

it has been very beneficial. It has had quite an impact on the rate of juvenile delinquency in the Riverston area. But it also meant a blossoming of a number of young personalities. The young people on T.V. were at the lauching last night and they really had blossomed because they knew people cared.

John McBean, who is the President of the Trades and Labour Council, and his wife watched that show and as committed christians felt utterly compelled to do something about it. He didn't really know what he let himself in for by establishing the Foundation. But he got himself a couple of archbishops and the moderator of the Uniting Church, Ted Harris, the head of AMPOL, John Laws, Gary O'Callaghan, Mr Justice Makin, myself and a few other people, wonderful comitted christian men. The idea, with John McBean doing most of the work, is to try to get \$1m together before Christmas for Insearch. This will have wider ramifications. From our Police and Citizens Youth Clubs Federation, Superintendent Percy Carter is taking a very active interest in this. We've got 51 possible outlets for Insearch, where the programme could be picked up and run by other people. It doesn't take a great deal of doing - you need to want to love kids who are in trouble. We've had a lot of arguments in NSW about the juvenile caution programme from those who are pushing for heavier punishments in

some cases and there is certainly some justification. But they've overlooked as far as juvenile cautioning programmes are concerned the rehabilitative impact of such programmes. That in fact in excess of 80% of offenders if they have been cautioned don't re-offend. One of the problems is that we need to keep young people if possible, out of institutions. That is a difficult thing to say about Government institutions not only NSW institutions, but if Long Bay is the University of Crime then some of our juvenile institutions are crime's Colleges of Advanced Education.

If we can develop the process which will employ more readily christian love for the rehabilitation of these young people then we will reduce the impact of these less acceptable educational institutions. I know that caring love and concern is not the exclusive province of a christian, but I say that unless a person has that capacity for that kind of caring love he could not be classified as christian. So there we have some of the aspects of those differences we talked about. The difference between those really fine and lofty secular notions, for example Law, Morality; the differences between that and the spiritual dimension.

Our Law and Morality share a common purpose. They differ in the way they go about achieving it. The one acts in accordance with the coercive powers of the state, the other is a matter of conscience. But further

than that as Dr Jensen said "the church provides that personal relationship with God rather than merely a system of morality." And the church going and bible reading is not an irrelevance these days, unfashionable maybe, but not an irrelevance.

I am very conscious that to effectively plan for policing in the future we need that divine dimension which comes through such channels as the church and the AFP Christian Fellowship.

One of the questions asked of Commissioner Avery was the relevance of Chaplains in a Police Force.

His answer:

Yes Police Chaplains are very necessary.

Currently we have three senior chaplains and 25 chaplains across NSW. That is not always evident, and they have been a marvellous support. We have regular chaplain seminars. The last one was at St Patricks College in Manly. I was asked by Fr. Jim Boland, our senior police chaplain then, who is now a full time salaried member of the police service. I guess the Archbishop thought that as he worked for us full time we should pay him. I made the offer anyway and Fr. Jim is much loved by the cops. He turns up at sieges, he goes with SWAS when they go training. Major Errol Woodbury from the Salvation Army and Canon Eric Witham from the Anglican Church are also much loved. So there is this network across the State.

I can remember when Bishop Jack Dane was one of our senior police chaplains. He went back to the meeting of Bishops - a conclave - and he said I want you to go back to your respective diocese and pick a good knockabout bloke who can relate to the police and identify him as your police chaplain for your diocese.

You see you can't shove it down their necks, you make it available and instead of having one you need twenty. Part of that is geographical, but police and their families come to very deeply recognise their spiritual needs.

Again looking at it pragmatically, if we utilise this spiritual resource to the fullest we might not have to pay so many people pensions for stress related retirements.

I addressed the chaplains and thought very much about it and was moved to remind the twenty seven or so clergymen of the spiritual responsibility and our spiritual needs and pointed to the text that the fields were ripe for harvest.

NEW MEDIA MAN

Moves to improve media access to Australian Federal Police activities took another step forward recently with the appointment of Mr Keith Livingston as Media Liaison Officer for Southern Command.

He has extensive experience in the electronic media, is now working from the Southern Command Headquarters in Melbourne and is responsible for media inquiries from the Southern, Central, Western and Tasmanian Regions.

Mr Livingston has spent most of his 30 year career in radio and television in Melbourne. He worked for the past five years in the 3DB newsroom but before that he was the Media Liaison Officer for the then Victorian Minister for Community Welfare Services, Mr Walter Jona.



Mr Livingston is also keen to hear from any members of the AFP within the areas of his responsibility whose interests or activities would be of interest to readers of "Platypus".

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