

## Foundation opens new season with piano recital in Auditorium

By Michael A. Snyder

PASADENA — The 1984-85 Ambassador Foundation concert season opened in the Ambassador Auditorium Sept. 12 with a performance by Hungarian pianist Gyorgy Cziffra.

Evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, described the concert schedule as "one that promises to be another of our outstanding seasons."

Artists and orchestras scheduled to perform in the new season include soprano Montserrat Caballe, mezzo-soprano Dame Janet Baker, Yehudi Menuhin conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of London, cellist Mstislav Rostropovich, violinist Nathan Milstein, guitarists Andres Segovia and Christopher Parkening, flutist Jean-Pierre Rampal, and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Explaining how a season is scheduled, Mr. La Ravia said: "We try to provide a balance of top quality performers and a number of new artists. Few concert halls will feature young artists starting out, since it's not a very profitable venture."

Several pianists, violinists, vocalists and other performers made their first major professional performance in the Ambassador Auditorium. "If we did not schedule these winners of top musical competitions, it might take them years to rise to the same level of exposure."

Scheduling the season requires looking forward a year or more, the evangelist said. Certain performers are sought every year, "but often we end up adapting to existing tours of many performers." He said that

some performers will extend their tours to perform in the Auditorium.

Asked why the foundation continues to draw top artists and orchestras, Mr. La Ravia replied: "It's a combination of two things. First, artists like to perform in the Auditorium. We have a reputation for superior acoustics, and the artists like the beautiful setting and how they are treated here."

"Secondly," he continued, "we have excellent contacts in the performing world that help provide artists. For example, the San Francisco [Calif.] opera group is very helpful to Mr. [Wayne] Shilkret [director of performing arts for the foundation] and us in arranging for opera stars."

"Our proven reputation for excellence encourages the musical management agencies to contact us when a major orchestra as the Berlin Philharmonic is available. Plus, since we don't have a huge resident orchestra, we have more flexibility to bring major orchestras as the Berlin and Vienna philharmonics."

The evangelist pointed out that the Auditorium's resident orchestra, the Los Angeles (Calif.) Chamber Orchestra, is scheduled to play on 12 Saturday evenings in the Auditorium. "They are very well received and nicely complement our schedule," he said.

Mr. La Ravia and other foundation officials meet several times a year with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, founder and president of the foundation, to discuss concert programming.

"After we've firmed up artist availability, Mr. Armstrong goes

over the proposed season for approval."

The evangelist added, "Mr. Armstrong may not personally prefer every musical group presented in the Auditorium. What he does insist on," the evangelist concluded, "is that the performers and orchestras be of the highest possible quality, and that the artists reflect the honor and dignity maintained in the Auditorium."

Concerts presented in the Auditorium are sponsored by Ambassador College in cooperation with the Ambassador Foundation.

## HWA Announces Radio Decision

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong announced Sept. 18 the decision to cancel future broadcasts of *The World Tomorrow* on radio in the United States, according to David Hulme, director of media purchasing.

"We have been continually modifying our radio coverage downward for the last two years," Mr. Hulme said. "In the United States listening habits and tastes have changed radically since Mr. Armstrong began broadcasting in the 1930s. Today, radio is just not as efficient as television."

No U.S. stations will carry *The World Tomorrow* after mid-October. "We will continue on radio in international areas such as New Zealand, Europe and the Caribbean, where response is reasonable and the medium is effective," he said.

During this year Mr. Armstrong has directed that funds designated for radio be reinvested in Ministerial Services, additional television coverage for *The World Tomorrow*, the *Plain Truth* super-market distribution program and *Plain Truth* subscriptions.

"To allow brethren to hear the powerful messages Mr. Armstrong recorded for the radio program, we are considering developing a cassette series of programs for Church libraries and co-worker use," Mr. Hulme said.

## Guest speakers named for Feast

PASADENA — Ministerial Services released the following list of assigned guest speakers for the Feast approved by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

### United States sites

Anchorage, Alaska: Richard Thompson and Ronald Howe; Big Sandy: evangelist Burk McNair and Don Lawson; Biloxi, Miss.: Robert Fahey; Dayton, Ohio: evangelist Dean Wilson; Eugene, Ore.: Charles Bryce and Michael Feazell; Jekyll Island, Ga.: evangelist Norman Smith and Gary Antion.

Johnson City, Tenn.: evangelist Dennis Luker and John Ritenbaugh; Lihue, Hawaii: Donald Ward, George Geis and Carlton Green; Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.: James Friddle and Selmer Hegvold; Mount Pocono, Pa.: evangelist Roderick Meredith; Norfolk, Va.: Greg Albrecht.

Pasadena: evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr. and Douglas Horschak; Rapid City, S.D.: David Hulme and Douglas Horschak; Sacramento, Calif.: David Albert and Gregory Sargent; St. Petersburg, Fla.: evangelist Ellis La Ravia; Saratoga Springs, N.Y.: evangelist Leslie McCullough.

Spokane, Wash.: evangelist Richard Ames; Tucson, Ariz.: Clint Zimmerman; and Wisconsin Dells, Wis.: Larry Salyer.

### International sites

Bentota, Sri Lanka: Abner Washington; Bonndorf, West Germany: Robert Berendt; Bredsten, Denmark: evangelist Dean Blackwell and Rod Matthews; Brno, Czechoslovakia: Robert Berendt; Castries, St. Lucia: Randy Holm; Charlottetown, P.E.I.: Frank McCrady III; Christ Church, Barbados: Chuck Zimmerman.

Crown Point, Trinidad: Carlos Perkins; Durban, South Africa: evangelist Leroy Neff and Dexter Faulkner; El Tabito, Chile: evangelist Leon Walker; England (all sites): evangelists Dean Blackwell and Gerald Waterhouse; Foggia, Italy: evangelist Gerald Waterhouse; Carn Catherwood, Michael Germano and Vince Panella.

Freeport, Bahamas: evangelist Richard Rice, Kevin Dean and James Snook; George, South Africa: evangelist Leroy Neff and Dexter Faulkner; Georgetown, Guyana: Philip Shields; Gold Coast, Australia: evangelist Ronald Kelly, Guy Ames and Lynn Torrance; Gosford, Australia: evangelist Ronald Kelly

and Lynn Torrance; Hamilton, Bermuda: Ted Herlofson.

Hengelhof, Belgium: evangelist Dabar Aparian and Robert Scott; Hobart, Australia: evangelist Ronald Kelly; Hoogeveen, Netherlands: Rod Matthews and Pieter Michelsen; Hull, Que.: evangelist Dabar Aparian, Bernard Audoin and Bernard Hongerlout; Jacmel, Haiti: Cyrille Richard; Jerusalem, Israel: Richard Frankel, Carl McNair, Kenneth Swisher and James Wells.

Livingstone, Zambia: Dexter Faulkner; Monte Hermoso, Argentina: evangelist Leon Walker; Mutare, Zimbabwe: Dexter Faulkner; Nanjing, China: evangelist

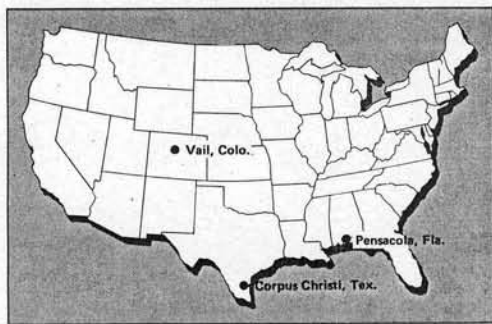
Ellis La Ravia, evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, John Halford, Robert Jones and Fred Stevens; Ocho Rios, Jamaica: evangelist Richard Rice and Steve Nutman.

Penticton, B.C.: Arthur Docken; Perth, Australia: evangelist Ronald Kelly; Philippines (all sites): Colin Adair and Robert League; Port Dickson, Malaysia: Richard Wilding; Regina, Sask.: evangelist Harold Jackson; Roseau, Dominica: John Bald; Rotorua, New Zealand: evangelist Raymond McNair.

Tartane, Martinique: Gerard Claude; Victoria, B.C.: Arthur Docken; Warrnambool, Australia: evangelist Ronald Kelly and Guy Ames.



FOUNDATION PERFORMERS — Clockwise from above left: Soprano Montserrat Caballe, cellist Mstislav Rostropovich and the London Philharmonic Orchestra will perform during the 1984-85 Ambassador Foundation concert series.



NEW 1985 SITES — The above sites were approved for the 1985 Feast by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. [Map by Ronald Grove]

## HWA OKs new Feast sites

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved three new U.S. sites for the 1985 Feast, according to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, who directs U.S. Festival planning for the pastor general.

