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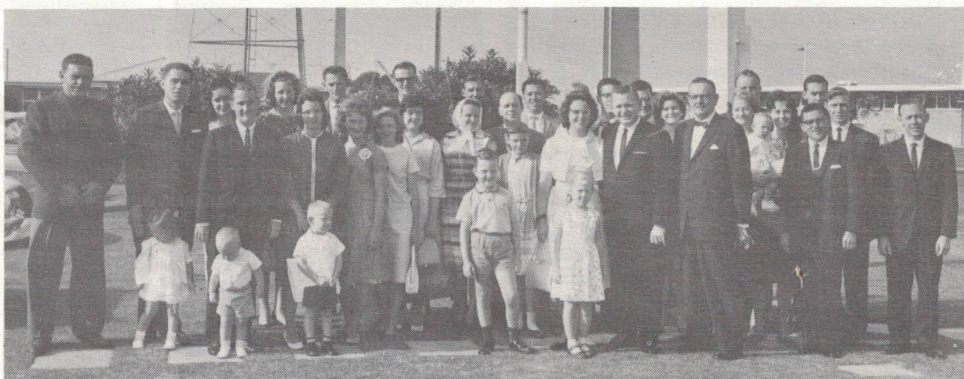
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The WORLD TOMORROW On Six More Stations

Here is GOODNEWS!! Christ has once again opened the door for the preaching of His Gospel of His soon-coming Kingdom over six of the radio stations which were discontinued last May! Not only has He reopened the six stations to proclaiming His Truth, but He has made available EARLIER TIMES, which should result in an increase of listener response from the six! Following is a list of the stations (all of which belong to the A. W. A. network) together with a seventh (2AY Albury), which recently commenced airing the programme at an earlier hour:

2AY Albury	9:30 P.M.	Mon-Sat
2GF Grafton	9:30 P.M.	Mon-Sat
2GN Goulburn	9:30 P.M.	Mon-Sat
3BO Bendigo	9:30 P.M.	Mon-Sat
4CA Cairns	10:00 P.M.	Sun-Fri
4TO Townsville	9:30 P.M.	Mon-Sat
4WK Warwick	10:00 P.M.	Mon-Sat

Remember brethren to THANK GOD for opening once again these six doors for



Mr. Cole and Mr. Higgins Welcomed Home

Ministerial Conference Report

If we would summarise the results of this conference before we commence this report, our conclusion, as voiced by all who were present, would be that of an OVERWHELMING SUCCESS! Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, presiding over the meetings, began by defining the meaning and purpose of the recent Austere Year. He quickly dispelled any wrong concepts "screeching halt" during 1963 because

the proclaiming of His Gospel, and for the EARLIER BROADCAST TIMES! Also, remember to PRAY that God will BLESS each programme, and cause people to RESPOND by writing in and requesting the literature which is offered FREE to all who ask for it.

that God's Work was forced to come to a point where expenditures had to be curtailed. On the contrary, the Work still leaped forward, and this "tightening of the belt" put God's Work into a sound financial status unrealized in past years.

On his first Sabbath after returning from Pasadena, Mr. C. Wayne Cole, Evangelist and Director of the Australian office, reported to the Sydney congregation that an over-all growth of 28.9% was measured during 1963. God's Work has grown from the size of a small corner peanut stand to a MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR WORK!

God's servants used to feel that the 30% annual growth of the Work would eventually level off--that a saturation point would be reached. This again was not what God had in mind! This conference brought out more than ever before that God, the author of plan (I Cor. 14:33), has intentionally given His Work this constant growth over the past 30 years



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EDITORIAL:

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South Vietnam; Laos; Thailand; Malaysia; India; Cambodia; Tibet; Indonesia; Communist China -- countries which a decade ago were seldom heard of except perhaps in history books are today household names, spoken of and referred to in the average Australian home -- names which epitomise the suffering, misery, sickness, unhappiness and stark death which confronts mankind in this, the "enlightened" age, the age of the sleek automobile, of the swift jet airliner, of the T.V. set, of social service benefits and the "Welfare State" where a man may be nurtured and nourished almost from the day he is born until the day he dies, without hardly having to lift a finger -- providing he "knows all the angles." This is the age of "near enough is good enough" and "anything goes."

