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GOD COMMANDS THAT WE AVOID CERTAIN ONES!

By Herbert W. Armstrong
IS GOD HARSH? Does God call on us to mistreat those disfellowshipped for sowing the seeds of discord in God's Church?

NOT AT ALL! Let us UNDERSTAND THIS!

Do we expect Jesus Christ to have friendly fellowship with SATAN? Do you think Christ is unjust in not treating Satan with what you might call more LOVE?

WHY — yes, WHY do some of

Because of causing divisions and offenses CONTRARY to the doctrine which you have learned!

God's Church is UNITED. We are commanded (I Corinthians 1:10) that we must ALL SPEAK THE SAME THING! Those put out were splitting the Church speaking DIFFERENT THINGS!

Now notice the next verse: "For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple" (Romans 16:18).

And some of YOU brethren

means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted . . . (II Corinthians 11:3-4). Now WHO was trying to turn these members of God's Church to some watered-down doctrine or other teaching? Paul says they were men serving SATAN, and therefore SATAN'S MINISTERS! Notice,

KINDNESS and LOVE?" Well, should Christ Himself show kindness and love toward SATAN?

These people, even if sincere and deceived, are in SATAN'S service, doing what SATAN WANTS DONE — helping Satan try to DESTROY God's one and only TRUE CHURCH!

Let's not REASON our way to DISOBEY GOD! God COMMANDS, "AVOID THEM!" "AVOID THEM!" does not mean go to hear them out of curiosity! You who do that are DISOBEYING GOD. You are trying to be more righteous than GOD!

Now brethren, we have not wanted to act harshly. If we follow God's instructions strictly we should DISFELLOWSHIP and MARK you who go to hear these ministers, or listen to their tapes or cassettes. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE US DO THAT BY YOUR CONTINUED DISOBEDIENCE and continued going to hear them, or hear their recorded messages, which are AGAINST CHRIST'S CHURCH, and therefore AGAINST CHRIST! But there is GOVERNMENT in God's CHURCH. Just as there shall be GOVERNMENT in the Kingdom of God. It is the SAME government now in the Church — based on LOVE — but do not mistake God's LOVE, and DISOBEY HIM!

Let me give you MORE that God says about these false ministers, seeking to draw disciples after them.

God says of them through Peter: "Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam . . . who loved the wages of unrighteousness . . . These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were cleaned escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty [as some of these very former ministers did when they

John: "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would not doubt have continued with us" (I John 2:19).

Through Jude, GOD says: "Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core" (Jude 11). What was the gainsaying of Core? This is spelled *Korah* in the Old Testament. Read of it in Numbers 16. Korah led a group to challenge Moses, whom God had chosen to be LEADER over Israel. For opposing the one GOD chose to lead His people, God had the earth open and swallow them up. Yet men today oppose Christ's chosen apostle!

There is MUCH MORE in the Bible about those who go out, OPPOSING the PEOPLE OF GOD.

Brethren, if I, as Christ's apostle, COMMAND YOU not to go to hear one of these, or to receive one of his tape or cassette into your home, WHAT WOULD YOU THINK? Would you be angry at me? Well, THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT GOD COMMANDS YOU. Are you angry with Him? Some of you have been disobeying Him!

Are we a COMMANDMENT-KEEPING CHURCH? If we are, then let's OBEY. If you DON'T obey God or Jesus Christ, you ARE RIGHT NOW BEING JUDGED! It is JUST THAT SERIOUS. And it's time we all began to take it seriously.

We haven't much time left. It's time now to COMPLETELY CLEAN UP GOD'S CHURCH, and to make His Church READY FOR CHRIST'S COMING!

Some of you do not seem to know just who have been disfellowshipped — marked — or PUT OUT of God's Church. Below is a list. We love them. God loves them — but HE COMMANDS US to AVOID them — because they were causing division, harming God's CHURCH — and God loves His Church too!

Editor's note: The following list, provided by Ministerial Services, is in addition to pre-

our brethren feel we are unkind toward those doing SATAN'S bidding, if we OBEY Christ's following COMMANDS?

God says, through the apostle Paul, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and AVOID THEM" (Romans 16:17).

Many of you brethren have deliberately DISOBEYED that command of God by attending, "out of curiosity," a meeting of one disfellowshipped for that very thing! ARE YOU MORE RIGHTEOUS THAN GOD? ARE YOU ABOVE GOD, so that you need not heed what He says in the above paragraph?

You are going, soon, to be called before the judgment seat of JESUS CHRIST! Will you say to His Majesty, "But, Lord, I only wanted to hear what he had to say!" WHAT DO YOU THINK THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH WILL SAY BACK TO YOU, who make excuse for DISOBEYING His positive COMMAND?

Let's UNDERSTAND THIS! What doctrine have you learned? Where did you learn the doctrine? Answer, in or through the WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD! How did the Church receive its doctrine — its BELIEFS — its TEACHINGS — when the Church first started, A.D. 31? The Church from the start received its DOCTRINE from the APOSTLES!

Jesus is the personal Word of God. THE BIBLE is the written Word of God. Both are the same!

In our day, Jesus Christ taught His chosen apostle through the written Word of God. The Worldwide Church of God — the SAME Church as founded in A.D. 31 — received its DOCTRINE through God's chosen apostle!

Now back to Romans 16:17. WHY have some leaders had to be disfellowshipped — MARKED?

have wanted to hear those good words and fair speeches coming from persons of charisma, even though YOU WERE DISOBEYING GOD!

Notice FURTHER the COMMANDS of GOD!

God's message through Paul: "Now we COMMAND you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly . . . And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed" (II Thessalonians 3:6, 14).

Those ministers who have gone out, or been put out, of the Worldwide Church of God, often come to your town or city to speak. Many of them come to you in the form of a tape or cassette, to preach their perverted doctrine, or to try to turn you AGAINST God's Church — even as they are AGAINST it! They do NOT come to you with the doctrine which JESUS CHRIST put into His one and only Church. WHAT DOES GOD COMMAND YOU? LISTEN, and OBEY!

"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed" (II John 10).

In the very beginning of the Church of God, in the first century, there were false apostles, and there were those who went out from the Church for selfish gain or for revenge — even as today.

The apostle Paul, speaking to the elders — the ministers — of the church at Ephesus, said, "Also of your own selves [you MINISTERS] shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:30).

To the church at Corinth, Paul wrote: "But I fear, lest by any

same chapter, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into" [that is, professing to be] apostles of Christ. And no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers [actually SATAN'S ministers, perhaps even themselves deceived into believing they are serving Christ] "also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness" (verses 13-15).

Brethren, STUDY THAT! If Paul had said to one of those ministers opposing God's true Church, "You are a minister of Satan," he would have sharply said back: "I am not a minister of Satan. You are FALSELY accusing me!"

What about these ministers who have gone out — or been PUT OUT — from the Worldwide Church of God today? They would be INDIGNANT if I should call them ministers of Satan. They would be ANGRY! They would say, as one was publicly quoted, "I let go of coattails, and clasped the hand of CHRIST!"

Yes, they loudly and indignantly say, "SATAN COULD NEVER DECEIVE ME!" But Satan has deceived the WHOLE WORLD! He

"We haven't much time left. It's time now to completely clean up God's Church, and to make His Church ready for Christ's coming!"

had deceived ALL OF US — but thankfully GOD called some of us, opened our minds to our former ways following Satan and brought us to Him!

Perhaps these ministers now opposing God's TRUTH and His CHURCH are themselves now deceived. Perhaps they are sincere — BUT THEY ARE SINCERELY WRONG AND IN THE CLUTCH OF SATAN!

Well, then, you may say, "Should we not then show them

secretly prepared and distributed to the ministry the "STP" they themselves are the servants of corruption . . . For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world [as these former ministers did when first in God's Church] through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning" (II Peter 3:15-20).

God says of them through

viously published lists of disfellowshipped ministers.

Charles Barrett, David Bieer, Bobby Boyce, Henry Buck, Rod Carnes, Lor Chamberlain, Fred Coulter, Hollis Crotts, Brent Curtis, Richard Gipe, John Hammer, Robert Hoops, Joe Horchak, Bronson James, Charles Oehlman, John Ouvrier, George Panteleeff, Ted Phillips, Bill Porter, Jack Pyle, V. Ray Pyle, David Robinson and Doug Taylor.

NATO to split over Afghanistan?

PASADENA—The Soviet Union is reaping a side benefit from its "defensive aggression" in Afghanistan. The NATO alliance is now clearly divided between a Franco-German approach to the Soviet Union and an Anglo-Saxon approach.

Great Britain Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government was the first in Europe to show unhesitating support for almost every measure adopted by the Carter administration in its confrontation with the Kremlin over Afghanistan.

"The United States is the final guarantor of European security," Mrs. Thatcher told the House of Commons. "They are giving clear leadership, and we should back them."

Commonwealth support

One British Foreign Office source told the Associated Press: "What has made Mrs. Thatcher's support different from other allies is that she has backed up her words with concrete actions. She is convinced that Britain's lot lies with America." (Significantly, the leaders of other white Commonwealth [Ephraimite]

nations such as Prime Minister John Malcolm Fraser of Australia and Prime Minister Robert Muldoon of New Zealand have also come out in support of the U.S.-British positions regarding retaliations against Moscow.)

Mrs. Thatcher's instantaneous — almost instinctive — response to aid the U.S. cause contrasted sharply with initial doubts and hand-wringing in European capitals, most notably Bonn and Paris.

"There is no doubt that the world political situation has come upon difficult times," said West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in one of his first post-Afghanistan comments.

"But this is no time for nervousness, cries of crisis or sharp tones." Other officials in Schmidt's party, the Social Democrats, played down the Afghanistan crisis too. One, a Foreign Ministry official, said, "Which is more important to the West as a whole — West Berlin or Kabul?"

Across the Rhine, President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France all most defended the Soviet invasion by stating that it was "not necessarily programed," but that "perhaps it has

been determined by the internal situation of Afghanistan."