The three sites and their planned attendance are Corpus Christi, Tex., 4,500; Pensacola, Fla., 6,000; and Vail, Colo., 2,500.

Mr. La Ravia emphasized that brethren should not make housing arrangements at those sites until the *Festival Planner* is distributed in April, 1985. "We are presently in the midst of housing negotiations," he said.

The evangelist explained that continued Church membership growth caused several U.S. sites to reach maximum capacity this year,

with about half of the U.S. sites having a small amount of extra seating.

"The sites in St. Petersburg [Fla.], Jekyll Island [Ga.], Pasadena and Sacramento [Calif.] have reached what we consider full capacity," said Mark McCulley, an assistant to Mr. La Ravia.

He added that if Church growth continues, "We would be packed at every site in 1985 and might not even have sufficient seating at some sites if we did not add these new sites."

Mr. La Ravia said that the Church plans to use all present 19 Feast sites for 1985. "The addition of three new sites will hopefully reduce attendance at some of the more popular present sites and thus reduce housing and seating demands in those areas," he said.

# 'Atheistic' U.S. becomes moral battleground

PASADENA — Religion has emerged as a big issue in the 1984 U.S. election campaign. President Ronald Reagan's stands against legalized abortion and the federal ban against prayer in the public schools anger his secularist opponents.

Meanwhile, Democratic vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, a practicing Roman Catholic, is dogged on the campaign trail by right-to-life groups. They lambast her for saying that while she is personally against abortion, she would uphold governmental policy regarding the right of women to have abortions.

Both Mrs. Ferraro and New York Governor Mario Cuomo were roundly criticized for their ambivalent positions on abortion by the archbishop of New York, John J. O'Connor.

## Morality the real issue

In general, the issue is not so much one of religion per se, but what the moral basis of U.S. society is destined to be. Is it to be a morality returned to the nation's Judeo-Christian heritage — or one relegated to the shifting sands of godless, moral relativism, condoning aberrant behavior?

President Reagan reacted angrily to the liberal press who worry about whether his position undermines the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which declares that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

The President's response was that the issue is not one of "establishing religion" but one of rekindling a sense of religious-based public morality.

The Feb. 2 *Los Angeles Times* analyzed Mr. Reagan's moral agenda:

"President Reagan set out in 1981 to return the country to the ideals of an earlier era—a time, he recalled, when government and private charities stood by to help the old and the sick but when able-bodied Americans proudly preferred to get by on their own ambitions and energy."

"It was also, he remembered, a time when morality and social values were molded by church and family, not by liberal court decisions or by government regulations... Reagan's speeches during the 1980 campaign... echoed a growing public concern that society was losing its moral bearings."

The President attacks secular ideals in this campaign as well — to the dismay of the liberal intellectuals. In a speech before the Economic Club of Chicago, Ill., the President declared an end to America's "hedonistic heyday" of false values. In the past few decades, he added, "many of us turned away from the enduring values, the faith, the work ethic and the central importance of the family."

During the Republican convention in Dallas, Tex., Mr. Reagan, attending a prayer breakfast, said: "Politics and morality are inseparable, and as morality's foundation is religion, reli-

gion and politics are necessarily related... We establish no religion in this country nor will we ever... But we poison our society when we remove its theological underpinnings. We court corruption when we leave it bereft of belief."

The President said religion played a critical role in the abolition of slav-

erty. Now they are because the country is on the moral skids and the mainline churches are more or less swimming with the secular tide.

The March 20 *Wall Street Journal* carried a powerful lead editorial condemning the moral decay in the country over the past two decades. That these editorial comments appeared in

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



ery and in other important events in the United States. But he added that in the 1960s "the climate began to change — we began to make great steps in secularizing our nation..."

"Without God there is no virtue," the President stressed. "Without God we are mired in the material... without God democracy will not and cannot long endure."

## 'Dainty religious mush'

Mr. Reagan's liberal opponents are most angry that he draws political support from the so-called religious right — conservative evangelicals and so-called born-again churches. These fundamentalists were at one time not involved in politics to any great

the leading business daily, rather than in a religious publication, says something in itself about the state of religion in America today.

"The transformation of U.S. social and sexual mores in this period [from 1965 onward] — from a fairly straight-laced tradition to one in

which almost no behavior is socially proscribed — is a large and complicated subject," said the *Journal* editors.

"But basically what happened is that the new morality of big cities such as New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco was imposed on the rest of the country by movies, TV, magazines, advertising, music, novelists, playwrights and, through default, by organized religion..."

"The wave of secularization that rolled across the U.S. in the past 20 years," continued the *Journal*, "disrupted many patterns of moral behavior among adults and between parents and their children... Many Americans, especially parents, badly needed counterarguments and support to restore moral balance to their families and communities. But outside the evangelical and fundamentalist communities, that help never arrived."

"The mainline Protestant churches and the American Catholic Church failed to devote sufficient resources to creating a sturdy moral answer to aggressive modern secularism. Oh sure, the church doors are open every Sunday. But unhappy for those who

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## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## Give your child answers

Once, when our oldest boy was 9, he crawled into bed a bit more quietly than usual. When his mother leaned over to kiss him good night, she detected an uneasy seriousness not normal in active grade school boys. His teacher told us that he seemed at times preoccupied at school.

This evening I was looking on as each boy was made comfortable for the night. Sensing what his mother had, I perched myself on the edge of his bed. Perhaps tonight we could get to the bottom of the problem.

Cautiously I probed, trying to persuade him to talk about his troubles. Surely, no third grader could have worries so great that his parents could not be of some assistance, I reasoned.

But when he finally shared his question, we experienced a great lesson.

"Daddy, what will it be like in the Millennium?" he blurted out. "If you and mom are spirit beings, who will take care of brother and me?"

I stared at my young son in silence. This was a deeply concerned question for one so young. His question reminded me of the statement I once read, "Children are growing up when they start asking questions parents can't answer."

I thought back to the innocent and amusing kinds of questions he asked when he was a very little guy. At age 4 my son and I were working in our backyard garden.

"Did God make weeds, Daddy?" he asked as he pulled one from his row of radishes.

I started to give a quick answer so that I could go on with my work, but then realized that this was an opportunity to teach a spiritual lesson. I explained to him about Adam and Eve and how God put them in a beautiful garden without any weeds. I explained how after Adam and Eve disobeyed God, weeds started growing and they had to

leave their beautiful garden and to work hard to get rid of weeds after that.

With a serious, concerned look on his face he replied, "That's a shame isn't it?"

This illustrates an important biblical principle: Lessons from real-life experiences and questions can be much more effective than formal instruction.

It seemed to me now, sitting beside my concerned son, that all his life he had been asking questions, trying to discover how things were put together, searching for answers in one way or another.

Often our youngsters drove me to distraction with their incessant questions. At times I found it easier to turn off my ears or to try to hush them with "You ask too many questions, son." Or, "Can't you see I'm busy, mister?" I had to admit that it was sometimes simpler this way than stopping to give them full attention and honest answers.

I did not question their right to ask. Over the years I decided that inquisitiveness was a healthy sign of growing minds. How could children learn if they didn't have enough curiosity to look for information and practical skills?

Our little ones taught us that no matter how trivial or how ridiculous it may seem to us, a question deserves to be answered with the same seriousness with which it is asked. I learned that a warm, positive response is an invitation to "ask me another."

The times I felt best about were those when I had not been too quick with my answers. Instead, we had gone to the library for just the right book or taken a walk in the park or read a proverb in the Bible to find a solution.

I was fascinated in a personal Bible study to realize that the great men in scriptures all asked ques-

tions of God — not just little surface questions either.

When Moses' mission to Egypt appeared to be doomed he asked, "Lord, why have You brought trouble on this people? Why is it You have sent me?" (Exodus 5:22, Revised Authorized Version, unless noted).

Job cried out in grief from an ash heap, "Why is life given to a man whose way is hidden, whom God has hedged in?" (Job 3:23, New International Version). Job asked, "Why was I born to suffer?"

The apostle Peter, impetuous and sure of himself, actually rebuked Jesus with a questioning attitude. "Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, 'Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!'" (Matthew 16:22). Christ quickly answered and put Peter straight.

It is interesting to note that God never reprimanded anyone for asking a sincere question. Rather, to everyone who wanted to understand and grow, He gave not only answers but more understanding and responsibility.

I am thankful that Christ spoke in Matthew 7:7: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

I answered my son's question that night prayerfully with the help of God's Word and answers to questions I had asked God's ministers.

My wife followed up with more instructions, which I found had a profound impact on his young mind.

While going through a memory-idea book I kept, I found a note that he had written his mother just a few days after his baptism. He wrote: "Mom, remember when you used to tell me that you would walk through a wall to help and protect me in the Millennium? I guess you won't have to do that now. We can go together."