Yet brethren, despite the growing threat to the security and welfare of this nation revealed in the recent fighting taking place just to Australia's north, and despite the failure of the Malaysian, Indonesian and Philippines foreign ministers to find a workable solution to their problems at the conference recently held under the chairmanship of Thailand in Bangkok, the average Australian continues in a stupor, almost in a state of incoherence, being either unable or unwilling to discern or understand the writing on the wall. Instead, he takes refuge in his "middy of beer," blandly assuring himself that somehow, if not through his own efforts at least through someone else's, everything will turn out "orlright" (She's orlright mate -- keep Page 2

yer shirt orn -- what's gittin yer dan-druff up anyhow?"). So, the average Australian drifts along quite contentedly from beer to beer, from horse race to horse race, from boxing match to boxing match, from the one-armed bandit to the "Opera House Special." After all, the sun is still shining, the birds are singing, the bees are buzzing, the surf still rolls in at Bondi and, after all (to use the phrase coined by Mr. Harold Macmillan, former Prime Minister of Great Britain), the average Australian has "never had it so good."

At this juncture brethren enters the Work of God and, with God's Work, God's people! This is where we all have an important role to play -- a roll which God Almighty Himself describes through His prophet Ezekiel as that of a watchman, set to watch and then to warn His people (Ezek. 33:2-9). Though it is not our responsibility as individuals to go out and personally preach the gospel, nevertheless, we each do have an important role which has been outlined by Jesus Christ. Notice: "Watch YE therefore" (Luke 21:36). Yes, Christ commands each of us to WATCH but, notice further that Christ here gave a TWO-FOLD command! Having obeyed the first portion of Christ's instruction -- to WATCH -- notice the second portion: "and PRAY ALWAYS" (same verse). Yes, PRAY! Pray for God's Work which is HIS WATCHMAN -- for His ministers, commencing with Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong and working on down through Christ's Evangelists, Pastors, Preaching Elders and Local Elders! Pray for The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast -- one medium by which God IS warning the whole world

of the impending danger -- for The PLAIN TRUTH magazine -- the booklets -- the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course -- the two (soon three) Ambassador Colleges -- the faculty and students, etc. In doing so you ARE having an active part in this, the greatest Work on the face of the earth -- the Work of Almighty God -- helping fulfill Ezekiel 33:2-9 -- and being a faithful servant of the Almighty. Remember brethren to pray for God's Work -- God's WATCHMAN -- WORLD WIDE, and God WILL bless you for it.

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse Visits Australia

A welcome visitor to the Sydney Church recently was Mr. Gerald D. Waterhouse, God's Evangelist responsible for directing His Work throughout South Africa, who stopped by for a brief visit on his way back to Johannesburg from the Ministerial Conference at Pasadena.

Mr. Waterhouse, who was Director of the Work in Australia for two years from its inception in November, 1959, arrived in Sydney on January 29 and stayed over until Monday, February 3, when he left for Perth via Melbourne, and on to the "dark continent."

The Sydney brethren were thrilled to hear Mr. Waterhouse's inspiring sermon on the Sabbath he was in Sydney, when he spoke on the reason and purpose Christ had in establishing His Church, and preserving it down through the ages to this end-time. That evening, Sydney Spokesman Club "A" was privileged to have Mr. Waterhouse present as a guest,

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"SHE'S RIGHT, MATE! DON'T GET JACKED UP ABOUT IT!"

BITS 'n PIECES

The Sydney congregation was privileged to hear on a recent Sabbath a special tape recording of the program made by Mr. Ted Armstrong only 30 minutes after the death of President John F. Kennedy. The tape -- which was brought back to Australia by Mr. C. Wayne Cole -- was not aired outside the United States and Canada and, for various reasons, would not otherwise have been heard in Australia.

● Recent developments have made it necessary to again change the meeting place of the Sydney Church. Thus the move to ANZAC HOUSE was made on February 1. It is expected the Church will assemble here until the Feast of Tabernacles. Bible Study is being held at the Australian Institute of Builders in North Sydney as usual.

