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Hammers to Stay

A few weeks ago all known plans indicated the return of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hammer to The United States immediately after the Passover this year.

The tentative plans called for Mr. Hammer to be used in pastoring two of the mid-west United States churches and perhaps later establishing two new churches in Alabama, U.S.A. On his departure, his pastorate in Melbourne was tentatively planned to be filled by Mr. Carl McNair who with his wife is currently on a nation-wide visiting, pastoral tour in the United States.

However, due to the urgency of Mr. McNair continuing with his present tour and also due to Mr. Hammer's acquaintance in Melbourne as well as his delight in working with God's Church there, it was decided by the directing ministers at headquarters that Mr. and Mrs. Hammer should continue in Australia for at least another year.

The members of God's Church in Australia who possess a genuine love for Mr. and Mrs. Hammer rejoice in this decision.

Conference Theme .. EXPANSION

For the twenty-seven years since the inception of this era of God's Church, a thirty percent increase over the previous year has been realized.

Undoubtedly no other business or organization on earth can boast of this consistent and regular percentage of increase.

Jesus commissioned His servants, during His ministry on earth more than nineteen hundred years ago, to go to all the world with the Gospel of the Kingdom. It is an evident fact that at no other time in history could this commission actually have been carried out other than this last era just prior

Mr. Ted Armstrong England Bound

Mr. Tony Hammer reported on his return from the ministerial conferences in Pasadena, California, that Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong would be going to the campus of Ambassador College and offices of The Radio Church of God in Bricket Wood, St. Albans, England. Plans were for him to leave Pasadena on or near 25 January. Among other things, Mr. Armstrong will relieve Dr. Benjamin Rea, the Principal of Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, of his duties while Dr. Rea spends a few weeks in Spain.

Dr. Rea had wanted to go to Spain to view first-hand conditions there and also to come again into contact with the Spanish language since he is Regional Editor of The *Plain Truth* for many Spanish speaking countries

We don't have, at the time of this press release, all the details on the trip made by Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong to England but in spite of this lack we do not wish to withhold this information from you.

to Christ's second coming.

Just as certain as Christ gave this solenin commission so has He opened the doors and increased His Work in a most phenomenal way in order to stride through these opened doors.

World developments and the rapid fulfilment of prophecy bear profound evidence that not many years remain before God's divine intervention and the consummation of this age. Hence, God continues to lead and guide His servants in greater ways to accomplish His Work.

The recent ministerial conferences in Pasadena, California were filled with important discussions of various facets of God's expanding work. Future plans for expansion, the establishment of new Churches, future big-space advertisements in magazines of the largest circulation, foreign broadcasting plans, the overall organization of God's Church and two colleges, plus other doctrinal topics filled the recent most important meetings at God's headquarters.

Mr. Waterhouse to Establish Churches In Alabama

It is still hoped God will open the door for His work to establish an office in South Africa. According to present plans, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse will be the minister to establish and direct this new office.

However, while waiting for this door to open, we know you will be interested to learn that Mr. Waterhouse took delivery of a new Chrysler '300' during the ministerial conference and headed toward Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama soon after the

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Your Responsibity

by C. WAYNE COLE

Why do we now have the Australian edition of *The Church of God News*? It takes a great deal of time and effort to publish each issue of this paper and yet God's leading servants in Pasadena, California, have determined that this effort is all justified. Why?

First, before going into the reasons why we are publishing this paper, I wish to mention a few things this paper is not to do and a few things you as a regular reader must guard against!

For many years, while a student of Ambassador College and also since being engaged full-time in God's ministry, I have heard Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong say repeatedly that any member of this Church only grows and overcomes, showing the right attitude, proportionate to the degree he is selflessly diligent and zealous for the whole Work of God and has his heart in the Work of taking the Gospel to all the world as Christ commissioned.

Anyone who is so concerned about his own personal growth and spirituality that all his time is occupied in studying, working and striving for his individual development only is ignorant of his true calling. Such a person does not yet really understand the fundamentals of true Christianity. Jesus Christ set the perfect example of having so much love for the world that he personally took all the filthy sins and corruption of all mankind that man might be able to have his past guilt wiped away. Are you coming to have more of this love that Christ had? Are you coming to have more of the selfiess attitude of being willing to sacrifice and give that more and

this world might have the opportunity to hear the *only message of hope*, the message of the soon-coming Kingdom of God to this torn and frustrated world?

