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JUST WHAT IS THE WORK?

By Herbert W. Armstrong

YOU HAVE HEARD OF "Monday-morning quarterbacks." Or of arm-chair generals. It is easy enough for one who never did the job, and never could, to sit back and pass judgment on the one who *did* it!

A young man of no experience wrote me recently, "There are still those who think you are incapable of running God's Church."

Well, who is, after all, "running" God's Church and the entire Work? Jesus Christ is. He is the living HEAD of God's Church. I have always said that.

But it is true also that Christ works through human instruments. And I have said that the man He uses as His instrument in founding, building and "run-

How did it start? How was it built? What are the qualifications for founding, managing and building it?

ning" it is required to do as much — to work as hard — as if he alone, without Christ, did it all. Christ does not make it easy for the servant He chooses as His instrument.

In fact, Jesus Christ does not make it EASY for any of us whom God calls and Jesus uses in His service — or those called for salvation. To qualify for the free GIFT of salvation is not easy. "It is through much tribulation that we must enter the Kingdom of God." Jesus spoke of the EASY road that leads to destruction, but "strait [hard, difficult] is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

How much more difficult, then, is it for the one God calls and uses in founding, building and managing God's Church and all its WORK in our modern day?

And how does one appraise the qualifications of one "capable" of "running the Work"?

Jesus said, "BY THEIR FRUITS" we shall know. The "fruits" are the founding of this present era of God's Church, the building of it from virtually nothing, and the operation of it in all its worldwide aspects today.

So just what DO WE MEAN — THE WORK? How did it start? Whom did Christ, the living HEAD of the Church, use? How

was it built? WHAT is it today — what all does it include?

It all started when I was a lad only 16 years old. A summer-vacation employer aroused the spark of AMBITION within me. Or rather, I should say, Christ caused him to do it. That ambition was more than a spark. It was a white-hot flame. I wanted to be a success. I did not yet know in what field or activity. But at age 18 I was led to put myself through a thorough self-analysis, from a book titled *Choosing a Vocation*, and a survey of qualifications for all the various professions, occupations and jobs.

I didn't really know God then.

I knew a little about Him — very little — but I didn't *know* Him. My thinking then was carnal. I decided I fit best in the advertising profession — in magazines and newspapers. Jesus Christ was guiding me through the EXPERIENCE I was to need when later He was to call me to His active service. Much I learned in the magazine and newspaper field was a necessary preparation for being used later by Christ in founding, building and directing what we have come to call "THE WORK."

I have written many times of my conversion. I was antagonistic against much of the truth Christ was to lead me into. I studied it with deadly seriousness to DISPROVE what Christ later led me to believe. Coming into His TRUTH was taking a real thrashing.

Often I have wondered how many members of God's Church came into the truth in a far different manner. That is, they heard one of our broadcasts or telecasts — it seemed to make sense. They recognized it was something *different* than the common "gospel" preaching. They wrote in for a booklet or a copy of *The Plain Truth*. Or, perhaps they first came across a copy of *The Plain Truth* or a booklet of ours. They immediately became interested.

"This rings true," they said, or words to that effect. They wrote for more literature. The BIBLE was opened up to them — for the first time, probably, they began to really understand it. And because they wanted what is RIGHT, in their own goodness they accepted the TRUTH they now saw with their own eyes in the Bible. They came to it BECAUSE THEY WERE THEMSELVES

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THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Millions of dollars are being donated to and spent by four aspirants for the presidency of the United States.

What a spectacle it is! Most who contribute to campaign expenses do so for selfish advantage, hoping to get something out of it. This world has been brainwashed by a subtle and clever devil in the "GET" principle of life.

Once again the situation is like someone said of a previous election, "Well, thank God, only one of them can finally win." Actually, not one is qualified for the position.

But the winner will have his hand on the greatest throttle of POWER possessed by any man on earth. And that is what each candidate covets! It makes me think of a 15-year-old boy who can hardly wait another year to get his hand on the POWER that goes with a steering wheel. Unfortunately we have had some ex-ministers who played politics within God's Church, coveting MORE POWER! Usually those who covet power are not competent to wield it.

There are no more really "strong" leaders in the world in the government of any nation — men such as Joseph Stalin, the man of steel, or Winston Churchill. But one is now looming on the horizon — Pope John Paul II. We may hear a lot more of him, later.

Recent Gallup polls indicate Gov. Ronald Reagan is now in the lead of the three candidates expected to be in the race after the political conventions. President Jimmy Carter rated second, with Congressman John

Anderson a poor third. But even Reagan showed well under 50 percent of the poll.

That would indicate the final election may be thrown into the House of Representatives. But Ted Kennedy is still running. He is counting on the President falling downhill rapidly before the Democratic convention — which he already has started to do. I predicted this three or four months ago, when Mr. Carter escalated in the opinion polls because of the hostage situation in Iran. But now that very hostage situation is dropping him back down rapidly. Don't be surprised if Ted Kennedy is the next President after all. He isn't fit for the office — but then, who is? Kennedy still shows

much boyishness and immaturity, but the sudden weight of the office might sober and mature him. President Carter has not measured up to the stature of the office, and is so recognized in Europe. Ronald Reagan has a much sounder philosophy of what the national government ought to be than any of the candidates, but just is not big enough a man for the job.

Whatever happens, the country LOSES! If there exists a man in the United States of presidential caliber, he is big enough to refuse to run for the job.

In any event, the heads of the governments of Europe — all likewise men of inadequate caliber for the job — have lost all confidence in relying on the

United States to protect them from Communist encroachments. The Russians have now made their move toward their projected WORLD DOMINATION, by sending, now, more than 100,000 troops into Afghanistan. They will not retreat. They are in no great hurry — (a bear lumbers along slowly most of the time) — but in due time they at least now PLAN to keep moving on. One more small leap across Pakistan and they can control the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf — CONTROLLING THE WORLD'S OIL. Europe now fears them. The Europeans want political and military UNION. No leader in Europe is strong enough to unite them.

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HOW EX-MEMBER DISSIDENTS FILL THEIR MINDS

By Herbert W. Armstrong

ONE EMBITTERED expelled former member, whose principal purpose in life now seems to be to "expose the evils" of the Worldwide Church of God, has said, so I am told, that ex-member malcontents fill their minds continually with nothing but conjuring up in their minds what they seem to enjoy thinking is WRONG with the Church of the living GOD.

Their whole thought — their conversation — dwells on nothing, it seems, but what

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they like to suppose is wrong and evil about God's one true Church.

They twist and distort facts into that which is *not* true. They enjoy conjuring up in their embittered and often perverted imaginations monstrous, impossible, filthy lies about the Church or its leaders, and enjoy spreading false rumors.

Significant? Those of us in the Church fill our minds on more than anything else, the WORK of God's Church, the wonderful TRUTHS of God's precious Word. But, it seems, those who once had their minds on

these POSITIVE things of GOD — of His WORK, and of His CHURCH — still keep their minds on GOD'S Church, but now in a negative, embittered, resentful, hating and satanic trend.

It fills their minds not only, but their hearts.

This is a WARNING to YOU! Don't let your mind and heart be filled with such vengeful bitterness!

Are they now, as Jude says, "filthy dreamers [who] defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities ... [who] speak evil of those things which

they know not; but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. 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. These are spots in your feasts of charity [love] ... feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever ... These are murmurers, complainers,

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Europe: first steps toward independence

PASADENA — World affairs may not be the same after the "Venice I" and "Venice II" summit conferences.

Venice I was the June 12 and 13 meeting of the heads of government of the nine European Common Market countries. At that conference, "the Nine" boldly stepped into the Middle East breach with a united foreign policy of their own. "Venice I," noted *Time* magazine in its June 23 issue, "had delivered up an important new player on the Middle East chessboard: Europe."

Then, at Venice II, 10 days later, leading members of the Common Market, along with Japan and Canada, met with President Jimmy Carter at a time in history that marks, according to Los Angeles, Calif., *Times* correspondent Don Cook, "the fading away of 35 years of a postwar era in which American leadership predominated." Little was accomplished at the seven-power economic summit, largely because positions taken by Washington and its allies now are so divergent.

Europe begins to walk

The longtime diplomatic corre-

spondent for *The Christian Science Monitor*, Joseph C. Harsch, says this of the rather sudden emergence of an independent-minded Europe: "The time has come for others to notice, and take account of, an important new feature on the world scene. The West Europeans have foreign policies of their own."

"In other words," continues Mr. Harsch, "the West European countries are no longer satellites of the United States in world affairs. They are friends. They are associates. They are allies... But Europe has, in effect, asserted its independence in matters where it thinks its own interests dictate a difference from Washington."

Western Europe, maintains correspondent Harsch, is still a long way from forming and pursuing a major body of independent policy in world affairs. Mr. Harsch could be wrong on this point. Such independent policy could coalesce a lot quicker than he or anyone else thinks. Nevertheless, he is correct in the assertion that "the machinery now exists for making European as distinct from U.S. policy. The Nine did it at Venice. This may be only the first step of the toddler learning

to walk, but what has been done once can be done more easily the next time. That first step is always the hardest. And the first step has been taken."

Alliance dead?

A 31-year-long peacetime alliance such as the United States has enjoyed with its European allies is almost unprecedented in history. Alliances usually are of a shorter duration, nearly always are forged on the anvil of wars and commonly end after the ink on peace treaties dries.

The glue that holds NATO together is not primarily compatible economic interests or a generally shared Western culture but mutual defense against an outside foe. That foe — the Soviet Union — is infinitely stronger now than when NATO was formed in 1949. (Of course, so are the nations of Western Europe.)

But now, the protector of the West — the United States — is politically weak and indecisive as well as declining steadily in military power relative to Moscow.

Since Vietnam, doubts about Washington's will to commit its

military power to Europe's defense have abounded. But now, misgivings persist over America's actual military capability and strategy.

The debacle of the U.S. rescue mission in Iran had a profound impact upon Europe. A reader wrote to the editor of the Berlin *Morgenpost*, for example, "How can the Americans defend Berlin when they botch so small a mission so miserably?"

Recent news analyses — well publicized in Europe — reveal shocking deficiencies in U.S. military forces. In every service branch

forced May 23 when the first battery of nine S3 strategic missiles equipped with one-megaton thermonuclear warheads became operational. This brings the potential power of the French deterrent, composed of five nuclear submarines, 50 Mirage 4 bombers and land-based missiles, to a strike power of 75 megatons.

The French government "has also ordered studies in the production of a neutron bomb and a decision on this is likely to be taken by the National Defense Council headed by President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in July.

However, even the French realize that their strike force, standing

WORLDWATCH BY GENE H. HOGBERG

there are serious shortages of equipment and spare parts — and, in manpower and skilled technicians.

Must pool nuclear resources

The nations of Western Europe are clearly being caught in a vise between American weakness and Soviet strength. In an article entitled "Three Keys for Europe's Bombs" in the Summer, 1980, issue of *Foreign Policy*, author Alex Gliksmann writes: "The strategic environment is bleaker than ever for Western Europe. Recent improvements in Soviet nuclear weaponry challenge the once impermeable American nuclear umbrella and threaten the future viability of Europe's own limited nuclear capabilities. A credible nuclear deterrent for Western Europe requires a turn-around in European policy. England, West Germany and France must pool their nuclear resources to build a European-based defense system jointly controlled with the United States."

But how? When?

The French *force de frappe* presently represents the only credible nuclear force in Europe outside of U.S. control. The French nuclear deterrent was substantially rein-

alone, is simply not formidable enough to protect their country or Europe as a whole. There is currently much debate within the French military establishment as to whether France can even afford to continually upgrade the *force de frappe*. Some suggest that France has no option in the near future but to integrate its defensive structure with its neighbors, as a prelude to some form of European deterrent system.

The question is how much to involve West Germany, the European nation most exposed to the Soviet Union. Notes author Gliksmann, in uncovering a little-known fact: "West Germany is favorably inclined to such a development [a West European security system]. Indeed, the FRG's [Federal Republic of Germany] adherence to the 1968 Nonproliferation Treaty was contingent on the understanding that West Germany could participate in any future West European force."

Still, suspicions among the European states run deep. France may not, in the end, be willing to truly share its own extensively developed nuclear force with the Germans and others. And would West Germany, at this stage, be willing to swap even a suspected American nuclear commitment for a far inferior French defense system?

Which comes first: the "chicken" of a United Europe or the "egg" of a unified defense? Most likely the former. "The principal basis for rejecting cooperation," notes Mr. Gliksmann, "is the assumption that as long as there is no unity of interests in Western Europe there can be no unified West European defense. For [former French Foreign Minister Michel] Debre and others, the creation of a West European arrangement will have to await the creation of a superstate."

Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Do you remember how, as a child, you would eagerly empty out a new box of cereal, dig to the bottom of it or open it upside down in order to find the ring or toy in the bottom of the package? Expedient behavior starts early in life. Even now, I still open Cracker Jack boxes upside down to get the little toy or game inside!

Remember the first time you heard Herbert W. Armstrong on the radio or television? Remember writing away for the booklet or article he urged you to write for and then checking the mailbox every day with great anticipation? At last it arrived and you devoured it, looking up each scripture in your Bible, reading and rereading every word. And then you wrote away for more booklets week after week, month after month, trying to satisfy that hunger for the truth and the knowledge of God.

Do you still have that same first love for God's truth, or has it cooled off a little over the months or years?

I overheard a conversation the other day where two members admitted that their Bible study time had taken second place to other physical pressures.

Some say the Word produces too many magazines, booklets and reprints for them to keep up with. Or, "I've read all the basic articles on this subject years ago and don't need or have time to read this material now." This is a dangerous attitude to get into.

Bible study is a lifelong pursuit. Continuing Bible study and reading the Word's publications is essential if you are to be an efficient Christian. It enables you to grow and to live significantly as a youth, a parent or a worker, and as a Christian example to the world.

Learning never ends when it comes to God's Word. Continued learning is important enough to demand top place when we are planning how we shall use our time. We are in danger of putting off until tomorrow the very thing that will make tomorrow worth living.

Many of this world's ills are because of ignorance, confusion and misinterpretation of cause and effect. This is not merely because many people are uneducated, but because so many people who are "educated" ceased learning too soon in life. They did not keep up. An-

swers to our personal and spiritual problems are many times found in God's Word and through articles written by Mr. Armstrong and other ministers. But if we don't keep up we may never find those answers. We never acquire understanding unless we study God's written words. The Bible is our best source for knowledge and understanding.

There is a difference between knowledge and understanding. I first learned this when I was 7 years old.

I was playing in the school yard on the monkey bars. I decided to impress a little girl with my gymnastic ability and swing on an extended bar way beyond my reach. You guessed it. My little arms didn't reach. I landed flat on my back, in a pile of small rocks, with a big bang. It knocked me unconscious, and I was rushed to the nearest hospital. An emergency room nurse came in and checked me over, followed by the doctor a few minutes later. About this time, my parents arrived, and I heard the doctor tell them I was "suffering from contusions, lacerations and abrasions." I thought I was a goner for sure — and only 7 years old! I knew what the doctor had said, but I didn't understand what the doctor meant.

The same principle carries over to the functioning of our Christian lives. It isn't enough to know. We need to understand, and that understanding comes with continued Bible study and prayer.

If it is not an established habit, now is the time to start a routine of Bible study. Nearly every home provides either a room or a quiet corner where a person may sit to study.

What about *The Good News* and *The Plain Truth* — are you reading them? If not, let me tell you a little secret. You are missing something — those articles are not the same old thing. They're new and vital to your growth and understanding. Mr. Armstrong is educating us with renewed vigor for the soon-coming Kingdom of God.

