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SUB-COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF ALTERNATIVES TO IMPRISONMENT

This Sub-committee, comprising The Hon.Mr.Justice Hoare (Chairman), Messrs. Bevan, Simpson and Purcell, already has held its first meeting in Brisbane at which preliminary discussions took place. Following the meeting, reading material on the subject was distributed to the subcommittee members and they are presently working toward a second meeting. This sub-committee has power to co-opt.

As with the other Sub-Committees, suggestions from Australian Crime Prevention, Correction and After-care Council members will be welcomed by this group.

C.R.Bevan

SIXTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL

Planning has commenced for the next national Conference of the Council which will be held in Brisbane in August, 1971. It is anticipated that a preliminary draft programme will be presented to the next meeting of the Executive Committee which will be held in Sydney on Saturday, 6th June, 1970. Australian Crime Prevention, Correction and After-care Council members who attend the Fifth United Nations Congress in Tokyo will have an opportunity of contacting distinguished overseas personalities with a view to ascertaining whether they may be able to visit Australia in 1971.

The venue and date of the Sixth National Conference will be confirmed at the Executive meeting.

VISITORS FROM UNITED KINGDOM

Rev.Gordon E. Moody, M.B.E., who is General Secretary of the Churches' Council on Gambling in the United Kingdom has been visiting the Australian States in order to discuss aspects of the gambling problem in Australia with organisations and individuals who are interested in this field. Whilst in Sydney Mr.Moody made contact with the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Frank Hayes, and the Assistant Secretary, Mrs. North. He visited correctional institutions and met with parole officers, psychologists and prison chaplains. He also held a meeting with members of Gamblers Anonymous and other workers in this area with the idea of extending assistance to compulsive gamblers.