The continentalists finally succumbed to mounting pressure from Washington, as well as their own public opinion. (The Soviets' internal exiling of dissident Andrei Sakharov also was a factor.) Yet it was more than a month before France and West Germany denounced the Kremlin for its invasion of Afghanistan. At the end of a three-day summit meeting, the French president and the West German chancellor de-

Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. West Germany today is the main Western trading partner for every nation in Eastern Europe. Soviet exports of oil and natural gas to Western Europe have become Moscow's major source of hard currency. Russia has become Western Europe's principal supplier of enriched uranium.

"The relationship is not just economic. Europe has not had a Berlin crisis since the West German *Ostpolitik* — the effort to improve relations with Eastern Europe — was launched a decade ago.

"All these differences tend to push the Europeans in the direction of a

Thatcher's attempts to reduce Britain's assessment for the community budget by some \$2.25 billion. The British move has created ill will among market members, particularly France and West Germany, whose leaders continue to work together without heeding British pleas."

Why no joint approach

The United States is continuing to try to coordinate with Western Europe its new approach to the Soviet Union. Little is being accomplished.

Support for an Olympic Games boycott is meager. The most the Europeans have done is to issue a vague Common Market call for the return of Afghanistan to its traditional state of neutrality. But the EEC foreign ministers did not suggest how the guarantee of Afghanistan's neutrality would be accomplished.

The real problem lies in Washington and its inconsistent, unreliable, hot-cold approach to Moscow.

Three years ago, Americans, said Jimmy Carter, had shed their fear of communism. Now, suddenly, the Soviets are the bad boys again.

Soviet foreign policy, on the other hand, is consistent to a fault. The Germans and the French at least know what to expect when they deal with Moscow, though they might not always be pleased with the result.

America lacks a world strategy; its policy bounces from pillar to post. And now, the United States is about to treat its friends and enemies alike to a shameful new episode: ransoming its hostages in Iran by submitting to what amounts to nothing less than a U.N.-arranged kangaroo court. America will be roasted good for its former policy of supporting the shah. Such a travesty is hardly likely to inspire confidence in American leadership.

Little wonder the Soviets are able to drive wedges between the United States and its European allies.

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clared that East-West détente "would not withstand another shock of the same order" as the Afghan invasion. They reaffirmed their loyalty to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and their determination to honor their alliance commitments.

Interwoven interests

The two continental powers are much more concerned about the immediate impact of a fallback from détente than are Britain and the United States. They simply stand to lose more economically. "The European desire to preserve détente with the Soviet Union," reported *Time* magazine in its Feb. 6 edition, "is heavily colored by self-interest. Put simply, Europe is making money out of détente."

"Last year European Community exports to the Soviet Union amounted to an estimated \$8.2 billion (as compared with U.S. exports for the same year, mostly in the form of grain and other farm produce, worth only \$3.3 billion.) West Germany, Italy and France are counting on Soviet natural gas to help meet energy demands in the oil-scarce years ahead, and a Western European consortium will build a pipeline to bring the gas west. The U.S.S.R. is also providing 30 percent of the enriched uranium that fuels European nuclear reactors. West Germany is also anxious to avoid new Soviet pressures against West Berlin or any interference with visits of its citizens to East German relatives."

The Franco-German approach thus seems to involve expressing strong displeasure to Moscow — but then trying to get détente back on the rails without too much disruption of trade.

The French, of course, are attempting above all to stress the independence of their foreign policy — even though they might end up doing the same thing the United States and the other NATO powers do. Paris must never give the impression it is being dictated to by Washington.

NATO alliance split

"For the first time in a major crisis in East-West relations," reports Los Angeles, Calif., *Times* Paris correspondent Don Cook: "The West German government is lining up with the French rather than the Americans, and this is surely one of the most serious diplomatic developments of the present crisis. How will the Soviet Union attempt to play on this obvious split in the NATO alliance? Perhaps by trying to woo the French and Germans back into cozy détente and to detach the British and Americans, who are more interested in Soviet adventures outside the NATO area."

James O. Goldsborough, an expert on European power relationships, also draws attention to the growing split in the Atlantic alliance over the approach to the Soviet bloc. In the Los Angeles *Times* of Feb. 3, he writes:

"While we have been negotiating arms and selling grain, continental Western Europe has developed a more organic relationship with the

European, rather than an Atlantic, policy. Over the past few years we have seen signs of growing divergences — in monetary affairs, nuclear proliferation, economic policy and arms control. Now the divergence has spread to détente."

"What gives the 'European' view significance is the convergence between Paris and Bonn. Though Britain still tends to side with us on these matters, it only isolates London more within the European community. On the Continent there is a feeling that Europe must have a stronger, more independent policy, one that, in a phrase used by Willie Brandt last week, would make Europe a 'broker between the superpowers.'"

The Franco-German vs. Anglo-Saxon difference toward détente comes at the very time when Britain's standing within the EEC is at a low ebb. The rub is the size of Britain's contributions to the EEC budget, which London claims is proportionately too high. Reports the Associated Press from London:

"Common Market governments have consistently rebuffed Mrs.

Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Several years ago when I was a schoolboy, my mother would send me notes in my school lunch box. Since I was an only child, I guess she felt I needed little reminders. I'll never forget one day finding one tucked neatly next to my jelly sandwich. The note read: "Help! Help me! I'm a captive in a jelly sandwich factory. Send love and thanks! Love, Mom."

I ran home after school, opened the door and found her by the kitchen stove. I threw my arms around her and kissed her, saying: "Thanks, Mom! You're the best jelly sandwich maker in the whole wide world!" It was my way of saying I appreciated her.

All of us need to be appreciated and to show appreciation.

Just because a deed or an event is small is not a good reason for ignoring it, and the phrase "it doesn't really matter" should be used sparingly. Little things may be important, not because of what they are in themselves, but because they are part of or lead inevitably to something that is of great consequence.

A word of appreciation — a sincere "thank-you" — a pat on the back to a fellow human being who has done a good job — helps you as much as the other person. Did you even notice ball players in the dugout or on the playing field give a friendly pat to a player who has just trotted in after scoring or making a good play? A good sport doesn't ask for praise when he has done what he was expected to do anyway, but a show of appreciation will make him try all the harder next time.

It pays to be considerate and appreciative of others in little ways — to treat every person with such thoughtfulness that his or her memory of you will be pleasant. In this way you let your light shine. When you take pains and some trouble to see that others are not neglected — when you make sure you do nothing that will cause others to lose face — you are adding a dimension to mere courtesy and building support that will help you to grow as a Christian. Kindness costs nothing, and yet it can mean so much. A word, a gesture or any small act of kindness is a form of appreciation and may be remembered forever.

Probably one of the most neglected areas of appreciation is in our immediate families. While preparing this issue's column I asked myself, "What are some of the ways

we families could show more appreciation?"

—When was the last time you bought your wife flowers and told her you loved and appreciated her? It works wonders.

—When was the last time you thanked your wife or mom for always having clean clothes ready for you to wear?

—Do you as a family thank Mom for all the extra effort put into a great meal?

—When was the last time you thanked the kids for taking out the garbage or cleaning up their rooms without having to be asked? What about when they bring home a good report card?

—Do you honor and respect your parents? They've worked, sweated and prayed for you. You may think they're old-fashioned and out of touch — not with it, not so cool. But they're your parents, and they deserve your love, respect and appreciation. They deserve a great deal of credit and thanks.

—When someone has you over for an evening of fellowship, do you send a card of thanks?

—On the job, do you offer a word of appreciation to the secretary who types a perfect letter or makes a good cup of coffee?

—Do you show appreciation to co-workers who come up with good ideas or good reports that make the team a success? What about people you work with in the Church?

—Do you give sincere thanks for a good sermon or all the effort that goes into special music?

—When was the last time you thanked those who come early for services and help set up the hall, or who pass out the songbooks?

—After six days of work, do you really appreciate and thank God for giving you His holy Sabbath so that you can rest physically and draw close to Him spiritually?

—Do you show appreciation to God for His mercy and the calling He has given you?

I think one of the greatest examples of appreciation is found in Luke 3:22, where God the Father said to Christ, "Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."

And the ultimate words of appreciation we should be anticipating — if we are living as we should and truly appreciating what life and our calling mean — are, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." That honor will come from Jesus Christ Himself.

Fifth anniversary season 'best we've had' for AICF

PASADENA — "A Spectacular Fifth Anniversary Season" proclaims the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation's (AICF) 1979-80 concert brochure, and according to AICF performing arts general manager Wayne Shilkret, the season at its midpoint is proving to be "the best we've had."

Mr. Shilkret qualifies his remarks by pointing out that "In the original '75-'76 [AICF] concert season, we had a little over 2,000 subscribers to the various series offered. During the current season, we have nearly 8,000 subscribers, which we consider to be excellent."

Since the inaugural concert in April, 1974, featuring conductor Carlo Maria Giulini and the Vienna Symphony, the AICF, under the leadership of its founder Herbert W. Armstrong and Stanley R. Rader, executive vice president, has brought many well-known musicians and performers to the Pasadena area. Pianists Arthur Schnabel and Vladimir Horowitz, sopranos Beverly Sills and Joan Sutherland, guitarists Andres Segovia, Julian Bream and Carlos Montoya, cellist Mstislav Rostropovich and tenor Luciano Pavarotti are but a sampling of the many artists who have performed in the Auditorium under the auspices of the AICF.

"The concert series serves to showcase the College and the Ambassador foundation," illustrates Mr. Shilkret, "as it helps people relate to the foundation's goals in terms of quality and excellence."

Regarding the current concert season, Mr. Shilkret reports that attendance at performances in the

Auditorium has been "very good" with more than 28 concerts sold out and regular attendance figures of 94 to 98 percent capacity. Justifying the high attendance figures is simple, according to Mr. Shilkret, as "The Ambassador Auditorium is run better than any other auditorium in the country. People who come to Ambassador are awed by the quality that they find here."