A word about review. As Christians we should never feel we know it all. Are we able to fulfill I Peter 3:15 on every basic doctrine of God's Church? At the present time the Work has 42 booklets, 27 of them written by Mr. Armstrong, 19 reprint booklets on various subjects, 24 sermon summaries and 63 reprint articles. When was the last time you reviewed the Correspondence Course? Twelve lessons and more to come.

When my wife and I were first married and our two sons were born, we thought they would just barely reach school age before the return of Jesus Christ. But God gave us more time to grow and overcome, and now our oldest son will enter Ambassador College this fall and our youngest in the 11th grade! We didn't stop educating ourselves or our children just because we thought the end was imminent. Matthew 25:46 shows that when Christ returns He wants to find us working, growing, overcoming, studying and praying. We can't be sitting back and existing, waiting at the bus stop for that magic ride to the Kingdom!

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Good reading

We have our *Worldwide News* and enjoyed it very much. Also the *Good News* has a lot of information and good reading. We enjoy them all and are trying to learn more of God's word.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheelock
Dorchester, Wis.

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I want to thank you for sending me *The Worldwide News*. I sure did like that article, "This is the Story of You. Me and Those Called into God's Church." Thank you again for sending me the paper. And may God continue to bless you.

Florence Young
Rockingham, N.C.

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Church drawn together

Just received our *Worldwide News*. Your article on "The Church Is Not Fighting the State" is a great article in truth and God's people will see it as such. Only those who are not of God's Church may disagree. Yes, the beautiful truth [is that] this trouble has indeed drawn the Church much closer together. It has made us realize just where we stand. We are with you in cleaning up God's Church of spots and wrinkles.

Mr. and Mrs. George Abtola
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Miracles still performed

I was reading the article, "Members Hear Attorney Rebut Retraction by Local TV Station," a sermonette given by Ralph Helge, April 12. He said, "... it's going to take a miracle from God to have it end peacefully." I believe God still performs miracles today, and I'm praying He will in this case. Isn't it a miracle to

know God's truth and have one's life changed from living destructive to outgoing concern and love, the giving way instead of getting. God bless you and all of His people everywhere.

Mrs. Jewell Patton
Portland, Ore.

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Thankful teen

The teens in my church just threw a thank-you party for the original leaders in our Y.O.U. group. After arriving home feeling warm inside I thought of how nice it would be to thank all of those who started and are now in charge of Y.O.U. all over the world.

We would like to take this time to say thank you to all of the parents who helped start Y.O.U. It has been a worthwhile activity and with God's blessing we will continue to be part of it. You are all special people in your own special way.

Some of you took your extra time and taught us of God and His plan, and of fellowship and the importance of it in the Church. While some of you are kept in our hearts, because you were there when we needed some advice that only a member of God's Church could give us. You all had patience and we thank you for that. It might have seemed at times that we weren't learning and that we could cause more trouble than those outside the Church. But we have learned and we do try to understand.

The times for today's teens are hard. We have got heads that are pressuring us to join the free and easy life. But Y.O.U. has helped us to say no. The alternative that Y.O.U. offers is far greater than a rock concert, popping pills or a wild party some Friday night. It is offering us a lifetime of happiness, peace and a world filled with harmony at the return of Christ. Thank you for showing us this new way of life. It helps to make the world a lot more tolerable.

A thankful Y.O.U. member

The above letter was submitted to us anonymously. Though it is not our policy to run unsigned letters, we feel this one to be of particular importance and want to share it with our readers.

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FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

This issue's "Forum" is the beginning of a question-and-answer session by Stanley R. Rader, the Work's treasurer and general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, in Pasadena June 3. Mr. Rader's comments cover various aspects of the present state of the Church.

If the Petris bill [SB 1493] is passed and signed by the governor, when does it become law? And, when will your book be out to the general public?

The book, I think, will start to move into bookstores shortly before the Feast. And it will be sold in the next couple of months by the sales people. I hope to have enough copies here for our July 4th celebration so that people will be able to get their copy.

And then the Petris bill. We hope that it will pass the assembly in June. And then we see no reason why the governor would not sign it. But there's a lot of political maneuvering going on at [the state capital in] Sacramento. Efforts will be made to stop that bill from being passed, and there's not much we, as a church, can do. We do not get involved directly in that process, but there are others who brought the bill into existence, got it through the senate, so we have to rely upon them and rely upon God to get it through the assembly. We will not become directly involved in it, nor have we in the past. But it will be very important if it goes through.

It will not necessarily end our case, but it will amount to a legislative mandate that the state legislature does not want the attorney general or any courts interfering with the religious freedoms of institutions such as ours. It might even be made retroactive. It's unlikely that it would be, but you never know.

What do you foresee now as the next move that the State of California will make toward the Church?

The next move is fairly predictable. We have already tentatively, even prior to this decision yesterday,

usually lies and invents and maligns and slanders; we're just not going to, not to the extent that he would want us to, and certainly not in the past while we were fighting on, you might say, various levels to protect all of our basic rights.

But we have cooperated with everybody else to a much greater extent than we will ever cooperate with the attorney general under any conceivable set of circumstances. It's one thing to sit down with people who treat you as they should, who treat what you give them in a confidential manner, and are only interested in satisfying whatever obligations they feel they have.

It's another thing to be accused of all kinds of wrongdoing, to have that, as Mr. Armstrong said, blasted in all the newspapers around the country. He's still looking for 100 percent vindication, 100 percent vindication vis-a-vis the attorney general.

The other agencies have not done that. They have worked with us in such a way as we were able to give them the answers to every single question they have had and every scrap of paper. Even our auditors, Arthur Andersen, know very well that they will never find another client that is as cooperative, never. They don't get that kind of cooperation from other clients. As a professional auditor I know that. And I know they know that. So therefore, that picture has not managed to get out to the general public, but you're entitled to know that. And as I said, even Mr. Armstrong has made himself available. That's very important.

But the next step will be when they ask us questions that we feel we

But those of you [members in California] who are interested certainly have a perfect right to call your assemblyman and alert him to your feelings about it. And some of those assemblymen, of course, serve on the Assembly Judiciary Committee. And the chairman of that committee is Jack Fenton. So we don't know, but the assemblyman's right: If it comes up for a vote with amendments, he would have to vote for it with whatever amendments there are. We have no way of knowing if those amendments would be beneficial or if they would be detrimental.

But the man whose bill presently exists is [John T.] Knox and he is an assemblyman. He wrote an atrocious bill and everyone now recognizes that it was simply a terrible patchwork job. He is what they call a lame duck. He's retiring. He's not even running for reelection. And his vanity is involved in this case to a certain extent.

He would like to at least have a bill that was enacted into law that still exists. So, he's trying to find a way to amend the old law rather

than, not religious, that it's of paramount importance, and that it avoids entanglement.

Hence, when you look at the cases involving that third point, you see repeatedly that the State is being warned. You must use the least intrusive method or means by which you enforce your law or anything of that nature — the least intrusive means. Obviously in this case this was not the least intrusive. The least intrusive means, we have argued from the beginning, would have been the criminal law.

But, you must remember that the State has had all the information that it needed from the beginning and we gave it to them. We gave it to them voluntarily. The newspapers today talked about self-dealing. You'll not find one word about self-dealing in the complaint or in any of the affidavits that were filed with the moving papers that allowed the receiver to break in here.

But when we prepared our papers in opposition to those papers in January of 1979, I filed a 19-page affidavit — which I did not have to file at all, if I had something to hide —

not have the information that would be requisite in bringing this action against us to begin with, unless they'd had the connivance of a judge or the willingness to be duped. That's plain. You can look at the court pleadings and you will see there is no evidence whatsoever to justify that decision.

And yet, to show you when I say they're dishonest, they are still arguing in their brief before the Supreme Court that the Big Sandy, Tex., campus is worth \$30 million and that we wanted to sell it for \$10 million and pocket it — I don't know how you can pocket the \$20 million that you're going to lose — but in essence that we were selling it for \$10 million. And yet they know, not only that [Judge Julius M.] Title found that the property was worth less than that, but one of the first official acts of the receiver, after his confirmation, was to confirm the sale at \$10.5 million.

Yet, the attorney general is willing to lie in his complaint. He is still talking about the records having been shredded. You can talk to any of our people in Data Processing and

"A lot of emphasis has been placed repeatedly by the press on our so-called refusal to make documents available and our refusal to make ourselves available for deposition for testimony. And what they do not make plain is that, that is true, but only true with respect to the attorney general."



than to have it repealed. So that's another factor that we have no control over.

We're just not as active in that type of situation as the other churches are, nor do we intend to be. But they do keep us informed about what is happening.

How long can the attorney general go on, just on a fishing expedition without filing criminal charges? How can he be forced into filing criminal charges? Would that not be in our favor? Could we battle him better in that area?

Mr. Armstrong and I from the outset have said, Get out of the Church. You have no business suing the Church, no business trying to rape and pillage the Church, that if we had done something wrong,

that is part of the court record, in which I set forth with great specificity my entire relationship with the Work. And I raised any and all issues voluntarily and with enough information there to give the State all the material they might have needed to proceed in any fashion against me or anybody else. I also spelled out my relationship with Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Armstrong's relationship with the Church, the scope of our activities, everything.

But I specifically talked about situations that they are now calling self-dealing. But there could not be self-dealing, because all of these transactions occurred before I was a member, an officer, a director or an employee [when it was] impossible for me to be involved in self-dealing. It would be possible for Mr. Armstrong to be involved in self-dealing or any one of the members of the board or any of the officers.

But the one person who could not have been involved in any self-dealing was me. Because when I became a member, an officer, a director and an employee in 1975, that is when I terminated all of my other activities. They know all of that. All it is, is an effort to mislead the public and to a certain extent the court so that the courts become worried about the possibility of Mr. Armstrong or of me being bad people, while they are trying to win the battle on whether or not a church is a charitable trust. That's the basic issue.

They have had all the information that they needed and it was voluntarily, affirmatively, unilaterally given to them. I didn't have to be in Pasadena in January, 1979, if I

they know it's an outright lie. So it's all a lie. You have to understand that. They haven't told the truth at all.

If they'd only get down to the basics and say all these things are false. There is no controversy over all the things we've said are false. There is no controversy over the facts. We know what the facts are. But this is a controversy of law. Then we wouldn't have any of this going on.

This would be strictly a matter for the courts to decide. Is the Worldwide Church of God a charitable trust? And are all other churches charitable trusts? But they want to confuse the issue. But the one that underlined the entire case is that one. I even told the press yesterday, there's no controversy over the facts — not over the facts.

I mean there's no controversy over the fact that in 1967, for example, I was a member of a partnership that leased aircraft to the Church. Everybody who had any reason to know that, knows it and knew it. There's no controversy over it.

But they're trying to say that it was wrong. If it's wrong it can only be wrong as a matter of law, not as a matter of fact. Do you follow that? We don't deny that I, for a period of years, represented the Church as its advertising agent. We don't deny that. These are things I offered in early January, voluntarily myself.

But as Mr. Armstrong has said when he was interviewed, What's wrong with that? There's no controversy over the fact that I bought a home in 1971 and that the Church assisted me in buying that home by

"It [the Petris bill] will amount to a legislative mandate that the state legislature does not want the attorney general or any courts interfering with the religious freedoms of institutions such as ours."

worked out a schedule for the turnover of documents, and the answering of interrogatories and the appearance for deposition of certain people, beginning in August and running through November. We have not made any such agreement with respect to Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong or me. We haven't said that we would necessarily comply with that schedule either, but that is the schedule that they, the State, and we are working toward. So that would mean starting in August we would probably have some fireworks.

A lot of emphasis has been placed repeatedly by the press on our so-called refusal to make documents available, and our refusal to make ourselves available for deposition or for testimony. And what they do not make plain is that, that is true, but only true with respect to the attorney general. We have cooperated fully with every other agency of the federal and state governments that has evinced an interest in knowing anything at all about us. Even Mr. Armstrong has made himself available.

So, we have simply thrown up a stone wall in front of ourselves vis-a-vis the attorney general, because he has lied and he has invented and he has maligns and he has slandered. He is a totally dishonest man. His deputies originally were the only ones who we thought were dishonest. But after a while, after a year and a half in office, that has to be properly ascribed to the attorney general himself.

And we're not going to cooperate willingly with a person who contin-

cannot answer or they ask us for documents that we do not think under any conceivable circumstances we can turn over. By the way, in an interview with the New York Times today, I got off one little punch line. I happened to listen to the radio today, and [California Attorney General George] Deukmejian was talking about rape being on the increase in 1979. And I wanted to know whether the attempted rape of the Church had been part of his statistics, and I asked them to check it out.

On the Petris bill, as I understand it, it passed the senate and all of the people in the Church [in California] have been asked to call their assemblymen and ask them to vote on the bill as it stands, without any amendments. I called and was told that the bill has to go through the judiciary committee, and if they move it on to the assembly, if they have an amendment to it, he has no choice but to vote on it with the amendment. Can you clarify that?

I think it's stated correctly. I haven't been following it as carefully as some of our own Church members apparently have, nor as closely as Mr. [Ralph] Helge, but it is true that the bill must first go through the judiciary committee. And then when it goes through that committee, it may go through with or without amendment, but there might even be efforts made to sidetrack the bill and to hold it so that it doesn't really come to vote in the assembly this year, and that would be an effective way to more or less table it until next year.

there are adequate laws for that. As a matter of fact, that became a very important pillar of each one of our briefs, even our briefs going before the Supreme Court seeking the court's review.

When we raised the First Amendment as a defense, we ran into a whole series of cases that the Supreme Court had in the past dealing with church-state controversies of one kind or another, none quite as classic as this, but nonetheless, having some precedents. And you have both the freedom of worship, or the so-called exercise clause of the First Amendment to deal with, and you have the establishment clause to deal with as well.

Most of the experts feel that the establishment clause of the First Amendment is the one that is really here. Because what the State is doing by this kind of action is more or less establishing criteria of such a nature as to make it manifest that only churches that have this type of structure and this type of governance and this type of activities will pass the muster, and they will find a way to force all other religions away.

So there are three criteria that must be established: One, that the State's purpose must be secular and that it must be of major importance, whatever kind of regulatory state actions taken. Any time the State enacts a law that comes into any kind of contact whatsoever, brushes up against, the First Amendment rights that we have or any other institution has. They have to look to see that the State's purpose is secu-

wanted to avoid giving testimony. I not only gave my affidavit, but I was there to testify. Is that all plain? So I have nothing to hide, never have.

In light of that then, now they say that they're trying to call Mr. Armstrong in this. How can they do that legally, since he's not even in the state?

They can try to get an order from another state. They'd have to take his deposition elsewhere. They'd have to take it within 75 miles of his residence. That's not the point. The information that they argue that they need, they don't really need. They have far more information than they need now, and have had it for 18 months.

What is important is that they did

helping me with the interim and the permanent financing. There's no controversy.

But again Mr. Armstrong said that when he sold the property, he sold the property at a profit and the profit was his. He's entitled to the profit. It's his home. Mr. Armstrong's already on record. No controversy over the facts.

There's no controversy over the fact that Mr. Armstrong and I spend considerable time abroad as do others, spending a considerable amount of money spreading the Gospel. There's no controversy, none whatsoever. But it's a question of law. Can the pope travel the world as he has six times in 20 months at

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Pontiff generates controversy, enthusiasm, says Ghana pastor

By Melvin Rhodes

ACCRA, Ghana — "I'm a Methodist, but if my minister says I shouldn't go and see the pope, I'll leave my church. To me, the pope is the man closest to God on this earth and nobody is going to stop me seeing him."

So said one Ghanaian in Ghana's second largest city of Kumasi as he prepared to join the crowds awaiting the arrival of Pope John Paul II.

Charisma is one quality Pope John Paul definitely has; an incredible ability to win all shades of religious opinion over to his warm dominating smile and powerful build. Although only about one eighth of Ghana's 10 million citizens are Catholics, 80 percent of Kumasi's population turned out to greet the pope — and all seemed enthusiastic.

