

HWA visits Japanese leaders, state officials during six-day trip

By Aaron K. Dean
PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong returned here March 8 after a six-day trip to Tokyo, Japan, where he met with and formally addressed Japanese government officials, members of the diplomatic corps and business people.

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

The trip began at 11 a.m., Pacific Standard Time (PST), Sunday, March 3.

Feast letter

After taking off, Mr. Armstrong reviewed plans for the 1985 Feast of Tabernacles with evangelist Ellis La Ravia and Aaron Dean, his personal aide. Afterward Mr. Armstrong sat down at his typewriter to compose the member letter mailed March 11 that discussed the 1985 Feast.

Mr. Armstrong remarked to Mr. Dean that it seemed like the 1984 Festival was just over, but the Church was planning for the 1985 Feast.

He said brethren should be preparing not only for the Passover and

Days of Unleavened Bread, but also be preparing themselves physically and spiritually for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. Armstrong also said that he plans to have his new book, *Mystery of the Ages*, distributed at the Feast of Tabernacles.

After the letter was completed, the men joined the women for lunch at 35,000 feet. Fresh pineapple with mandarin orange, steak au poivre (pepper steak), baby red potatoes and French cut green beans were served from the G-III's on-board galley. The meal was topped off with fresh coffee and vanilla ice cream scooped on fresh strawberries.

Editing new book

After some conversation Mr. Armstrong returned to his office in

See page 6 for photo coverage of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's trip to Japan.

the air to edit chapter five of his new book. He finished the chapter, "The Mystery of Israel," before the G-III touched down in Cold Bay, Alaska, for a refueling stop.

Strong headwinds cut the G-III's ground speed by more than 100 miles an hour en route to Tokyo, adding an extra hour to an already tiring flight.

During the final hours of the flight Mr. Armstrong relaxed by watching videotapes of the Young Ambassadors Festival films. After crossing the international date line, the plane touched down at 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 4.

After clearing customs the group was greeted by Osamu Gotoh, who assists Mr. Armstrong in planning trips. The group drove to the Imperial Hotel, where they ate a bowl of the hotel's corn soup before retiring at 8:30 p.m. (which was 3:30 a.m. Pasadena time).

Foreign minister

Tuesday, March 5, the group was

driven to the foreign ministry for a meeting with Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe. This was Mr. Armstrong's first meeting with the minister in Japan. He met with the foreign minister in London, England, in June, 1984, and in New York, N.Y., just before the 1984 Feast.

Upon arrival Mr. Armstrong was met by one of his "Japanese sons," Toshio Yamaguchi, labor minister. In the conversation that followed, (See HWA, page 3)



JAPANESE BOOKLET — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong presents a copy of the Japanese language version of *The Seven Laws of Success* to Takayoshi Yamaguchi (right), chairman of Japan Life Co., in Tokyo, Japan, March 7. The booklet (left photo) is the first printed by God's Church in Japanese. (Photos by Warren Watson and Kevin Blackburn)



Treasurer reports on income

By Leroy Neff

PASADENA — After a good increase of 15.5 percent in January, the February income increase was disappointing.

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

The month started off with negative figures, but conditions improved gradually until we ended the month with a 6 percent increase over February, 1984. This brought the year-to-date increase to 11.2 percent, which is slightly less than the 12 percent increase we had budgeted.

The severe weather conditions in February probably limited the income of some contributors, decreasing the amounts of their tithes and offerings.

Most departments have done a good job of holding expenses under budget. In fact, the income shortfall was offset almost exactly by the amount the combined departments were under budget. This means that even though the reserves are still too low, they have not eroded below expected amounts through the end of February.

We are hoping and praying that this downward income trend will change soon. If we and all brethren prepare properly for the Spring Holy Day offerings and are generous according to how God has blessed us, I'm sure conditions will improve.

One of Rotary's highest awards conferred Rotarians honor pastor general

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong was awarded a Paul Harris sapphire pin, one of the highest awards of Rotary International, Feb. 27 (see WN, March 4).

Richard Fiedler, president of the Pasadena Rotary Club, presented Mr. Armstrong with the award, his second Paul Harris pin. The presentation took place at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel here.

"The presentation was a very warm and moving event," said evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice presi-

dent of the Ambassador Foundation. "The event demonstrates how highly people regard Mr. Armstrong."

In his introduction, Mr. Fiedler, who presented the award "on behalf of Rotary everywhere," passed along the "warmest regards and personal best wishes" of Carlos Canseco, president of Rotary International.

To an audience of 400, Mr. Fiedler said: "Mr. Armstrong, through the Ambassador Foundation, cooperates with many world leaders in

providing assistance in numerous humanitarian and cultural projects.

"Mr. Armstrong and the foundation are involved in projects in Egypt, Israel, Thailand, England, Japan, China, Belgium, Kenya and other parts of the world."

After accepting the award Mr. Armstrong said he appreciated "the wonderful ideals that are expressed by the Rotary Clubs."

"The old slogan I've been familiar with many, many years, 'He profits most who serves best' — that is so good, and I'm sure that you try to follow that," said the pastor general.

Mr. La Ravia said, "Mr. Canseco toured the Ambassador campus Jan. 1 and was impressed with Mr. Armstrong's activities and what he has done here in Pasadena."

Mr. La Ravia added that Mr. Canseco told the pastor general: "You have done so much for world peace and the furtherance of the goals of Rotary. I want to do something for you. I will arrange for you to be awarded a sapphire Paul Harris pin."

Also attending the luncheon was M.A.T. Caparas, Rotary International president for 1986-87.

Worldwide, about 950,000 Rotary members attend more than 20,000 Rotary Clubs in 159 countries and regions.

Mr. Harris founded Rotary in 1905 "to foster the 'idea of service' as a basis of enterprise, to encourage high ethical standards in business and the professions, and to promote a world fellowship of business and professional men," according to Encyclopedia Britannica.

Media director returns from trip

By Michael A. Snyder

PASADENA — "We have some very positive opportunities developing for the Church in the Orient and South Pacific," said David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing, March 13.

Mr. Hulme, a pastor-rank minister, returned here March 12, completing a 27-day tour of Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea. Accompanying him were Donald C. Mitchum, president of BBDO/West (Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborn), and William L. Moreland, a BBDO senior vice president and the Church's account manager. BBDO is an advertising agency retained by the Church.

"We had two main objectives to accomplish," Mr. Hulme said. "We wanted to review and discuss first-

hand the advertising and media activities of God's Church, and we wanted to continue familiarizing BBDO executives with our operations."

Leaving Feb. 13 from the Los Angeles International Airport, Mr. Hulme arrived in Fiji Feb. 15 after crossing the international date line.

"A new radio station is opening on the main island, and we want to get the [World Tomorrow] broadcast airing on it."

"We had a meeting set up on Friday [Feb. 15] with the station's management, but the station manager wasn't able to come," Mr. Hulme said.

"The following Sunday I was visiting one of the outlying islands, and I met the station manager on a boat, quite by coincidence. It turns out that he was born and reared

about 30 miles from where I was [Mr. Hulme was born in Bolton, England], and we have similar backgrounds. Thanks to that chance meeting, we now have a real possibility of getting the broadcast back on the air."

Mr. Hulme delivered the sermon Feb. 16 to the Suva congregation.

BBDO executives

Flying to Auckland, New Zealand, Feb. 18, Mr. Hulme was joined by Mr. Mitchum and Mr. Moreland (see "Update," WN, March 4). It was Mr. Mitchum's first trip with Mr. Hulme.

"There we had intensive meetings discussing the Church's 1985 media plan and the possibility of getting on private television in New Zealand in late '85 or sometime in 1986."

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Mr. Gorbachev: Moscow's man of the hour

PASADENA — With speed unprecedented in Soviet history, the ruling hierarchy of the Soviet Union selected its new leader March 11.

The appointment of Mikhail S. Gorbachev, 54, as the Communist Party's general secretary came less than five hours after the announcement of the death of his predecessor, Konstantin Chernenko, 73.

It is no secret that Mr. Gorbachev, a polished, urbane, untypical Soviet leader, was earmarked by his fellow members of the ruling Politburo for the top position during Mr. Chernenko's short 13-month-long tenure. Mr. Chernenko's rule was punctuated by long periods of absence because of illness.

The uneventful Chernenko rule followed a similar 14-month-long reign by Yuri Andropov.

During these two brief spells, the Soviet leadership bristled under the image of a creaky superpower ruled by infirm leaders. To counteract this, the Politburo members, all of them older than Mr. Gorbachev, reached down to him and passed the reins of power to a new generation.

Mr. Gorbachev, born March 2, 1931, is the first Soviet leader to be born after the pivotal 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. He is also the first one who was not an adult at the outset of World War II, called the

Great Patriotic War by the Soviets.

He was only 10 when Adolf Hitler launched Operation Barbarossa against the Soviets, opening up the eastern front of the war.

This fact alone—the lack of deep personal involvement in the heroic struggle of the 1940s—could have a great impact on the future relations of the Soviet Union with the nations of Western Europe.

40 years since 1945

The passing of the baton of power from one generation to another inside the Soviet Union is yet another milestone as the world passes into a new age nearly 40 years since the end of the Second World War.

Since the end of hostilities May 8, 1945, Europe has been at peace for the most part. But it has been a peace achieved at a great price—the division of the once-proud Continent into mutually hostile spheres of interest.

For 40 years, two superpowers, one non-European, the other part Asian, have served as the main weights in the European balance-of-power structure. Western Europe has been under the influence and military protection of the United States, while the nations of the East have languished under the preponderant weight of the Soviet

Union, forming part of the latter's "security buffer."

But 40 years of division is long enough, Europeans increasingly insist.

Breaking the deadlock

Significantly enough, the number 40 in Bible prophecy connotes a time of observation, trial and testing. The nations of Europe, it is now

President Jimmy Carter.

Europe's division, perpetuated by the presence of both superpowers, will not be overcome, Mr. Brzezinski maintained in articles appearing in *The New York Times* and *Foreign Affairs* magazine, without "the emergence of a politically more vital Europe less dependent militarily on America... leading eventually to a fundamentally altered

unite politically." In order to nudge the Europeans in the direction of unity, Mr. Brzezinski urged Washington to undertake "a ten-year program of annual cuts of the U.S. ground forces in Europe."

The hope would be that it would engender some loosening, at least partially, of the Soviet military grip on the Eastern satellite nations, producing "a Europe that would be less at conflict with the Soviet Union than a Europe hosting a large American army."

Economics, too, would play a major role in this blueprint for the gradual "emancipation" of Eastern Europe. The United States is orienting its future more to the Pacific Basin than Europe. Together, the United States and Japan are racing into the high-tech world of the future. The fragmented economies of Western Europe are becoming less competitive by comparison.

This creates opportunities, according to Mr. Brzezinski, for the nations of Western Europe to offer the type of economic aid the nations of Eastern Europe need. "The notion of a special economic relationship with the East becomes particularly appealing," he noted.

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WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

painfully apparent, have been unable to unite as long as the two superpowers permit so little room for maneuver. But things are changing, on both sides.

"Slowly and tentatively," wrote Jonathan Steele in the Feb. 28 *Daily Telegraph* of London, "a few Europeans (and some Americans) are beginning to think of an alternative future." One of these is Polish-born Zbigniew Brzezinski, formerly national security adviser to U.S.

relationship with Eastern Europe and Russia."

A new look at the strategic and economic relationships in Europe is necessary, Mr. Brzezinski said. First, the American military presence "reduces the incentive for the Europeans to



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

'Please forgive me'

Children learn most of their attitudes at home.