Our teaching and answering questions were not in vain.

As parents we must never say "ask me no questions." Another part of the give way is to be willing to take time to answer. In Proverbs 22:6, God promises you can give your child understanding of God's way. Remember it's an ongoing process of mutual growth each day that will have immediate joys — and future rewards.

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



## Loss of British civility

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Britain has a reputation for civilized behavior. As a rule the British prefer diplomacy over violence.

For generations England has been known as one of this world's safest countries, a haven for civility with friendly streets and a mostly unarmed police force. Recent events cause many observers to take a second look. On some days certain areas of the United Kingdom resemble a battlefield.

Television has changed things.

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### Importance of fellowship

After reading about the lone brethren in the last issue of *The Worldwide News* I started thinking about just how important and wonderful it is to have fellowship with the brethren. I think it is something that we should thank God for and take full advantage of... I realize now that there are those who would give almost anything for weekly fellowship with the brethren...

I would like to thank you for *The Worldwide News* and for all the news of brethren from all over the world that it brings us. It makes us feel we are all part of the same family, and it also helps us to realize the scope of the work we are a part of.

Robert Cobler  
Greensboro, N.C.

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### Brethren who care

Just a few days ago I was discharged from the hospital... having had many hospital experiences during my 21 years as a Detroit firefighter I just have to let you brethren know that I had more visitors during my 11-day stay in the hospital than I had all during my career with the department.

I thank God so much for His calling my wife and I into His Church... I'm sure that no matter where we are, how old we become, and regardless of our circumstances we will always have God and brethren who care!

Bob Kantak  
Chino Valley, Ariz.

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### Work discussion

My co-workers talk a lot about Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong. They like him (See LETTERS, page 7)

The coal miners strike, wrote veteran-analyst Peregrine Worsthorne in the Aug. 26 *Sunday Telegraph*: "is the first major strike where the TV camera has brought this ugly reality [violence and intimidation] into people's homes over and over again. Just as the TV coverage of Vietnam raised the question of whether any civilized society could tolerate in future the raw actualities of war, so TV coverage of the miners raises the same question about the raw actualities of a major strike."

A virtual orgy of pit violence has been produced in some areas. Martin Sharpe in *The Sun*, Aug. 23: "The pit strike took a sinister new turn yesterday when 'storm troops' in para-military style uniforms went on an orgy of wrecking. The 50-strong mob — in camouflage jackets, boiler suits and balaclava helmets — were led by a mystery woman. They left a trail of injury

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# Storm: brethren escape harm

**By Dawn Evans Radford**  
WILMINGTON, N.C. — All Wilmington area brethren in the path of Hurricane Diana escaped personal injury and serious loss of property, according to Briscoe Ellett II, pastor of the Wilmington and New Berlin, N.C., churches.

*Dawn Evans Radford is a member and attends the Wilmington, N.C., church.*

Tuesday, Sept. 11, brethren completed last-minute preparations around homes and businesses. Some moved to more secure locations. By Tuesday evening, strong breezes and misty showers had gradually built to gale-force winds and torrential rain. During the night, Diana whipped the coast with 120-mile-an-hour winds and then moved offshore and stalled. On Wednesday

night, Sept. 12, she came back.

Diana made her landfall at 1:15 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), Thursday, Sept. 13, at Fort Fisher, N.C., south of Wilmington. According to the U.S. National Weather Service, gusts reached 110 miles an hour at Carolina Beach and 120 miles an hour at Holden Beach. The Wilmington Municipal Airport clocked winds at more than 70 miles an hour.

Several miles inland Diana wavered, then moved west of Wilmington.

Church member Pearl Russell, at Carolina Beach, waited out the storm in her three-room cottage. Part of her living-room ceiling collapsed because of water leaking from the roof.

About 4 a.m., after the eye passed over, a billboard missed her car and house as it blew onto a shell shop she

owns and leases out.

The owner of the billboard insisted on repairing the shop, and Mrs. Russell had already saved the funds to replace the leaking roof. Water damage to the shop and cottage was minimal.

Before the storm Church member Helen Wade left her mobile home in Southport, N.C., and went inland to Durham, N.C. Upon returning, she found some spoiled food in her refrigerator and outside was a downed power line. "There were trees down in all directions around the trailer," she said. "But none hit it!"

The eye of Diana passed directly over the homes of Michael Boyd near Holden Beach and Ronie Mooney of Shallotte, N.C. Both families reported numerous trees and branches down, but no serious structural damage.

Tuesday night, Sept. 11, winds lifted a storage shed belonging to David Martin, a Church member in Wilmington, and tossed it over the fence. Wednesday he removed its contents. Wednesday night winds flattened and folded the building like an envelope. His home, garden and automobiles were untouched.

This author and her family listened as a funnel cloud screamed its way over the house Tuesday night. Wednesday night a twister touched down in the next-door-neighbor's yard, tearing tops out of maple trees and snapping off great pines near the ground.

As dawn broke Thursday, Sept. 13, the winds and rain began to lessen. In two days, Hurricane Diana poured 18 inches of rain into the Wilmington area according to the U.S. National Weather Service. She left behind estimated damages of more than \$70 million, according to the Wilmington Star-News.

Wilmington brethren did their part by preparing for the storm and praying for God's protection, Mr. Ellett said. In the midst of Diana's fury they trusted in His protection. As they began the cleanup, they were thankful that their lives and property were spared.

## Second-Tithe Assistance

Members should *not* go to the Feast without sufficient funds expecting assistance at the Festival site. According to Ministerial Services, only limited funds for genuine emergencies will be available at the Festival locations, and then only with the local pastor's recommendation.

## Ministerial Refreshing Program III

Session 9, Sept. 5 to Sept. 18



**Norman & Charlene Smith**  
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Mackay, Rockhampton and  
Townsville, Australia



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Associate pastor  
Marion, Boone and Lenoir, N.C.



**Ronald & Gail Stoddart**  
Assistant pastor  
Johannesburg, South Africa



**John & Beth Stryker**  
Associate pastor  
Victoria and Courtenay, B.C.



**D'Arcy & Yvonne Watson**  
Associate pastor  
Melbourne West  
and Geelong, Australia



**Ray & Charlene Wawak**  
Local church elder  
Little Rock, Ark.



**Larry Jr. & Joan Woolridge**  
Church pastor  
Meriden, Conn.

Not pictured:  
Claudine Daniel



# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Anniversaries celebrated

"Remember the past, live in the present, look forward to the future," was the theme of Gary Antion's sermon at the **TORONTO, Ont.**, church's 20th anniversary service Aug. 18. Mr. Antion, the first pastor in Toronto, served for 14 years as pastor and eight years as area coordinator. He is an associate professor of theology at Pasadena Ambassador College.

The anniversary service was attended by 1,232 brethren from Canada and the United States, including Richard Pinelli, Toronto pastor for three years, now pastor of the Kansas City, Mo., East church; George Lee, a founding member of the Toronto church, now pastor of the Barrie, Ont., church; Percival Burrows, Toronto's first local church elder, now an associate pastor in Toronto; Neil Earle, pastor of the Toronto churches; and Colin Adair, regional director for the Church in Canada.

Mr. Adair gave an update on the work of the Church in Canada. Then, assisted by Mr. Antion and Mr. Pinelli, he raised Mr. Earle to pastor rank.

An anniversary cake, cut by Mr. and Mrs. Antion, was served to those present who attended the first service, in 1964. Refreshments pro-

vided by the women of the Toronto churches were then served to all.

A slide presentation was shown by Mr. Burrows, assisted by Mr. Antion. Taped greetings were played from ministers and assistants who served in Toronto in the past. The 20-year history of the Toronto church was presented in pictures displayed in the hall.

A floor show entitled "Toronto 20" presented acts from past Toronto variety shows, and was directed by Paul Linehan, associate pastor in the Toronto West church, and Jill Lee, a member in Toronto East. Ken Parker, a deacon in the Toronto East church, was master of ceremonies.

A family picnic Sunday, Aug. 19, concluded the weekend celebration.

The **LAKELAND, Fla.**, congregation looked back over two decades and celebrated its 20th anniversary Aug. 11 and 12. In the words of pastor Frank R. McCrady III, "The entire occasion was the finest I have ever experienced in all my 15 years in the ministry."

Taped greetings from former pastors Kenneth Swisher, Roger Foster and evangelist Richard Ames were played at services. The covered-dish luncheon that followed served as an appetizer for the formal ball Sunday, Aug. 12.

