of Aboriginal Society' says 'The Missions must certainly be attributed with the survival of the aboriginal population'. Assisted meagrely or not at all by Governments, they worked hard and often thanklessly during years when aboriginals were given little attention. But during those years many missionaries gained a new understanding of the problems facing aboriginals and began to work out some solutions.

### ENCOURAGEMENT

"In the early days of the Labor Government it perhaps seemed to many missionaries that their days in the field were numbered and that it would not be long before the aboriginal communities at the instigation of the Government would politely or otherwise ask them to leave. Missionaries understandably regarded this prospect with some concern; they recognised the importance of direct and increasing contact between the Australian Government and the aboriginal communities, but felt that their own very great experience and good relationships

with the aboriginals were being discounted. Some Missions were already re-examining their position. Just as the Government itself is seeking to do in respect of Government-administered communities. Some perhaps as a result of lack of adequate communication from the Government as to its views and policies are still uncertain where they stand and I hope this Conference will help to clarify the situation.

"I sympathise with Missions who consider they still have a secular role to perform in aboriginal communities and I think it would be most unfortunate if they felt compelled or pressured into precipitate action. They have a longstanding relationship of mutual trust with aboriginal communities and their withdrawal would leave a vacuum which the Government would be hard put to fill in terms of physical resources, let alone in terms of human relationships.

### CHALLENGE

"Having said this I must make it clear that the Government can only support Mission-conducted programmes which coincide with its own views as to the future of the aboriginal communities. It has often been said that the Government's policy in relation to aboriginal affairs is one of self-determination; while this is a convenient catch-phrase, I think that people working in the field of aboriginal affairs need a clearer statement as to what it means in practice. The Government accepts the view that programmes and policies in aboriginal affairs will be less effective if they are not supported by aboriginal people. It is our desire therefore, to give the aboriginal people as much voice participation as possible in what is done for or by them.

"The community which knows what it wants to do and knows that it can obtain the resources to do it more readily now than ever before might however need assistance to understand perimeters which it might work within to reach that goal and may well lack the essential tools for doing so. I use the term 'tools' broadly to include funds and equipment but, most importantly, people. The Government can relatively easily provide funds and equipment. It can also provide people but not always the right ones in the right places at the right time. Without the right people no amount of money and equipment will be of use. The people I am thinking of are not only technicians, tradesmen, professional educators, health workers and administrators who can build and operate the facilities which the aboriginals want and who are willing and able to impart these necessary skills to the aboriginal community. They are also

people who may not have any specific qualification except a capacity to communicate with and to help the community, see the options available to it and to help the community development workers. A community development worker is one who can outline to the community its options, help out in its choice between these and assist it to link up with the necessary experts who can give specific help to it in achieving its chosen goals. Many people now working in the Mission field meet these requirements and it would be a great waste of resources to suggest that they are redundant in aboriginal affairs today.

"The Government looks to Missions as a continuing source of assistance to the aboriginal communities so long as those communities want them to remain. I suggest that the communities will show this only as long as the Missions show themselves willing to recognise the developing aspirations of the communities and accept those aspirations for what they are. The Government is making it possible for aboriginal communities to do more things for themselves than they have done in the past. While the communities seek the assistance of people they know and trust rather than seek to carry out their own management; the Government will assist Missions financially and undertake this assistance on behalf of the communities. We will retain the responsibility and the right, however, to consult with and advise aboriginal communities in their relations with non-aboriginals, including Missions, and I trust this relation with Missions will continue to develop into a firm working partnership for the maximum advantage of the aboriginal people.

"I believe this Conference will be a major step in the development of the mutual understanding so necessary in the maintenance of such a partnership in the interest of the well-being of many thousands of aboriginal Australians".

Are Christians ready to take up this challenge?

How will Christians with qualifications be informed of Government appointed positions in Aboriginal Communities?

It is believed that the church through Mission Departments should be forming policy with Aboriginal Affairs, in order to implement the suggestions outlined in this report.

This could be a great opportunity of witness and service to Aboriginal Communities.

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## DALBY CELEBRATES ITS 25TH!



The church at Dalby, Qld. celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in June. The church began in May 1950 with a tent mission on a vacant allotment which is now Thomas Jack Park. The evangelist was Dr. Lloyd Jones and the mission was under the auspices of the Queensland H.M. Committee. The churches at Toowoomba, Hopelands and Chinchilla gave support. There were a few converts and the mission did bring together Church of Christ families in the district. Services began in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norm. Graham, then the C.W.A. rooms and, later, the Show Pavilion.