Little sister Amy breaks her brother Tom's favorite toy. He screams, small-boy style, "I'll never forgive you!"

So next time she might be the victim; her favorite doll comes to grief. How does Amy react? Exactly as her brother did. More than likely at least one of their parents has set a bad example for them.

Frank, an 8-year-old, is just like his dad. He never says he's sorry. Not for anything. And he never says, "Forgive me," to anybody, either.

It's predictable, unless he changes, young Frank is heading for a life of alienation from others. He'll pay a high price for being "just like his dad" in this respect.

Deliberately choosing not to forgive, as a way of life, is rank disobedience to God's ways. The apostle Paul wrote, "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you" (Ephesians 4:31, 32, Revised Authorized Version).

Are we practicing this in our daily lives? If not, such disobedience will exact its own toll, and generally into the next generation as well.

Be positive

Our minds are constantly absorbed with thoughts. The Bible makes that clear and tells us the end result. "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7, RAV). "So is he"—present tense. We are what we are thinking at any given moment. Think about that a second. Are your thoughts positive or negative, forgiving or unforgiving, right now?

That scripture means that if we dwell on negative things for long periods of time we will act negatively. The one who will not forgive, but nurtures thoughts of how someone mistreated him or her (whether

true or not), can't give his or her mind and heart to the productive thought and activity God commands.

A number of years ago, for a period of time, my thoughts were occupied with how badly I had been treated in a certain situation. I felt quite justified for not forgiving the people concerned.

One day it came to me that the creative juices were not flowing. Why? Bitterness, self-pity and resentment were clogging the flow of ideas necessary for me to write.

Thankfully God had mercy on me and through a sermon brought to my attention that I needed to repent of this unforgiving attitude. God reminded me of how much He had forgiven me, the high cost He paid that I might have release from sin and guilt. "But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mark 11:26, RAV).

I got the message loud and clear. With God's help through that sermon, I was able to overcome the negative feelings that made my days almost totally unproductive.

Well might we heed and obey Paul's counsel concerning the control of our thoughts. Read what he was inspired to write in Philippians 4:8. When our minds and hearts are filled with these pure thoughts, there's no room for detrimental, unproductive thinking. But, we must work at it. It's not easy to constantly control our thoughts.

To be sure, there are instances of people driven by negative feelings to achieve goals. "The only thing that kept him going (after some bitter experience) was his hatred; it just drove him." This can happen. But ultimately the person will be driven to emotional disaster.

Hatred and bitterness are poisonous venom to the human heart and mind. They finally cost more than one can afford to pay.

"I'm not going to humble myself and go and say I'm sorry," Sue told her friend. "Why should I? And

anyway, if I do, I'll never hear the end of it."

Ever said that? I have. This can be true. Some gloat over the one who seeks forgiveness from them and never let them forget, in the manner of one who still owes a debt.

God is able to deal with the person who does not graciously respond when someone says, "Please forgive me." And meanwhile He blesses the one who is willing to humble himself or herself and ask for forgiveness.

God's Word tells us, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11, New International Version).

Just one more thing... forgiveness must also be an integral part of every good marriage. None of us is perfect. All of us can easily wrong others, even the ones we love most intimately. And others can commit wrongs against us—wrongs that need our forgiveness.

But a true Christian knows how to forgive. He or she wants to forgive, wants to straighten out the relationship, repair the wrong and give up any desire for resentment or punishment.

God's Word says that when God forgives our sins, He remembers them no more. Even though He has the power of complete and instant recall, He completely forgets them and never brings them up again. What an example of the kind of forgiveness we should be practicing in our marriages.

Test yourself

Over the years I've developed a questionnaire for checking my marital forgive-and-forget quotient. I ask myself these questions:

- Can I sincerely say I'm sorry?
- Am I too quick to judge?
- Am I easily hurt or offended?
- When offended do I try to understand and quickly forgive?
- Can my mate see Christ's example of perfect forgiveness and forgetfulness in me?
- Do I make it easy for my mate to forgive me?

If I score low, I work on it with God's help. I ask God and my mate to forgive me.

Remember he or she who genuinely forgives has grasped the deeper meaning of love. "You are kind and forgiving, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you" (Psalm 86:5, NIV).

Practice saying to your mate, an in-law, a brother, colleague, friend or God: "Please forgive me."

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



The enterprising Briton?

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Britain's economy will grow faster in 1985 than in any year since 1973, predicts the London Business School.

"The economy, it says, will grow by 3½ percent, and interest rates will fall to 10 percent by the end of 1985," according to an article by economics editor David Lipsey in the Feb. 24 *Sunday Times*. The article was optimistically captioned: "This Is the Year of the Boom."

This is not the only encouraging

news about the United Kingdom's economy. Wrote Stephen Ward in the Feb. 21 *Daily Telegraph*: "Encouraging new figures published yesterday by the Department of Employment show that the economy has been creating jobs over the past year far faster than had been thought... In the year to September, 1984 the labor force rose by 342,000 compared with an earlier estimate of 226,000."

The *Telegraph* article pointed out that the number of self-employed Britons showed "a particularly sharp surge." This accelerated self-employment sums up what Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has tried to inculcate into British society in the past six years.

On the other side, the negative news can be devastating. Here are some headlines on the British unemployment.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Appreciation to God

A recent *Good News* article expressed the necessity of showing each other appreciation. I have been in the Church for some time, but it was only recently that I began to show my appreciation to God not only in words of praise and thanksgiving, but also to sacrifice thank offerings (Psalm 107:22) in the form of regular additions to the paying of tithe money.

It seems that I discover more things to be thankful for the more I give.

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Focus on Spanish area

Many thanks to the writers of the stories describing the growth of God's Church in Chile, Peru, El Salvador, Puerto Rico and Mexico in your Jan. 21 edition.

We who live in Canada and the U.S.A. often take for granted that our daily food and shelter will be provided.

I was particularly inspired by the way many of our Spanish-speaking brethren trust God on a day-to-day basis for their needs and the way God provides for them.

C.W. "Wally" Vandray
Montreal, Que.

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Appreciates 'Anniversaries'

Greetings from England. I am writing you to express my favour for the "Anniversaries" in *The Worldwide News*. Some may wish to remove this feature...

Marriage is honourable, and couples should rejoice every year of their married life. Credit should be given for faith—(See LETTERS, page 9)

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Evangelist in Philippines begins training program for ministers

By Rodney H. Matthews

MANILA, Philippines — Jan. 13 was a historic day for God's Church in the Philippines.

At the Teacher's Camp in Baguio, 130 miles north of Manila, evangelist Dean Blackwell began a Ministerial Education Program (MEP) for all employed ministers and ministerial trainees in the Philippines.

Rodney H. Matthews is office manager of the regional office in Manila, Philippines.

In July, 1984, after discussions with evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services in Pasadena, and Guy Ames, regional director in the Philippines, Mr. Armstrong approved the establishment of a program of concentrated training for the Philippine ministry that reflected the education received by four-year students at Ambassador College in Pasadena.

At that time, only three field ministers had attended a year or so of Ambassador College classes, most having received training only through Spokesman Clubs and leadership training lectures.

Media

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The three men flew to Sydney, Australia, Feb. 24. "Our main purpose was to review possibilities for media expansion and to try and upgrade airing times for *The World Tomorrow* [teletext]," Mr. Hulme said.

Tuesday, Feb. 26, the group flew to Melbourne, Australia, for meetings with the BBDO affiliate agency there. Wednesday, Feb. 27, Mr. Hulme and the BBDO officials traveled to Burleigh Heads to meet Church officials at the Australian Regional Office.

Feb. 28 the group flew to Hong Kong. March 1 Mr. Hulme, Mr. Mitchum and Mr. Moreland met with executives from *Reader's Digest* to discuss the Church advertising in the Asian English-language edition and the Chinese-language edition of *Reader's Digest*.

Sabbath, March 2, Mr. Hulme conducted a Bible study for the six members living in Hong Kong. At the end of the Sabbath the brethren went to the harbor to view the cruise ship *Queen Elizabeth 2*.

Monday, March 4, Mr. Hulme and the BBDO officials met with executives from BBDO Hong Kong.

After meeting with officials of the Hong Kong television licensing board March 5 to discuss airing *The World Tomorrow*, Mr. Hulme and Mr. Mitchum flew to Tokyo, Japan, to meet with officials of the Asatsu advertising agency and to attend a banquet where Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong spoke (see article, this page).

Thursday, March 7, Mr. Hulme and Mr. Mitchum flew to Seoul, South Korea, where they met with officials from the LGAD advertising agency to review problems and opportunities for Church advertising in South Korea.

After flying back to Tokyo March 8, Mr. Hulme conducted a Bible study Sabbath, March 9, for two members living in Japan.

Prospective member visit

Mr. Hulme took the "Bullet Train" from Tokyo to Kobe,

An experimental program of sending ministers to Ambassador College for a year of undergraduate classes proved too expensive and would not have met the training needs of the church pastors here quickly enough to accommodate growth in the Church.

The program to "take Ambassador College to the Philippines" grew out of this situation.

Mr. Armstrong selected Mr. Blackwell to teach the classes. Mr. Blackwell's wealth of experience in the field ministry and teaching goes back to his graduation from Ambassador College in 1953 and his service to many U.S. churches as well as time on the faculty of both campuses of Ambassador College teaching theology and homiletics.

Mr. Blackwell follows a curriculum as taught at Ambassador College. He teaches epistles of Paul, fundamentals of theology, homiletics and prophecy.

The ministers attend Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and return home as soon as possible. This allows them to have concentrated teaching and fellowship with each other, yet still spend time at home with their families, attend to urgent church business and preach on the Sabbath.

Japan, March 10, to visit the first native prospective member in Japan. "This individual responded to a Church advertisement in an English-language Japanese newspaper about a year ago," Mr. Hulme said. "I found the lady to be remarkably well-informed about God's Church."

March 11, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Mitchum and Mr. Moreland met for daylong meetings with officials from the Asatsu agency.

"I'll have to say that this was one of the most receptive groups I've ever dealt with," said Mr. Hulme. "The president of the company was present during the entire set of meetings and watched a full half-hour videotape of *The World Tomorrow* when Mr. Armstrong powerfully addressed the Rotary Club in Athens, Greece."

"Afterward he said to me that the Church account was his company's first American account," Mr. Hulme continued. "He said that since it truly dealt with God that this was a good omen for his company."

Flying back to the United States, Mr. Mitchum commented to Mr. Hulme that "your organization is very upbeat and positive."

"After seeing the scope of activities from the regional offices to Mr. Armstrong, he was impressed with how we are always looking ahead to better things," Mr. Hulme said.

Although in the short term some sacrifice must be made by all family members and in the more routine church needs, the lasting benefits will more than compensate.

The sessions are scheduled each week until mid-June (with the exception of the Days of Unleavened Bread and Pentecost) when some of the men will attend the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena. Another purpose is to avoid excessive travel during the typhoon season.

During the first six months the wives are scheduled to attend several sessions, where material will be tailored to subjects relating to their responsibilities.

The needs for future sessions will be evaluated and scheduled when progress is measured later in the year.

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Mr. Armstrong talked about the labor minister's two sons who attend Imperial Schools in Pasadena.

After being ushered into the foreign minister's office, Mr. Armstrong expressed his appreciation for the economic help Japan has given to Third World nations. The Japanese government has contributed to some of the Ambassador Foundation projects begun by Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Dean and Mr. La Ravia explained projects funded by the foundation. After the discussion the group returned to the Imperial Hotel shortly after noon.