Formality, unity and harmony were the keynotes of the ball. A 14-piece band produced sounds of the Glenn Miller era. Members were treated to hors d'oeuvres, a four-tiered anniversary cake, a photo display of Lakeland's past, video scenes from past socials, a 16-page photo album of the Lakeland congregation, door prizes and a photo session for founding members.

Ron Peterson and Richard Morris sang an 11-verse parody of church nostalgia to the tune of "Thanks for the Memories."

*Ella Neale and Richard G. Morris.*

## Brethren share tour, outings, picnics

Brethren from the **MANSFIELD, Ohio**, church explored Ohio history Aug. 12.

A three-stop tour centered in New Philadelphia, beginning at the Warther Museum, home of Ernest Warther, the "World's Master Carver." Using a knife and file, Mr. Warther carved the history of steam locomotives and trains from 250 B.C. to the present, and many other items.

Next on the tour, members visited the Schoenbrunn Village State Memorial, a reconstructed replica of Ohio's first settlement. Schoenbrunn was established as a missionary vil-



**TORONTO 20TH** — Former Toronto, Ont., ministers and their wives (from left) George and Marlene Lee and Gary and Barbara Antion, and Shirley and Percival Burrows, Toronto West assistant pastor, cut the cake commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Toronto church, Aug. 18. [Photo by Francois Racine]

## Youths go on summer camping trips

Camp Barrachois on **CAPE BRETON ISLAND, N.S.**, was the site of the Canadian Atlantic Provinces 1984 **YOU** teen camp. Fifty-six teens and 19 staff members assembled here for the week of Aug. 5 to 12 to engage in sporting activities, fellowship and fun.

The camp was organized by Daniel Samson, assistant pastor of the Fredericton, Bathurst, Moncton and Saint John, N.B., churches, and Eric Warren, assistant pastor of the Halifax and Digby, N.S., churches. Two Pasadena Ambassador College

students, Chris Power and Kirby Farnan, helped with sports instruction and counseling duties.

Instruction was provided in such sports as archery, swimming, basketball and softball. The novelty olympics, an annual favorite, also took place during the week.

Medals were awarded for excellence in sports and attitude. The best all-around camper trophies were awarded to David Hart, senior boys; Selina Gardner, senior girls; Craig Weaver, junior boys; and Cynthia Rose, junior girls. The "Big E Flag"

for the best all-around cabin was awarded to Minnie Currie's cabin No. 2. Members of the cooking staff, under the direction of Joyce Tibbits, were each awarded gold medals for a job well done.

A camp-out for the **INDEPENDENCE, Kan.**, **YOU** took place Aug. 12 to 14 on the Charles Rice farm. Five girls, six boys and four adults attended.

The boys and girls took turns each morning in preparing the breakfast. A morning Bible study was conducted by Vince Szymkowiak, pastor of the Joplin, Mo., and Independence churches. Activities included golf, tennis, volleyball, riflery and swimming. A day of canoeing and swimming at the Elk City, Kan., Reservoir rounded out the activities.

Monday night, Aug. 13, area members were invited to join the campers for a wiener roast, movie and homemade ice cream.

July 27 to 29 **ST. CATHARINES, Ont.**, **YES** members attended an annual camp-out at Ball's Falls Conservation Area. Friday night, July 27, as the Sabbath began, youths roasted marshmallows around a camp fire and listened to fireside stories.

Saturday morning began with a brunch, after which pastor Anthony Wasilkoff conducted a Bible study that admonished the group to go to the ant and become wise.

**YES** evaluations took place that afternoon, and after dinner the group gathered around the fire again and sang songs. Sunday morning was filled with games and sports activities.

Twenty-two **YOU** members and chaperons from the **ALBERTA** region canoed the Athabasca River Aug. 15 to 19. Les Welsh, a deacon in the Evansburg, Alta., congregation, organized the expedition and served as river guide.

The group camped in wilderness areas along the river, and spent the Sabbath at Fort Assiniboine. Robert Millman, regional **YOU** coordinator and pastor of the Atmore and Westlock, Alta., churches, conducted a Bible study on the friendship between David and Jonathan.

The river trip was organized to allow teens to use canoeing and wilderness survival skills learned at **YOU** and **YES** camps conducted throughout Alberta.

*Kirby Farnan, Rebecca Foote, Craig Roberts and Kerry Majeau.*

## Seniors have outings

The **PAINTSVILLE, Ky.**, Silver Ambassadors sponsored a cookout Aug. 19. Clad in aprons, they catered to the nearly 70 brethren who attended. Steaks and burgers were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wells, coordinators of the Silver Ambassadors.

Later in the evening the group attended the play *Annie* at the Jenny Wiley Theater.

Aug. 19, the **PASADENA SPANISH** church honored its seniors, ages 60 to 93, with a Hawaiian luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Rodriguez. The event was coordinated by Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Binchery.

The guests were ushered into a tropical garden patio and presented with leis and souvenir programs. Waiters in Hawaiian dress served the 29 seniors wonton soup, chicken with pineapple and a fresh-fruit cup. Latin music added to the atmosphere.

Raul Ramos, pastor of the Spanish church, thanked the seniors for their years of faithful service and for sharing with members their wealth of knowledge and expertise.

*Mr. and Mrs. Larry Griffith and R. Lopez.*

## Singles take in variety of weekend activities

The **NASHVILLE** and **MURFREESBORO, Tenn.**, singles' club transformed the Old Hickory Country Club into a Mississippi riverboat for a singles' dance Aug. 18.

Lester Bowker, assisted by some of the singles, constructed the riverboat, and Preston Gregory fashioned the gazebo from which the Dixieland Band played. The crew of Merry Lee Stokes created a ceiling-to-floor shoreline view the length of the room. The sounds of frogs and crickets played over loudspeakers added to the setting.

Ron Davidson welcomed the more than 100 guests from Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Dancing and fellowship continued until midnight.

A summerfest weekend, sponsored by **COLUMBIA, Mo.**, singles Aug. 4 and 5, was attended by 62 singles, some from as far away as Tulsa, Okla., and Des Moines, Iowa.

Activities began Sabbath afternoon, Aug. 4, with a get-acquainted hour to meet and fellowship with singles from other areas.

After a buffet meal, Rand Millich, pastor of the Columbia church, presented a seminar about true friendship. A dance afterward capped off the evening's events.

Mr. Millich started Sunday's activities with a seminar explaining that it's not a sin to be single, giving examples of people who remained single for various reasons. He discussed qualities a single should look for in a potential mate.

After the seminar the group had a picnic lunch and goat roast. Activities continued throughout the afternoon and included Frisbee throwing, volleyball, dancing, water fights and a sing-along.

Singles from **DULUTH, Minn.**, spent Aug. 12 canoeing the Brule River in Wisconsin. The group

laged in 1772 to help ease tension between the colonists and the Indians. The final stop found the Mansfield brethren at the outdoor drama *Trumpet in the Land* at the Schoenbrunn Amphitheater. The drama depicted everyday life in the frontier villages of Schoenbrunn and Gnadenhuetten.

More than 600 **JOHANNESBURG** and **PRETORIA, South Africa**, brethren attended an Aug. 17 camp-out at the Utopia Holiday Resort in the Magaliesberg Mountains about 78 miles from Johannesburg.

Sabbath services Aug. 18 were

rented canoes in Brule and wound its way along 17 miles of beautiful scenery and negotiated a few rapids. The group enjoyed a picnic lunch on a dock over the river.

Back at the Brule landing by early afternoon, the singles hauled their gear ashore, then headed to Barb Beekma's home in Ashland, Wis., for a backyard cookout. Some of the harder singles went for a hike after dinner.

The singles and young married couples of the **EUGENE, Ore.**, church gathered for a buffet Aug. 17 at the recreation room of the apartment complex where Clyde Diller lives. After the meal, prepared with a Middle Eastern flavor, Jack Scruggs, assisted by his two sons, showed slides of Jerusalem and talked about experiences he had while living there.

*James Lichtenstein, Evan Kifer, Carol Morken and Sylvia Woodworth.*

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## Brethren

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Bonnie Griswold and were invited to a corn roast at the home of Ken and Irene Almas, members of the St. Catherine's, Ont., church. Young people of the St. Catherine's church helped entertain the group.

Besides the corn roast and fellowship, the group played a get-acquainted game and swam in a backyard pool.

Despite morning rain, the VINELAND, N.J., church's annual picnic took place Aug. 19 at the Batsto Village and historic park in southern New Jersey. Brethren took a step back into the 1700s by touring Batsto, a former site of iron and glass works that played a major part in the industrial development of the United

States. The works supplied cannons and cannon balls for the U.S. revolutionary army.

Brethren played volleyball throughout the day. Other activities organized by deacon John Cardie included Frisbee golf, horseshoes, a three-legged race and a water-balloon toss.