The first church building was transported by truck in pieces by George Pedler, his late brother, and others, from Tannymorel near Warwick, to its present site in Myall Street. This is now the Dalby Players Hall and was purchased by them when the new building was erected in 1962 on a block of land extending along Moreton St., from Nicholson St., to Geisel St.

The late Dr. Ross Green was instrumental in purchasing this site and was an elder of the church till his death in 1969. A manse, facing Geisel St., was built in 1967, and the church now plans to build the church proper, the present building being the hall in the original architect plans.

A. B. Clark, now in Victoria, was our first minister. Barry Thygesen commenced a ministry in March this year. The membership has built up to ninety with fluctuations over the years. From the church Neva Miller (now Jones) attended B.C.S.A., and Nella Reid is at Q.B.I.

The anniversary services featured a Youth Rally on June 6, speaker was

Nolan Head, young American youth minister at Toowoomba. Items came from Dalby church's youth groups and from Toowoomba. A resume of youth work over twenty five years was read by Bill Erskine, present youth leader.

On Saturday night greetings came from past ministers and members and the past twenty-five years were reviewed by Don Pedler. Rob. Holt, immediate past minister, led the song service. Items were presented by the Hopelands group "Direction". Guest speaker was Eric Hart, Fed. Conference President and director of Social Service in Qld. He was one of those who began the work in Dalby.

Des Stowe, a past student minister of Dalby church, came with his wife and family from Carnegie, Vic., to preside at

the Communion Table. Foundation members, George Pedler and Rob Miller, read the scriptures and served at the Table, and Col Deacon, an elder, offered the church prayers. Mr. Hart again spoke.

At the Fellowship Lunch, George Pedler played a tape on the early beginnings of the church. Mrs. G. Pedler with Mrs. R. Miller (foundation members) cut the anniversary cake. This cake, made by Mrs. E. Rogers, and iced by Mrs. Desley Miller featured a cross, models of the old and present buildings, 25 years, and grape vines with grapes. It represented the text "I am the vine, you are the branches".

The day concluded with an hour of gospel singing from the talented singers and instrumentalists, the "Joytones" from Toowoomba.

## OBITUARY

COUSIN Irene ("Kit")

Kneeling by her bed at the end of a busy and very happy day Irene Cousin suddenly passed to be with her Lord. "Kit" as she was affectionately known was born at Doncaster, Vic., and her family ties are as old as the church and the community. She was baptised in 1922 by W. L. Jones and her life like that of her family before her was deeply involved in the Church. In 1934 she married Keith Cousin, whom she had known all her life. To them were born Ian and Loris and these children plus six grandchildren were the delight of Kit's heart. She was active in the church as a S.S Teacher and later as treasurer of

the Women's Fellowship, a position she held for very many years. Keith, her husband was for many years the Secretary of the Church. Deeply involved in community life and among the first members of Doncaster Bowling Club, she made an impact upon a wide circle of friends. When she attended the Haughton Girls School at Box Hill she was voted "most popular girl in the school". The church at Doncaster was filled to capacity (and more) for the funeral service and the notes of "Praise my soul the King of Heaven" express perfectly the spirit of that service and the bearing of her loved ones. We thank God for people like Kit Cousin who enrich the lives of many and spread radiance wherever they go. In commending her loved ones to God we share with them her victory.

-K.D.H.

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# THE TASMANIAN SCENE



## BICHENO DEVELOPMENT

The Australian Government has made available \$34,000 under the R.E.D. (Regional Employment Development) scheme for the development of the Bicheno Christian centre. This means employment for 18 unemployed people in that area. The project is providing drainage, tennis and netball courts, and a large playing area. Landscaping will also be done and Australian native shrubs and trees will be planted to help develop the natural bird life. Cec Neville, the Vic.-Tas. D.C.E. representative is keeping a close eye on the project.

## NEW MINISTRY DEVONPORT

Geoff Risson was welcomed to the ministry of the Devonport church at a special tea at Devonport on June 14.

Visitors came from as far away as Hobart for the occasion. The Tasmanian Conference President, Clem Burt, himself a member of the Devonport Church, welcomed Geoff, Margaret and their children, Joel and Nathan, on behalf of the Tasmanian Conference. Representatives from other churches also spoke.

## CHURCH GROWTH SEMINARS

Dr. Win Arn will be conducting Church Growth Seminars in Tasmania. A full seminar will be held at Hobart on July 22 and 23 at which about 80 people are expected to be present. A mini-seminar will be held at Launceston on July 24 and about 70 people have registered for this. In both centres the seminars will have an ecumenical emphasis with participants coming from many churches in both areas.

