

# Melbourne Prepares For First Olympics Under Southern Cross

(Third of Four Articles written by CWNA editorial representative and Quebec weekly editor John Freeman, who recently returned from a five-week trip to Australia.)

My arrival at Sydney Airport via Canadian Pacific's "Empress of Amsterdam" had been accompanied by the popping of flashbulbs. I was distinguished only because I had carried a pair of skis all the way across Canada in the summer, and then by aircraft over some 8,500 miles of Pacific Ocean.

I parried, successfully I thought, numerous questions on skiing (I have been on them twice in my life); the skis were for an "Aussie" Air Force pal who wanted something particularly Canadian to remind him of happy days spent in Canada while a trainee under the Empire Training Scheme.

My eventual destination was Melbourne, and through excel-

lent facilities available at the airport found myself aboard a Trans Australian Airlines DC-6 bound for Victoria's state capital within an hour of my arrival at Sydney. With its fine climate, Australia is one of the most air-minded countries in the world.

My fare for the 450-mile trip from Sydney to Melbourne, (about the same distance as from Montreal to New York) came to approximately \$20, and flying conditions, described in the latest Aussie vernacular, were "mighty".

"We'll Show The World" I was particularly fortunate in meeting and becoming friendly with Press and Publicity officers in charge of arrangements for the 16th Olympic Games being held in Melbourne next year from November 22 to December 8.

The foreboding of gloomy prophets that this city will "both the games" is vigorously denied by citizens of all walks of life as well as officials who know that the games are too important to permit of anything but success.

"It's not a question of 'will they be a success?' but rather 'How big a success will they be?'"

John Laughlin, press officer who will have the unenviable chore of looking after the needs of an estimated 1,000 press members expected at the Olympics, is a very quiet and unassuming man who has the God-given quality of being able to make visitors and strangers feel at home from the moment he greets them.

He'll need something to look after this gang of sports writers and photographers from some 50 countries!

Stadium Will Hold 104,000

Major features of Olympic Games preparations are the enlargement of the Melbourne Cricket Ground to accommodate 104,000, which will make it bigger than any stadium provided for past Olympics; construction of Olympic Park into a first-class all purpose sporting centre to include a football field, velodrome and hockey field, an athletics and soccer field, as well as a new and most modernistic swimming stadium.

To house the thousands of athletes, a brand new "Olympic Village" is being erected at a cost of some \$4,000,000 with the attention to detail including such items as the provision of oversize beds to house seven-foot tall basketball players!

According to Press Officer Laughlin, "Prominent individuals as well as civic groups are out to boost Australian hospitality to the skies and visitors can be sure they will be made comfortable and most welcome.

No Olympic city has yet been able to provide hotel accommodation for all visitors and guests, and to overcome this problem Melbourne is conducting a campaign which has already made provision for ten thousand visitors in specially selected private homes.

These will be inspected by female hostesses (they're more fussy than men) before being okayed as up to the required standard.

As part of the plan to make visitors feel at ease, lawyers, for instance, would be billeted with lawyers, printers with printers, and so on, so that a

common ground for discussion and mutual enjoyment may be found.

"Dim View"

It's a matter of record that the adverse publicity Australia has received over the games was in part due to the fact that a labour strike was in progress during a visit made by International Olympic Committee Chairman Avery Brundage who quite naturally took a "dim view" when he saw two lone workmen on the Games site!

Actually, the organizing committee's June "progress report" showed all work to be either ahead of, or else on, schedule.

But On Aussie Swimmers

The Australians expect their own athletes to do well under "home conditions" and I was told to "put a couple of dollars on the Aussies to clean up the swimming events — this is the 'good gene' from the most sports-conscious people on the globe.

With a mere ten million people they won no less than six gold medals at the last Olympics held at Helsinki in 1952!

Overseas visitors may book tickets to the various events, in advance, from travel agents and airlines.

Tourist Attractions Galore

It was not until 1788—some thirty years after Wolfe took Quebec that the first boatload of settlers and convicts arrived in Australia.

Yet in this country so much younger than Canada there is a great awareness of the importance of the tourist trade, and Canadians are welcomed like long-lost cousins by the Australians, who have never forgotten the hospitality showered upon their own airmen when they were in Canada during the war days.

Sydney, the second largest "white city" in the Commonwealth, (Montreal is third) is a modern metropolis with a wonderful climate, and boasts more hours' sunshine than any other capital city in the country.

For a visitor, Sydney is an excellent base for operations until he becomes accustomed to the land and climate, and there he is within easy distance of many excellent holiday resorts and tourist attractions.

