BISHOP URGES ACTION ON FIRES, FLOODS AND SUGGESTS REMEDIES

Fires and floods must not be allowed to continue, and policy of sustained action at the highest government level, emphasis the Anglican Bishop of Goulburn and Canberra, Dr. E. H. Burgmann

In his opening address at the 19th annual conference of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, held at St. John's Cathedral, Goulburn, Dr. Burgmann spoke of the need for a national approach to the problems of fires and floods. He said that these disasters were becoming more frequent and more severe, and that a coordinated national policy was required.

"It is time," he said, "that the federal government takes a leading role in the fight against fires and floods. The states and territories must also play their part, but it is clear that a national approach is necessary for effective action." He recommended that a national committee be established to coordinate the efforts of all levels of government in the fight against fires and floods.

PROGRESS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Another milestone in the history of St. Joseph's College, North Goulburn, has been reached with the installation of a public address system. The system was installed by the college's maintenance department and is being used for various purposes such as announcements, lectures, and music.

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NEW ZEALAND SHOWS WAY WITH HOTELS

Although the Liquor Control Commission has been concerned lately with problems in New South Wales, it has received nationwide interest and its findings, which should be given due consideration, will be eagerly awaited throughout Australia.

Mr. James Marcell has proved a good check to the Commission's work, and his efforts have been widely praised. In his report, Mr. Marcell states that, although the number of cases under investigation had declined, he was still anxious to keep the issue alive. He said that he would continue to monitor the situation closely and to keep the Commission informed of any developments.

The report recommended that the Commission should be strengthened and that it should have more power to investigate cases. It also suggested that the number of inspectors should be increased and that they should be given more training and resources.

The report was welcomed by many in the industry, but it was also met with criticism by some who felt that it went too far in its recommendations. The industry associations promised to continue their campaign for reform, and they vowed to work closely with the Commission to ensure that its recommendations were implemented.

RICE-DRYING FACILITIES

The major economic activity in the district is rice-drying, and the report recommended that the government should provide further support for this industry. It suggested that the government should invest in the latest technology to improve the efficiency and profitability of rice-drying operations.

The report also recommended that the government should consider providing financial assistance to farmers who wished to diversify their crops, in order to reduce their dependence on rice. This would help to ensure the long-term sustainability of the rice industry and to prevent it from becoming too vulnerable to fluctuations in the global market.

The report was welcomed by the rice farmers, who said that they were glad to see the government taking action to support their industry. They said that they were looking forward to working with the government to implement the recommendations and to ensure that the rice industry remained strong and prosperous.