## QUARTERLY MEETINGS AT ROSS

The last Quarterly meeting was held at the historic town of Ross in the midlands. Several people shared their experiences and impressions of the recent Vic.-Tas. Conference after the morning business

session. It was a good day of fellowship. Special guest at the next Quarterly meeting on August 23 at Ross will be Fred Combridge from the Vic.-Tas. Social Service Department.

## BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME

Bethany Children's Home have pointed out in their latest newsletter that their income has slowed down to danger point for the work and they are seeking for churches and others to assist with the financial needs of the home.

## HOBART CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Hobart Church have begun a development on the Eastern Shore following the Bridge Disaster earlier this year. About 50 people meet at the Geilston Bay High School at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

## 8th NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION

Preparation is under way for the 8th National Youth Convention which will be held at Hobart in July 1977.

—Don E. Stewart

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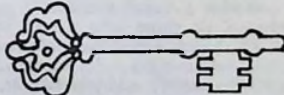
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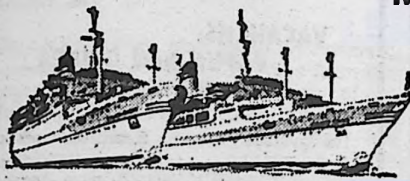
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**A.C.T.S.** (Greenacre) A Christian Training School will complete its first term at the end of June . . . Greenacre does not have a full-time ministry. The work is divided in a joint part-time ministry with David Surtees, Evangelist; Bruce Armstrong, Pastor and Youth Director; Denis Nutt, A Teaching Ministry. All men studied at Woolwich and are specialising in their own particular gift of the Spirit.

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**GROUP LIFE** (The Patch, A. V. Page). 10 a.m. "Group Life" Sessions have commenced with good attendances. A "Fellowship Hour", for caring and sharing, is held in homes each fortnight . . . Average of 23 attended Y.P. club. A number help in Community Aid and are taking First Aid classes . . . C.W.F. have allocated donations to Recovery, Bethany Boys' Home, C.O.B. and Wycliffe Bible Translators . . . Mrs. N. Handasyde is assisting as organist and Mrs. B. Rowe is giving R.I. at Monbulk Primary School . . . Bruce and Glenys Waters (Wycliffe Bible Translators) recently shared in morning service.

**FOR EPPALOCK** (Bendigo, M. D. Keatch) A casserole tea was held to raise money for Eppalock camp and also provide surprise birthday party for Mr. Keach. \$50 was raised for the camp . . . Working bees have produced big improvements to new dormitories and surroundings at Eppalock campsite . . . Young people have conducted services at Swan Hill and Kyneton . . . C.W.E.F. held 4th Birthday social evening.



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**MINISTER ANNOUNCED** (Applecross) Kevin Denton, now of C.O.B., Glen Iris, will commence a ministry in Jan. 1976. Kelvin Parry is acting as interim minister. Recent speakers have been Keith Ware, Alan Lounsbrough, and Roger Ryall . . . Three committees: worship & proclamation, Christian education, and pastoral care, are overseeing church activities . . . Newly formed men's quartette has sung at several churches . . . Patricia Saat left for Launceston to continue nursing training.

**TWO COMMUNION SERVICES** (South Perth, D. G. Nelson). The church has endorsed continuance of two Sunday morning services identical in pattern at 9.30 and 11 a.m. Attendances have improved with easing of pressure on seating and parking . . . A new "Allen" Digital Computer Organ on the platform replaces the pipe organ in the gallery which has served for 14 years. This will increase the seating upstairs by about 20 . . . The C.W.F. concert on June 27 was arranged by Ron Raymond. It included demonstration of the new organ plus items by the South Perth Youth Gospel Singers with orchestra. Soloists were Maureen Farr, Kaye Wilson, and Barry Goddard, whilst Susan Whitham rendered flute solos. Kaye Wilson compered the programme . . . Mrs. Craig (94) died on June 20.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER** (East Bentleigh, J. D. Morrow) At Progressive Dinner Service on June 29, 46 moved into three homes for different courses. There was singing and a Bible Quiz in the first two homes, and a film was shown in the last home . . . College of the Bible expressed appreciation for three boxes of groceries from C.W.F. . . . All office bearers re-elected at Annual Meeting . . . 10 members enrolled for College of the Bible Winter School.



