

Queen Sirikit visits Ambassador

By Ellis La Ravia
and Aaron Dean

PASADENA — "Red Carpet Unrolled for Queen Sirikit" was the headline in the *Los Angeles Times*, March 21, describing the Queen's March 19 arrival at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

The Queen was in the Los Angeles, Calif., area March 19 to 26 as an invited guest of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, who formally invited her during his January, 1984, trip to Thailand.

Evangelist Ellis La Ravia and Aaron Dean, a pastor-rank minister, are vice presidents of the Ambassador Foundation.

During Her Majesty's eight-day visit she delivered an address to more than 1,100 people in the Ambassador Auditorium, decorated Mr. Armstrong with the Ratanaporn II Class royal honor and was guest of honor at a luncheon and two formal dinners.

Queen Sirikit came here after visits to Palm Beach, Fla., and New York, N.Y., where she displayed two collections of contemporary and historical art objects.

Before coming to Southern California the Queen made a special trip to Washington, D.C., at the invitation of President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, who were hosts to a private dinner for Her Majesty.

She brought the same exhibits to Pasadena: the "Treasures of the Kings of Siam" and "The Royal SUPPORT Foundation Collection."

The SUPPORT Foundation (organized for the promotion of Supplementary Occupations and Related Techniques) is personally founded and sponsored by King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit. The foundation provides training classes in traditional Thai craftsmanship and vocational skills for peasant farmers and people from Thai hilltribes.

The SUPPORT exhibit that Queen Sirikit displayed in the Hall of Administration here featured many of the finest pieces the SUPPORT program has produced. Many pieces were made from solid 24-karat gold handcrafted into cups, bowls and ornaments.

Silk fabric with detailed dyed and woven patterns (called mudmee silk) hung inside near the south entrance of the building. Yan Lipao ornate baskets, many with solid gold handles and clasps, were displayed in wood cabinets lining the east wall.

Royal arrival

Queen Sirikit was personally greeted at the Los Angeles International Airport by Mr. Armstrong and Aaron Dean, Mr. Armstrong's personal aide, March 19.

Entering the Church's white Cadillac limousine, the Queen and Mr. Armstrong were driven across West Los Angeles with an official police motorcade escort to the Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

About 300 Thai adults and children were on hand to greet the Queen and present her flowers and other gifts. As she and Mr. Armstrong stepped from the limousine, television crews and reporters from area media recorded the event.

Following diplomatic protocol, Queen Sirikit lodged at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel during her visit.

About 20 members of her entourage stayed on the Ambassador College campus.

Formal dinner

Wednesday, March 20, Mr. Armstrong was host for a formal dinner honoring Queen Sirikit in the lower lounge of the Auditorium.

Jody Jacobs, a columnist for the *Los Angeles Times*, described the event in her March 22 column: "There was a royal welcome awaiting Thailand's Queen Sirikit when she arrived... at Pasadena's Ambassador College on Wednesday night."

"There was Herbert W. Armstrong, the white-haired patriarch of the Ambassador Foundation and the college, to escort her into Ambassador Auditorium and later the mayor of Los Angeles, Tom Bradley, and Pasadena Mayor William J. Bogaard greeted her with gifts."

John Van de Kamp, California attorney general, and diplomatic and civic officials also attended the dinner.

After receiving a formal toast from Mr. Armstrong at the conclusion of the dinner, the Queen rose and thanked Mr. Armstrong and the Ambassador Foundation for assisting the royal family.

The next morning a three-column photograph of the Queen, Mr. Armstrong and Mayor Bradley appeared on the front page of the *Pasadena Star-News*.

Official opening

At 1 p.m., March 21, the Queen went to the Hall of Administration to officially open the exhibit. After being welcomed by Mr. Armstrong, the Queen formally dedicated the exhibit to Mr. Armstrong. She then toured the private showing.

The Ambassador Foundation, by raising public awareness, is assisting the royal family in marketing art objects produced by the SUPPORT Foundation program. On hand at the exhibit were about 250 executives and businessmen from prestigious department stores, museums and other businesses.

After viewing the exhibit, Queen Sirikit and Mr. Armstrong went briefly to the pastor general's office on the fourth floor. There her Majesty presented Mr. Armstrong with a portrait photograph of King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit.

They then descended to the ground floor and stepped outside into an electric cart for a tour of the college campus. During the 45-minute tour, which was videotaped by Media Services, Mr. Armstrong explained how the campus was built. The Queen and several of her aides remarked that Ambassador College was "like heaven."

That evening the limousine and police motorcade returned, this time to the campus Social Center. There Mr. Armstrong and guests awaited the Queen.

Conducting a tour of the house, Mr. Armstrong discussed the various art objects with the Queen. At Her Majesty's request Mr. Armstrong performed two piano pieces for the guests.

After more conversation the group was ushered into the dining room and seated. After the various first courses, the main entree of pheasant was served.

During the dinner Queen Sirikit said that *Plain Truth* articles and television productions produced by the Church about Thailand's royal family "greatly encouraged King Bhumibol."

The dinner ended about 11:30 p.m., and the motorcade returned the Queen to the Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

Luncheon meeting

Friday, March 22, the Queen joined Mr. Armstrong for a luncheon in Ambassador Hall. Guests included March Fong Eu, California secretary of state; Ethel Bradley, wife of Mayor Bradley; Andrea Van de Kamp, wife of California's attorney general; Claire Bogaard, wife of Pasadena's mayor; wives of Church evangelists and ministers; and other civic and Church officials (see article, this page).