● This "bit" is late in arriving but we know you'll be interested to learn that the Allen Manteufel's, minister in the Chicago area, have increased their family by one. Daniel Dean Manteufel was born 17th November, 1963, weighing 7½ pounds. Daniel already has a brother and a sister, Nathan and Dorothea.

● In advance of other notices, you'll be interested to know that as of March 2, The WORLD TOMORROW is being broadcast over station 7HT Hobart, at a new, vastly improved time. It is now heard in the very prime time-channel of 7:30 to 8:00 P.M., Sunday through Friday.

● Any members wishing to write other members who are, due to circumstances, unable to attend any services whatever, may like to write Mrs. Deidre Carter, of 17 Walcot Street, Linwood, Christchurch, New Zealand. Mrs. Carter longs for fellowship with others of like faith, and would be most appreciative of hearing from you.

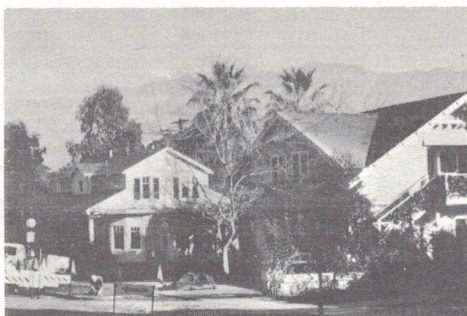
● A special "celebration" dinner in honour of the ordination of Mr. T. M. Higgins, now deacon in the Sydney Church, was recently held in the Kirribilli apartment of Miss Jessie Emmett. Mr. William Myers, assisted by Miss Emmett, was host to Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Cole, special guest in transit from the Philippines to South Africa, Mr. Gerald D. Waterhouse, Mr. Trevor Higgins the guest of honour and Mr. and Mrs. Don Abraham. A brain-challenging game of Scrabble rounded out the afternoon.

● From Singapore Pte. P. W. King writes: "Now for some good news, Mrs. King gave birth to a baby boy, 7 lbs. 1 oz. on the 1st February, 1964 at 11:45 hours in the evening. We are indeed most grateful to God Almighty for this great blessing from Him. Both mother and

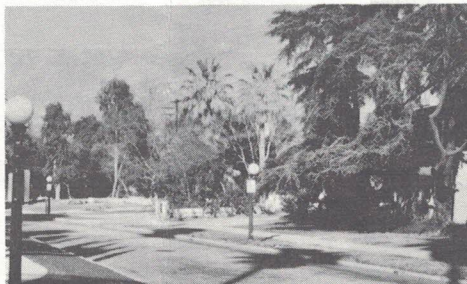
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Mr. T.M. Higgins Ordained Deacon

Mr. Trevor Higgins was quite elated, to say the least, over the privilege afforded him in being able to accompany Messrs. Cole and Winner to the Ministerial Conference. He later remarked to the Sydney Congregation about the warm welcome extended to him by all, and especially how impressed he was to witness the ease and command by which Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong conducted the meetings. He remarked about the American speed and determination in seeing a job completed quickly, illustrating his point by a first person observation of a block of houses vanish-



Before. . .



After. . .

ing one by one within a period of hours. (The accompanying pictures are photographic proof of this occurrence!)

Perhaps the greatest surprise came to Mr. Higgins toward the end of the announcements by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong of the new ordinations. When he was called upon to step forward, the power to motivate his body momentarily failed to respond to the mental command. As the stunning shock eased, he moved forward to be ordained to the office of Deacon. Mr. Higgins has set the precedent of being the first Australian to be ordained in the United States.

Congratulations, Mr. Higgins!

CONFERENCE

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as a basis for future planning! Amazing yet nevertheless true, it is possible for God's servants to accurately estimate in advance next year's Feast attendances around the world, the increase in income, membership growth, and general

over-all growth.