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**TO CARNARVON** (Ipswich, Barry Rice) Don and Margaret Yarrow have been accepted for missionary service at Carnarvon. This is the third couple from Ipswich for Carnarvon in the last two months . . . To introduce "Funeral Assistance Plan" special meetings on how to face death and bereavement were held. Speakers were Minister for Health, Dr. Lew Edwards; Bill Wright, Funeral Director; Mr. Fallu, Solicitor; and Eric Hart, Qld. Social Service Director . . . C.Y.F. held camp at Currumbin with Phil Jauncey leading studies. They also conducted devotions at C.W.A. hostel for ladies . . . East Ipswich C.W.F. held birthday luncheon with Rev. Norma Spear as speaker; and Bundamba C.W.F. birthday luncheon had Alan Male for speaker . . . Teen Fellowship has been commenced at Bundamba in place of S.S. . . . S.S. picnic held at Mervyn Gehrke's farm at Amberley.

**TO MINISTER** (Maryborough-Baddow-Hervey Bay) Ross and Shirley Burton have accepted pastorate at Hervey Bay, commencing February, 1976. Hervey Bay has a permanent population of 8000, but attracts a holiday population of about 40,000 . . . During June there were 2 baptisms and 5 new members enrolled at Maryborough.

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

COME TOGETHER (Forestville, M. Munyard) The church was packed on May 25 to hear the Endeavourers Choir present "Come Together". 80 had tea together before the service . . . A presentation was made to Mrs. Frank Samels upon her retirement after 40 years service as Treasurer to Dorcas . . . Group Discussions are held once a month at evening service . . . Mrs. Stella Francis is home after helping at Carnarvon Mission for 3 months . . . On June 22, Stephen Thomas, minister at Cowandilla, swapped pulpits with Mr. Munyard.

NEW LIFE MISSION (Prospect, R. H. Sercombe) Dr. Geo. Fallon, from Texas will conduct New Life Mission from July 20-25 . . . Half the Thanksgiving offering will go to the Duindui Hospital, where Don and Carolyn Hemer are serving, and the other half will go to help the C.W.F. flooring project in church supper room . . . Mr Sercombe exchanged pulpits with Methodist minister, Rev. Gordon Young . . . At Girls' Netball Parade Nam Soo Woo, a young man from South Korea, studying at Adelaide Bible College, told what Christ meant to him, sang and showed slides of the word in his country . . . In Austcare door knock \$550 raised in church area.



## VICTORIA

WEEKEND CAMP (Maryborough, S. Warwick) Thirty Good Companions and Boys' Explorers spent a weekend in camp at home of Mr. and Mrs. Seales . . . Gospel Service is held at 5 p.m. during winter months . . . Stan Nicholls has returned home after surgery in Melbourne. Ike Living still in hospital, but improving . . . Mrs. Bev Holland and Miss Jean Bartlett of Hobart have contributed to services with song. Miss Bartlett is a member of Hobart Theatre Light Open Co. . . Discussion period is incorporated in evening service.

SPECIAL SERIES (Berwick, Barry McMurtrie) Special series on the "Return of Jesus Christ" was held in June. There were four decisions. Guest speakers included Colin Bunnnett from Prahran. On final night the film "The Rapture" was shown . . . The Youth Club is putting together a Church Directory . . . The Youth Club is arranging for a busload to go and see "The Great Waldo Pepper".

CAMPS (Wattle Park, Jeff May) C.Y.F. held a weekend camp at Belgrave Heights . . . Family Camp planned for end of June at the Monbulk Fellowship Centre . . . Church has purchased a new organ.



# VICTORIA

**BALLET** (Cheltenham, G. K. Moyes). Whilst G. K. Moyes conducted weekend services in Mildura, accompanied by the Lowanna Singers, speakers were Ian Allsopp, Director, F.B.C.E. and Ian Corlett, Ascot Vale church . . . Sue Kemetko and the Characana ballet performed Ted Smith's (of the Billy Graham team) "Running Man" . . . Lynne Fielder has started work with the Social Services Dept. . . . Karen Henderson won a joy flight over Moorabbin for raising funds for the N.G. mission work party . . . Y.A.F. spent Queen's Birthday holiday barbecuing at Kryal Castle, Ballarat.

**LOSS** (Sth. Melb.-Middle Pk. R. Ferguson, P. Stevens) Church saddened by loss of Mr. Rendell in his 84th year . . . During school holidays, Mr. Ferguson was camp leader at Belgrave Heights. Four girls attended . . . Mrs. Webster - Coach, Net Ball Club, and members of Net Ball Association held a buffet tea in the Manse, followed by Church Parade and film . . . Members helped "Project Sower", a pamphlet drop which visited 3000 homes in the area . . . Mrs. Dickenson is recovering after severe illness . . . Dr. W. Moore, from America, was recent speaker at Middle Park.