About 90 TERRE HAUTE, Ind., brethren gathered at Deming Park for a picnic, including volleyball, kickball, swimming and children's activities organized by Melody Punney and Nancy Cooksey. Children rode on a miniature locomotive in the park.

Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., churches, and Chris and Andy Higginbotham provided guitar music for a sing-along.

This was the first Terre Haute social for Mr. McCrady and James Lee, associate pastor. The picnic marked the sixth anniversary of the Terre Haute church.

Aug. 5 SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., and WOLVERINE, Mich., brethren attended their annual picnic along the banks of the Sturgeon River. Featured were children's games, a softball tournament, crazy relays and a mud pie auction. Pony rides were available for young and young-at-heart.

Lunch was barbecued chicken with Dean McPherson's secret sauce. It was followed by an innertube float. John and Linda Sackrider coordinated the activities.

The SHREVEPORT, La., church had an outing in Mike Woods Park in Bossier City, La., Aug. 19. The morning activities were team games for the different age groups. The young children sharpened skills in a bean-bag throw, the junior YOU participated in an egg race and the senior YOU had a cardboard race. Adults participated in a three-legged race. Lunch was a potluck served at the park pavilion. After lunch many played volleyball, softball, touch football and horseshoes. Others played table games or fellowshiped beneath shade trees.

Aug. 19 the MEMPHIS, Tenn., church had its final summer picnic at Meeman Shelby Forest State Park.

Activities began in the morning with a junior olympics competition and horseshoes. After lunch coed softball, volleyball and the continuation of the junior olympics provided exercise and challenge for participants as well as excitement for spectators. Junior olympics competition

consisted of a softball throw, standing long jump and 100-yard dash for boys and girls in three groups: ages 6 and 7, 8 to 10 and 11 and 12. Winners received ribbons. Ribbons with medals were awarded to the best overall in each category. Recipients were Kevin Greenwood, boys 11 and 12; John Birkenstock, boys 8 to 10; Dawn Childress, girls 11 and 12; Michelle Spencer, girls 8 to 10; and Kamesha Thomas, girls 6 and 7.

Other attractions included horseback riding and swimming.

The Bonnyville, Alta., and North Battleford and Lloydminster, Sask., churches met in LLOYDMINSTER Aug. 11 for combined Sabbath services. A sandwich buffet followed. That evening many of the brethren gathered at Lake Manitou Regional Park for a sing-along and camp-out.

Sunday morning began with a pancake breakfast. The main attraction of the day was a YES summer olympics with chocolate medals awarded to the winners of the events. All participants received chocolate coins and YES summer olympic buttons as souvenirs of the day. An added attraction was Ed Sabourin dressed up as a clown on stilts. A wiener roast ended the day.

GAINESVILLE, Ga., brethren were on hand for an annual church picnic Aug. 26 at Mary Alice Park, with family activities planned for the day.

Mike Grogan won a YOU sack race, and Mark Quintana won in the junior YOU race. Vickie Erwin won a women's nail-driving contest, and Jan Payne and Wayne Whited took first in a horseshoe tournament.

Loretta Hardiman, Ian Henderson, Timothy and Donna Love, Bonnie Griswold, Terry David Cole, Barbara Wesley, Linda Blanchard, Bill Gay, Many Gustafson and Adeline Sanoy and Wayne Whited.

## Teams take part in softball tournaments

Twenty-seven men's and women's softball teams met Aug. 12 at Riverside and Victoria parks in Cambridge, Ont., for the annual ONTARIO softball tournament.

Teams came from Windsor, Sarnia, London, Hamilton, Toronto East and West, Barrie, Kingston and Smiths Falls, Ottawa and Kitchener.

In the men's A division, Kitchener defeated Toronto East to capture first



ELEGANT DINING — YOU members gather for a banquet Aug. 19 in the Roseville Restaurant in Brisbane, Australia. (Photo by Kenneth Murray)

## Banquet, field day take place

One hundred teenagers from the BRISBANE, TOOWOOMBA, CABOOLTURE, WARWICK and GOLD COAST, Australia, churches attended a banquet Aug. 19 at the Roseville Restaurant in Brisbane. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong has eaten at Roseville as have world dignitaries.

The YOU members dined in 19th century historic charm and danced in the open courtyard under tropical plants and beside fountains.

Rodney Dean, pastor of the Brisbane North and Caboolture, Australia, churches, his wife, Vicki, and Kevin Thomson, a local church elder in Brisbane, and his wife, Shirley, were complimented by the owner of the restaurant on the fine behavior of the young people.

Aug. 19 was YES Field Day for the youngsters of the CAMBRIDGE, Ohio and WHEELING,

W. Va., YES programs. The field day took place at Barkcamp State Park in Belmont, Ohio.

The group participated in such events as riflery, fishing, hiking and swimming. Hamburgers and hot dogs were the main course for the picnic lunch. Parents and single adults served as counselors and activity instructors, and were involved in preparing and serving the meal.

Reinhold Fuessel, pastor of the Wheeling and Cambridge congregations, congratulated the workers on a well-organized and enjoyable day. The field day was a means of moving the members a step closer to fulfilling God's desire to see the hearts of the fathers turned to the children and the hearts of the children turned to their fathers.

Kenneth Murray and Jeff and Lori McDonald.



CANADIAN CLOWN — Ed Sabourin, wearing a clown suit and on stilts, poses with children at the YES summer olympics Aug. 12 in Lloydminster, Sask.

## Isolated brethren find ways to attend

## Guyanese look forward to Feast

By Lowell Wagner Jr.

PASADENA — For some of God's people in Guyana, a country on the northeast coast of South America, the Feast of Tabernacles is one of the few opportunities to hear God's ministers and to fellowship with brethren, according to Paul Krautmann, pastor of the church there.

Lowell Wagner Jr. is an editorial assistant for Youth 84.

Since much of Guyana can be reached only by airplane or by long, hard river journeys, travel to Georgetown, the capital and the meeting place of God's Church there, is a difficult, expensive undertaking. So the once-a-year reunion with brethren from around the country makes the Feast an even more joyous time, Mr. Krautmann said.

There is also cause for celebration in Guyana about the work of the Church. According to Mr. Krautmann: "I'm expecting a lot of growth this year and next year. People like *The Plain Truth*, they like the literature, we have a lot of people getting the Correspondence

Course and *The Good News* is going up quite a lot."

And although *The World Tomorrow* is no longer broadcast on the government radio station — it can still be heard in Guyana over Radio Antilles, from Montserrat in



PAUL AND UNITA KRAUTMANN the Caribbean — the growth of *The Plain Truth* hasn't slowed.

Mr. Krautmann said that word of mouth is spreading *The Plain Truth* around the country. Someone will borrow a friend's copy and then want a subscription.

Most of the 75 members live in or near Georgetown where weekly services take place. Many members also live east of Georgetown where Mr. Krautmann conducts monthly Bible studies.

Like many of the world's developing nations, Guyana suffers from the global recession. To help balance its budget, the government severely limits imports.

This affects people most at the dinner table. "That's our daily problem," Mr. Krautmann said. The import restrictions mean that only locally grown foods are easily available, leading to a lack of variety. "The children are always asking, 'You got anything to eat? You got anything to eat?' But there's nothing interesting to eat — always rice or cassava or plantain chips."

The problem is greatest in Georgetown. In the farming areas, people have more abundance and variety.

Mr. Krautmann said that bread sells for \$2.50 a loaf and cheese for \$7.50 a pound. The per capita income in Guyana in 1982 was \$603.

Church membership is a cross section of this diverse nation. There

are teachers, civil servants, carpenters, farmers and even gold miners, Mr. Krautmann said.

Mr. Krautmann, born in England, came to Guyana in 1969. After graduating from Pasadena Ambassador College in 1975 he moved back to Guyana. At the time, there was no minister and no regular services. Mr. Krautmann was ordained a local elder in 1978. Although he kept his British citizenship when he became a Guyanese citizen, he has no desire to leave the country.

"I like being there because it is a challenge," he says.

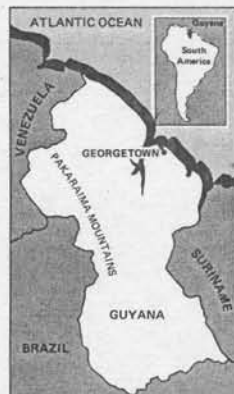
Unita, his Guyanese-born wife, laughs. "He likes problems. That's why he likes it."

"If I went anywhere else," he agrees, "I wouldn't be happy at all. I like Guyana for the challenge. I'm from England, but, to be honest, I just wouldn't be happy in England even though I enjoy the physical blessings of being in England... I like Guyana for the work that is being done there and what I'm able to do there."