Enthusiasm was the keynote for his reception throughout the six African nations he visited. The six states were a sample of the continent's differing political, economic and social systems. Capitalist, socialist and avowedly Marxist; military and civilian; French- and English-speaking; stable and unstable; relatively prosperous and very poor; predominantly Catholic and predominantly Protestant. (Kenya and Ghana were former British colonies and are mainly Protestant.)

The pope's appeals to the world for more aid to Africa were only part of his message. His strong conservatism on doctrinal issues was in stark contrast to his liberal appeals for a universal redistribution of wealth. And here, perhaps, is an indication of future tensions between African states and the Vatican.

For a quarter of a century, African nationalism has been rejecting foreign influences in a rapid process of Africanization, often at the cost of efficiency and good order. Not only has this been the case in the economic sphere, but in the religious also. Churches have been quick to hop on the African bandwagon, replacing European expatriate clergy with indigenous priests.

This has also resulted in an Africanization of the Catholic church's teachings and practices, allowing traditional African tribal beliefs and customs to intermingle with Catholic teachings, just as the Babylonian Mystery Religion "adapted" to "Christianity." Indirectly, avoiding undue controversy, the pope spoke out on this, calling for total universal unity (of teachings and practices) in the faith. African marriage customs are a major problem. Though contraception is not an issue (very few people in Africa practice it), polygamy and celibacy are.

Diplomatically, seemingly aware of Africa's resentment at Western cultural domination during the colonial period, the pope stressed that monogamy is not a European custom, but a Semitic one, which was ordained by God in Adam and Eve, while celibacy, or the concept that sex is evil, has no root in any African culture. In Europe, people may suspect the occasional priest of having a hidden "wife," but in Africa this is commonplace.

But, it was over the Mass that the pope caused the most controversy. In Zaire, the first stop on his tour, he refused to sanction a Zairian-rite Mass in his presence, indicating that attempts to Africanize the Catholic liturgy may be rejected. For the moment, such moves at Africanization need "much theological clarity, spiritual discernment, wisdom and prudence." He seems to be delaying any controversial decision that may set back the church in Africa.

The fact is that, although the

Melvin Rhodes, pastor of God's churches in Ghana, Africa, was present in the country when Pope John Paul II made his African tour. Mr. Rhodes mentions political, social and religious conditions in Ghana and comments on how the pope is dealing with these issues.

Catholic church's numbers in Africa are growing, the Third World is not the backbone of the Roman Catholic Church. Europe is. Neither Africa, nor Latin America or the Catholic countries of Asia have the political might or economic muscle that Pope John Paul seems to be seeking in his search for a new

world (anticommunist?) order. Nor do they provide the funds that keep the Vatican bureaucracy prosperous.

It should also be realized that his message to the West, of sharing its wealth with Africa, is ultimately contradictory. A redistribution of the world's wealth would only weaken Europe (and consequently strengthen the Soviet Union) — something the pope can hardly desire. Besides which, the money wouldn't benefit Africans at all, only further padding the Swiss bank accounts of corrupt leaders.

While in Africa, the pope continued his ecumenical efforts by conferring with the Church of England's new Archbishop of Canter-

bury, Robert Runcie (former bishop of St. Albans). Significantly, this meeting was in Ghana's capital, Accra. In 1957, Ghana became Africa's first state to be decolonized, heralding a new age for the continent. Here was an attempt at healing Europe's religious wounds in a continent devoid of traditional Catholic-Protestant rivalry. Only time will tell if it is successful.

It is interesting to observe here that new moves at reuniting the Protestant and Catholic churches are largely because of the individual personality and popularity of the present pope. Almost 500 years ago rebellions against the Catholic church were mainly prompted by the popes themselves, who abused their positions of responsibility. Now, ironically, it is the pope's personal popularity that is the spearhead to unity.

The pope also took the opportunity during his visit to make overtures to the Moslem faith, which is the fastest growing religion in Africa, and dominates the northern part of the continent. It is highly unlikely

that he will make any inroads in this direction, as Moslems tend to be very conservative and reject attempts to convert them to other faiths.

A visit, then, of contradictions. But, as with the euphoria of independence 20 years ago, the visit of Pope John Paul II will soon be forgotten, as economic problems and traditional ways of life distract the people. Nowhere was this summed up better than in Zaire. After the pope led the traditional European Mass, the crowds dispersed, many of them attending a second Mass that evening, at which a white priest dressed in a monkey-skin headress and flanked by spear carriers, celebrated a Zairian liturgy that mixed African invocations of dead ancestors with European worship of established Catholic saints.

The pope must have left Africa with the realization that its traditions are too strong and its problems too immense for it to be the Catholic stronghold of the future. Only Europe can fulfill that role, as we shall soon see.

WHAT IS THE WORK?

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SO GOOD AND SO RIGHTEOUS, they wanted only what was right and true — and so they accepted the truth, were baptized and became members of the true Church of God.

But the BIG QUESTION IS: DID THESE PEOPLE REALLY REPENT? Or did they only receive and accept truth which in their own goodness they were good enough to receive?

Brethren, I REPENTED! I saw in the TRUTH where I not only had been wrong in what I believed — what I supposed to be true. I saw where I was totally wrong in WHAT I WAS! Repentance, to me, meant not only turning FROM what I believed, but turning also FROM the self-centered and vain person that I was. I came to see — as Paul said, "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing." I wanted to let Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, come into me and live His life in me. So I literally GAVE my life to Him who had bought and paid for it with His life's blood.

That expresses, in brief, a portion of what Jesus Christ took me through in preparing me to be His servant — and remember a SERVANT is one who SERVES, not bosses.

But there soon followed an apprenticeship of training before Christ was ready to start what we call "THE WORK" through me. I began writing articles (because I had become a trained magazine writer) on the TRUTHS I had found revealed in the Bible. Some Salem, Ore., members sent the articles to *The Bible Advocate*, the weekly paper of The Church of God, Seventh Day, at Stanberry, Mo. They were published beginning on the front cover. Members of that Church (Sardis — Revelation 3:1-6) began urging me to speak before them. Finally I acquiesced. For some few years I COOPERATED, helped, worked with that Church. But I never joined them — never was a member.

An Oregon group of them pulled out and organized as a separate church, called, "The Oregon Conference." They incorporated. I was ordained by them. They never went back into the "Sardis" church at Stanberry, Mo. I had been baptized

in the spring of 1927 into Christ — not into any church — not by a "Sardis" minister.

I was ordained by the Oregon Conference of former Stanberry members in June, 1931. Prior to that I had held one short evangelistic campaign at Harrisburg, Ore., for the Stanberry people, but not as one of their members, and I received no salary or expense money for my services. I merely GAVE! I SERVED! But following my ordination by the Oregon Conference (as a separate church) I held a several weeks' six-nights-a-week campaign at Eugene, Ore., for which that state conference paid me \$20 per week. And later a campaign at Umapine, Ore., for them, lasting until mid-November, 1931.

But let me once again make plain what detractors refuse to believe — I never was a member of the "Sardis-era" Church of God. I never received salary or compensation from them. And I NEVER TOOK ANY MEMBERS FROM THEM!

In 1932, I believe it was, a split occurred in the Stanberry church. Remember, this was the remnant of a true Church of God, which in earlier days had been more spiritually alive.

But now, in 1932, about half of the "Sardis" members went out of the Church, and followed Andrew Dugger (who had been their leader), who started a new church of his own at Salem, W.Va.

In March, 1933, I started another campaign six nights a week with a minister named Sven Oberg in Salem, Ore. I had received no salary from the Oregon Conference from November, 1931, until February, 1933, when they paid me \$3 per week. This lasted until July.

In July, 1933, on my own I started a small campaign in the Firbutte School, eight miles west of Eugene. The schoolhouse had 36 seats. Average attendance was around 40, with a number often having to stand during the entire service. I had dropped the \$3 per week salary from the Oregon Conference, trusting God for my family's support.

Meanwhile the Oregon Conference had decided to join in the Dugger "church" at Salem, W.Va. I did not join them —

or Stanberry. My meeting at Firbutte School ended in August with 19 new members, which were formed into the PARENT CHURCH OF THE PRESENT WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD — totally independent of Stanberry or the West Virginia groups.

Not one member of this Church Christ raised up through me came from either the "Sardis" or the West Virginia groups. However, for a short while some of the Oregon Conference brethren attended with us at Eugene. The Otis Cole family voluntarily left Stanberry and came with us.

But I never sought to attract any "Sardis" or West Virginia brethren to our Church at Eugene. For some years we went under the name of RADIO CHURCH OF GOD.

Jesus Christ now started the WORK of His Church (the present WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD) on the air, in the midst of the most terrible depression of the past hundred years, on the one small 100-watt radio station KORE, Eugene, the first Sunday in January, 1934. We were entirely separate from and independent of the "Sardis" people. I never sought any of their members in any way. None came with us, except, later, the Otis Cole family.

I emphasize this TRUTH because dissenters are still insisting that my son and other former ministers of ours are only doing what I did — and that accusation is a POINT-BLANK LIE!

Feb. 1, 1934, the first mimeographed edition of *The Plain Truth* came out.

Meanwhile the Oregon Conference members had gone with the Dugger group from Salem, W.Va. Some of their ministers contacted me. I agreed to COOPERATE with them — BUT I NEVER JOINED THEM. I did serve them at my own expense — and the expense of the new infant RADIO CHURCH OF GOD. I GAVE — I helped — but in no manner did I GAIN — either in money or in members. Later I pastored a "Sardis" local church near Jefferson, Ore., in addition to our own church at Eugene, the broadcasting and the publishing Work of our own.

I held other six-nights-a-week evangelistic campaigns in other towns in Oregon. Always Christ the HEAD of the Church gave me "fruit" for my labors in new con-

verts whom I baptized. But I had no ministers to leave with them to feed these little new flocks Christ was raising up through my preaching.

By 1946 it became evident we simply had to have a COLLEGE to educate and train ministers to pastor these new little churches being raised up by my own efforts.

Meanwhile the radio broadcast had grown to NATIONAL coverage. That, followed up by *The Plain Truth* and booklets I was turning out rapidly in those days, was bringing scores and hundreds to be ready for baptism and true conversion.

Without any money for the purpose, Christ started AMBASADOR COLLEGE through me on Oct. 8, 1947. After three years I had students capable of nationwide baptizing tours. Membership was growing.

The college grew. It was utterly UNIQUE — unlike any other college anywhere. It had the highest possible ACCREDITATION — that of Jesus Christ from heaven! But as we grew, my son wanted the accreditation of Satan's world — and so did some of our faculty.

THE WORK grew WORLDWIDE! In due time Christ started a second college in England through me. Then the college at Big Sandy, Tex., came into existence. The WORK grew for 35 years at the rate of approximately 30 percent every year over the year before — up to about 1968. Meanwhile, my son had become executive vice president. He soon surrounded himself with men who were LIBERAL — who wanted to water down God's TRUTH as God had revealed to me, and had placed in both the Church and the college through me. My son began to discard many of the vital original booklets, which had much to do with building the WORK. The television programs became secular documentaries. Meanwhile I was away, carrying Christ's Gospel into other nations in all parts of the world, and did not realize for some time that a conspiracy was going on.

But in the past two years I have recovered from total heart failure. God brought me back to life to turn the Church, college and WHOLE WORK around, setting it once again back on the track where Christ put it through His apostle in the first place. *

Mr. Rader discusses 60 Minutes on Los Angeles-area program

Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader was interviewed by George Putnam June 12 on Talkback, a radio program heard in the Los Angeles, Calif., area. Mr. Putnam, the show's moderator, is a veteran of more than 40 years of radio and television news reporting and commentary. Their discussion covered the California attorney general's assault on the Church and the Church's efforts to inform the public about the case. Mr. Putnam prefaced the interview by giving his impressions of the 60 Minutes CBS television show that featured the Church June 8. Following are excerpts of representative questions and answers from the Talkback program.

I'm a great advocate of programs like 60 Minutes. I thrill to watch that kind of documentary with the worldwide sprawling influence, with the opportunity to use all those cameras and microphones and all that equipment and to get the story.

I have noticed a very strange and sad tendency on the part of 60 Minutes. Since it became one of those in the top 10, often topping the top 10 in the Nielsen race, it has resorted to some tactics of which I disapprove.

I think journalism is evenhandedness. And when you do a commentary, as I've done in the past, *One Reporter's Opinion*, it should be set separate and apart from the body of the news. But in 60 Minutes it laps over.

And then last Sunday evening I was appalled to see the treatment of Stanley Rader and the Worldwide Church of God by Mike Wallace on 60 Minutes. That is not to say he [Mike Wallace] does not do the particular type of job he does very well. But I'm questioning the lopsidedness of 60 Minutes. And I say they could survive and do an excellent job and still be tops in the ratings without taking that particular approach.

But I'm going to tell you, as concerns the Worldwide Church of God, I think a great injustice has been done. Having said that, we're going to get to our guest. And here he is in person, Mr. Stanley Rader.

Thank you very much, George. I'm very pleased about those comments that you made about 60 Minutes. I'm more concerned about the injustice, of course, that's been done to the Worldwide Church of God rather than to me.

Stanley R. Rader, incidentally, has written a yet-to-be-released book, *Against the Gates of Hell*, "The shattering story of an assault mounted by a big state against a small church and how its members fought back to protect the vital liberties of all of us." And that is the issue we're discussing today. What makes that Church different from others?

We are different, George, and I think that it would be impossible on this program to tell you just how different we are. But we do have some essential hallmarks. And these hallmarks are such that immediately we become identifiable.

For example, we keep the Sabbath, which begins at Friday sundown and lasts until Saturday sundown. Now, of course, there are other groups that do that. But we also believe in the divinity of Christ. It's to Him that we look for salvation. And yet, we observe all of the Holy Days of the Bible. Those Holy Days are found in the Old Testament and are generally referred to as Jewish holidays.

So we keep the Feast of Trumpets, which is coming up soon. We keep the Day of Atonement, the Feast of Tabernacles, the Passover

and the Day of Pentecost. We do not keep Christmas. We do not keep Easter. We follow dietary laws as they are outlined in the Old Testament, not as rabbis over periods of centuries have engrafted rules and regulations upon the Bible. These are some of the hallmarks.

Getting to the issue at stake, let's talk now about the cast of characters we have here. If we were doing a scenario, a movie script, writing a book, we'd want our cast of characters. I see now Herbert Armstrong, who is the head of the Church, and I see you as his direct assistant. I see other individuals involved on the court scene. I see also the figure of Garner Ted Armstrong, the son and at one point heir apparent to Herbert Armstrong. Tell us about this confusion because it is my snap judgment that, had there not been this divorce between father and son, perhaps this issue would not have come to the courts. Am I correct?

You may be partly correct, George, in the sense that it might not have occurred exactly when it occurred. But there are power-hungry politicians and power-hungry bureaucrats out there amongst us. And there are people also always eager to make money and to make money to the disadvantage of someone else.

The 80,000 members of the Church. They must be dedicated people to contribute that amount of money. Of course, you do tithe, which means you are to take 10 percent and to send it in, just as the Mormons do, just as many other churches do. But that must be some kind of dedication on the part of 80,000 members, because I see that magnificent Ambassador College, and we held the Emmy Awards one year over there. I see all of the other structures and a beautiful, spotless campus. I see the other edifices. What about these 80,000, are they condemning you at this point? Are they standing by you at this point?

The members of the Worldwide Church of God are truly unique. They are a dedicated group, as you have said. They are an educated group, highly literate, very articulate, and they know why they are members of the Church. They know why this has happened, because it was very clearly prophesied for them in the Bible.