In the afternoon Mr. Armstrong continued making final edits on *Mystery of the Ages*. He completed the draft before the trip and was carefully going over the manuscript.

That evening Gene Ainsworth visited Mr. Armstrong at the Imperial Hotel and accepted an invitation to join the group for dinner. Mr. Armstrong met Mr. Ainsworth during the pastor general's 1971-73 visits with then-President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam. Mr. Ainsworth lives and works in Japan, where he helps Vietnamese refugees.

Mr. Armstrong worked on *Mystery of the Ages* most of the day Wednesday, March 6. At 11:30 a.m., Mr. Armstrong met with Donald C. Mitchum, president of BBDO-West (Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborn), and David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing. After the meeting Mr. Armstrong invited them to lunch with the rest of the group.

The group was then joined by Robert Morton, regional director of



TRAINING PROGRAM — Photo shows ministers and ministerial trainees participating in a Ministerial Education Program (MEP) conducted by evangelist Dean Blackwell at the Teacher's Camp in Baguio, Philippines. Mr. Blackwell and Guy Ames, regional director, stand in the back row at right. (Photo by Rodney H. Matthews)

Australia and Asia. Mr. Morton flew in that morning from Sri Lanka to present a project proposal to Mr. Armstrong from Junius Richard Jayewardene, president of Sri Lanka.

Diplomatic address

That evening Mr. Armstrong and the group went to the Peacock Room of the Imperial Hotel, where the pastor general was host to a formal banquet for more than 200 government officials, diplomats and business people.

At 6 p.m., Mr. Armstrong began greeting guests arriving for a reception before the banquet. There he spoke with members of the diplomatic corps from Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Thailand. Amnon Ben-Yohanan, the ambassador from Israel and a good friend of Mr. Armstrong's, was in South Korea and unable to attend. He sent his wife to represent him.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Toshiro Mifune. Mr. Mifune, a Japanese actor, is regarded as the John Wayne of Japan.

After dinner Mr. Armstrong was introduced by Tokuo Yamashita, minister of transportation. The pastor general explained to the group why international problems exist. He emphasized that these problems will be resolved by an unexpected source in the near future.

The event was videotaped by a television crew from Media Services in Pasadena, who flew over before Mr. Armstrong's arrival. The tape is scheduled to be aired on *The World Tomorrow*.

Several members of the Japanese Diet attended, including Keisiro Murata, minister of international trade and industry; and Eisaku Satoh and Ichiji H. Ishii, members of the House of Councillors (equivalent to the U.S. Senate).

Preparation for address

The pastor general spent the morning Thursday, March 7, preparing for his address before managers of the Japan Life Co. The chairman, Takayoshi Yamaguchi, visited Pasadena Ambassador College Feb. 25, and had invited Mr. Armstrong to address his managers.

After learning that the group was different from the one he addressed from the same organization Nov. 1, 1984 (see "Christ's Apostle in the Orient," *WN*, Nov. 26), Mr. Armstrong decided to again speak on the seven laws of success. He and Mr. Dean extensively reviewed the booklet *The Seven Laws of Success* in preparation for the talk.

After lunch Mr. Armstrong was driven to the restaurant where he would address the group. At the restaurant he went through a receiving

line and presented Mr. Yamaguchi with a leather-bound and autographed edition of *The Seven Laws of Success*, and a copy of the newly printed Japanese-language version of the same booklet.

The group entered a packed banquet hall where 3,000 employees of Japan Life Co. waited.

Mr. Yamaguchi introduced Mr. Armstrong by telling the assembled group of Mr. Armstrong's powerful address the night before. He said that Mr. Armstrong knew the way to peace and had a mission to say how it would come.

After the introduction Mr. Armstrong explained the seven laws of success. His talk was translated by Makoto Fujita, executive director of the International Center at Kwansei Gakuin University.

The audience was receptive to Mr. Armstrong's message, and the pastor general said he was happy to announce that Japanese-language booklets were available for them.

The address was taped by the Church television crew and is scheduled for a *World Tomorrow* telecast.

Mr. Yamaguchi thanked Mr. Armstrong for his address and for the Japanese copies of *The Seven Laws of Success*.

After the address the group returned to the Imperial Hotel.

Luncheon meeting

Friday morning, March 8, the group packed for the return trip to Pasadena.

At 11:45 a.m., the G-III crew picked up the luggage, and Mr. Dean and Mr. La Ravia joined the pastor general for a working luncheon with Tokuma Utsunomiya of the House of Councillors, and Kanji Takasugi. Mr. Utsunomiya is chairman of the Japan, United States and China friendship association and Mr. Takasugi is treasurer.

The group worked on plans to fund a project in China.

Mr. Utsunomiya, 80, is considered the elder statesman of the Japanese Diet. He was instrumental in restoring relations between Japan and the People's Republic of China after World War II and helped open diplomatic relations between the United States and China during the early 1970s.

Mr. Armstrong presented the men with leather-bound English copies of *The Seven Laws of Success* and the Japanese version.

After the luncheon ended at 2 p.m., the group drove to the airport for a 3 p.m. departure.

After stopping for customs in Honolulu, Hawaii, the G-III continued to the Burbank airport, where Mr. Armstrong was greeted by Pasadena-based evangelists and department heads before driving back to the Pasadena campus.

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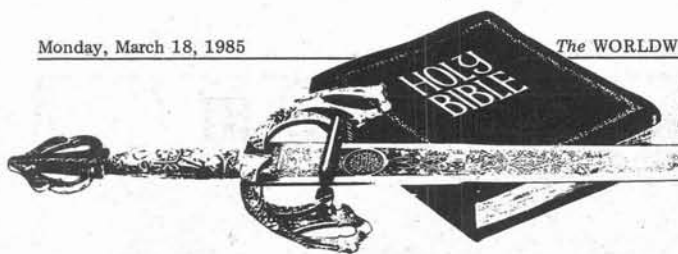


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IRON SHARPENS IRON

'Daddy, why should we keep the Days of Unleavened Bread?'

By Dexter H. Faulkner

The Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread, and all of God's other Holy Days, are deeply meaningful to God's true people.

But how much meaning do they have for our children, those young ones whose teaching God says is our responsibility?

Do we ourselves deeply understand God's Holy Days? And, most important, do we set the proper example in observing these days? Do we take them seriously? Unless we do, how can we effectively express to our children the significance of God's master plan?

Ancient Israel's example

The ancient Israelites, in slavery in Egypt, certainly were forced to take God's plan seriously when God began to work with them.

Times of national crisis — war, economic depression, enslavement of one nation by another — are probably harder on children than on any other single group within a nation. Without a doubt this was true during ancient Israel's hard bondage in Egypt.

Then God intervened. Keeping His promise to the patriarch Abraham (Genesis 15:13-14), God began to deliver Israel. Moses arrived on the scene and God, through miraculous and devastating plagues, drove Pharaoh to release God's nation. We know the story.

But think of the Israelites' children. While the grown-ups were no doubt bewildered by the course of events, the children must have been most confused — even fearful.

Israel followed God's instructions and prepared for the very first Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread (Exodus 12:1-25). God struck down the firstborn in every Egyptian home and Moses began to lead Israel out of Egypt. These events would only have added to the children's wonderment.

But God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33). He wanted His people — every person, down to the youngest child who could understand — to know about His plan. So He provided a means for the children to learn about the events and ceremonies of these first Holy Days: Parents were to teach their children, then and for every generation thereafter.

Notice Exodus 12:26-27: "And it shall come to pass," God told Israel, "when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses."

God placed a heavy responsibility on parents. They were to teach their children about the things of God, including God's Holy Days, which show the plan of salvation.

One of the most effective ways for them to have done so was to have set the proper example of obedience in their own lives. Personal example goes much further than words in setting a pattern of right living.

The Bible shows, however, the adult Israelites themselves failed to heed God's commands, let alone teach the younger generations. The record of Israel's unhappy history

shows the result.

What does this example from Israel's history mean to us today? Consider our children. Don't they also live in difficult, confusing times — one of the worst times in the history of the world?

Don't the pressures, temptations and enigmas of life in this world exact a high price in terms of our children's physical, emotional and, yes, spiritual health?



Illustration by Monte Wolverton

Aren't our children in a situation similar to the one the children of ancient Israel were in? We parents are coming out of sin (spiritual Egypt), and our children may be confused.

If we are truly called, begotten children of God's Family, our children are specially blessed by God (1 Corinthians 7:14). God wants them to know about His plan and His way of life, and God has provided a means by which they can learn. That means is us! We are to teach them (Deuteronomy 6:6-7, 11:19). And one of the most basic ways to explain God's plan is by explaining God's Holy Days, beginning with these Spring Holy Days just ahead of us now.

Children to be taught

How can we promote our children's understanding of God's Holy Days?

We should rehearse the history of the Exodus with our children, helping them imagine what it was like to be a child in Israel then. This will

make the story more interesting.

We can explain what these days mean now, in New Testament times — their meaning is much more profound today, to Christians.

We can review the facts about sacrifice, especially Jesus Christ's ultimate sacrifice, and what it means to us now, and what it will ultimately mean to our children and to the whole world.

We can describe what we do on the Passover evening, when we go to services but our children can't come along, and tell them what the various symbols — the bread, the wine,

the foot-washing service, the singing of the hymn — mean.

Of course, teaching our children is not just a matter of speaking to them. Much if not most of our teaching is through the example we set.

Perhaps we could involve the children in baking unleavened bread this year. If the children help to make unleavened bread, this symbol will have more meaning to them — and to us! — than if we buy all the bread from a store.

We should involve our children in cleaning the house and premises, all the while explaining to them why we are cleaning — to symbolize that we must put every last bit of leaven, the type of sin, out of our lives.

Personal review

The Holy Days depict God's great master plan, to which we have devoted our very eternity! Shouldn't

we have a thorough grasp of these festivals?

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's booklet *Pagan Holidays — or God's Holy Days — Which?* offers, in detail, the background to the Holy Days in general and explains each one in particular.

It would be a good idea to get out Mr. Armstrong's Holy Day booklet and review it before the coming festivals of God. Rereading the information will make it fresh in our minds, and we will be better able to communicate it to our children.

Let's determine to deeply understand and appreciate God's Holy Days this year, beginning with the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread, occurring shortly.

And let's help our children learn about, enjoy and revere God's Holy Days by teaching our children as God commands us!

To maintain first love

Steer clear of familiarity pitfall

By Ralph D. Levy

Do you remember the first time you walked into services of the Church of God?

If your experience was like mine, it was a memorable moment of excitement and anxiety, mixed with a certain feeling of insecurity. How would God's own Church seem? What would the people be like? What about the services?

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As the years go by, that initial excitement may begin to wane. The spiritual aspect of life may cease to occupy center stage in our lives, as it should, and we may end up saying, "I've been in the Church many years and I've heard it all." When the first love cools, an attitude of familiarity with God's truth can begin to take its toll.

Jesus Christ takes to task an entire era of His Church for this same attitude: "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have

left your first love" (Revelation 2:4, Revised Authorized Version throughout). This was the major problem in the first era of the Church of God. Could it be a problem for us today?

Familiarity breeds contempt, so they say (whoever "they" are). Remember that the people of Nazareth were so familiar with



Illustration by Monte Wolverton

Jesus and His physical family that they could not accept that He was the Christ (Matthew 13:54-58).

Yet notice that Peter, who, perhaps more than anyone, might have had excuse for familiarity with Jesus, firmly acknowledged who He was (Matthew 16:13-17).