One of the challenges is the lack of transportation for Church activities. Only one member owns a car, so any activities must take place nearby. "Anyplace else you have to get transportation for, and that's difficult."

But at this time of year, transportation problems or not, Guya-

nese brethren find a way to get to Georgetown. From the isolated Amerindian settlements near Brazil, from the sugar plantations along the coast, from the gold-mining camps in the interior on the Essequibo River, members find a way to make it to God's Feast of Tabernacles.



GUYANESE FEAST — Much of Guyana is roadless, wilderness jungles, making it a challenge for members in the interior to travel to Georgetown for the Feast of Tabernacles. [Map by Ronald Grove]



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

To Stephen, the best husband and father to our son  
could ever have asked for. Happy 13th anniversary  
love you. Betty (Sept. 4).



## Obituaries

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Claire, Wis., and St. Paul congregations.

**WASHINGTON, Pa.** — Merle Clifton Grable, 65, a member of God's Church since March, 1980, died July 28.

Mr. Grable was one of the original members of the Washington church, started in 1981. He was skilled in wood-working and donated flower stands and a custom-made library to the congregation.

Mr. Grable is survived by his wife, Mildred; five daughters, of which two, Henrietta and Dorothy, are members in Washington; and a son.

Funeral services were conducted by John Dobrich, pastor of the Washington and Belle Vernon, Pa., churches, at Greenlee's Funeral Home in Fredricktown, Pa.

**CROSBY, N.D.** — Paula Anderson, 78, died here Aug. 18. She suffered from a heart condition for a number of years.

Mrs. Anderson has been a member of the Church for eight years. She is sur-

vived by her husband, Raymond, also a member of the Church.

Funeral services were conducted by Dan Creed, pastor of the Minot, Bismarck and Dickinson, N.D., churches.

**ROCHESTER, Minn.** — Gerald Albertson, 43, died June 6 after a long illness. He has been a member in Rochester since 1978.

Mr. Albertson is survived by his wife, Betty; two sons; two daughters; three grandchildren; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Albertson; one brother; and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted June 8 by evangelist Burk McNair, pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches.

**YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio** — Mary Frances White, 87, died July 29 of an illness in a nursing home in Avon Lake, Ohio. She was baptized in January, 1972, and was a member of the Youngstown church until she moved to Avon Lake in May, 1983, and attended the Cleveland, Ohio, West church.

Mrs. White is survived by two sons, William of Darlington, Pa., a member of the Youngstown church, and Robert of Youngstown; two daughters, Kay Usher

of Avon Lake and Jean Bartholomew of Vienna, Ohio; a sister, Mrs. H. Kiser of Butler, Pa.; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Lloyd Briggie, pastor of the Mercer, Pa., and Youngstown churches.

**FINDLAY, Ohio** — Opal Huston, 75, a member since 1964, died Aug. 1.

Mrs. Huston is survived by nine children, 27 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Aug. 3 by James Haeffle, pastor of the Findlay and Mansfield, Ohio, churches.

**CAMBRIDGE, England** — Abigail Louise Hammond, 5 days old, died here July 25. Her parents, Jim and Mary, are members of the Cambridge church.

Funeral services were conducted July 29 by Harold Sullivan, a minister in the Cambridge church.

**TORONTO, Ont.** — Ruth Elizabeth Colquhoun, 73, died Aug. 3 following a brief illness.

She was baptized in April, 1982, and attended the Toronto East church.

**AUBURN, Calif.** — Nathan Alex Stewart, 13, died Aug. 19 in a swimming accident. Nathan was an outdoor enthusiast, a flute player and talented in graphics.



NATHAN STEWART

He is survived by his parents, Norman and Patty, members of the Sacramento, Calif., church; three sisters, Sharon, Susan and Judy; and one grandmother, Kathryn Wagoner.

Lawrence Neff, pastor of the Sacramento church, conducted graveside services Aug. 23 in Auburn.

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.** — Caroline Weiler, 81, a member of the Church since 1963, died here Aug. 12.

Miss Weiler was born in Blue Earth, Minn. She moved to Minneapolis, where she taught accounting and typing in a business college until a few years ago.

Miss Weiler is survived by one sister.

## Moral

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enter, much contemporary American theology has come to be based in this period on a kind of dainty religious mush that has more in common with the sentiments of Rod McKuen and John Lennon than the precepts of Isaiah or St. John.

### Sins not denounced

One can be sure there have been precious few sermons of late based on Isaiah 1 to 5 in the mainline churches.

Where, for example, is the condemnation from the pulpit of the gay-rights movement? Some churches have chosen to "understand" it, overlooking that God refers to the nation as "You people of Gomorrah" (Isaiah 1:10, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

American society is sick "From the sole of the foot even to the head, [with] wounds and bruises and putrefying sores." But there is no one to bind up these afflictions, which are spiritual in nature (Isaiah 1:6).

God takes the "shepherds of Israel" — the self-appointed ministers of the land — to task because, "The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick" (Ezekiel 34:4).

"Who can heal you?" God asks in Lamentations 2:13. Certainly not the blind spiritual guides of today.

In verse 14 God says, "Your prophets have seen for you false and deceptive visions; They have not uncovered your iniquity" — exposed sins to the light of God's Word.

The false shepherds have not done as God's true servant in this age has — "Cry aloud, spare not; Lift up your voice like a trumpet; Tell My people their transgression, And the house of Jacob their sins" (Isaiah 58:1).

The result of this spiritual inattention, writes William Rusher, editor of *National Review*, is that the United States has become, in the public, collective sector, virtually an atheistic society by default. He wrote in a March 23 syndicated column:

"It is only in recent decades that atheist views (often more gently described as 'secular') have grown vocal enough and strong enough to insist upon a stricter interpretation of the Constitutional provisions, and to persuade the courts to conform to their view . . .

"The net effect was to drive

acknowledgement of God's existence almost totally out of the collective life of the American society — a development, as some noted, that came close to making atheism our state religion by default."

President Reagan, said to be an eternal optimist, is nevertheless concerned at the trends in the nation he obviously loves so much.

In the book *Reagan Inside Out*, author Bob Slosser quotes the President as saying: "The time has come to turn back to God and reassert our trust in Him for the healing of America. This means that all of us who acknowledge a belief in our Judeo-Christian heritage must reaffirm that belief and join forces to reclaim those great principles . . ."

On another occasion the President, as reported in the May 24 *New York Times*, said simply:

"We are a nation under God. And if we ever forget that, we'll be just a nation under."

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

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and have always found out, by referring to the Bible, that he always speaks the truth.

Richard Zangri  
Lawrence, Mass.

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### "Trapped" teen seeks way out

I'm fifteen and it seems like everyone around me is drinking, doing drugs and listening to heavy metal music. They act real strange, and they're always angry. At first I thought it was my imagination, but now it seems I'm being pressured into things I know are wrong.

I know the only way for me to get out of this trap is to have the faith of Jesus Christ. Thank you for publishing *The Plain Truth* for free. I used to think all of the churches were out to make a fast buck, but now I realize there is some good in the world.

Rick Fryer  
Carpentersville, Ill.

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### God's way found profitable

I am sixteen and have been attending the Worldwide Church of God for about three months. Ever since I have started going God's way, my life has changed greatly for the good. I am giving a donation because I feel this is truly the Church of God.

Steven E. Atkinson  
Arlington, Tex.

## British

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and destruction in the Doncaster coalfield. The gang struck at dawn, looting pit stores and offices, and wrecking TV security cameras."

Paul Johnson, a journalist-historian not given to overstatement, wrote in the Aug. 29 *Daily Mail*: "For the first time since the 1930s, gangs of political thugs wearing uniforms have appeared on the British scene . . . The organizers of large-scale violence in the NUM [National Union of Mineworkers] appear to control a force of about 5,000 men, mainly unmarried miners, who can be moved virtually at will by bus and car throughout a large area of the

Midlands and North England."

What is happening in England today goes beyond a mere industrial dispute. As one coal-board official quoted by Mr. Johnson said, "The incidents are more like public insurrection than anything to do with picketing or an industrial dispute."

The rule of law is being threatened in Britain today. Respect for civil authority is at a low level. Some seem to believe in civil disobedience. They want to do what is right in their own eyes.

Mr. Johnson wrote: "Intimidation by organized mobs is now becoming part of the British way of life . . . The rule of fear is winning because intimidated miners know from experience that the men of violence will make good their threats if their commands are disobeyed."

These are not all the rantings and ravings of sleazy, back-street tabloids. When writers like Mr. Worsthorpe and Mr. Johnson start using this kind of rhetoric, something is amiss. All is not well in the British Isles. A potential business recovery has been slowed. The rule of law is under siege in certain industries. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had to cancel an extensive tour of the Far East. She wants to remain at 10 Downing Street.