You can show this real love and right attitude by being thoroughly dedicated and diligent in doing your part in supporting this very Work of God by your prayers, your tithes and offerings, your enthusiastic interest and encouragement. Your Bible study should not be solely for your own personal achievement and understanding but rather that you might know more of God's will, knowing more how to be the servant to serve in this world-wide Work of giving to others!

So you see Brethren, this Church paper is not to give us the feeling of isolationism and a concern for only ourselves and those in our part of the world! The worse thing that could happen to you is to begin to be only concerned for your 'little part' of the world and be quite unconcerned for what is taking place in God's Work around the world. Don't 'kid' yourself, it is far easier to have this personal, selfish attitude than most of you realize!

The main purpose of this paper is to have a local media with which to pass along information about the WHOLE WORK OF GOD. We are not in competition with The PLAIN TRUTH or The GOOD NEWS which are the world-wide distributed organs of The Radio Church of God! This paper is to give interesting and helpful information, exhortation and inspiration to the members of the Church in our local area. This paper will provide a source of instruction from God's leading ministers at the world Headquarters in Pasadena, California as they have articles they wish to be published as well as being a means for your pastor to communicate with the members in Australia. Another purpose of the paper is to give each of you the opportunity to actively be of help to your fellow-members by contributing items of news and incidents you have experienced that would be helpful and encouraging to others.

The Church of God News is to tie all the members in this part of the world together and most importantly to tie us all with God's Headquarters. Remember and don't forget that this publication is not to be classed with The PLAIN TRUTH or The GOOD NEWS! This is your local paper to aid God's ministry in conveying help to you that you may be able to do more in your God-given service for Him. We know that the more contact we can have with you and keep you abreast of the developments worldwide in this most important Work, the more probable it becomes that you will continue to overcome and finally be in God's Kingdom.

Remember brethren, your spiritual growth is evident only according to the degree your heart is really in God's Work!

Church Registered

Information has been received from Robinson of the Registrar General's offi Sydney and later from Mr. G. A. Hard the Solicitor for the Church, that The R Church of God is now fully and offic registered by the Commonwealth Goment of Australia.

Mr. Waterhouse began negotiations this official registration very soon after office was established in 1959. Many le were sent from Sydney to Pasadena as for documents, resolutions, and other tinent material and months passed qu while Mr. Hardwick prepared all data submission to the office of the Regi General.

Finally, after nearly two years of wai we are very elated to be informed of important development marking and milestone for God's Work in Australia.

News Watc

by DEXTER FAULK

The tremendous climax of six thou years of human experience is upon us

We in God's Church have the opport of being on the scene as these propevents take place. Our responsibility be 'watching' and understanding the nexit develops! 'Watch ye therefore and always that you may be accounted we to escape all these things' (Matt. 24:32)

Here is where you can have an active in God's work. You, as scattered mem can be helpful by contributing information your local areas. The valuable clippings indicating prophecy in fulfill are not always on the front page but the second, third or even the last page. may have to search for them. In sen your clippings, always include the name date of the paper or magazine from with the paper of the paper of

Here are some outstanding example prophecies being fulfilled in this area of world:

• 'Victorians set a new record for murde each other in 1961 and, on a population be are well ahead of Britain and many countries' (The Bulletin, January 6, 196.

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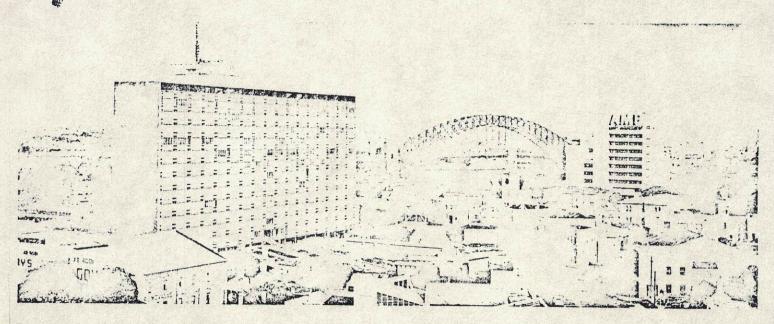
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conference terminated.