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College strives to give students best speech training available

By Michael Snyder
PASADENA — "From the inception of Ambassador College, its founder and chancellor, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, realized the importance of the students being given intensive training in the development of basic speaking skills," says Ambassador Deputy Chancellor Raymond F. McNair. Writing in the Jan. 25 *Pastor General's Report*, Mr. McNair noted that Mr. Armstrong's original intent is being realized, stating that Ambassador College provides students with "... the best speech training in the world, as well as the truth of God."

Outside firms and professional agencies recognize this training as well, and such internationally prestigious business firms as Interna-

sets foot on campus. All incoming freshmen are required to enroll in the fundamentals of speech course, which provides an introduction to interpersonal communication and speaking before small groups. Both men and women students attend one lecture session a week, with two speech labs providing the means to develop speaking skills.

Faculty members Mr. Ames, George Geis, David Albert, Gary Antion, Chris Beam and Ron Wroblewski — make up the fundamentals of speech staff, and each takes his own speech lab as well as assisting Mr. Ames in the lectures.

According to Mr. Ames, the course will: "Improve the student's voice and diction, making the student more understandable when he or she

the introduction to homiletics course, which is designed to acquaint men with skills necessary to give sermonettes or handle other speaking portions of Worldwide Church of God services. "Whether or not the men are actually called into the ministry, this course is very helpful in allowing the student to capitalize on the skills he has been building up over his previous two or three years at Ambassador," reports Mr. Ames.

Men developing their skills in the speech classes at Ambassador benefit in a number of ways, and according to Mr. Ames, they "... have a distinct advantage over any student who has no experience in speaking."

Educators outside of Ambassador are recognizing that the abilities to speak and write well are vital assets,



SPEECH PROGRAM — Top right: Speech instructor Richard Ames discusses a test question with a freshman speech student. Above left: Sophomore Janet Burbeck ponders a test question on a fundamentals of speech quiz. Above right: Mr. Ames asks students in the class about their completion of an assignment. Right: Teaching assistant Chris Beam begins a vocabulary drill for speech students. Bottom: Mr. Ames discusses Speech Department plans with, from left, speech instructors Chris Beam, Gary Antion, Dr. George Geis, David Albert and Greg Albrecht. (Photos by Roland Rees)

tional Business Machines (IBM), Xerox and Burroughs recruit at Ambassador because of its high caliber of training and education.

Essential part of life

Specifically, these firms are interested in Ambassador graduates because of their ability to work effectively with people, reports Richard F. Ames, associate professor of theology and mass communications at Ambassador. "Communication is an essential part of life — your skills are limited by your ability to communicate," states Mr. Ames.

Mr. Armstrong recognized the need to develop personality in students as well as providing information, as he wrote in an early *Plain Truth* article: "We want Ambassador students not only to be well educated in the sense of possessing a large fund of knowledge and sound understanding, but we want them to appear educated by the way they express themselves — in personality, in speech and in manners."

"This underlying principle of developing the whole personality is one of the major reasons why Ambassador graduates have obtained a great deal of success," reports Mr. Ames. "We have men in important managerial positions, men in public relations and many successful self-employed men. Given the biblical foundation of speech — which is speaking the truth in love, Ephesians 4:15 — these men find themselves utilizing their Ambassador training in many applications."

Basic foundation

Speech training begins virtually the moment the Ambassador student

speaks. The course upgrades the student's ability of expression, building a more effective vocabulary. Students in the introductory course learn confidence and begin the positive development of their personalities."

Application of principles

An important key to positive personality development is involvement in the campus speech clubs, and students are encouraged to participate in either an Ambassador Club (for men) or a Women's Club. "The speech program includes more than formal curriculum," reports Mr. Ames. "The Ambassador Clubs play a very important role in the Ambassador education."

While a student is at Ambassador College, involvement in the speech clubs provides the student with the ability to apply the speech principles he is learning in the formal situation. Students are encouraged to continue involvement in the Ambassador Clubs throughout their Ambassador College careers. This prepares them for professional disciplines after graduation and enables them to enjoy a more balanced life resulting from the confidence and outlook developed in the club atmosphere.

After completing the introductory speech course, men continue to develop their abilities through two elective upper division speech courses. After the fundamentals course, men move on to a course entitled public speaking. "The public speaking course emphasizes speaking before large groups as well as polishing the skills of the speaker," states Mr. Ames.

The men also can elect to enroll in

and individuals must develop these skills in order to be successful in life. Mr. Armstrong recognized this many years ago, and speech training has been and is an important part of the Ambassador education.

Mr. Ames states: "Any individual who comes to Ambassador with the attitude of improving himself and developing his God-given abilities is going to find ample opportunities. From the time he first walks onto the campus until he receives his degree at graduation, he will find that God has set into motion dynamic, living principles that he can utilize to make his life happy, meaningful and fulfilling. And he will find that a good part of his growth comes from learning to speak effectively."



FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

This issue's "Forum" is the continuation of a question-and-answer session by Stanley R. Rader, the Work's treasurer and general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, in Pasadena Dec. 19. Mr. Rader's comments cover various aspects of the present state of the Church.

Thank you very much. I bring you greetings from Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong in Tucson [Ariz.]. I've been with him for the past week. It's the most time that I've been able to spend with him in Tucson, except for the Feast of Tabernacles of this year. This was my only period of time that I spent overnight in that area since the Feast of Tabernacles of 1978.

He's been writing very much again. He's in the process of writing an extended article or series of articles for *The Good News* on the history of the Church, particularly those early years, which of course he remembers so well, and we don't know too much about at all except through his writings. He's going back now and filling in all the details for us in the very inspiring articles. He's just finished a co-worker letter that will get to the members around the world probably, as he mentions in the letter, just about the time I will arrive in Moscow next week.

I was on my way to Moscow from Tokyo and was already visaed, and quite a lot of elaborate preparations had been made for my arrival. I was supposed to arrive a week ago today in Moscow about two in the afternoon, and on the Sunday before the Tuesday I had one of those last minute advisory sessions with numerous people in the community.

I talked with some of our Japanese congressmen friends, I talked with some American Embassy people, I talked with some former ministers of the Japanese government, and they began to advise me that maybe I ought to wait at least a fortnight because President Jimmy Carter had announced that on or about Feb. 20 he'd have to make another announcement to make some kind of official U.S. boycott position on the Olympics if the Russian troops have not been removed from Afghanistan on that date. You know and I know they're not going to be out of there tomorrow, if ever.

They had also heard through their diplomatic grapevines, and I haven't seen it published anywhere and their information may not be reliable, that [Leonid] Brezhnev was going to make an important announcement on or about the 24th of February.

So the consensus was that it wouldn't harm anything at all if I would just delay for a period of two weeks. So I called Mr. Armstrong in Tucson a week ago Sunday and asked his advice, what he thought. I said, I didn't want to find myself in Moscow making commitments for his visit, which we hope will take place as early as the 15th of May, and also make commitments to tie ourselves much more closely with the Soviet Union, the people of the Soviet Union, and find that we were kind of "odd man out." The idea being that Mr. Carter's going around, it seems, telling everybody who disagrees with his foreign policy that they're unpatriotic. Sen. [Edward] Kennedy, as you know, has come under a certain amount of criticism from his political opponent because he has been, at least the last few weeks, more open concerning such things as the U.S. position concerning that part of the area.

So I thought that I would just wait a couple of weeks and see if the situation clarified itself. Telephone calls are not the best means of communication, although they are certainly the most rapid, and Mr. Armstrong felt pretty much on that day as I did, and so I just decided to postpone for two weeks.

Before I left I arranged with the embassy for a new visa so that I could enter from Warsaw [Poland], where I'll also be visiting on this weekend. Actually on Monday I'll be in Warsaw, and I guess on Tuesday or Wednesday I'll be in Moscow. We sent cables to the Minister of Culture, who was going to be our host in Moscow, and, lo and behold, he was very disappointed that we were not coming and contacted us immediately and wanted to know what had happened. So, I couldn't tell him what had happened. I had to tell him that due to circumstances beyond our control, I was going in the other direction, and I'd be there very, very quickly.

That led me to believe that regardless of what Mr. Carter's position was, we would go. Then Mr. Armstrong and I, through this week, we realized that when a door opens we have to go through it. We just simply have to. Even if the United States takes a very intransigent position, vis-a-vis the Olympics, even if they continue a program that would lead farther and farther away from the detente situation extant for the past decade, that has nothing to do with us anyway.

We're not involved in politics. We're certainly not involved in this world's politics, and the door has opened. We should go through it, we should establish relations with the people of the Soviet Union, and we should begin to get our Work out there if at all possible. So, he's given me the green light, and he's making that announcement in the co-worker letter, which will probably be mailed in the next 24 or 36 hours.

So, I'll be on my way probably Thursday to Pittsburgh [Pa.], where I'll be speaking in the Pittsburgh area. Apparently there is a combined Church service of many churches planned for that weekend, and they'll show the documentary film that you've all seen here.

Then I'll fly on over to Warsaw. We've established already good relations with those people, but because of Mr. Armstrong's illness in October of 1977, I had to personally cancel my appearance there and all the program that I had set up. Although others from the foundation did visit, I haven't. Now I'm going to go there and set up a full schedule for Mr. Armstrong so when he goes to

Moscow he will continue on to Warsaw, and he will have large meetings there with all the representatives of the Polish government and probably a large testimonial dinner in his honor.

We're already planning to be in the Chicago [Ill.] area at a combined service April 5. That's the Sabbath that falls within the Days of Unleavened Bread. Mr. Armstrong will make that trip, and we will continue right on from Chicago to Israel, spend five or six days in Israel in early April, then go on into Cairo and from Cairo home. The plane will then have its annual 10-day or two-week inspection. Then we'll be off, God willing, for Moscow.

When I come out of Russia, I will be going to China. I will be speaking at the University of Beijing on three or more occasions and then five other universities in China, continuing our effort to get our Work started in that area. Hopefully on this trip, I may also receive permission, which I have already requested, to open an office in Beijing and maybe even permission to get our *Plain Truth* distributed there. So we're moving along quickly, you see. So far that's the only request they have not granted.