## For the record

**PASADENA** — In the Aug. 27 *Worldwide News*, the number of countries represented by campers at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Scotland was incorrectly reported to be four. There were teens from 14 countries at this year's camp, and staff members from nine countries.

## Major meets Tornado

### STORY FOR YOUNG READERS By Shirley King Johnson

Grandfather looked up the hill, saw Tornado tearing up the grass along the fence where Major barked at him safely from the other side. He set Susie on her feet. "Run into the house and stay there. I'll deal with you later!" Turning, he went to the back of his truck, grabbed up a long length of rope, untied Prince's reins and mounted up. "Giddyap!" Prince wheeled and trotted down the driveway.

They came up the hill at a full gallop. "All right you overgrown bully!" shouted Grandfather to the bull, waving the rope in a whirling circle. "You get on home and be quick about it!"

Startled, the animal shook his head, eyes quizzical.

"Go on, I say!" Grandfather repeated, whirling the rope nearer.

Tornado backed off, turned, and lumbered up the hill. Grandfather followed closely on Prince.

Slipping under the fence, Major tagged along at a safe distance.

Harry and Jim had moved into the yard that enclosed the Sterner farm house and watched in amazement as

Grandfather herded the bull into the driveway and on into the feedlot through the open gate. Dismounting, Grandfather closed the gate and securely latched it.

Harry's father came out of the back



Artwork by Judith Docken

door of the house and walked to the side gate. He was tall like Harry, but more thickset, and a blond mustache covered his mouth. "Hello, Wilson. Enjoying a ride on our horse?" he called out.

"Hello," Grandfather replied. He led Prince over to the gate and handed the reins to Mr. Sterner. "You might say I did. I think you need a new latch on that feedlot gate. Your bull got out, but I put him back in for you. Come on, Major." They walked down the driveway. As they reached the road, Jim told Harry goodbye and joined them for the walk down the hill.

"You were great with that bull!" Jim said. "A real cowboy!"

"Thank you. But let's talk about you," Grandfather said a little sharply. "I want to know why Susie came screaming into our driveway on Prince after I said for her not to ride alone."

"I can explain," Jim said in a scared tone. "It was Harry's idea. He said if we walked beside Prince, Susie would be safe."

"Safe! SAFE? She could have been killed!"

"Harry didn't think it would hurt," Jim continued, almost in tears. "We didn't know the new bull could get into the road. All of it wouldn't have happened if the bull hadn't been loose."

"It wouldn't have happened at all if you'd obeyed me," Grandfather corrected. He shook his head as they walked. "We must obey those in authority over us. Think about it. Susie could have been killed."

"Yes, sir. I'm sorry, real sorry."

"I'm glad you are. I hope you never disobey me again."

"Yes, sir." They walked on.

"I'll have to punish you, you know."

Jim looked up into his Grandfather's face. "How?"

"You're not going to ride Prince again while you're on this visit."

"Yes, sir." Jim hung his head miserably. He had disappointed his grandfather and that's what hurt the most.

As they turned into the driveway, Major reached up and licked Jim's hand to console him. Looking down, Jim suddenly smiled. "Grandfather, I guess you don't know how much Major helped us. He gave that bull a bite on the leg to keep him from chasing Prince on down the hill while Susie was on him."

"Good dog!" praised Grandfather. "What would we do without you?"

Bending, he gave the beagle three firm strokes of affection across his head and back.

Major's tail waved as he walked between them. And he smiled.



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

# UPDATE

PASADENA — Eleven account executives from affiliated agencies of Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn (BBDO), an advertising agency retained by the Church, took part in four days of meetings on the Ambassador College campus here Sept. 17 to 20, according to David Hulme, director of media purchasing.

The executives are from BBDO offices in Miami, Fla., Los Angeles, Calif., London, England, Johannesburg, South Africa, and Vancouver, B.C.

The executives met with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong for 2½ hours Sept. 17, where "he presented an overview of the Church and its basic beliefs," Mr. Hulme said. "He also discussed his own experiences in advertising."

"Each delegate from the various agencies presented a report of advertising activities conducted from his or her particular office," Mr. Hulme explained.

"There was a good interchange of ideas, exchange of information and discussion of proposed new projects for the Church," he continued.

During the four-day conference the executives toured the college campus, the Ambassador Auditorium, Media Services, Editorial Services, the Mail Processing Center (MPC) and Publishing Services, Mr. Hulme said.

Also participating in the conference were evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the Church in the United Kingdom, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East, Stan Bass, regional director of the Church in the Caribbean, and David Gunn, circulation manager for the British Office.

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MANILA, Philippines — All Church members near Mayon Volcano, which began erupting Sept. 10, are safe, according to Medardo Maninang, pastor of the Naga City church (68 miles north of the volcano) and the Legaspi City church (19 miles south of the volcano).

As of Sept. 18 more than 20,000 people were evacuated from their homes to evacuation centers in the ash-covered towns of Albay province.

A couple in the Church have another house in a safer area, so they did not have to go to an evacuation center.

The only road linking the two church areas is still passable, so Sabbath services and Bible studies are being conducted as usual.

The volcano caused about 20 million pesos (more than \$1.1 million) worth of damage in one week in Albay. It is expected to continue its destructive activity for two months, according to the director of the Philippines Institute of Volcanology.

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PASADENA — Evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services, released the following names of men hired full time for the U.S. ministry in 1984. Unless otherwise noted, the men serve as assistant pastors.

Randi Bloom, Atlanta, Ga., East and West; Sam Butler, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer and Soldotna, Alaska; Donald Contardi, Glendale and Reseda, Calif.; Randy D'Alessandro, Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C.; Martin Davey, Parkersburg, Charleston and Logan, W.Va.; Stanley Deveaux, Birmingham A.M. and P.M. and Jasper, Ala.

Michael Germano, Glendora, San Bernardino and Banning, Calif.; David Gilbert III, Toledo and Findlay, Ohio; George Hart, Greensboro, N.C.; Michael Horchak, Memphis and Jackson, Tenn.; Allen Olson, ministerial trainee, San

Francisco and Pleasanton, Calif.; Gary Petty, Longview and Lufkin, Tex.

Dale Schurter, associate pastor, Long Island East and West, Manhattan and White Plains, N.Y.; and Kenneth Treybig, Dallas, Tex., East.

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TORONTO, Ont. — Colin Adair, regional director of the Church in Canada, and George Patrickson, Canadian Office manager, joined Albertus Burbach, a local church elder here, to check the first copies of *The Plain Truth* to roll off the presses here at Southam Murray Printing, according to Neil Earle, pastor of the Toronto churches.

