

AUSTRALIAN CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL
QUEENSLAND BRANCH

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"Crime is Everybody's Business"

Dear Member,

QUEENSLAND BRANCH RATES HIGH WITH NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

This tribute is contained in the Minutes of the Biennial Meeting of the Council held at International House, University of Sydney, N.S.W. on 17 August, 1977.

The President, the Hon. Mr Justice Muirhead, opened his report by stating that it was important for the Council to consider its future. He gave a brief background of the Council making reference to the volunteers who had started the Council and their enthusiasm and dedication which had led to the Council's growth over the past 15 years.

He also pointed out that Council members formed delegations to United Nations Conferences and that their efforts and philosophies were basically responsible for the founding of the Australian Institute of Criminology. He also stated that no one knows to what extent their efforts were responsible for the great advances (by experiment or otherwise) in penal philosophies, probation and parole and referred to the days when the Salvation Army Officer was the only person upon whom the Court could call for assistance and those who remember those days would appreciate better than others the inherent significance of these developments.

Later in his report, the President praised the Queensland Branch for its productive progress since its commencement (30.1.76), stating that its members were setting an example of community involvement and interest and also community education through their seminars, film programmes and newsletters. He made mention of Mr Whitrod's leadership in starting off the Queensland Branch and that although Mr Whitrod had resigned from the position of Chairman, commonsense had prevailed and the Queensland Branch was still forging ahead under the chairmanship of Mr Justice Hoare, C.M.G. He also made mention of the fine work the Queensland Branch Hon. Secretary was contributing to that Branch.

The committee and members of the Queensland Branch sincerely thank Mr Justice Muirhead for these kind remarks and wish to assure him of their continued support. I deliberately quoted the remarks made by his Honour in opening his report so that our members could see what the A.C.P.C. had achieved over the past 15 years. But, most importantly, this was done through volunteers of enthusiasm and dedication, and I would ask all our members to adopt these excellent traits. Without them we cannot hope to maintain the excellent progress we have made so far. It is necessary that we look to the future immediately as quite a number of our enthusiastic and dedicated members are getting on in years and through this will have to pull out at the same time, and replacements found for them.

During the same meeting, the Hon. Secretary of the National Executive, Mr Justice R.C. Wood, said this:

"It is with pleasure that we are able to welcome the establishment of the Queensland Branch of this Council, and it is apparent from the varied and continuous programme of activities in which it has engaged that this branch has more than compensated for any time it may have lost in getting under way when compared with those branches established earlier. We are particularly pleased to see that our long-time friend and supporter, the Hon. Mr Justice Hoare, C.M.G., is Chairman of the branch, and he and the Hon. Secretary, Mr Val Barlow, earn our thanks for the manner in which the work of this Council has been extended and consolidated in Queensland."

Thank you, Mr Justice Wood for these encouraging remarks. It is nice to see the work of our branch so recognised.

FORMATION OF SUB-BRANCH OF A.C.P.C. AT TOWNSVILLE

Members were advised of this proposal in previous Newsletters. It was referred to the National Executive for deliberation and advice, and was dealt with by that body on 18.8.77, the relevant Minutes reading as follows:

"This item was discussed at length and it was agreed by the Meeting that a sub-branch, as such, could not be established as there was no provision contained in the Constitution for sub-branches of the Council to be established. It was felt that much conflict and disagreement could result if sub-branches of the Council were to be formed; however, in view of the geographical factor involved in this instance the establishment of a new Branch may be encouraged but this would not entitle any such Branch to have an additional representative on the National Executive. This matter, however, should be looked into when the Constitution is revised. It was also agreed upon that if such a new Branch were to be established, the Council would not be able to assist with any funding, or normal \$200.00 grant as our financial position would not allow for such contingency, nor has provision been made for same in our Budget as any such branch could not expect initial funding from the Council.

The Chairman commented that we cannot talk in terms of a sub-branch being formed but if the Queensland Branch wishes to have a separate North Queensland Branch of the Council formed, the Council would not oppose it, even though we cannot assist with funding at the present time and no doubt the North Queensland Branch may come back to us if they need funding at a later date.

