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## State schools swamped

# RC PUPILS CAUSE CHAOS

## Ballot for admission

*From KEVIN PERKINS in Goulburn*

**Two thousand Roman Catholic children today sought enrolment at Goulburn's six State schools.**

**With accommodation for only 300 of them, the school conducted ballots for various age groups.**

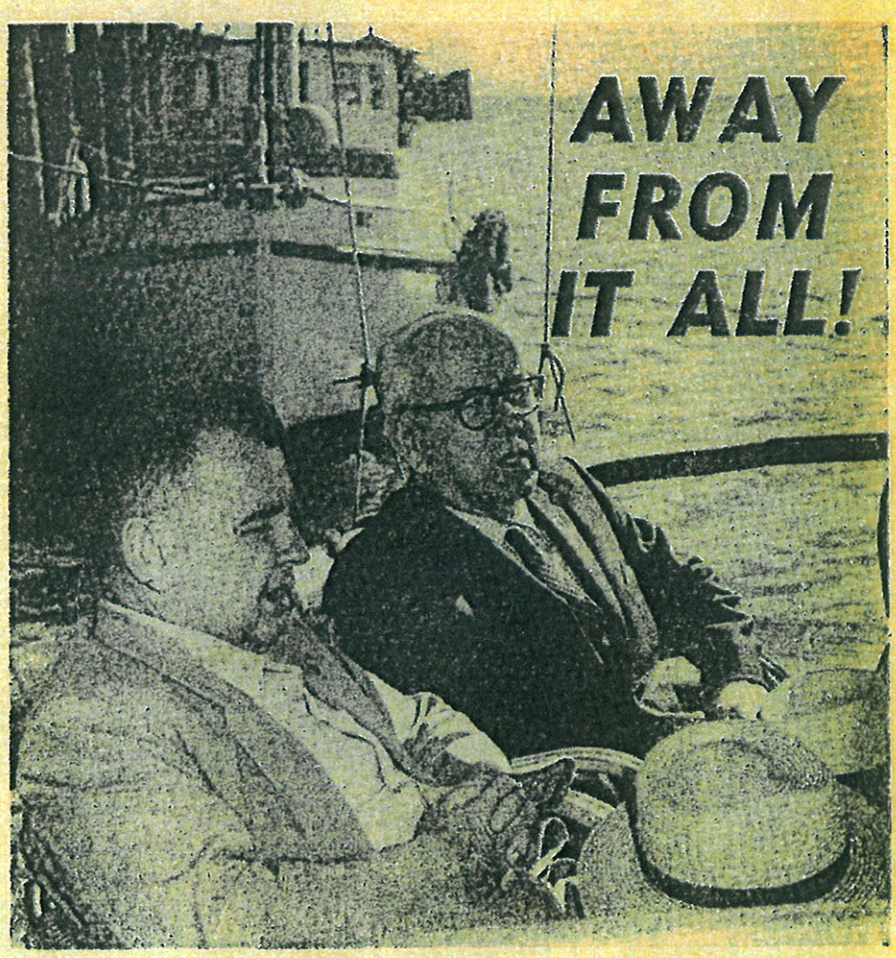
**In Sydney today the Education Minister, Mr. Wetherell, said he would arrange correspondence courses for the 1700 who missed out if their parents wished this.**

**The position has arisen from the decision of Goulburn's eight Roman Catholic schools to close for six weeks from today as a protest against Government refusal to give them financial aid.**

**The 2000 children, accompanied by their parents, queued today inside school grounds from 9.15 am.**

**Police were on duty but had nothing to do for parents and children stood around quietly.**

At Goulburn High School more than 700 Roman Catholic pupils and their parents queued in a temperature of 23 degrees.



AWAY FROM IT ALL!

## Press, TV men ordered out

After the school's 900 regular students went into their classes the deputy headmaster, Mr A. McConnell, addressed the Roman Catholic children and their parents.

**Mr. McConnell said: "We should be able to get this over quickly, but it is necessary for a ballot to take place."**

Mr McConnell then directed the students to different locations at the school, according to age, so the ballot could be held.

At this stage Mr. McConnell ordered all pressmen and television newsmen from the school grounds.

The enrolment procedure was the same at other State schools.

One of the earliest arrivals at Goulburn High was Mr. L. Belgrave, who took his daughter Helen, 15, for enrolment.

Mr. Belgrave said he was a Protestant but his wife was Roman Catholic.

**"But I don't agree with this sort of thing and I hate to see the children being used for a political purpose," he said.**

"Helen is doing her Intermediate and this can have nothing but a bad effect on her schooling."

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**The Premier, Mr. Heffron, enjoying his holiday, pictured aboard the Cairns Harbour Board launch, Wongabel, with the chairman of the Cairns Harbour Board, Mr. Horatio Nelson Whittaker. Mr. Heffron today is inspecting Lismore flood damage.**