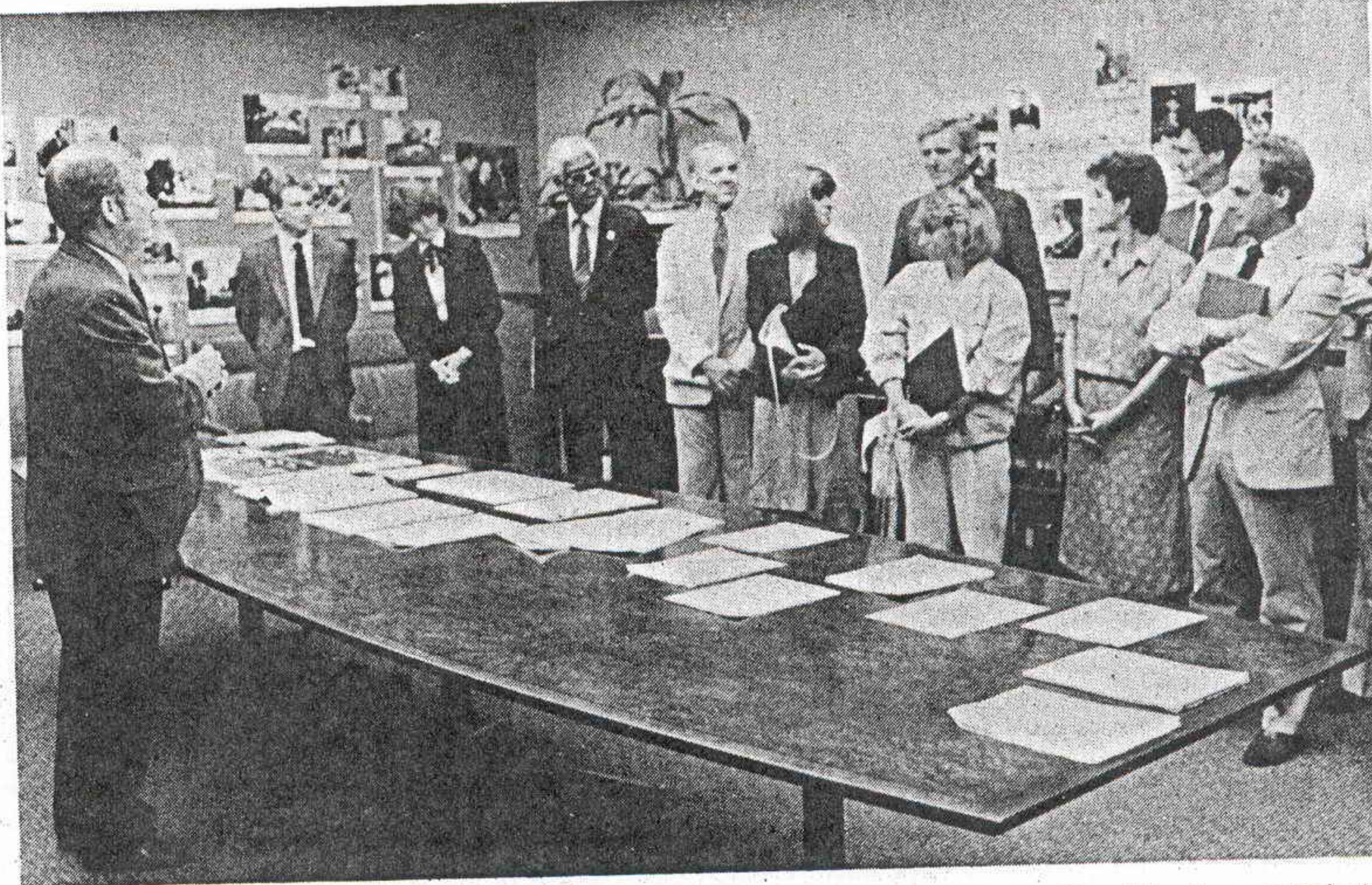
The Canadian *Plain Truth* was printed in Canada beginning with the March, 1983, issue by Lawson Graphics in Winnipeg, Man. The switch to Southam Murray began with the October, 1984, issue. The press run began 20 years to the day after the raising up of the Toronto church Aug. 22, 1964.

The move to Southam Murray means financial savings for the Vancouver Office as well as additional advertising and marketing potential for *The Plain Truth*. The Southam chain of newspapers is virtually a household word in Canada, and the printing connections should gain more prestige for *The Plain Truth* in Canada.

Mr. Burbach, operations manager for the Toronto plant, helped make arrangements for the transfer to Southam Murray.

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NEW YORK, N.Y. — Twelve high-volume outlets for the *Plain*



EDITORIAL SERVICES TOUR — Dexter Faulkner (left), managing editor of the Church's publications, speaks to account executives from affiliated agencies of Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn (BBDO) during a tour of Editorial Services Sept. 20. Stan Bass, regional director of the Church in the Caribbean, is fourth from left. (See "Update," this page.) [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

*Truth* newsstand edition opened in early September here, according to Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services.

Robert E. Fahey, pastor of the Manhattan, White Plains and Long Island, N.Y., churches, said the additional newsstands "help give *The Plain Truth* very good exposure here in New York."

One outlet was placed in the heart of New York's financial district, and new outlets were placed on both sides of the Staten Island ferry. "Besides being a key commuter location, the Staten Island ferry is a popular tourist attraction," Mr. Fahey said.

"New Yorkers in general do a lot of commuting," Mr. Fahey said. "Rarely do they drive into work in cars."

"We have *PT* display islands at Pennsylvania Station, where over 600,000 people commute each day," he continued. "There are also outlets in Grand Central Station, where thousands of people from prosperous and prestigious areas commute to."

"Since commuters spend a lot of time reading, they have an excellent opportunity to regularly read *The Plain Truth*," he said.

*Plain Truth* newsstand distribution in New York averages more than 120,000 copies each month.

Distribution is also expanding through the *Plain Truth* waiting-room program, where members call doctors, dentists, lawyers and other professionals to offer *PT* subscriptions for their waiting rooms. "We have a 77 percent response so far,"

Mr. Fahey said.

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PASADENA — Telephone response for *The World Tomorrow* topped previous records for a summer holiday weekend Sept. 2, when 9,454 calls were received from the program entitled *On the Brink of Financial Disaster*, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC). Sept. 2 was part of the annual Labor Day weekend observed in the United States.

"This broadcast brought to a close the most successful summer yet," Mr. Rice said.

The Church's telephone response areas in Pasadena and Big Sandy received more than 10,000 calls on three weekends during the summer.

"The average for the period from Memorial Day [May 28] to Labor Day [Sept. 3] was 7,607 calls per weekend, as compared to 5,387 [per weekend] in 1983 and 6,435 in 1982," Mr. Rice said.

## INTERNATIONAL DESK

BY ROD MATTHEWS



PASADENA — The southern African Regional Office will move from Johannesburg to Cape Town, South Africa, the last week in September, according to Roy McCarthy, regional director of the Church in southern Africa.

A number of factors contributed to the decision to move, he said, including congestion and high costs in Johannesburg.

For the first time, subscribers to *The Plain Truth* in southern Africa numbered more than 200,000 at the end of August, a 5.3 percent increase over July, and 74.1 percent over the same month last year. So far this year, 106,287 new readers were added to the list, more than double the number added in the same period last year.

The ongoing renewal system maintains a list of active readers. The circulation of the other publications is also up, with *The Good News* at 9,310 (up 22 percent) and *Youth 84* at 1,444 (up 9.5 percent). A letter offering *The Good News* to *Plain Truth* subscribers who have renewed their subscriptions twice, will boost the *Good News* list.

A Johannesburg East church will be started later this year with an attendance of 230, leaving the Johannesburg Central church with 330.

Ronald Stoddard will pastor the new church. Andre van Belkum, who served in the Johannesburg area for 15 years, will transfer near the end of the year to pastor the Cape Town church, and Daniel Botha will pastor the Johannesburg Central church. Taking his place in

the Pretoria, South Africa, church will be John Bartholemew, who has pastored the Durban, South Africa, church for the past nine years. John White, pastor of the Cape Town church, will pastor the Durban church.

Robert Klynsmith, pastor of the Harare, Zimbabwe, church, was denied further permission to live in Zimbabwe and had to leave the country. No reasons were given. He was, however, granted a temporary visitor's visa and visited the church there for nine days at the end of August. Until the situation is resolved the church will be served from South Africa as long as visas are obtainable. Your prayers for a solution to the problem would be appreciated.

A proposal by the Church to invest money to improve the site of the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in South Africa is being considered by the Natal Parks Board. Facilities at Wagendrift Dam would be enlarged and updated in the plan, and would enable an increased number of campers to attend, and enjoy better dining facilities.

### Asian tour

Colin Kelly, coordinator of the Asian churches under Robert Morton, regional director for Australia and Asia, toured several Asian countries in late August and met with scattered members, and others who requested a visit.

In Indonesia, he was accompanied by Yong Chin Gee, pastor of the Malaysian churches. In the course of visiting Surabaya, Jakarta,

Medan and Kalimantan, they visited eight *Plain Truth* readers who requested visits, two prospective members and the four members.

Mr. Kelly finalized arrangements for the Feast of Tabernacles in Port Dickson, Malaysia, visited members in Thailand, and then traveled to Hong Kong. In Hong Kong, he visited five *Plain Truth* readers and three prospective members. He baptized one of them, an accountant, bringing to four the number of members there. Mr. Kelly conducted a Bible study there for the members and prospective members before returning to Australia.

### France

Excellent prospective member activity in France is noted in the August report from the French Department here. Bernard Audoin, pastor of the church in Bordeaux and Narbonne mentioned many good visits but that many of the people are scattered too far to regularly reach services.

Since the beginning of July, six new people began attending the Strasbourg church, pastored by Olivier Carion.

Activity is also strong in the Paris church, pastored by Sam Kneller, and in the Brussels, Belgium, church, pastored by Jean Carion.

Dibar Apartian, regional director, wrote that this trend is exemplified by the 18.8 percent increase in tithe and offering income in France for the year-to-date until the end of July. This is encouraging since the French franc continues its drastic drop against the dollar and is now at more than nine francs to the U.S. dollar.

Incoming mail for the French file was up 40 percent in July over the same month a year ago, indicating a strong response for booklets advertised in *La Pure Verite*, the French edition of *The Plain Truth*. Outgoing mail was up 250 percent.

## WN Publication Dates

This is the final *Worldwide News* before the 1984 Feast of Tabernacles. *The Worldwide News* will resume its two-week publishing schedule with the Nov. 12 issue.

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