



ORDINATIONS — Shown with evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services (left), after being ordained by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong April 17 are (from left) evangelist Richard Rice and his wife, Virginia; Robin Webber, who was raised to pastor rank, and his wife, Susan; and evangelist Richard Ames and his wife, Kathryn. [Photo by Hal Finch]

Two men ordained evangelists on first day of Unleavened Bread

By Michael Snyder and Kerri Miles

PASADENA — In what was described as an "emotional ceremony," two pastors were raised to evangelist rank and a preaching elder to pastor rank by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in the Ambassador Auditorium here April 17.

Jerold Aust, associate pastor of the San Diego, Calif., church, was ordained a pastor by evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the San Diego and Yuma, Ariz., churches, in San Diego the same day.

Conducting the ceremony before his afternoon sermon on the first day of Unleavened Bread, Mr. Armstrong, assisted by evangelist Ellis La Ravia, director of facilities management, and evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services, ordained Richard Ames, director of admissions for Pasadena Ambassador College, and Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC), to evangelist rank.

Mr. Ames assisted in the ordination of Mr. Rice. Mr. Armstrong called Robin Webber, an assistant pastor of the Auditorium P.M. congregation to the Auditorium stage and the four evangelists and Mr. Armstrong ordained Mr. Webber to pastor rank. Brethren in the college gym, the Imperial gym and the Spanish congregation witnessed the ordinations through a television cable link.

Sobering responsibility

"I feel very sobered, but inspired by the responsibility," said Mr. Ames. Mr. Rice concurred, adding: "I was shaken when I was told that I would be raised in rank, but very deeply honored. It is a very weighty responsibility."

Mr. Tkach said: "Coupled with the excellent offering we had on the first Holy Day, the ordinations got the new year — as measured by God's sacred calendar — off to a great start."

Referring to Matthew 7:16, Mr. Tkach said that Mr. Ames and Mr. Rice "were bearing the fruit of an

evangelist's work long before their ordinations.

"God says that 'promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west,' but from God himself," Mr. Tkach continued, quoting Psalms 75:6. "The rank of evangelist is not one to take lightly, and we are certain that God has called these men to that rank by those spiritual fruits that they have produced."

Biographical sketches

Mr. Ames, 47, a 1965 graduate of Pasadena Ambassador College, served churches in Longview, Big Sandy and Texarkana, Tex.; Lakeland and Fort Myers, Fla.; Bakersfield, Calif.; Cincinnati and Akron, Ohio; and Lexington, Ky. He taught speech and theology classes at the college campus in Big Sandy from 1966 to 1977, returning there for the 1982-83 academic year.

In addition to teaching speech and theology in Pasadena, Mr. Ames has served as admissions director here since 1980.

Mr. Ames received a bachelor's degree of civil engineering (B.C.E.) from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N.Y., in 1959, a certificate of traffic and transportation engineering from Yale University, Bureau of Highway Traffic in 1961, and a master of arts degree in communications from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Tex., in 1977.

Mr. Ames was ordained a preaching elder in 1965 and raised to pastor rank in 1969.

Mr. Ames is married to the former Kathryn Meredith, sister of evangelist Roderick Meredith. Mr.

Ames was born in New London, Conn.

Mr. Rice, 48, a 1960 graduate of Pasadena Ambassador College, has pastored churches in Birmingham, Huntsville and Montgomery, Ala., and was an assistant pastor in Big Sandy and Shreveport and Minden, La. He also taught at Imperial Schools in Big Sandy.

Mr. Rice was ordained a local elder in 1962, a preaching elder in 1964 and a pastor in 1969. He has served as MPC director since 1971.

A native of Midwest City, Okla., Mr. Rice is married to the former Virginia McAllister. The Rices have three sons: Phillip, 26, an assistant pastor in the Tulsa, Okla., church; Anthony, 24; and Michael, 21, a Pasadena Ambassador College junior.

Mr. Webber, 32, assisted in the Pasadena area churches since his graduation from Pasadena Ambassador College in 1973. He was ordained a local elder in 1975 and raised to preaching elder in 1980.

Mr. Webber and his wife, Susan, also a 1973 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, have three daughters: Laura, 7; Julie, 4; and Amy, 1.

Mr. Aust, 44, has pastored the Detroit West and Ann Arbor, Mich.; Wichita, Kan.; Longview and Lufkin, Tex.; and Hattiesburg and Meridian, Miss.; churches. He has also served in the Reno, Nev.; Oakland and San Francisco, Calif.; and Portland and Salem, Ore.; churches. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Pasadena in 1968.

Mr. Aust and his wife, Mary Ann, have two children, Philip, 17, and Crystal, 13.

The Plain Truth reunites family members, friends

By Herman L. Hoeh

PASADENA — In the March and April English-language editions of *The Plain Truth* we published two autobiographical subjects under the titles: "I Was a Victim of Child Neglect" and "I Was on the Orphan Train."

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh is the editor of *The Plain Truth*.

We could have written the typical articles on these subjects. But we thought it was instructive to have the victim of child neglect speak to readers and to have an orphan tell her story.

Neither autobiographical sketch is about a member of the Church of God. That made it easier for us to speak to nonmember-readers.

After the articles appeared in print, the unexpected happened. We received a telephone call. A woman who is not a subscriber read the article about Ernie Knapp, the victim of child neglect who lives in Santa Rosa, Calif. — his city of residence was not revealed in the article.

The caller said a friend of hers, while in the hospital, picked up the March issue and read the article. Her friend was Paul Knapp and — she said — he was sure the story was about his brother whom he had last heard from 17 years ago and presumed to be dead!

We telephoned Ernie Knapp and found this was indeed his missing brother whom he had mentioned in the *Plain Truth* article.

We became acquainted with Mr. Knapp's life story because his wife is a photographer, and it was her photo study of natural childbirth that appeared in the August, 1981, English-language edition of *The Plain Truth*, with the article "How Should Children Be Born?"

How we became acquainted with Henrietta Wiens, now 87, is quite another story. Robert Soule, a reader of the magazine, asked for a lun-

cheon engagement with one of the editors. During the casual conversation that followed, Mr. Soule mentioned hearing a vigorous lecture on the problems an orphan faces. Why not, he suggested, publish the orphan's story in *The Plain Truth*.

We assigned Sandra Dexter, a Pasadena Church member who has done volunteer work in certain capacities, to interview Mrs. Wiens, who lives in Rosemead, Calif.

