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Anglican Church — "NO" to Indonesian Christians

Legacy of the Red Book Case

An Indonesian Christian fellowship has been refused permission to worship in an Anglican Church in Sydney. The reason given is the High Court ruling in the Red Book Case which, it is said, forbids groups other than Anglican Church congregations from using the church building. The Anglican Information Officer, Miss Charlotte Rivers, told the Church Record, "A church is Church Property Trust and the principles established in the Red Book Case appear to be binding on the Diocesan Bishop who, therefore, does not have discretion to license the church or allow its use in any way which may be regarded as a breach of trust.

"There is no reason why a church hall cannot be used for the purpose which the Indonesian Christian fellowship has in mind, namely, a worship service, but the church itself cannot be made available," she concluded.

Wrong Theology

"Something has to be done about the situation," said Mr. Gerald Christmas, the Registrar of the Diocese of Sydney. "On the one hand, we must ensure that the churches are not handed over to way-out groups. On the other hand, some flexibility should be allowed. It is a matter of balancing these two issues. The present restraints are legally quite severe, and are based on proven theology. On the other hand, there is some magic aura attached to church buildings. The legal structures need to catch up to our theology.

We have had a few similar requests over the last two years, particularly in inner-city parishes. We have had to decline them for the same reasons," said Mr. Christmas.

The matter will be raised with Standing Committee in the New Year, and then certain ways will be investigated to resolve the present situation in certain permitted cases. It will take most of next year," Mr. Christmas told the Church Record.

First biblical book in Kriol

The Bible Society in Australia has published the first ever complete book of the Bible in the Kriol language spoken in the northern part of Australia. An initial print run of 100 copies of the book of Ruth will be distributed through the major Kriol centres at Bampton and Bamtsi in the Northern Territory, and at many other places.

The first draft of Ruth in Kriol was made by a team at a Bible Society Translation Workshop, held at Bampton in 1979. The team consisted of Joy Sandefur from the Summer Institute of Linguistics and a small group of Aboriginal women.

According to the Summer Institute of Linguistics there are an estimated 15,000 Western Australian Kriol speakers. An initial print run of 500 copies of the book will be distributed through many other places.

Scripture Union leader released from re-education camp in Vietnam

The Scripture Union Regional Office has just received the news that the former Secretary of the U.L. Committee in Vietnam — Daniel Thuan — has been released from re-education camp.

First word came from Ho Chi Minh City to Mrs. Margaret Hollensen.

"Dear Margaret,

I came home a couple of weeks ago and was glad to receive your letter to my sister. Thank you for your concern and help. I will write to you through my brother.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Thuan.

Daniel worked closely with Scripture Union's full time staff worker, Pham Thi Son until the fall of Saigon in 1974. He was educated in Melbourne as an engineer and learned about S.U.'s work during his student days.

Pacific Area Secretary, David Claydon comments, "Daniel has been in re-education camp since 1974 and we never expected him to survive it. Many people have been praying for Daniel and we praise God for his survival and unexpected release. We thank Margaret Hollensen for her faithfulness in keeping S.U.'s friends abreast with any contacts she could make and thus keeping us praying. Margaret sought the help of Amnesty International and others to get Daniel released.

Meanwhile, staffer Pham Thi Son was sent to work on a farm in 1974 but a year later was allowed back into Ho Chi Minh City. She and many others now live in their church buildings. "This is to prove to the authorities," says David Claydon, "that the church is being fully utilised. She is not at all well, but has refused offers to get her to Singapore for medical care."

Please pray for her and also for Daniel as he considers the possibility of leaving Vietnam.
What has the Gospel to do with professional life?

About 280 delegates attended Australia's first full conference for Christians in the world of work. The conference, "The church in the context of work," focused on the relation of the laity to their work and to the churches. The conference was held at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, from 24th March, 1982. The conference was sponsored by the Australian Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches in Australia, and the Australian Council of Christian Education.

Dear Sir,

In his book, "The Righteous Man," the Rev. Dr. John Pollock has written:

"The righteousness of the man is evidence that he has been called, and that he is a child of God." (John 1:12)

This is the basis of our faith in Christ our Lord, as He has given us the Holy Spirit to witness to our souls (Rom. 8:16).

The purpose of the conference was to help us understand more clearly how the Christian faith can be lived out in the workplace. It was hoped that the conference would provide a platform for sharing experiences and ideas, and for discussing ways in which the church can support its members in their work.

The conference included plenary sessions, workshops, and discussions on a variety of topics, including: the relationship between the church and the workplace; the role of the church in supporting its members; and the implications of the Gospel for professional life.

The conference was attended by a diverse group of delegates, including workers from a variety of professions, as well as clergy and lay leaders from the churches.

The conference concluded with a plenary session in which the delegates shared their reflections and conclusions. The plenary session was chaired by the Rev. Dr. John Pollock.

The conference was a valuable opportunity for Christians in the workplace to come together to share their experiences and ideas, and to discuss ways in which the church can support its members in their work.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Dr. John Pollock
Bearing one another's burdens - One to one

Lesley Hicks

Late last year, a small family arrived on the doorstep of the Register. A fully house-bound elderly lady was there with her daughter and son. They had nowhere else to go. The Register stepped in to provide a temporary solution and the lady was able to receive the help she needed.

