

HWA visits Nepal, Bangladesh; meets royalty, national officials

By Aaron K. Dean
KATHMANDU, Nepal — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong arrived at the Tribhuvan Airport in Nepal's capital city Nov. 13 from Hong Kong.

Aaron K. Dean, a pastor-rank minister, is Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's personal aide.

Nepal, a mountainous country the size of North Carolina, bordering India on the south and Tibet on the north, was the next stop on Mr. Armstrong's five-week tour of the Orient and Asia. (See "Christ's Apostle in the Orient," *WN*, Nov. 26.)

Landing in the Church's G-III jet at 3:30 p.m., Mr. Armstrong was met by Bishwa Pradhan, foreign secretary of Nepal; Major General Aditya Rana, chief of protocol and aide-de-camp to Nepal's King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev and Queen Aishwarya Rajya Laxmi Shah Devi; and other government and civic officials. Sen. Eisako Sato of the upper house of the Japanese Diet accompanied Mr. Armstrong on this leg of the trip.

That evening Mr. Armstrong and his entourage were guests at the home of Gen. Rana. Nepalese cuisine was served, but with less hot spices to accommodate the group's Western palates.

At 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, Mr. Armstrong met with Mr. Pradhan, who gave him a copy of his book *Nepal: a Peace Zone*.

The foreign minister said he would like to send his son to Ambassador College in Pasadena next year.

After lunch Mr. Armstrong was driven to the exhibition grounds where Gen. Rana arranged a display of the activities of the Nepal Social Services National Coordinating Committee (SSNCC).

Barriers to growth

A relief map of Nepal was laid out in a building on the grounds to show the vast topographical differences of a country with low valleys and the crests of the Himalaya Mountains.

Barriers to Nepal's development, the general explained, include the lack of transportation facilities. It is difficult to build roads through mountains towering tens of thousands of feet in the air.

Eighty-one languages are spoken in Nepal, with Nepali being the most common. Illiteracy is high, and there is a strong need for health and sanitation education, the group learned.

Twenty-four percent of Nepal's 16 million inhabitants are less than 5 years old, and 40 percent are less than 14. There are 2,500 births in Nepal each day.

The king and queen of Nepal take an interest in their people similar to the interest displayed by the king and queen of Thailand.

Each year, King Birendra sets up a tent city in one of the provinces of Nepal. For two to three months he travels to various parts of the province by helicopter, car or on foot to see the people. He is able to cover Nepal every five years.

The group was told about a tree planted in the hills that produces

fruit edible by man and beast and provides protection against erosion. The branches can be used for basketweaving and the trunk for firewood.

Gen. Rana explained how one Nepalese woman dramatically improved her standard of living by developing an orchard of 7,500 of these trees. The general hoped to hire people who could teach other Nepalese to achieve as this one woman did.

Many Nepalese families give birth to additional children so they can cultivate more land. Since this adds to Nepal's population problem, the government is setting up birth control clinics. The government provides classes in animal husbandry and farming to lessen the need for additional labor.

Nepal operates 16 technical schools that teach general mechanics, agriculture, tailoring (for girls), pipe fitting and auto repair.

After the discussion ended the group returned to the Oberie Hotel.

At 4:45 p.m. Mr. Armstrong was visited in his hotel suite by Arisa Tulku, a Tibetan and professor of ancient history at Magadha University in India, his wife and son.

Dr. Tulku helped arrange a trip to Bhutan by evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, editor of *The Plain Truth*; John Halford, a senior writer for *The Plain Truth*; and Leon Sexton, a representative of the Ambassador Foundation (see "Update," *WN*, Nov. 26).

Mr. Armstrong was invited to make the trip, but declined because of the high altitude (9,000 feet) of Bhutan's capital.

Dr. Tulku described Bhutan as a living museum, since it is in national infancy so far as employing modern science and technology. Bhutan established its first school in 1967 and is cautiously merging into the 20th century.

Since English is being established as the primary language there, Bhutan officials have expressed an interest in having Ambassador College students serve as instructors.

Before leaving, Dr. Tulku presented Mr. Armstrong with a wood and ivory plaque portraying King Shah Jahan and Queen Mumtaz Mahal, who ruled India in the 1600s. The king built the Taj Mahal as a mausoleum in memory of the queen, who died in childbirth in A.D. 1631.

Thursday, Nov. 15, was a busy day for the pastor general. At 2 p.m. Mr. Armstrong went to meet with Lokendra Bahadur Chand, prime minister of Nepal.

Because the distance was too far for Mr. Armstrong, he elected to wait in a nearby room and let Mr. Dean keep the appointment with the prime minister.

When he learned of the situation, the prime minister walked from his office to see Mr. Armstrong where he had stopped. During the meeting the two discussed problems facing Nepal and other nations.

A royal meeting

At 4 p.m. the group drove up to the royal palace for a meeting with King Birendra and Queen Aishwarya. Mr. Armstrong met the king in

1971 when he was crown prince, and in 1973 after he had become king.

The pastor general last met with the king and queen at a Los Angeles (Calif.) World Affairs Council meeting Dec. 15, 1983 (See "Update," *WN*, Jan. 2).

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Dean were escorted into a private room where formalities were exchanged, and the pastor general presented a diplomatic gift of Steuben crystal called Pyramidon.

The crystal is a multifaceted piece rising up off a free-spinning platform. Although not planned this way, the group noticed that the crystal strongly resembles the top of Mt. Everest, Nepal's famous landmark.

After some discussion, the Japanese ambassador to Nepal and Sen. Sato were invited into the private meeting.

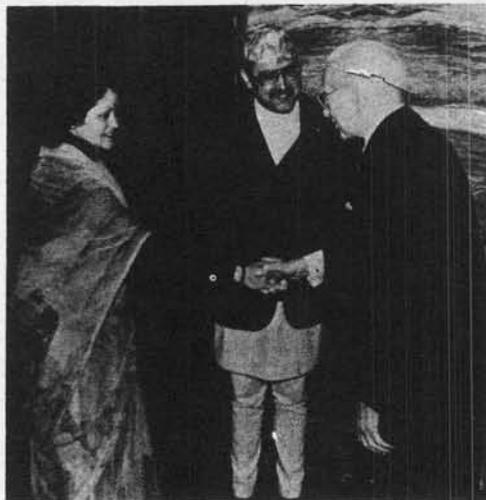
Mr. Armstrong was asked to explain the activities of the Ambassador Foundation. He discussed the projects of the foundation worldwide and showed that while God's intervention alone can solve the world's problems, the foundation is committed to easing world problems and tensions where possible.

The king and queen served tea and cakes. They expressed appreciation for whatever Mr. Armstrong felt he could do to assist the development of their country. They were also surprised that Mr. Armstrong would devote himself to so much travel at the august age of 92. After the hourlong meeting the group returned to the hotel.

Banquet honor

That evening the foreign minister was host to a banquet in Mr. Armstrong's honor at the Oberie Hotel.

One hundred leading government ministers and educators were



VISIT WITH ROYALTY — Nepal's King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev and Queen Aishwarya Rajya Laxmi Shah Devi greet Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong at the royal palace in Kathmandu, Nepal, Nov. 15. Mr. Armstrong first met the king in 1971 when he was crown prince. (Photo by Larry Omasta)

introduced to Mr. Armstrong as they arrived at the hall.

After a buffet dinner, Mr. Armstrong addressed the group. The Church television crew videotaped the meeting, and Mr. Armstrong plans to include segments of his address in a *World Tomorrow* program.

In his 30-minute talk the pastor general explained the cause of all human troubles and their subsequent solution. Mr. Armstrong told the group he did not expect them to believe or follow him, but that his job is to declare to them that the God who created all humanity is going to intervene and set up His Kingdom on this earth.

Continuing his explanation of the true Gospel, Mr. Armstrong added that before God intervenes, human

conditions will worsen, but God's power and authority will finally bring peace.

After the banquet ended, one of the guests commented: "That wasn't just Mr. Armstrong talking — he is not that strong. That was a message from God."

Friday, Nov. 16, Mr. Armstrong met with Mr. Pradhan and Fatch Singh Thoru, minister of education and culture, for a luncheon meeting.

During the meeting the government ministers presented a project proposal. As chairman of the Ambassador Foundation, Mr. Armstrong agreed to consider assisting the Nepal government.

After lunch the group drove to the airport for the flight to Bangladesh.

Since the flight plan took the G-III over the Himalayas, a few flight adjustments were made and the plane flew within 5 miles (8 kilometers) of the highest point on earth: Mt. Everest. It was a remarkable sight.

Return to Bangladesh

The G-III touched down in Dacca, Bangladesh, at 3:30 p.m., where Mr. Armstrong was officially received by Ambassador Kazi Anwarul Masud, director general of the agency that coordinates aid and trade from Europe and the Americas. Also from the same office were Syed Shah Mohammad Ali and Shah Alam. Mr. Alam accompanied the group throughout Mr. Armstrong's visit in Bangladesh.

From the airport's VIP lounge the group was driven to the Sonargaon Hotel, where a booklet outlining the trip itinerary was presented.

Since 83 percent of Bangladesh's inhabitants are Moslems (although the state is not officially a Moslem nation) and Friday is the Moslem holy day, no further activities were scheduled.

Sabbath, Nov. 17, Abdul Majeed Khan, the Bangladesh minister of education, visited Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong recalled his 1972 visit to Bangladesh after the nation gained independence, and said he was glad to see improvement in the welfare of Bangladesh's people.

The minister explained that Ban-

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Income increase rises, says Church treasurer

By Leroy Neff

PASADENA — November was the best month for income, from a percentage point of view, that the Church has had for a long time.

Evangelist Leroy Neff is treasurer of the Worldwide Church of God.

The increase over last November was 26.3 percent, while the increase in regular contributions for the month was only 14 percent. This encouraging increase is primarily a result of excess personal Festival tithes turned in after or at the end of the Feast of Tabernacles. Most contributors of such funds probably do not realize how they could affect a month's income so much.

A month ago, at the end of October, the year-to-date income was 15 percent more than 1983. Adding November, the increase for 1984 is 15.9 percent. It is hoped that this slight upward trend will continue, or even increase by the end of the year.

The budget team met with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong

about the 1985 budget, and is now in the process of preparing the budget based on his guidelines.

The budget process always seems to be difficult for everyone concerned. All departments have needs that they try to fit within the allotted sum. How to fit within this amount usually requires a lot of juggling of numbers until everything fits best, and within the assigned limitations.

The budget team is wrestling with this problem now; the departments will be doing this during the next few days. We hope that the process will be accelerated this year over previous years by new departmental access to the budget area in the mainframe computer.

From comments made to me, I know that many of you are praying daily for improved financial conditions and also for those of us who work with the financial affairs of the Church. For this we want to express our appreciation and thanks. The prayers of God's servants bring real results when they are heartfelt and earnest. I hope that you will continue in your concern and in such requests to God.

Politics of famine in 30 African countries

PASADENA — In the past several weeks, famine in East Africa burst into the headlines.

Televized news accounts of the suffering of hundreds of thousands of starving Ethiopian peasants launched an unprecedented international famine relief.

While the plight of Ethiopia receives the most attention, 30 other countries in Africa are affected by drought and famine to one degree or another.

The grim fact is, there are two broad famine belts, one running just below the Sahara, spanning the continent from east to west, together with another band stretching along the east coast, from the Horn of Africa down almost to the tip of the continent. Together, the two regions are suffering the worst famine in African history.

An immediate cause of the multiple famines is, naturally, drought. But other more fundamental factors lie at the root of the crisis. First of all, there is widespread abuse of the land, specifically deforestation, overgrazing and improper cultivation techniques.

In Ethiopia, deforestation has ruined much of the country. Less

than a century ago about half of Ethiopia had forest cover. Now, only 3 percent of the surface is covered by forests.

Result of wrong policies

Governmental misdirection plays an equally significant role in Africa's mounting food crisis. Throughout the continent, since political independence, agriculture has been sorely neglected, often in favor of ill-chosen industrial development.

In addition, leaders coveting the political allegiance of the urban masses have found it expedient to clamp price controls on the rural food growers, discouraging production.

As a consequence, farmers have abandoned the fertile countryside and joined the swollen ranks of urban dwellers. Most African nations, once self-sufficient in food production, have become net food importers.

Grain from abroad feeds about one fourth of Africa's 513 million people — placing additional strains on agriculture in the developed world as well.

Wars and civil unrest further disrupt the planting and harvesting of

crops. Nations suffering most from the famine — Ethiopia, Mozambique, Chad and Angola — have been embroiled in civil war for years.