Saturday address

March 23, the Queen received and spoke to members of the Los Angeles Thai community at a tea reception in the Beverly Wilshire. While Church officials did not attend this Thai community affair, they were told that Queen Sirikit spoke extensively and positively about the royal family's relationship with Mr. Armstrong and the Ambassador Foundation.

Church members viewed the ornate Thai exhibit on the Sabbath, as the Hall of Administration was opened for a special Church viewing after morning and afternoon Sabbath services.

Sunday, March 24, the Thai (See QUEEN, page 3)



FORMAL MEETING — Queen Sirikit of Thailand greets Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles, Calif., with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in the Ambassador Auditorium March 20. This photo also appeared on the front page of the March 21 *Pasadena Star-News*. (Photo by Hal Finch)

In honor of Queen Sirikit

HWA: host to women's luncheon

By Sheila Graham

PASADENA — Dining with royalty is what dreams are made of, and for about 65 women, Friday afternoon, March 22, at Ambassador Hall, dreams came true.

After a private reception in the Hall of Administration and viewing of "Treasures of the Kings of Siam," an exhibition that includes some of the crown jewels, and Queen Sirikit's "Royal SUPPORT Foundation Collection," the women guests crossed the Ambassador College campus to Ambassador Hall to meet the Queen of Thailand.

The guests filed through an honor guard of six formally dressed male college students before each was greeted by evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of Ambassador Foundation, and his wife, Gwen, Aaron Dean, personal aide to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and a vice president of the foundation, and Mr. Dean's wife, Michelle. Mr. Dean introduced each guest to Mr. Armstrong and Queen Sirikit.

Queen Sirikit wore a belted two-piece dress, a black, white and ruby-red patterned top over a black skirt, all made of a cotton fabric woven by the Mein hilltribe people of north-eastern Thailand. Along with pearls, the Queen wore a gold turtle pin holding a single ruby circled by diamonds.

The women entered Ambassador Hall, once the mansion of multimil-

lionaire Hulett C. Merritt, to be seated at round tables draped with mauve moire taffeta tablecloths. Floral centerpieces in various hues of lavender and pink accented each of the eight tables.

Luncheon guests

Seated at the head table were Mr. Armstrong, Queen Sirikit to his right and Andrea Van de Kamp, wife of California Attorney General John Van de Kamp, to her right. Mrs. La Ravia, Mrs. Dean, Georgie Van de Kamp, mother of the attorney general, Ethel Bradley, wife of Los Angeles, Calif., Mayor Tom Bradley, Claire Bogaard, wife of Pasadena Mayor William J. Bogaard, March Fong Eu, California secretary of state, Martha Scott, stage, television and movie actress, and Eleanor Schoenfeld, musician and professor at the University of Southern California, also sat at the head table.

Acting as hostesses were Mrs. La Ravia and Mrs. Dean at the head table. Wives of evangelists, department heads and others involved with the Queen's visit were hostesses at the other tables. Several ladies-in-waiting to the Queen also attended.

After all were seated, Mr. Armstrong rose to propose a toast to Queen Sirikit. Mr. Armstrong praised the Queen for her humanitarian efforts among her people, and for her graciousness.

"I want to say that Her Majesty is not a high and mighty and a haughty queen, but she is a real lady. Just like my wife, Loma, was, like a woman ought to be, who can carry herself with all the queenly stature on the one hand and still can get down and talk with and help the lowliest people on the other hand. The world has too few such people. And I'm happy to honor her today," Mr. Armstrong said.

Mr. Armstrong then introduced Andrea Van de Kamp, who proposed a toast to the Queen for representing her country and the women of the world so well.

After the champagne toasts, the luncheon, prepared by the Food Service Department, began with a tomato bouillon soup served with corn-bread and corn sticks and a Jordan chardonnay.

The entree was chicken salad with wild rice and watercress, served with pickled egg and onion and fennel a la grecque by college students and Ambassador Auditorium employees in tuxedos.

Mrs. Dean, who worked with the La Raviyas in the coordination of the luncheon, noted that the Queen took her role as a woman and a Queen very seriously. "She seems to be a very capable woman, but she doesn't ever take the lead... Her role as a wife and mother come first with her. The only reason she came to Ameri-

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U.S., Europe differ over Central America

PASADENA—Central America—Nicaragua in particular—has become the No. 1 foreign policy concern of the United States. This preoccupation has far-reaching implications, affecting the NATO alliance and even relations between Western Europe and the new leadership of the Soviet Union.

In some of the bluntest words to date, President Ronald Reagan said in a press conference in February that he won't be satisfied until the Marxist Sandinista rulers "say uncle," and open up the governmental process to the pro-Western forces arrayed against them. This challenge makes the Sandinistas cling all the tighter to power.

Thus, the ante is mounting. President Reagan knows there are but two choices open to him: Let Nicaragua alone, allowing its revolution to spread to other countries in the

region — for theirs is a revolution without borders — or support those indigenous *contra* forces fighting the Marxist government.

Should the latter policy fail, the United States somewhere down the road will be faced with two more painful choices: Let communism spread further throughout the region — or send in American troops to redress the balance of power.