We can fall into either category. Familiarity with God's Church may either detract from or deepen our appreciation of our calling. Here are some keys for avoiding the pitfall of familiarity:

(1) Obey God's law. The mind has a strange tendency to overlook something familiar, such as the law of God, or try to change it. "If you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge" (James 4:11).

God does not give us that prerogative. He alone defines spiritual law. "There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy" (verse 12). We must obey His holy, righteous law, however familiar it may seem.

(2) Remember your original calling. Even if you no longer eagerly rehearse your story with everyone at services (perhaps they've all heard it by now), go through it for your own benefit, for personal inspiration (Hebrews 10:32-33).

(3) Think through the major teachings of the Church and apply them to the specifics. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong often explains the significance of the two trees in the Garden of Eden, and

Adam's decision (Genesis 2:9, 3:1-7). But do we really understand it? Try this test. The next time you read a newspaper or watch television news, apply the lesson of the two trees to every major news story. The connection should be obvious, but it is too easily overlooked. You'll be amazed how it all fits in.

(4) Meditate on your calling. This is what David, the man after God's own heart, did (Psalm 119:97-104). But for us it can be so difficult. Many facets of Western society prevent us from taking uninterrupted time to meditate.

Let us need to meditate in order to give depth and reality to what otherwise may seem like cold academic knowledge.

(5) Appreciate the truth. The best in life is not always easily appreciated. The apostle Paul had to feed the Corinthian church spiritual milk because they were not able to receive spiritual meat (1 Corinthians 3:2). They were like children, preferring fast food over dinner in a quality restaurant. Appreciation of the best takes effort, experience and discernment.

(6) Study the Bible in detail. Review the basic booklets in detail; you'll be surprised to find how many points have faded from your memory. Pull out your concordance, commentaries and lexicons and carefully review the foundational teachings of God's Church. Add some seasoning to your spiritual diet.

(7) Look at the big picture. Get it all in focus, and appreciate the transcendent nature of your calling. How can something that hasn't come to fulfillment possibly be so familiar to us?

These seven steps will add freshness to your spiritual life. If you approach your calling this way, you will not become tired or overfamiliar with it.

Instead, your attitude will be the same as the apostle Paul's: "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor? Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him? For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen" (Romans 11:33-36).

New WN section offers encouragement, advice

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17, New International Version). Starting with this issue, we begin a new section that we hope will fulfill this verse: to help stimulate and build up brethren of God's Church.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong continually urges us to come out of this world and separate ourselves from the negative influences of this society.

Yet at the same time Mr. Armstrong exhorts us to do as Jesus Christ directs: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16, Revised

Authorized Version).

In this new section we aim to provide encouragement, stimulation and guidance to help you through difficult times and upgrade your spiritual and physical lives — in short, to help you better fulfill Christ's command to be a light in these dark times by overcoming this world, self and Satan.

"Iron Sharpens Iron" will feature two or three articles providing advice and information on winning personal and spiritual battles and living a more fruitful Christian life.

We're still planning content for this new section, so let us hear about the topics you would like covered.



HWA IN JAPAN

RETURN TO THE ORIENT — Clockwise from upper right: Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong presents a Japanese-language copy of *The Seven Laws of Success* to Takayoshi Yamaguchi, chairman of Japan Life Co., March 7; Mr. Armstrong addresses more than 200 government officials, diplomats and business people March 6; Mr. Armstrong reviews newspaper articles about Toshio Yamaguchi (left), minister of labor, March 5; Mr. Arm-

strong greets Diet member Tokuma Utsunomiya March 8; the pastor general meets with Donald Mitchum, president of BBDO West (Batten, Burton, Durstine & Osborn), and David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing, March 6; employees of Japan Life Co., receive copies of *The Seven Laws of Success* in Japanese. Below, Mr. Armstrong receives applause and flowers after his address to 3,000 managers of Japan Life Co. [Photos by Warren Watson]



JERUSALEM 1985 FEAST SITE

Arrangements have been made for 400 people to observe the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem, according to Richard Frankel, Festival coordinator.

Brethren from the United States and Canada desiring to transfer should fill out the application form on this page, have it approved and signed by their pastor, and send it along with a \$300 deposit to JMT Travel, 610 Haddonfield Rd., Cherry Hill, N.J., 08002, to the attention of Jan Schwait. Telephone numbers are 609-662-1133 or 215-563-3260; telex number and answer-back is 212305-JMT-UR.

Brethren outside the United States and Canada should send the application to their country's regional office. The regional office will contact JMT Travel to reserve space and forward the application to JMT Travel.

Additional information, instructions and tour conditions will be sent by JMT Travel to those approved for transfer. The deposit will be refunded if the application is denied.

People older than 65 and those who have physical disabilities must include a physician's statement certifying they are in good health and able to climb steps and walk long distances. These people must also name a traveling companion on the application.

A choice of three hotels and prices for the trip, including round-trip air fare from New York, N.Y., are:

Hotels

Ramada Renaissance Hotel — a deluxe five-star hotel built in 1984 near the Knesset (parliament). Facilities include two swimming pools, coffee shop, fitness center, hairdresser, shopping arcade and air-conditioned rooms. Prices are \$1,440 a person, double occupancy; \$240 single supplement; \$965 for each child age 2 to 11 in parents' room; \$1,198 for each child age 12 to 18 in parents' room; \$775 land only (air fare not included).

Sonesta Hotel — a three-star hotel adjoining the Ramada Renaissance Hotel. Facilities include air-conditioned rooms, coffee shop and garden patio and dining room. Prices are \$1,255 a person, double occupancy; \$175 single supplement; \$879 for each child 2 to 11 in parents' room; \$1,112 for each child 12 to 18 in parents' room (only one child in addition to two adults is recommended for each room); \$590 land only.

Knesset Hotel — a three-star hotel adjoining the above hotels. Facilities include air-conditioned rooms, coffee shop and dining room. Prices are \$1,220 a person, double occupancy; \$150 single supplement; \$854 for each child 2 to 11 in parents' room; \$1,087 for each child 12 to 18 in parents' room (only one child in addition to two adults is recommended for each room); \$555 land only.

Price includes transfers between airport, bridge at border between Israel and Jordan and hotels; five-star hotel in Amman, Jordan; five- and three-star hotels in Jerusalem; breakfast daily; nine dinners; four lunches; porterage; qualified guides; tips to guides, drivers and hotel staff; entrance fees to scheduled sites; airport and bridge taxes if traveling with group; air-conditioned buses; three half-days and one full day sight-seeing; tote bag; baggage tags; passport holder; name badge; and round-trip air fare from New York.

Itinerary

Thursday, Sept. 26 — Evening departure from New York to Amman.

Friday, Sept. 27 — Amman — Early evening arrival in Amman and transfer to Marriott Hotel for two nights.

Saturday, Sept. 28 — Amman — Midmorning brunch, afternoon service.

Sunday, Sept. 29 — Amman, Dead Sea, Jerusalem — Early departure for Israeli border. After going through customs the group visits Masada, Dead Sea, Qumran and Jericho and is taken to Jerusalem hotels. Afternoon free. Evening service (film).

Monday, Sept. 30 — First Holy Day, Jerusalem — Morning and afternoon services. Catered lunch. Feast film in evening.

Tuesday, Oct. 1 — Jerusalem — Morning service. Afternoon visit to Mt. Scopus and the Mount of Olives for panoramic view of the city and wilderness of Judea. Travel through the Kidron (Jehoshaphat) Valley to visit Shrine of the Book (Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit); Israel Museum; Hebrew University; Yad Vashem (Holocaust memorial); model of Jerusalem in Christ's time. Evening entertainment at the International Cultural Center for Youth (ICCY).

Wednesday, Oct. 2 — Jerusalem — Morning service. Remainder of day free.

Thursday, Oct. 3 — Judea — Morning service. Afternoon tour (box lunch included) of Rachel's Tomb, Bethlehem, Solomon's Pools, Valley of Berachah, and Hebron. Travel through Valley of Elah (where David killed Goliath), stop at Beth-Shemesh. Return to Jerusalem.

Friday, Oct. 4 — Jerusalem — Morning service. Free afternoon or optional tour of Galilee (\$27 a person). Caesarea, Megiddo, Nazareth, Cana, fish lunch on shore of Sea of Galilee at Tiberias and Capernaum. Evening service.

Saturday, Oct. 5 — Jerusalem — Morning and afternoon services.

Sunday, Oct. 6 — Jerusalem — Early departure for Garden Tomb, El Aqsa Mosque, Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem Archaeological Excavations, Liberty Bell Park. Afternoon free. Evening service.

Monday, Oct. 7 — Last Great Day, Jerusalem — Morning and afternoon services. Catered lunch. Evening free.

Tuesday, Oct. 8 — Departures — Leave for Amman airport or continue on optional tours.

For those who have been to Jerusalem before, a second-timers tour will be arranged.

Optional tours

Option No. 1 — Jordan

Tuesday, Oct. 8 — Jerusalem, Petra — Cross bridge into

Jordan, visit Mt. Nebo by way of Hisban. Travel Kings Highway to Petra, with stop at Madaba. Lunch at Karak. Overnight at Forum Hotel in Petra.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 — Petra, Amman — Tour of Petra. Afternoon departure to Amman by Desert Highway. Stop at Naur, visit school for handicapped children. Overnight at Marriott Hotel in Amman.

Thursday, Oct. 10 — Departure — Transfer to airport for flights home.

Price: \$199 a person, double occupancy; \$254 a person, single occupancy; \$149 for each child 2 to 11 in parents' room.

Price includes transfers in air-conditioned buses; one night at Forum Hotel in Petra; one night at Marriott Hotel in Amman; full breakfast daily; two lunches; two dinners; bridge and airport taxes; group visa fees; porterage; qualified guides; tips to guides, drivers and hotel staff; payment for horses and jeeps (tips to horsemen will be responsibility of individual participants).

Option No. 2 — Mt. Sinai, Egypt

Tuesday, Oct. 8 — Jerusalem, Nuweiba — Leave Jerusalem by bus to Eilat. Afternoon visit of aquarium; cross border at Taba. Remainder of afternoon and evening free. Overnight at Nuweiba.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 — Sinai, Cairo — Early breakfast and departure for St. Catherine. Midmorning climb of Mt. Sinai; visit monastery. On to Firan (biblical Rephidim) and Cairo. Overnight at Mena House in Cairo.

Thursday, Oct. 10 — Cairo — Visit to Old Cairo and Egyptian Museum. Afternoon free. Overnight at Mena House.

Friday, Oct. 11 — Area sites — Tour Memphis. Then to Sakkarah to see the Temple of Zoser, the Step Pyramid and the Pyramid of Unas. On to Giza to visit the Sphinx and the Pyramids of Khufu and Cheops. Overnight at Mena House.

Saturday, Oct. 12 — Cairo — Afternoon services.

Sunday, Oct. 13 — Cairo — Free day or optional tour (cost to be determined) to Luxor (includes flight). Visit Valley of the Kings and Queens, the tombs of Tutankhamen, Seti I and Ramses VI; Queen Hatshepsut's Deir-el-Bahari Temple and the Colossi of Memnon. Afternoon visit to the Temples of Karnak. Evening flight to Cairo. Overnight at Mena House.

Monday, Oct. 14 — Departure — Return flights home.

Price: \$685 a person, double occupancy; \$855 a person single occupancy.

Price includes all transfers; one night in Nuweiba; five nights at Mena House in Cairo; six full breakfasts (including one brunch); six dinners; five lunches; qualified guides; porterage; gratuities to hotel staff and tips to guides and drivers; entrance fees to all scheduled sites; departure taxes (individuals to obtain own visa).