It is no coincidence that in the march of end-time prophetic events famines and pestilences follow, in time sequence, after "nation will rise against nation, and kingdom

Mengistu Haile Mariam and several rebel armies who are in pitched battle against his communist rule. Many of the starving people are caught in the contested areas, especially in the north where at least three armed groups are fighting the government.

For a long time the Marxist central government was reluctant to



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

against kingdom" (Matthew 24:7, Revised Authorized Version).

Politics first

Ethiopia is probably the worst case of the link between famine and civil unrest — a dramatic example of politics first.

The famine in the ancient East African nation is greatly intensified because of the various wars between the central government of Lt. Col.

even admit the growing crisis, which was threatening the lives of up to one fifth of Ethiopia's 35 million people.

All during September Col. Mengistu and his staff were busy preparing, not for famine relief, but for the 10th-anniversary celebration of



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

No pain, no gain

Driving to work this morning I saw a bumper sticker on a car that read, "Leave me alone, I'm having a crisis." I laughed, and smiled at the driver as I passed him.

Life is full of crises, some big and some small. Sometimes it seems we're boxed in by problems.

If you've ever seen Marcel Marceau do his act, it's easy to believe he really is in an invisible box.

The great mime, master of body movement, runs his hands along each wall of the unseen structure until you have a mental image of its exact size and shape. The audience waits with anticipation for him to find the hidden exit that everyone knows he will eventually find.

Have you ever felt like you were in Marcel Marceau's invisible box, with one important difference — yours didn't have a door? Sometimes our problems can so box us in, there seems to be no escape.

There are many who, at this moment, are on the verge of giving up. They can't understand what is happening to them, to their marriages, to their jobs, to their families. Something is missing, and try as they will, they simply cannot find the key to make things work out right.

How many hours have been spent trying to figure out where things went wrong? The magic is gone. The romance is gone. The communication is gone. In their places are arguments, questions, suspicions, innuendos, cutting remarks.

A brokenhearted member wrote: "Sir, I just can't believe it's happening to me. I was so secure, feeling sorry for all those others who seemed to be having so many problems. Never did I imagine our marriage could crumble. I was too intelligent, too much into giving and sharing. Now I'm a victim of this curse of divorce. It's a shattering experience."

I'm convinced Satan is determined to break up marriages in God's Church. It's a well-planned attack on even the best of marriages. If Satan can get the strongest, most admired marriages broken up, the weaker ones will be tempted to quit struggling and give up. Don't let Satan get a foot in

the door. Work harder than ever to strive for and keep a good marriage.

The other secret struggles in our personal Christian lives are just as critical. The inner battles of many in God's Church today are staggering in intensity and proportion. Hundreds are involved in situations too hard to comprehend.

Like King David, the psalmist, who cried out: "Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness . . . For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead. Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate" (Psalm 143:1, 3-4).

We all have seasons of despair, accompanied by feelings of failure. At times we have all thought of quitting.

Why do we feel like giving up at times? Mostly because we act as if God has turned His back on us. We don't doubt His existence or His reality, but our prayers seem to go unanswered. We cry out for His help, in such desperation, and He seems not to hear.

We struggle along, making one mistake after another. We make promises to do better; we study into His Word, we cry and pray, and help others and do good. But we are so often left with an empty, unfulfilled sensation.

The promises of God haunt us. We claim those promises in what we believe is honest, childlike faith, but time after time we fail to receive what we ask for. In time of temptation, down we go!

Doubt creeps in and Satan whispers, "Nothing works, does it? Faith in God doesn't produce any results. In spite of your tears, prayers and trust in God's Word, nothing really changes. Days, weeks and even years go by and your prayers, hopes and dreams are still unanswered and unfulfilled. Quit! Give up!"

Every member of God's Church reaches that crisis point at one time or another. And in that moment, when the walls seem to be coming apart and

sin demands the upper hand, a voice deep within cries out: "Walk away from it all. Pack it in, mate! Escape! Why put up with it? Run away! You don't have to take it. Do something drastic." Didn't Satan say that when he tempted Christ in Luke 4?

David, overwhelmed by the evil in his heart, cried out: "Awake! Why do you sleep, O Lord? Arise! Do not cast us off forever. Why do you hide your face, and forget our affliction and our oppression?" (Psalm 44:23-24, Revised Authorized Version).

Does it amaze you that great men of God faced the same battles you and I face today? The Biblesays: "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy" (1 Peter 4:12-13, RAV).

This is not to say that we experience spontaneous pleasure while we are suffering. "Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it" (Hebrews 12:11, RAV). We can rejoice in our trials.

But how, we ask, with all our woes?

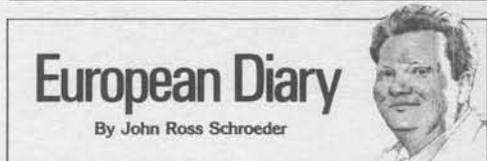
We know that God realizes what is happening to us, that He is not trying to be mean or cruel and that He has a plan behind the experience, a plan for our well-being. We can and should deliberately thank Him, not for the suffering itself, but for His faithful control of it and His blessed purpose in allowing it. Remember, God is merciful.

And what is the purpose behind the suffering? Suffering produces endurance. Enduring faith is necessary for us (see Matthew 10:22). And endurance produces character. Individual character is forged on an anvil of pain. It is not mass produced.

Purest gold is produced by heat, heated carefully and repeatedly applied. After exhorting us to rejoice in trials because they produce steadfastness, James writes, "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:4).

He is talking about character building, hinting that there is no shortcut to it. Steadfast faith is itself a road to a goal — the goal of a mature, stable, rounded character. We lack such perfect character. To build it within us is God's goal. His project will continue throughout our lives, and occasionally will invoke some pain.

Rejoice — God has molded just that much more golden character in your life.



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

Europe and the Gospel

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Jesus Christ commissioned His apostles to preach the Gospel on a global basis as a warning and a witness. And inevitably a few would repent, become disciples and be added to the worldwide Church (Matthew 28:19).

The Gospel message to every nation is the same. True brethren respond in much the same manner. Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life" (John 10:27-28, Revised Standard Version).

And yet there are cultural differences in continents and nations. Some peoples are more spiritually

perceptive than others. Some are more willing to give the Gospel a proper hearing.

Notice what Luke wrote about the Berean brethren. "Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with all eagerness, examining the scriptures daily to see if these things were so" (Acts 17:11, RSV).

Certain groups may be more receptive to God's message than others. Europe, as a whole, has not responded to the Gospel as the Church would like.

There are a number of reasons for this. History is an important factor. Europe has enjoyed 1,000 years of modern history. For instance, modern British history is generally reckoned from A.D. 1066 — the date of the Norman conquest. By comparison, the United States and Commonwealth nations are young.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Feast films

Thank you so very much for such an uplifting Feast. Before the Feast, our son was indifferent about keeping God's Holy Days. Now, after the YOU film [Behind the Work — the Hearts of the Children], his attitude is just so different. You have made God's Kingdom come alive for him. He has always been blessed with a good understanding, but now he says he really understands.

Name withheld

The film about the Summer Educational Program shown at the Feast of Tabernacles was an eye-opener. I've been a member of the Church for ten years and have never really understood what the camps were about. I had envisioned them much as the world's summer camps, just with Bible study, etc. After all, what could a few weeks in a child's life really contribute towards his/her improvement?

Well, I found out, without a doubt, it is planting a seed in those children which will mature to lead them into God's Kingdom eventually.

I thank God for giving you [Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong] the wisdom to see the need of such a program.

Peggy E. White
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11-year old reviews

I've seen your films at the Feast. I thought they were great. I can understand (See LETTERS, page 4)

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Bangladesh operates six universities, 2,500 high schools and 42,000 primary schools among 68,000 villages. These schools serve a population of 100 million.

The literacy rate, he said, is estimated at 20 percent, but actually rests around the 2 percent level.

Bangladesh also has a population problem, and the government is encouraging family planning.

The education minister said that Bangladesh wants to build more school buildings of simple construction using corrugated tin walls.

He said that one building constructed 110 feet by 20 feet could be divided into four or five classrooms to serve 250 to 300 students and would also serve as a community center.

Practical knowledge

Students must learn to read, write and do math with an agricultural emphasis. He said that if children tell their parents that they are learning about geography, poetry or other nonagricultural subjects, the parents will pull the children out of school, since the knowledge has no practical value toward improving family agriculture.

For the parents to encourage

school attendance, children must learn animal husbandry, how to read weather reports and other subjects useful in developing the family farm.

Mr. Armstrong talked about Imperial Schools and Ambassador College, and the need to properly train our children.

Continuing the discussion, the pastor general talked of world peace and the problems of mankind.

At the end of the discussion, the education minister said, "Even if you do not contribute any money to Bangladesh, your ideas on world peace and your concern for us are worth a billion dollars."

Before leaving, the education minister asked if Mr. Armstrong would like to see one of the rural schools. The pastor general said yes, and a visit was arranged for Sunday afternoon, Nov. 18.

The group returned to the hotel where Mr. Armstrong conducted a Bible study for six members of his traveling group. It was an inspiring experience to go through the book of Ephesians with Christ's apostle.

The pastor general pointed out many items that the Church may have overlooked in the past. Ephesians is full of verses showing the importance of our relationship with and our reliance on God, and where this world ignores God.

Sunday, Nov. 18, Mr. Armstrong

and the group called on Ataur Rahman Khan, prime minister of Bangladesh, in his office at the main government building.

The prime minister, 80, told Mr. Armstrong that he was impressed with the work the pastor general is doing throughout the world.

He began a discussion of problems faced by Bangladesh, and Mr. Armstrong explained the primary cause of those troubles, quoting text from both the Bible and the Koran, the Moslem holy book.

The hourlong meeting ended with the prime minister asking Mr. Armstrong the secret as to how he remains so active at 92.

Mr. Armstrong replied that in addition to observing dietary and health laws, one must keep his mind active.

After lunch at the hotel the group was joined by Mrs. Akhtari Begum, director of primary education in Bangladesh, for the scheduled visit to a rural school.

Flat tire

After an hour's drive to the village of Savar, the group arrived at the Pan Para Government School by 3:15 p.m. The road the group traveled on was definitely not designed for modern transportation, as the group traversed crude highways, brick roads, dirt roads and trails with water on each side.

The government Mercedes that Mr. Armstrong was riding in blew a tire before we arrived (see Mr. Armstrong's Nov. 19 member and co-worker letter). The tire was quickly changed by the government police escort that accompanied the pastor general.

The school was pathetic by Western standards. Children met in a wood-framed building with ragged patches of thatched grass serving as window panes.

The walls and roof were made of corrugated tin, and the floor inside was reddish clay dirt. The group was told that this earth must be swept up during the rainy season.

About 370 students aged 6 to 13 attend the school, which employs four teachers. The school serves about 3,000 people of a nearby village.

One class was reading from used books while another studied third-grade mathematics in another room. About 150 students sat outside on the grass.

The group learned that the school operates in shifts. Mr. Armstrong commented that even though the school was a humble start, it was a start. He was moved by the need for even this humble a school building.

Before leaving, the group learned that of Bangladesh's 100 million population about 10 percent are eligible to attend school.

On the drive back to the hotel, as Mr. Armstrong wrote to brethren in his co-worker letter, a tree root in the road caught the muffler on the Mercedes in which he was riding and ripped off the exhaust. The police escort threw the exhaust pipe in the back of a truck, and the group continued on.

Ambassador turned foreign minister

Monday, Nov. 19, Mr. Armstrong and the group were driven to the office of Foreign Minister Humayun Rasheed Choudhury for a noon appointment.

The foreign minister, sponsor of Mr. Armstrong's visit, has served as the Bangladesh ambassador to the United States. Mr. Armstrong met him in Washington, D.C. (see "Pastor General Visits the White House," *W/N*, June 4), and enjoyed a good discussion with him.

It was unfortunate that the foreign minister was detained in northern Bangladesh and could not make the appointment. In his place the pastor general met with the foreign minister's assistant, Janab Faraq Choudhury.

He cordially welcomed Mr. Armstrong on behalf of the foreign minister and talked of the needs of Bangladesh. Although he was well



NEPAL'S KING — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong meets with King Birendra Nov. 15 in the royal palace in Kathmandu, Nepal. Mr. Armstrong gave the king a diplomatic gift of Steuben crystal called Pyramidon. (Photo by Larry Omasta)

aware of the educational needs of Bangladesh, he said that he hoped the Ambassador Foundation would be able to make a cultural contribution. The physical problems, he feared, could possibly cause the loss of a rich native cultural heritage.