No American officials are seriously entertaining the latter option, but the Democratically controlled House of Representatives insists on blocking military aid to the *contra* "freedom fighters" (as the President calls them).

In the Feb. 8 *Wall Street Journal*, John R. Silber, president of Boston University, wrote an opinion piece titled "Plain Talk Behind Closed Doors in Central America."

Dr. Silber was a member of the Kissinger Commission, which drafted recommendations regarding long-term assistance to the war-ravaged region.

still reluctant to accept the realities of the situation," wrote Dr. Silber. "Central Americans, on the other hand, are acutely aware of the threat on their doorsteps. When members

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



Dr. Silber divulged the fears that most leaders in the region have but are afraid to speak of openly. Nicaragua's growing might intimidates them, but nowhere is there absolute confidence that the United States presents an effective counterforce.

"Many citizens of the U.S. are

of the Kissinger Commission met in private with high-ranking civilian leaders in Central America, we were told of their deep concern over the military buildup in Nicaragua and the massive Soviet-Cuban presence there...

"In Panama, the leaders made it clear to us that the Panama Canal may well be under attack within three or four years if nothing is done to contain the situation in Nicaragua. Yet publicly, the leaders of Panama have been reluctant to speak of such a possibility.

"Costa Rican leaders, both of the

ruling National Liberation Party and of the major opposition party, have spoken of... the inability of the Costa Ricans to match Nicaraguan military might in order to defend their country from Sandinista adventurism. Yet these leaders, too, have been reluctant to speak frankly about their concerns in public."

In contrast to other regional leaders, said Dr. Silber, "President [Roberto] Suazo-Cordova of Honduras... [has] been outspoken in his position... He told us: 'Mark my words, if El Salvador falls, Honduras and Guatemala will fall. And if that happens, one day your own capital will face the bombs of the terrorists of international communism.'"

Split in NATO feared

Central America represents a big and growing foreign policy crisis. And it is having an increasing impact on the solidarity of the NATO alliance. Washington and most European capitals view the crisis through different prisms.

Simply put, the Reagan administration perceives a genuine threat to America's national interests. Many Europeans, on the other hand, believe the United States is paranoid over Nicaragua.

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Junk food of the mind

My son and I had lunch the other day at an open-air restaurant. As we discussed various business activities, I noticed a young couple waiting for their order.

He looked bored. They weren't talking to each other. The woman was holding a small portable television in her hand. She was intently glued to its 2-inch screen.

I thought to myself, Now that's real dedication. Keeping up with the news even during lunch. Then it dawned on me that it wasn't the news, it was the "soaps" she was watching! She was addicted. She couldn't even go to lunch with her boyfriend without taking her soaps with her.

Many laugh at the mention of soap operas, but these shows are no joking matter. Millions watch them every afternoon. If they forget or something happens to prevent them from seeing a show, they will read the newspaper Saturday to catch up on each tear-jerking detail. And now there's a telephone number they may dial and for a small charge hear what happened that day.

A few business executives allow no phone calls while their favorite soap is on the air. Secretaries and bank tellers rearrange their lunch hours or breaks so they won't miss one sad showing. I know this because where I bank one teller had to excuse herself in the middle of a transaction so she wouldn't miss *As the World Turns* and *Another World*.

Make-believe world

Another time at the bank I heard a middle-aged man telling the teller next to me: "For many of us, it's not the 'reality' of soaps that is so appealing but the chance to visit make-believe worlds. The characters we view often epitomize the ultimate in our day-dreams and fantasies."

Don't think these daytime heart-breakers are just for the middle-aged. Some colleges have been forced to reschedule classes during the afternoon. Students often refuse to sign up if a class interferes with their regular soap. On many campuses you can find the student lounge packed with young people groaning over a show.

After all, every teen has days when he or she would like to trade his or her parents for the likes of Alice and Tom Horton (*Days of Our Lives*), who are sympathetic, tolerant, forgiving and more important, give advice only when asked.

Even this isn't the whole picture. We can only guess how many grade

school and older students rush home to catch the last sobs of soaps. When children are home sick from school, they often catch up on a story that drags on and on. Some of the programs are so slow that after missing it for three weeks, the viewer has no trouble picking up where he or she left off.

A growing number of young people around the world are getting vicarious liberal educations in thwarted love affairs, unwanted pregnancies, unfaithful spouses, divorces, bizarre illnesses and even murder.

Not only are daytime hours packed with soaps, but several evening shows are of the same type. Often the stories center on financially successful people whose marriages are not doing well. The husband or wife may be involved with someone else or seriously ill.

Seldom do these stories center on good events or happy news. Most often things are falling apart, and a number of people are in physical or emotional pain. The music is usually sad.

Why popular?

There must be reasons why soap operas remain so popular. In the 1930s and 1940s they drew large crowds over the radio. They were sponsored by the soap companies — that's how they got the name soap operas.

My grandmother till her dying day, age 90, never missed an episode of *As the World Turns*. As a writer wrote, "This popular and conservative soap should be subtitled 'musical beds' — single ones, of course, because the Hughes family always observes the proprieties."

For all their huge popularity and money-making capacity, the soaps are something of a mystery. Or are they? For the uninitiated, there is only one word that really describes them: *weird*. To watch a soap is to be drawn into an enclosed and not particularly welcoming world.

