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HOW SHOULD WE CELEBRATE IT? THE COOK BI-CENTENARY.

AT daybreak on April 20th, 1970 two hundred years will have slipped away since Zachary Hicks, first lieutenant of the "Endeavour" sailing from Tahiti and New Zealand in command of Captain Cook, sighted Australia. Cook named the spot Point Hicks in honour of Zachary. However, by the 1860's the name was disappearing from the charts in favour of "Cape Evenard". It seems doubtful whether that name honoured Sir James Everard Home who commanded the "Calliope" in Australian waters in the 1850's or John Everard, at that time the member for North Gippsland in the Victorian Legislative Assembly. A stone obelisk at the cape commemorates the event. A hill about five miles to the west is called Point Hicks Hill. There is, of course, considerable doubt as to the exact spot that Hicks saw.

Two hundred years is not long in the corridor of time but it is the length of Australia's story. It was Cook's exploration of the east coast which suggested to the British Government that there it might find a place to send its unwanted crimnals and so led to the first settlement. with other literal researched and deep a the ot - voi biss stew

We have been ashamed of the convicts, then sorry for them; now it seems some are almost proud of them and trying to prove that they were among their ancestors. But those who left their country for their country's good were soon outnumbered by free settlers and so a nation grew up.

It is near enough to the truth to say that it started with Hicks' sight of the cape. How should we celebrate the event? In

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