It was moved that the request of the Queensland Branch of the Council be acceded to on the understanding that the State of Queensland and Branch representation on the National Executive is not increased."

After discussing this Minute of the National Executive, your Committee resolved that it would be inopportune to proceed with the proposal at present or at all. The proposed visit of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman to Townsville on 10.10.77 was cancelled and the Hon. Secretary was requested to write to Mrs Richards (Committee Member) at Townsville advising her of the decision and the reasons for it

SIXTH UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND
TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS

This Congress will be held in the Opera House, Sydney, from 25.8.80 to 5.9.80. Attending it will be Chiefs of Police from a great many countries of the world. At its last meeting, held on 3.10.77, your committee looked upon this as being a unique opportunity for at least one of the States of the Commonwealth to convene a conference, seminar, or other gathering at which the various Chiefs of Police or their representatives could be expected to attend, either immediately before or immediately after the United Nations Congress. After discussing the matter at length the Chairman, Mr Justice Hoare, was authorised to write to the Police Commissioner, Mr P.M. Lewis, drawing his attention to the opportunity which is open and to suggest that he may be disposed to convene such a conference or seminar. Should the Commissioner decide to do this the Queensland Branch of the A.C.P.C. will be very pleased to offer such co-operation as is appropriate.

The result of this proposal will be made known to you through the Newsletter when it comes to hand.

EDUCATION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS IN CHILD CARE

At the 9th Biennial Conference of the A.C.P.C. held at Sydney on 17.8.77 the following resolution was passed:

"That this Conference recognises the lack of education available for Australian adults and adolescents in child development parenting and requesting the Australian Government Office of Child Care, as a crime prevention measure, to provide the means of such education throughout the country using the news media, existing organisations and informal groups of people."

The State Branches of the Australian Crime Prevention Council were requested to take up the subject matter of the resolution with their respective State Education Departments. Our Chairman has done this by writing to the Hon V.J. Bird, M.L.A., Minister for Education and Cultural Activities, and Mr C. Gilmour, Director-General of Education, drawing attention to the resolution and suggesting that if the proposal should commend itself to these gentlemen and their Department some appropriate action may be implemented.

INTRODUCTION INTO SCHOOL CURRICULA OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE
AUSTRALIAN JUSTICE SYSTEM

This was a further resolution passed at the 9th Biennial Conference, and reads as follows:

"That National and State Executives of the Australian Crime Prevention Council should undertake to make representation to the Commonwealth and State Governments to encourage the introduction into the school curricula at both primary and secondary level the basic principles of the Australian Justice System, particularly in regard to the responsibilities and accountabilities placed upon the individual."

In this instance also, correspondence was directed to the Hon. Minister for Education and Cultural Activities and the Director-General of Education, by our Chairman who drew attention to the resolution and at the same time conveying the belief that the subject matter of such resolution may have at least been partially implemented already and seeking any information the Department could give on the subject.

Members will be advised in due course, through the Newsletter, the outcome of this proposal.

EXCELLENT QUALITY OF 9TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE ACKNOWLEDGED

The Queensland Branch of the A.C.P.C., through its Chairman, Mr Justice Hoare, wrote to Mr Justice J.A. Lee, Chairman of the 9th National Conference Planning Committee, extending its appreciation to him, the Conference Planning Committee, and all others who assisted with the conference, for an excellent conference and the obviously hard work entailed in its organisation.

QUEENSLAND BRANCH A.C.P.C. MEMBERSHIP

As at the end of September, 1977, the Queensland Branch had a total of 101 financial members comprised as follows:

Organisation Membership	- 6	Life Membership	- 1
Voluntary Organisation Membership	- 6	Associate Membership	- 88

This is the first occasion on which membership in Queensland has exceeded the century mark and I look forward to our existing members taking every opportunity of swelling our ranks to a further century and more. We need all the workers we can get if we are to progress and attain our objectives.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The International Meditation Society, a registered non-profit educational organisation, teaching the Transcendental Meditation Programme and the Science of Creative Intelligence, with nearly two million members world-wide and over fifteen hundred in the Brisbane area, presents four seasonal festivals annually throughout the world. One of the aims of these festivals is to celebrate success in every community. The most successful individuals in every field are honoured for the inspiration they bring to all members of society. At the Brisbane celebrations it is customary to present ten awards, one of these being provided by the Ministry of Natural Law and Order which goes to the public servant most highly dedicated to preserving the values of justice, law and order in the community.

