



Young people of Gymea Baptist Church, Sydney, are briefed by their pastor, the Rev. Keith Wilson, before a Crusade 'youth encounter'.



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The result: thousands of New South Wales young people could in 1968 have missed a unique and unrepeatable opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in a way that would shape the direction of their future lives.

Dudley Foord saw this. A former parish minister and Inter-Varsity strategist, now senior lecturer and dean of students at Moore Theological College in Sydney, he took the challenge presented by the forthcoming Sydney Crusade, scheduled for April 20-28 in the Showground. Mr. Foord came up with a plan.

"Whether we like it or not," he told a Crusade youth committee early last fall, "this will be a youth Crusade, just as London was." So rallies were scheduled in various parts of Sydney — "discipleship rallies," they were called — aimed at youth leaders from the local churches. Six rallies were held; 3,000 attended.

Special Bible studies based on the Acts of the Apostles were published under the title *Arresting the Mod. Generation*. A first printing of 8,000 ran out within a few weeks, as Christian youth came to grips with evangelism.

Then came a breakthrough. The youth committee asked for a professional-standard audio-visual presentation to be prepared on "how a young Christian can help to win his friend to Christ through the Crusade." Clifford Warne of the Church of England Television Society, a familiar figure on local TV screens, produced a magnificent set of 76 slides entitled *The Man Between*.

It was a modernized, teen-age version of the Operation Andrew story (Andrew being the disciple who brought his brother to Jesus). Warne made six original sets with taped commentary which included parts of Mr. Graham's 1959 Sydney address on the home. Six teams of young Christians called "flying squads" took this audio-visual to small groups in churches all over Sydney. More than 150 visits were made, and the total audience reached over seven thousand youth.

So popular was the idea that a group of Crusade supporters in Newcastle, 100 miles to the north, was trained, and formed three flying squads to take a seventh audio-visual to churches in their city and to towns up to 40 miles away.

As the time for the Crusade opening approaches, a gigantic "Youth Encounter" visitation is taking place on some fifteen key beaches up and down the eastern seaboard of Sydney. The goal of the 100-man participating squads will be to invite every surfer on the beach to the Sydney Crusade. Bear in mind that at any of those 15 beaches on a fine late-summer day there can be 20,000 people!

In addition, hundreds of deputationists are getting the word to Sydney's three universities, to technical colleges and high schools, and to the national capital at Canberra. If ever a Graham Crusade had the support of a city's Christian young people and their leaders, Sydney is it. We wait with bated breath the blessing of the Spirit of God on this prepared field.

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The Angel's Epitaph

by BILLY GRAHAM

When my wife and I were students in college, we used to take walks into the country. Nearby was an old graveyard which we used to visit to read the epitaphs

on the tombstones. Ever since then I have taken pleasure in going to old cemeteries in various parts of the world. When we wander through a graveyard *continued on page 12*