All right, let's go into the receivership that went into effect upon the Worldwide Church of God Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1979, in the p.m. session of Judge Jerry Pacht's private chambers. Present at the meeting were Lawrence R. Tapper, from the state attorney general's office; attorneys for the relators who were bringing public action against the Church, John Gibson, Rafael Chodos, and his brother Hillel Chodos; and also present, and about to be named the receiver of the Church, was retired Judge Steven S. Weisman. The individual who brought this group together was one John Tuit, who, in June, 1978, sought assistance from attorney Peter S. Crowman of Saddle Brook, N.J.

The point I would like to make is this. It seems to me as I read the facts — not the fiction, not the allegations — but the facts, in this situation, that I find a very serious conflict of interest here among judge, attorneys, receivers, etc.

You are a very good reporter, George, and I guess that comes from the many years of experience that you have. I actually have been very much surprised that the other newsmen have failed to see the real story here. Naturally when someone's accused of stealing \$45 million or \$70

million, that's an interesting story in itself. And I don't necessarily feel that as newspaper people they should have avoided that issue.

The seminal constitutional issue, of course, is the one we are most concerned about because, even if Mr. Armstrong and I were guilty of these wild allegations as charged, that would not make the seminal issue — that is, the state vs. church issue — go away. That's the important thing.

There was a story on the wires today to the effect that at one point the Worldwide Church of God had plans to leave and they paralleled the Jim Jones-Guyana story. Clarify that for me please.

We do believe that when you are persecuted in one place you flee to another because the Bible tells you that. And we also know that if the Constitution of the United States should be declared a nullity as a result of this action by the State of California, then in order to continue our Work of fulfilling the great commission we are going to have to do so in a place where we are free to do so, as I mentioned earlier in your program.

So naturally, if we are unable to operate here freely in order to spread the Gospel, we will go elsewhere.

So we have contemplated over a long period of time and speculated about when that end time will be. We don't know where we will be taken to safety, we do not know, we just believe that when that end time comes we will be saved. And rather than going someplace for a James Jones-Guyana ending, it will be to be saved while everybody else, unfortunately, will be destroyed.

There are those in the legal community who cannot understand how Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Tapper could not see the conflict, especially when he was about to appoint this man Chodos as a deputy to this state.

The controversy grew stronger when Hillel Chodos appointed retired Judge Steven S. Weisman as the receiver. In return, Weisman appointed Hillel Chodos as an assistant to the receiver. And as the action proceeded through the courts, Hillel Chodos would make the statement that he no longer represented the relators — that he in fact represented the people of the state of California.

Now Judge Jerry Pacht's deci-

sion to put a receivership into the Worldwide Church of God without notice to the attorneys representing the Church, I think, will be debated within the legal community for years to come. I see again, and I pointed to it earlier, a very serious conflict of interest here.

There is a very serious conflict of interest, and unfortunately the investigative reporters as yet have not done the job on that particular point.

Mike Wallace in his interview with you, Stanley, on coast-to-coast television on 60 Minutes indicated that Garner Ted Armstrong was offered a \$50,000-a-year amount if he'd keep his mouth shut.

Yes, actually the circumstances are well documented. There's a complete file on the matter. And that file was offered to Wallace but, of course, he didn't want to use it. Ted Armstrong wrote his father, after his father put him out, and he said he didn't want to be a vagabond the rest of his life. He didn't have any money and he didn't have any

home. And he had had some good years within the Church and maybe the Church would consider the good years with the bad and give him something when they let him out. So the father wrote a letter first, kind of an informal letter stating that if he were to abide by all of the covenants that were implied in his ordination to wit, to hold sacred and sacrosanct as well as confidential all of the spiritual interworkings of the Church, that he would allow him to have a home to lease from the Church for \$1 a year. And also would see to it that he would be paid a benefit roughly about equal to one-fourth of what his annual income was.

And then Mr. Armstrong asked me to embody that particular letter into a formal contract. So I simply used the same language that he, Ted Armstrong, had used when he was letting out other people from the organization over a period of time. I lifted the language out paragraph by paragraph thinking that what was good for the gander was good for the goose.

DISSIDENTS

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walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words . . . mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit" (Jude 8-19).

"But," this passage continues, "ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life" (verses 20-21).

This is definitely a prophecy respecting God's true Church in these very last days.

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he (Proverbs 23:7).

So, THINK NO EVIL! "If ye then be risen with Christ . . . Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:1-3).

We, brethren, ARE the BODY OF CHRIST, the CHURCH of the living GOD, now in the short time remaining, letting Christ prepare us as His Bride to whom He soon will come. We must be found without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Never mind the PAST. If confessed to GOD, and repented of and turned from, the

precious blood of Christ has COVERED all our sins. Let HIM prepare us for His soon COMING!

PRAY for our former members, who have gone out or been put out according to Romans 16:17-18 and II Thessalonians 3:3, 6, 14-15. Pray that God will reveal to them that God is blessing His Church with PEACE, and that in spite of Satan's masterstroke of persecution, the Church is GROWING, IS BACK ON THE TRACK, that we are now closely knit together and with God and with Christ. When our ways are pleasing to Christ HE BLESSES US AND HIS WORK!

Those who have gone out are NOT so blessed. Pray that they may see it, and REPENT, that they may be received back with REJOICING!

Some eight or 10 little splinter groups have gone out from us. NOT ONE HAS PROSPERED! Some have even been fighting one another! They have caused many to drop out, not only from God's true Church, but from their little groups, and departed entirely from CHRIST! That is the FRUIT they have borne! Some have been lost FOREVER!

Also pray diligently and fervently for ONE ANOTHER. Pray for me, as I pray for all of you DAILY — that we may allow God to preserve us faithful, enduring unto the END — NOW NEAR!

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

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BUT, Pope John Paul II is rapidly gaining stature and public acclaim. He now looms as the world's ONLY STRONG MAN! He can bring about the prophesied resurrection of the "Holy Roman Empire." Then the world will quickly be plunged into the final conflagration of world wars. That will seal the doom of the United States — and the British!

BUT ALL THIS IS THE FINAL GASP OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THIS WORLD, UNDER THE SWAY OF SATAN AND HIS WAY OF "GET."

Just consider how idiotic — how foolish — it all is!

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD will then soon take over. Jesus Christ, in SUPREME POWER AND GLORY, will HEAD the government of the world tomorrow

over all nations.

There will be no political elections. No \$100-per-plate banquets to raise campaign funds for willful aspirants who covet POWER. No little, unqualified men running for office. No fear of other nations nor of nuclear war.

Those Jesus Christ will APPOINT to the chief offices ALREADY have undergone their training in their mortal life on earth. I expect father Abraham to be resurrected to the next highest office under Christ. King David will come alive and rule all the nations developed out of the 12 tribes of ancient Israel. Each of the original apostles will be appointed head of one of those 12 nations.

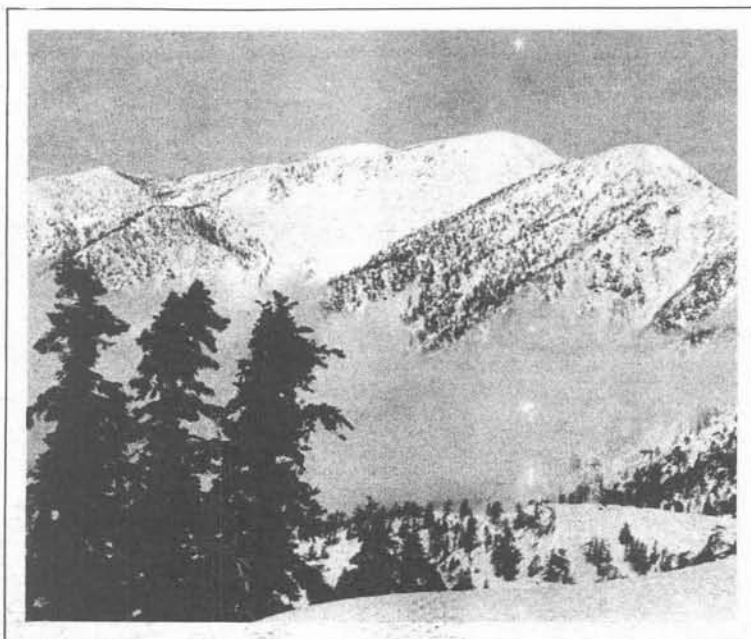
Christ will be Supreme Judge as well as Supreme Executive. The "Congress," "Parliament" or LAW-MAKING BODY will be

GOD THE FATHER IN HEAVEN. Those of us who are given office of rule will rule by GOD'S LAW! All will be JUST. We shall not rule or judge as the world does now — but we shall have power to read men's minds and hearts (Isaiah 11).

NO ELECTIONS! NO LITTLE MEN unqualified for office spending millions of dollars crying out, "Vote for me — I want to be President."

Well, we now do not have long to wait. This present election travesty may well be the very LAST political election for the presidency of the United States, with little incompetent men vying for the coveted prize. There will be no more coveting, nor lying, nor murders, nor broken homes and families. There shall be PEACE, HAPPINESS, JOY, all living the way of "GIVE," which is outflowing LOVE!

FOCUS ON YOUTH



BEST NATURE (B&W): NATHAN FAULKNER
BEST ALL-AROUND FOR BLACK AND WHITE



BEST PORTRAIT (COLOR): MICHAEL BEYER
BEST ALL-AROUND FOR COLOR

1980 YOU PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST FINALS

PASADENA — Forty-three prizes were awarded in the 1980 National Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Photo Contest ending June 19. The best all-around color photograph award went to Michael Beyer of Wichita, Kan., for his best portrait entry, while the award for the best all-around black and white photograph went to Nathan Faulkner of Sunland, Calif., for his best nature entry.

Outstanding improvement

Entries were judged by members of *The Plain Truth* and *The World-wide News* staff and the Work's

Photography Department. Warren Watson, photo services director, described the entries as an "outstanding" improvement in picture quality over past years.

However, *Plain Truth* photographer Roland Rees commented, "There seems to be a problem in knowing what was expected in certain categories. . . . Some of the human interest shots were definitely portraits." He added that some good entries lost because the contestants "entered their pictures in the wrong categories."

YOU has held the contest annually since 1975, according to

Mark Ashland, associate director of YOU. Its purpose, says Walter Dickinson, previous managing editor of *Now You Know*, a newspaper formerly published by YOU, is to help develop our youths' talents in photography.

This year's winning entries will be on display at various U.S. Feast sites.

Prizes for the winning entries are: \$50, best all-around; \$35, first place; \$25, second place; and \$15, third place.

The winners

The first-, second- and third-place winners in the 14 categories are listed below in the order they placed.

Best human interest (color): Michael Beyer, Wichita, Kan.; Andy Ashley, Gadsden, Ala.; and Cindy Dove, San Angelo, Tex. **Black and white:** Barry Baker, Caldwell, Idaho; David Scott, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Nathan Faulkner, Sunland, Calif.

Best nature (color): Barry Baker, Caldwell, Idaho; Michael Beyer, Wichita, Kan.; and Ruth Traynor, Hatboro, Pa. **Black and white:** Nathan Faulkner, Sunland, Calif.; Keith Holt, Evansville, Ind.; and Ricki Cole, Cory, N.C.

Most humorous (color): Norman Baugher, Gladewater, Tex.; Bradley Plumlee, Topeka, Kan.; and David Beilstein, Cliff Springs, N.Y. **Black and white:** John Bearse, Ellington, Conn.; and Randy Chopak, Parma, Ohio.



BEST HUMAN INTEREST (B&W): BARRY BAKER

Most unusual (color): Nathan Faulkner, Sunland, Calif.; Richard Dove, San Angelo, Tex.; and Michael Beyer, Wichita, Kan. **Black and white:** Aldis Strautins, Broomfield, Colo.; Ann Hays, Holden, Mo.; and Tim Gunnels, McMinnville, Tenn.

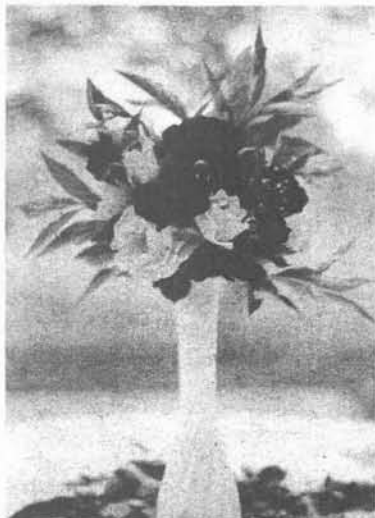
Best portrait (color): Michael Beyer, Wichita, Kan.; Nathan Faulkner, Sunland, Calif.; and Bradley Plumlee, Topeka, Kan. **Black and white:** Nathan Faulkner, Sunland, Calif.; Barry Baker, Caldwell, Idaho; and Anthony Willbanks, Vancouver, Wash.

Best action (color): Debbie Sampson, Hialeah, Fla.; Barry Baker, Caldwell, Idaho; and Randy Chopak, Parma, Ohio. **Black and white:** Craig Clark, Redondo Beach, Calif.; Aldis Strautins, Broomfield, Colo.; and Keith Holt, Evansville, Ind.

General photograph (color): J'Non Hamilton, Lubbock, Tex.; Bradley Plumlee, Topeka, Kan.; and Carolyn Beauchemin, Gloucester, Wash. **Black and white:** Nathan Faulkner, Sunland, Calif.; Keith Holt, Evansville, Ind.; and Anthony Willbanks, Vancouver, Wash.



DECISIONS, DECISIONS — Judges look over entries in the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) photo contest, June 18. From left: *WN* editors Tom Hanson and Sheila Graham, *PT* art editor Randall Cole, photo services director Warren Watson and photographer Roland Rees. [Photo by Scott Smith]



GENERAL PHOTOGRAPH (COLOR): J. HAMILTON



BEST HUMAN INTEREST (COLOR): MICHAEL BEYER



BEST PORTRAIT (B&W): NATHAN FAULKNER



BEST NATURE (COLOR): BARRY BAKER



MOST HUMOROUS (B&W): JOHN BEARSE



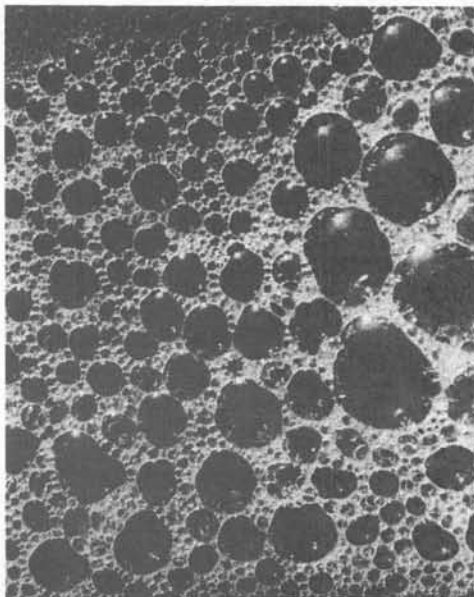
MOST UNUSUAL (COLOR): NATHAN FAULKNER



BEST ACTION (COLOR): DEBBIE SAMPSON



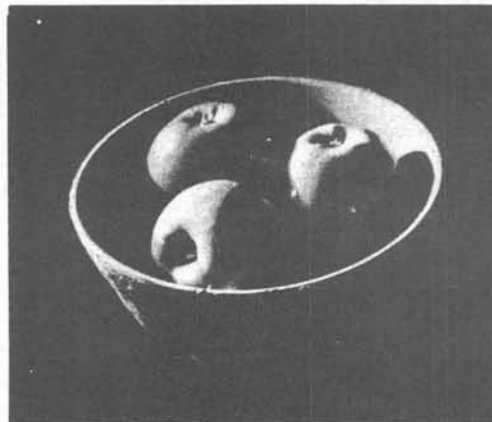
BEST ACTION (B&W): CRAIG CLARK



MOST UNUSUAL (B&W): ALDIS STRAUTINS



MOST HUMOROUS (COLOR): N. BAUGHER



GENERAL PHOTOGRAPH (B&W): NATHAN FAULKNER

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The ASHEVILLE, N.C., church honored graduating high school seniors in a brief presentation of gifts June 7. Seniors honored were Shelley De Bord, Margie Hollifield, Marilyn McCarry and Arlene McCall. Also honored was David McMahan, who graduated from AB Technical College. Each graduate was congratulated on stage by pastor Charles Groce and presented a gift. As part of his special sermon from Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, Mr. Groce read solicited advice from the congregation for the youth. *Steve Terhansky.*

The BARBADOS church held yet another successful variety social at the Drill Hall, Garrison, St. Michael, the evening of May 11. More than 200 people attended this three-hour presentation to see the best in entertainment offered by the talented participants. The program included solo and folk singing, a pantomime, a four-man comedy act and a costume parade. Two competitions, bursting the balloons and knowing your partner, were also included in the program with the latter being won by pastor Carlos Nieto and his wife. The couple recently celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary. Refreshments were served and dancing was provided to round off the evening. *Basit A. Beckles.*



SILVER MOMENTO — Beth Holm, wife of Kent, Wash., pastor Randy Holm, receives a sterling silver tray in appreciation of her service as the Kent Women's Club director. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

After services May 24 the BELLEVILLE, Ill., congregation enjoyed refreshments and fellowship at the 41st wedding anniversary of longtime members Mr. and Mrs. John Tribout.