One of the early highlights of the conference was the ordination service -- twenty-two in all being ordained! Two men were raised from Pastor rank to the rank of Evangelist: Mr. Charles Hunting and Mr. Dean Blackwell. This brings the total number of Evangelists that are actively serving in the Ministry of Jesus Christ to TWELVE. The rank of Pastor saw an increase of SEVENTEEN. Those men raised to this rank from that of Preaching Elder included: Messrs. Leroy Neff, Charles Dorothy, Ronald Kelly, Les McCullough, Bill McDowell, Jimmy Friddle, Burk McNair, Kenneth Swisher, David Antion, Roger Foster, Ronald Dart, Dale Hampton, Ernest Martin, Dean Wilson, Dibar Apartian, Tony Hammer and Dr. Zimmerman. (Messrs. Martin and Dart, not present at the conference, were ordained later in England.) The total number of Pastors in God's Church now stands at TWENTY-ONE! Next, Mr. Leon Walker was raised to the rank of Preaching Elder. Mr. Lowell Blackwell, presently visiting in the Los Angeles area, was ordained as a Local Elder. And finally, the ordination of Mr. Trevor Higgins as a Deacon in the Sydney Church (see the accompanying article).

During the meetings, Mr. Armstrong emphasized the need to begin immediately in the final plans to build a new auditorium -- God's House, as the next major building project on the Pasadena Campus.

Mr. Cole briefly covered the doctrinal points discussed at the conference, and promised they would be discussed at the proper time in future sermons, both in the local Churches and at the Feast of Tabernacles. He went on to illustrate the real need of all members to grasp the real purpose of life and to have the proper attitude toward God. The three main problems experienced by most, if not all of God's people, are domestic, financial and health. Future sermons, he said, will emphasize the need for diplomacy and tact on the part of husbands and wives. We need to be taught not only how and what to say, but when to say it.

If you were faithful in praying for the success of the 1964 Ministerial Conference, God heard your prayers -- He answered them! The job does not end here; the real work of fulfilling God's revealed Will is yet ahead. Let's all put our shoulder to the task, with renewed zeal and drive!

He is only free who masters himself.

There isn't much to be seen in a little town, but what you hear makes up for it.

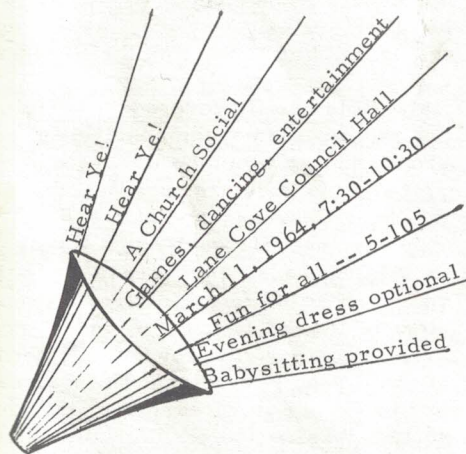
New Bible Studies Overseas!

GROWTH characterizes anything that is of God! Raising up new Churches and beginning new Bible studies constitutes a portion of the growth of God's Work.

We should all REJOICE wholeheartedly that God has just recently made possible the beginning of eight new Bible studies: Washington, D. C. (Capital, U. S. A.) conducted by Mr. Raymond Cole bi-weekly; Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Bismarck, North Dakota conducted by Mr. Sherwin McMichael, weekly in Sioux Falls and monthly in Bismarck; Roswell, New Mexico conducted by Mr. David Albert monthly; Asheville, North Carolina, conducted by Mr. Richard Plache monthly; Lufkin, Texas, conducted by Mr. Kenneth Swisher weekly; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, conducted by Mr. Bill McDowell, on a monthly basis and, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, conducted by Mr. Dean Blackwell, bi-monthly.

God's Work is going to average a tremendous, increasing growth from now until no human beings are left. Let's all make the most of what God provides to fit us for eternal, spirit life. Pray for these and other Bible studies and churches.

Sydney Social



Come all ye joyful! To the Lane Cove Community Centre next Wednesday, 11 March at 7:30 p.m. The success of this function depends on YOU--on YOUR ATTITUDE! So come in GLADNESS of heart.