We have received many letters in response to her story, including a request by a writer to have the article appear in a book about orphans. Also among the letters was one whose author enquired whether Henrietta Wiens was the Henrietta Wiens who visited her family 50 years ago in New York. Indeed she was!



SEASON OF GOLD — The Ambassador Foundation mailed this brochure, which lists concert series for the 1984-85 season, to about 4,000 season subscribers April 11. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

Foundation lists concerts

PASADENA — The Ambassador Foundation announced more than 100 concerts April 1 to take place in the Ambassador Auditorium during the 1984-85 concert season. Twenty subscription series are included in the season.

"We are... looking forward this year to individual performances like the Philadelphia [Pa.] Orchestra and the Berliner Kammermusik," said evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a foundation vice president.

The Philadelphia Orchestra will make its West Coast debut under the direction of Riccardo Muti. Twenty-three first-desk members (principal players of various sections) of the Berliner Kammermusik are from the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.

The nonsubscription season will officially open Sept. 12 with the appearance of Gyorgy Cziffra, a Hungarian pianist who is "favorably compared with [Vladimir] Horowitz," said Wayne Shilkret, performing arts director.

Ella Fitzgerald will officially open the subscription series Sept. 18, with a first-time Auditorium performance that will begin the first of two Mostly Big Bands series, Mr. Shilkret added.

In a subscription series, tickets are sold for a group of concerts.

The Los Angeles, Calif., Chamber Orchestra, directed by Gerard Schwarz, will perform Sept. 22 and mark the start of the Los Angeles

Chamber Music series. The Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra is the Auditorium's resident orchestra.

Other concerts will be Mstislav Rostropovich, conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra, returning to the stage as a cello soloist, the London Philharmonic Orchestra in its West Coast debut under conductor Klaus Tennstedt; the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of London under Yehudi Menuhin; the first concert-hall recital in Los Angeles by Yugoslav pianist Ivo Pogorelic; and appearances by sopranos Margaret Price and Pilar Lorengar.

Add to these the return of Jean-Pierre Rampal, Andre Segovia, Nathan Milstein, Leontyne Price, Montserrat Caballe, Janet Baker, Jessye Norman, Aldo Ciccolini, Andre Watts, Annie Fischer, Alexis Weissenberg, Horacio Gutierrez, the Beaux Arts and Suk trios, Guarneri and Amadeus quartets, the Canadian Brass, the Vienna Choir Boys, Gheorghe Zamfir, Peter Nero, George Shearing, Count Basie and others.

The 20 subscription series are Great Performer, Stars of Opera, Great Orchestras of the World, Piano, String Virtuosi, Festival of Early Music, Guitars, Chamber Music, International Chamber Orchestras, three Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra series, two Mostly Big Bands series, two Footlight series, three Ambassador Pops series and Key-board Pops.

MPC outlines money-saving tips

By Richard J. Rice
PASADENA — The work strives to economize by stretching every dollar as far as possible in proclaiming the Gospel. The following procedures show what can be done by members to help the Mail Processing Center (MPC) more efficiently serve the work.

Richard J. Rice, evangelist, is director of the work's Mail Processing Center.

- Please notify the Mail Processing Center of address changes. Keeping MPC up to date with your current address will help you to receive all literature and correspondence. If you plan to move, please give as much advance notice as possible. Be sure to give the date your address change will be effective.
- Most of the work's publications are sent by third-class mail and are discarded by the post office when they cannot be delivered.
- Use care when preparing tithes and offerings. Please note that the Worldwide Church of God made a

decision that all check and money order contributions should once again be made payable to the "Worldwide Church of God." The mailing address is:

Worldwide Church of God
 Pasadena, Calif., 91123

Make your contributions by check or money order, as coins or currency sent through the mail cannot be replaced if lost or stolen. Using a check also makes it easier to balance your records with the itemized receipts MPC regularly sends.

Please make sure checks are properly filled out by including the current date, giving the same written dollar amount as the numerical amount and properly signing them.

A number of checks arrive incorrectly filled out. These must be returned at an additional expense to the work and to the member.

- Indicate to which fund you are contributing, such as first tithe and offerings, assistance (third tithe) and building fund. Unclear or inaccurate breakdowns cause delays and other problems.

Checks may be held for up to six

weeks before processing, while MPC contacts the member and waits for a response. With clear breakdowns, all offerings can be put to use in God's work more quickly.

Be specific about the amount for each fund. Use dollar amounts, for example, \$10 first tithe, \$10 third tithe. It is not enough just to say: "This is my first and third tithe" or "I'm in my third tithe year."

- Use indexed envelopes for all donations. This enables MPC to process them more efficiently and ensures more accurate record keeping for receipts.

Also, keep in mind that donations are credited to the person whose envelope is used, not the person who signs the check or money order.

We appreciate those of you who want to save the work money by supplying your own envelopes. However, it is actually less expensive to process the pre-labeled ones.

- Be sure your account has sufficient funds to cover donation checks. When we receive a check that bounces, no money can be credited to the work's accounts. In addition the sender has to be notified, which requires additional time and expense.

When unsure of exactly how much money is in your bank balance, it is better to give a donation your account will cover than to write a bad check. Holy Day checks at the Feast of Tabernacles are deposited at the Feast site, so they should be valid on the day they are written.

- Bring receipt problems to MPC's attention immediately. The itemized donation receipts you receive should be carefully checked and compared with your bank statements as soon as possible. Problems are much more easily resolved if MPC is notified within two months of donation date. Otherwise, several lengthy (and costly) letters or phone calls may be required to clear up the difficulty.

If you notice that a check has not cleared your account within a reasonable amount of time or if you find any other discrepancy, please contact MPC's Donation File Control immediately, either by letter or by calling the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) line number — 800-423-4444. In Alaska or Hawaii call collect — 818-304-6111.

These tips, if followed, will make a noticeable difference in savings to God's work.

If you have questions, write to the Mail Processing Center.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

DISTRICTS CONDUCT BASKETBALL TOURNEYS

DALLAS, Tex. — Seven Texas churches were represented in a district weekend here March 3 and 4.

The events began Sabbath morning, March 3, with a YOU Bible bowl and preteen Bible baseball. In the YOU division, the Dallas West team consisting of Debbie Parrish, Jerry Hansen, Michele Petranek and Heather Carmen was first. Dallas East took second. In the preteen division, first place went to Dallas West, and second to Fort Worth.

At combined Sabbath services, guest speaker Larry Salyer, dean of students at Big Sandy Ambassador College, stressed that youths and members should use activities like family weekends to learn how to have a good time God's way and to know that God is the source of everything good.