The Ladies' Club baked cakes while Margie Moxley prepared a special anniversary cake. Since both Mr. and Mrs. Tribout are blind, special anniversary cards from the congregation and the Ladies' Club were inscribed in braille. That evening the Tribouts enjoyed supper with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Burns. *Pam Brubaker.*

The BETHLEHEM, Pa., church held its annual semiformal dinner-dance May 18 at Blu's Manor Banquet Hall. Eighty-six members enjoyed a delicious country-style beef and chicken dinner, a variety of side dishes and three hours of dancing to the sounds of the Good Life musicians. *Gordon Long.*

The BINGHAMTON, N.Y., church celebrated its fifth anniversary May 17. After messages by deacon John Lambert and pastor Britton Taylor, members enjoyed a potluck dinner. The Junior YOUNG presented a variety show, organized by Eldon and Sally Trapp and Virginia Weber. The youths, enjoying the spotlight, entertained with songs, piano solos, dancing and poetry recitals. The day ended with Virginia Weber serving a cake she prepared in the form of an open Bible with the words "Unless the Lord shall build the house" on one side and the names of ministers who served in the area on the other side. *Eleanor Lukowski.*

Members of the CANTON and AKRON, Ohio, churches enjoyed a camp-out at Camp Luz in Kidron the weekend of May 31. Dick Gay was in charge of events, which included Friday night Bible study, Sabbath services and a Bible scavenger hunt. Sunday, members

enjoyed a ballgame until the rains came and the game was changed to a water-ballooning toss. Also, the Canton children's choir made its debut June 7 singing "America the Beautiful" and "It's a Small World." The children were directed by Pat Nicholson and accompanied by Gail Miller. *Frank A. Richards.*

A record 637 people from 10 surrounding church areas, attended services in CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., to hear evangelist Dabar Apantian give two sermons. Sermonettes were given by Victor Kubic, pastor of the PADUCAH and MADISONVILLE, Ky., churches, and by Harold Smith, pastor of the MOUNT VERNON, Ill., church. Special music included a solo by Eunice Swenson and a combined choir, organized and directed by Dale Prince of Paducah. Members enjoyed a catered meal between services. *Haydn A. Fox.*

For the second year in a row CINCINNATI, Ohio, EAST pastor Reinhold Fuessel undertook to raise money by asking the members to save pennies. Last year's effort was launched when the Church was facing a financial crisis as a result of the receivership. Their efforts filled a 30-gallon garbage can with more than \$1,300. In seven weeks this year \$1,422.12 was raised for the local YES program, production of the weekly announcement bulletin, cassette library tapes and other areas. *Michael E. Brandenburg.*

YOU-YES Day brought the brethren of the DETROIT WEST and ANN ARBOR, Mich., churches together May 24. The young people served in various capacities such as ushering and catering. After the sermon by evangelist Leroy Neff, the YOU-YES segment was divided into two parts. In the first half YOU members and adult supervisors defined YOU and introduced the organization's various components. Pianist Cheri Burry provided a musical interlude. The YES portion, directed by Stan Denzinger, featured musical performances by the Detroit West children's chorus, the Ann Arbor youth chorus and violinist Derek Hagmaier. Following a brief awards presentation by Donna Martin, the YES youth chorus performed "All Things Bright and Beautiful." A potluck dinner concluded the activities. *Steve Holsey.*

The families of the FLINT, Mich., church enjoyed a special children's night program May 17. A Noah's ark skit was presented by 3- and 4-year-old children dressed as cuddly animals. Ensembles, musical productions and individual readings were also presented. Others shared their personal talents with solo musical performances. Narrator for the evening was George Goodchild. The program was coordinated by Louise Carmon and the Women's Club. Parents, children and others shared in the preparations. The activities committee held its regular fellowship after the program. *Joann Whitehead.*

The Sabbath of April 26 was an emotional one for the KENT, Wash., church because it was the last service for associate pastor Randy Holm and his wife Beth, who have been transferred to pastor the CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, Ill., church. Before a potluck lunch, Mr. Holm was ordained to the rank of preaching elder. At lunch Arthur Kirshian, Gary Ullerick and Elmer Wilke presented the Holms with a farewell gift of a 45-piece set of Noritake fine china and coordinated Lenox crystal, as well as a bottle of champagne. For dessert the brethren shared a cake having the mes-

sage "God speed Randy and Beth, together forever." Two weeks before, April 13, 28 members of the Kent Women's Club sponsored a going-away brunch for their director, Mrs. Holm. Joan Lindula and Lynn Barnes presented Mrs. Holm with a sterling silver serving tray as a token of appreciation for the Holms' six years of service to the Seattle and Kent churches. *Barbara Korthuis.*

The LEXINGTON, Ky., church marked its 16th anniversary the first Sabbath in March with the baptism of five new members. One of those baptized was Roger Deaton, newscaster and disc jockey of local radio station WKQQ-FM, who had interviewed Pastor Ray Wooten on his program *Dialog*, a few

The business meeting included discussion of upcoming socials, YOU events and a shindig at the Feast of Tabernacles in Tucson. *Stephen Elliott.*

Brethren from the PEORIA, Ill., church benefited from three Leadership Training Classes held monthly over the past year. A combined dinner meeting of the NORTH men's, SOUTH men's and ladies' classes took place to summarize the entire season June 5. After an enjoyable meal, a short skit, "Shopping for a Minister," was performed. After a table-topics session, three speakers representing each class gave helpful speeches. June 8, brethren enjoyed ideal weather for a picnic at a private lake and picnic grounds. The morning began with a fishing contest for all ages with prizes for the smallest and largest clean fish, the smallest and largest unclean fish and also for the most fish caught. Next, five teams competed in a treasure hunt that proved more fun than rewarding. After the noon meal everyone participated in a rowboat contest either by doing some of the hard

presentation was made by Clovis Hill, and after a few hours of fellowship, the brethren trickled away and left the Macons to enjoy the sunset and their new furniture. *Lianne McCord.*

The TULSA, Okla., congregation commemorated its 20th anniversary May 25. Evangelist Dean Blackwell was guest speaker for the afternoon services. Clovis Hill, in the sermonette, displayed old photos and Church newspapers. Mr. Hill was ordained as a local elder that day. The church choir, directed by Ray Kurr, presented two special numbers. After services the Tulsa Singles treated the members to refreshments, including a 3-foot cake prepared by Gladys Cook. A family dance followed that evening. *Sheila Talley.*

Forty-seven adults and 31 children from the VICTORIA, B.C., church enjoyed an outing to East Sooke Park June 1. The outing consisted of two hikes through the forest to the beach: one, a 25-minute walk for the senior citizens and the less energetic and, the other, a



NEW JACKETS — Members and adult sponsors of the San Antonio, Tex., YOU model new jackets presented to them during Sabbath services May 10. The jackets are awarded to members who participate regularly in YOU activities. (See "Youth Activities," page 9.)

days earlier. During the 45-minute program, Mr. Wooten discussed current world events and prophecy. Mr. Wooten hopes such media coverage, plus a series of minicampaigns, will help continue the growth in the area. *Gerry Russell.*

A mixed crowd of beginners and old-timers enjoyed a dance at the Davy Crockett Club Hall in LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 25. Earlier in the day many new readers of *The Plain Truth* accepted an invitation to hear minister Fred Kellers speak in church services. *Frank Zahn.*

The single young people of the three LONDON, England, churches organized a film show at the residence of Jennifer Currow in Kensington May 25 for elder members. The show, which lasted about an hour, was in two parts. The first, narrated by Nigel Shaw, consisted of a pictorial story of God's creation. The second part, by Keith Stevenson, was a report of his journey three years ago to New Zealand by way of Singapore and Australia, ending with inspiring scenes of Ambassador College in Pasadena. Miss Currow provided a meal of salad with cheese and biscuits. *Keith Stevenson.*

PASADENA IMPERIAL church elders, deacons and their wives held a special meeting and barbecue in the Ambassador Amphitheater May 5. Pastor Selmer L. Hegvold grilled steaks while associate pastor Curtis May took pictures. Everyone else helped out eating,

rowing or by cheering. In the afternoon there were games for the small children, bingo, volleyball and horseshoes. *Myrna Davison.*

"The Joy of Living" was the theme of the PITTSBURGH, Pa., chorale concert presented May 31. The concert included both sacred and secular songs, opening and closing with John Denver's "I Want to Live." During the performance of "Sing" from television's *Sesame Street*, Big Bird and several children sang and danced. In a solo number, Evan Kifer sang "The Sounds of Nature," an original composition of his. Other soloists included Angie Hicks, Pauline Dalton, Beverly Hissam and Larry Kifer, and a duet by Gaylene Marvin and Dave Gilbert. The concert was produced and directed by Earl Henn with assistance from Ed Szalankiewicz. *Frank Lewandowski.*

Some 1,500 brethren from seven church areas met in PITTSBURGH, Pa., to hear pastor John Halford from Pasadena speak on Pentecost, May 25. During morning services, Mr. Halford stressed that the Work is truly a worldwide effort involving brethren in 63 nations. He is producing a film showing the beginning of the present Work and depicting activities of God's people around the world. After the luncheon break, Mr. Halford presented an audiovisual Bible study on the book of Haggai, comparing the ancient attempts to stop the rebuilding of Solomon's temple to the present attempts by the state of California to stop God's Work. *Frank Lewandowski.*

Twenty volunteers distributed 10,000 leaflets offering a subscription for "The Magazine Money Can't Buy," *The Plain Truth*, to homes in PLYMOUTH, England, May 11. Base of operations was the Hancock's home. *John Collins.*

The ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., church had a potluck picnic at Philippe Park near Safety Harbor May 18. The well-shaded park overlooking Old Tampa Bay provided a scenic setting for the picnic and for the early comers who also enjoyed a sunrise breakfast. After lunch the group enjoyed a series of games for the children and adults. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

The TULSA, Okla., church presented pastor Don Mason and his family with a gift of appreciation — redwood patio furniture—in late May. One family invited the Masons over for lunch, while several members quickly assembled the furniture and waited for their unsuspecting friends to return home. A formal

2½-hour scramble for those desiring more of a challenge. The two groups met on the beach for lunch where they enjoyed the beautiful scenery, including the Olympic mountains across the Straits of Juan de Fuca. A bonus for the children was a huge grassy bank that was quickly converted to a giant slide. *P. Crompton.*

CLUB MEETINGS

The ASHEVILLE, N.C., Spokesman Club had a Ladies' Night in honor of Henry St. John and Steve Terhansky who graduated from club. Topicsmaster Steve Ferenchiak gave the women an opportunity to explain why they buy shoes that don't fit and then complain that their feet hurt, and asked club members what they thought (in response to the movie *10*) a "10" should be. John Jaques, Henry St. John, Art Pitman, Steve Terhansky and Dr. Barker gave speeches, with impromptu evaluations from the club members. *Steve Terhansky.*

"What Is Real Beauty?" was the theme for the meeting of the Concerned About People Club in FLINT, Mich., May 19. Linda Lapp gave an icebreaker speech, and Irene Crandall presented table topics. Hostess Pam Bowman surprised her guests with a beauty contest and gave hints on developing positive qualities. Linea Haas spoke of "A Christian Attitude Toward Beauty." *Joann Whitehead.*

The season's final regular meeting of the CHICAGO, Ill., NORTHWEST Women's Club took place May 18. Longtime members Sally Eisersen and Betty Wolff gave their icebreaker speeches followed by a revealing of the past year's secret pals among the club members. The club presented appreciation gifts to outgoing president Helena Crumbliss, pastor Roy Holladay and club adviser Mrs. Holladay. Officers for the coming year were announced. Mr. Holladay lectured on how self-esteem can be developed in children. *Susan L. Frederick.*

In an effort to learn how to get the Gospel to the relatively unlearned, 12 members of the KINGSTON, Jamaica, Spokesman Club toured the JAMAL (Jamaica Movement for the Advancement of Literacy) Foundation headquarters. (See CHURCH NEWS, page 9)



CANADIANS MEET — Members of the Montreal, Que., North Spokesman Club pose for a formal picture during Ladies' Night festivities April 27. (See "Club Meetings," page 9.)