I made that request in December for the opening of an office. Now we know an office is difficult for a variety of reasons, including the fact that they don't have any offices! There's a tremendous shortage of office space for foreigners in Beijing because the Chinese do not treat us as ordinary human beings. Any foreigner coming over there is put into a special area. There are only four areas that foreigners are allowed to reside in, other than a few hotels. Those areas are specifically circumscribed areas, and naturally there is a heavy demand and there are no vacancies.

So I went so far as to say I would be happy to do as some trading companies have done that have had permission to come in there and to take over a small suite in the Beijing Hotel. Well, of course, there's a long waiting line for those things also. But that would accommodate us nicely if we could get it. At least the building is there. Really, they could maybe take two rooms, a bedroom and a sitting room, which we'd turn into an office and a place of residence for a representative. So that would be two rooms less that they'd have for overseas visitors. So that's what I've been pushing toward.

Also, I've been asking for ground-level space, because the idea that I had in mind for China would be something along the nature initially of a Christian Science Reading Room, where we would have our materials on display for those who would walk in. We would have Chinese Bibles. The Bible has been translated into Chinese and is no longer considered

contraband over there. We would have some English Bibles available. We'd have our *Plain Truth* magazine in various languages and some of our booklets that are more fundamental and elemental in value for us and for those interested, which we could have available first in English and maybe some other languages. That would be a way of getting in and getting our job done, and then getting permission, of course, to do what we've done in other countries—have *Plain Truth* reader meetings as well as have meetings of those who are baptized.

We're going to keep pushing along. We've made good friends with the people there. The letters of appreciation have been coming to us on a steady basis. Those who visited here, those who visited in Japan because of the foundation, the Japanese Diet just has approved a \$200,000 piece of duplicating equipment, which will be donated to the Beijing National Library through the auspices of the Japanese Diet Library.

The people in Beijing know we were the ones who brought them into contact with the Diet people. Two of their librarians and one interpreter visited Tokyo upon an invitation that

we arranged and at the foundation's expense. So it's one more effort, you see, that has come quickly to fruition. You might contrast that for a moment with a delegation of librarians who visited almost at the same time that I was there on my third visit. They came from Washington. They visited, and they looked, and they saw and they left.

We came, and we saw, and we established an immediate rapport with them. We got to know them. We found out what they needed. We found that we could fulfill some of those needs. We've had them here. We've had them in Tokyo. A bridge has been established between the People's Republic of China and the Worldwide Church of God, Ambassador College and Ambassador Foundation.

So we're pleased that these doors are opening, and as Mr. Armstrong says in his co-worker letter, we're going to go through those doors, and if we get some criticism from that from any quarter—if we're there and the American athletes are not—well, it has nothing to do with us. We're just going to keep doing our work in getting the Work out.

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Canadian churches hold prophecy lecture series

By Neil Earle

CALGARY, Alta. — Four hundred and five new people turned out to hear a "Canada in Prophecy" lecture series in the Social Room of Calgary's Jubilee Auditorium Feb. 8 and 9. The lecture series culminated months of fund raising, advertising and detailed preparation in this foothill city near the Canadian Rockies. Several thousands of dollars were raised by the Calgary North and South Didsbury, Alta., churches to finance the lectures.

Opening night, 336 new people attended the lectures, with 140 of this group returning for the second night. An additional 69 individuals joined the assemblage to swell the crowd to the maximum seating capacity of 435. Pastor Dennis Wheatcroft of the Didsbury church played host to the lectures, with Neil Earle of the Calgary North church demonstrating from biblical and historical sources the true modern-day identity of the tribe of Ephraim on the first night. Mr. Earle also tied in the significance of Canada's ancestry, showing what the future held during the time of "Jacob's trouble" [Jeremiah 30:7] for the people of Canada.

Calgary South minister Piet Michielssen presented the second lecture, detailing the cause [from Deuteronomy 28] of Canada's na-

tional troubles and the danger North Americans face from the coming resurrected Roman Empire.

Ushers distributed 165 copies of *The Plain Truth* magazine, while participants picked up 246 complimentary copies of "The Middle East in Prophecy" at the literature display tables. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's around-the-world activities were showcased by a slide show in the lobby of the hotel while handouts of the times and locations of local church services were picked up by participants.

The Canadian rescue of six American diplomats from Iran and Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed's proclamation of Canadian Unity Week assisted in fostering a strong rapport between the speaker and audience during the lectures and highlighted the significance of the messages.

The area ministers felt the lectures were an excellent opportunity for the three congregations to help provide a witness to their neighbors in a proper manner. One minister emphasized that the lectures were "strictly a great commission activity backing up Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in the main thrust of the Work and placing in people's hands powerful articles and booklets that helped to build this Church."



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STORMS — A lake estimated by the Pasadena Police Department to cover 17-22 acres floods a section of a freeway adjacent to the Ambassador College campus, above. At right, Ambassador College student Bill Tessman joins with other students and Church members in scraping a layer of mud and debris several inches deep from the living room of Church member William F. Dankenbring, whose home was damaged by a mudslide. Several Ambassador faculty members, students and Church members volunteered long hours to aid victims of mudslides resulting from more than 20 inches of rain that deluged Pasadena in a series of storms Feb. 10-21. [Photos by Roland Rees and Mike Snyder]



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BANWART, Rob and Mary (Bryan), of Mount Vernon, Ill., girl, Heather Ellen, Jan. 18, 6:50 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

BRENDA, David and Susan, of Victoria, B.C., girl, Sandra Christina, Dec. 14, 6 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

BURCHFIELD, Larry and Julie (Appelton), of Tulsa, Okla., boy, Steven Lynn, Jan. 20, 5:11 a.m., 8 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, first child.

CALKINS, Ray and Shirley (Hubard), of Roswell, N.M., twins, 2 boys, Bryan Wendell and Ryan Kendall, Feb. 6, 4:45 and 4:52 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces and 5 pounds 13 ounces, first children.

CANARO, Ian and Noelleen (Hicks), of Newcastle, Australia, girl, Naomi Esther, Jan. 24, 11:43 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CARNEFAX, Renny and Gail (Miller), of Charleston, W. Va., girl, Leah Marie, Jan. 7, 1:31 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

CLEVELAND, Richard and Martha (Leonard), of Dallas, Tex., girl, Rachel Renee, Jan. 14, 3:30 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

DUCKWORTH, Richard and Pam (Magrover), of Hattiesburg, Miss., Dec. 20, 4:22 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FISHER, Peter and Marie (Struck), of Big Sandy, Tex., boy, Thomas Evan, Jan. 22, 12:38 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 4 boys.

FRITZSCHE, Bruce and Debbie (Mercer), of Chicago, Ill., boy, Brandon Pierce, Jan. 23, 5:19 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

GOETHALS, David and Patty (Hedge), of Pasadena, Calif., boy, Luke Jerald, Dec. 26, 6:18 a.m., 7 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, first child.

HAMILTON, Clyde and Jeannette (Turner), of Columbus, Ohio, boy, Micah Aaron, Jan. 3, 3:10 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 4 boys.

HANISCH, Michael and Zaida (Aman), of Milwaukee, Wis., girl, Heidi Dawn, Jan. 19, 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

HAWRYLUK, Logan and Colleen (McPhedran), of Saskatoon, Sask., boy, Landon William Peter, Jan. 14, 3:58 p.m., 11 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JOHNSON, James and Marjorie (Malton), of Madison, Wis., girl, Kirsten Lisa, Jan. 26, 7:56 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

KRAFT, Steve and Mary (Kreiss), of Big Sandy, Tex., girl, Katrina Marie, Nov. 18, 4:33 a.m., 7 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, first child.

LUGO, Larry and Becky (Davis), of Marietta, Minn., boy, Travis Wade, Feb. 1, 3:46 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MEAHLE, Robert and Donna Jean (Pond), of Pasadena, Calif., boy, Jeremiah Matthew, Nov. 9, 4:30 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

ORRMAN, Dan and Christine, of Bakersfield, Calif., girl, Amanda Jo, Jan. 3, 9:09 p.m., 8 pounds 1/2 ounce, now 2 boys.

PARKS, Vern and Pete (Rohr), of Pasadena, Calif., girl, Andrea Michelle, Jan. 31, 7:42 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

PULIS, Peter and Viviane, of Roseburg, Ore., boy, Peter Daniel, Jan. 17, 6:30 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

REY, Dennis and Gert (Oymen), of Buffalo, N.Y., boy, Nathan Anselm, Jan. 21, 3:35 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

ROSS, Hal and Mary (Whyte), of Pilot Butte, Sask., girl, Audra Carmelle, Dec. 21, 6:20 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SUGGS, Keith and Gail (Bale), of Webb, Ala., girl, Amber Gail, Jan. 17, 5:21 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

SWENSON, Guy and Jennifer (Osborn), of Duluth, Minn., girl, Sarah Colleen, Dec. 19, 8:06 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

TAYLOR, Tom and Helen Sue (Hart), of Danvers, N.Y., girl, Rhonda Jean, Jan. 26, 2:45 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

TOOMBS, Colin and Dorothy (Schultz), of Toowoomba, Australia, boy, Timothy, Nov. 2, 3:20 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 boys.

WANT YOUR PHOTOS RETURNED?

If you want your photos from "Local Church News," "Announcements," the baby coupon or feature articles returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with the pictures. Write your name and address on the back of each photo with a felt-tip pen or use a gummed label, as the pressure from writing with a pen or pencil frequently damages the image in the reverse side. We also recommend including a piece of cardboard roughly equal in size to the inside dimensions of the return envelope for protection of your photos in the mail. These steps will greatly reduce expenses and time on our part and insure that your photos are returned undamaged. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

VINSON, Dana and Dianne (Stansbury), of San Bernardino, Calif., girl, Shanna Marie, Jan. 28, 3:48 p.m., 7 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, first child.

WEBBER, Robin and Susan (Leimbach), of Pasadena, Calif., girl, Julie Ann, Jan. 17, 6:55 p.m., 10 pounds, first child.