Acapulco, Mexico Feast

Space is available for 500 brethren to keep the Feast of Tabernacles in Acapulco, Mexico, according to Thomas Turk, Mexico City, Mexico, Office manager.

Services will be in Spanish with English translations. Hotel costs are \$40 a day for a standard double room and \$60 a day for a one-bedroom suite.

Anyone interested in transferring should request an Acapulco application transfer package by writing to: Spanish Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129. Attention: Acapulco application.

Please do not telephone the Spanish Department, Festival Office, Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) line, Ministerial Services or the Mexico City Office. Pertinent information is included in the application transfer package.

All transfers must be approved by the Spanish Department. For various reasons no one will be allowed to make his or her own arrangements.

Preference and priority will be given to those who respond promptly and to those who did not transfer to Acapulco last year, although those who transferred to Acapulco last year can apply.

Do not plan to drive to Acapulco from the United States. The distance and risks are too great.

Spanish-speaking brethren who wish to transfer are encouraged to attend other Spanish-language sites.

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD 1985 FEAST OF TABERNACLES APPLICATION FOR JERUSALEM

Mr. _____ Age _____
Mrs. _____
Miss (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) _____
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() No. 1 Jordan (Oct. 8 to 10) () Luxor day tour (Oct. 13)

() I attended the Feast in Jerusalem in _____ and am interested in the second-timers tour.

NOTE: If you are more than 65 or have any physical disability, a doctor's certificate must be sent to JMT TRAVEL. Please name a traveling companion who will provide assistance for you on the trip:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____ (\$300 a person, U.S. funds only) to confirm _____ spaces for the Feast in Jerusalem. Please make checks payable to JMT TRAVEL / WCG FESTIVAL. If not selected this deposit will be refunded. Deposit may be forfeited if member cancels after acceptance.

MAIL TO: JMT Travel, 610 Haddonfield Rd., Cherry Hill, N.J., 08002 Attention: Jan. (Non U.S. or Canadian brethren should send this form to their country's regional office).

NOTE:

Church pastor's approval is required for transfer consideration.

No application will be considered without signature.

(Pastor's signature)

I understand that the tours offered are only for seasoned, physically fit travelers and that I and my dependents or companions are subject to all tour conditions and instructions already given or to be given in the future.

(Signature of applicant)

For Jerusalem Feast coordinator's information:

I wish to participate in the Feast choir:

() Soprano () Alto () Tenor () Bass

I am a soloist, () Vocal () Instrumental (instrument) _____

I play piano. Ability level: () Excellent () Good () Fair

I am a () Local elder () Deacon () Deaconess

() Audiovisual technician () Doctor () Nurse

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



20TH-YEAR PLAQUE — Larry Shamus (right), a San Jose, Calif., local church elder, presents a plaque commemorating the 20th anniversary of the San Jose church Feb. 9 to Leroy Cole (center), pastor of the San Jose and Aptos, Calif., churches, and associate pastor Stuart Segall.

Churches commemorate anniversaries

Brethren who attend or formerly attended the **CHICO**, Calif., church celebrated the church's 10th anniversary Feb. 2. After announcements by Chico and Eureka, Calif., pastor Ray Lissman, evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the San Diego, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., churches, gave a sermon on praise and how to use it.

Taped greetings were sent by former Chico pastors Marc Segall, pastor of the Greenwood and Jackson, Miss., churches, and Noel Homor, pastor of the Eau Claire, Wis., and St. Paul, Minn., churches.

Special music was performed by a children's choir, which sang "Getting to Know You" and "I'm God's Project." The group was led by Polly Allen, assisted by Carole Howe and accompanied by Paul Guy. A trio of Ardithe Meredith, Tamara Whiteaker and Bob Hoffman sang "He," accompanied by Dora Crandall.

Forty-two original members still attend the Chico church, which now has 183 members. In the early evening a carry-in buffet was eaten, and Heidi Guy organized an arts and crafts display.

Wilbur Treat and his band, with Lloyd Brokaw on base guitar, played for ballroom dancing. In an adjoining room children played games and watched videotapes of movies and cartoons. The evening was topped off with an hour of square dancing.

Brethren celebrated the 20th an-

niversary of the **SAN JOSE**, Calif., church Feb. 9. The San Jose church was established Feb. 6, 1965, with Dennis Luker, an evangelist and now pastor of the Seattle, Wash., church, as pastor, and 192 brethren attending. Leroy Cole now pastors the San Jose church.

Pioneer members of the San Jose church conducted special anniversary Sabbath services, Gordon Emerson, a local church elder from Aptos, Calif., led songs, and Dudley Trone and Harold Williams, local church elders from the Sacramento, Calif., church,

gave split sermons.

The church choir and 15-piece ensemble performed two selections, "Thanks Be to God" and "Onward Ye People," directed by John Bawiec. A 20th-anniversary plaque was presented to Mr. Cole and Stuart Segall, associate pastor.

After Sabbath services, hors d'oeuvres, beverages and cake were served, and everyone received a bookmark inscribed with Psalm 133:1 and the anniversary date.

Alys M. Henderson and Mary Ebricht.

YOU attends get-togethers

A YOU get-together was sponsored by the **ROSWELL**, N.M., church Feb. 16 and 17, with YOU members and guests from Santa Fe and Albuquerque, N.M., and Lubbock, Tex.

Activities began Sabbath morning, Feb. 16, with a Bible bowl led by David Dobson, Roswell and Lubbock pastor. Questions were asked from the six most recent "Teen Bible Study" sections of the *Youth* magazine. The two teams with the best overall records were Santa Fe No. 1 and Lubbock No. 1. Santa Fe No. 1 won the championship.

Afternoon Sabbath services were followed by a buffet dinner provided by Roswell brethren. Later that eve-

ning volleyball and basketball games were played in the Roswell High School gymnasium. At the end of the games, the teams with the best records were: Santa Fe in girls volleyball; Roswell, adult mixed volleyball; and Lubbock, boys basketball.

Early Sunday visitors from Santa Fe and Albuquerque drove to Carlsbad, N.M., for a tour through Carlsbad Caverns. Those from Lubbock and Roswell went tubing on a mountain snow slide near Cloudcroft, N.M. Homemade chili and stew were kept hot throughout the day.

WACO, Tex., YOU members attended their annual fund-raising dinner and dance Jan. 26 and watched a

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Family weekend, dances, socials conducted

BETHLEHEM, Pa., brethren took part in a family weekend beginning with Sabbath services Jan. 26. A surprise 50th wedding anniversary reception was conducted for Warland and Audrey Crawford. The church presented them with an electric blanket.

Next was a Bible study on how children can be helped through important childhood years by using seven basic principles outlined by Roy Holaday, pastor of the Bethlehem and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., churches.

Afterward eight teams, consisting of YOU and YES (Youth Educational Services) members, their parents and volunteers, played Bible baseball. Others prepared for a cold-dish supper.

The evening ended with a Walt Disney movie titled *Jungle Book*. Sunday, Jan. 27, brethren swam and played volleyball, basketball, rac-

quetball, table tennis and crazy olympics at an area high school.

Though weathermen predicted gusty winds and arctic temperatures, **SMITHS FALLS** and **KINGSTON**, Ont., brethren gathered at Rider's Campground for a combined social Feb. 10, which turned out windless and sunny, the first day in six weeks with temperatures above freezing.

The campground, a camping and hunting resort, was formerly owned by a member. Ice soccer and hockey were played on an adjoining lake, while others used the pleasant weather break for walks along the lakeside trail or for cross-country skiing. Late afternoon featured a potluck. The day concluded with evening wagon rides.

Brethren from the **FLAGSTAFF** and **PRESCOTT**, Ariz., churches came from all parts of northern Arizona, some as far as 250 miles away, to attend the annual winter social in Prescott Feb. 2.

The theme of the social was "The Fifties." Bobby socks, saddle oxfords, penny loafers, letter sweaters and slicked-down hair were featured. Finger foods, homemade popcorn and ice cream concoctions from a '50s soda fountain were sampled by young and old, as they danced to music of bygone days.

A talent show during a dance intermission featured vocal and instrumental music, group dancing and a stand-up comic routine.

More than 150 **KANSAS CITY**, Kan., **SOUTH** brethren filed into the Indian Trails Junior High School gymnasium Feb. 16 for their annual winter social.

Each entrant was tagged with a colored face, with families wearing the same colors. Master of ceremonies Bruce Gore, pastor of the Kansas City South and Kansas City, Mo., North churches, announced: "Let the games begin. The novelty olympics will now start."

Twenty volunteers from each color group participated in parent-child leap frog, the spoon relay, blind man's banana feed, husband-wife shave-off and dribble and tag. Green won first place in the novelty olympics, orange took second, yellow was third, and red was last.

The remainder of the evening was spent swimming indoors and playing volleyball, basketball and table and board games. Popcorn, cookies and juice were served.

Brethren of the **GRAND RAP-**

IDS, Mich., church attended a family fun night Feb. 9 at the Lincoln Country Club.

Brethren fellowshipped and played cards and table games. A movie, *The Black Stallion*, was shown for the children and young-at-heart. Refreshments were served throughout the evening.

Visiting vocalist Pat Smith joined the Grand Rapids church band to provide music for ballroom dancing. The evening ended with the annual talent show presented by the church youths.

The annual winter social of the **WOLVERINE**, Mich., church took place Sunday, Jan. 27, at Wolverine Elementary School.

Morning activities began with table games, coed basketball and net-volleyball games, followed by a chili potluck lunch. Afternoon activities included games for the children, broom-ball and ballroom dance instruction taught by Mr. and Mrs. Gary King.

Following afternoon services Jan. 26 brethren of the **ST. PETERSBURG**, Fla., church had a potluck dinner and family dance. During the evening Walter Smith conducted a series of dance routines for the younger children. The social was coordinated by Manuel Ramos.

Michael and Gretchen Slick, Jon Kurnik, Bill Weed, J. Reimer, Aritha Youns, Judy Sumner and Lavena L. Vorel.

Club is host to first ladies night

The first ladies night of the season for the **INDIANAPOLIS**, Ind., Spokesman Club took place Jan. 29. Forty-four members and guests gathered at Ralf's delicatessen for the evening meal and club meeting.

Randy Stiver, associate pastor of the Elkhart and Michigan City, Ind., churches, and his wife, Linda, attended, and Mr. Stiver served as guest director for the first half of the meeting.

Topicsmaster for the evening was Rollie Olmstead, and speech topics included music and eating better for less. Closing remarks were given by Frank McCrady Jr., club director and pastor of the Indianapolis, Columbus and Terre Haute, Ind., churches. Don Atkinson.

Brethren visit museum planetarium

About 150 **WILKES-BARRE** and **BETHLEHEM**, Pa., brethren went by bus to the Franklin Institute Museum and Planetarium in Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3 for an educational field trip. Pastor Roy Holaday, Ronald Reedy, associate pastor, and their families accompanied the group in cars.

In the five-story building, YOU and Youth Educational Services (YES) members and brethren saw paper made from wood, a ball behave like a comet, matched wits with a mechanical marvel, walked through corridors of the human heart and learned about aviation, physics and astronomy. The group was encouraged to take part in the exhibits.