CHURCH NEWS

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ters May 7. E. Hugh Wilson, the club's president, explained that JAMAL grew out of an effort to eradicate illiteracy from the country by 1982. Much of JAMAL's work is done by volunteer teachers, and much effort is expended in the production of suitable books and other reading material to encourage continuing education. Mr. Wilson described the 1½-hour tour as "very profitable and extremely encouraging." *Carlton A. Gordon.*

Following several months of preparation, the MONTREAL, Que., NORTH Spokesman Club held its annual Ladies' Night April 27. Because of quite a large accumulation of funds the evening proved to be quite formal and inexpensive. Topics ranging from the refining of petroleum to tying of knots added color to the evening. The meal was roast and parafais. *Gino Ricci.*

The MONTREAL, Que., SOUTH Francophone Spokesman Club met May 18 for its annual Ladies' Night at the La Diligence restaurant. The topics session concentrated on women-related issues with the ladies participating actively in the discussion. The speeches included topics such as timidity and true motivation. At the end of the meeting pastor Donat Picard spoke on the importance of being loyal to the Church, citing events in January, 1979, in Pasadena. A meal and a dance topped off the evening. *Claude Rochon.*

The MONTVALE, N.J., Women's Club had its second annual Men's Night May 22. After an introduction by director Lloyd Briggie, members and guests helped write a Mad Libs story entitled, "Why Are We Here Tonight, Anyway?" The table topics session was followed by a book report by Marcia Briggie analyzing *Fascinating Womanhood* by Helen Andelin and *Total Woman* by Marabel Morgan. A performance of modern jazz dancing was presented, followed by a Newlywed Game. President Jane Berkowitz topped off the meeting with a speech describing the history, goals, purposes and accomplishments of Montvale's Women's Club. *Laurie Rivera.*

The QUEBEC, Que., FRENCH Spokesman Club had a Ladies' Night at the Chateau Frontenac June 1. Prince Philip of England arrived in the city that evening and a few members were privileged to see him. The atmosphere of the old chateau gave a particular flavor that was appropriate, for the theme of the meeting was "La belle vie" (Life is beautiful). The meeting started with a popular song and table topics, with good participation from the 37 members present. After a short pause, four speeches were given dealing with the main theme. Pastor and club director Robert Scott ended the meeting by explaining the emphasis the Bible and Herbert W. Armstrong place on thinking quality. *Elise and Lloyd Burnham.*

The ROCHESTER and SYRACUSE, N.Y., Spokesman Clubs combined for a Ladies' Night June 1. About 100 club members and guests dined at the Burgandy Basin Inn in Fairport. After dinner topicsmaster Dick Mitchell solicited responses to questions ranging from the proper installation of toilet paper to God's purpose in allowing California's persecution of the Church. Toastmaster Ed Lombard introduced speakers for the evening: Dean Schantz, George Robinson, Jerry Smith, Harold Mayberry and Thor Kulbida. In his closing remarks director Dave Pack covered the past year's accomplishments and spoke of his satisfaction in seeing men grow and develop to become leaders in God's Church. *Jake Hannold.*

The SANTA ROSA-FAIRFIELD, Calif., Spokesman Club had its graduation at Konotti Harbor Inn at Clear Lake June 1. The men and their wives enjoyed a cruise on the largest natural lake in California. Afterward, the women changed from boat clothes to dressier attire for the dinner that followed. Graduates that evening were Will Halsey and Ross Miller. *Geraldine Nielsen.*

Using a color television camera and videotape recorder, the WASHINGTON, D.C., Spokesman Club taped a meeting that took place at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Va., May 1. Those who didn't give speeches or evaluations had priority to speak during Jerry Stam's table topics session. Questions were distributed before the meeting to allow club members to prepare their responses. Some of the men met at President Dick Starck's home May 29, while others met at Carl Dobb's June 5 to view the tapes. Video technicians Russell

Lewis and Russ Lemen said they were working on improvements for possible future tapings. *Art Allender.*

For the final combined meeting of the SPOKANE, Wash., and COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Spokesman Club, Graduate Club and Women's Clubs June 1, 113 people gathered at the North Shore Motor Inn in Coeur d'Alene. Roger Foster, director of the Spokesman Club, recognized Floyd Anderson, Bill Dunham, Ed Kelley, Jon Lafferty, John McCray and Leonard Raschko as 1980 graduates. John McCray, president of the Spokesman Club, and Barbara Weech and Carol Ticken, presidents of the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Women's clubs, gave presentations. Bob Gentry led a table-topics session, before the meeting was brought to a close. *Bill Dunham.*

Leadership was the theme of the RENO, Nev., Women's Club meeting that took place May 3. Reno's first woman mayor, Barbara Bennett, spoke on some of her experiences in leading the city. She said that leadership is provided by example, not by forcing ideas on



EXTRA EFFORT — Ray Woods crosses the finish line in front of other contenders to win the 100-yard dash at the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Pacific Coast Regional track meet June 1. (Photo by Milan Janich)

others, and that planning ahead whether in government or in our private lives is critical. A question-and-answer session followed. Ginny Mestyanek and Barbara Cleary served refreshments. *Carrie Stefan.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

How would you like to enjoy a sirlon steak dinner in a plush restaurant for only \$5? Some 52 members of the SMART (Senior Members All Rejoicing Together) Set of the SANTA ROSA-FAIRFIELD, Calif., churches were able to do just that after services Pentecost, May 25. Senior funds accumulated by various fund-raising efforts paid for those members not able to pay the requested amount. The participants truly fulfilled their slogan of rejoicing together. *Geraldine Nielsen.*

A meeting of the SPRINGFIELD, Mo., 60 Plus Club took place at Nixa, Mo., May 18 along with a lunch and slide show of the Holy Land taken by a Church member during the 1979 Feast. The slide show entitled "The Land Which We Passed Through to Search It" was shown by local pastor George Meeker. The slides showed historical and prophetic sites from pictures taken during a tour that started in Jerusalem. Those present also signed a get-well card for Charles Holt, a fellow club member who was in the hospital. *Polly Rose.*

SINGLES SCENE

The CONCORD, N.H., singles were hosts to a potluck supper for all singles in town for the Pentecost weekend May 24. In attendance were members from the AUGUSTA, Maine, and MONTPELIER, Vt., churches. *James Lewis Jr.*

A picnic took place after services May 17 for the Young Adults of the RICHMOND, Va., church. The evening air was filled with the aroma of food as the young adults fellowshiped. The get-together featured songs and guitar and banjo players. *Chip Brockmeier.*

On April 30 about 25 teens and singles

from all over WEST GERMANY gathered in Preussisch-Oldendorf at the home of Walter Nobis' parents. May 1, the group hiked in the woods and visited the site of some supposed dinosaur tracks. In the afternoon Victor Root, pastor of the northern German churches, gave a Bible study on the Fifth Commandment. Dinner and dancing rounded off the evening. The next day many went jogging and bowling. Mr. Root preached the following Sabbath morning leaving enough time in the afternoon for a walk in the beautiful Westphalian area. That evening the group enjoyed a bonfire and sing-along. The outing ended with a Sunday brunch after an early morning swim. *Manfred Kuester and Rex Sprouse.*

SPORTS

The BELLE VERNON, Pa., YOU placed second in the District 21 track meet at the University of Indiana May 18. The team lost to PITTSBURGH, Pa., EAST 122 points to 257 points. However, in points per person Belle Vernon placed first with 11.09 points while Pittsburgh was second with 9.19 points. The most valuable participant awards went to Annie Fox in the senior girls'



TROPHY TIME — The winning team of the Ambassador Bowling League in Pasadena displays the fruits of their labors at the conclusion of award ceremonies on the Ambassador College campus. (See "Sports," this page.)

ta finished second in the 880-yard run. In the junior division Scott Phegley took third place in the boys' 440-yard dash, and Greg Choate placed third in the discus throw. Both Rosie and Scott were scheduled to travel to Big Sandy, Tex., for the bregional meet June 29. *Haydn A. Fox.*

In PASADENA, Calif., Thurston Hill, 75, helped spark his teammates to victory in the Ambassador Bowling League at Eagle Rock Lanes. This is the second consecutive year Mr. Hill has been on the winning team. He and teammates Delores Auckland, Steve Orr, Marie Allworth and Barie Allworth received their trophies at the annual bowling banquet that took place in the faculty dining room at the Ambassador College Student Center. *John Heskett.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The BAKERSFIELD, Calif., YOU enjoyed a day of fun and entertainment at Universal Studios near Hollywood April 27. The tour consisted of rides through exciting and interesting movie sets. *Becky Essman.*

The 1980 YOU District 111 Talent Contest took place in PASADENA at the Ambassador College Fine Arts Recital Hall May 31. The 11 contestants demonstrated a variety of talents. The judges were all members of the California Music Teachers' Association, and

district coordinator Curtis May was master of ceremonies for the program. The junior division winner was drum soloist Jason Wiles. In the senior division vocalist John Meyers placed first, with vocalist Heaven Lee Griffin second and drummer Josh Griffin third. The junior division will advance to the regional level competition scheduled to take place June 29. Winners will then compete at the National Talent Contest. *Stephen Elliott.*

The PEORIA, Ill., YOU had two weekend activities April 26-27. Saturday evening members enjoyed a dance where they learned to fox-trot and waltz. They also had a short Bible study and a YOU meeting. Sunday morning a car rally took place. Many qualified contestants participated but pastor Jess Ernest and his abledone crew drove off with first place. *Tammy Surrall.*

Members of the SAN ANTONIO, Tex., YOU were presented special jackets during Sabbath services May 10. As part of a new program under the direction of Conway Slaughter, members received their jackets based on regular attendance and participation in various activities such as cheerleading, basketball, volleyball, Bible bowl competition and general club participation.

The jackets were made to order in two-tone blue with the letters SA in white on the front. The project was made possible through the support of the local congregation and fund-raising efforts, that included a tamale sale, a cake auction and the sale of T-shirts and concessions at sporting events. *Ronnie Bell.*

Grand Island church members survive severe storms, tornados

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. — "A preview of the Great Tribulation" came to Grand Island in the form of seven tornados June 3, according to Everett McDowell, a local elder in the congregation here. Severe storms with thunderheads topping 68,000 feet smashed into the city of 40,000 spawning the tornados and flooding debris in the city's streets with several inches of water. The storms left more than \$300 million in damaged homes and businesses, leaving many residents "without a roof over their heads," stated Mr. McDowell.

Elsie Hooser, wife of Grand Island pastor Donald Hooser, reported that thousands of meals were served by humanitarian organizations for the storm victims. "We didn't have any electricity or water for a few days after the storm," she stated.

Members protected

Despite massive damage to the homes and businesses, brethren in God's Church suffered only "minor damages." "Everybody fared pretty well," related Mr. McDowell. "It was certainly a miracle that no one in the Church was hurt or had home damage, as the members are scattered throughout the city. The tornados formed a crescent circle and touched down in several places."

Mrs. Hooser noted that Cindy Hohnholt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hohnholt, was spared physical injury when the home she and two friends were seeking shelter in was leveled. "They were in the basement when the tornado hit," recounts Mrs. Hooser. "Glass was flying everywhere with terrible noise. When it all subsided, Cindy wasn't even cut, though the two friends suffered glass cuts and wounds on their backs." She also related that one deacon in the Church, Gerald Shinneman, es-

caped harm when one of the tornados bypassed his home.

City almost closed

"We still had Sabbath services that weekend," stated Mr. McDowell. "Although we had to go to a nearby town, because city officials were talking about closing the town for the weekend." Asked about present conditions, he noted that certain areas are devastated. "It's going to be a long time before everything is back to normal," he said.

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great expense? Should he be entitled to do that because he was smart enough not to incorporate in the state of California? That's what it amounts to. So the facts are not really in dispute, and nothing that can be produced from the records will change any of those facts. Somebody is trying to change labels, however. They already know I was not a trustee during any of those years. They already know I was not a director. They already know I wasn't an employee. They already know they are wiped out on all. Now they have come up in oral argument, well I'm

something called a de facto trustee, but that doesn't exist. But if it did exist, it would exist as a matter of law and then it would be new law. And they would be trying to take facts that relate to incidents in 1967 and 1968 and 1971, and put a new twist on those facts.

So, they are not even on a fishing expedition. There is nothing to fish for that they don't already have. They didn't have to fish. Because remember, their original moving papers had nothing to do with so-called self-dealing, not one word. They talked about extravagant travel expenses; they talked about shredding of documents; they talked about the sale of property below market value; all part of a nefarious scheme.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ABRAHAM, Michael and Susan (Russell), of Waco, Tex., girl, Sheran Elizabeth, May 14, 1:41 a.m., 7 pounds, 7 ounces, first child.

ADAMS, Floyd and Neida (La Paro), of Jacksonville, La., boy, Floyd Brazier, April 12, 1:50 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

ALBRIGHT, Craig and Debbie (Powell), of Long Beach, Calif., girl, Laurel Danielle, April 3, 2:45 p.m., 5 pounds, 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

ALEXANDER, John and Glennia (Daniel), of Dayton, Ohio, boy, Colton Wayne, May 14, 3:05 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

ALLEN, David and Judy (Jackson), of Austin, Tex., boy, Michael DeWayne, May 30, 11:14 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys.

ANDERSON, Michael and Ellen (Cohen), of Meriden, Conn., girl, Sarah Elizabeth, April 1, 8:42 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child. (Adopted June 6).

ANDERSON, Rick and Lynda, of Idylwild, Calif., boy, Casey Daniel, June 6, 1:09 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 4 boys.

BEWAJI, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Tuboun, of Lagos, Nigeria, boy, Kolewilo Tuboun Bewaji, May 1, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BLOOM, Randi and Debbie, of Atlanta, Ga., girl, Lisa Marie, May 18, 11:42 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

CAMERON, David and Jenny (Ziegler), of Denver, Colo., girl, Anastasia Dye, Jan. 28, 2:50 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

CANNING, Robert and Nadia (Lincoln), of Cozad, Neb., girl, Rebecca Corrine, April 10, 6:03 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

COOPER, Les and Kaye (Heflin), of Angleton, Tex., boy, Joseph "Joey" Alan, April 1, 3:30 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

COOPER, Richard and Brigitte (Ayers), of Newport, Ky., boy, Joshua Wayne, May 28, 8:01 a.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

COOPER, Thomas and Cheryl (Alworth), of Portland, Ore., girl, Amber Jewel, June 3, 8:23 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DADA, Samuel and Esther (Adenla), of Lagos, Nigeria, girl, Sarah Onetoyi Tellope, May 1, 3:2 kilograms, first child.

DE CAMPOS, Jorge and Kathy (Domila), of Johannesburg, South Africa, boy, Stephen Joel, May 26, 1:07 p.m., 8 pounds, 1 ounce, now 1 boy 2 girls.

DIETZEN, William and Joyce (Lietz), of Appleton, Wis., boy, William Curtis, May 28, 10:00 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

DUNN, Larry and Jill (Whitener), of Belleville, Ill., girl, Diandra Marie, June 2, 11:10 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 girl.

DUNN, Willard and Anke (Stamberg), of Tulsa, Okla., boy, Devin Preston, May 14, 3:12 p.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys.

DURBIN, Edward and Janie, of Belleville, Ill., girl, Christine Dawn, Feb. 10, 8:11 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 girls.

EDELMAN, Bill and Charlotte (Trent), of Big Sandy, Tex., girl, Rebekkah Jean, April 30, 2:45 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

FAHRENHOLTZ, Randy and Janice, of White, Kan., girl, Cameron Beth, March 1, 6:57 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

FISCHER, Steven and Shelley (Pearson), of Houston, Tex., boy, Jonathan Paul, May 20, 5 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GARCIA, Arturo and Caroline, of Chicago, Ill., boy, Daniel Joseph, April 29, 7:04 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 girls.

HEMSLEY, Dave and Pat (Griffith), of Dayton, Ohio, boy, Justin David, April 4, 5:50 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

HITCHENS, Daniel and Lou Ann (Carroll), of Orlando, Fla., boy, Ariel Daniel, May 30, 2:30 p.m., 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, first child.

HOLLEY, Leo and Patsy (Williams), of Lubbock, Tex., boy, Leo Daniel, June 10, 5:07 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HOLLON, Derrick and Linda, of South Lebanon, Ohio, boy, Joshua Bradley, April 1, 1:45 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

JEDAMSKI, Ralph and Cheryl (Reynolds), of Mount Vernon, Ill., girl, Penny Jacqueline Ruth, May 28, 12:45 p.m., 10 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MASON, Tay and Joan (Rueppel), of Fort Worth, Tex., girl, Jennifer Ann, May 28, 11:44 a.m., 2 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

MATTI, Richard and Mari, of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, girl, Dana Ruth, May 19, 8 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

MILLER, Harry and Carol (Decker), of Lake Oswego, Mo., girl, Rose Anna Lynn, May 27, 6:45 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 (lost) boy, 1 girl.

NIXON, Robert and Cheryl (Miller), of Edmond, Ala., girl, Hilary Rose, May 13, 6:35 p.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

NUSCHART, Michael and Susan (Vandermeulen), of Chicago, Ill., boy, Kenneth Edward, May 24, 8:44 a.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

STARK, Terry and Druce (Morris), of Hazard, Neb., boy, Jason Allen, June 1, 2:55 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

TODD, Jim and Edna (Yoder) of Columbus, Ohio, boy, James Richard, April 28, 12:55 p.m., 2 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WRIGHT, Paul and Jacqueline (Griffith), of Cardiff, Wales, boy, Martyn Thomas, May 31, 10:39 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

YEARY, Michael and Mary (Norvell), of Big Sandy, Tex., twin girls, Melissa Lee and Melinda Lee, May 18, 10:47 p.m., 5 pounds, 12 ounces and 5 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

ZAMMIT, Chris and Jan (Sheet), of Perth, Australia, girl, Melina Angela, May 27, 8:12 p.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Melford of Cincinnati, Ohio, are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Bryan Lee Melford, to Brenda Marie Hasty. The wedding will take place Sept. 13 in Cincinnati.