To display an example of this cultural heritage, he arranged a show after the next night's dinner.

After the group returned to the hotel we noticed that the newspaper carried a 4 by 6 inch photograph of Mr. Armstrong with the Bangladesh prime minister and an article describing the visit.

The article mentioned, "The prime minister thanked Mr. Armstrong for his dedication to the promotion of world peace and harmony as well as for greater understanding and cooperation among the various nations of the world."

Death of a brother

That afternoon Mr. Armstrong worked on his Nov. 19 co-worker letter. After he finished the first draft, telexes and phone calls came to inform the pastor general that his younger brother, Dwight, died of cancer in Washington.

After typing the news at the end of his letter, Mr. Armstrong reminisced at length about the service the younger Mr. Armstrong provided to the Church by composing the majority of hymns in the Church's hymnal. He also talked about the younger Mr. Armstrong's life in general, commenting on his musical abilities.

That evening at 8 p.m. the group arrived at the state guest house Meghna for a dinner conducted by the Bangladesh foreign ministry. The group was taken to a reception room where the pastor general was introduced to the dozen government representatives and their wives.

After a 30-minute discussion the group was taken to the dining room, where we were served soup, vegetables, chicken and dessert.

Secretary Choudhury proposed a toast to Mr. Armstrong, saying that he had chosen a perfect goal, "to work for the good of fellow humans."

Mr. Armstrong returned the toast and spoke for about 20 minutes on the causes of humanity's problems. He expressed his joy for the material accomplishments made toward improving the people's welfare since his 1972 visit, but noted also the great work that remained.

How peace will come

He talked about the Creator and how He allowed man to choose for himself his method of obtaining knowledge. Since the choice was made, Mr. Armstrong explained, God has allowed man roughly 6,000 years to prove he is incapable of achieving lasting peace without God's help.

The pastor general showed how the Kingdom of God is similar to a

mustard seed in how it will grow over the entire earth. Only then will there be peace.

"I am here to give the facts," Mr. Armstrong declared. "I don't respect a religion. It will happen. It is the truth."

The group walked from the dining room to another guest house called Padma. Here the Bangladesh government presented a cultural show featuring native singing and dancing. The Indian-style dancing was excellently performed and included the dance of the snake charmer, the jute dance and folk songs performed by the Bangladesh Performance Academy.

Unusual instruments were used by the band, including instruments made from native woods. One instrument was carved from a dried and lacquered pumpkin shell.

Tuesday, Nov. 20, the group drove to the presidential office for a meeting with the president and chief martial law administrator, Gen. H.M. Ershad.

Mr. Armstrong presented the president with a diplomatic gift of Steuben crystal entitled Triangles.

During the meeting Mr. Armstrong talked of the need for further education and development of the country. The pastor general explained the activities of the Ambassador Foundation. He said that the foundation could not establish peace, but that it was committed to easing tension and promoting the general welfare of people.

President Ershad thanked Mr. Armstrong and expressed appreciation for the work he is doing and especially his interest in the welfare of Bangladesh.

From the president's office the group returned to the foreign minister's office. Mr. Choudhury had returned from northern Bangladesh, and he wanted to meet with the pastor general before Mr. Armstrong left the country.

He was delighted that Mr. Armstrong accepted his invitation to visit Bangladesh. The pastor general expressed his thanks for the arrangements made by the Bangladesh government and said that the Ambassador Foundation would do what it could to help.

From the foreign minister's office the group drove to the airport for the trip to Sri Lanka.

The group noted one final amusing moment while boarding the G-III. As we walked up the steps, the Mercedes that Mr. Armstrong used during his stay — the same one that lost its muffler and blew a tire — lost its engine only a few feet away from the G-III. As the pilots started the engines for takeoff, we watched government officials push the car out of the way. We supposed it served its purpose.

[Mr. Dean's account of Mr. Armstrong's trip will conclude in the Dec. 24 issue of *The Worldwide News*.]

Pastor General's Itinerary

Oct. 30: Leaves Burbank, Calif., airport. Stops for fuel in Cold Bay, Alaska.

Oct. 31: Arrives at Narita Airport outside of Tokyo, Japan.

Nov. 1: Addresses more than 1,700 upper managers of the Japan Life Co. Receives visit from Jordanian Ambassador Sa'ad Batainah. Has dinner with some of his Japanese "sons" and the Jordanian ambassador to Japan and his wife.

Nov. 2: Visits Prince Mikasa. Meets with Ambassador Arthur Basnayake of Sri Lanka to discuss Mr. Armstrong's scheduled visit to Sri Lanka.

Nov. 3: Conducts informal Bible study with his traveling party and members of the G-III crew. Visits the Israeli Embassy at the invitation of Ambassador Amnon Ben-Yohanan and his wife.

Nov. 4: Meets with Ambassador Badri P. Shreshtha from Nepal. Receives visit from Tufail K. Haider, charge d'affaires of the Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo.

Nov. 5: Leaves for Beijing, China. Met at Beijing airport by an official delegation representing the Soong Ching Ling (SCL) Foundation and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship With Foreign Countries. Attends dinner in the Great Hall of the People.

Nov. 6: Attends a dance performance by the Nationality Song and Dance Troupe. Tours the former residence of the late Madame Soong Ching Ling, now SCL foundation headquarters, and museum and memorial to her.

Nov. 7: Meets with Deng Xiaoping, the recognized leader of China, at the Great Hall of the People. Meets with Zhou Erfu, vice president of the Friendship Association. Is host to a banquet for the Chinese officials who were hosts to the group during their stay in Beijing.

Nov. 8: Leaves for Shanghai, China. Visits the Soong Ching Ling memorial tomb.

Nov. 9: Attends a luncheon given by Mayor Wang. Goes to Shanghai Children's Palace for a performance by the Little Ambassadors From Shanghai.

Nov. 10: Conducts Bible study for his group and the television

crew. Attends farewell banquet at the Jing Jiang Club.

Nov. 11: Attends performance by the Shanghai Acrobatic Troupe. Leaves for Hong Kong.

Nov. 12: Rest stop in Hong Kong.

Nov. 13: Arrives in Kathmandu, Nepal. Is a guest in the home of Gen. Aditya Rana, chief of protocol.

Nov. 14: Meets with Bishwa Pradhan, foreign secretary of Nepal. Visits a display of the activities of the Nepal Social Services National Coordinating Committee (SSNCC) arranged by Gen. Rana. Receives visit from Arta Tulku, a professor of ancient history at Magadha University in India, his wife and son.

Nov. 15: Meets with Lokendra Bahadur Chand, prime minister of Nepal. Meets with King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev and Queen Aishwarya Rajya Laxmi Devi Shah of Nepal. Attends a banquet conducted by Foreign Minister Pradhan, and addresses the group there.

Nov. 16: Meets with Mr. Pradhan and Fattah Singh Thoru, minister of education and culture. Leaves for Bangladesh. Is met in Dacca by Ambassador Kazi Anwarul Masud, director general of the agency that coordinates aid and trade from Europe and the Americas.

Nov. 17: Receives visit from Abdul Majeed Khan, the Bangladesh minister of education. Conducts a Bible study for members of his traveling group.

Nov. 18: Visits Ataur Rahman Khan, prime minister of Bangladesh. Visits Pan Para Government School with Akhtari Begum, director of primary education in Bangladesh.

Nov. 19: Meets with Janab Faraq Choudhury, assistant to Foreign Minister Humayun Rasheed Choudhury. Attends a dinner conducted by the Bangladesh Foreign Ministry. Returns a toast and speaks for about 20 minutes on the causes of humanity's problems.

Nov. 20: Meets with the president and chief martial law administrator, Gen. H.M. Ershad. Meets with Foreign Minister Humayun Rasheed Choudhury. Leaves for Sri Lanka.

Europe

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Governments create laws and regulations. A plethora of age-old legislation has conspired to hinder the Gospel in Europe. Many European nations do not allow the Gospel to be aired over radio and television. Often, the printed word is the only recourse.

Another factor is the devastation of two world wars. Much of continental Europe was leveled. Even England suffered greatly.

It is fortunate that the United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa escaped the enormity of this suffering. True, their soldiers died in battle. And there was great agony in individual families, but nothing like the total grief in Europe.

Almost every British hamlet has a memorial near the town square. Soldiers who perished in the two great

wars are listed by name. An epitaph is inscribed in stone to honor their memory. The cream of European manhood perished in the trenches. Sons of the leadership bore the brunt of the war. This is especially true of World War I.

People asked: "How could God allow such an enormous tragedy? Did not such suffering prove there is no personal God?" The clergy had no convincing answers. Many in Europe ceased to believe.

Most of the great antireligious movements emanated out of European culture. Darwin, Marx, Engels, Russell, Freud—the names are many. Mainstream Christianity was discredited by their writings.

And yes, this anti-Christian spirit filtered out to the United States and the British Commonwealth of Nations, but not to the same degree.

Many in these nations still have some regard for the Bible—and believe in its basic inspiration.

Not so in Europe. European reli-

gious education puts the Bible on a par with Shakespeare and other great classical writings. It is not generally regarded as a divinely inspired book.

Other historical factors contribute to disbelief in Europe. For example, there is a love-hate relationship between Britain and America. Occasionally, one hears negative comments about the rebellion of the Thirteen Colonies. The British are suspicious of American evangelical movements. To them, all American religions are bad. There are no exceptions. Many cannot judge between a true and false message. The true Gospel also suffers.

Despite the obstacles, God raised up a number of churches in Europe, and although they are small by American standards, they are a part of the spiritual Body of Christ.

Europe desperately needs the Gospel. The barriers are enormous. Only God can batter them down. Pray for the great commission in Europe.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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stand things better when you explain it. Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong, I think you look much younger in a baseball cap. I think you can play the piano very well. By the way, we went to Johnson City [Tenn.]. I am sorry about your eyesight. I wish it could get better . . .

Rebecca Rose
Combs, Ky.

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Feast feedback

I attended my first Feast of Tabernacles this year and found it an incredible experience. Perhaps my most vivid impression was formed on the first night, when 1,200 of God's people gathered under one roof and began to sing. It was just overwhelming. I had a wonderful time, meeting many people and getting to know those I already knew better.

The spiritual diet was the highlight for me, and I looked forward to it each day. The physical food was also very enjoyable. I think I would have just about visited as many restaurants during the Feast as I have during my whole life!

David Tester
Wellington, New Zealand

Greetings! We wish to express our thanks for a very fabulous Feast in Belgium. All went well! The messages were tremendous and gave us areas to work on for the rest of the year until next Feast and beyond.

The area is one of the most beautiful Feast sites we have attended in 16 years of attending the Feast. The food was absolutely delicious. We lived like kings. Thanks for your [evangelist Dibar Aparant, regional director of the Church in French-speaking areas] hard work and preparation and dedication to serving God's people . . .

Donald A. Roach
Altadena, Calif.

I just returned from a fantastic Feast in Hawaii, and must say I've never felt so spiritually full. Every single message, including the offerings, was so enlightening that I felt like I was a new babe in Christ, trying to gobble it all up.

Sharyne K. Wheeler
Duluth, Minn.

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Column response

I am writing in regards to the "Just One More Thing" — ["School and the Feast," Aug. 27]. I enjoyed it very much as I do all of *The Worldwide News!*

I am privileged to have two children. One is in intermediate school and one is in elementary school. In Texas a law was

cases also picking sides."

Relief official Dan Connell, referred to earlier, reports that 80 percent of the starving people live in areas not being reached by central government-sponsored relief operations. Private agencies who say they are reaching all the hungry, he says, are covering up the situation.

"The Ethiopian government will not admit publicly that they have lost

control of the rural areas to the rebels . . ." adds Mr. Connell. "Tigre [province] is being sacrificed and an entire society is being dissolved."

The rebels have offered a ceasefire to the government in order to allow in food supplies. But the government, editorialized the Nov. 25 *San Diego Union*, "has refused, preferring instead to use food as a weapon of war."

Usually about a week before Trumpets I write a nice note to the elementary schoolteacher in addition to the official paper. In it I mention my support for her and thank her for working with my child. This is the first year I've dealt with the intermediate school, and when I went up to the office, they were very courteous and said they wished everyone would bring the proper papers.