It is with pride and pleasure that I advise my readers that I was the recipient of this Award Certificate at the Spring Celebrations of the I.M.S. held at Centaur House, Brisbane, on 24.9.77. However, I am conscious of the fact that other hard working members of the Queensland Branch of the A.C.P.C. who have been instrumental in bringing our work to the notice of Brisbane citizens over the past 18 months would have done much to bring me into consideration for this award. My sincere thanks to you all.

At this celebration I had the opportunity of addressing a large gathering of I.M.S. members from many and varied walks of life, and embodied the following items in such address: The Formation of the Queensland Branch of the A.C.P.C.; The Work Programme of the Branch; Our (Public) Involvement in Crime; Our Contradictory Society; Our Permissive Society; and Meeting the Crime Challenge.

There is little doubt that the I.M.S. is very interested in the work of the A.C.P.C. and would be pleased to co-operate and participate in some of our activities.

W.C.T.U. NON-ALCOHOLIC WINES TASTING FUNCTION

On the 18.10.77 I had the pleasure of attending this function which was sponsored by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Queensland and held at the Canberra Hotel. Its theme was "We wish you enjoyment and pleasure in alcohol free entertaining". Drinks sampled were Whites, Reds, and Ginger and are worthy to be served on all occasions. It would appear that these drinks which are excellently presented, may meet the needs of many different kinds of people with all sorts of problems, as well as meeting the desires of our youth and total abstainers. With the approach of the festive season persons organising the many functions which take place could well consider the use of these non-alcoholic drinks for those persons who wish to fully participate but at the same time stay sober in order to meet their further responsibilities after such functions, such as driving a car taking friends to their respective homes, etc., etc.

The W.C.T.U. has voluntary organisation membership with the A.C.P.C. and some of its members have associate membership. One of the latter group is Mrs Jean Jeffrey, W.C.T.U. Field Officer, who has been with us for some time giving her constant support in all our activities. Should any of our members require further information on these non-alcoholic wines and where they can be purchased, a letter or telephone call to the W.C.T.U. of Queensland, G.P.O. Box 170, Brisbane, Q. 4001 or 221 0127, will provide same.

CANCELLATION OF SEMINAR ON WHITE COLLAR CRIME

On 3.10.77 Mr F. Albietz, the convenor of this seminar, advised the Chairman that a number of unforeseen circumstances had made it impossible to proceed with this seminar on 25.10.77. The committee decided that there was no alternative but to cancel the seminar and for the honorary secretary to advise all members by letter of this. Mr P. Johnson, M.P., suggested that as the venue for the seminar had been booked, it might be possible to hold a seminar of some other interest on 25.10.77. He put forward "Shoplifting" as a suitable subject and discussion on this proposal resulted in Mr Lane being requested to see what he could do in convening such a seminar for that date. Some days later, Mr Lane advised that he had taken up with several people who were interested in such a seminar, but it was the general opinion that time did not permit a seminar of good quality being organised by 25.10.77. The proposal was allowed to lapse but may be considered again later.

PAST SEMINARS OF QUEENSLAND BRANCH RECOGNISED

Recently it came to my notice that reference had been made in the Information Bulletin of Australian Criminology (published by the Australian Institute of Criminology), to some of our past seminars and I am indebted to Mr Andrew Hillier, Law Department, University of Queensland, and an Associate Member of the Queensland Branch, A.C.P.C., for making this information available to me.

The publication of 1 June, 1977, contained a report on the seminar on "Sentencing and Restitution" held at the Commonwealth Government Centre on 6 April, 1977. It reads as follows:

"Papers were presented by the Hon Mr Justice Andrews, Chairman of the Queensland Law Reform Commission, His Honour Judge B.M. McLaughlin of the Queensland District Court and Mr J.C. Latchford, Chief Stipendiary Magistrate.