Many brethren shared lunch in a downstairs lounge. Don and Shirley Pacyna, members who attend the Wilkes-Barre church, organized the trip. Margaret Storm.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Left photo: Meinrad Eckert (left), an employee of the Church's regional office in Bonn, West Germany, who is working at Publishing Services in Pasadena for five months, chats with Mark Kaplan, a preaching elder and assistant professor of Hebrew at

Pasadena Ambassador College, during the annual pancake social sponsored March 3 by the Auditorium P.M. church. Right photo: Charissa Duskis, 3, daughter of P.M. members Ronald and Pina Duskis, at the social. [Photos by Thomas C. Hanson]

Gorbachev

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"The fear that America may be turning from the Atlantic to the Pacific... justifies a wider economic, and potentially even a political accommodation between an industrially obsolescent Western Europe and the even more backward Soviet bloc, a logical customer for what Western Europe can produce..."

"Why then should not the next generation of Soviet leaders," Mr. Brzezinski continued, "be pressed also to come to terms with the fact that the interests of the Soviet people would be better served by a less frustrated and oppressed east-central Europe, partaking more

directly of the benefits of all-European cooperation?"

Mr. Brzezinski wrote this before Mr. Gorbachev — the spearhead of the "next generation of Soviet leaders" — finally reached the top.

The ultimate goal should therefore be, Mr. Brzezinski said, "the emergence of a truly European Europe capable both of attracting Eastern Europe and of diluting Soviet control over the region."

If the satellite nations of Eastern Europe had had a voice in the selection process of the Soviet leadership it is likely they would have chosen Mr. Gorbachev.

While they harbor no illusions that the new man at the top is a closet liberal, they nonetheless are impressed with Mr. Gorbachev's acknowledged grasp of the economic

problems of the entire East Bloc.

"Few people hold any hope for a revolutionary change," reported Robert Gillette in the March 12 *Los Angeles Times*. "But many believe that Gorbachev is the Soviet figure most likely to look favorably on evolution in Eastern Europe toward something more closely resembling the freedom Westerners enjoy, so long as it does not threaten Moscow's concept of security."

Western European leaders, too, have been impressed by Mr. Gorbachev's apparent grasp of their societies. In an oft-quoted remark, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said he was a man with whom "we can do business."

The Western world has enjoyed nearly 40 years of relative harmony. The worldwide postwar policy of

communist containment erected by the United States is breaking down all around. Witness the ANZUS crisis in the South Pacific.

And in Europe itself, the NATO alliance will be faced over the next two or three years with its greatest crisis ever, not along the front line in Europe, but over differences concerning the escalation of warfare in the Western Hemisphere.

Experts warn of a U.S. troop pull-out from Europe if the NATO allies don't show support for the crisis the United States is experiencing in Central America.

All the more reason for the new leadership in Moscow to offer the Western Europeans prospects of "peace" and vastly increased trade — and, at least, a neutralization of Eastern Europe — as long as the

Americans leave the Western half.

For it is only when America's direct presence from Europe is removed and the Soviets relax their grip on the East that the last 10-nation revival of the Roman system in Europe will arise — in the partial political vacuum created.

The passing of the baton of leadership to the new generation of Soviet leaders is thus a milestone along the way to fulfilling Bible prophecy.

Mauritius celebrates 20th year

By D.N. Sooknah

QUATRE BORNES, Mauritius — The Indian Ocean island nation of Mauritius is home to 57 Church members.

Almost directly opposite Pasadena on the globe, the island is 40 miles long and 30 miles wide. Mauritius is about 500 miles east of Madagascar and contains just more than one million inhabitants.

D.N. Sooknah is a member who attends the Quatre Bornes, Mauritius, church.

Mauritius, granted independence in 1968, is a member of the British Commonwealth.

Most residents speak several languages including English (the official language), French, Creole (a French dialect) and Hindustani. Some also speak Chinese.

In 1965 evangelist Gerald Waterhouse raised up the church in Mauritius, after visiting the area and baptizing six people.

Today more than 90 people attend weekly Sabbath services. When pastor William Whitaker, who also pastors the Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, church, doesn't speak at services, members and their families hear a tape from South Africa. Ministerial visits take place four times a year.

Taped Bible studies are played once a week, and a Spokesman Club with 23 members meets monthly.

About 7,000 copies of *The Plain Truth* are circulated each month, with demand increasing every issue. In 1984 the Church's mailing address in Mauritius received more than 21,000 letters and cards.

At the Feast of Tabernacles conducted on the island, area brethren are hosts to visitors, including brethren from England, Canada, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Madagascar.

The church, celebrating its 20th year, looks forward to having a resident minister on the island.

Briton

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ployment from the first two months of 1985.

• "British Rail Sheds 700 jobs in Glasgow."

• "2,600 Jobs to Be Axed by Michelin."

• "Gesetner to Shed 500 London Jobs."

• "Week's Job Losses Top 3,000."

Hardly encouraging captions, especially for the poor unfortunates being laid off. Newspaper peptalk is not of much avail to the unemployed.

A lot of new jobs must be created to offset a steady stream of layoffs in traditional industries. The spirit of free enterprise has got to get a grip on the nation's thinking.

According to a Feb. 10 editorial in *The Sunday Times*, this has not happened. "Enterprise is still not part of our culture," it said.

Social program

When Winston Churchill's government was summarily dismissed by the British electorate in 1945 after the war in Europe ended, the Labor government embarked on a cradle-to-grave social program designed to protect war-weary Britons from the hazards of hunger, unemployment and various other discomfures of modern living.

The United Kingdom has not fully recovered from this landmark social legislation. A certain economic dependence upon the government has been instilled into a whole generation of Britons. It's a way of life and a way of thinking.

From her first day in office the prime minister has sought to stop the driving wheels of social depen-

dence and restore the spirit of free enterprise to the British people. It hasn't been easy.

Former longshoreman and American author, the late Eric Hoffer, wrote in his last book: "Oil from the floor of the North Sea will not automatically end Britain's economic crisis. British workers are not likely to exert themselves and become efficient in the foreseeable future" (*Before the Sabbath*, page 54).

Brian Walden, a well-respected British journalist and television commentator, took a hard-nosed look at British society. He asked in the Feb. 19 *Standard*: "Why is modern Britain an economic failure?" His answer: "I cannot accept the view that the British lack the means to succeed. Other societies with fewer resources, both material and human, are doing well, while we are doing badly... We are failing to do ourselves justice. What we lack is the will to succeed, or if you want it put even more bluntly the character necessary for success."

Mr. Walden does not necessarily lay the lion's share of the blame on the average Briton now. It may go back a generation or two. He continued: "The scope for individual initiative in British society is much exaggerated. Most of us are prisoners of the climate in which we have to work and our views are neither sought, nor heeded if given. It is that working climate which needs to be changed."

His conclusion is almost totally negative: "Our economic failure is our overpowering all-embracing problem... Unless we reverse our economic decline nothing else will survive... If we do not soon destroy the habits and frivolity that have brought a great nation to such a pass, then we shall relapse irrevocably into being a

bitter international slum."

Readers of *The Worldwide News* know that the grim prophecies of Hosea will overtake the British people. But in the meantime, there may be a temporary economic revival so modern Ephraim may receive a full warning and witness concerning grave events to come. After all, God says that "Ephraim is my firstborn" (Jeremiah 31:9).

Positive signs

Right now the picture is not totally negative. Mr. Walden wrote, "I long to hear the popular voice demand that the dead weight of the past, the endless recriminations about class, the passive acceptance of economic failure be swept off our present agenda."

Mrs. Thatcher is patient. Just before her election in early 1979 she said she would "need two terms to turn the economy around" (*Business Week*, Feb. 25).

Mrs. Thatcher said in the Feb. 24 *Sunday Times*: "We need to recover the enterprise culture and business flair that is so much a part of America. What we need to do for a start is to put the whole wasteful and unnecessary coal strike behind us and begin repairing the damage it inflicted."

The prime minister may finally be getting through to some. *The Guardian*, a national newspaper traditionally left of center, seems to have gotten the message, at least in part.

Walter Schwartz began a Jan. 31 article with this advice: "If you can't get a job, get to work. Start a business, join a cooperative, help improve your village, your suburb

YOU

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Young Ambassadors Festival film. YOU members, dressed in formal attire, served a dinner consisting of meatballs, gravy, rice, green beans, carrots, homemade rolls and crepes with peaches and ice cream.

Chicken Little, Big Beak's country cousin, greeted children and passed out candy. Chicken Little, portrayed by Stuart Mahan, presented a thank-you gift of a wine decanter and glasses to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mauldin, Waco YOU coordinators.

Handicrafts, baked goods and other donated items were on sale during the evening's festivities. Leigh Ann Cox and Mr. Mahan performed a dance routine, followed by music and dancing for guests and YOU members.

BARRIE, Ont., YOU members sponsored a dinner and family dance social Feb. 2. A buffet was provided by Church members, and a variety of music was performed by the Barrie church band.

YOU members were responsible for social arrangements, decorations, setup and cleanup, as well as serving food and beverages throughout the evening. YOU members also raised money during the dance by selling desserts.

Tom Batho, Jo Gail Fry and Leonard Gosse.

or your home. If you can't help yourself, help others: exploit your hobbies and your talents. The grassroots economy exists, is expanding and according to new economists and philosophers, [is] destined to become the norm."

Private, personal effort is at long last being widely encouraged. Another national Sunday newspaper also jumped on the bandwagon. *The Sunday Observer* has a left-of-center reputation as well.

Yet Feb. 10 it ran a four-page insert titled "How to Start Your Own Business." The first sentence of the drop-head reads, "Entrepreneurs are flourishing." The first major article is headlined, "Fortune Favors the Bold..." These comments are a bit out of character for *The Guardian* and *Sunday Observer*.

One positive turnaround was reported by *The Daily Express* Feb. 6. The headline was, "Go-Private Shipyard Turns Loss Into Profits." Paul Wilenius, industrial reporter, begins the article: "Britain's biggest ship repairers have turned a loss of 41 million pounds over seven years into a profit — after only 12 months in private hands. The runaway success in North East of Tyne Shiprepair is accredited to the determination of the company's chiefs and union leaders to make the business a winner."

A balanced picture is not easy to come by. One penetrating article described the British economic recovery as resting on a knife edge. If there is a substantial economic recovery, it will not come without great effort on the part of many — and even then the scales will not be tipped by much.

Only the individual, enterprising Briton — whether in management, labor or small business — can win the day. The able-bodied (both in mind and body) will be sadly disappointed if they rely solely on Big Brother.

Every Briton could use a copy of *The Seven Laws of Success*.

Churches go on camp-outs

Jan. 26 and 27 marked the annual WODONGA, Australia, camp-out and picnic. Participants gathered on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Selzer, on the riverbank of the Owen's River, just outside Myrtleford, Australia. The land nestles beneath the face of Mt. Buffalo, a skiing resort in the winter months.

As the sun set Jan. 26, the group gathered for an Australian bush dance. Mike Bundy was the caller for the evening. Campers then retired to their tents.

The next morning, Jan. 27, freshly fired pancakes were cooked by Peter Wurster, a local church elder in the Wodonga church, and Mr. Selzer. A game of T-ball was organized for children.

Sports activities followed, with family teams formed and singles helping out children. Events included Frisbee-throwing, golfball putting, horseshoes, volleyball and softball.

As the sun neared midday the group headed for the river.

Ninety-one brethren and their families from the HAMILTON, ROTORUA and TAURANGA, New Zealand, churches participated in a camp-out Jan. 25 through 28.

Families drove to a campsite in Pauanui, New Zealand, along the Tairua River estuary. Sabbath services took place in a convention center in the camp. The sermon was given by Donald J. Engle, pastor of the Tauranga, Hamilton and Rotorua, New Zealand, churches, and Peter E. Lindop, a local church elder in the Rotorua and Tauranga churches, gave the sermonette.