It is reported that Mr. Waterhouse we take Mr. Carn Catherwood, a recent grad of Ambassador College, Pasadena Bricket Wood, to assist him in establist two local church assemblies in these moutheastern United States cities.

The voice of The WORLD TOMORR has been booming into this area of United States for many years but these churches to be established will be the in the 'deep south'.

Special! History of Work in Australia



For more than three years The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast had been going to the whole of Australia over a net-work of fifteen stations — once a week. By late 1959 plans were finalised for the commencement of daily broadcasting to begin the second week in November of that year. The obvious result of this growth necessitated the immediate establishment of an office in Australia, staffed with trained personnel prepared to undertake the responsibilities anticipated with the rapid growth of the work in Australia and South-East Asia. Selected as the Director of this important undertaking, was Mr. Gerald D. Waterhouse, who had previously completed a tour of duty as pastor of the Church in London and Director of the

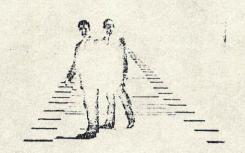
London office. It is in honor of Mr. Waterhouse that the Australian edition of The Church of God News publishes this pictorial revue of the development of this part of God's work.

After continued resourcefulness in bringing pressure via telephone and letters on the Australian Consulate, Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Frank Longuskie accompanied Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong from Los Angeles to San Francisco Nov. 9, 1959. The flight from San Francisco to Sydney had been booked in faith even though after considerable time lapse, no visas had yet been granted by the Australian Consulate in San Francisco. The trio arrived at the Consulate in San Francisco at 2.45 p.m., hoping that by this time approval had been received from Canberra for issuing the visas. They found approval had come. But this was not the finish . . . medical exams and chest X-rays were now required much to their dismay. After considerable persuasion by Mr. Armstrong, the official in charge smugly agreed to grant visas IF they could complete the necessary exams and X-rays by closing hours at 4.30. After filling out some forms the time was 3.30 with the seeming impossible task ahead. At least a day and usually longer is necessary for such exams and X-rays . . . But they had one hour. Through an amazing chain of rapidfire events, they were able to locate a physician to give the exam who called a



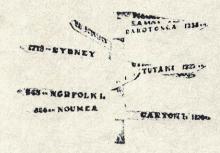
friend who was an X-ray specialist in the same building who immediately took and finished the films. Doubling up in these two activities and literally finishing dressing while on the run to the consulate, they arrived at exactly 4.30 p.m. The clerk meekly issued the visas. Here reproduced is the receipt for these X-rays.

Their Sydney-bound Qantas 707 jetliner left San Francisco at 1.30 a.m. November 10, 1959. The departure time was delayed 2 hours due to fog. The first stop



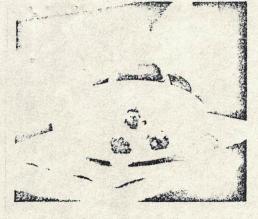
Honolulu. More time was spent here than expected. Rather than being only a refuelling stop before starting on the next leg of the trip to Canton Island, it turned out to be another delay. Four hours were spent in repairing the radio antenna.

In Canton they nearly had another delay while exploring an old World War II pontoon pier, they got absorbed in observing the various fish and the plane almost left without them.



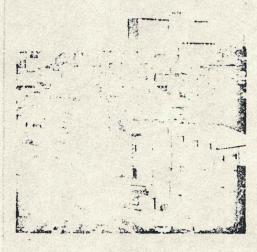
Next stop — Fiji — and another delay. Fourteen hours were spent, actually spending the night there, while landing gear of the aircraft was being repaired (a mechanic had to be sent out from Sydney).

A special dessert ordered in Lautoka Hotel in Fiji was called 'Angels on Horseback'. What was served didn't exactly measure up to expectations — some sort of chilled combination of succulent tropical

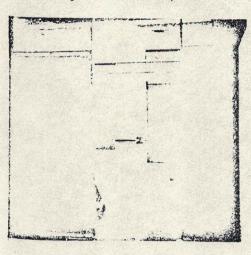


fruits. The 'Angels' turned out to be slithery, slimey mussels wrapped in half-raw bacon. BARF! This resulted in such shocked amusement it was decided essential to repair to the room to photograph this delicacy.