Games began Saturday night with 14 YOU teams and nine preteen teams on the basketball courts. During Sunday's games, Dallas YOU members operated a concession stand.

At the conclusion of the tournament, Ken Swisher, pastor of the Dallas East church, presented awards — boys' preteen: first place, Fort Worth, and second, Denison; girls' preteen: first, Fort Worth, and second, Dallas East; YOU girls: first, Denison, and second, Fort Worth; YOU boys: first, Dallas East, and second, Waco.

The all-tournament girls' team included Diane Stair and Susan Stewart from Denison, Grace Waldrop and Diane Rodriguez from Fort Worth, Lori Cooper from Austin and Melissa Seachord from Dallas East.

The all-tournament boys' team consisted of Jonathan Petranek from Dallas West, Shannon McMillan from Austin, Mark and Steve Cox from Waco and Chris Powers and Eddie Self from Dallas East.

Each all-tourney player received a trophy. The Waco church won the best sportsmanship trophy. *Tom and Jean Grunheid.*

AUBURN, Wash. — The church here sponsored a family weekend Feb. 18 and 19 at Auburn High School.

A YOU dance with the theme "Winter Memories" took place Saturday evening, Feb. 18.

Sunday morning, Feb. 19, a single elimination basketball tournament took place. Tacoma, Wash., won the Division A championship and Olympia, Wash., won the Division B championship.

Cheerleading squads also performed cheer and dance routines.

The YOU sponsored a snowline party for the Church Feb. 5 at Paradise in Mt. Rainier National Park. Hot cocoa was provided by the YOU and served by Edward Miller.

After the snowline party other brethren joined the group for a pizza party. *Ranee Miller.*

EUGENE, Ore. — A YOU district basketball tournament and family weekend took place here March 3 and 4. Thirteen YOU teams and six pre-YOU teams participated.

In Division A, first place went to Salem, Ore. Albany, Ore., placed second and Vancouver, Wash., was third.

Portland, Ore., East took first place in Division B. Portland, Ore., South was second and the Roseburg-Coos Bay, Ore., team placed third.

Pre-YOU teams played one game each. Winning teams were Portland South, Portland West and Medford, Ore.

A men's team defeated a team of ministers 67-59.

Fred Davis, pastor of the Medford and Klamath Falls, Ore., churches and YOU district coordinator, said the sportsmanship demonstrated by the teams was exemplary. *Tim and Lin Rhy.*

YOU ENTERS RAFTS IN COMMUNITY EVENT

WODONGA, Australia — The YOU here took part in the Mad Hatter's Regatta, a 15-kilometer (9.3 mile) raft race down the Murray River Feb. 19. The event was sponsored by the community to raise money for charity.

The YOU entered two rafts in the private rafts category. Rules were that at least half the crew had to be more than 18 years of age. Entrants were encouraged to decorate the rafts and wear fancy dress.

Bert and Tony Klein-Boonskate and Wayne Moroney made the rafts from drums and planks with the help of some YOU members. The YOU rafts finished the course in about three hours. *Jan Wyatt.*

YOU MEMBERS VIEW TRACK VIDEOTAPE

MAGOG, Que. — YOU members gathered at the home of Harold Sager March 4 for a videotape of the 1983 Canadian national track meet.

Pastor Cecil Maranville talked about the coming regional and national meets. A videotape of the national YOU talent contest was also shown, before the meeting ended with a meal and a comedy movie, *Scavenger Hunt*. *Norma Sager.*

TEENS AND FAMILIES ATTEND SNOWLINE PARTY

RENO, Nev. — About 200 YOU members and families got together for a day of fun in the snow Sunday, March 4, at Granlibakken resort near North Lake Tahoe.

The group from Carlin and Reno, Nev., and Chico and Sacramento, Calif., participated in activities including downhill and cross-country skiing, sledding, games and playing in the snow.

A chicken and ribs barbecue was served at lunch, and the day's activities lasted until late afternoon. *Barbara Chapman.*

YOU OFFICE RECEIVES RECORD ESSAY RESPONSE

PASADENA — More than 1,000 essays were received by the YOU Office this year for the national YOU essay contest.

As in the past, the YOU staff will turn the top 30 percent of the essays over to Editorial Services Department staff members, who will make the final decisions.

In the senior division, the top entry will receive \$100, second place will receive \$50 and third place \$25. In the junior division, first prize will be \$50; second, \$25; and third, \$10.

The topic for the contest is "What I Think I Will Be Doing in the Millennium." *Jeb Egbert.*

College selects students for travel, service projects

PASADENA — Students who will participate in Ambassador Foundation, Ambassador College and Youth Opportunities United (YOU) projects around the world this summer and next year were announced in a student forum March 15.

The purpose of the programs is to give students an opportunity to serve, to experience new people, places and activities and to have fun, according to Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College.

"We've already named upwards of 125 out of a student body of 650 that will be serving in one capacity or another," said Mr. McNair, "and that doesn't include student leadership positions that will be announced later."

Following is a list of students selected to participate in certain of the programs.

Mexico City, Mexico

Students going to Mexico City for three weeks late in the summer to study Spanish and travel in and around Mexico City are Joseph McNair, Michael Medina, Elisabeth Prevo and Ronda Woodbridge.

German program

Students who will work in the Bonn, West Germany, office for nine weeks this summer and participate in church activities are Janice Battison, Tim Crabb and Frankie Gomer.

Students who will stay with Church families in German-speaking areas for seven weeks are: Cheryl Andrusko, Julie Mayfield, Melinda Mez, Glenn Mitchell, Armando Olivera and Stephen Schemm.

French program

Students who will participate in the French summer program, including the French Summer Educational Program (SEP), are Christina Brandon, Nabil El Hage, Millie Gonzalez, John Mabry, Lee Page, Garry Steadman and Jill Woelfle.

Jordan

Those going to Jordan to work with mentally handicapped children at the Bunyat Center or physically handicapped children at the Al Hussein Center are Kenneth Bellamy, Abby Docken, Drew Efimov, Sherri Means, Armando Olivera, Cliff

Parks, Edith Weaner, Deborah Wright and Florence Lane, a Mail Processing Center employee.

Thailand

Students selected to teach English at several schools and colleges in the Bangkok area next year are Donald Duchene, Jonathan McNair and Michael Wells. Alternates are Paul Bennett and Robert Burbach.

China

Students selected to participate in a Chinese-language study program this summer in the People's Republic of China are William and Kerry Flaman, Michael Huff, Linda Lee, Becki Suboski and Edwin Stepp.