WHITLARK, Fred and Susan (Endres), of Pasadena, Calif., boy, Frederick David, Jan. 24, 1:55 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

WHITE, John and Dianne (Kramer), of Kansas City, Mo., girl, Tiffany Nicole, Jan. 27, 12:13 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WOLFE, Gary and Carol, of Fala Church, Va., girl, Rebekah Ann, Jan. 21, 4:19 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swonger of Canton, Ohio, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Christine to Dennis Kuhns of Canfield, Ohio. Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kuhns of Massillon, Ohio. The couple plan a May wedding.

John Albright of the Pittsburgh, Pa., church and Cathy Koozitz, formerly of the Tampa, Fla., church and presently of Pittsburgh, are happy to announce their engagement. The couple is planning a May 31 wedding.

WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fletcher are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Virginia Joyceale Cameron to Donald L. Webster of Soldotna, Alaska, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Webster of Anchorage, Alaska. The marriage was performed at the home of Earl Rosmer, pastor of the Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer and Soldotna, Alaska, churches Dec. 29 in Anchorage. Matron of honor was Becki Erwin, sister of the groom, the best man was Clayton Ellington. The couple now live in Soldotna.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN LONG

Dessie Huskey and John Long were united in marriage in Galveston, Tex., Jan. 18. The ceremony was performed by Hal Baird, pastor of the Houston East Church. The couple now reside in Galveston.



MR. AND MRS. LAWRENCE MAVIS

Dr. and Mrs. Kent Daily of Toledo, Ohio, are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Jo Ellen, to Lawrence Frederick Mavis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mavis of Avonorton, Ohio. Charles Holaday, brother-in-law of the bride and local elder in the Rapid City, S.D., church, officiated at the Dec. 23 wedding in Toledo. The bride's sister, Karen Lintz, was matron of honor and Terry Mavis, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple are making their home at Box 132, Avonorton, Ohio, 43501.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES RAMSAY

Karen Kay McGhee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. McGhee of Corti, Ill., and James Alan Ramsay, son of Dr. and Mrs. James W. Ramsay of Tyrone, Pa., were united in marriage Oct. 3 at Brookside Park in Pasadena, Calif. Greg Albrecht, preaching elder of the Pasadena Auditorium church, performed the ceremony. Marsha Sauley was matron of honor and Steve Ramsay was best man. The couple now reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. GERRY CAMPBELL

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wagerle are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Leslie Jo Pankratz to Gerald G. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Campbell, all of the Wichita, Kan., church. Jerry just officiated at the wedding. Matron of honor was Connie Pyle and best man was Randy Mae.

ANNIVERSARIES

Leigh: On March 31 we will have been married one year. I'm very proud of what you have become and achieved as a husband and provider. There is no doubt that God is your guide and instructor. I pray that the future will continue to bring us ever closer to each other and to God's Church. This year has truly been the start of something very special. Happy Anniversary! Your loving mother, Carol.

Congratulations and lots of love to our two Kias, Graeme and Joy, in Auckland, New Zealand, on your third wedding anniversary. Now you have a baby daughter, Carrie Anne, to share your big day with you. All the best from all at home in Norwich, Queensland. Dad and Mum, Lex and Margaret, Kerry, Elaine, Amy and Hayley.

Congratulations, Lex and Margaret, on your third wedding anniversary. Wishing you all the best in the future. Lots of love from Dad and Mum, Kerry, Elaine and two little girls, Joy and Graeme and Carrie in Auckland.

Mark: Thank you, sweetheart, for the most wonderful year of my life. May we continue to grow together in love and understanding. Happy anniversary Feb. 24. Love, Barbara.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER to all former Chicago, Ill., area Church members: You are warmly invited to return to help commemorate the Church's 25th anniversary Sabbath, April 5, 1980, during the Days of Unleavened Bread. Plans include combined Sabbath services for all four Chicago area churches from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Chicago's downtown Marriott, a cocktail hour preceding an evening formal dinner-dance, and a nostalgic look at the early days in Chicago through a slide show.

Former ministers of the Chicago area are also invited to return and renew old acquaintances. The minister who baptized you will probably be there, so plan now to attend.

Interested brethren who wish to make advance reservations and/or request further information should write: CHICAGO 25 c/o Roger Abels, 7521 Marshall St., Merrillville, Ind., 44710.

Obituaries

BIG SANDY — Adolph L. Bjoraker, 71, died Jan. 22 after a lengthy illness. A longtime member of God's Church, Mr. Bjoraker had previously attended in Minneapolis and Duluth, Minn., and had served for several years at the Church's Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn.

He is survived by his wife Sylvia; two sons, Donald, of Big Sandy, and Glenn, of Pequot Lakes, Minn.; two daughters, Mary Ahrens of Owatonna, Minn., and Shirley Nesmith of Pasadena; nine brothers; and one sister.

CANTON, Ohio — Marcella "Sally" J. Perry, 54, died Dec. 26 of an apparent heart attack. She had been a member of the Church since 1968.

Mrs. Perry is survived by her husband Calvin; one sister, Shirley Bronson; one daughter, Sharon Petr; and one granddaughter, John Foster, a minister in the Akron, Ohio, church officiated.

HOUSTON, Tex. — Hazel Perkins, 67, a member of God's Church since 1967, died Dec. 18.

Mrs. Perkins is survived by a daughter, Daisy Patterson, and a sister, Bessie Kimberly, of Longview, Tex.

Funeral services were conducted at Humble, Tex., by Hal Baird, pastor of the Houston East Church.

LANSING, Mich. — Robert R. Carpenter, 52, a member of God's Church since 1969, died of a rare blood disorder.

Mr. Carpenter had previously attended the Flint and Detroit, Mich., churches. He is survived by his wife, five sons and a daughter.

Nelson Haas, pastor of the Lansing church, conducted funeral services.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Christina Loving, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Loving of Chantilly, Va.

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MOMENCE, Ill. — Flora L. Rudicel, 46, a longtime member of God's Church, died Jan. 5 of complications from diabetes.

Mrs. Rudicel is survived by her husband Edward, who wishes to express his appreciation for the support shown for him and his wife by brethren in the Chicago, Ill., area.

SALINA, Kan. — Lulu May Wiese, 84, died Jan. 15 of an illness. Mrs. Wiese had been a member of God's Church since 1958.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Marcelino Obregon, 59, a member of the Church since 1968, died Feb. 3 of a heart attack.

Mr. Obregon is survived by his wife Esther; two sons, Roger and Henry; and two daughters, Irene and Henrietta.

John Bald, pastor of the San Antonio and Uvalde, Tex., churches, conducted

funeral services at the Fort Sam Houston Cemetery.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Joseph Flynn, 55, a member of God's Church since 1973, died Jan. 31 after a long illness.

Mr. Flynn is survived by his wife Millie.

Lyle E. Welty, pastor of the Albany, N.Y., and Springfield, Mass., churches, conducted funeral services Feb. 2.

WINNIPEG, Man. — Sam Hofer, 87, died Oct. 15 of a heart attack.

Mr. Hofer, a member of God's Church since 1967, is survived by his wife Sarah; five sons, John, Ed, Herman, Sam and Andy; six daughters, Sarah, Rachel, Katie, Ruth, Elizabeth and Carah; 86 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Ron Howe, pastor of the Winnipeg East Church, conducted services Oct. 18.

Spanish 'PT' newsstand

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States resulted from newsstand people. About 800 Correspondence Course students have also been added. Roughly 75 percent of U.S. and Puerto Rico subscribers over the past three years are a result of the newsstand program.

The 85,000 copies circulated in the United States and Puerto Rico make *La Pura Verdad* the fifth largest Spanish-language magazine in that region, and the top-circulation magazine of its kind in the Western United States. According to recent surveys each *Pura Verdad* circulated in the United States has 3.8 readers and, in Puerto Rico, 7.1 readers. This translates to a U.S. and Puerto Rico readership of about 350,000.

"Newsstands have also allowed us to penetrate Hispanic populations in areas where we didn't even know Hispanic communities existed," Mr. Speaks added. These include Syracuse, N.Y., Wichita, Kan., Grand Rapids, Mich., Boise, Idaho, Portland, Ore., and Augusta, Ga. "These people — the people we go to — are those whose primary language is Spanish . . . people who don't understand English and have to have it in their own language," Mr. Speaks said, distinguishing them from the second and third-generation Latinos and Spanish.

Cooperate with English team

Since so many of the Spanish-language *Plain Truths* are distributed on the newsstands in America, the Spanish Department works closely with the English distribution team. But results often vary as a result of cultural differences. With Hispanic families less fragmented than the typical American family, Mr. Speaks

said, they have found many will pick up 15 or 20 copies of *La Pura Verdad* from the newsstand and distribute them to other family members.

Mr. Speaks credited cooperation with the English distribution team for contributing greatly to the increased number of *Pura Verdad*s going out on the newsstands, in terms of both the people involved and their efforts to achieve an equitable balance of magazines designed to best penetrate each market area.

If an area was 35 percent Hispanic, coordinators tried to come near receiving 35 percent *Pura Verdad*s and 65 percent *Plain Truths*, for example, so that all church areas with sizable Hispanic populations received a representative proportion of Spanish magazines.

Dedicated members serve

The members in some 68 church areas in the United States who distribute the Spanish language magazines are fairly well divided between the Latinos and non-Latinos, Mr. Speaks said. Mostly they are just dedicated Church members who want to serve, and Mr. Speaks said he knows of two distributors who are taking Spanish lessons in order to better serve in this capacity.

"These people are dedicating thousands and thousands of hours for the Work," he commented. "They are very, very faithful people, and it is inspiring to me to work with them."