The newest and currently most popular of these is "Surfers' Paradise" on the coast north of Sydney. As the name implies, visitors can enjoy a beach and surfing second to none with modern accommodation and facilities at a price which gives added value and a bright new look to the Canadian dollar.

For example, rooms at various hotels and guest houses vary from \$3 to \$6 a day (including breakfast), and apartments are also available from \$6 per day per person.

Don't do what I did — book in at a Sydney hotel and then take my breakfast at a cafe — being unaware that I was paying for same with my room!

Another one of the newer resort spots is Hayman Island lying off the Queensland coast. Here, modern twin bed suites, somewhat similar to the latest American motel, can be obtained for \$5 per day per person.

Take A Ferry Ride!

Sydney is world-famous, and so is its fine and beautiful harbour which is criss-crossed by ferries taking commuters to and from work.

To fill in an hour or two I caught the ferry from downtown Sydney to Manly (of Beach fame) — a thirty-five minute run each way at a cost of about twenty-five cents return.

While in Sydney I was fortunate in being the guest of Norman Ellison, Canadian Pacific Airlines public relations representative, well-known journalist, and generally considered to be the dean of Australian Aeronautical writers.

Ellison is a member of the fabulous Tattersalls' Club in Sydney which has a turf background and is world famous. Wonders to be seen there include its swimming pool on the third floor and the "Settlement Room" where once every week on "Settlement Day" race wagers are paid off and don't think the Aussie is a piker when it comes to betting.

I met Ken Ranger, well-known Sydney bookmaker, who may carry over 50,000 pounds on a single race. If you can fangle a visit to this club I guarantee you'll enjoy the experience.

And one more thought—when in Sydney don't miss trying the local crayfish. A medium size one tips the scales at two pounds and the white flesh is a gourmet's delight . . . but the local oysters, while delicious, are babies compared to what we got here in Eastern Canada.

Waltzin' Matilda

There is nothing more Australian, better known overseas, than the title of the Country's unofficial national anthem, "Waltzin' Matilda." The origin of the title is in keeping with the feelings in the hearts of this land's sons, wherever they may be.

A "swagman" who roamed the state of New South Wales became married to a girl (against her parents' wishes) by the name of Matilda and

## THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### RENEWED ALLEGIANCE TO THE LAW

(Lesson for Sept. 25)

**THE LESSON AS A WHOLE**

Approach to the Lesson

True allegiance is always willing to pay a price, and usually does. Those who drew up the Declaration of Independence pledged their lives, their goods and their honor to the cause, and most of them actually paid heavily in the struggle which followed.

True allegiance to God will pledge no less to Him and His cause. Those who shrink from danger and loss and evil repute for Christ's sake are frankly admitting that Christ means less to them than political freedom meant to the fathers of our country.

The Children of Israel, brought back from captivity and re-established in their land, returned to God with all their heart. Awakened by His Word to a renewed allegiance to the God of their salvation, they pledged themselves to Him, even if obedience were costly. It was going to be costly socially to be a separate people; it was going to be costly economically to keep the whole Sabbath system; it was going to be costly in goods to maintain the services of the Temple as they ought to be. But, taking account of the cost, they pledged themselves to walk in the ways of the Lord.

Allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ may demand a social price from us, so we must ask ourselves whether society means more to us than Christ. Following Christ may mean the discontinuance of some "profitable" business practices, so we must decide between Christ and business. Consecration will certainly touch our pocketbooks, so we must choose between being possessors or stewards, we must determine whether our estate or the work of God has prior claim.

But be sure of this, that allegiance, whether to God or to mammon, whether to Christ or to society, whether to the Gospel or to commerce, will cost.

Verse by Verse

Ezek. 20:19—"I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes and do them." The godhead of Jehovah demands the obedience of all men, but when the God-people relation is established, it makes obedience all the more imperative.

Verse 20—"And hallow my sabbaths, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God." The Sabbath was a special gift to Israel, a token of their relation to God. A true observance of the Sabbath, therefore, would bring with it a deeper realization of that relation. Their attitude to the Sabbath was a criterion of their attitude to God and His Law.

Neh. 9:1—"Now the children of Israel were assembled with fasting . . . and earth upon them." This was the seventh month of the year, the same month in which they had celebrated a great Feast of Tabernacles. Now the feasting gave place to fasting, for there was sin to be confessed.

Verse 2—"And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and . . . confessed their sins." There is little value in confessing sin which one is not prepared to put away. Repentance is penitence acted upon. See also how they accepted the burden of the sins of their fathers.

Verse 3—"And they . . . read in the book . . . one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed . . ." The spiritual awakening came as a result of, and in conjunction with, the reading of the Word. Note the length of the service—six hours: three hours allowing the Word to penetrate, and three hours expressing their response in confession and worship.