When I pray about it, I ask God to intervene for the sake of the children so that they will feel good about the situation—not feel odd, etc. After all, they have to go to school and a teacher or kids could make them miserable for an entire year. The kids have never had a problem in that area, in the school or in the neighborhood for that matter.

Marilyn Braley
Houston, Tex.

I'm writing about Mr. [Dexter] Faulkner's article ["Give Your Child Answers"] in the Sept. 24 issue of *The Worldwide News*.

The article is excellent. My son is 4 (almost 5) and asks questions, what seems like nonstop, from the time he gets up in the morning.

At times it is so much easier to ask him to quit asking or "I'll answer you after while." But this article has really helped and I'm sure it is going to be helpful in inspiring me to be more patient and diligent in answering his questions.

Thanks again for a wonderful article and to everyone who has a hand in preparing and putting out *The Worldwide News*.

Kathy L. Young
Harrison, Ark.

Pasadena visit

During my North American vacation in June/July I visited Ambassador College in Pasadena and was privileged to be given a very impressive tour. The campus and Church complex is as beautiful as I expected from photographs I have seen in the Church's publications, and I am very grateful that I have finally been able to fulfill an ambition I have always had to actually see Ambassador College. The staff and students I spoke to were very courteous, friendly and well-spoken, and this world is very fortunate to have such an institution.

C.P. Stupich
Papatoetoe, New Zealand

Final sites report 1984 Festival

Following are the final two reports for the 1984 Feast of Tabernacles.

BACOLOD, Philippines — Three hundred five brethren met in the Goldenfields minitheater here for the eight-day Festival.

The theme was the restoration of all things in the world tomorrow and preparing to be teachers in the Millennium.

In addition to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's filmed messages, speakers and topics included Colin Adair, regional director of the Church in Canada, on the restoration of all things and reeducation in the world tomorrow; Josecito Raduban on God's nation—God's Church and the role of Elijah; Pacifico Mirto on the shadow and reality of the Feast and vital things to be restored in the world tomorrow; Romeo Pusta on preparing to teach; Cesar Tan on overcoming familiarity; Bernardo Castillon on why temporary dwellings; and George Escara on how to have happy marriages.

Brethren appreciated Mr. Armstrong's films, the Young Ambassadors film and *Behind the Work*—the

Hearts of the Children. A typhoon battered the central Philippines before the Feast, and rains fell again the day after the Last Great Day.

A ministerial dinner was attended by Mr. Adair and his wife, Margaret. A family dance night was combined with a variety show featuring native songs and dances. Brethren were also treated to a beach outing, bowling and skating parties and two luncheons. Members pooled their second tithes for others to take part in the luncheons.

A children's party took place on the grounds of the Goldenfields complex. Several families treated widows and singles to dinners. *Pacifico Z. Mirto*.

MELGAR, Colombia — For the first time Church members from Colombia, Ecuador, Puerto Rico and Venezuela spent the eight-day Feast together. The 396 brethren stayed in the hotel or family units of a family vacation center here.

Feast speakers included Pablo Gonzalez and Eduardo Hernandez who spoke on unity, why brethren attend the Feast, prophecy, preparing for times ahead, healthy family relations, child rearing and special instructions for adolescents.

The members viewed Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's taped opening-night message and the Young Ambassadors film.

Sunny, semitropical weather with temperatures from 75 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit (24 to 26 degrees Celsius) accompanied brethren as they enjoyed the facilities of the tourist center, including pools, a children's park, a lake and a zoo. Activities included a ladies night, an informal dance, basketball, picnics and a party for children with a puppet show, gifts and refreshments. Musicians from Colombia, Puerto Rico and Venezuela played for a formal dance.

A talent show featured drama, comedy, colorful dances and music. The teenagers danced a lively *plena*, a Puerto Rican traditional dance, and Colombian brethren presented a fast-moving polka and the *loropo* dance, characteristic of the people of the valleys of Colombia and Venezuela.

Brethren especially enjoyed spending time with one another and experiencing the variety in culture. Visitors appreciated the hospitality of the Colombian brethren. *Pablo Gonzalez and Gladys Nieves*.

Politics

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under government supervision. The officials of the Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission are well aware of the value of three minutes of television footage showing starving children. As it happened, the response probably exceeded their expectations . . .

"Meanwhile, visa applications from a large number of journalists have not been acted upon in Addis Ababa . . . The print media . . . would be much more difficult for the Ethiopians to control than a single film crew. The inescapable conclusion is that the Ethiopians do not want anyone around who will look too closely at what is going on, including what is happening to the relief supplies sent from countries of the developed world."

Politics has hampered whatever role the United Nations General Assembly could play in Africa's grim plight.

According to diplomatic sources, reports the Nov. 12 *Daily Telegraph* of Britain, "the assembly has been unable to approve proper language for a draft declaration or resolution because the Communists insist that any document place the blame for the trouble on colonialism." An angry British delegate lambasted what he called "ideological flights of fantasy."

International food relief agencies are also trapped in the political game. Ethiopia's Marxist government, for example, has exerted pressure on aid organizations attempting to get aid to drought victims in the province of Eritrea.

A report by David Kline in the Nov. 11 *San Diego, Calif., Union* explained the politics of famine relief:

"A number of private relief agencies in the United States . . . have chosen not to provide any assistance at all to approximately half of all the starving people in Ethiopia. That half lives in Eritrea, a province now in rebellion against the pro-Soviet

central government of Ethiopia . . .

"When first contacted about their inactivity in Eritrea, agency spokespeople insisted this was due entirely to 'logistical problems' . . .

"Dan Connell of the Boston-based aid group Grassroots International, one of the few agencies active in Eritrea relief work, offers another explanation for the refusal to aid Eritrean famine victims: 'There's no doubt in my mind that the Eritreans are being abandoned for political expediency.' . . .

"When pressed, some agency spokespeople concede that their organizations have decided that the geopolitical high seas around Eritrea are simply too dangerous to be navigated safely. And despite Ethiopia's pro-Moscow tilt in recent years, many agencies still have a large investment in resources in Ethiopia, an investment which they are reluctant to jeopardize . . .

"There are also liberal agencies like the American Friends Service Committee and Oxfam who have so far refused to help the Eritreans for fear of joining in what they feel is Washington's cold war against the Soviet Union and its allies like Ethiopia . . .

"Humanitarianism, it seems, has had to learn to adapt to a highly political world. Indeed, nowadays the dollars and human resources of the international aid community trail after the storms of political conflict, picking up the human wreckage left behind, and in some

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JUST FOR YOUTH

A page for kids 5 to 105

Teen recalls YOU before death

Josanne Raduban, 19, from Manila, Philippines, wrote this article Sept. 19. She died 38 days later on Oct. 27 of cardiac arrest following a severe asthma attack.

I'm 19. In about a year's time I'll be out of the YOU. I've been a member for five full years and it all seemed too short . . .

Where have those five years gone? Or from a broader sense, where have my teen years gone? All I can remember are memories of my YOU days spent with comembers. But they were good years. Very good years . . .

I can still remember my first attendance to a meeting for teenagers. I was 13 years old then. If you came to look at me then you'd let out a hoot of laughter. You would see that shy little girl always endeavoring to occupy the last seat, the one farthest from the speaker.

But frankly, it brought tingles down my spine. I felt so confused. I didn't know who to talk to. And to make things worse, I couldn't figure out what the speaker was talking about. But how could I, when I wasn't even listening at all? I was busy looking at my watch, waiting for the moment when the meeting would be dismissed. Then I could go home and play with my kid sister.

Two years have passed and I'm 15 now. Activities which didn't receive much attention from me before are now very much looked forward to. We just had a YOU beach party yesterday. It was real fun having to socialize with fellow YOU members.

Next month we'll be having our regular meeting and then the week after that we'll have a hike on one of the hills in the region. Wouldn't that be fun? And to think that two years ago I avoided these activities.

Another two years have passed. I'm 17 now. Last year I attended SEP. That was my second chance to attend. I am now living at a point in my life which psychologists

refer to as the "most confusing and unstable" years.

This may be right in some aspects but not all. I can now see the real picture. Being subjected to different kinds of temptation, I know that I'm a privileged human being. I begin to see the difference between teens inside and outside the Church. We enjoy activities such as hiking, canoeing, archery and other clean, fun-filled sports whereas they prefer their kind which may include having sex, taking drugs, going to rock concerts, making fools of other people and the like.

My last two years as a YOU member brought great changes in my perspective and outlook in life. I attended my last SEP this year. I'm now more anxious to attend lectures, meetings and Bible studies than outdoor activities. I guess this is what they call maturing.

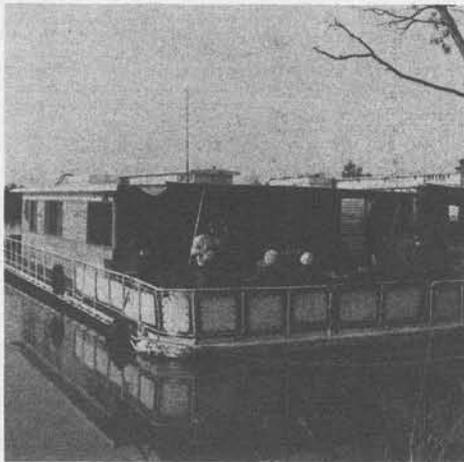
As I am now beginning to live

my last year as a member, I can just be thankful that I survived the obstacles in teen life. But I should not take all the credit. I, by myself, couldn't have made it.

Constant guidance from my parents and elders was very helpful. The articles in the *Youth* magazine, especially the articles by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, geared to teach young people the right way of life. And most of all the camaraderie among the YOU members.

And so one last word to all YOU members: Do not waste time by not going to activities, attending meetings and Bible studies, but listen to advice of older people — especially parents — and read every article in the *Youth* magazine. Make the most of your teen life. Be as active as possible and, just like me, you'll still be able to come out of it all and say that those were indeed very good years.

Josanne Raduban.



SENIOR CRUISE — Adelaide, Australia, YOU members cater a meal for an over-50s group on a houseboat Sept. 7. The group spent four days cruising the Murray River in three houseboats manned by YOU members who also acted as stewards. (Photo by Andrew Gosling)

A Christmas Tune

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly. Fa la la la la, la la la la." sang Jeff as he skipped home the four blocks from first grade. "Tis the season to be jolly. Fa la la la la, la la la la." He was still singing as he noisily entered his house.

"Hi, Jeff," his mother called from the kitchen.

"Hi, Mom," Jeff answered as he tossed his jacket on the back of a kitchen chair and hugged her. Then he got some milk from the refrigerator and poured a glassful.

As Mrs. Winfield placed an apple pie in the oven, she asked, "What were you singing when you came in?"

"Oh, that!" Jeff answered, smiling. "It's a new song we learned today at school. It's called 'Deck the Halls.' Do you know it?"

"Yes, I do," Mother answered thoughtfully. "And I don't think you know what kind of a song it really is. We'll talk about the words when Daddy gets home."

After dinner the family gathered in the living room. Dad said, "Jeff, do you know what the words to 'Deck the Halls' mean?" Jeff shook his head and his father continued. "Even though the song doesn't mention Christmas, it does talk about yuletide, and that refers to Christmas. So, does God approve of the song's message?"

"I'm sorry, Dad," Jeff replied. "I didn't know. I thought the song was OK. It has a nice tune, doesn't it?"

"Yes, it does," Dad agreed, "and that is one way we get tempted to take part in certain things — without meaning to do wrong. When something sounds or looks good to us, we think it's OK. But we sometimes learn we are doing something God says not to do. Remember, God says people are not to cut a tree from the forest and deck it with silver and gold. Also, God says we are not to learn the world's pagan ways or become part of them. That, you know, includes Christmas!"

"Dad," 8-year-old Rocky offered. "I know a proverb that helps me when I'm tempted to take part in wrong things such as pagan holidays."

"Which proverb is that, son?" Dad asked.

"Proverbs 1:10," Rocky answered. "You know. You taught it to me when I started in first grade. It says, 'My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.'"

Four-year-old Kathy tugged at Dad's arm. "Daddy? That verse said 'My son.' What about daughters? Isn't it meant for daughters, too?"

Mother hid a smile behind one hand as Dad answered, "It sure is for daughters, too — and even for parents! It's for everyone who really wants to obey God!"

Jeff walked over to Mr. Winfield's chair. "Dad, I'm glad you and Mom teach us to stay away from temptations. But I just thought of something that worries me." Jeff's mouth broke into a grin. "If I'm tempted to hug both of you, to thank you, is that kind of temptation OK?"