A Spanish-language congregation is located in Pasadena, with a weekly attendance of 130, up from 86 a year ago, and Spanish translations are available on a fairly regular basis in San Diego, Calif., Dallas and San Antonio, Tex., Miami, and Brooklyn-Queens, N.Y.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The EVANSVILLE, Ind., church got together for their winter social, "The Royal Ball," Jan. 19. It was an evening of excellence with music provided by disc jockey Chuck Eades. In addition to dancing, talented members performed diverse entertainment ranging from a poetry reading by Charles Talbert to a pantomime of "The Pink Panther" by David and Sandra Fentress. Other performers included Wally Byers, Bonnie Coultas, Brenda Eades, Lucy Garrett, Harmon Garrett, Donna Kramer, Nancy Miller and Cathy Peine. Also performing were the cheerleaders with their dance routines. The social was organized by Don Benningfield. *Kathy Jones.*

After six months of hard work, the GARDEN GROVE, SAN DIEGO and LONG BEACH, Calif., churches have compiled the area's most delicious,

VILLE, Fla., churches held their annual dinner-dance Jan. 20 at the Hilton Hotel in Jacksonville. The more than 100 people present enjoyed the semiformal occasion and all the table hopping to visit and chat before, during and after dinner. A local group provided the dance music. *Leon Wiggins.*

Feb. 2 the NORTH PLATTE, Neb., congregation said farewell to the Delmer Pancake family. The family will be attending a new and closer church in SCOTT CITY, Kan.

Since their baptisms in 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Pancake have been among the beginning members of four churches: first in GARDEN CITY, Kan., then LIBERAL, Kan., presently in North Platte and next in Scott City. *Doug Johannsen.*

Employees of the PASADENA Mail Processing Center honored Mary Hill with a surprise party Jan. 30 for her 20 years of service to the Work. On behalf of the group, department head Richard Rice and supervisor George McFarland expressed their appreciation for her loyal

service and Bible study. *Mrs. William K. Wells.*

"I'm going to dream about this all week," and, "That certainly was an afternoon to be long remembered," were some of the comments from smiling individuals in wheelchairs and walkers. They were expressing their gratitude to the ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., JOY Singers, a church choir that performed at the Abbey Nursing Home and the Huber Restorium Jan. 20. This followed a similar performance in December at the Colonial and Royal Nursing Homes.

It is a joy-bringing show filled with uplifting numbers that the audience are encouraged to sing along with. Gary Liebold accompanied on the piano. The finale is a moving rendition of "Climb Every Mountain." Director Bob Clements is continually receiving requests for performances. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

Jan. 13 was the last of five consecutive Sundays of a TAMPA, Fla., church fund-raising project at Helen Dale's home. Tony Danapas led the project. And the call went out for carpenters, near carpenters, off-beat carpenters and anyone who could lend a hand. Dale Prosser, Lance Mann, Bill Benbow, Paul Topash, Dale Britt, Ed Minick, Wayne Fogle and John Quade responded with their services. *Lynn J. Rowe.*

The TOLEDO, Ohio, church is expecting more than \$2,000 to add to its funds. In a project spanning from Jan. 16 through Feb. 2, members participated in several inventories at chain stores. Coordinated by a firm specializing in planning inventories, fund-raising coordinator Ron Myers and pastor George Kackos termed the event "one of the most successful fund-raising projects ever." Similar future activities in the planning could add more than \$8,000 annually to the church treasury. *Bob and Cathy Haranovic.*

Everything from computer games to boogie dancing were available at the TORONTO, Ont., social Jan. 26. In one room a disc jockey played a variety of music for the energetic. In another room, games were available for children of all ages. And for the younger set, there was the movie *The Incredible Journey*. Various door prizes were given out throughout the evening. *Carola Finch.*

The ladies of the TUCSON, Ariz., church sponsored a baby shower organized by Marilyn Mullady for Paula Messer Jan. 20. Mrs. Messer is expecting twins. The group presented her with many lovely gifts, including a colorful limousine stroller for two. *Ruth VanBlair.*

CLUB MEETINGS

The combined Women's Clubs of ARLINGTON HEIGHTS and HINSDALE, Ill., convened for a breakfast meeting at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel Jan. 20. Helena Crumbliss and Jacques Smith, respective club presidents, jointly led the morning's events. Topics were presented jointly by Dorothy Bott and Karen Barbish. Speakers were Karen Lee, Berna Long, Claudia Cocomise and Rita Thomas. *Debbie Otto.*

The BUFFALO, N.Y., Spokesman Club held its third annual wheelchair football game against the Silver Wheels at a high school here Jan. 19. The Silver



CAKEWALK WINNERS — Winners in the Rolla, Mo., church winter social's cakewalk on Jan. 19 pose for their picture. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Brian Barlow]

Wheels are a group of physically handicapped young men. Before an excited crowd of more than 200 spectators, both teams played a spirited and fast-paced game ending in the first victory for the Spokesman team, the Turkeys III, with a score of 30 to 26. Various door prizes were awarded by Sheila Murphy, a local television personality. News coverage was provided by two area television stations. It was a great time for all, and both teams are anxiously awaiting their next encounter. *Steve Estrabrook.*

Some 60 members and guests attended the BUFFALO, N.Y., Women's Club's wok cooking demonstration Jan. 16, watching and learning while Meijing Szeto of the Oriental Food and Gift Center prepared an authentic Chinese meal. The menu included chicken-filled eggrolls, bean sprout salad and a delicious dish called Moo Sue Beef. Afterwards, everyone had the pleasure of eating what had been prepared. *Bobbie Tonucci.*

"How to Earn and Generate Money at Home," was the theme of the FLINT, Mich., Concerned About Peoples Club meeting Jan. 21. Illustrating with the stories of Dorcas and Lydia, hostess Louise Carmon spoke about the seven laws of success. She presented a challenging collection of ways to earn and generate money in the home. Other speakers were Helen Braman, Linea Haas, Joann Richards and Monica Wood, all sharing their money-making ideas. Co-hostess Lori Bischoff gave the table topics and auctioned some handcrafted articles. Members' paintings, quilts, crafts, afghans, jewelry, hand-painted china and pottery were displayed. *Joann Whitehead.*

A formal candlelight dinner with wine and background music was the setting for the GENEVA, Ala., and PANAMA CITY, Fla., Spokesman Club ladies' night Jan. 19. YOU members played host for the evening and made a substantial profit for their treasury. Don Waterhouse, pastor of the Geneva church, directed the club. *Harold McKissic.*

Members of the HAMMONTON-TRENTON, N.J., Graduate Spokesman Club and their wives met with Pastor Vincent Panella Jan. 7 to reorganize the club.

Outlining the new structure Mr. Panella noted that the goals of the club will be aimed at furthering the speaking ability of Spokesman Club graduates and establishing a core of dedicated men to better aid and instruct others. A banquet meeting with wives and guests was scheduled for the latter part of April.

It was decided that the club will meet on a monthly basis with the agenda split into sermonette training and Church

doctrine instruction. *Jim Stokes.*

A note of continued enthusiasm and a return invitation to the guests ended the KENOSHA, Wis., Spokesman Club's Jan. 16 ladies' night. The women were treated to refreshments, timely topics and enthusiastic speeches. Club President Rick Sorrentino led the topics session. Alan Hanes was deemed Most Effective Speaker and William Dan Most Improved Speaker. Director Michael Hanisko gave four rules to maintain enthusiasm. *John C. Chandler.*

On Jan. 26 the MONTREAL, Que., English Ladies and Spokesman Clubs combined for an Hawaiian social. The ladies' fashion for the evening was muumuu, caftans, brightly colored dresses and grass skirts. Fashionable shirts added to the men's attire.

Two women welcomed each member on arrival with a warm smile and a lei (flower necklace) after which all dined on avocado salad, almond chicken, Hawaiian meatballs, pineapple rice, fruit salad and Tahitian punch topped with lime sherbert. Five speeches were given. The speakers addressed the audience of more than 100 on subjects pertaining to Hawaii. *E.A. Gore.*

The PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Service, Education, Entertainment and Cultural group (SEEC) held its organizational meeting Jan. 12. SEEC is a club formed primarily of the local single Church members. It will be geared to this group; however, other activities will be open to all Church members. *E. Wendell Hensley.*

SINGLES SCENE

The newly formed New England singles' club gathered in CONCORD, N.H., for their first annual winter social Jan. 26. The event pulled visitors from AUGUSTA, Maine, ALBANY, N.Y., BOSTON and SPRINGFIELD, Mass., PROVIDENCE, R.I., and MONTPELIER, Vt., churches.

With the inception of the club comes the hope for many more singles' activities in the area. Those wishing to know more about the club, its goals and future activities can write to James Lewis, Rt. 1, c/o Wentworth, Dover, N.H., 03820. *James Lewis.*

The ELKHART, Ind., singles organized a dance at the Bieger Mansion in Mishawaka, Ind., Jan. 19. Eighty-five singles from a dozen Midwest church areas attended the event, which was (See CHURCH NEWS, page 7)



HOULAULEA — Members help themselves to food at the Iowa City, Iowa, Houlaulea (food gathering) Jan. 12. Standing at center is minister David Havir. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

family tested and sought after recipes to make up a Church cookbook to be sold locally to raise funds for the Work.

There will be 450 recipes from some of the best cooks in the Church including the wives of leading ministers. Sixty pages of household hints will be included in the plastic-bound cookbook. The coordinators of the cookbook are Amy Harman, Patti Josifek, Nancy Parker, Corinne Jones and Doris Clapp. Mr. and Mrs. Knute Josifek.

On Jan. 19, the 450 brethren of the GREENSBORO, N.C., church enjoyed a dinner that included bread, salad, beverage and dessert and then watched an excellent talent show.

The show included dance routines, instrumental numbers, vocal talent and humorous skits. Greensboro even had its own Miss Minnie Pearl, as depicted by Betty Witt. All in all, the evening provided good food and uplifting entertainment. *Dan Hall.*

The IOWA CITY, Iowa, church enjoyed a Houlaulea (festival gathering) Jan. 12 to say good-bye to some of the members who were being transferred to form a new church in OTTUMWA, Iowa.