Today it is common to see such queasy subjects as abortion, incest, drug addiction and venereal disease meshing with the old, familiar workings of unhappy families.

Why do people watch? Maybe people like sad stories. Possibly others feel better after they watch someone who has a worse problem than they have. Many seem to want to vicariously experience more exciting lives. This could be why millions of romance books are sold yearly.

Many people — "the experts" — are concerned that watching tragedy, heartache and disaster every day is bad for us. They feel that too much sorrow makes our lives miserable and causes us to expect more problems in our lives.

Those who enjoy soap operas say "nonsense." They think the programs are harmless and even make us appreciate our families more. They believe that watching these programs never hurt anyone.

Now I hope none of God's people are watching soap operas, but I know that the national average of television watching in the Western world is something like seven to 10 hours a person a day.

Now to accomplish seven hours of television viewing a day somebody has got to be watching some soap operas somewhere. And I just know that probably some of God's people watch them — religiously.

The soaps are like Big Mac hamburgers — a lot of people who won't admit it, eat them up. We need to ask ourselves some questions. We need to examine ourselves.

What is our calling? What did God tell us to do in Revelation 18:4? "And I heard another voice from heaven saying, *Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues* (Revised Authorized Version)."

We are a special and peculiar people (1 Peter 2:9), not of this world. We are thousands of people worldwide backing Jesus' apostle in going to the world.

As God's people we cannot live those kinds of lives vicariously. We must overcome and change in order to qualify for the Kingdom of God.

Is your life so unexciting that you have to live through make-believe television characters? It's a terrible, terrible shame that so much of people's time is spent watching that type of filth. It's one of Satan's traps.

In the world of soaps, there is time for only personalities and personal goals (not giving) and problems (not solutions by obeying God's laws), not for issues.

Remember that in *The Days of Our Lives* as we *Search for Tomorrow* knowing we all have *One Life to Live*, on *Coronation Street* and that we all share a *Love of Life*. We hope to find a *Guiding Light* as we hurdle toward the *Edge of Night* *As the World Turns*.

Tune in tomorrow — if there is one. Satan's world is doomed. Satan has blinded the minds of people worldwide (see II Corinthians 4:4). Do we want to be a part of His world?

We need to do as Paul wrote: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2, RAV).

Our minds need to be feeding on God's Word daily and not on the junk food of the mind that Satan's world provides.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Britain: odd man out

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Britain is still the odd man out in Europe. Take a look at newspaper and magazine headlines in the past year.

- "Is Britain Poisoning the EC?"
- "Britain May Quit Europe Atom Study"

Letters TO THE EDITOR

'Youth 85'

I'd just like to say I really appreciate your magazine (*Youth 85*). And I appreciate that it's free. It's good to know someone is looking out for teens with part-time jobs.

I love *Youth* magazine because it deals with problems we have today.

Gayla Terry
Joplin, Mo.

Portuguese 'Plain Truth' reader

Like someone once said, "There's a world out there. All we have to do is reach out and touch it." Well, *The Plain Truth* does much more than helping one to "reach out and touch," it takes the world to you by giving one an objective account of the current world events, and by communicating a clear picture of humanity today. There's so much in every word.

I had the great pleasure of reading *The Seven Laws of Success*, and it has made me think strongly before taking any attitude. I hope that I haven't expressed my feelings too strongly and maybe given an exaggerated idea of what I think about the Worldwide Church of God, its publications and ideals. For now, I sign off with warm thanks, giving hope that this organization may continue ever so strongly.

G.M.B. Veloso
Oeiras, Portugal

First visit

When I talked with your minister, I was impressed with much of what he said. The most noticeable thing was that he pressed me to read and study my Bible and compare it with your literature to prove to myself whether your church really is God's Church.

He also insisted that I wait until I had (See LETTERS, page 11)

- "Britain Rebuffed"
- "How European Is Britain?"
- "Britain May Be Shut-Out of Talks"
- "Britain's Collision With an Ailing EC"
- "Rebel Britain Defies EC"
- "EC 'Relaunch' Widens Gulf With Britain"
- "Britain the Odd-Man Out in Europe"

Such headlines are not hard to find. These are not the work of stodgy backroom editors marking time for gossip tabloids, but competent writers and editors for the finest and most respected newspapers and magazines in the United Kingdom.

And now, this latest blockbuster head from the March 3 edition.

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Royalty provides 'enlightened leadership'

SUPPORT: helping Thai people

By Herman L. Hoeh

PASADENA — What a paradox the years since the end of World War II have been.

When the war ended in 1945 the world stood on the threshold of nuclear catastrophe. Yet the world continues, 40 years later, despite civil wars, famines, revolutions, wholesale abortions and an arms race. And there has been no World War III.

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

What a contrast with the end of World War I in 1918. That war was supposedly fought to end all wars. Yet in five years fascism was firmly in control of Italy, and the Communist Party had absorbed most of the realm of the Russian czars. In 15 years Adolf Hitler had come to power in Germany. And before 21 years had elapsed World War II had broken out in Europe.

It was a time of financial crisis, a time for avenging national humiliations, for finding ethnic and racial scapegoats and redistributing the world's wealth by force of arms. Enlightened leadership was too often absent at critical moments.