Mary Hedrick and Mildred Banks joyfully announce the engagement of their children, Debbie Hedrick Fissell and David A. Banks of the Mansfield, Ohio, church. An Aug. 16 wedding is planned.

Jean Gelbraith and John Michalowicz of Toronto, Ont., are happy to announce their engagement. A June wedding is planned.

Larry Kuhn Jr. and Mary Rose Stancio of Long Island, N.Y., are proud and happy to announce their engagement. The wedding is planned for Sept. 14.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. G. LEONARD

Michelle Mari Hershberger and Gary Lee Leonard were married April 20 in the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena. Carlton Green performed the ceremony. Cheryl Cerese Hershberger was the maid of honor and Gary Dwayne Shaffer was the best man. The couple now reside at 564 S. Marengo Ave., Apt. C, Pasadena, Calif., 91101.



MR. AND MRS. W. MCCracken

Karen Jean Leach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Leach of Martins Ferry, Ohio, and Wayne August McCracken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McCracken of Bridgeport, Ohio, were united in marriage April 26 in Bridgeport. Lynn Johnston of the Wheeling, W.Va., church performed the ceremony. After their honeymoon at St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., the couple will reside at 115 Pineale Mobile Court, 48200 National Rd., Belmont, Ohio, 43718.



MR. AND MRS. COLUM MOORE

Elizabeth Joy Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas of Grafton, Australia, and Colum Patrick Moore, fourth son of Thomas and Mary Moore of Armagh, Northern Ireland, were married March 22 at Grafton. John McLean, pastor of the Grafton church, performed the ceremony. The couple now resides at Bixland's Creek, Grafton, Australia.



MR. AND MRS. W. NORVELL

Rene Colleen Curless, daughter of Mike and Rose Curless of Boulder, Colo., and William Edward Norvell, son of William and Rosemary Norvell of

Oroville, Calif., were married March 9 in Northglenn, Colo. The ceremony was performed by Leroy Cole, minister in the Denver, Colo., church. Maid of honor was Merry Hubbard, sister of the bride, and best man was Bruce Bowers. The couple resides at 335 Beryl St., Broomfield, Colo., 80020.



MR. AND MRS. AARON WELCH

Aaron Welch of Toledo, Ohio, and Beverly Chole, formerly of Duluth, Minn., were married May 18 by George Kackos, pastor of the Toledo church. Honor attendants were Brice Bobo and Codi Bocan. A reception and a dance followed the ceremony. The couple now resides in Hickory, N.C.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Penney are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Sandra Kay Penney of Chattanooga, Tenn., to Ronald Scott Kernes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kernes of Charleston, W.Va. The wedding took place June 7 in Chattanooga. A reception and a dance followed the ceremony. The couple now resides in Hickory, N.C.

Greene Ogilvie of London, England, and Sue Stinson of Portland, Ore., are happy to announce their marriage May 18 at Corvallis House, Vancouver, Wash. Dan Frick, pastor of the Kent, Wash., church, performed the ceremony. Kay Snyder of Portland, Ore., was bridesmaid and best

man was Philip Zammit of Spokane, Wash. The couple will reside in the Portland area.



MR. AND MRS. R. SUBBOT

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. DeMent are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Anita Rhee, to Richard Paul Subbot March 2. The wedding ceremony was performed by Fred H. DeMent at Ambassador College.

ANNIVERSARIES

To Mom and Dad, the most important people in our lives. Congratulations on your 25th anniversary. June 8. Love, Cathy, Denise, Junior, Marvin, Jenny and Richie.

Happy first anniversary to Gary and Woody Leach. God has truly blessed you in your first year together. We are looking forward to the birth of your child with great anticipation. Love, Wade, Ed and Rosemary.

Congratulations Mom and Dad on your 50th anniversary May 26. Your daughter, Maxine Pope.

Obituaries

AUSABLE FORKS, N.Y.—Jennie Belle Maicus, 79, a member of the Church since 1977, died Sept. 22, 1979, after a week of hospitalization. Minister Gary Moore conducted funeral services. Mrs. Maicus is survived by four sons,

Paul, Carl, William and Sidney, all of Au Sable Forks, and four daughters, Doris Merrifield of Plattsburg, N.Y., and Virginia Martin, Irene LaBombard and Eva Barton, all of Au Sable Forks.

BROOKVILLE, Ind.—Helen Thomas, 46, died March 8 at McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital in Oxford, Ohio, after a long illness. Garvin Greene, pastor of the Richmond, Ind., church, officiated at funeral services and interment was at the Maple Grove Cemetery here.

Mrs. Thomas, a native of Pulaski County, Ky., is survived by her husband Clyde; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Van Hook of Oxford; four sons, Larry Curran of Brookville and Brian Curran of Houston, Tex.; one daughter, Gail Israel of Batesville, Ind.; three stepdaughters, Claudia Thomas of McClellan Air Force Base, Calif., Ann Ling of Phoenix, Ariz., and Ellen Thomas of Connersville, Ind.; four brothers, Clinton and James Van Hook, both of Dallas, Tex.; Edsel Van Hook of Montgomery, Ala.; and Kenneth Van Hook of Connersville; two sisters, Jessalene Allen and Judy Bryant, both of Oxford; and seven grandchildren.

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—James Eugene "Gene" Crain, 51, a member of God's Church since 1959, died of heart failure May 25. Bryan Hoyt, pastor of the Kansas City, Kan., North church, conducted funeral services. Mr. Crain had attended the Springfield, Mo., church until the Kansas City church was started. Mr. Crain is survived by his wife Lola; one son, Jim, at home; one daughter, Judy K. Love of Tucson, Ariz.; three brothers-in-law, Robert Lading of Kansas City, Kent Lading of Pasadena and Ray Lading of Big Sandy, Tex.; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Kenneth Martin of Birmingham, Ala.; and two step-grandsons.

Paris church transforms factory

American-born Marilyn Kneller is the wife of Paris, France, pastor Sam Kneller. She is a graduate of Ambassador College in Pasadena and is the mother of two children.

By Marilyn Kneller
PARIS, France—For nearly seven years God's Church in Paris met for services in the halls of le Palais de Chaillot, the French National Anthropological Museum. Growth of the church eventually spurred the need for larger environs. After receiving the directive from French evangelist Dabar Apartian, Paris pastor Sam Kneller discovered that securing a new meeting place in the historical and overcrowded city was similar to sorting bruised grapes. Many look promising, but only a few are retained.

As the search began, matters were immediately complicated because Paris doesn't have a centrally organized real estate business. Mr. Kneller was forced to contact several small companies in the different *arrondissements* or town districts of Paris. In less than eight months, more than a thousand letters were sent to real estate agents, private owners and other contacts.

After poring over hundreds of advertisements and checking contacts, Mr. Kneller and Jeanne Simonin, the secretary-treasurer for the French association *Le Monde a Venir*, signed a lease Dec. 7, 1979, for a permanent location for the Paris congregation. It is here the real story begins.

Complete renovation

As the lease was signed, all Church members were aware that a great deal of work needed to be done before the hall could be used. Shortly before work began Jan. 1, Mr. Kneller was informed that the congregation's former meeting hall in the museum would not be available in two weeks. After much thought, the decision was made to try to make the new hall suitable for services

before the deadline ran out.

Forty members showed up the morning of Jan. 1 to begin work. First, an entire suspended ceiling had to come down. Amidst a flurry of grit, dirt and years of accumulated dust, the workers removed all the old neon lighting, more than 650 ceiling tiles and the entire metal-band system used to support the old network. Walls were torn out and radiators moved. Carts of rubble and debris were loaded out of the building, revealing floors of different levels. In order to level the floor, the original floor tiles had to be removed.

"At this point," commented Roger Hardy, one of the members who spent countless hours in rebuilding the hall, "we didn't have much left. There was dust everywhere. It was hard to distinguish objects from people."

The hall (which previously served as a factory) hadn't been renovated since 1963 and one dust-covered member added that "it hadn't been cleaned since then."

"We spent many days . . . and nights working hard," pointed out member Jerome Lubino. "During those weeks I rarely was home before midnight."

Inaugural services

Finally the Sabbath of Jan. 19 arrived. However, the hall the Paris Church assembled in was slightly different than anticipated. The adults sat in rented folding chairs on a bare concrete floor, took notes under dim fluorescent lights and fellowshipped next to unpainted walls and stark metal ceiling supports.

Mr. Apartian, unable to attend the first meeting, sent a letter: "Here at last is the day we have all been waiting for . . . We are grateful that God has allowed us to find — in Paris, so overly congested — this hall. What good news. I would like to be with you on this memorable occasion . . . and am in heart and spirit."

As the weeks after the first service slipped by, each Sabbath would

find something new done: one Sabbath, a third of the ceiling; next Sabbath, floor tiles; another week, new chairs and freshly painted walls; and finally the complete ceiling outfitted with spots and lights. The stage was built and a new lectern featuring the Ambassador College seal installed. Just before Passover, the hall was ready for dedication.

At long last, Mr. Apartian arrived in Paris for the Days of Unleavened Bread and officially opened the hall. Afterwards, as everyone enjoyed unleavened cookies and champagne, a warm sense of satisfaction was present. The Paris church was home.

Desk

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three booklets, *Dilemma of Drugs*, *Principles of Healthful Living* and *Managing Your Personal Finances* produced more than 7,000 responses in the first week. Final artwork for the newspaper flyer test campaign advertising the U.S. and Britain in *Prophecy* and *The Plain Truth* was approved this past week. The four-page flyer will be seen in Prince George, Red Deer, North Battleford, Peterborough and Moncton with 170,000 flyers to be distributed. If the first campaign is successful, a major nationwide campaign will be launched in September and October.

Thomas Root, previously serving the Swiss churches in Zurich and Basel, moved to a new apartment near Mannheim, West Germany, in May. Mr. Root will continue to serve the Stuttgart, West Germany, congregation, and will assume responsibility for the churches in Frankfurt and Mannheim. John Karlson, who formerly pastored the latter two churches as well as the Dusseldorf and Bonn congregations, will concentrate more upon his responsibilities as Bonn office manager in addition to his pastorate in Dusseldorf and Bonn.

Violence grips Central America

PASADENA — Despite violence and political turmoil, God's Church in the Central American country of El Salvador is "protected and blessed by God," stated Leon Walker, regional director of the Spanish Work. His comments followed a meeting with Herbert Cisneros, pastor in that country. The meeting took place June 2 to 5 in Mexico City, Mexico, following several months during which the Work was unable to contact him (see *WN*, May 5).

"Because of the extreme political unrest the mail wasn't being delivered," reported Mr. Walker. "Even telegrams went undelivered." Since Mr. Cisneros also pastors congregations in surrounding Central American countries, the Spanish Work was able to send a message through a member in Costa Rica. "In response, Mr. Cisneros sent us a complete itinerary of his planned travels, enabling us at last to arrange a meeting."

Members uninjured

At the meeting Mr. Walker and Mr. Cisneros discussed the state of the Church in Central America and problems posed by the hostile political climate. Since political factions on the left and right are "undermining the already weak government in El Salvador, we are planning to hold the Feast of Tabernacles in Guatemala," said the regional director. According to Mr. Walker, Mr. Cisneros reported that Church members living in the capital city of San Salvador escaped harm from the widespread fighting. "The whole country is hovering on the brink of

civil war." No one is safe, he stated, as indiscriminate killings of up to 30 people a day have claimed the lives of more than 2,000 people thus far this year.

"After Passover services this spring, members came out only to find that the buses weren't running, the streets were desolate and sporadic gunfire could be heard. This was alarming, because most of the members don't own cars and would have to risk walking some distance to their homes. Understandably, this caused a lot of anxiety, because the guerrillas often prey on lone people out at night, murdering them to cause terror." Mr. Walker reported that the members "miraculously found a group of taxis to safely transport them home." The members regard this as a blessing of protection from God.

"Obviously," he said, "the brethren in El Salvador and all of Central America need the Church's prayers. Members in this region face a wide number of trials daily, including the potential of losing their jobs because of the Sabbath, losing their homes and businesses to civil war, injury from political violence and other things that many of us have not had to encounter."

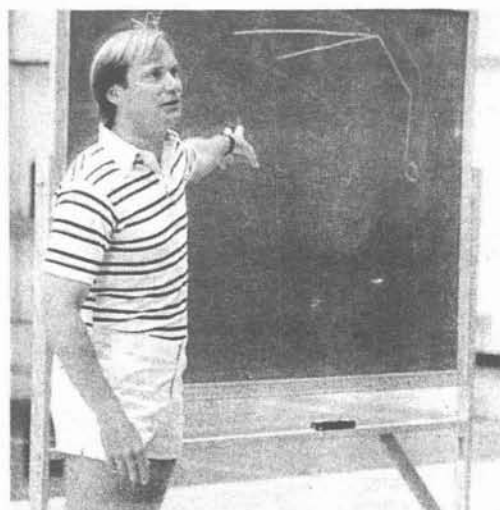
Potential for Work great

Regardless of the extreme political turmoil, Mr. Walker reported that the Work is planning to institute advertising campaigns to build up the readership of the Spanish *Plain Truth* magazine, *La Pura Verdad*. "We have a Spanish version of the *PT* card-holder program [see *WN*, May 19] that was devel-

oped and tested in the Spanish Work," he said. "We are making plans to expand its use throughout Latin America." He related that the Work is moving to distribute 10,000 to 20,000 subscription cards in a Guatemala supermarket chain, with efforts following close behind in other countries.

'World Tomorrow' broadcast

"We now have the Spanish broadcast on a Puerto Rican station," he said. "We are putting together plans to expand the broadcast into several different areas." After visiting Mr. Cisneros in Mexico City, Mr. Walker traveled to Colombia in South America to meet with Pablo Gonzalez, the voice of *The World Tomorrow* Spanish broadcast. The pair began plans to make new broadcasts because the programs now airing were made several years ago. "The material we are now broadcasting is relevant and important," said Mr. Walker, "but we would like to have new programs dealing with current trends and events to augment the established ones."



PRO SPEAKS — Pat Haden, quarterback of the Los Angeles (Calif.) Rams professional football team, talks to high school athletes in the Ambassador College gymnasium. The talk was part of a four-day football clinic organized by the Boy's Club Council of Pasadena featuring professional players and college coaches from the Los Angeles area. [Photo by Roland Rees]

Oregon site ready for brethren

By Larry Walker

EUGENE, Ore. — Eugene is recognized as one of the most desirable areas in the nation. In the heart of the lush Willamette Valley, Eugene is a blend of natural vitality and urban sophistication.

Surrounding Lane County are recreational and scenic delights ranging from the ever-changing panorama of the Pacific Ocean to the cool green forests of the towering Cascade Mountains.

Larry Walker, pastor of the Bend, Coos Bay, Roseburg, and Eugene, Ore., churches, gives brethren attending the Eugene site an update for the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles. Mr. Walker is also the Festival coordinator for the site.

Known as "the jogging capital of the world," Eugene has many jogging trails and bike paths. Golf, tennis, swimming, racquetball, bowling and roller-skating facilities also await the athletically inclined. Fishing is available in nearby mountain streams (trout and steelhead), in the ocean fishing off the pier (no license required) or by charter boat (for salmon or cod).

Beautiful Crater Lake National Park is some 138 miles from Eugene. Nearby state and county parks offer peaceful picnicking, camping and hiking in a virtually millennial setting of unspoiled natural beauty. Eugene also has 70 city parks — many with picnic tables and playground equipment. Children will enjoy Sea Lion Caves

(where sea lions romp in a natural habitat), Wildlife Safari, Undersea Gardens and dune-buggy rides — all within a two-hour drive from Eugene. Informative brochures and special rates on these and other attractions will be available.

