

# The Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion

**Secretarial Responsibility.** The Hon. Joint Secretaries of E.F.A.C. have agreed to share secretarial responsibility. Correspondents from Asia and Australia should write to Bishop Marcus Loane (Diocesan Church House, George Street, Sydney, Australia); correspondents in Africa, Europe, and the Americas should write to the Rev. J. R. W. Stott (12 Weymouth Street, London, W.1, England). Applications for individual membership and details about group membership may be obtained from them.

**The Churchman.** The Reverend Dr. Leon Morris (Tyndale House, 36 Selwyn Gardens, Cambridge) is responsible for E.F.A.C. articles and news items in *The Churchman*. He will be grateful to receive details of events, meetings, conferences, and discussions relevant to the Anglican cause from any part of the world.

**New Zealand.** Bishop Marcus Loane was in New Zealand for the C.M.S. Spring School and had two meetings with members of the Evangelical Churchmen's Fellowship, which is an alive and growing body. Their biennial conference is increasing in numbers and influence.

**Victoria, Australia.** A residential conference on Worship was held at Ridley College, Melbourne, from September 11th-13th, 1962. The host was Bishop Donald Baker, and the speakers were Bishop Marcus Loane, Dr. Stuart Barton Babbage, Canon L. L. Nash, and Dr. Frank Andersen. The latter's three addresses on the Doctrine of the Lord's Supper are said to have been outstandingly helpful.

**Canon Law and Prayer Book Revision in England.** A private letter was recently sent to all Members of Parliament by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York regarding proposals, and especially the Prayer Book (Alternative and Other Services) Measure, which are to be laid before Parliament during this session. Bishops of the Church of England have been inviting the Members of Parliament in their diocese to meet them for a further private briefing. English Evangelicals regard this "lobbying" of M.P.'s with some alarm. On October 30th a printed letter, entitled "Legislation proposed for the Church of England, considered in the light of the Archbishops' letter to Members of Parliament", was sent to all M.P.s and released to the press. It was signed by the Rev. J. R. W. Stott, Rector of All Souls' Church, Langham Place, the Rev. R. Peter Johnston, President of the Islington Clerical Conference, the Right Hon. Viscount Brentford, President of the Church Society, and Lt.-General Sir Arthur Smith, President of the Church Pastoral-Aid Society. Its argument could be summarized as follows: that many of the proposed changes are not wanted by a large

number of people in England (Church Assembly being unrepresentative, and the Convocations purely clerical) and would weaken the historic links between the church and the nation ; that, although " the majority of the proposed new Canons would be widely acceptable ", some are " highly controversial " and to pass them now would be premature, because it would " foreclose issues on which opinion in the Church of England is deeply divided " and would " tend to erect new barriers between the Church of England and the Free Churches " ; that, although a conservative revision of the Prayer Book " would command general respect and arouse no controversy ", the sanctioning of experimental variations in public worship under the control of the separate Convocations is neither desired by the common people of the church, nor wise. " It is bound to increase unsettlement in the Church by adding liturgical disunity to existing doctrinal divergencies." The letter concluded with a plea to Members of Parliament " to consult for the welfare of the whole church in the context of the national interest ".

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