"It sure is, Jeff!" Dad said, giving him a bear hug and receiving a big one in return. "Remember Malachi 4:6? God wants you to be enticed often by that temptation!"

The Eclipse

By Denise M. Orr

"Hurry up and wash your hands Benjamin," Mama said.

"Oh please, Mama, I don't like hurrying. I want to play."

"Benjamin, when I tell you to do something, it's because I have a reason, not to be mean. It's time for lunch and we need to get finished quickly for a special surprise."

Benjamin felt excited since his mom and dad often had fun things in mind when they said things like that. He finished drying his hands.

During lunch, Benjamin asked what the surprise was.

Dad answered, "Well, it's something that happens only once every 20 years!"

Benjamin knew it couldn't be the Feast of the bicycle he wanted, but he couldn't imagine what it was.

"Yes," said mother, "and I think it's something special God designed to remind us how little we are."

"What is it?" Benjamin burst out.

"An almost total eclipse of the sun will happen at 12:35," answered Dad.

"What's an 'eek-lips'?" asked Benjamin's 3-year-old brother, Eric.

"That's when the moon gets in the way of the sun and blocks out the light that is coming to the earth. Let's finish up so we can make a special tool to look at it with," said Mother.

"I'll get a cardboard box," said Dad. "And I'll get a pin and some white paper."

"What will we do with that?" Benjamin inquired excitedly. "And why can't we just look at it without a special tool?"

Dad explained that God made the sun too bright to look at without damaging our eyes. "It's very powerful, to keep us warm here on earth." He put a hole through the middle of the box and focused a little light on the paper beneath by raising and lowering the box.

"It's the shape of a ball that needs some air — flat on one side. Is that the sun?" asked Ben.

They all watched, tracing the sun's changing shape onto the paper beneath the box, and noting the time beneath each tracing. Soon it looked like a crescent moon shape. It became narrower with each drawing.

It was a cloudless day, but the sky grew very dim. The shadows cast by the leaves of plants made multiple images of the eclipse on the ground. The light of the usually bright noonday sun seemed weak and eerie. The air cooled a bit. The grass and everything around was bathed with the greenish-yellow reflection of the sun's rays, weakened by the eclipse.

The family sat quietly, absorbing this unusual experience together. As quickly as it had come, the eerie light returned to its normal brightness.

"Wow," exclaimed Benjamin and

Eric. "Let's do it again!" said Eric.

Everyone laughed and then Mom said, "Come on in the house boys. I'll show you how the moon was cutting off the sun's light with some cutouts."

Mom made two round circles, one white and one black. She showed the boys how the sun appeared to be changing shape by sliding the black circle slowly over the white one.

Benjamin got to thinking about the eclipse and the other planets he'd heard about, and asked, "But how does it stay up there while moving around?"

Dad answered, "You know son, that's a wonderful question. And I'm glad God wrote the answer in the Bible so I could answer it and show you how powerful He is. It's in Job 26:7, '... He hangs the earth on nothing' (Revised Authorized Version)."

"Wow," said Benjamin, "maybe someday He'll show me how to do that!"



Pastor General in Ne

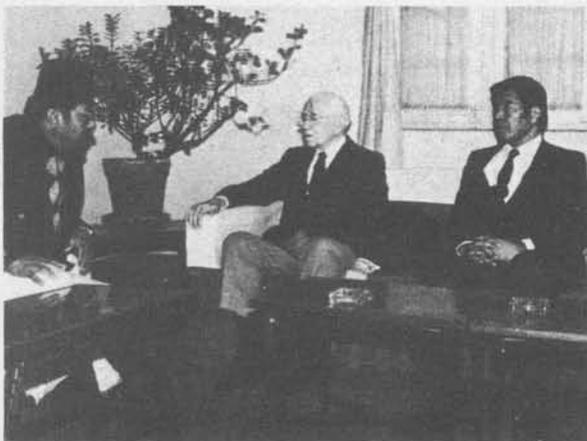
ASIAN TOUR — Continuing his five-week tour of the Orient and Asia, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong met with royalty and state officials in Nepal and Bangladesh. He toured educational facilities in both countries and explained the Gospel of the Kingdom of God at banquets conducted in his honor. In photos beginning upper left, Mr. Armstrong meets with King Birendra of Nepal Nov. 15; Mr. Armstrong and Gen. H.M. Ershad, president and chief martial law administrator of Bangladesh, pause for a photo Nov. 20; and the pastor general and Ataur





Nepal and Bangladesh

Rahman Khan, prime minister of Bangladesh, converse in the prime minister's office Nov. 18. Center, second from right, Mr. Armstrong speaks with Bishwa Pradhan, foreign secretary of Nepal, while Sen. Eisako Sato of the upper house of the Japanese Diet looks on. Lower left, Mr. Armstrong and Humayun Rasheed Choudhury, foreign minister of Bangladesh and official host for the pastor general's tour of that country, share a light moment Nov. 20. [Photos by Aaron Dean, Kevin Dean and Larry Omasta]



ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Brethren take trips, attend concert, dances

Thirty-two Silver Ambassadors from the **BIG SANDY** church left the Ambassador College campus Sept. 23 and headed south to the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation, between Livingston and Woodville, Tex. The group traveled on an open-air bus and saw original styles of Indian homes, campsites and hunting grounds.

The group observed some tribal dancers in full feather regalia. The final tour was of an Indian dwelling, a council house and several buildings where weaving, beading, arrow-making and traditional foods were demonstrated. The event was organized by James Jackson.

Fifty-two brethren from the **WELLINGTON**, New Zealand, church and six relatives and friends attended a gala opera concert Oct. 26. Performed by the 100-piece New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, the 130-voice Orpheus Choir and 12 soloists, the concert was presented in the Michael Fowler Centre in central Wellington.

This complex, which officially opened a little more than a year ago, is similar in style to the Sydney, Australia, Opera House and seats 2,500.

The concert included excerpts from Wagner's *Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg*, Mozart's *Idomeneo* and *Don Giovanni*; Verdi's *La Traviata*, *Otello* and *Don Carlos*; and a performance of the "Trojan March" and the "Royal Hunt and Storm" from *Les Troyens* by Berlioz.

The cast of New Zealand vocal

soloists was headed by soprano Malvina Major and tenor Anthony Benfell, and the musical director was John Matheson.

Nov. 4 more than 100 **SARASOTA**, and **FORT MYERS**, Fla., brethren participated in their second annual canoe trip that took them along 11 miles of scenic Peace River.

The group piled into more than 50 canoes for a day of paddling, observing turtles, snakes and alligators, and pushing canoes through shallow waters. Midway the group stopped for lunch and a sing-along.

Men from the **DEVONPORT**, **LAUNCESTON** and **HOBART**, Australia, churches spent Sunday, Oct. 28, raising \$1,000 by pruning young pine trees. Roughly every third tree of more than 6,000 trees had to be pruned to just above head height. The 18 men worked more than six hours.

On the Sabbath, Oct. 27, a plaque from the Ferrara family, who moved to Canada in 1982, was presented by deacon Arthur Cliff to Robert Devine, a local church elder in the **NOTTINGHAM**, England, church.

After a potluck, organized by Marlene Cliff, the evening was devoted to YOU games, arranged by Stewart Cliff. In the final game of a series of basketball games the Young Ones defeated Hanley's Mixed Mortals.

Jenny Whiteman arranged the Brain of Nottingham, a general knowledge competition that was won by Mark Whiteman, with Brian Sal-

ter taking second. The evening was completed by dancing instruction for adults by Sheila Preston.

Hand-slapping, boot-stomping **MILWAUKEE** and **WEST BEND**, Wis., brethren gathered under an autumn moon for a square dance Nov. 3. Surrounded by bales of hay, horse blankets, saddles and a few pumpkins, pastor Eugene Noel called the event. His wife, Jan, helped set the squares.

As the evening progressed, members, dressed in Western attire, ate popcorn and apples and drank cider. Children participated in the hokey-pokey and bunny hop dances, and those who didn't dance took part in the cakewalk. The winners of the cakewalk were Eric Orleans, John Simchick, Eloyse Dinwiddie and Julie Newhauser.

Minnie Jauch, Robert J. Eccles, Rafael Ramon III and Treva Huddleston, Alan Dean, Ron McLaren and Cindy Knight.



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK — After pruning trees Oct. 28, a project that raised \$1,000, men from the Devonport, Launceston and Hobart, Australia, churches enjoy refreshments.

Areas bid good-byes to pastor, member

Citing II Corinthians 13:11 as his farewell verse, **GEORGE M. KACKOS**, pastor of the **TOLEDO**, Ohio, church, ended 6½ years there Oct. 27. He was transferred to pastor the Grand Rapids, Mich., church.

In his final message Mr. Kackos mentioned his rejoicings and regrets during his tenure. "We've thoroughly enjoyed our stay here," he said. "But we are looking forward

to the challenge and opportunity of a new area."

After the Sabbath, the congregation honored the pastor and his family with a farewell party that included an hour of musical selections performed by individuals and the choir. During the evening the Kackos family was presented with a microwave oven, assorted dishware and a photo album portraying members, clubs and activities. Food, drinks and a cake baked in the form of an open Bible were served later.

Toledo, now on a circuit with Findlay, Ohio, will be served by David Fiedler, former pastor of the Appleton, Wis., church. Mr. Fiedler will be assisted by David Gilbert III.

After the Day of Atonement, Oct. 6, **CARDIFF**, Wales, brethren bid

good-bye to Patrick and Mary Mulholland. Mr. Mulholland, who has attended the Cardiff church for two years, and his wife decided to move to Australia to be near their daughter and her family who live there.

On behalf of the congregation, deacon Eric Wood presented the Mulhollands with a parting gift of fine china. Also present were Alan Bates, a local church elder in the Bristol and Plymouth, England, churches, his family and visiting U.S. brethren.

A buffet meal and drinks were organized by the women, and a cake was baked by Ivy Griffiths. Impromptu entertainment was provided by members and children from Cardiff and Bristol.

Lloyd Cary III and Robert Har-sanje and Tony De Sarzec.

Widow wins volunteer award

By **Walter M. Dickinson Jr.**, **ALBUQUERQUE**, N.M. — Mattie Hobbs, 71, a member of God's Church since 1970, received an award of merit for service to her fellow citizens Oct. 25 from John Daeley, regional director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Dallas, Tex.

This article is by **Walter M. Dickinson Jr.**, pastor of the **Albuquerque and Santa Fe, N.M., churches.**

In making the award presentation, Mr. Daeley said Mrs. Hobbs was emblematic of the kind of loving, thoughtful and giving service the President had especially in mind when he asked the Agency on Aging to set up this program, honoring those who serve and give hope to the helpless and infirmed on a daily basis.

A federal initiative by President Ronald Reagan in 1981 encourages

senior citizens and others to volunteer to serve those in need of attention in their particular areas.

Mrs. Hobbs lives in Reserve, N.M., an isolated area 224 miles southwest of Albuquerque, and is the only Church member in the area. She does volunteer work, traveling in a blue 1960 Ford pickup.

Mrs. Hobbs stops at the homes of elderly people who are living alone and need assistance and encouraging conversation.

The Silver City, N.M., *Daily Press* reported Nov. 6 that 57 friends and relatives attended the award ceremony in Glenwood, N.M., including her three children, Roger Hobbs of near Sacramento, Calif., Zelda Killman of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Sue Spurgeon of Reserve.

"Before sitting down to dinner, Walter Dickinson, minister of the Worldwide Church of God of Albuquerque, invited the blessing of God on the meal and the occasion."

according to the newspaper. William Vigil, deputy director of the New Mexico State Agency on Aging, representing Governor Tony Anaya's office, spoke of the time and devotion Mrs. Hobbs has given to enhance the quality of life of others, according to the *Daily Press*.

"One person can make a difference, and they send out a beautiful light," Elizabeth Rohn, deputy regional director, told *The Worldwide News* Nov. 27. Mrs. Rohn originated the idea of presenting awards to volunteers last year.

Mrs. Hobbs' recognition caused New Mexico to allocate funds for a new senior citizen's center in Reserve to be started this year. Mrs. Hobbs' work, her smile and enthusiasm are a trademark to those living in her region.

Canadians mark anniversary

EDMONTON, Alta., brethren rejoiced at the church's 20th anniversary celebrations Oct. 27. Plans for the festivities were in the works for more than a year. Several fundraising activities made it possible for the church to fly in Richard Pinelli, the church's first pastor, and his wife, Mary.

