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In this issue

Ann Dummett

who recently resigned from the Hierarchy's Committee on Race Relations notes the condemnation by the major Christian Churches in this country of the proposal to sell arms to the South African government. What has been the reaction of the Roman Catholic Church? 'The Catholic Church, up to the time of writing has remained silent. More than I can express, I hope that this silence will have been broken by a clear statement before these words appear in print . . . the silence of the Catholic bishops can only mean that they do not see this issue as a moral issue at all.'

Hubert Butler

the Irish historian who has made a special study of wartime Yugoslavia tells part of the horrifying story of an earlier case of complicity with a racist régime.

Dom Aelred Baker, O.S.B.

of Prinknash then suggests an answer to the old problem: What are we praying for when we pray not to be led into temptation?

Bernard Sharratt

enquires into our theology of marriage and asks how far our thinking in this field is conditioned by a particular, historically conditioned and finally unsatisfactory form of the institution.

Fr Adrian Edwards, C.S.Sp.

looks at a new symposium on witchcraft—essays presented to Prof. Evans Pritchard, edited by Mary Douglas. 'This book . . . has something strangely impressive, as though it vindicated again the power of man's reason to face bravely, and judge accurately, that which is most horrible and pathetic in himself.'

Ronald Pearsall

concludes with an entertaining note on the extraordinary life of Alexander Cruden.

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We regret that owing to last year's increase in printing costs and the increase in postal rates we have (for the first time since 1964 when New Blackfriars took its present form) to increase our price. As from this month individual copies will be 25p instead of 20p and annual subscriptions received after D-Day, February 15th, will be £3.

Readers will be glad to know that the circulation is expanding rapidly and as soon as possible we shall increase the size of the journal.

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