**ANNIVERSARY** (Bambra Rd. Caulfield, K. Christensen). 55th Church Anniversary held June 22. Choir presented special music. Singers and instrumentalists performed at fellowship tea . . . Visiting speakers have been T. Hands, Borneo Mission and Don Oakes of Chelsea . . . Mr. Christensen has accepted invitation to minister to church on part-time basis for

2 years . . . Miss E. Arnott spoke on her travels at A.W.F. . . . Laurie Dyer, Children's Missioner, visited A.W.F. June 26 . . . Ladies attended Bible Society meeting at Presbyterian Church; also W.C.T.U. at Ormond Methodist . . . Mrs. Neeson is in hospital. Prayer Committee visited E.W.F. and took meeting . . . Ethiopian Appeal raised \$150.

**WORLD CONVENTION** (Warragul, R. Pritchard) at the manse on June 28, Eddie and Jean Mott showed slides of the World Convention, 1974. On 29th Mr. Pritchard interviewed Mr. Mott on his wide experience on a fruit block, applying the Parable of the Vine . . . Churches united on 29th for film "Not Enough" screened for "World Christian Action." . . . Rita Phillips, and Phyllis and Jack Austin to participate in 40-hour famine . . . C.W.A.F. stall raised \$104 . . . P. Bell recovered from illness and surgery . . . Mr. and Mrs. T. Vertigan are in England, Mr. and Mrs. N. Harris are in Cairns, and Mrs. T. Harlow is in Alice Springs.

**COLLEGE WIVES** (Essendon North, R. Allison) C.W.E.F. service was led by wives of C.O.B. students with Mrs. Cheryl Johnson as speaker . . . The Glenaires gave musical items at evening service . . . Alpha youth group held camp at Wangaratta, Queen's Birthday Weekend, led by Russell and Dorothy Allison . . . G. R. Stirling, C.O.B. Vice-Principal, was a recent speaker. . . . C.W.E.F. crowded the rooms of the manse for group discussions . . . Miss P. Wells is recuperating after illness.

**FEATURES** (Blackburn, E. C. Keating) Intermediate section of S.S. featured in morning service . . . Project '75 fellowship dinners support church and overseas aid . . . "Ichthus" musical group shared in evening service. Noel Mitaxa interviewed one of group concerning faith . . . C.M.F. discussed plans with Dave

Watt . . . Y.A.F. billeted and entertained a group from Canely Heights, N.S.W., who took part in evening service. Ken Smith, one of Melbourne's leading trumpeters also featured . . . A Bess Lowan Memorial Library is planned . . . Michelle and Lyn Maria Johnson won the Piano Duet Section of Dandenong Eisteddford.

**GIRLS' SEMINAR** (Preston, E. Preston, J. Manallack) Team from Catholic Church, Salvation Army and our church conducted seminar for 190 girls at Preston Girls' School . . . Combined service witnessed baptism of Anthony Hillier . . . Preston Door-knock for Austcare raised \$64 . . . Mr. Blackaby attended Explorer Leadership course in orienteering in You Yangs forest . . . 12 Good Companions and mothers attended Zone Worship at Thornbury. Laurel Johnson gave Bible reading. Three girls were initiated and presented with badges at Junior Good Companions . . . \$381 made at Preston Trash & Treasure Night.

**BACK TO SWAN HILL** In March, 1974, Jack Leach, a member of the Swan Hill, Vic. church, was stricken with the encephalitis scourge that was troubling the Murray Valley.

He was taken to Fairfield Hospital, Melb., to begin the long treatment and slow path to recovery. He was supported by many visitors and the prayers of many.

The Northcote Church of Christ gave valued assistance and Mrs Margaret Leach was able to stay with Mrs. Pearl Scott of that church, to be near her husband. Jack Leach gave a strong witness and was highly respected by the staff and fellow patients.

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### ON COMING INTO CHURCH

Love is the doctrine of this church,  
The quest of truth is its sacrament,  
And service is its prayer.  
To dwell together in peace,  
To seek knowledge in freedom,  
To serve mankind in fellowship,  
To the end that all souls shall grow into  
harmony with the Divine;  
Thus do we covenant with each other  
and with God.



### ADDICTS

\* Some men, like Judas,  
Cast out devils for a time  
And then become one.

Wm. Walter DeBolt  
In "Christian Century"



The salesman was proposing. Said he:  
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