

# Beware of the 'new morality'

**T**HE "Rand Daily Mail" (December 9) in a headline quotes a London clergyman as saying "Break Commandments—if you must." So the waves of the "new morality" are lapping at our shores.

I have seen this so-called "new morality" at work in Europe. But before we swallow it here let us be clear what we are swallowing because strange things are going on under its name.

Last summer in London a Church of England priest, after the liturgical part of evensong, in stead of a sermon solemnly led his flock down to the local pub for a drink.

In Switzerland a man who holds an official position in the evangelical church raises the question of giving religious sanction of homosexual liaisons.

Voices are being raised saying that if you "love" a woman other than your wife, "charity may be more important than chastity."

But once you dissociate the message of "love" from the message of the Cross, you can go on like this right back to the dungheap.

Our churches everywhere should hold before us two facts:

● Temptation is tantalising and lust has its lure. But the man who in the name of charity encourages you to give in is your worst enemy. When the new moralists have done their worst the time-proven truth holds: "He breaks the power of cancelled sin. He sets the prisoner free."

● Christ died for all men everywhere, and so any follower of Christ must measure his life and his nation's policies not by whether they satisfy himself, but by whether they tackle and clean up the moral sewers of our countries and turn the world Godwards. — **B. HOFMEYER.**