The event consisted of special dinners, socials, Sabbath services and a dance. A slide show depicting the history of the Edmonton church included candid shots of the original

Edmonton brethren. The slide show was shown in the renovated Phoenix Hall, the site of the first Bible study conducted in Edmonton in the fall of 1964.

At special combined Sabbath services, attended by the Edmonton North and South and Westlock, Alta., churches, Mr. Pinelli gave a sermon describing the Book of Life. He said: "Maybe, just maybe, page 68 has been reserved for the Edmonton Church of God." *Gordon C. Graham and Douglas Smith.*

Member escapes harm when hit by automobile

By **Randall Williams**, **LEXINGTON**, Ky. — After Bible study Sept. 12, Alma Willhite, 69, started to cross the street to meet her ride home. Without warn-

This article is by **Randall Williams**, a member who attends the **Lexington, Ky., church.**

ing she was struck by an automobile and thrown onto the hood. The driver quickly put the car into reverse, dropping her into the street unconscious.

David Havir, pastor of the Lex-

ington and Mount Sterling, Ky., churches, who gave the Bible study, was called at once.

Mrs. Willhite regained consciousness and was able to talk. She was taken to a hospital emergency room, where tests and X-rays showed no broken bones. Only a few stitches were needed.

After anointing her, Mr. Havir stayed with Mrs. Willhite in the hospital until 1 a.m., when she was released to go home.

Eyewitnesses of the accident believe that God's protection prevented broken bones. Efforts to identify the car and driver failed as the car sped away.

Church activities checklist

Articles submitted for "Accent on the Local Church" should be written according to the following guidelines:

- Only special activities in your church area should be featured in this section. Please send in only one article every two months or six articles a year. Include interesting and innovative ideas your church has come up with in organizing and carrying out these activities.

- Think of service to brethren around the world. Does your article include ideas other church areas might want to try or ways problems were overcome or some other helpful hints?

- The deadline for these feature reports is three weeks. Any articles postmarked later than three weeks after the event cannot be published. If the date of

the activity is omitted, the article will not be printed.

- Consult with your minister and be sure your choice of activities coincides with what he considers to be the most special. All articles submitted should have his signature of approval.

- Articles should be no longer than 1½ typewritten, double-spaced, 8½ by 11 pages. If a typewriter isn't available, please print or write carefully. Names, places and dates should be especially easy to read.

- Reports from different church areas on similar seasonal activities may be combined into one article by *W/N* editors.

- With the cooperation of all you reporters, "Accent on the Local Church" will highlight interesting ideas from your churches for brethren around the world.

Youths meet to watch tidal wave

YOU and **YES** members from **GLOUCESTER**, England, joined with Church members Oct. 27 at Minsterworth-on-Severn to watch the Severn Bore, a tidal wave that rolls along the Severn River, entering at the Severn Estuary in the Bristol Channel.

The tidal wave sweeps up the river with so much power that the river changes course and flows the opposite way. This bore or tidal wave can last several hours and surge for miles upriver.

After watching this natural wonder, the group attended Sabbath services at Hartpur Village Hall, and after sunset **YOU** and **YES** members performed at a social evening. A dance, with Basil Harris as master of ceremonies, rounded off the event. *Audrey Webb.*

Family reunites with relatives during 1984 Festival in China

By Susan Thomas

NANJING, China — For George and Linda Kuo of Cherry Hill, N.J., and their two sons, Conway and Conant, the Feast of Tabernacles at this first-time site was especially meaningful. For them it was a family reunion.

Susan Thomas, a sophomore at Big Sandy Ambassador College, attended the 1984 Feast of Tabernacles in Nanjing, China.

Mrs. Kuo, born Yung-Ling Liu, had not seen her relatives since she left mainland China with her parents in 1949. During their trip to the Feast the Kuos saw some of her relatives several times.

Mrs. Kuo saw two of her uncles,

their wives and the younger uncle's two children. She also visited with her mother's best friend, Jean Yang, a 70-year-old retired music teacher. Mrs. Yang traveled 36 hours by boat down the Chang Jiang (Yangtze) River to see Mrs. Kuo, after a 35-year separation.

The relatives came with the Kuos to the performance of the Little Ambassadors From Shanghai. Many of the performers were the same children who came to the United States on a tour sponsored by the Ambassador Foundation (W/N, May 21 and June 4).

In 1949 Mrs. Kuo left mainland China for Taiwan at age 3 with her father, a senior accountant for a bank run by the Nationalist government of Chiang Kai-shek. That was

the last time Mrs. Kuo saw her relatives until this year.

For the next 20 years, Mrs. Kuo lived in Taiwan. She received a degree in English, then moved to the United States to attend graduate school in Columbia, Mo.

Mr. Kuo was born in Taiwan and came to the United States in 1966. He first heard the *World Tomorrow* program a year later while attending the University of South Dakota. He became a *Plain Truth* subscriber and read many of the booklets, though unaware of the Church.

George and Linda met in graduate school in Columbia and were married in December, 1970. In December, 1974, they were baptized.

Last year while attending the Feast in Denmark, the Kuos heard about China becoming a Feast site in 1984, and wrote for an application.

Because Mrs. Kuo had not seen her relatives since age 3, she did not really remember them.

"Now I feel they are my relatives once I saw them," said Mr. Kuo. Talking about their sons, Mrs. Kuo said: "We are thrilled for them to see their uncles."



REUNION IN CHINA — George and Linda Kuo (upper left) and their two sons spend time with relatives and friends during the Feast in Nanjing, China. Mrs. Kuo had not seen her relatives in 35 years. From left: Conway and Conant Kuo, Mrs. Chen Shih Chow, Jean Yang, Chen Shih Chow, Chen Xi and Chen Shih Hua. (Photo by Susan Thomas)



NEW OFFICE — Pictured is the office building that houses the new South African Regional Office in Cape Town. The regional office moved from Johannesburg in October.

Church chooses new site for South African Office

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — The new office facility for the South African Regional Office officially opened here Oct. 1, according to John White, pastor of the Cape Town church. The new office overlooks Table Bay and the Green Point Lighthouse built in 1842.

The move from Johannesburg, South Africa, to the Cape peninsula, some 887 miles (1,430 kilometers) away, was initiated by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on his last visit to South Africa in 1982, when he commented on the difficulty he had with the high altitude of Johannesburg.

A formal proposal was made to Mr. Armstrong in November, 1983, and a decision to move the South African office was finalized, said Mr. White.

The new location has many advantages, including being closer to the printers of *The Plain Truth*, Cape and Transvaal Printers, at their plant in Cape Town.

The contrast between Johannesburg and Cape Town is immediately apparent. The Church's former offices were in the heart of downtown Johannesburg's concrete jungle, compared to the scenic beauty of the Cape peninsula.

Mariners of the Dutch East India

Co. used the harbor as a watering station in the 17th century. On the landward side is Table Mountain. From the Church's fifth floor suite, part of Lion's Head peak may be seen.

The office interior was constructed and decorated by Richard Ellis, International Real Estate Brokers and Valuers. Project manager Tommy Lister said he was "very thrilled" to work on such a high-class facility. Already he has used the office as a showcase for his other customers.

The suite was completed so that staff and equipment could be transferred from Johannesburg to Cape Town and have the office operating before the Feast of Tabernacles. Office workers are catching up on the mail backlog from the move and the Festival down time, said Mr. White.

Roy McCarthy, South African regional director, said he is excited about the move. He and his wife, Tine, grew up in Cape Town.

Mr. White feels that a new phase in the Church's activities in southern Africa has begun. This move, he said, should give new opportunities to complete the work of the Church, spreading out from the mother city of the southern African subcontinent.

Member's mother donates funds

Brethren construct music studio

By Susan Karoska

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — "It's like a dream come true," said Margaret Walker, wife of James Walker, members of the San Diego church, about a music studio built for them by a volunteer work force from the Church.

Susan Karoska is a member who attends the San Diego, Calif., church.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker, codirectors of special music for the San Diego and Yuma, Calif., churches, were hosts at a celebration party Sept. 30 at their home in Escondido, Calif.

"It's a real blessing to have a quality setting to give to the Church and, in a limited way, to the community," said Mr. Walker. "What we have now is a good rehearsal room

for choir and special music practice, as well as recitals and miniconcerts."

Duffield "Duffy" Davis, a building contractor in the San Diego church, came up with the idea of building a music studio and bedroom for the Walker family, and his suggestion was readily approved by evangelist Norman Smith, church pastor.

Regular announcements in the weekly church bulletin kept the project going from its inception last May until its completion in early September.

"She wrote the checks," said Mr. Walker, gesturing to his mother, Sofia Walker of San Diego. Mrs. Walker decided to give her children their inheritance while she can see them enjoy it.

Those who participated in the project included not only the men of

the church skilled in various facets of building, but ministers, children, teens and women, who prepared and served lunch each week under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stein.

Mrs. Walker, who in 1969 graduated from San Diego State University with a major in performance, volunteered to play piano at Sabbath services a little more than a year later. Since then Mr. Walker was named choir director, with his wife as accompanist for musical presentations.

Mr. Walker is also a solo performer, and his wife teaches piano and other instruments privately.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and their two sons, Robert, 11, and Richard, 14, play a variety of musical instruments. Under the tutelage of their mother, the boys began their musical learning at age 4.



MUSIC STUDIO DEDICATION — James and Margaret Walker (right) of the San Diego, Calif., church applaud Sofia Walker (left), Mr. Walker's mother, Sept. 30. Mrs. Walker financed the building of a music studio for the community and God's Church. (Photo by Susan Karoska)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ADAMS, Eddie and Linda, of Augusta, Ga., boy, Thomas, Oct. 22, 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

BOOLAK, David and Christina (Zalett), of Omaha, Neb., girl, Erin Leigh, Oct. 26, 9:08 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

BRIA, Frank and Jenny (Morgan), of Pittsburgh, Pa., girl, Anne Charity, Sept. 20, 4:37 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 girls.

BUCHANAN, George and Carolyn (Keller), of Freeport, Bahamas, girl, Jeane Ann, Sept. 7, 6:17 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CARY, Bob and Deborah (Grandy), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Stephen Thomas, Oct. 8, 2:37 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

OSHWAY, Thomas and Kristin (Vreeland), of Ann Arbor, Mich., girl, Anna Elizabeth, Aug. 26, 12:32 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

ERICKSON, Michael and Susan (Christopherson), of Waukena, Wis., boy, Brandon Michael, Nov. 8, 10:09 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

GOETHALS, Donald and Judy (Mo), of Auburn, Wash., girl, Quinn Kalesah, Oct. 16, 12:44 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

HUNE, Bill and Trudy (Brink), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Jennifer Marie, Sept. 26, 2:20 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

JONES, Graham and Patricia (Mills), of Blaxland, Australia, girl, Rebekah Louise, Sept. 7, 12:51 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 girls.

MARANVILLE, Cecil and Karen (Saunders), of Montreal, Que., boy, Joseph Charles, Nov. 9, 8:10 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

MARKS, Raymond Jr. and Sandra (Smith), of Harrisburg, Pa., boy, Raymond Richard III, Sept. 15, 2:11 a.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

MAVIS, Lawrence and Jo Ellen (Daly), of Ahvordton, Ohio, girl, Katy Anne, Oct. 29, 1:53 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

McBROOM, Keith and Kay (Henry), of Oklahoma City, Okla., boy, Kean Andrew, Aug. 28, 7:57 p.m., 4 pounds 13½ ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

McNAR, Bruce and Judith (Laney), of Pasadena, boy, Andrew Franklin, Oct. 20, 2 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

PRINZI, Ned and Pam L. (Silva), of Hayward, Calif., boy, Michael John, Aug. 29, 1:40 a.m., 9 pounds, first child.

SEMONES, Sid and Kim (Faulkner), of Lexington, Ky., girl, Amanda Elizabeth, Oct. 16, 6:17 p.m., 7 pounds 2½ ounces, first child.

SMITH, Cal and Lillie (Dunton), of Wichita, Kan., girl, Amanda Rashed, Oct. 25, 11:12 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

SMITH, Ronald and Mary (Wood), of Wheeling, W.Va., girl, Catherine Elizabeth, July 1, 10:50 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

THORNE, Thomas and Amy (Abernethy), of Michigan City, Ind., girl, Amy Nicole, Oct. 18, 6 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. James Douglas of Edinburg, Scotland, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Jackie to T. William Thompson of Montgomery, Ill. The wedding will take place Dec. 23 in Scotland. The couple will reside in Illinois.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. STEVEN HARRISON

Sheila S. Wicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wicks of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Steven O. Harrison, son of Anne Harrison of Lenoir, N.C., and the late Coley F. Harrison, are happy to announce their marriage July 20. The ceremony was performed by Charles Grider, a minister in the Chattanooga church. Terri Buchanan was the matron of honor, and Mike White served as the best man.