Bright floral shirts and dresses together with Hawaiian table decorations and food set the mood of the evening. And, for the children, an added attraction were the Hawaiian games. All enjoyed themselves. However, for a small group, it meant aloha (good-bye) to Iowa City and aloha (hello) to Ottumwa. *Vern Tenold.*

The JACKSONVILLE-GAINES-

'LOCAL CHURCH NEWS' DEADLINES

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COOKING DEMONSTRATION — Buffalo, N.Y., Women's Club members Bobbie Tonucci and Wahnetta Langer assist Chinese food specialist Meijing Szeto. (See "Club Meetings," this page.) [Photo by Bob Rodkey]



AFFECTIONATE HUMOR — Steve Posiak makes pastor Cecil Maranville an honorary member of the Polish community at Montreal, Que., combined English Ladies and Spokesman Clubs meetings. (See "Club Meetings," this page.)

CHURCH NEWS

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chaperoned by ministers Rand Millich and Joe Emmerth and their wives.

An uninvited guest, a bat, arrived on the scene and circled the dance floor several times. However, it did not ask any of the women for a dance. *Jan Farmer.*

The Chat and Chew singles' club of the SOMERSET and MIDDLESBORO, Ky., churches met at the home of Lucille Slaven in Pine Knot, Ky., Dec. 29 for a pitch-in dinner and fellowship. Plans were made and finalized for the coming singles' dance scheduled in April. All single persons are invited to a dance at sunset April 19 in Somerset at the church hall. *Betty J. Frye.*

The first singles' Bible study for the TORONTO, Ont., East church took place Jan. 28 with about 40 singles present. Minister Doug Smith discussed various topics of interest and appointed deacon Keith Roberts as coordinator of the singles' activities. One of the activities will be monthly Bible studies. *Carola Finch.*

SPORTS

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., played host to District 43 basketball and cheerleading tournament on the weekend of Dec. 29-30. At Sabbath services, because of the unexpected high turnout, there was a standing-room-only congregation. Bill



STAR FOOTBALLERS — Voted most valuable players by their opposing teams in the Buffalo, N.Y., Silver Wheels vs. Turkeys III game of Jan. 19 were Eric Lasch and Ricky Schlage respectively. (See "Club Meetings," page 6.) [Photo by Rebecca Fishburn]

Winner, pastor of the GADSDEN, Ala., church spoke on the fear of God.

Shortly after sundown, the excitement moved to the Lakewood Community Center, where basketball teams in divisions 1 and 2 were soon battling. The victors were Huntsville in division 1 and MONTGOMERY, Ala., in division 2. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., and Huntsville were placed first and second, respectively in the cheerleading competition. Both teams will advance to the regionals along with the basketball teams.

The evening was rounded off with a sock hop. *Joan Tuck.*

Approximately 200 people gathered in SPOKANE, Wash., for the YOU District 123 Pacific Regional Division I basketball and cheerleading tournament Feb. 2 and 3.

The schedule began Saturday evening with four games followed by a dance. Next morning the youth rebounded into action. The speed and bounce of basketball continued, contrasted by the colorful cheerleaders.

When the final buzzer sounded, SEATTLE, Wash., had the championship. TACOMA, Wash., was second. Spokane was third, COUER D'ALENE, Idaho, fourth and SURREY, B.C., fifth.

Participating in the cheerleading contest were teams from Seattle, Tacoma, SEDRO-WOOLLEY, Wash., PASCO, Wash., Spokane and Couer d'Alene. Cheerleaders from the Spokane Community College determined who would represent the district in the regionals at San Jose, Calif. They placed Couer d'Alene first and Sedro-Woolley second.

The exciting weekend produced thrills, lessons, joys and tired bodies. *Verne Enos.*

The TOLEDO, Ohio, church was a happy host to LANSING, Mich., brethren Jan. 19 at Northwood High School. Services began with a performance by the Toledo choir. A taped message from Herbert W. Armstrong followed. Then, members shared a huge home-cooked potluck dinner and fellowshiped together.

That evening, the YOU basketball teams met in a fast-paced, highly spirited contest that ended in a victory for Toledo, 39-38. But both teams won in that they set a fine example of Christian sportsmanship before the enthusiastic spectators. Next, Lansing and Toledo men played somewhat leisurely, with the host team emerging victorious with a comfortable 58-40 margin. *Bob and Cathy Harsanjan.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Bible question games were played Jan. 26 in ATHENS, Ga., between teams from Athens and ATLANTA, Ga. Correct answers to questions by minister Douglas McCoy netted team points based on the degree of difficulty of the question.

The first game concerned the Old Testament. Atlanta won 305-250. The New Testament was the subject of the second game, with Athens winning 445-425. A tie breaker ensued with Atlanta the victory, 460-390.

A movie, *The Apple Dumpling Game*, was viewed that evening. YOU sold the refreshments. *Joseph M. Hague.*

Worldwide Church of God youths from BONN Feb. 2 for a formal dinner and dance. After the Sabbath service, the Bonn regional office was transformed into an elegant ballroom. As the young ladies made their grand entrances, they were greeted at the door with corsages. Following a sherry reception, the 18 couples enjoyed an exquisite roast beef dinner prepared by Lucie Eisermann and helpers and served by Cliff Veal, Erwin Schotten and Michael Seyock.

John Karlson, pastor of the Bonn, DUESSELDORF, FRANKFURT and MANNHEIM churches, spoke briefly on the cultural values and social graces stressed by Herbert W. Armstrong at Ambassador College. When dinner was over, everyone took to the dance floor, and classical piano interludes performed by Eric Weinberger during the dance pauses rounded out the evening. Johannes Eisermann entertained the guests with his interpretive reading of a humorous poem.

Having just arrived home from a visit with brethren behind the Iron Curtain, Frank Schnee, director of the German Work, and his wife dropped in on the festivities and extended greetings from the brethren in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany). Many members deserved thanks for making the evening such a special treat, particularly the organizers, Wolfgang and Linda Thomsen. *Rex A. Sproule.*

The DICKSON, Tenn., YOU organized a potluck dinner and social for the church here Jan. 26.

Activities began with a welcoming to "Arnold's Drive-In." Then '50s-style dancing continued throughout the evening, interspersed with a cakewalk, a balloon race, a bubble gum-blowing contest, a dance contest and a "most appropriate dress" contest.

A punch bar refreshed the weary dancers, and all agreed the evening was filled with nostalgia. *Pat Dobson.*

The GLOUCESTER, England, YOU members organized a dinner-dance for the church at the Hartpury Village Hall Jan. 13. For the more than 40 church members present there was a variety of fine food. Many commented on the attractive presentation of the tables, the delicious meal and the service with a smile. Dancing completed the evening.

A sizable profit was made for YOU funds, and it is hoped to make this an annual event. *Olive Willis.*

The HAGERSTOWN, Md., YOU



WEST GERMAN DANCE — Young people from all over West Germany meet together for the first time since the autumn Feast for a formal dinner and dance Feb. 2. The event was held in the Bonn regional office. (See "Youth Activities," this page.) [Photos by Wolfgang Thomsen]

gave a Mexican Night to the church at the Wilson Ruritan Hall Jan. 12. The hall was decorated in keeping with the theme. And a meal of tacos, Mexican chicken, chili beans and sopapillas were served by the teens.

The meal was followed by a movie about Mexico. *Nita Beatty.*

The PASADENA, Senior Campfire Girls, under the direction of member Harold Wells, prepared an outdoor fund-raising brunch Dec. 9 as part of their survival program for November and December.

For two days the girls camped out, acquiring valuable outdoor living and camping skills. The previous evening the girls had refreshments by a log fire and a selection of entertaining and educational wildlife movies. Using the Campfire Girl

organization as a basis for their own group, the Pasadena Senior Girls progress through programs designed to give them confidence and experience in a variety of areas. In the plans are sessions on leadership, swimming, water safety, arts and crafts, music appreciation, education and career awareness. Open to all, the emphasis is on developing a mature approach to life and promoting a healthy club environment. *Barry Girdley.*

Young members of the TOLEDO, Ohio, church helped to spread the Gospel message Jan. 26 and 27 at their display booth in the local Junior Achievement Trade Fair. YOU handed out more than 1,000 pieces of literature to area residents. The response was mirrored by the director of an alcoholic counseling

program. After reading a booklet, he returned to the booth to request additional copies for use in his rehabilitation activities. *Bob and Cathy Harsanjan.*

The Cub Scouts of the WATERLOO, Iowa, church observed Boy Scout Sabbath Feb. 2 by participating directly in the service. The boys served at the door in greeting, shared in song-leading and ushering, gave the opening and closing prayers and sang "America the Beautiful" for special music. A potluck supper followed the services, after which scout master Dan Shavaler gave an awards presentation to the scouts. The scouts then had a meeting while the rest of the brethren attended a Bible study given by minister Virgil Williams. *Debra Eltinger.*

Audiovisual Bible studies tested

PASADENA — Two of the audiovisual Bible study slide presentations were field-tested Feb. 2-10 in churches in British Columbia and Seattle, Wash., reports John Halford, associate producer of Church productions under Larry Omasta of Media Services. Robert Fahey of the Work's Canadian Office stated, "The Bible study slide shows were very well received by the Pasadena church in the United States, so Mr. (Leslie) McCullough and myself invited Media Services to field-test the programs in Canada."

Members impressed

On Feb. 2, Mr. Halford took the study, *The Message of the Book of Amos*, and a program about the Work of God worldwide to Canada. Mr. Fahey reports that "In each of the churches, members expressed their enthusiasm about the shows. Members indicated that they were very impressed with the slide presentations and were very sobered by the message contained in the book of Amos. Many were not fully aware of the powerful messages found in the minor prophets."

The presentation on the book of Amos detailed several prophecies that applied both to ancient Israel and her modern-day descendants. Comparisons between social and religious conditions of ancient and modern-day Israel were drawn, focusing on the task of preaching and publishing God's message.

The second slide program, entitled *A Worldwide Church*, concentrates on the fruits of the work of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, showing how the Gospel message spread from a small congregation in

the Willamette River valley in Oregon to a globe-spanning Work on every inhabited continent. "The program illustrates how Mr. Armstrong has been a builder of bridges on a personal as well as diplomatic level. The impact of Mr. Armstrong has been very significant on the international plane," reports Mr. Halford. Slides of members around the world and personal insights on the Worldwide Church of God congregations in such diverse areas as Burma and East Germany help the viewers understand that "the Church of God is in reality a worldwide Church," states Mr. Halford.