For indoor fun, several museums and intriguing gift shops are located in and around Eugene. For dining, Eugene has more restaurants per capita than any city north of San Francisco, Calif.

Services will be in the new 6,000-seat Convention Center, conveniently located with plenty of free, on-site parking.

If all this is not enough, Eugene is unique as a Feast site. It is here that God chose to begin this era of His Church through Herbert W. Armstrong about 50 years ago. Here you can see the historic site mentioned in Mr. Armstrong's autobiography, *Belknap Springs Resort* — the very first Feast site of our era — was recently remodeled and reopened. [See article, this page.] *Jeans School* is only about 15 miles west of the Convention Center. Joggers, take note: We are planning a 16-mile "historical run" from Prairie Hall, where the Eugene church presently meets, to *Jeans School*. We are also organizing tours and displays featuring the early history of the Church.

Minister 'speaks' to deaf group

TOLEDO, Ohio — Deafness was only a "minor inconvenience" for 16 brethren gathered at an unusual Bible study here April 5. Pastor George Kackos "spoke" on prophecy to the deaf members from Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Ontario, according to interpreter Cindy Neuman of Indianapolis, Ind.

"It was an interesting and fulfilling experience," she said. "Our deaf brethren are warm and friendly people." Mrs. Neuman, who interprets with Dave Porter at Indianapolis services, shared the interpreting with Mary H. Stetler of Taylor, Mich. After working the morning services, Mrs. Neuman and Mrs. Stetler intended to divide the responsibility during the Bible study, but "they [the deaf brethren] were so enthusiastic and had so many questions that Mary continued interpreting for the entire 2½ hours."

The deaf brethren arranged for the Bible study as part of a weekend of fellowship between deaf friends. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Barnett, a deaf couple from Indianapolis, played host to the first meeting of the deaf brethren from the United States Midwest on the 1979 Thanksgiving holiday.

According to Mr. Barnett, the gathering was so successful the group decided to hold additional get-togethers as often as possible. Mr. and Mrs. Kenton Deily were hosts for the April meeting, opening their home for a weekend of food, fellowship and games. Saturday evening the gathering performed original skits and participated in a table tennis tournament.

"The skits were incredible," related Mrs. Neuman. "Deaf people have an extraordinary talent for expressing themselves, and their sub-

tle wit was funny beyond words." Mr. Barnett reported that the table tennis tournament was never finished because of "the excitement and enjoyment in fellowshiping."

The next day, after sessions of volleyball and basketball, the group enjoyed a final meal before returning home. Besides providing a substantial spiritual diet, Mr. Barnett stated that the weekend was "so marvelous for fellowship" that the deaf brethren want to arrange a summer meeting.

Mr. Barnett noted that if any deaf member wishes to get together with the midwestern group, he is most welcome. Interested deaf members and co-workers should write to John Hemingway, 73 Knyvet Ave., Hamilton, Ont., Canada, L9A 3J6.



DEAF BIBLE STUDY — Interpreters, deaf brethren and pastor George Kackos (back, third from left) pause after enjoying an afternoon meal and a 2½-hour Bible study on prophecy April 5. [Photo by Kenton Deily]

Belknap Springs open this fall

The following article features Belknap Springs Resort, the first Feast site in the current era of God's Church. The resort was remodeled and reopened. The article is reprinted courtesy of the Eugene, Ore., Register-Guard.

By Bill Lynch

MCKENZIE BRIDGE, Ore. — The rustic Belknap Springs Lodge is to reopen by the end of the week, testing owner Jim Nation's recipe for recapturing its old-time popularity.

Nation's plan is an old one, like the lodge itself. He's offering guests the promise of relaxation through use of soak tubs of hot and cold mineral water now installed in each guest room. Visitors will also have the luxury of McKenzie River scenery and a liberal ladling of

nostalgia.

The hot mineral water was the inspiration for the original resort, built in 1876 after discovery of the hot springs in the 1850s by R.S. Belknap, the McKenzie Bridge area's first postmaster. Tourists flocked to the resort to relax in the hot water, which was pumped across the river and collected in large cedar soak tubs.

The lodge was expanded in 1934. However, the buildings were damaged in the 1964 Christmas-week flood, and the resort closed in 1968.

The property, six miles east of McKenzie Bridge, was purchased by Nation in 1975. He developed a trailer court and camping area. Earlier this year he began renovating the rustic lodge building.

The large soak tubs are gone. But today's tourist will be able to take a relaxing mineral-water soak

in smaller tubs built into each room. Each room will offer both hot and cold mineral water.

Nation also depends upon water from the hot springs to heat the building and the resort swimming pools. The water rises at the spring with a temperature of 195 degrees and reaches the building at about 165 degrees. The hot spring water is passed through a heat-exchanger, and the warmth is transferred to the resort's conventional hot water system.

The water is also used to fill a large outdoor swimming pool, which will be ready for guests.

Nation says he eventually plans to add a kitchen and dining room to the lodge, but that's part of his second phase — probably a year away. For now, the closest eating facility is a few hundred yards away at Nation's Belknap Woods campground and trailer park.

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

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The California State Assembly's Judiciary Committee approved a bill to limit the state attorney general's power over churches June 11. The bill, authored by Sen. Nicholas C. Petris, cleared the committee with only one dissenting vote, according to the Los Angeles, Calif., *Times*. The committee heard testimony on the proposed bill from several people, including Hillel Chodos, an attorney active in the early stages of the civil suit against the Worldwide Church of God. Assistant Attorney General Rod Blonien also testified against the measure, claiming that successful passage of the bill would "affect pending action against ... the Worldwide Church of God in Pasadena," stated the *Times* article.

A California coalition of churches and religious groups in favor of the measure said, "This theory [of the California attorney general's that all charitable organizations are public trusts] is a throwback to the Middle Ages (bypassing the First Amendment), which could well lead to the imposition of state-dictated standards and control of church operations and religious practices."

Dean Kelley, an executive of the National Council of Churches, echoed the sentiments of the California church coalition, relating that the attorney general's legal theory of trusts is "... a claim that is contrary to 200 years of jurisprudence in this country."

Leo Pfeiffer of the American Jewish Congress added, "For any religion to accept a law that can be used to oppress a religion that is unpopular today will be in effect sanctioning its own destruction tomorrow."

Among the specific objections of

the coalition were the imposition of "blanket surveillance of religious corporations," and the loss of privacy in the affairs of officials; and "the essentially unchecked discretion ... [allowing] ... the attorney general to exercise personal bias against any religious group." The coalition argued that "government has no business instructing individual churches, temples and synagogues how they must design their congregation and how decisions affecting their membership shall be made."

Attorney William Burke of California Catholic Conference and Harvard Law School professor Laurence Tribe also testified in favor of the bill, while attorney Chodos, representatives of the California attorney general, an Episcopal priest and representatives of the Jewish Federation — Council of Greater Los Angeles and the Pacific Association of Reformed Rabbis appeared in opposition.

The bill will become effective in June, 1981, if passed by the assembly and signed by the governor, according to the *Times*.

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PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's television and radio studio in Tucson, Ariz., is nearing completion, according to Larry Omasta, head of the World's Media Services. Mr. Omasta said he and audio engineer John Prohs installed microphones and other recording equipment the first week of June in preparation for radio broadcasts. The television crew will install special lighting gear for the Tucson television facility shortly. Mr. Omasta reports that the lights give off less heat and are less intense, thus being less fatiguing and will make

Mr. Armstrong more comfortable during telecasts.

Mr. Omasta also relates news about live telecasts of the pastor general during the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles. "Plans are being finalized with Joe Tkach of Ministerial Services to beam Mr. Armstrong's message live to all continental U.S. and Canadian Feast sites by satellite and microwave facilities on the first and last Holy Days," he states. Plans are also in the works to send the first day's broadcast live to the British Isles Feast site in Brighton by international satellite.

Mr. Omasta says that an audiosignal will be sent to all worldwide sites on the first day of the Feast. He requests that Church members worldwide remember the operation in their prayers, as "many details must be worked out to have a successful completion of this mammoth undertaking."

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PASADENA — The U.S. newstand program developed two items to aid newstand coordinators, reports John LaBissoniere of the national newstand office here. An introductory brochure featuring the program is now available for coordinators to use in developing newstand locations. "The brochure explains what *The Plain Truth* is and helps set us apart from other publications," he says.

The second item is a poster stating, "Free Inside — the monthly magazine of understanding — read by millions worldwide." "This piece is specifically designed to help the store owner draw people into his or her store," said the newstand program manager. Copies are being sent to U.S. pastors and coordinators.

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PASADENA — Demand from U.S. pastors and program coordinators for additional supplies of the cards and card holders [W/N, May 19] promoting an introductory subscription to *The Plain Truth* is so great that Publishing Services here has temporarily run out of supplies, according to Boyd Leeson, U.S. PT circulation manager.

Cost per response of the new program is "very low," he states, and the program is being evaluated concerning the renewal rate of first-time subscribers. Mr. Leeson reports that the circulation staff was surprised at the overwhelming demand for additional supplies and notes that new cards and card holders will be mailed to requesters shortly.

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PASADENA — Traveling brethren who need to obtain church and ministerial information can call the Work's Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) telephone line, according to Richard Rice of the Mail

Processing Center.

Mr. Rice points out that the (800) 423-4444 number used for literature is staffed by operators from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time Monday through Friday and supplies church locations, times of services and ministerial information to members. No operators are on duty during the Sabbath. The best time to call is from Tuesday to Thursday.

Members calling from California, Alaska or Hawaii should call (213) 577-5225, collect.

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PASADENA — By the invitation of the Pasadena Festival of Art and Science, the Ambassador Concert Choir performed with The Little Orchestra, a string orchestra from Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif., in the Ambassador Auditorium June 1.

Violinist Claire Hodgkins conducted the first half of the concert with the orchestra. Ambassador College faculty member John D. Schroeder conducted the second half with the Ambassador Concert Choir. Another college faculty member, Gerald Bieritz, was the featured soloist in four pieces by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The Pasadena Arts Council was "delighted" with the performance, according to Mr. Schroeder, and hopes future Pasadena festivals feature similar performances.

INTERNATIONAL DESK BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — May was an amazing month in God's Work around the world.

In Australia, mail received, income, literature mailed out and church attendance smashed previous records. In New Zealand, mail received was one of highest totals

ever (up 61 percent over May, 1979), and income was the second highest monthly total on record.

In the Netherlands, incoming mail for May was up 298 percent over the same month in 1979, and income was up 61 percent.

In Germany, we added the largest number of new PT subscribers in any given month since the West German Office opened in April, 1961.

Credit for most of these new subscribers goes to our new *Klar und Wahr* flyer that appeared in *Die Welt* newspaper May 6. Ads were also placed in the weekly magazine *Der Spiegel* and two weekly Swiss magazines, *Schweizer Illustrierte* and *Schweizer Tele TV*.

A report from the Australian Office details recent *Plain Truth* promotions:

In May, we are now approaching the 100,000 mark — the highest number of Australian PT subscribers on record.

New subscribers are being added to the list as a result of householder cards, newspaper inserts, ads in national magazines and ads in leading Australian newspapers.

We are grateful for the excellent work by our members in placing *Plain Truth* householder cards in letter boxes throughout Australia. As a result of their efforts, so far this year, 15,000 new subscribers have been added to the mailing list.

Because of the consistent response to the householder card promotion we have gone ahead with the printing of an additional 1.25 million cards. These will be distributed by our members and bulk mailings through the post office.

Dean Wilson, regional director for Australia and Asia, and Chris Hunting, coordinator for Asia, flew to Singapore and Malaysia for Pentecost services. In addition to being in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore on Pentecost and the previous Sabbath, they completed a fact-finding mission concerning the establishment of an office in that area. Initially, a minister will probably be stationed in Singapore to pastor the church there and the church in Kuala Lumpur. We hope to conduct Bible studies again on a regular basis in Ipoh,

Taiping and Kota Bharu in West Malaysia. Likewise Sabah and Sarawak in East Malaysia would receive attention as well as Indonesia and Thailand.

The New Zealand Office reports that mail from the Pacific islands this year is shattering all previous records. More than 6,800 letters have come in so far this year, 140 percent over the same period in 1979. Responses are now coming in to ads placed in newspapers in Western Samoa, Cook Islands, New Hebrides, New Caledonia and Tahiti.

Things are happening in the tiny island kingdom of Tonga. Recently the PT mailing list was quadrupled by a promotion to all the post office boxes in Nuku'alofa. Over the last few months we've begun a small newstand program in Tonga, and beginning with the June PT the leading department store chain, Morris Hedstrom Ltd., has agreed to display 300 copies each month on their newstands. Attendance in Tonga for Pentecost was the highest figure ever, and the offering more than doubled that of last year.

May was an exciting month in Canada also. Two hundred fifty miles south of Vancouver, site of the Work's Canadian offices, Mt. St. Helens erupted, spewing dust and steam. In the grain-growing areas of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba severe drought conditions and volcanic ash fallout threaten the 1980 harvest. This can have serious worldwide repercussions. During the Holy Day weekend, regional director Leslie McCullough asked the Church to pray for rain and two days later, George Patrickson in Alberta was complaining of a flooded basement. The rains came but more is needed.

Canadian mail income increased 30 percent for the first time in many years. Year-to-date income increase stands at 21.5 percent.

Canada's Data Processing Department was streamlined this past month with the installation of a minicomputer. Compatible and on-line with the Pasadena installation, it facilitates easier management of information input and output and allows development of a more efficient business system.

On the media front, response to various promotional programs continues to be positive. Fifty supermarket outlets for *The Plain Truth* newstand magazine will be available in September in the Edmonton area. The TV Guide coupon for (See DESK, page 10)

Teamwork marks SEP opening

ORR, Minn. — The Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Summer Educational Program (SEP) is "totally ready for the greatest camp ever," said Kevin Dean, Church Public Information officer. The Orr facility officially opened its doors June 17 after an "intensive week of staff training." Several ministers operate as department heads this year, including Melvin Dahlgren

over the skiing area, Bill Pack in charge of swimming and water polo, Ron Lohr with canoeing and Ambassador College faculty member Dick Ames over the educational vein of SEP. "The staff [Ambassador College students and high school workers] is 110 percent behind all the department heads," reports Mr. Dean, who is serving Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong

as a liaison for the camp. "The ministers have really got the staff going, and everyone is working together as a unified team."

"The sessions are packed," states Mr. Dean. Response to the opening of the summer camp resulted in a flood of applications and "we had to turn down nearly 400 applicants." Campers fortunate to attend SEP this year will be involved in a number of diversified activities, including water skiing, canoeing, camping, softball, volleyball, as well as a new educational aspect. "We're going to stress teamwork, acquisition of skills, individual growth and especially character building," he relates.

Mike Greider of the camp administrative staff says: "The camp this year is designed so every camper will be a winner. We want to build confidence and teamwork in every individual."

Mr. Dean added, "This is all directed toward giving the campers the best summer ever. When the campers return home at the end of the session, we want them to have the basic tools for character building."

A new class entitled Wilderness Survival is offered at SEP this year. Individuals participating in this activity learn what to do if their car is caught in a snowstorm, how to make a fire from materials found in the wilderness, avoiding death by exposure and other skills necessary for survival under adverse conditions. Mr. Dean reports that long-time SEP staffer Floyd Kielcewski has a great deal of experience in this area, having camped and explored along the Minnesota and Canadian border for many years.



OPENING ACTIVITIES — Campers and staff members enjoy rock climbing and other events at the Orr, Minn., facility, above, right. Below left, Ambassador College faculty member Dick Ames welcomes the first session of campers. [Photos by Nathan Faulkner]