SEP

Students who will serve on the staffs of the SEPs at Loch Lomond, Scotland; Orr, Minn.; and Big Sandy; and at a youth camp on Tanglewood Island in Washington state were also announced.



STUDENT LEADERS — Richard Ames, director of admissions for Pasadena Ambassador College, announced the top three student body positions in a forum April 10. They are (from left): Daniel Reyner, student body vice president; Joel Meeker, student body president; and Raynard Eddings, senior class president. Other student leadership positions were announced in an assembly April 5 by evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College. [Photo by Craig Clark]

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Brethren take part in variety of activities

After Sabbath services March 10 DAUPHIN, Man., brethren had a potluck and sampled a cake made and decorated by Julie Sass in honor of Neil and Jean Durmin's marriage. A set of six crystal stemware was presented to the couple. Evening activities included square dancing, lawn bowling and hola.

Four hundred fifty BIG SANDY brethren attended a Family Fun Night March 17, with the old Imperial Schools gymnasium filled with booth games, table tennis, board games and other activities set up on the floor.

Dice, card games and a puppet show were popular with children of all ages. The event, which offered free concessions, was coordinated by Richard Hegna, a local church elder, and others.

SAN JOSE, Calif., brethren were treated to a variety show March 17, with a theme of television. Warren Wilson introduced each performance as a television announcer.

The format included a morning aerobics show, an evening game show "To Take a Chance," a free-speech message by Robert Pinto and Bucky Beaver and a humorous version of the news, "The WACO Evening News."

Between each performance were comical news briefs, commercials and walk-on spots. The idea was formulated by Fred Crow. Viewers were given a program, created by Neil Boyington, that was designed like a TV Guide.

One segment, coordinated by Joy Funsten, was titled "It's Charlie Brown" and featured 26 of San Jose's young people ranging in age from 2 to 16. The oldest performer, Alice Anderson, 91, gave a humorous talk titled "Almost Beyond Endurance."

The show ended with David Ball singing "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever" and "On the Street Where You Live." The show was

directed and produced by Mr. Crow.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., brethren attended a gymnasium night March 10, after sharing a potluck. During a family olympics, 4-year-olds to grandmothers took part in organized relay races. YES, YOU and adults teams pitted their skills in relays such as passing candy on toothpicks, eating crackers and whistling, blowing balloons until they burst and keeping a balloon aloft while going to the other end of the court.

The winning team consisted of Jerry and Betty Rayce, Chiecko Sprague, James Puntney and Sue Dean. After volleyball and basketball games, some played cards and took part in a clothing exchange.

NORTHAMPTON, England, brethren continued their series of winter socials with a games evening, organized by the United Singles, after Sabbath services Feb. 18 in the Thorplands Lower School in Northampton. The evening began with team and group games, after which the group had a meal.

Roger Clark continued his series of Bible quizzes, this one on the first six chapters of Luke. A follow-up quiz was a compilation of 16 British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) television and radio signature tunes, past and present, recorded by Robert Gilkes.

A series of sideshows provided entertainment throughout the evening, including ninepins, shuffleboard and ringboard, a coconut shy using tins and an electric buzzer to test steady hands, which was made by Arthur Johnson. Prizes were awarded to adults and children.

Sue Jones organized a supply of teas and coffees. Dorothy Gardner correctly guessed the weight of a cake made by Miss Jones. Stuart Bellini guessed the right number of Smarties in a jar, while guessing a length of string was won by Anthony Carrea, age 3. The evening closed at 9 p.m. with the national anthem.

Singles perform musical

Seventy singles from the CALGARY, Alta., NORTH and SOUTH churches performed *Something to Sing About*, a musical review of Canada's history, in Calgary's Pumphouse Theatre March 18.

The musical, the second for the troupe, was five months in preparation by the Outreach Players, the singles' drama group, and their directors, Murray Polushin and Jim French. Music was adapted from films and stage plays, while the script was an original collaboration of cast members.

Outstanding efforts came from Ross Larkin and Dave Clark in a variety of roles, including English statesman Lord Durham and Canadian orator Darcy McGee. Marjorie Kerry, Carolyn Clark, Linda Christianson and Nancy Laycraft carried memorable vocal spots, including "Canadian Railroad Trilogy," "Alberta, Alberta" and "Saskatchewan."

Comedy poured forth from Martin Kwasnica and Jack Gibbons as Laurel and Hardy visiting Canada, the Ferrara brothers as intrepid English explorers, Dave Lewis as Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, and Len Furlotte and Dennis Hunt imitating two personalities from a television comedy series. Diane Unfug and Joelle Richoux were stalwarts in dance routines.

Marcia Kwasnica portrayed Madeline de Vercheres, a 14-year-old heroine who held a French fort against an Iroquois Indian attack for eight days in 1692. Kim Brown recited "The Place Names of Canada," and Czech-born Olga Butler spoke from the heart as

one of Canada's postwar immigrants.

Joyce and Donna Watson worked overtime to produce an array of lavish costumes — everything from Mounted Police scarlets to colonial square hats.

Dan Fensky coordinated the backstage crew, and Kerry Steinemann handled the lights and taping. Clarence Wiebe provided audio. Joanne Clark and Willard Roelofs narrated the hour and 20 minute production. Neil Earle.



DRAMA — Diane Raessler performs during a musical review staged by Calgary, Alta., singles March 18. [Photo by Eric Meadows]

TRENTON and VINELAND, N.J., brethren watched 34 acts performed by brethren March 25. The evening began with a formally attired Steve Gerrard, a local church elder, as master of ceremonies, introducing selections of classical, country and western and pop music.

Comedy and cheerleading routines and a Middle Eastern dance by more than 15 women complemented musical acts. A barbershop quartet composed of Mr. Gerrard, King and John Finlay and Robert Spencer was followed by a half-hour intermission featuring an array of finger foods and soft drinks.

The second half of the program consisted of a gymnastic routine performed by Darlene Chornomaz and a medley sung by Vincent Panella, pastor of both churches, and his wife, Ann. A group called Polyester and the Synthetics sang the early 1960s hit "Poison Ivy." The finale was a rendition of a tune sung by the Young Ambassadors "It Won't Be Long Now."

Ninety-one SYDNEY, Australia, SOUTH campers enjoyed an evening "where the mountains meet the sea" at East Beach Kiama, on the coast of New South Wales March 9 to 11. Services and a YOU Bible study were conducted on the Sabbath, March 10, at Albion Park Rail.