Perhaps the world did learn something, albeit temporarily, from the suffering of World War II. Most world leaders in the past four decades — though they have not known the way to permanent peace — have at least sought ways to care for their peoples and to prevent the outbreak and the spread of local wars.

What a contrast Konrad Ade-

nauer, first chancellor of West Germany, was to Hitler.

Egypt's President Anwar Sadat found within himself the strength to admit he had been wrong and to journey to Jerusalem to end a conflict. And Communist leaders in China, who have formally forgiven Japan for its part in World War II in Asia, hope for 50 years of peace to rebuild their country.

On several occasions, as a result of meetings with world leaders, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong has publicly commented on the concern kings and presidents, educators and agricultural experts have for their peoples. The problems seem almost insurmountable. But an unusual amount of enlightened leadership in these four decades has made these unusual times!

Perhaps this is clearer in Asia than anywhere else. Several nations could serve as examples, but on this occasion it seems appropriate to focus on enlightened leadership in Thailand as a follow-up to the unofficial visit of Her Majesty the Queen of Thailand to the United States.

Look, for a moment, at the world's problem with illicit drugs. Thailand's nomadic hilltribes have grown the opium poppy for centuries. These hilltribes, whose relatives also live in Laos and Burma, have made the Golden Triangle (where Laos, Burma and Thailand join) famous.

Consider this fact. Whereas Burma's border states produce 600 tons of opium annually for the world market, Thailand's hilltribes now only produce 42 tons — a tiny frac-

tion of what could be produced.

How has Thailand succeeded in greatly reducing opium production and at the same time gained the loyalty of the hilltribes?

The typical American solution would have been to introduce large sums of money to eradicate the poppy before teaching the hilltribes what to produce instead of opium for a cash crop. Social and political chaos would have been the result.

Rather, under the enlightened leadership of King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit — with the support of educators and the government at various levels — a carefully planned program involving agricultural and other experts and student teachers has reduced opium growing by 95 percent in 15 years.

Settled agriculture, rather than the nomadic slash-and-burn method, has been enhanced by His Majesty's knowledge of engineering and dam construction.

To provide supplementary occupations in addition to agriculture and to preserve the remarkable arts and crafts of the hilltribes and of the poorer rural Thais, Their Majesties established in 1976 the SUPPORT Foundation.

Queen Sirikit graciously accepted the invitation of Mr. Armstrong to visit the United States to explain the work of the foundation.

Her Majesty's formal address in the Ambassador Auditorium Sunday, March 24, is ringing proof that these are still unusual times of genuine concern for others. How long the spirit of service will last is the big question facing the world.



QUEEN'S LUNCHEON — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong welcomes about 65 women to a luncheon for Queen Sirikit in Ambassador Hall March 22. Andrea Van de Kamp (left), wife of California Attorney General John Van de Kamp, and Queen Sirikit look on. [Photo by Warren Watson]

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ca was to support her husband."

Mrs. Dean described the Queen as humble and most serving. "I felt at ease talking to her about everyday things," Mrs. Dean said.

After a dessert of chilled papaya halves with lemon, red zinger tea was served with coconut macaroons, chocolate-chip and shortbread cookies.

As the luncheon ended Mr. Armstrong announced that Queen Sirikit would like to speak to the guests.

'Promoting understanding'

The Queen cited the esteem she and her husband, King Bhumibol Adulyadej, have for Mr. Armstrong, for his farsightedness in promoting understanding among countries worldwide. "That's why the exhibition here... in this magnificent campus can be possible, all because of his help."

decorate Mr. Armstrong during her visit here.

The II Class decoration is one of the highest of several classes, surpassed only by the I Class. The I Class decoration is reserved for the King of Thailand.

As Mr. Armstrong was decorated, reporters and photographers from the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Pasadena Star-News*, the Associated Press and various Thai and other international newspapers covered the event.

Private reception

After the presentation the Queen and Mr. Armstrong descended to the lower lounge for a private reception. There they received nearly every guest. Toward the end of the reception the Queen privately presented Mr. Armstrong with one of the two ornate gold peacocks displayed in the Hall of Administration.

The gift, she said, demonstrated the royal family's appreciation for Mr. Armstrong's help through the Ambassador Foundation.

The reception ended about 5 p.m., and several guests returned to the Hall of Administration to again view the exhibit.

'Thanksgiving' party

Monday, March 25, the Queen was host for a formal "Thanksgiving" gala in the La Grand Trianon room at the Beverly Wilshire for those involved in the visit.

She thanked Mr. Armstrong and all the guests for the warm welcome and hospitality she had experienced during her visit.

After the luncheon Queen Sirikit and Mr. Armstrong joined the women in the Fine Arts Recital Hall to see *The Golden Touch of Thai Craftsmanship*, a videotaped presentation describing the works of SUPPORT (organized for the promotion of Supplementary Occupations and Related Techniques), an organization sponsored by the Queen for peasant farmers and people from the Thai hilltribes.

Mrs. La Ravia, who worked several months in advance with her husband to coordinate the luncheon, summed up her impressions of the day: "What an event! I am so proud of all those who worked so hard to make the occasion a success. I have received numerous calls from the ladies that attended and they were all greatly impressed. Obviously, God, through Mr. Armstrong, has taught us all how to serve in a most gracious manner."