All those who have evening wear--men and women--are encouraged to "shake out the moths" and give it an airing. (Single men will be admitted upon producing one 5 pt. tin of pineapple juice!)

You single men have a wonderful opportunity to date the lady of your choice--so step out in faith without delay and ASK.

Come smiling and make this social a real success!

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child are doing fine. Name of the boy, David Mark King." Congratulations to the King family! We all rejoice with you.

● The entire office staff at North Sydney was privileged recently to see an exhibition basket ball game between the New York Nationals and the world-famous GLOBETROTTERS! The exhibition was augmented by a very interesting and talent-filled variety show. Mr. C. Wayne Cole was host to the staff for the very rewarding evening.

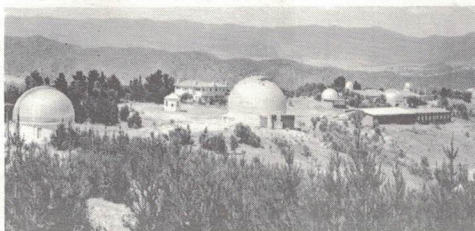
● "Bits" is happy to report two births in the Melbourne Church! Mr. and Mrs. Len Nevans were blessed with the birth of a daughter, Cheryl Ann. Born on December 26, Cheryl weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Les Morley also were blessed with a daughter, Tammy Elizabeth. Tammy arrived about a month premature, January 25, but still weighed a healthful 6 lbs. 13 oz. Congratulations to all!

● Monday, 24 February, 3 a.m., saw the arrival of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Liu of the Sydney Church. Trevor Andrew tipped the scales at an even 6 lbs., while his "stature" was all of 18½ inches. All the best to the Liu family on this happy occasion!

The surest way not to fail is to determine to succeed.

Sydney Spokesmen Visit National Capital

The early morning of Sunday, 26 January, was the scene of busy activity in the many suburbs and surrounds of Sydney, as members of the Sydney Spokesman Clubs "A" and "B" began leaving by car for an agreed rendezvous at the Car-o-tel motor camp, four miles on the Sydney side of Canberra. Their objective was Mount Stromlo Observatory situated



Mt. Stromlo Observatory on top of a range of hills three miles west of Australia's National Capital.

After erecting their respective camp sites and enjoying a light lunch, the party of 35 Spokesmen moved on to Mount Stromlo. At the observatory the party had explained to it, in brief, the operation of the 74" Reflector Telescope which is said to be one of the largest instruments of its type in the world. The total



weight of the moving parts of the telescope is 40 tons while the mirror itself weighs 4000 lbs. Though the revolving dome covering the telescope weighs 100 tons, it can, nevertheless, be moved smoothly on its track at a speed of one revolution in five minutes. From Mount Stromlo the party drove on to the Cotter River Dam from which the City of Canberra draws its water supply.

A delightful day was rapidly closing in as the party returned to the Car-o-tel Camping ground, very hungry and anxiously looking forward to attacking the succulent steaks that were soon sizzling on the barbecue under the experienced and expert hand of Mr. Barry Dawes. After satisfying the inner man, the evening was spent round the camp fire enjoying close fellowship with one another, and in playing the fascinating game of "Twenty Questions," followed by the community singing of some of our favourite hymns.

After a refreshing night's sleep the Spokesmen arose about 6 a.m. for an invigorating game of Softball, followed by a bath, breakfast, and spruce-up before leaving for an inspection of Parliament House and the Australian War Museum. This completed the party's organized outing.

The delights of driving around and through this beautiful city cannot be adequately described in a short account such as this: They must be experienced to be properly appreciated, as they were by every member of the party, all of whom expressed grateful thanks to God for giving them the capacity to enjoy them. A question raised on all sides--when may we have another such outing? Well--when? Any suggestions Spokesmen?

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when he was able to observe the growth and development of those members present, many of whom were in the original club which held its first active meeting under his direction on June 10, 1961.

The prayers and thoughts of God's people in the "land down under" will be with you, Mr. Waterhouse, as you minister to our brethren in South Africa, in the sure knowledge that God Almighty will bless, guide and protect you as you perform His Will in establishing His Work in another far-flung outpost of this world.