A sing-along, accompanied by guitars, took place Saturday night on the beach after a sausage sizzle. Sunday, under sunny skies and amid scenic surroundings, campers fished, swam, played softball and ate a barbecue.

QUEZON CITY, MARIKINA and BOCAUE, Philippines, brethren had a sports day Feb. 19. Pastor Reynaldo Taniajura opened the morning by emphasizing the two purposes of the event: to provide a balanced way of life and to exercise friendly competition.

Married men played single men in a basketball game, and a combined YOU boys and girls' team played a volleyball game against the combined singles.

In the afternoon the wedding of Daniel Encina and Rose Argallon of Quezon City was conducted by Mr. Taniajura.

In the evening an informal Spokesman Club ladies' night took place, with Mr. Taniajura directing. The night's theme was "Living Through the Economic Crisis." Alberto de Guia was awarded the Most Effective Speech and Most Improved Speaker cups for giving a talk titled "Saving on Food Budget." Crispin

Spokesman Clubs put on ladies' nights

Despite political tensions between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, the second annual combined meeting of the Belfast, Northern Ireland, and Dublin, Republic of Ireland, Spokesman Clubs took place in DUNDALK, Republic of Ireland, March 18 in an atmosphere of cooperation, unity and mutual understanding.

The luncheon meeting, conducted in the Ballymascanlon House Hotel, was directed by pastor John Jewell and included wives and guests. Richard Wood, Dublin club president, introduced Shaun Prunty, sergeant at arms for the Dublin club, who welcomed the guests, many of whom had traveled from England and Ireland.

The 79 in attendance dined on a three-course meal before Tom McClatchey of the Belfast club gave tabletopics, including such subjects as cooperation between North and South, the media, private enterprise vs. state-run industries and environmental issues.

Mr. Wood then introduced Gerry Ramsey, Belfast club president, as



ENGLISH CENTENARIAN — Congratulations from Queen Elizabeth II of England, are presented March 22 to Thomas Gordon Willans, 100, by Charles Wollage (second from left), acting head postmaster of Darlington, England. Bernard Dowson, a local church elder, stands far left, and David W. Magowan, pastor of the Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Sheffield, England, churches, is far right. Mr. Willans, baptized at age 90, regularly attends the Middlesbrough church and walks 6 miles a day. [Photo courtesy of Westminster Press Ltd.]

Mercado gave the Most Helpful Evaluation.

TULSA, Okla., brethren were paid a visit by about 50 Big Sandy Ambassador College Chorale members and guests Feb. 25 and 26. Area housing was coordinated by Phillip Rice, a minister in the Tulsa church.

Early Sabbath morning, Feb. 25, two more buses arrived, with Church members from Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Ark. Visitors also arrived from Oklahoma City, Okla., Wichita, Kan., and Joplin and Springfield, Mo.

A group of 728 attended Sabbath services, after which a concert was presented by the Ambassador Chorale, under the direction of Roger Bryant. Stephen Foster favorites were performed, in addition to selections from *Fiddler on the Roof* and spiritual and patriotic songs.

Sunday morning, Feb. 26, some of the group joined the chorale and visitors at the Williams Center for ice skating until noon. Meanwhile, members of the Tulsa choir were given a vocal clinic by Roger Bryant.

After Sabbath services in KENOSHA, Wis., March 24, brethren played single elimination Bible baseball and had a potluck. Bible baseball teams represented YOU, the choir, Spokesman Club, the Half-Century Club, men and women's sports and singles.

Each team had three minutes or three outs per inning, whichever

came first. Questions were categorized as single, double, triple or home run. Each team member was asked a "single" question the first time up to bat. If answered correctly, the batter was given a double the next time, a triple the third and a home run the fourth.

The women's sports team pulled out a 9-7 victory over the Half-Century Club to win the tournament. Each winning team member received a copy of the New International Bible.

The winning team consisted of coach Larry Kreuzer, Patti Gramza, Donna Baker, Ann Sorrentino, Cindy Zook, Linda Dommick, Cindy Galbo and Conni McClure.

OKLAHOMA CITY and ENID, Okla., brethren were hosts to a district family weekend March 17 and 18. The weekend began with Sabbath services in Putnam City, Okla., West High School.

After services, Bible studies were conducted for YOU members, singles and Silver Ambassadors, while the remaining brethren moved to the cafeteria for a potluck.

Pastor Arnold Clauson then launched the novelty olympics, with eight teams formed under coordinator Charles Holladay. Team leaders assigned entrances to dribble tag, table-tennis toss and an obstacle course. Games were designed for all age groups and for family participation.

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toastmaster. Speeches were given by Sam Greenfield and Stephen Watson from Belfast and Richard Dempsey and Ray Jordan from Dublin. Evaluators were Gordon Hall and Mr. Prunty from Dublin and Robin Adair and Dennis Cochrane from Belfast.

In his overall evaluation Mr. Jewell expressed the hope that the combined annual meeting will continue to improve year by year. He said God's people are united, no matter what political system they live under.

Awards were presented by Mr. Wood to Mr. Cochrane, for his Most Helpful Evaluation; Mr. Watson, Most Improved Speaker; and Mr. Dempsey, Most Effective Speech.

The second ladies' night of the ST. ALBANS and BOREHAMWOOD, England, Spokesman Club was celebrated in the old Imperial Schools building in Brickett Wood, England, March 19.

More than 60 people attended, including regional director Frank Brown and his wife, Sharon. "Norway" was the evening's theme, and

the room was decorated with various Norwegian items. During the break Norwegian food, including goat's cheese, was served with wine.

Tabletopics for the evening were presented by George Henderson. John Robertson was president.

Roy Kent gave a geographical and environmental sketch of Norway, pointing out that 50 percent of Norway's farm produce is imported, because only 3 percent of Norway is farmland.

Conal McGarvey discussed Norway's history, going back 2,000 years, covering its independence from Denmark in 1905. Winston Bothwell explained how expeditions by Thor Heyerdahl disproved traditional theories of migration.

Will McLoughlin gave a review of how Norway can trace its ancestry to the tribes of Israel, and Keith Jones discussed the activities of God's work in that part of Scandinavia.

Roy Ostensen, regional editor of the *Norwegian Plain Truth*, was special guest.

Jeremy Rapson and David M. Jardey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MR. AND MRS. TRISTAN ANDERSON

Karen Lynn Gieselman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Gieselman, and Thomas Tristan Anderson, son of Thomas Anderson and Mrs. Tom Knotts, were united in marriage Feb. 11 in Blue Springs, Mo. The ceremony was performed by Russell Duke, pastor of the Kansas City, Mo., East church. The couple reside in Blue Springs.