Guests praise Thai exhibition

By Sheila Graham

PASADENA — Leading women in California were invited by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong to view the art treasures of Thailand and to meet Thailand's Queen Sirikit at a luncheon March 22 (see article, page 1).

Aaron Dean and evangelist Ellis La Ravia, vice presidents of the Ambassador Foundation, greeted the women as they entered the Hall of Administration here at 12:30 p.m. for a private reception and viewing of the "Treasures of the Kings of Siam" and "The Royal SUPPORT Foundation Collection."

Later, Mr. Armstrong, Queen Sirikit, Mr. Dean and his wife, Michelle, and Mr. La Ravia and his wife, Gwen, greeted the women as they came to Ambassador Hall for the luncheon.

SUPPORT Foundation, founded by King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit, was organized for the promotion of Supplementary Occupations and Related Techniques among Thai peasant farmers and nomadic hilltribe people.

"The Treasures of the Kings of Siam," which include a portion of the crown jewels, are antique hand-crafted articles designed for the exclusive use of the monarchs of Thailand. Many of the techniques used to produce these priceless antiques are being reintroduced by Queen Sirikit and taught in SUPPORT training centers.

All the pieces in "The Royal SUPPORT Foundation Collection" were handcrafted by SUPPORT trainees. Included in this collection were pure gold peacocks with diamond-studded feathers. Each feather was individually crafted of hand-beaten gold.

Also displayed were Van Lipao (a fern vine) woven handbags with handles and other embellishments of gold, hand-painted ceramic vases and clam-shaped gold evening bags

decorated with diamonds and sapphires and bearing the royal cipher of the Queen.

Handwoven Thai mudmee silk was also on display. The silk and many of the other SUPPORT pieces could be purchased.

The 65 to 70 guests to the reception and luncheon included George Van de Kamp, mother of John Van de Kamp, attorney general of California.

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exhibit was opened to the public. More than 3,000 people viewed the exhibit over five days of private and public viewings.

At 2:14 p.m. Queen Sirikit arrived for her address. She was met by Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Dean and evangelist Ellis La Ravia. Mr. Dean and Mr. La Ravia are vice presidents of the Ambassador Foundation.

After some opening comments by Mr. Armstrong, the Queen began her 44-minute address.

"I am very happy today to visit the home base of Mr. Armstrong," she began, "a gentlemen whom I consider to be my true personal friend as well as a friend of all men of goodwill in this world."

Continuing, she said: "Mr. Armstrong — with supreme courage and effort — still travels far and wide to developing countries to give encouragement and assistance wherever and whenever he feels he can help. Because of his wisdom, farsightedness and humanitarian heart, he knows that it is meaningless to talk about security, democracy and international cooperation when a large number of people still hardly have enough to keep body and soul together."

"I know that his financial aid to various projects has been extremely generous, but I think that he is most appreciated because of the spiritual

impact he makes. To those who meet him, he is the symbol of the warmhearted citizen of advanced countries who is willing to understand, give encouragement and lend a helping hand when needed."

Queen Sirikit then traced Thailand's development in the past 50 years, commenting on the need for continued education of her subjects in rural areas.

Her Majesty spoke of King Bhumibol's concern and involvement in providing this needed education, and of the problems faced by Thailand from regional nations hostile to it.

She spoke of the continuing efforts to reeducate and encourage opium poppy farmers in the hilltribes to begin growing more staple crops.

The Queen also explained how Thai peasants are encouraged to become self-sufficient, producing all the food and products they need. This, she said, strengthens Thailand and increases its stability.

After her address, she requested that Mr. Armstrong return to the stage, where she conferred on him the Ratanaporn II Class royal decoration.

The diamond-studded Ratanaporn II Class decoration is rarely conferred on individuals outside the royal Thai family and then only on people considered "family" in the greater sense. Normally conferred only by King Bhumibol, the Queen was given a special appointment to

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INDEX NUMBER — The number on the address label on items sent to you by the Church shows the year, month, day and order that your name was added to the Church's files. [Artwork by Ronald Grove]

File index number helps MPC give personal, efficient service

Ed Stonick is response analyst for the Mail Processing Center (MPC).

By Ed Stonick

PASADENA — Perhaps you've wondered about the number on the top line of your label for *The Plain Truth* and other Church publications, including this issue of *The Worldwide News*.

"This file index number is an identification number that Church employees use in processing literature requests, donations and all other correspondence sent to the work," according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC).

What the number means

The index number is a six-digit

number followed by a dash and a four-digit number. In most cases, an additional single-digit number is included at the end. For example: 830225-1499-6 or 691123-0308. (Other numbers or letters following are usually codes that refer to the item being mailed.)

The first six digits of the number usually indicate the date a person is first added to the file. In the first example above (830225) the person's name was added in 1983 (83), in the second month (02) and the 25th day (25), that is Feb. 25, 1983.

The second group of numbers shows the order in which the person's name was added to the file. Using the same example, this person was the 1,499th name added that day.

Four digits were thought to be enough when the computerized system was set up in 1967. At that time, it was felt that the Church would not add more than 9,999 new names in one day. However, that occasionally happens.

Newer index numbers may then use an artificial date for the first part of the number, such as 850231. This number appears to have been added Feb. 31, 1985, which of course is impossible.