MR. AND MRS. MARK MORGAN

Angela M. Grous, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norris

Grous of Curtis, Neb., and Mark A. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morgan of Buffalo Gap, S.D., are pleased to announce their marriage Aug. 12 in North Platte, Neb. The ceremony was performed by Donald Hooser Jr., pastor of the North Platte and Grand Island, Neb., churches. Mark Morgan was the best man, and Connie Glaza was maid of honor. The couple reside in Juniata, Neb.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL HAMS

Joyce Diane Harrar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harrar of Stillman Valley, Ill., and Michael Eugene Hams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hams of Avella, Pa., were united in marriage Oct. 7 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. The best man was the groom's brother Steve, and the maid of honor was Paula McNeil. The groom is a senior at Ambassador College, and the bride is a 1984 graduate employed by the college.



MR. AND MRS. JEFFREY SENAY

Mary Murphy of Tyler, Tex., is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Shirley Jo to Jeffrey Dane Senay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Senay of Boynton Beach, Fla. Linda Boyles, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor, and Pat Charles was the best man. Rental Dick, pastor of the Dallas, Tex., West church, performed the ceremony at Parker Chiropractic College in Irving, Tex. The couple reside in Rosewell, Ga.



MR. AND MRS. EDWARD MARTELL

Edward Martell and Sharon Luchitz were united in marriage Sept. 2 at the McKinley Auditorium in Canton, Ohio. Edward is the son of Ed and Martine Martell, and grandson of Grace Davis, all members who attend services in Akron, Ohio. Sharon is the daughter of Jenny Luchitz, and granddaughter of Florence Gabriele Sr., both members who attend services in Canton. The ceremony was performed by John Foster, pastor of the Canton church. The couple reside in Kent, Ohio.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN GILBERT

Mr. and Mrs. John Mankrid of the Wichita, Kan., church are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Kathy to John Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gilbert, Sept. 29. The ceremony was performed by Jack Kirk, pastor of the Wichita church. The couple reside in Wichita.



MR. AND MRS. TODD WARREN

Melissa Anne Ivey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Ivey of Conzales, La., and Todd Terry Warren, son of Jean Warren of Regina, Sask., are pleased to announce their marriage Aug. 5 in Penasa, Sask. The ceremony was performed by Douglas Johnson, pastor of the Regina church. Denise Warren served as maid of honor, with her Godwin as best man. The couple reside in Sterling, Alaska.



MR. AND MRS. TILAK PERIS

Deepika Wickremasinghe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benoit Wickremasinghe, and Tilak Peris, son of Mildred Peris and the late Christopher Peris, were united in marriage Sept. 2 in Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka. The ceremony was performed by Mohan Jayasakera, pastor of the Anuradhapura and Colombo, Sri Lanka, churches. The couple reside in Nugegoda, Sri Lanka.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT KUHN

Robert S. Kuhn and Claudia M. Cocomie were united in marriage July 22. Michael Swagerty, pastor of the Chicago, Ill., North and Northwest churches, performed the outdoor ceremony in Glenview, Ill. The couple reside in the Chicago area.



MR. AND MRS. RON COLLVER

Myrna Lelaviv of Vancouver, B.C., and Ron Collver of Saginaw, Mich., were married Sept. 15 at Dow Gardens in Midland, Mich. Garvin Greene, pastor of the Midland and Cadillac, Mich., churches, officiated. The couple reside in Saginaw.



MR. AND MRS. WOODROW SWAIN

Friestine S. Enzor, daughter of Flossie W. Spivey of

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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



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Tabor City, N.C., and Woodrow Wilson Swain of Fayetteville, N.C., were united in marriage July 8 by Lawrence Greider Jr., pastor of the Florence, S.C., and Fayetteville churches.

grandchildren, you're still the greatest! With all our love, Erik, Ryan, Florida, Ross, Jarrod, Dee Dee, Jay, Amy and baby.

Wishing a happy 30th anniversary, Nov. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sims Jr. Love from the kids and the grandkids.

To Dad and Mom, Leslie and Jeannette Metzler of Baton Rouge, La.: Happy 16th anniversary! We love you, Love, Deless, Joseph and Chastel.



MR. AND MRS. FRED STANLEY

Fred Stanley, a local church elder in the Evansville, Ind., church, and Jane Wright were united in marriage Sept. 30 in St. Bethlehem, Tenn. The ceremony was performed by James Friddle, pastor of the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches. The best man was Frederick Bailey, pastor of the Madisonville, Ky., and Evansville churches. The maid of honor was Deb Wright, daughter of the bride.

Weddings Made of Gold



MR. AND MRS. JODIE CHILDRESS

EVANSTON, Ill. — Jodie and Lucile Childress celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 6 with a dinner party given by their children, brethren, relatives and other friends were present.

The couple have two sons, three daughters, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Childress was baptized in 1955 and is a deaconess in the Chicago, Ill., North church.

Obituaries

MERIDEN, Conn. — Josephine Hamblin, 61, died Oct. 4 after a brief illness. She was baptized in Glens Falls, N.Y., in 1961 with her husband, Ranny, and has been a deaconess in the Meriden church since 1979.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Rachel Pollack, also of the Meriden church; a son, Edward; and several grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Lawrence Woodridge, pastor of the Meriden church.

TOLEDO, Ohio — Henrietta Drouillard, 71, died Oct. 2 of kidney failure resulting from cancer.

Mrs. Drouillard was baptized in December, 1971. She is survived by two sisters, Elsie Jackson and Amanda Hubay.

George Kackos, then pastor of the Toledo church, conducted the funeral services.

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Pearl Winner Russell, 82, died Oct. 17. She has been a member of the Church since 1973, and served for several years as the pianist in the

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ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. TOM DENT

Happy anniversary Dec. 29 to Tom and Genevieve. After 27 years, four children, three weddings and two

Obituaries

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Jacksonville, N.C., church.

Mrs. Russell was born in Carolina Beach, N.C. She played piano professionally most of her life and composed music, including a composition titled "The Ten Commandments."

Mrs. Russell is survived by one sister, Iona Winner Bell, a member in Wilmington; a brother, Carl; and a niece, Annie Stallings, who attends the Raleigh, N.C., church.

Funeral services were conducted Oct. 19 by Briscoe Ellett II, pastor of the Wilmington and New Bern, N.C., churches.

CANTON, Ohio — Lisa Mae Rader, 14, died Oct. 10 in a car accident on the way to the Feast. She was active in YES,



LISA MAE RADER

YOU, cheerleading, track and volleyball.

Lisa is survived by her mother, Mary Wade, who is recovering from head and other injuries received in the accident; two younger sisters, Kimberly and Jennifer Wade; her grandparents, Levi and Clara Kuhns; two aunts, Elsie Austin

and Mae Kuhns; three cousins, Terry, Brad and Monica Austin, who attend the Canton church; one uncle, Dennis Kuhns, a member who attends the Youngstown, Ohio, church; her father, Roman Rader; her stepfather, Greg Wade; her stepgrandparents, Les and Audrey Wade; and other uncles, aunts and cousins.

Funeral services were conducted Oct. 14 by John Foster, pastor of the Canton church.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Mary L. Bragg, 84, died here Nov. 3. She has been a member since 1964.

Funeral services were conducted Nov. 9 by Nelson Haas, pastor of the Portland West church.

CRESWELL, Ore. — Rodney Shannon Pratt, 74, died Nov. 4 in a care center here. He has been a member since 1961.

Mr. Pratt was born in Oregon and lived here his entire life. He and his wife, now deceased, listened to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's radio broadcast since the early 1940s, and attended the Salem, Ore., church since 1961.

He is survived by a brother, Gordon of



RODNEY PRATT

McMinnville, Ore.; a sister, Geri Weathers of Prineville, Ore.; three chil-

dren, Marvin S. of Cottage Grove, Ore., Marilyn Miller, whose husband, Ronald, pastors the Grand Junction and Meeker, Colo., churches, and Arlene Schnipert, whose husband, Bernard, pastors the Las Vegas, Nev., and Kingman, Ariz., churches; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Nov. 8 in McMinnville by Leonard Schreiber, pastor of the Eugene, Bend, Roseburg and Coos Bay, Ore., churches.

OTTAWA, Ont. — Sean Sutherland, 3, died Sept. 27. He was in a coma for a week and a half after suffering three heart arrests and massive brain damage.



SEAN SUTHERLAND

He is survived by his parents, Don and Laurie, members here, and a sister, Tanya.

Sean spent most of his life in the hospital because of a disorder that appeared when he was 5½ weeks old. According to doctors, Sean's nerves disintegrated, particularly the phrenic nerve in his dia-

phragm. Sean was paralyzed from the neck down. He could move some face muscles, and was normal mentally.

Sean was one of only two children in North America with this ailment. Some speculate that there have been 13 children afflicted with this disorder, but most have not survived past birth.

Sean partially recovered from his plight six months after birth, when he gained some movement in his jaw, legs, arms and torso. The Sutherlands often brought Sean to Sabbath services in a special wheelchair with a respirator.

There was no significant improvement in Sean's condition in the past year.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 30 by John Adams, pastor of the Ottawa church.

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Evelyn G. Bohannon, 65, wife of Jeff B. Bohannon, died Aug. 20 after a short illness.

Mrs. Bohannon was born Dec. 21, 1918, and was baptized into the Church in September, 1976. She and her husband attended services in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Mrs. Bohannon is survived by her husband; two sisters and a brother of Tucson, Ariz.; and two stepchildren, Corene Scholl of Central Port, Ore., and Samuel of Elko, Nev.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Florence Everett, 73, a member of God's Church since 1969, died here Oct. 30.

Mrs. Everett is survived by her husband, Jack; a son, Roy of Wellington, New Zealand; and a daughter, Hazel of Warrnambool, Australia.

Funeral services were conducted Nov. 2 by John Croucher, pastor of the Auckland, New Plymouth and Whangarei, New Zealand, churches.

HAMILTON, Ont. — Rebecca Lusigna, 90, died Oct. 29 of pneumo-

nia. She was confined to a hospital bed for 14 months following a stroke in August, 1983.

Mrs. Lusigna, fondly called "Mrs. Luc," began attending services in Kitchener, Ont., and was one of the pioneer members of the Hamilton church, which began July 17, 1971. She was baptized Jan. 19, 1969, by Gary Antion, now a pastor-rank professor at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Mrs. Lusigna is survived by three daughters, a son and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her daughter Freda Mauser and granddaughter Cathy Graf are members who attend the Hamilton church, and her granddaughter Patricia Roberts is a member who attends the St. Catharines, Ont., church.

A graveside service was conducted Oct. 30 by Anthony Wasilkoff, pastor of the Hamilton and St. Catharines churches.

DAYTON, Ohio — Steven E. Perkins, 37, and his wife, Brenda F., 29, died Oct. 6 when their car was struck head-on by another car in Kentucky.

The couple were en route to Jekyll Island, Ga., to attend the Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. Perkins has been a member of God's Church for 10 years, and Mrs. Perkins for nine years.

Mrs. Perkins is survived by her parents, Earl and Betty Barnhart, members; a sister and brother-in-law; a niece; a nephew; and a grandmother and grandfather.

Mr. Perkins is survived by his mother; a brother and sister-in-law, Leroy and Norma, members; a sister-in-law, Patsy Perkins, also a member; two other brothers; a sister; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted in Dayton by Michael Blackwell, assistant pastor of the Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches.

AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

FAMILY ATMOSPHERE PERVADES DANCE

PASADENA — "Our Family Gathers to Give Thanks" was the theme for the 1984 Thanksgiving Ball here Sunday evening, Nov. 18.

The dance, presented by the senior class under the direction of Raynard Eddings, senior class president, took place in the student center.