First order of business upon arrival in Sydney, was a conference with Mr. R. K. Harris of A.W.A. who proved very helpful in the work to follow. Following this was an intensive search for adequate office



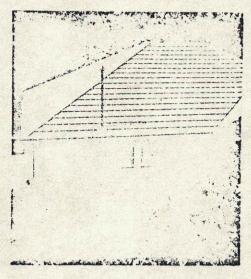
space. For this God provided a copious part of the MLC Building in North Sydney. The lease for this was signed 7 December 1959. Partitioning of offices quickly followed.



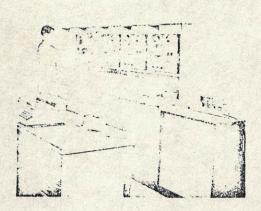
Mr. Waterhouse was soon in his office and began meeting with business men and prospective members.

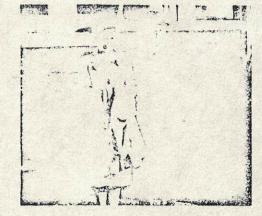


The first official meeting of brethren was held January 23, 1960 at Mr. Waterhouse's home at 45 Coolaroo Road, Lane Cove.

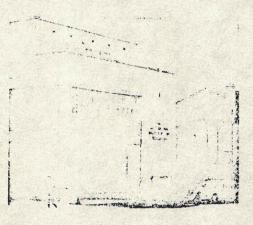


As the need for personnel continued, Mr. Charles Hefner arrived from the U.S. in late January to handle the copying of the 'master' broadcast tapes sent from Pasadena.

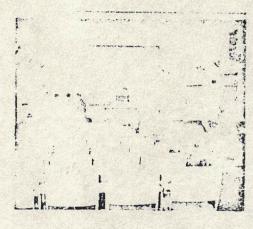




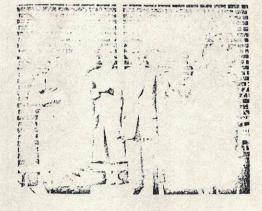
Even with the addition of Mr. John Churchland and Mr. Don Abraham to the office staff, it was not possible to keep up with with rapid growth. Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Faulkner arrived from Pasadena to lend additional help . . . Mr. Faulkner in mail reading and Mrs. Faulkner as a typist and later telephonist.



Just before Passover 1960, after two previous moves, God opened to the Sydney Church a new meeting place — The Australian Institute of Builders' Hall at Milson's Point. Shown below is an inside view with seats 'designed for three hour lectures.'

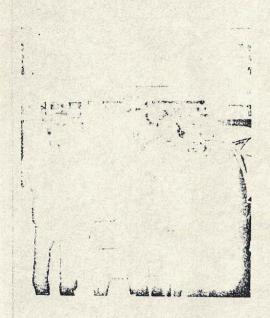


June 11, 1960 . . . the office staff gathered as usual for a day's work, even though the MLC Building was closed in celebration of



the Queen's birthday. Mr. Waterhouse had made previous arrangements to be given ingress. It was at this time that Miss Noeleen Hack was added to the staff, starting full-time one week later. More expansion came as radio station 2GB opened its doors to The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, Mondays through Fridays at 10.30 p.m.

By this time the need was urgent for a second minister to assist Mr. Waterhouse. Mr. Tony Hammer and his wife Natalie were given a 'Texas welcome' as they emerged from the Overseas Airlines Terminal. Many ministerial duties awaited



Mr. Hammer and his wife Natalie was needed for office secretarial work.

Expansion continued — this time by 625 feet of floor space as room 15 across the hall was acquired. The Sydney office now consisted of 7 separate rooms, being used for the various office functions. The radio studio moved across the hall to one of the additional rooms where better lighting conditions existed. Additional office equipment was purchased to keep up with the page.

Reflecting for a moment upon the growth of the Australian Work to this point we find with Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner, having



arrived the last of June, the office staff totaled 7 Americans and 5 Australians. The first issue of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine.