For the above and other reasons, please note that the index number is not a reliable indicator of one's first contact with the Church, or baptism date, nor should it be used to calculate one's third-tithe year.

A person may have received *The Plain Truth* in the 1950s, but allowed his or her subscription to expire. If he again requests the magazine, he receives a new index number.

How it is used

Each person has a unique index number. No two people have the same one. It is used in the following ways.

- It allows MPC employees to identify an individual when handling transactions such as literature requests, Feast registration and address changes.
- It prevents errors that might occur when two people have the same name or address.
- It helps MPC be sure that literature is sent to the person who requested it.
- It enables MPC to quickly and accurately check a person's record when inquiries are made about literature not arriving.
- It ensures that contributions are properly credited.

A unique number for each person is a necessity with the tremendous growth the work of God's Church has experienced. In the United States alone, more than four million names and addresses are on file. You can well imagine the number of duplicate names the records contain.

MPC encourages members to use preprinted envelopes when they correspond. Additional envelopes will be sent upon request.

Also, it is helpful to have the index number available when calling on the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) line. An individual's number is the same for each mailing the Church makes.

Mr. Rice said: "Although the number is a vital processing tool, we want to assure members and others that they are never considered 'just a number' to God's Church or the employees at headquarters. The use of these numbers actually helps us to give better, more personal service by avoiding errors and handling requests more efficiently."

Australia: ominous clouds on the horizon

DARWIN, Australia — My friends in Darwin, Australia, you can never know how really glad I am to be here.

On May 10, 1942, I came to within 30 minutes of being on my way here in a B-17 bomber. I had great hopes. I felt it was a matter of life or death. Life, if I made it to Darwin; death if I stayed on the Philippine island of Mindanao and became a captive of the Japanese.

This article was prepared by John Curry of the Church's Australian Regional Office in conjunction with Lynn Torrance, registrar of Big Sandy Ambassador College. Dr. Torrance spoke at several Feast sites in Australia in 1984 and described some of his experiences during World War II. The article summarizes those experiences and also looks at the future of Australia.

There was great rejoicing among the 100 of us on the afternoon of May 10 when we heard that B-17s were being sent to Mindanao to take us few skilled military personnel to Darwin. As a radio operator, I was assigned space on one of the B-17s.

We knew it was going to be a close race to see who would get to the airstrip first: the B-17s from Darwin, or the rapidly advancing Japanese soldiers. The Japanese had already captured Bataan, Corregidor and the rest of the Philippines.

Just as the B-17s came into sight of the southern tip of the island and were beginning their descent, Japanese soldiers were seen approaching the airstrip.

It soon became obvious that the planes would be captured if they tried to land on our airstrip at Maramag. With tears in our eyes we radioed Darwin and the leader of the rescue flight of B-17s that they arrived too late.

A short time later the Japanese captured us, and I then spent the next four years as a reluctant guest of the emperor. I was eventually liberated in Japan where we had been taken to work in a steel mill in Toyama.

Now, more than 40 years later, I've made it to Darwin. I decided I would like to complete a journey that began in 1942. Events have changed this area since World War II. And yet, there are certain parallels and trends that will again lead Australia and the rest of the world into prophesied global warfare.

Darwin today is a pleasant city, almost totally rebuilt after a devastating tropical hurricane in 1974. During World War II it was bombed by the Japanese.

Four decades later Darwin continues to be a strategic link in Australia's defense. The United States considers Australia an important ally and long-term friend. During World War II, in Korea and in Vietnam, Australians fought

alongside Americans.

Together with New Zealand, the two countries are linked militarily through the 33-year-old ANZUS (Australia, New Zealand, United States) alliance, and the United States has several top-secret communications bases on Australian soil.

However, there is a growing resentment among younger Australians to the presence of American bases in Australia, and to the visits by American nuclear-armed and nuclear-powered warships. The communications bases are probable nuclear targets in a superpower confrontation, and the growing nuclear disarmament movement in Australia wants Prime Minister Robert Hawke to declare Australia a nuclear-free zone and stop all uranium mining.

The United States has made it clear to Australia and New Zealand that it considers visits by its warships an integral part of their ANZUS defense alliance. To forbid such friendly visits would put the ANZUS treaty at risk, something the Australian government does not want to do. It considers ANZUS vital to its overall defense needs.

However, the new Labor government in New Zealand has told the United States that it will not allow nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed vessels to use its ports. This action has cast doubts on the long-term effectiveness of ANZUS (see "Worldwatch," March 4).

Although there appears to be no immediate threat to Australia's security, events could change the situation dramatically.

According to Australian-born Gen. Sir John Hackett, author of *The Third World War*, "Australia is now too important to the economies of too many countries, Japan paramount among them, to be allowed to escape involvement in the 'future history' of its sphere of influence."

Period of instability

Mr. Hackett believes the world is entering a period of high instability. Events in Asia such as the political unrest in the Philippines, Indochina and on the Indian subcontinent bear out his view in this area of the world.

In what way is Australia important to the economies of the world, especially Asia?

Geographically, Australia is an immense island continent with vast natural resources. If access to these resources was restricted, resource-hungry nations could not afford to let their economies collapse from a lack of raw materials. Remember that a major aim of the Japanese at the beginning of World War II was to secure a source of oil after the United States stopped selling oil to Japan earlier in 1941.