Activities included swimming, surfing, canoeing, waterskiing, softball, barbecues, sing-alongs, a sand-castle contest and children's games organized by Marcel and Dallas Morrell, a deacon and deaconess in the Tauranga church.

Janice Wyatt and Donald J. Engle.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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fulness, so I for one approve even though I am single. Let God's people set the example and be proud of staying faithful.

T.R.C. Coverdale
London, England

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Tape from headquarters

I wish to take this time to say thank you to Mr. [Ray] Wright [director of Publishing Services] for the sermon we heard via tape about the Work. Sometimes we think small because of the small amount we are able to give. But God certainly shows us that it is His Work, just by the growth, quality and up-to-minute articles written each and every month.

I feel the sermon helped us to really understand how our prayers and offerings are needed. Thank you for giving us the facts in language we can all relate to.

Judy Henry
Monroeville, Pa.

I wanted to thank you for the tape by Mr. Wright on the impact of the

Church. It is remarkable how we don't realize how really great this Work is unless we are told. There is a tendency to see it only on the local level.

It is true, as you have said, the success of the Work is in proportion to how much we please God. I am very happy to be a part of so great a Work.

Loren H. Westcott
Harrison, Ark.

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What other ministers say

As a Methodist minister, I do not always agree with every detail of your doctrine. However, I know you are doing God's Work, and I appreciate *The Plain Truth* and other literature you have sent me free of charge.

Enclosed is a donation. I wish I could send more, as I know this barely covers postage.

Lance Moore
Opelika, Ala.

While I do not endorse your entire scope of teachings, I certainly want to thank you for your uncompromising truth on such issues as Christmas and the Sabbath.

I am an ordained minister from a mainline denomination that realizes the criticism one receives from believers if the truth regarding the above issues is told. I certainly admire the guts you display in these areas of popular error.

Name withheld

'Get up and at it,' say two sisters who aid sick, disabled, elderly

By Barri Armitage

ARLINGTON, Va. — Lois Hampton, 70, and her sister, Carrie Yetter, 78, concentrate on helping and encouraging brethren and neighbors.

"My sister and I can hardly wait for the others in the world to live the happy, abundant life that God is teaching us to live through His love every day," said Miss Hampton.

Barri Armitage is a deaconess in the Washington, D.C., church.

The sisters' attitudes bubble over, inspiring people to "get up and at it, go places, do things," as Miss Hampton advises.

The sisters live in a 12-story, 300-unit apartment building for people ages 62 and older with minimal incomes. Residents know them as the ones available to help the sick and feeble, to provide food and decorations for residence get-togethers and to volunteer at the reception desk on Sunday nights.

In April, 1980, Miss Hampton received an award from the Arlington County Agency on Aging for her help with the Gunston Nutritional Center here, where she volunteered as a hostess and taught arts and crafts.

Mrs. Yetter received a similar award from Virginia's Fairfax County for her rapport with children while working at a school cafeteria. No matter what they do, they do it unto God, and He blesses their efforts.

Post interview

They were dubbed the "Go-Go Sisters" in a 1979 Washington, D.C., Post interview. They were chosen by the apartment building staff for an article on housing for the elderly. When the reporter asked them their hobbies, Mrs. Yetter replied: "Traveling . . . so we can see all God's beautiful creation."

What is the secret of their zest? Miss Hampton says: "We know we can't do anything without our Eternal's help, so we call on Him each and every day."

Every morning Mrs. Yetter and Miss Hampton tend disabled women. They bring to the sick and handicapped their dose of cheer and usually a flower arrangement, beaded potpourri of spices, or knitted slippers.

Because Mrs. Yetter's van burned up on the way back from the 1984 Feast of Tabernacles in Norfolk, Va., the sisters use the subway and bus systems to serve brethren in the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., area.

"The busier you are, the happier you are," said Mrs. Yetter. "The same goes for children — and all of us." Their motto is: "If there's anything we can do for you, holler."

When out-of-town brethren visit, they double up and offer the use of the other's apartment. They present newly baptized members and those going to a first Festival with a handmade gift.

Living alone is no reason to be lonely, says Miss Hampton. "Make sure you have something to do. If you're unable to get out, you can still be active: writing to others or making tapes to send to those who need to know there is someone who loves and cares."

Both women have their share of physical problems and pain. Miss Hampton has foot and leg troubles, but says: "After I get a running start, you can't keep up with me. . . I also dance every chance I get."

Mrs. Yetter is bothered with sciatica and knee problems, but doesn't let it slow her down.

In 1964 they were baptized and

attended their first Feast, camping at Jekyll Island, Ga., in Mrs. Yetter's Volkswagen van.

World travels

That van has taken them on five trips to Pasadena. On such a trip to Pasadena in 1974, Miss Hampton was anointed for a painful facial nerve tic. At the same time, God multiplied her blessings by healing a leg condition that confined her to a wheelchair for 15 months.

They also visited the Ambassador College campus in Big Sandy, the Petrified Forest, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park and Mexico.

Other travels include two trips to Israel, three cruises in the Caribbean and a Festival in Minehead, England, with side trips to the former Bricket Wood, England, campus, France, West Germany and Luxembourg.

Miss Hampton offers this advice: "Serve others. We just can't sit and



SISTERS WHO CARE — Lois Hampton (left) and Carrie Yetter, sisters who attend the Washington, D.C., church, take time from their service activities for a photograph. (Photo by Art Allender)

expect God to make it easy for us. If your body hurts, so what?"

She continues: "Besides, God won't let you suffer more than you can bear. Believe me, my sister and I

know. And God is doing everything to help us succeed."

Mrs. Yetter added: "Put your thoughts on someone worse off than you . . . and keep going."

Blind woman pictures Kingdom

By Catherine E. Newell

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Josephine Burtner looks forward to the world tomorrow, when she will be able to see the trees, flowers and sunsets that seem so real in her dreams.

Mrs. Burtner, 76, a blind member who attends the Phoenix West church, knows it won't be long until those dreams become a reality.

Catherine E. Newell is a member who attends the Phoenix, Ariz., East church.

Mrs. Burtner was born blind Jan. 25, 1909, in Little Rock, Ark.

As a girl growing up, 10-year-old Josephine was beset by tragedy when her mother died. She lived with her grandmother for three years and moved in with her older sister at age 13.

At 15 she married an older man who was kind and patient with her, teaching her how to cook and care for herself. After six years of marriage her husband died unexpectedly. Again she moved in with her sister, who by then had six children.

In 1932 she married Leslie Burtner. Shortly after marrying, the couple left their homestead to

travel throughout New Mexico, Arizona and California, earning money by picking cotton and working in vegetable fields. Often they slept by the roadside.

Eventually Mrs. Burtner was hired by Libby's Canning Co. to juice grapefruit. Because of her blindness, they had doubts about her being able to perform the work. But she proved she could and was given a letter of recommendation when she left the company.

She first heard Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's broadcast by accident in 1937. She enjoyed listening to gospel music played by two blind boys over XELO in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and when Mr. Armstrong's broadcast was substituted for the music program, Mrs. Burtner would become upset and turn off the radio.

"I'd get so mad . . .," she said. "I just wasn't ready then."

As Mrs. Burtner relates: "Then God got my attention." She became ill in 1952. Doctors refused to tell her how high her temperature was. An abscess formed on her side, and doctors feared for her life.

Her friend, Nettie Herzog, now a deaconess in the Auditorium P.M.

church, suggested they send for an anointed cloth, so they did. Soon after placing the cloth on her and asking God to heal her, the abscess burst and she made a rapid recovery.

Mrs. Burtner, then living on five acres of land near Surprise, Ariz., listened to the broadcast with more interest and within a year traveled with Mrs. Herzog to Pasadena for counseling.

In March, 1953, she was baptized in Pasadena behind the Ambassador College library and attended her first Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy later that year.

Sometimes Mrs. Herzog would read Church literature to her over the telephone.

Mrs. Burtner attended the 1984 Feast (her 32nd) in Tucson, Ariz., and just as she has done for many past Feasts, waited for friends — old and new — to find her at her reserved seat a few rows from the front.

Although she was born blind, today Mrs. Burtner maintains an independent life in her apartment, managing with the help of friends.

"You know, we can't feel sorry for ourselves," she told *The Worldwide News* March 5. "We have to do our part, even if we're handicapped."

Church family spared as Cyclone Eric hits Fiji

By John Croucher and Mere Tora

LOMOLOMO, Fiji — Huddled in their tiny kitchen, the Ralulu family of western Fiji listened with increasing fear as Cyclone Eric (a tropical hurricane) demolished their wooden home around them. (See "Update," *W.N.* Feb. 4 and 18.)

This article, written by John Croucher, pastor of the Auckland, New Plymouth and Whangarei, New Zealand, churches, and Mere Tora, wife of Laitsiasa Tora, the deacon in the Suva, Fiji, church, describes what one family went through during Cyclone Eric, Jan. 17.

Winds gusting at more than 110 miles an hour roared through their wooden home and ripped it apart — first the roof, then the walls and finally the kitchen.

"Emosi [Mr. Ralulu] tried to protect us after the door was blown away," Mrs. Ralulu recounted, "but to my terror he too was blown off just like a piece of paper. I clutched Jerry, our youngest son, close against me. Then we too were blown off and landed among the debris."

Roofing iron, jagged pieces of wood with nails exposed and furniture crashed on all sides of the Ralulu family. Rocks from a nearby quarry, hurled through the air by the hurricane, battered and bruised the family.

"I thought that this was the end of me and my family," said Mr. Ralulu. "How wrong I was."

Mr. Ralulu caught his 6-year-old daughter, Naomi, as she tumbled past him in the gale. Huddling close to the ground he covered her, shouted through the din and heard his wife call back. But there was no sign of his two older daughters.

As the wind pounded relentlessly during the next half hour, Mr. and Mrs. Ralulu each clung desperately to one of their two youngest children and became more certain that the other two girls could not survive.

But 15-year-old Karalaina and Vilimaina, 11, had found protection from the battering wind, though they were bruised and shocked.

The Ralulu family escaped, their home demolished and their possessions gone. They are recovering, deeply aware that almighty God saved them from death.

Brethren in Suva, Fiji, sent clothes and money, and members in western Fiji provided basic utensils. Mr. Ralulu's sister provided the Ralulus with a concrete-block house that she doesn't need. The house survived the hurricane unscathed.

Peter Nathan, regional director of the Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific, dispatched John Croucher, pastor of the Auckland, New Plymouth and Whangarei, New Zealand, churches, to the area with third-tithe funds.

Mr. Croucher provided the Ralulu family with a supply of food and most of their household needs.

Obituaries

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Wanda, and four sons, Keith, Michael, Fallon and Tyrel.

Funeral services were conducted Feb. 15 by Brian Orchard, associate pastor of the San Francisco and Pleasanton, Calif., churches.

BALTIMORE, Md. — Catherine Virginia Folker, 62, died at home Feb. 11 following a battle with cancer. She has been a member since 1973.

Survivors include a son, Ed, also a Church member; a daughter, Ginger; five brothers and sisters; and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by Roy Demarest, pastor of the Baltimore church.

KELOWNA, B.C. — Eric Roy Olney, 70, died Sept. 11, 1984, of a heart attack. He also suffered from Alzheimer's disease for several years.

Mr. Olney was born in Prince Albert, Sask., Feb. 2, 1914. He lived in the Okanagan valley in British Columbia for the last 45 years and has been a Church member since 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Glenys, a member who attends in Kelowna; a son Roy, a member who attends the Calgary, Alta., North church; three daughters, Barbara Murdoch of Vernon, B.C., Phyllis Roe of Calgary and Sharon Wright of Oro-mocton, N.B.; and 14 grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted in Kelowna Sept. 17 by Charles Ranche, pastor of the Kelowna and Penticton, B.C., churches. A graveside service in Vernon followed.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. — Dennis H. Hopkins, 62, died Jan. 16 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital in Niagara Falls, Ont.