MR. AND MRS. RANDY WAYNE

Anna Marie Fresno and Randy Marshall Wayne were united in marriage Sept. 4, 1983. The ceremony was conducted by Karl Bevanadorfer, pastor of the Cincinnati, Ohio, West church. The maid of honor was

Beth Ann Williams, and the best man was Russell L. Wayne. The couple reside in Cincinnati.

Obituaries

YORKTOWN, Tex. — Oswald E. Wagenschin, 96, of the Victoria, Tex., church, died Feb. 21 in a Cuero, Tex., nursing home. He was baptized in 1971. Mr. Wagenschin is survived by four daughters, three sons, 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

JACKSON, Miss. — Emma Ward, 85, died Jan. 28. She was confined to a hospital nursing care unit for the last several months of her life.

The funeral arrangements were taken care of by her surviving daughters and other relatives.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Zullie B. Sledge, 74, a member since 1964, died March 2 after an extended illness.

A native of Huntsville, Mrs. Sledge was born March 11, 1909. She is survived by four sons; three daughters, including Ethel Readus, a member attending in Huntsville; one brother; 39 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Lawson J. Tuck, pastor of the Huntsville and Florence, Ala., churches.

HAWLEY, Minn. — Robert Houg-lum, 69, a member of God's Church since 1959, died in his sleep Feb. 10.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, also a member; son Dennis and daughter-in-law Debbie, deacon and deaconess in the Baton Rouge, La., church; and daughter Becky, who attends the Fargo, N.D., church.

Funeral services were conducted Feb. 14 by Hugh Wilson, pastor of the Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D., churches.

JOSHUA TREE, Calif. — Dessie E. Sanders, 61, died March 5 after a

lengthy illness. Born in Perrisburg, Mo., March 21, 1922, she has been a member of the Church since 1962.

Mrs. Sanders is survived by her husband, Ted C., also a member in the Banning, Calif., church; three sons; one daughter; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted in Portland, Ore., by evangelist Dean Wilson, pastor of the Portland South church.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — John Michael "Mickey" Patrick, 11, died Feb. 14 of injuries from an automobile accident.

Mickey was a Youth Educational Services participant and has attended Church since before he was 1 year old.

He is survived by his father, John; his mother, Judy, a member; and brother Chris, a Youth Opportunities United member.



JOHN PATRICK

Services were conducted Feb. 16 at the Spry Funeral Home in Huntsville by Lawson J. Tuck, pastor of the Huntsville and Florence, Ala., churches. Interment was in Blanche, Tenn.

DES MOINES, Iowa — Leona O. Scott, 75, of Bloomfield, Iowa, died March 7 in her home. Her husband died in 1977.

She was baptized in 1969, and

attended services in Des Moines and Ottumwa, Iowa.

Funeral services were conducted by Robert Cloninger, pastor of the Des Moines and Ottumwa churches.

PICKERING, Ont. — Murray Francis Stephens, 42, died March 11 of a heart attack.

Mr. Stephens was baptized May 6, 1972, and attended services in the Toronto, Ont., East church.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, also a member, son Darren and daughter Heather-Ann.

Services were conducted at the McEachnie Funeral Home in Pickering by Richard Pinelli, pastor of the Toronto East and West churches. Interment was in Erskine Cemetery.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Gerald Fittje, 39, died March 17 of cancer.

He has been a member of the Church since February, 1972.

Mr. Fittje is survived by his wife, Karen, a member; his son, Gerald; daughters Roberta and Tonya; and his mother and father.

TORONTO, Ont. — Connie Phillips, 52, died March 18 after a brief illness. She suffered three strokes.

Mrs. Phillips was baptized in Winnipeg, Man., and lived in Toronto for the past 12 years. She attended the Toronto East church.

She is survived by her husband, a son and two daughters. The funeral was conducted March 21 by Percival Burrows, a minister in the Toronto West church. Interment was at Mount Pleasant cemetery in Toronto.

CHAPPELL, Neb. — Mae F. Swanson, 82, died March 8 after a three-month illness.

Mrs. Swanson was born May 28, 1901, in Edgar, Neb., and baptized in 1966 in Portland, Ore., where she attended services for several years. She returned to Nebraska and attended the North Platte, Neb., church.

Mrs. Swanson is survived by her sons, Lee, Don, Dale and Charles; daughter

Dorothy; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Don is a member of the Grand Island, Neb., church, and Dale "Pet" is a member of the Portland East church. Four grandchildren and their families are also members.

Donald Hooser, pastor of the North Platte and Grand Island churches, conducted the funeral services March 13 in Chappell.

PADUCAH, Ky. — Dolph Rushing, 94, of Ozark, Ill., died Feb. 29.

He has been a member of God's Church since 1962.

Funeral services were conducted in Carrier Mills, Ill., by John Cafourek, pastor of the Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Paducah churches.

ZWICKAU, East Germany — Georg Peschke, 83, the oldest member of God's Church in East Germany, died Feb. 16 in Zwickau following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Peschke has been a member of God's Church for 12 years.

He was buried in his family's hometown, Stralsund, East Germany, and is survived by two children, both of whom live in East Germany.

CATBALOGAN, Philippines — Pacita T. Mancebo, 77, died March 12.

Mrs. Mancebo was a retired elementary schoolteacher. She has been a member of God's Church since April, 1972.

Mrs. Mancebo is survived by her husband, Pedro; daughters Ruth Arellon, a member, and Dorinda Alojain; sons Samuel, Ezekiel and Lemuel; and 18 grandchildren.

Pedro B. Melendez, a minister in the Manila, Philippines, church, conducted graveside funeral services in Catbalogan.

EDEN, N.Y. — Leo Bragg, 72, died March 28 after a lengthy illness. Mr. Bragg was baptized in August, 1960, and attended the Buffalo, N.Y., South church.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; daughters Jane and Betty; stepdaughters Debbie Horvath and Hannah Knaack; and grandson Matthew Knaack.

Graveside services were conducted by David Pack, pastor of the Buffalo North and South churches.

Children's Corner

The Tattletale

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Go away, Laddie," Kathy whispered loudly, "or you'll tell the boys where I'm hiding!"

Laddie, the 3-month-old collie who came to live with the Winfield family a few days earlier, wagged his tail and continued barking.

"There she is — over there behind that bush!" Jeff yelled to Rocky. "Thanks, Laddie!"

"That awful puppy!" Kathy said impatiently as she gave up hiding during a Sunday game of hide and seek. "He's an old tattletale! You wouldn't have found me if he hadn't helped!"