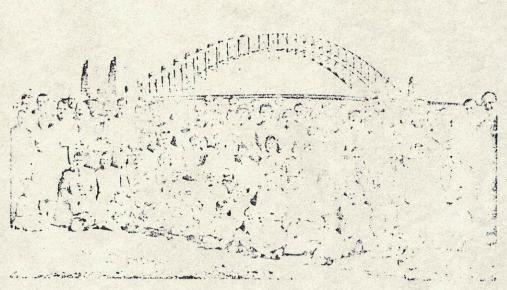
Australian edition, arrived on the scene in July 1960, printed at Wilke and Co. in Melbourne.

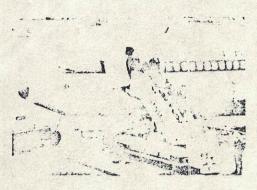
Another surprise — Dr. C. Paul Meredith, director of the Ambassador. College Correspondence Course, popped in for an unexpected one-day visit, while travelling through southeast Asia.

August found us off station 2GB after about 7 weeks of broadcasting leaving only station 2CH airing the programme

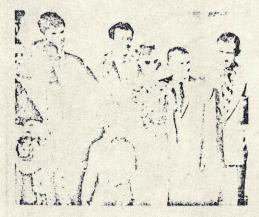
in Sydney. Later that month Gunar Freibergs, the first Ambassador College student from Australia, left aboard the s.s. Orcodes, bound for England.

The Feast of Tabernacles (probably the first to be held in the history of Australia) — 6 to 13 October, 1960 had an amazing first day's attendance of 103, 72 of whom were adults. As usual, a number were baptized during that Festival. The distances travelled by the brethren to this historical Feast were staggering — some coming from distances of nearly three thousand miles.





Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Guy Bolam, the advertising agent for overseas work arrived via Qantas' 707 jetliner in October. A number of the office staff and local brethren were on hand at the airport to greet them.



A CRISIS HAD COME . . . it appeared as though the Australian work was going to collapse in its infancy. Persecution was being brought upon the Work by the New South Wales Council of Churches — station 2CH in Sydney seemed sure to go and perhaps other stations as well. God here acted through His servants in saving this Work in Australia. And act He did! The results of Mr. Armstrong's hurriedly and yet vitally important trip and the six eventpacked days which followed were phenomenal. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Bolam contacted a number of radio station managers through the co-operation of Mr. Fox and Mr. Harris of A.W.A. Results: Not only was the crisis abated but THIRTY-NINE additional stations with daily broadcasting were gradually to be added until a total of 48 stations were airing The WORLD TOMORROW daily. These stations blanket those areas in which 98 percent of Australia's population resides. All of these stations have not yet been added but as God wills, more are yet to be used. The office staff and the whole Church were encouraged and edified by Mr. Armstrong's visit. This was witnessed by the response and attendance at the weekly Sabbath service of 29 October 1960. Attendance totaled 60 adults and 16 children.



Going back for a moment to the time of Mr. Armstrong's visit, the mailing list had increased by 'leaps and bounds', then totalling over 15.000 names.

With the shot in the arm from Mr. Armstrong's visit both the Work and the Church continued to expand. In November 1960 the contract with station 2CH terminated, but this did not stop the broadcast in Sydney since 7 days prior to this date God opened up station 2KY, 6 nights a week. The Church was one year old in November. Sabbath attendance had grown to 54 adults and 12 children. Over the past 11 months the Work grew an astounding 500 percent.

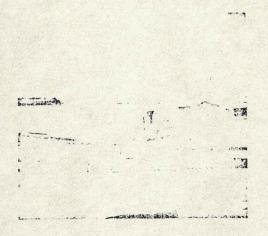
December marked the arrival of Miss Lorelle Simon from America. She became the eighth American on the staff. Office space was now 2500 sq. feet. Late that month Mr. Waterhouse left for the ministerial conferences to be held in

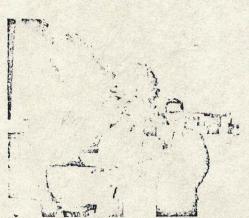
January, 1961, and what turned out to be the first leg of a round-the-world trip. His first stop was England and the campus of Ambassador U.K. From there he flew west to the United States and stopped at his home in Texas before arriving at Headquarters in Pasadena, California. It was at this conference that the plan for starting an office in South Africa was first conceived.

