

'YES', 'NO' PLEAS ON CAMBERWELL SPORTS

The Sunday Christian Observance Council has called for a strong "No" vote in the Camberwell postal ballot about Sunday sports on council-owned preserves.

The group's vice-president, Mr Gordon Sprigg, said today: "God has the first claim on Sunday and it's not in the best interests of this nation to give the day to sport."

Ballot papers would be posted to the more than 100,000 Camberwell residents about May 20. The referendum would close on June 1.

Mr Sprigg objected to the words "non-commercialised sport" in the referendum.

"I don't know what those words mean," he said.

"The door would be left open not only to tennis and bowling, but also to sports like football and cricket."

The chairman of the Camberwell Combined Tennis Clubs' Committee, Mr Rex Duckett, said Cam-

berwell was one of the few remaining municipalities which did not allow use of their reserves on Sunday. It was unfair to the residents.

"If we could keep our courts open on Sundays, we could increase our membership by one-third," he said.

"Now, many people who only have time to play on Sunday don't play or go to private courts."

The referendum specified that all sports must be approved by the council, he said. What sports were allowed would be at council's discretion.

Hawthorn amended its by-law several years ago. On the Sunday after Anzac Day this year, the Hawthorn Football Club asked permission to practice on the preserves. They had to play elsewhere.



Town Hall Talk

By Cr. W. S. MEADS

You should receive your ballot paper Sunday sport referendum at the end of this week or by next Monday at the latest.

That will give you a full week to get them back to the Town Hall, either by post or by hand, by 4 p.m. on 1st June—the deadline.

Each person whose name appears on the Camberwell ratepayers' roll will receive by post a ballot paper, with explanation attached, and a reply-paid envelope addressed to the returning officer at the Town Hall.

All you will have to do is to vote "Yes" or "No," put your ballot in the reply-paid envelope and post it next time you're out. Nothing could be easier than that.

Council would like to see a 100 per cent vote so that it can obtain a true expression of opinion on the issue, but that is probably too much to expect.

But you make sure that you are one of those who does vote. This is a ques-

the Council. Any clubs wishing their tennis courts, greens or the sports grounds at certain times on Sunday would still have to obtain council permission.

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