Several people commented that the Amos presentation and the in-depth view of the Church helped them to better understand the important need for the great commission to be fulfilled and the true Gospel preached, according to Mr. Halford. Continuing, he stated: "We tried to show how Amos was a man called to the Work thousands of years ago, with a message important enough for God to preserve it for us today. The slide presentation attempts to make this message come alive and help people see the significance of Amos' message for the 1980s. We showed how Amos was a part of God's Work, so that Amos and Mr. Armstrong are in effect 'working together' to preach the true Gospel."

Field ministers viewing the presentations were enthusiastic about the productions, according to Mr. Fahey, and several expressed their belief that the new Bible study materials will be a valuable tool to the ministry.

Tailored for Canadians

The Amos presentation was tailored to fit a Canadian view of social conditions for the field test, but it still retained the impact of the United States version, Mr. Halford said. "The Canadian version, like the original, stresses how the Church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. People really see the need to follow the inspired leadership of our living apostle, Mr. Armstrong," Mr. Fahey concurred, stating that "The program certainly helps the brethren to see the need for supporting Mr. Armstrong and the Work in fulfilling the great commission."

The presentations were tested in the British Columbia churches of Vancouver, Surrey, Chilliwack, Victoria, Prince George, Kelowna, Penticton, Salmon Arm, Kamloops and in the Seattle, Wash., church. Larry Omasta, head of Media Services, reports that the Amos production will undergo additional revisions, and plans call for the revised editions and several other new Bible study materials to be shown at the Ministerial Conference in June.



the message of amos

WORLDWIDE CHURCH...

BIBLE STUDIES — Reproduced here are the title slides of two Bible study presentations produced by the Media Services Department in Pasadena and being tested in local church areas. The programs have been shown in Seattle, Wash., and churches in British Columbia. [Photos by Roland Rees]

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA — "Startling examples of progress and growth in God's Work continue to reach us from overseas," reports Rod Matthews of the international area of Ministerial Services here.

According to Mr. Matthews, several areas outside the United States are experiencing unusual growth, including the Caribbean, where the highest mail income in the history of the Caribbean Work was recorded during the month of December, breaking the previous record by 19 percent.

Income in the United Kingdom was also up considerably, as the 1980s began with a 39 percent increase over the previous January.

Australia experienced a similar rise in income, with a 34 percent increase record for the month of January.

Mr. Matthews went on to say that God has called members in 117 countries around the globe and that *The Plain Truth* magazine now goes into more than 200 countries and provinces worldwide. The Work through Herbert W. Armstrong has had widespread impact on the world at large, according to Mr. Matthews, as *The Plain Truth* magazine now goes into almost every country on the face of the

earth. Only the seven countries of Albania, Cambodia, Cape Verde, the Comoro Islands, San Marino, Tibet and Vatican City do not have at least one subscriber to *The Plain Truth* magazine.

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PASADENA — The first program of a new series on the 1980s in prophecy for *The World Tomorrow* broadcast is completed and reproduced for distribution, according to Media Services head Larry Omasta. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's material for this program was taken from his sermon transmitted by microwave to the Pasadena churches Jan. 5.

"In the new series Mr. Armstrong previews the coming decade through the perspective of Bible prophecy, with the initial program highlighting his recent trip to Beijing, China."

The first program from the series was aired on approximately one half of U.S. television outlets Feb. 24 with the remainder of the outlets to air the program the next week.

Mr. Omasta pointed out that the new program includes the first public showing of footage taken by a Media Services film crew during Mr. Armstrong's state visit to the People's



AC SPONSORS OPEN TRACK MEET — A participant from the greater Los Angeles, Calif., area hits the bar in high jump competition during the open track meet at Ambassador College Feb. 10, left. Right, athletes dig in at the start of the mile relay. The Ambassador College Recreation Department organized the event as a community service to athletes and schools in the greater Los Angeles area. (Photos by Mike Snyder)

Republic of China last December.

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PASADENA — Guitarist Chet Atkins performed in two "very successful" concerts at the Ambassador Auditorium Feb. 16 and 17, according to Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF) performing arts manager Wayne Shilkret. Despite stormy weather and flooding in the Los Angeles, Calif., area, both concerts were sold out and well-received.

Mr. Shilkret noted that Mr. Atkins was impressed with the Auditorium and stated that it was "one of the finest auditoriums in the world."

Mr. Atkins performed varied personal selections from his extensive repertoire on the two nights, with the first performance serving as a benefit concert for the Huntington Hospital Cardiac League in Pasadena. The second performance was attended by advertising and media representatives from the Southern California area. After the second performance, radio station KLAC [also the station that airs *The World Tomorrow* radio broadcast] played host to a reception in the lower foyer of the Auditorium for the media and advertising representatives.

Mr. Shilkret stated that KLAC vice president and general manager Stuart Levy was also favorably impressed with the Ambassador facilities, remarking on his impressions of "the excellent Food Services and Auditorium staffs, as well as the professionalism of those working with the shows."

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PASADENA — Paul Krautmann, minister of the Georgetown, Guyana, church, was interviewed on the government-owned Guyana Broadcasting Service (GBS) radio station in January, reports Joe Tkach of Ministerial Services. During the course of the midmorning radio talk show, Mr. Krautmann was asked about the origin of the Church, its name and other facets of the Church.

According to Mr. Tkach, Mr. Krautmann was able to discuss the State vs. Church crisis in California, and he was able to explain at length Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's visits with world leaders, including his trip to the People's Republic of China and the possibility of a future one to the Soviet Union.

Mr. Tkach characterized the event as "a very positive and friendly interview."

Mr. Tkach also pointed out that *The World Tomorrow* radio broadcast was accepted and is airing every Tuesday on the government-operated radio station in Georgetown. Commenting on the situation in Guyana, Mr. Tkach wrote in the Feb. 15 *Pastor General's Report*: "The Church in Guyana has gained in exposure and increased circulation of *The Plain Truth* and [the Church's] booklets, especially since the Jonestown tragedy, which had no tangible negative effect on the Church at all."

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PASADENA — A German- and English-language advertising campaign in Canada has generated an excellent response as of Feb. 13, according to David Hulme, circulation manager for the Canadian Work.

About 37,500 newspaper fliers in German, printed in four colors and picturing the pope on the front cover, drew 2,400 responses with more still coming in. Mr. Hulme said that figures out to a 6-percent response, and "To get 6-percent response is unheard of." In the advertising business, one-half or 1-percent response is considered normal for this type of advertisement, according to Mr. Hulme.

In the English language, a double-page ad with coupon inserted in the *Homemakers* magazine, with 1.2 million English circulation in Canada, has drawn more than 22,000 responses to date.

The German- and English-language advertisements are part of a campaign that will run until the end of February and will also include French-language ads.

Spanish 'PT' newsstand effort effective program for contacts

PASADENA — "It was a typical mustard-seed type of thing," said Keith Speaks, referring to the newsstand distribution program that has helped make *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *PT*) the fifth largest general-interest magazine in Spanish published monthly in the United States.

Mr. Speaks, who manages the Spanish newsstand program under Leon Walker, director of the Spanish Work, said that newsstand distribution began in January, 1976 — even before the U.S. English newsstand program was launched — at the request of a member of the Pasadena Spanish church and brethren in the Miami, Fla., area, where there are large Latin populations. Just fewer

than 20,000 magazines were distributed in 1976, compared to about 520,000 magazines picked up on newsstands in the United States and Puerto Rico in 1979.

"We would have put out more last year," said Mr. Speaks, "but the receiver slowed us up."

Domestic U.S. Work

The Spanish Department is unlike other international regions in the Work, said Mr. Walker, since its efforts include a domestic U.S. Work in addition to an international one. This is because an estimated 21 million or more Spanish-speaking people live within the borders of the United States and Puerto Rico, a U.S. possession.

Mr. Walker points out that 25 percent of the members, 37 percent of the co-workers and 47 percent of the donors in the Spanish-language Work are in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Without a radio program or other forms of promotion, the newsstand program until recently has been the only way of making contact with new people, Mr. Speaks said. "This is the only thing we've had in the United States [for the Spanish-speaking population] since *Reader's Digest* ads in the late '60s."

And the results have been pouring in. Some 13,000 responses came in last year and about 60 percent of the Spanish-visit requests in the United States (See SPANISH 'PT', page 5)



LA PURA VERDAD NEWSSTAND DISTRIBUTION

The map indicates continental U.S. cities where *La Pura Verdad*, the Spanish-language *Plain Truth*, is distributed in newsstands. [Artwork by Ron Grove]

Tuition scholarship plan to aid college applicants

PASADENA — The Financial Aids Office of Ambassador College announced Jan. 31 that it again plans to make available regional scholarships to the most outstanding potential Ambassador College student in each area of the Work.

"The vast majority of students who were awarded this scholarship last year are doing very well. It is our plan to make it an ongoing program," said Ron Wroblewski, Financial Aids officer.

Students being considered for this scholarship are evaluated on their character, leadership potential, orientation to service, balanced personality and record of participation in various activities more than on their financial need, said Mr. Wroblewski.

Ambassador College applicants interested in the scholarship should query their minister, who will in turn send a letter of recommendation on behalf of qualified applicants to the regional Youth Opportunities United (YOU) coordinator in the Unit-

ed States, the area coordinator in Canada or regional director in other international areas. Each of those men will then select the top applicant from those names submitted.

The regional scholarship covers full tuition for one year, \$1,350, which can be applied toward the \$2,000 minimum students are required to have for their first year at Ambassador, Mr. Wroblewski said.

In addition to the regional scholarships, the Financial Aids Office announced there will be both full- and half-tuition awards for outstanding participants in the Youth Opportunities United program. Applicants for this YOU scholarship should mail letters of recommendation from their church minister and local YOU coordinator to the Financial Aids Office. Letters should include all YOU activities the applicant has participated in, including the Youth Conference and Summer Educational Program (SEP), and should mention high school activities and offices held in YOU.