In Mr. Waterhouse's absence Mr. Tony Hammer was left in charge of the office and Church. Things continued to grow—God's Church in this area of the world consisted of 67 baptized Australians and 8 baptized Americans. The office acquired an additional 630 sq. feet of office space.

Early in March an unprecedented event 1961 occurred — three arrivals in one day!

Gene Hughes and wife with son, John.



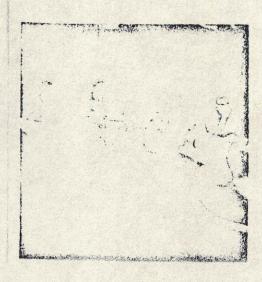


arrived at Mascot from the U.S. just a few minutes before Mr. Waterhouse's return from Manila, followed by the arrival of Mr. Portune, a flight behind him.

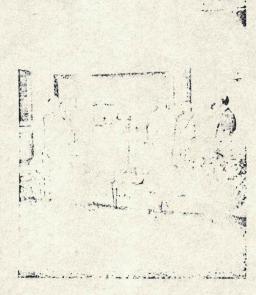
Mr. Hughes arrived as the Work expanded to become the Business Manager of the office under Mr. Waterhouse. The two ministers had rendezvoused in the Philippines to survey the Work there. Under Mr. Ortiguero's direction the Philippines showed great possibilities for adding more radio stations as God directs and conversion of many people there. Groups scattered through the Islands observed the Sabbath and Holy Days.



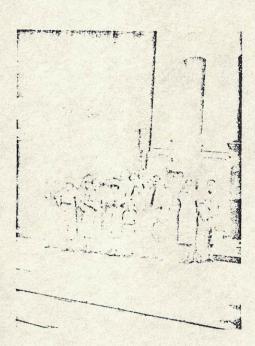
The SPOKESMAN CLUB started 10 June with enthusiasm and encouragement and talent! Opportunities for greater service and growth came from the men of the Sydney Church, when they gathered in the Board Room of the Australian Institute of Builders, for the first Spokesman Club meeting.



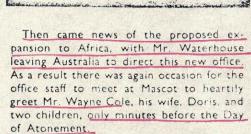
By now, the staff had grown to include Ron Lyons, Mr. T. G. Davies and Mr. Kevin Luiham. And by August Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpkins arrived from America. By the end of June the Sydney Church had reached 96 and still growing.



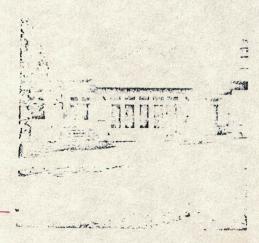
As the result of a baptismal tour through southern New South Wales and Victoria and the baptism of 13 additional members, plus other visits, the time had come to begin a regular Church service in Melbourne. Mr. Hammer and family moved to Melbourne and held the first meeting on 15 June 1961 with over 30 attending.



Soon after this time, Mr. Waterhouse opened the Brisbane Bible Study with 28 people attending the first meeting on 6 August. 1961



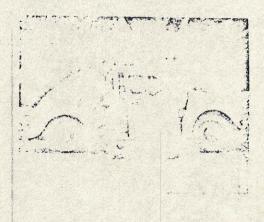
For the first time the Feast of Tabernacles was observed in the beautiful Blue Mountains in the Community Hall of the small semi-resort town of Blackheath. With the availability of many needed facilities, a very enjoyable Festival was made possible. A local catering service was very co-operative in providing adequate meals. Motels and hotels in the area made available adequate accommodation. The weather for the entire Festival was very ideal. Right up until the time of the Festival it had been quite cool and rainy; however, as the first arrivals began coming into the area on the day prior, to the Feast, the weather changed to brilliant sunshine. This sunshine continued throughout the entire eight days of the Festival, only to be followed by a cool mist which moved into the area just after sundown on the last Holy Day. The attendance took a 65 percent increase over last year's Feast of Tabermacles. Last year the attendance was 104, this year it was 170. Some of those attending travelled as far as 3000 miles. Mony came distances of from 600 to 1500 miles. Seventeen of the total 170 were baptized.