"Come in for lunch, please," Mrs. Winfield called from the back door.

During lunch Kathy was still disappointed. Frowning, she turned to Mr. Winfield. "I almost wish we didn't have that puppy, Daddy. He tattled on me when I was hiding!"

"Oh, honey," Dad said, smiling, "he couldn't help barking. He was just happy to find you. So don't be hard on him."

"Dad?" Rocky said after swallowing a bite of his egg-salad sandwich, "didn't you say that another word for talebearer is tattletale? Then the proverb we read this morning means that a tattletale reveals secrets. That's what Laddie did, isn't it? He revealed Kathy's secret — her hiding place."

"Laddie did sort of tattle," Dad agreed. "Jeff, can you say the whole verse in Proverbs 11:13?"

"I can say the first part," Jeff answered, "but Rocky's going to teach us the last part this afternoon. The first



Artwork to color, by Ken Tunell

part says, 'A talebearer revealeth secrets.'

"Good, Jeff. Now, Rocky," Dad continued, "can you say the last part?"

"I think so," Rocky answered, "because I practiced saying it to myself by spelling it out in Morse code dits and dahs at the same time. The last part says 'but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.'"

"Right!" Dad replied. "Now can any of you explain what that verse means?"

"Maybe I can help," Mother offered, "by using an example. Do you children remember when we lived in Tennessee, and we learned that a little boy in a Church family stole something from a grocery store? His parents made him return the item and

apologize to the store owner. Did we tell that secret to others? No, because then we would have been talebearers — or tattletales. Instead, we were faithful friends to the family and concealed the matter."

"But, if Laddie had been there," Kathy said, "he would have tried to tell the secret!"

Everyone laughed, and Dad pushed back his empty soup bowl and sandwich plate.

"That reminds me," he said. "Since we are discussing that the pup tattled, let's learn about some alphabet letters that sound like *pup tattle* when you say them together like a word. But each letter stands for a different word — either Passover or one of God's Holy Days. Would you like to learn about P-U-P-T-A-T-L?"

"Sure!" each child answered, smiling.

"OK, you can start learning it right now," Dad continued. "And throughout the year we'll review it until you know it. Of course, it will be harder for you, Jeff and Kathy, since you can't spell words yet. But eventually you'll know it. Remember the letters *P-U-P-T-A-T* and *L*. The first *P* stands for Passover. The *U* stands for Unleavened Bread. The second *P* stands for Pentecost. The first *T* stands for Trumpets. The *A* stands for Atonement. The second *T* stands for Tabernacles. And the *L* stands for Last Great Day."

"I see," Rocky said. "When we think of the first three letters, *P-U-P*, we remember Passover and the Spring Holy Days. And when we think of the last four letters, *T-A-T-L*, we remember the Fall Holy Days." Rocky smiled. "Thanks, Dad. That will make it lots easier to remember the order of Passover and God's Holy Days each year."

Laddie waddled into the dining room. He sat down by Kathy, looked up at her and thumped his tail against the floor.

"Laddie," Kathy said, laughing, "look what you started. We've learned what *PUPATL* means — because you are the pup who tattled."

Turning to Dad, she asked, "May I be excused?"

After Dad helped her down from her booster chair, Kathy leaned down and hugged the furry, brown-and-white tattletale.

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

PASADENA — The Koggala, Sri Lanka, Festival site is open for transfers, according to **Rod Matthews** of Ministerial Services. Koggala is on the Indian Ocean shore, 80 miles south of Colombo.

Mr. Matthews said members will be housed in a 400-room hotel with a swimming pool, tennis courts and indoor games.

Costs are \$15 a day for adults, and \$10 for children 3 to 12 years old. Children under 3 are free. "This price includes room and all three meals each day," said Mr. Matthews. "All facilities at the hotel are free for guests."

Round-trip adult airfare is about \$900 from Los Angeles, Calif., with a reduced fare for children. Reservations and airline tickets can be arranged by writing to the pastor of the Colombo and Anuradhapura churches, **Mohan Jayasekera**, 210 Park Rd., Colombo 5, Sri Lanka.

PASADENA — The 1984 Feast of Tabernacles site in Brno, Czechoslovakia, is filled to capacity, according to **Rod Matthews** of Ministerial Services.

According to Mr. Matthews, filling the site to capacity is important because it allows the Church to maintain a site that members from behind the Iron Curtain can attend.

"Any who were unsuccessful in being accepted this year will be placed on a priority list for 1985," he said.

PASADENA — The 1984 Festival Planner for the Feast of Taber-



'1984 FESTIVAL PLANNER'

nacles in the United States and Canada is scheduled to be distributed to Church members in those countries at Sabbath services April 28, according to **Mark McCulley**, Festival planning coordinator.

The Festival planner contains a list of approved housing for all U.S. and Canadian sites. Mr. McCulley said there are no new sites except for a change in the French-speaking site in Canada. He also said that some U.S. churches are assigned to the Niagara Falls, N.Y., site.

"Brethren will be able to sign up for transfers at Sabbath services beginning May 5," said Mr. McCulley. "Information and forms will be available from their local pastor or Festival adviser."

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Advertisements in Scandinavia offering *The Plain Truth* in Norwegian and English brought a mixed response.

The first week after the campaign started in Norway, about 3,000 reply coupons were received, said **Roy Ostensen**, regional editor of *Den Enkle Sannhet* (Norwegian *Plain Truth*) who was featured on

the front page of *Dagen*, a Scandinavian newspaper, April 7.

Mr. Ostensen told *Dagen* that it is too early to say how many reply coupons will be received. The Borehamwood Office said it is confident the Norwegian file will grow steadily throughout the coming weeks.

Three percent of United Kingdom newsstand responses in February and March were requests for *Den Enkle Sannhet*.

RADLETT, England — **Colin Passmore**, managing director of Ambassador Press Ltd., was host to a celebration March 21 in honor of the 50th anniversary of *The Plain Truth*.

Evangelist **Frank Brown**, regional director of the Borehamwood, England, Office; **Francis Bergin**, business manager; and publishing staff members were invited to the celebration.

Mr. Passmore presented two plaques to Mr. Brown, one showing the 50th anniversary cover and the other the cover of the first issue of *The Plain Truth*.

Michael Passmore, chairman of the Passmore Print Group, congratulated the Church on the 50th anniversary.

Gold lapel badges representing the 50th anniversary *Plain Truth* were presented to both Passmores, as well as a plaque engraved with a message of thanks from the staff of Editorial Services in Pasadena and the Publishing Department in the United Kingdom.