Verses 4-38 give us one of the important prayers of the Bible. It is interesting that Ezra 9, Nehemiah 9, and Daniel 9 all give us wonderful prayers, with a remarkable similarity between them.

Chap. 10:32—"Also we charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God." The Law called for a half shekel and this held in New Testament days. See Matt. 17:24-27.

The situation may not have required the full amount here.

Verse 35—"And to bring the first fruits of our ground unto the house of the Lord." The first fruits were part of the offerings of the Children of Israel. See Exodus 23:19.

Verse 36—"Also the firstborn of our sons . . ." This carries

the law of the first fruits into the realm of the first born also. But the first born of men had to be redeemed, a proof that God did not desire human sacrifices.

Verse 37—"And the firstfruits of our dough, and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, . . . in all the cities of our tillage." This verse lists more categories included in the offering of the first fruits, and then mentions the tithes (tenth part) of the fruit of the ground that was dedicated to the support of the Levites.

Verse 38—"The system of tithing included the Levites who tithed their portion for the support of the priests and the service of the Temple.

Verse 39—"For the children of Israel shall bring the offering unto the chambers of the sanctuary . . . and we will not forsake the house of our God." Emphasis is laid on keeping the chambers well stocked for the support of those who ministered in the Temple.

The Heart of the Lesson

Nehemiah's term of governorship in Jerusalem saw not only the building and repairing of the walls of the city but witnessed also a great spiritual revival. The story of this is told in chapters 8, 9, 10. Chapter 8 tells of conviction, chapter 9 of confession, and chapter 10 of consecration. Exactly that is the order of true revival.

In chapter 8 Ezra brings forth the Word of God to the people, and, with the help of others, read the Law. Notice Neh. 8:3—"So they read . . . distinctly, and gave the sense." If we get back to that simple formula, we shall again see people convicted of the truth and weeping their way to the Saviour. Too many sermons are an elaboration of the preacher's ideas rather than a giving of the sense of the Word of God. The children of the restoration were so affected by the hearing of the Law that they could scarce turn from their weeping to keep the Feast of Tabernacles in its season.

In chapter 9 comes the confession. The more of the Word they heard, the more it searched out their hearts, so that the reading had to be interrupted to give them time to confess their sins. It became evident that the people's grief and penitence ought to be given corporate expression, and a group of Levites, apparently appointed for the purpose, prepared and offered the great prayer of confession in the hearing of the people. It was intended to be the prayer of the people, a summing up of the feelings that manifestly were moving them. The prayer has three main themes. It is the first recital of the goodness of God, then a confession of the sin of the nation, and finally a plea concerning their present evil estate.

## Dedication of Plough and Cairn at Cobourg



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These should be carefully noted.

The confession is followed by consecration in the tenth chapter. After listing those who signed the covenant as representing their several groups—priests, Levites, and leaders—we are told the content of the covenant. The first item concerned their separation as the people of God from the heathen about them, especially in the matter of marriages. Following this came a resolution to observe the Sabbaths, both the seventh day and the seventh year. The manner in which Israel kept the Sabbath was ever a criterion of their spiritual state. The last item, occupying the bulk of the space, has to do with their giving for the maintenance of the entire work of the Temple, summed up in the last phrase, "and we will not forsake the house of our God." They committed themselves to give one third of a shekel yearly; to care for the wood for the altar by a system

Over the years, abortions in cattle have been responsible for severe economic losses to livestock farmers. These losses have arisen through a reduction in calf crop bringing increased expenditures for replacement stock, and also through decreased milk yields. Until a few years ago the contagious infection Brucellosis, commonly known as Bangs Disease, was considered mainly responsible for the contagious condition. In 1948 an infectious organism which caused abortion in cattle was identified in Ontario as *Vibrio foetus*. This organism set up a condition somewhat similar to Bangs disease and was referred to as *Vibriosis*.

*Vibriosis in cattle is not a*

new disease. It is apparently quite widespread, having been reported from Great Britain and the United States, Holland, Australia and South Africa.

When the infection is first introduced into a herd there is usually a high incidence of infertility with return to service at irregular periods. A high percentage of abortions occur from the 5th to the 7th month of pregnancy.

Animals which abort and animals which are about to abort should be segregated. Soiled litter should be collected and destroyed and disinfectants should be used liberally. In infected herds natural breeding should be stopped and artificial insemination should be employed, as infected bulls are the main source of infection.

It is the general opinion of several men who have studied *Vibriosis* that under practical conditions of herd management prevention of spread of infection within a herd would seem to be impossible.

of relays, to consecrate the first fruits to God, according to the law of Moses, and to bring in the tithes of all their produce.

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