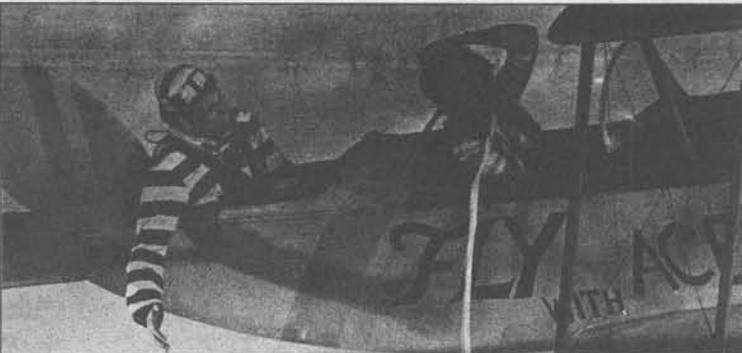
Arriving guests passed a mailbox and climbed stairs to the north door of the student center, which was decorated as a front porch. Decorations in the student center included a sitting room with a fireplace, rocking chairs, grandfather clock, a brass coatrack and knickknacks. A double living room was furnished with bookshelves, couches and a television showing a videotape of a Los Angeles Rams vs. Chicago Bears football game. A long dining room table was decorated with brass candlesticks and candelabra and a horn of plenty filled with fruit and nuts. A slide show with a Thanksgiving theme was shown throughout the evening.

A back porch was set up on the student center patio. It was complete with a porch swing, a doghouse, a scarecrow, hay, pumpkins and two live turkeys.

"I felt that the family atmosphere that pervaded the student center provided a necessary warmth, which contributed to the success of the evening," said Mr. Eddings.

Dance music was provided by the Ambassador College Dance Band under the direction of Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services for Pasadena Ambassador College. Several vocal soloists were featured.

Refreshments included vegetable plates, fruit kabobs,



UP, UP AND AWAY — Pasadena freshman Timothy Peabworth (left) and senior Emily Raynes take part in a film at the Screen Test Comedy Theatre at Universal Studios Nov. 7 during educational field day. [Photo by Ford Burden]

cookies, finger sandwiches and miniature apple, pumpkin and mincemeat pies.

After the entertainment portion of the evening, Deputy Chancellor Raymond McNair announced Jim Little, from Prince George, B.C., as freshman class president for the 1984-85 academic year.

Mr. Little was surprised when his name was announced. "It caught me totally off guard, so I didn't say much of anything," he said. He added that he is thankful for the responsibility and plans to serve the class to the best of his ability.

DANCE THEME FEATURES COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES

BIG SANDY — "Opportunities" was the theme of the Thanksgiving Ball, Nov. 18, presented by the sophomore class, according to Eugene Kubik, student body president.

The theme focused on the opportunities available to students at Ambassador College. Decorations included four the-

matic shells displaying some of these opportunities.

The first shell featured college life in general. The second showed the opportunities available through Youth Opportunities United (YOU) and the Summer Educational Program (SEP), and featured a painting of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong with the slogan "The hearts of the children" placed under it, and refreshments such as peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

The third shell focused on the annual Colorado ski trip and included a backdrop of skiers coming down a mountain and refreshments such as a mountain-shaped cake and marshmallows to dip in chocolate.

The fourth shell featured the Jerusalem archaeological dig and was set up like an excavation site with refreshments such as pyramid-shaped cakes and baklava. At three of the shells continuous slide shows were shown.

Dance music was provided by the Ambassador College

Dance Band, directed by sophomore Mike Belloni, and by a group consisting of Randy Duke, Vernon Parks, Martin Yale and Mike Peine.

"This was one of the liveliest dances I've been to," said Mr. Kubik. "The students were encouraged to dance with others besides their dates, and a good time was set throughout the evening."

STUDENTS VISIT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

PASADENA — About 630 Ambassador College students, faculty members and family members boarded buses and vans Nov. 7 to travel to Universal Studios, the site of this year's educational field day, according to Daniel Reyer, student body vice president.

When they arrived, the students toured the backlot of movie sets and sound stages and stopped at a sound stage to see a presentation on how special effects are created in movies.

After the tour, the students went to South Weddington Park, where they ate a picnic lunch provided by the college Food Service Department.

After lunch the group returned to the studios to attend several live shows. At a screen-test theater, a group of students participated in a filming session and then the students watched the results.

Between the shows, students visited shops, and sat in and talked to K.I.T.T., the black Trans Am automobile from the television series *Knight Rider*.

The day's activities were organized by Mr. Reyer. "I felt the day was educational, but also enjoyable," he said.

YOUNG AMBASSADORS GIVE PERFORMANCES

BIG SANDY — The Big Sandy Young Ambassadors, begun this year under the direction of Russell Duke, had their debut performances in Big Sandy Nov. 10, 11 and 12.

Saturday, Nov. 12, the group performed special music for the Big Sandy congregation. They had performed special music on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 27, in Nacogdoches, Tex., and Nov. 3 in Tyler, Tex., according to Mr. Duke.

Sunday, Nov. 11, the group provided entertainment for the Silver Ambassadors, a group of about 70 senior citizens from the Big Sandy church, in the field house.

Monday, Nov. 12, the Young Ambassadors participated in the annual Pecan Festival in Big Sandy.

"The program is going very well," said Mr. Duke. "The students are working hard to give something to the community and to the Church. They are performing well."

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — Seven of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's booklets have been requested by more than one million people in the United States, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

These foundational booklets covering major doctrines have enabled hundreds of thousands to better understand the Bible and God's plan, according to Mr. Rice.

The booklets are *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, 3,667,734; *Why Were You Born?*, 1,917,154; *The Seven Laws of Success*, 1,902,172; *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like*, 1,705,860; *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last!*, 1,594,188; *Does God Exist?*, 1,486,557; and *The Plain Truth About Christmas*, 1,180,810.

The seven booklets account for more than one fourth of the almost 50 million booklets distributed in the United States since the beginning of this era of God's Church.

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QUILCENE, Wash. — Funeral services for Dwight Leslie Armstrong, 80, who died of cancer Nov. 17, were conducted Nov. 23 by Richard Parker, pastor of the Auburn and Bremerton, Wash., churches.

Mr. Armstrong is the younger brother of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. The pastor general was unable to attend because he was in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Evangelists Dibar Apartian, Herman L. Hoeh, Roderick Meredith and Joseph Tkach Sr., and Ralph Heige, Church attorney, attended the funeral. The younger Mr. Armstrong's twin sister, Mary Edmondson of Portland, Ore., also attended.

The 40 in attendance joined in singing the hymn Mr. Armstrong composed from Psalm 141, "Hear My Cry, Eternal One," as he requested during his final hours.

"Mr. Parker... conveyed to me later how very much encouraged Mr. Dwight Armstrong was by all the letters he received from many of God's people," said Mr. Tkach. "Mr. Parker said Mr. Armstrong was deeply moved and encouraged during his last weeks, knowing how much his hymns are appreciated by the members."

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PASADENA — David Hulme, director of media purchasing, announced that renewal contracts for airing the *World Tomorrow* television program on Radio-Television Luxembourg (RTL) in 1985 were made at little or no cost increase.

Mr. Hulme added that RTL-TV approved a second time slot on Thursday evenings for the program with French subtitles.

Le Monde a Venir, the 15-minute French-language radio program by evangelist Dibar Apartian, will continue on Radio Sud, broadcasting from Toulouse, France, and Andorra.

Tele Monte-Carlo offered to continue the television program's 11:30 p.m. slot with additional coverage into Marseille, France's major southern city.

Renewal of the Italian-subtitled *World Tomorrow*, which originates in Milan, Italy, on the Italian service of Tele Monte-Carlo, has been

approved for 1985 with no increase in cost.

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PASADENA — The following U.S. television stations now air *The World Tomorrow*, according to David Hulme, director of media purchasing.

Listed by state are the stations' call letters, locations, channel numbers and times when the *World Tomorrow* program is aired.

NATIONWIDE ON CABLE

Satellite Program Network (SPN) — 10:30 a.m., Central Standard Time (CST), Tues.
Lifetime Cable Network — 10:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST), Sat. (effective Dec. 10).

ARKANSAS

KPOM, Fort Smith — 24, 9 a.m., Sun.

CALIFORNIA

KSCI, Los Angeles — 18, 8:30 a.m., Fri. (effective Dec. 21).
KRCR, Redding — 7, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
KRBK, Sacramento — 31, 7:30 a.m., Sat.
KGTU, San Diego — 10, 7 a.m., Sun. (effective Jan. 6).

FLORIDA

WCJB, Gainesville — 20, 7 a.m., Sun.
WJHG, Panama City — 7, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

GEORGIA

WGXA, Macon — 24, 11:30 a.m., Sun.

ILLINOIS

WMBD, Peoria — 31, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

LOUISIANA

WVUE, New Orleans — 8, 9 a.m., Sun.

MINNESOTA

KCMT, Alexandria — 7, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

NEW YORK

WROC, Rochester — 8, 11:30 a.m., Sun.

PENNSYLVANIA

WDAU, Scranton — 22, noon, Sun.

SOUTH CAROLINA

WHNS, Greenville — 21, 10 a.m., Sun.

TENNESSEE

WTVC, Chattanooga — 9, 12:30 p.m., Sun.

TEXAS

KTYT, Dallas — 11, 7 a.m., Sun. (effective Dec. 30).

The following stations announced time changes for *The World Tomorrow*.

MAINE

WVII, Bangor — 7, 9 a.m., Sun.

MISSOURI

KODE, Joplin — 12, 8 a.m., Sun.

OREGON

KECH, Salem — 22, 6:30 p.m., Sun.

PENNSYLVANIA

WPGH, Pittsburgh — 53, 9:30 a.m., Sat.

RHODE ISLAND

WPRI, Providence — 12, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

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PASADENA — The Kwansai Gakuin University Symphony Band performed in the Ambassador Auditorium Thursday morning, Nov. 29, in a student forum and again that evening in a public concert, according to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

Makoto Fujita, executive director for the International Center at the university and faculty sponsor for the band, serves as Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's interpreter in Japan.

Mr. Armstrong and the Ambassador Foundation asked Mr. Fujita to bring the band to the Ambassador Auditorium, said Mr. La Ravia.

The band, formed in 1954, celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. It has won 16 gold medals and four silver medals in nationwide band music competitions in Japan, and has performed in South Korea, Singapore and Canada. This was the band's first appearance in the United States, according to the university.

The band members are not music majors, and the university does not have a music department. The conductor is a student.



JAPANESE BAND — The Kwansai Gakuin University Symphony Band performs at a student assembly in the Ambassador Auditorium Nov. 29. (See "Update," this page.) [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]



MOST-REQUESTED BOOKLETS — These seven booklets have each been requested by more than one million people in the United States. (See "Update," this page.) [Photo by Warren Watson]

INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW
FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

PASADENA — Carn Catherwood, regional director of the Church in Italian-speaking areas, met with nine people during an Oct. 20 to 25 counseling tour of Italy.

Oct. 19, the day after the Feast of Tabernacles, Mr. Catherwood baptized a new member into God's Church. This was the first Church of God baptismal ceremony to be conducted in modern times in Italy in the Italian language. Previous baptisms were conducted by visiting English-speaking ministers using an interpreter.

Thirteen members of God's Church are permanent residents of Italy. Four members, from the United States, Guyana, Tanzania and Zambia, are there on a temporary basis.

Circulation of *La Pura Verita*, the Italian-language edition of *The Plain Truth*, topped the 56,000

mark in its third year.

United Kingdom and Ireland

Year-to-date mail income through October was up 9.2 percent, continuing a gradual upward trend. October income was up 31.2 percent, while Holy Day offerings for 1984 were 32 percent higher than 1983.

Plain Truth circulation for the November-December issue stood at an all-time high of 157,000, just above the end-of-year target of 150,000. The increased circulation is causing a steady increase in mail, which at the end of October was up 45.5 percent over last year. *Good News* circulation is up 16.7 percent, and the co-worker list is up 10.7 percent over 1983.

Scandinavia

Two advertisements in the Dan-

ish *Reader's Digest* and one in the Norwegian edition brought the *Plain Truth* subscription list to more than 18,000. It is expected to approach 20,000 by the January issue.

The English-language *Plain Truth* subscription list in Scandinavia remained fairly stable throughout 1984, with new additions from advertisements replenishing losses from renewals. Subscriptions dropped slightly from the November-December, 1983, level. This was expected because the Church directed more funds into building the Norwegian-language edition, *Den Enkle Sannhet*, in its first year. Combining English and Norwegian files, at the end of October, there were 30,031 subscribers in Scandinavia, up 138.8 percent from October last year.

This growth in *Plain Truth* circulation is adding to the co-worker list, which is up 26.1 percent from 1983.

Pacific

The Auckland, New Zealand, Regional Office reported that *The World Tomorrow* is on the air on a new television station in Tonga. The first programs were aired free of charge.

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