A founding member of the St. Catharines church, Mr. Hopkins was baptized in 1961.

Mr. Hopkins is survived by his wife, Isabel, also a member; two brothers; two sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted by Dan Fuller, assistant pastor of the Hamilton, Ont., church.

PUEBLO, Colo. — Carl Todhunter, 78, died Feb. 2 after a brief illness.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Dimple; two sons; one daughter; 15 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Todhunter was born Aug. 15, 1906, in Ash Grove, Mo. He retired in 1971, after 35 years with the steel company in Pueblo. The couple were married Dec. 7, 1927. Both were baptized in March, 1957.

The funeral service took place Feb. 5 with Kenneth Peterson, a minister in the Pueblo church, officiating.

SUCCESS, Mo. — William M. Stevenson, 89, a member of God's Church since 1949, died Jan. 14. He and his wife,

Vivian, attended the Springfield and Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., churches until the Rolla, Mo., church began. The couple celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary Dec. 25, 1984.

Mr. Stevenson is survived by his wife, one daughter, Myrtle Teague, and her husband, all members of God's Church; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Joe Dobson, pastor of the Lake of the Ozarks and Rolla churches, at Evans Funeral Chapel. Burial was at the Roby, Mo., cemetery.

BOMBAY, India — Domitilo Castellino, 80, died Jan. 8 after a short illness.

Miss Castellino has been a member since 1978 and is survived by two brothers, two sisters, and nieces and nephews. One sister, Esmeralda D'Costa, and two nephews, Joseph and Michael D'Costa, are members who attend services in Bombay.

Funeral services were conducted by Spaulding Kulasingam, associate pastor of the Bombay church.

EDMONTON, Alta. — Myron Pawlyk, 62, a member since 1963, died Feb. 12.

He is survived by his sister Olga in the Ukraine, and a number of relatives in Edmonton.

Robert H. Berendt, associate pastor of the Edmonton South church, conducted the funeral services.

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

UPDATE

SANTIAGO, Chile—An earthquake measuring at least 7.4 on the Richter Scale shook about 1,000 miles of Pacific coastline in Chile March 3. No Church members were injured.

Two Church families lost their homes, but their personal belongings were unharmed, according to evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas, who spoke to **Catalina Seiglie** by telephone in Chile March 6 from Pasadena. Mrs. Seiglie is the wife of **Mario Seiglie**, pastor of the Santiago church, which has 51 baptized members and about 109 who attend services.

No other members' homes were severely damaged. Mr. Walker said

that, to his knowledge, brethren in the Temuco, Chile, church, about 450 miles south of Santiago, were not affected by the earthquake.

Mr. Walker said that at the time of the quake most of the Santiago brethren were at a church activity. "If people had been home, there could have been some injuries — there's no question about that," he said.

He added that some were on a gondola (cable car) ride at the time of the quake. "The children thought it was great fun," he said. They were stuck there for about half an hour, but no one was injured.

Mr. Seiglie is assessing the damages suffered by Church members so they can be assisted with third-

title funds, Mr. Walker said.

The earthquake, which killed at least 135 people, injured 2,000 and left more than 152,300 homeless, was the worst in 25 years according to United Press International reports.

PASADENA—Evangelist **Gerald Waterhouse** begins his ninth tour of churches around the world this year, according to Ministerial Services, which released the following itinerary:

April 1, Fort Smith, Ark.; April 2, Fayetteville, Ark.; April 4, Tulsa, Okla.; April 6, Tulsa, first day of Unleavened Bread; April 7, Hays, Kan.; April 8, Salina, Kan.; April 9, Wichita, Kan.; April 10, Topeka, Kan.; April 12, St. Joseph and Kansas City North, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan., South, last day of Unleavened Bread.

April 13, St. Louis, Mo., A.M. and P.M. and Belleville, Ill., combined Sabbath services; April 15, Columbia, Mo.; April 16, Mount Vernon, Ill.; April 17, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; April 18, Jonesboro, Ark.; April 20, Memphis and Jackson, Tenn., combined Sabbath services.

April 21, Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn.; April 23, Crossville, Tenn.; April 24, Knoxville, Tenn.; April 25, Kingsport, Tenn., and Norton, Va.; April 27, Boone, Lenoir and Marion, N.C., com-



PASADENA VISIT—Jehan Sadat, widow of the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, visits Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in the Social Center at Pasadena Ambassador College, March 12. Mrs. Sadat, who lives in the Giza Palace in Cairo, Egypt, is in the United States lecturing at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and other universities. Mrs. Sadat was in the Los Angeles, Calif., area on business when the visit with Mr. Armstrong took place. (Photo by Warren Watson)

Services released the following ordination:

Dennis Leap, a deacon in the Pasco, Wash., church, was ordained a local church elder Dec. 1, 1984. Mr. Leap moved and is serving in the Buffalo, N.Y., South congregation.

PASADENA—*La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) lectures took place in three Mexican cities in February, according to **Keith Speaks**, circulation manager for *La Pura Verdad*.

In Monterrey, the third largest city in Mexico, the lectures were Feb. 2, 9 and 16. Of about 3,100 invited, 150 new people attended the lectures conducted by **Alfredo Mercado**, pastor of the Monterrey

church. More than 200 booklets were distributed, and 13 people requested visits.

Of about 850 invited, 60 new people attended lectures in Ciudad Juarez, including about nine from El Paso, Tex. The lectures, Feb. 9, 16 and 23, were conducted by **Gilberto Marin**, pastor of the Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua churches. Seventeen people asked to attend services.

Lectures took place Feb. 2, 9 and 16 in Mexicali, conducted by **Fernando Barriga**, pastor of the Mexicali and Tijuana churches. Of 604 invited, 38 new people attended and 11 were interested in follow-up Bible studies.

Thomas Turk, pastor of the Mexico City church and Mexico City Office manager, said he is "pleased with the results of these lectures in Mexican cities."

Between 20 and 25 new people are attending Sabbath services in Mexico City since lectures were conducted there in November, according to Mr. Speaks.

Regional director visits Spanish-speaking areas

PASADENA—Evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas, returned here March 4 after an 18-day trip to Mexico, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

"We had excellent meetings with ministers in each area," said Mr. Walker, who was accompanied by his wife, Reba.

"The main purpose of these trips was to meet with the local ministry and update them on matters dealing with Church administration, *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) promotion and various Church activities," the evangelist said in a March 8 *Worldwide News* interview.

Personal contact

"These trips also give me an opportunity to see conditions of the local churches firsthand, have personal contact with the ministry and brethren and to make sure that we're all speaking the same thing."

Mr. and Mrs. Walker flew to El Paso, Tex., Feb. 15, to begin the trip. The Walkers attended combined services of the Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua, Mexico, churches Feb. 16.

"The Juarez and Chihuahua area was the only major church area under the Spanish Regional Office that I had not visited," he said.

That evening the Walkers attended a *Pura Verdad* Bible lecture conducted by **Gilberto Marin**, pastor of the Juarez and Chihuahua churches.

The Walkers flew to Mexico City, Mexico, Feb. 18 for meetings with **Thomas Turk**, office manager, and **Salvador Barragan**, a local elder who assists Mr. Turk.

Conditions worsening

The Walkers traveled to San Jose, Costa Rica, Feb. 20 for six days of meetings with **Mauricio Perez**, pastor of the San Jose church, and **Herbert Cisneros**, who pastors the San Salvador, El Salvador, and Guatemala City, Guatemala, churches.

"We discussed how to best deal with conditions in Central America," Mr. Walker said. "In some areas violence and unrest are again increasing, and this of course affects the members living in those areas."

He said that "conditions in El Salvador aren't as bad as they were five years ago, but conditions have declined since a year ago."

"Brethren must be careful when traveling. There's a curfew in some areas, and Mr. Cisneros has canceled Spokesman Club and evening Bible studies until the situation improves," he continued.

A law requiring all males to be conscripted into the Salvadoran army is "causing great concern among brethren," the evangelist explained. "We want to obey the laws of the land, but we also have the laws of God."

The Walkers flew to San Juan, Puerto Rico, Feb. 26 and continued on to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Feb. 28.

"We went to the Dominican Republic for two reasons," Mr. Walker said. "I wanted to book a hall in Santo Domingo for a future *Pura Verdad* Bible lecture, and we also wanted to investigate a possible site for the Feast of Tabernacles there."

The Walkers returned to Puerto Rico March 1, and Mr. Walker delivered the Sabbath sermon March 2 in English with a translation to the Spanish-speaking church there.

After touring the new regional office in San Juan for the English-speaking Caribbean, the Walkers returned to Pasadena March 4.



GERALD WATERHOUSE

joined Sabbath services; April 28, Asheville, N.C.; April 29, Greenville, S.C.; and April 30, Charlotte, N.C.

PASADENA—Ministerial



PASADENA—Evangelist **Frank Brown**, regional director of the Borehamwood, England, Office, sent the following report of outstanding growth in areas administered by that office.

United Kingdom and Ireland

Plain Truth circulation is up 34.3 percent over January, 1984. A new series of advertisements in Sunday color supplements is expected to bring good response.

Good News circulation is up 18.5 percent over January, 1984. The response to the *Good News* offer to *Plain Truth* readers who have been on file for two years has been staggering. Within one week, the response reached 22 percent and later climbed to 42.7 percent. Because of this unprecedented growth, it is more economical to print *The Good News* for this area in England, which is planned for the April issue.

Scandinavia

The English and Norwegian *Plain Truth* editions combined have a circulation of almost 35,000, an

increase of 206 percent since January, 1984. *Good News* circulation grew 8.5 percent, and co-workers increased 68.6 percent.

Europe

Plain Truth subscriptions on the continent of Europe exceed 40,000, up 14.6 percent since January, 1984. This is accompanied by a 63.6 percent increase in *Good News* circulation and a 10.2 percent increase in co-workers. Literature mailed to this area is up 41.8 percent from January, 1984, to 12,597 items.

Middle East

Plain Truth circulation in the Middle East is up 45.9 percent from January, 1984, to 13,225. *Good News* circulation is up 151.7 percent, and the co-worker list is up 76.9 percent.

The January mail count is up by 55.6 percent from January, 1984, and is almost double the December, 1984, count. Literature mailed is up 245 percent to 9,972 items, and the number of personal letters answered is up by more than 200 percent.

These figures represent the

steady growth in this area of the world, which is the focal point of much biblical prophecy.

Australia

Robert Morton, regional director for Australia and Asia, reported continued interest shown by Sri Lankan viewers to Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** telecast being aired each Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m., over Colombo station ITN11.

In January 728 viewers wrote in requesting *The Plain Truth* and other literature advertised by Mr. Armstrong.

German-speaking area

At the beginning of January, another successful session of the annual Youth Opportunities United (YOU) winter camp ended. This was the sixth year youths from throughout Western Europe (including some overseas guests) came together for 11 days of alpine and cross-country skiing, tobogganing, Austrian curling, ice skating and youth Bible studies.

Seventy youths attended the camp in the Alps of Saalbach, Austria. **Wolfgang Thomsen**, camp coordinator, said that this was a fantastic opportunity for the youths to get together, since the Feast of Tabernacles is the only other time for the young people to have close contact. Because of high costs and long traveling distances, the youths cannot meet often.

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