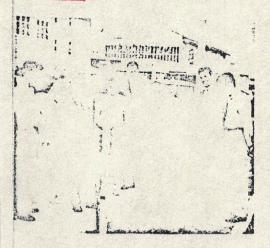


The remaining days of October saw the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Huse from Pasadena. In this month too, the New Zealand mailing list had grown to 3400. On 3 December 1961 the Sydney Church had a picnic at Bobbin Head.

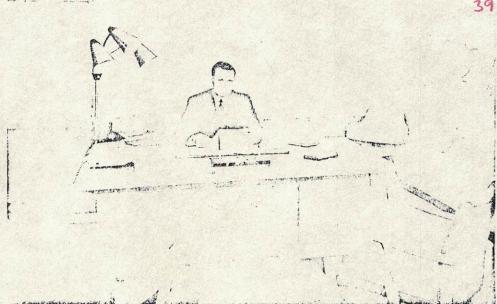
One week later, the first of a series of much-needed baptizing tours was taken by



Mr. Clarence Huse and Mr. Dexter Faulkner into northern New South Wales and southern Queensland. Sixteen were baptized. On 19 December 1961 Mr. Waterhouse left for America and the Ministerial Conference.



Sunday, 7 January 1962, Mr. Tony Hammer stopped in Sydney while on his



way to the Ministerial Conferences. Days later it was announced that Mr. Waterhouse was not to return to Australia and that Mr.

NEWS BRIEFS

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- 'Many more cases of infectious diseases were reported in New South Wales last year than in the previous year. Outbreaks of hepatitis and tuberculosis were mainly responsible' (Daily Telegraph, November 2, 1961).
- WE'LL KILL EVERY AUSTRALIAN Because Australia has supported the Dutch Foreign Minister. De Luns, at the United Nations, regarding the future of West New Guinea, when Indonesia eventually takes over all of Australia, its 10 million people will be quickly killed by the modern use of a hypodermic needle swiftly inserted into every man, woman and child. So you 10 million Australian people, you would like to see the Dutch keep us from our West Irian, Remember, Australia, you only have 10 million people, Indonesia has 80 million people, and behind us are 500 million Chinese, and the Russians. They are all our friends. One day . . . we will come to Australia . Then you Australians will be no more!" (From Indonesian radio broadcast reported in Pix, January 6, 1962).
- MAN, WHAT A WEATHER CRAZY YEAR. The wet season was dry; winter came in autumn; spring rain came early and was heavier than normal. Eighteen inches of rain fell in less than 24 hours; hailstones as big as cricket balls lay for two days in temperature in the 80's. Frost damaged sugar cane in the tropics. That was Queensland's crazy weather in 1961. Weather which meteorologists described yesterday as "topsyturvy", "abnormal" and "unusual". (Courter Mail, December 24, 1961).

The lowest ebb is the turn of the tide.

Wayne Cole was officially the director placed in charge of the Australian Work. This event brings us up to the present. Since its beginning, the work that God has opened here in Australia has taken tremendous leaps and shown phenomenal growth. A great deal of respect goes to the first director sent here - Mr. Gerald D. Waterhouse, for his diligence in doing God's will. For his part in this growth, we salute him. But as he himself would be the first to admit, this work is just beginning to get ready to commence to start. So while we can rejoice in what has been done, let's at the same time set our hands to the plow that we might be used to finish the work we have been given to do.

STOP PRESS: A recent letter from Gunar Friebergs at Ambassador U.K. reported this GREAT news. The WORLD TOMORROW is to broadcast in Jerusalem! English language, 3 times a week. Time and date of commencement uncertain.

SOMEBODY STOLE MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT

'Let's see, now. Hansen, Arnold: Hansen, B. H.; Hanson, Carl; Hanson, James; Hanson, M. Edward; Hanton, Thomas; Harding, Amos; Harding, Francis — ah, here we are! Harding, Lawrence. JE 7-4839. JE 7-4839. JE 7—'.

'Who are you going to call, dear?' 'Larry Harding. JE --.'

'Well, give Betty my best and ask her if she'd like — what's the matter dear?'

'Hanson, Arnold; Hansen, B. H.; Hanson—'