During the seminar, speakers raised the importance of further provision for enforcement of orders for compensation for criminal injuries or losses, in favour of aggrieved persons, as well as for the increased use of pre-sentence reports by courts and for further research and development in the area of alternatives to jail sentences for offenders. In the course of discussions, members present also discussed the advisability of providing for majority verdicts by juries in criminal cases and it was felt that a majority verdict of 10 to 2 would be appropriate and desirable. Emphasis was generally laid on the importance of providing more information to the judges to assist them in the exercise of sentencing powers."

The publication of the 1 September, 1977, reported on the seminar on "Police - Public Relations and Traffic Enforcement" held at the Commonwealth Government Centre on 26 July, 1977, as follows:

"Papers were presented by Mr P. Johnson, M.H.R., Superintendent E. Robinson, Traffic Adviser for Queensland Police Department, and Dr Ian Johnson, Director of the Road Safety Information Service, Department of Transport, Victoria.

The Conference discussed (inter alia) the existence and exercise of discretionary powers by police in the enforcement of the traffic laws, including desirable modes of enforcement, the lack of knowledge of the traffic laws by many members of the public, the need for further publicity programmes and community education, including school, education programmes, the ticket system, the present range of monetary penalties, and many other relevant issues."

QUEENSLAND BRANCH FILM PROGRAMMES

Our last programme was screened in the Theatrette, Commonwealth Government Centre, on 20 and 22 September, 1977. It was one of the best programmes seen to date, yet patronage was the lowest since this activity began. I am pleased to say however, that there was some improvement in the attendance of our members but there is room here for betterment. We now have a little over 100 members and if each of these prevailed upon one acquaintance to view these programmes it would do a tremendous amount of good for our Branch as well as providing the community, education this activity is aiming for. For the sake of helping to create a better society, please make a conscientious effort in this direction.

NEXT FILM PROGRAMME

This will be held in the Theatrette, Lower Ground Floor, Commonwealth Government Centre, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Tuesday, the 22nd and Thursday, 24th November, 1977, respectively. The programme is as follows:

"LAW AND ORDER"

This film was shot during a six week period in Kansas City. It concentrates on the encounters between the police and the primarily ghetto based populace they deal with. These encounters are a means to explore a range of problems on both sides of the institutional relationship. (Runningtime ... 81 minutes)

It was produced by the world renowned Frederick Wiseman, a lawyer turned film-maker, who is one of the most subtle and masterful exponents of cinema. At the centre of his films is the ambiguity arising from the role of the documentarist as observer-recorder on the one hand and the manipulator of sound and image on the other.

His films have been directly concerned with different aspects of the exercise of power in American society, not at the top levels of government or business, but at the community level.

It is an outstanding film which should not be missed.

OBITUARY

The sudden death of Mr Colin Campbell, Chairman, West Australian Branch, A.C.P.C., came as quite a shock to those of our members who knew him personally, and as a sad loss to the A.C.P.C. of such a valued office bearer. A message of condolence has been forwarded by the Queensland Branch to his bereaved widow, Mrs Norma Campbell, Bertram Street, Darlington, W.A. 6070.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Queensland Branch of the Australian Crime Prevention Council and look forward to their participation in our future activities.

Associate Membership - Rev Father W.A. Dethlefs
Mr R. Kumar (Fiji Islands)
Mr F.J. Mercer
Mr W.L.A. Smith (Fiji Islands)
Mr J.G. Spiller

Voluntary Organisation Membership - Women's Christian Temperance Union of Queensland (Rep. Mrs E.B. Dingle)

Organisation Membership - Fiji Prison Service, Suva, Fiji. (Rep. Mr W.L.A. Smith, Deputy Comptroller of Prisons).

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting of the Queensland Branch of the A.C.P.C. will be held in the Conference Room, 12th Floor, Commonwealth Government Centre, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane, at 9.15 a.m. on Monday, 14 November, 1977.

Yours sincerely,

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BCA SECRETARY