PLANNING MEETING — Representatives of His Majesty King Bhumibol of Thailand and the government of Thailand meet with *Plain Truth* staff in the Editorial Services conference room in Pasadena April 9. The Thai officials visited Pasadena to advise the work's Media Services Department about a documentary made in cooperation with Ambassador Foundation that will be used by Thai embassies worldwide. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

INTERNATIONAL DESK

BY **ROD MATTHEWS**

PASADENA — The first new visits in Pakistan were made in February by **Mohan Jayasekera**, pastor of the churches in Sri Lanka and southern India.

Mr. Jayasekera left Colombo, Sri Lanka, Feb. 5, and spent three weeks touring cities in southern India. He contacted 14 people and baptized seven of them — one each in Bangalore, Trichy and Cochin, and two each in Hyderabad and Madras.

That brings the membership total to 48 in southern India and 100 throughout the country. Mr. Jayasekera also conducted Bible studies with members and prospective members in each of the places he visited.

Fifteen visits were scheduled in

Karachi and Lahore, Pakistan, the next week. Seven longtime readers of *The Plain Truth*, of Moslem background, met Mr. Jayasekera in Karachi. They related to Mr. Jayasekera an end-time prophecy in the Koran of an elderly man traveling all over the world telling people of the coming Messiah.

In Lahore, four people with Christian backgrounds were contacted for the first time. They were keeping the Church's doctrines as best they knew. About 15 percent of the population of Pakistan is Christian. Sabbath keeping is not a problem, because the custom is to work a half day on Friday, take Saturday off and then work a full day on Sunday.

Plain Truth circulation in Paki-

stan is 450, and those visited said that in their experience about five people read each copy. A pastor of a pentecostal church of 40 teaches his congregation from the Church's booklets, covering such topics as the mortality of the soul and the identity of Israel.

Bangladesh was next on the schedule, but major rioting in the capital, Dacca, resulted in a 24-hour curfew. Mr. Jayasekera was unable to make any visits. The curfew was lifted for a while, and Mr. Jayasekera left the country. The four scheduled visits will be attempted again later in the year.

Throughout this area, *The World Tomorrow* is heard clearly on shortwave from the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corp. (formerly Radio Ceylon). Responses have come from as far away as West Germany and South Africa.

Norwegian 'Plain Truth'

The Norwegian edition of *The Plain Truth* is in full production after a successful launch in March, according to the British Office in Borehamwood, England. Roy Ostensen is the regional editor there. Responses are beginning to come in from earlier advertising, and the targeted combined circulation of the Norwegian and English editions in Scandinavia is set at 25,000 by the end of the year.

Zaire

Bernard Andrist, pastor of the Geneva and Neuchatel, Switzerland, churches, visited members in the French-speaking African nation of Zaire (formerly the Belgian Congo).

He conducted two public Bible studies in Kinshasa, attended by 41 Correspondence Course students (20 percent of those invited). He baptized four members — two in Boma and two in Kinshasa — and spent much time counseling with the members there.

Mr. Andrist noted the difficulties in getting around in Kinshasa by taxi — old, decrepit vehicles that creak, groan and smoke, windows that don't work, and seats and shock absorbers that have long since lost their spring. Most taxis have four people in the back and several more riding beside the driver.

The members are in good spirits, and are especially appreciative of

the occasional visits by Mr. Andrist.

Italian update

Subscribers in 74 countries receive the Italian *Plain Truth* (*La Pura Verita*), according to the Italian Department here. The circulation reached nearly 49,000 by the end of March. Teje Monte-Carlo airs Mr. Armstrong's television program with Italian subtitles. The average response to a program is 113, mostly from Milan, Rome and Turin, Italy.

The second ad placed in the February Italian edition of *Reader's Digest* brought in more than 10,000 responses. The main booklets requested by Italians are *Never Before Understood — Why Humanity Cannot Solve Its Evils, Does God Exist?* and *The Seven Laws of Success*.

Fourteen members live in Italy, as well as 11 co-workers and 122 donors, but as *La Pura Verita* becomes established and the readers better acquainted with the message, these numbers should improve.

Paralyzed

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ests are 'clearly defined' and the action is 'congressionally sanctioned, militarily feasible, internationally defensible [meaning approved by world opinion], open to independent scrutiny and alert to regional history.'

No action could ever pass all these criteria.

Another *Wall Street Journal* article, this time the lead editorial in the March 14 issue, commented directly on America's seemingly self-imposed paralysis. It revolves around the question of Who's in charge here?

"The U.S. may be facing a worldwide Soviet challenge to its political interests and influence," said the *Journal*, "but Congress insists on assuming the constitutional duties of the commander in chief . . ."

"Isolationist politics have a seductive appeal. Americans, being sane and reasonable people, do not like war. It is tempting to believe politicians who say that all we have to do to

avoid war is to simply avoid it . . .

"Congress wants to have it both ways — to posture as being on the side of 'peace' and to avoid any responsibility for the outcome of its policies in the real world. The War Powers Act itself is carefully designed for this purpose — allowing the Executive Branch just enough authority so Congress can't be blamed, but not enough to achieve any objective."

Consensus broken down

Journalist **William Pfaff**, writing from Paris in the April 6 *International Herald Tribune*, observes that the consensus that once more or less prevailed in foreign policy in the United States has broken down. (For example, there was little difference in foreign policy between Democrat President Harry Truman and Republican President Dwight Eisenhower.) More than anything, Mr. Pfaff notes, the Vietnam fiasco is responsible for this breakdown.

Secretary of State **George Shultz**, notes Mr. Pfaff: "Says that 'the United States deserves to be thought of as a country with reasonable predictability in what it would do, and reliability.' He thinks that Congress

and political interest groups interfere in . . . the national interest, producing what he has called 'light-switch diplomacy' — turned on and off according to the swings of influence in Washington . . ."

"There simply is no longer a main line of American foreign policy to which the two major parties adhere. This is the new reality. Bipartisan policy, where debate stopped at the water's edge, was a phenomenon of World War II and its aftermath. It became victim of the Vietnam War and its aftermath."

"That bipartisanship could revive is imaginable, but there is no present reason to think it will happen. It could happen only with a restoration of a popular consensus of belief on where America stands in the world and what are its aims. That may come. But when it comes, it seems likely to come on terms much closer to the old isolationism than many of America's allies may today appreciate."

Little wonder then that West Europeans hoist their collective breath every four years to see who finally emerges from the exhausting trail of primaries, conventions and elections.

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