The joys and snares of marriage

The joys and snares of marriage are manifold. It's not all lollipops and lace. There are trials, too. But that's what makes it all worthwhile in the end. The joy of being together, the sharing of life's ups and downs, the laughter and tears - all make it worth it.

What of the legalisation of Christian unions?
The question is, how appropriate is it, taking account of what is happening around us. Everyone is in the game of legislating - Marxists, humanists, who cares who? Who should be left out? We can make a contribution to social issues in every country. We have a responsibility to the State and to our fellow men and women to benefit from it. We have a responsibility to the State and to our fellow men and women to benefit from it. We have a responsibility to the State and to our fellow men and women to benefit from it. We have a responsibility to the State and to our fellow men and women to benefit from it. We have a responsibility to the State and to our fellow men and women to benefit from it. We have a responsibility to the State and to our fellow men and women to benefit from it. We have a responsibility to the State and to our fellow men and women to benefit from it. We have a responsibility to the State and to our fellow men and women to benefit from it. 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TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP

Joan Augusta Mackenzie Travelling Scholarship

Applications are invited for a Travelling Scholarship of up to two years tenure as from the 1st July, 1982 and of a value of $7,000.00.

Conditions imposed by the Will of the late Joan Augusta Mackenzie require applicants to be:

1. A Capuchin of the Church of England in private Orders who has served at least two years after his ordination as a Deacon.

2. Not over the age of 35 years as at 31st December, 1981.

3. Have been educated in Australia and proposes to return to Australia after the schollship is completed.

Any award made by the Trustees will be subject to consultation with the Principal of Moore College and the Rector of St. Thomas's Church, North Sydney.

The Scholarship is to be used by the recipient for study and or game/exploring the area of the great achievements of the twentieth century.

Applications close on Monday, 1st March, 1982.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from:


Contact: Marie Gero.

Telephone: 252 4450 Ext. 257

POSITION VACANT

Executive Secretary of C.A.R.E. work in N.S.W.

(Committee for Alcohol Reform and Education)

Applications are invited for the position of Executive Secretary of C.A.R.E. work in N.S.W. with responsibility for managing, developing and refining existing projects as well as being a command centre aerial and as an active member of the Christian Church.

No age limit, but preference will be given to a younger person. Salary package by agreement.

The President, C.R.E., PO Box 59, Five Dock 2046

ELECTRICIAN

THE ANDREW COUNCIL, on Aboriginal Community Councils in the Gulf of Carpentaria requires the services of a qualified electrician. The applicant will be required to undertake the following:

1. Install aircraft and electrical equipment and associated electrical equipment.
2. Install and maintain aircraft electrical equipment.
3. Perform all work required to meet the requirements of the Civil Aviation Authority.

A grade A electrical licence must be the applicant and the applicant must be able to obtain the necessary permits and licences required by the Civil Aviation Authority.

Salary to 517.000 per annum plus District Allowance of 51.500 for a single applicant on 52.440 per annum plus District Allowance.

Salary is paid monthly by bank transfer.

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The International Bible Encyclopedia, Vol. 1, 1979

General Editor: G. H. Williams

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia aims to present the Bible in a modern and comprehensive form. It is intended primarily for reference work and study. The entries are arranged in alphabetical order, and each entry is divided into sub-entries, each with a number of levels. There are also cross-references, which indicate the relationship between different parts of the Bible. The encyclopedia is intended to provide a comprehensive and accurate source of information about the Bible, and it is intended to be used by a wide range of readers, from scholars to laypeople.

The encyclopedia covers a wide range of topics, including the history of the Bible, its liturgy, and its translation. It also includes articles on the people and places of the Bible, as well as on its literary and theological aspects. The entries are written by a team of scholars, and they are designed to be as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

There are several different editions of the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, and they are available in hardcover and paperback formats. The most recent edition is dated 1979, and it contains over 2000 pages. The encyclopedia is widely used in academic and religious settings, and it is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to learn more about the Bible and its significance.

The encyclopedia is an important tool for anyone who wants to understand the Bible, and it is an essential resource for scholars, theologians, and other students of the Bible. It is a comprehensive and reliable source of information, and it is an invaluable resource for anyone who wants to learn more about the Bible and its place in history and culture.

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A full-equipped ambulance has been given to the people of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., by the English-speaking people of South America. Mr. Peter Bitterman, who was killed earlier this year while serving with the Summer Institute of Linguistics (S.I.L.), left a Seymour, 25-year-old Englishman, who captured, in January, 1981, for the Colombian Ministry of Health, seven weeks later than Mr. Bitterman. The ambulance was turned over to the Minister of Health, who wrote a thank-you letter to the University of Toronto and a number of people involved.

The Purity is a kind of Greece non-denominational Church and the head of the country's cultural revolution, and Chinese Communists were able to get a Bible and to be able to come to something more important. Dr. Runcie, who is a friend of Bishop Ding, would be able to come to something more important. Dr. Runcie did not pass on a public service during his day, due to pressure of time, as he was not able to give a public service on that occasion.