The average Australian believes that its neighbor to the north, Indonesia, represents the greatest threat to security. To cope with over-

crowding, the Indonesian government has a program of transmigration, where people are moved from Java to the less-populated outer islands.

Incidents along the border between Papua New Guinea and Indonesia have reinforced Australians' fears that Indonesia has long-term designs on the country.

With its vast size, wealth and relatively small population, Australia would appear to be a natural area of expansion for this overpopulated Asian nation.

However, it is doubtful that the Indonesian government has any expansionistic plans to take over Papua New Guinea, and ultimately Australia. But a future, more aggressive military leadership might be tempted to divert attention away from domestic problems by invading its neighbors.

Soviet threat

Another destabilizing and possibly more ominous influence in the



DESTINATION DARWIN — Lynn Torrance, as a radio operator in the U.S. Army, hoped to escape from Maramag, Philippines, to Darwin, Australia, May 10, 1942. Dr. Torrance, a preaching elder, is registrar at Big Sandy Ambassador College. [Map by Ronald Grove]

region is the dramatic buildup of the Soviet navy. The Soviet Pacific fleet, with its headquarters in Vladivostok, is the largest fleet in the Soviet navy.

It has the use of the U.S.-built facilities at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam.

From this base, a Soviet naval force is within easy reach of any target in Southeast Asia within 48 hours. This includes the vital Strait of Malacca, the sea passage between Indonesia and Malaysia. It is through this strait that virtually all of the Middle East oil for Asia passes.

James Kelly, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of defense, told Con-

gress that the Soviet strength "for the first time poses a significant direct conventional threat to U.S. forces, territory and lines of communication" and consequently, "our Pacific friends and allies must now weigh the benefits of cooperation with us against the real risks of thereby becoming Soviet targets."

Although many of the noncommunist nations of Southeast Asia have been urgently strengthening their military forces in response to the Soviet buildup, they are still highly dependent upon the U.S. Seventh Fleet as the main counterweight to the Soviets in the region.

The Americans have two strategic bases in the Philippines — the naval base at Subic Bay and Clark Air Force Base.

However, the situation in the Philippines is becoming more and more politically unstable as resentment to the government of Ferdinand Marcos builds up. If the Philippines undergoes a communist-style revolution and the United States loses these two bases, the balance of power in the region will change dramatically. The Soviets will have made a giant step toward dominating the region.

With what is happening to their north, Australians can hardly afford to be complacent in their isolation. Australia relies heavily on overseas trade, and would quickly face economic ruin if the sea-lanes to its partners were suddenly cut or restricted.

By itself, the Australian navy is in no position to adequately protect its vast coastline, let alone its sea-lanes. Together with the other nations of Southeast Asia, Australia is ultimately dependent upon the United States to keep the shipping lanes open. Hence the importance to Australia of the ANZUS treaty.

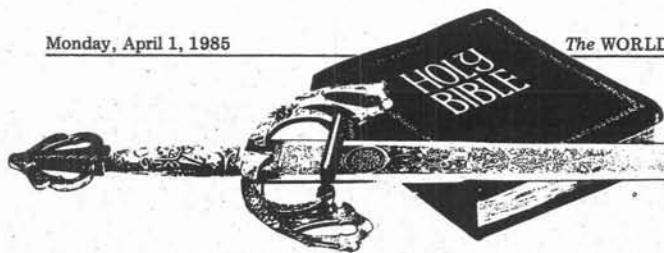
Many Australians appear indifferent to the threat of the Soviets, just as many countries were seemingly oblivious to the intentions of imperial Japan and Nazi Germany before World War II. As they experience the good life in their "lucky country," ominous clouds on the horizon threaten to take it away.

The many physical blessings Australians enjoy did not come about simply as a result of their own hard work and industry, although these traits by early settlers contributed to the country's rapid rise to wealth from a convict settlement in the early 19th century.

But Australians cannot take the credit for the vast mineral wealth they possess, nor for the vast areas of productive farmland, which are the basis of Australia's economic prosperity.

Australia is indeed a "lucky country," although few Australians are aware of their true identity, or acknowledge the source of their blessings.

Bible prophecy shows that unless the descendants of Israel repent of their national sins, their inherited wealth and prosperity will be taken away.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Women: Discover opportunities to grow, develop, teach and rule

By Dan E. Creed

The service and example of women are vital parts of the work of God's Church today.

While the apostle Paul's God-inspired statement clearly prohibits women from being ordained to the ministry (I Corinthians 14:34), there are tremendous opportunities for women to contribute to the Church.

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Was Paul a male chauvinist? Is God? Are women to be put down as inferior, less intelligent and important than men?

Paul was only reviewing for the Church what God had already established: In the family structure, the husband is to be the head of the woman, picturing the spiritual leadership Jesus Christ exercises over the Church (Ephesians 5:23).

Men are responsible for public teaching in Sabbath services. Church services are to be conducted with men doing the speaking. But does this policy mean women have no responsibilities in the Church? The answer is a resounding no.

For instance, though God instructs that women should not preach, they can teach in various ways.

Teaching in other ways

One of the greatest responsibilities Christians have is to let their light shine by example (Matthew 5:14-16). A woman who is of "gentle and quiet spirit" (I Peter 3:4, Revised Authorized Version) and who sets a good example as a wife, mother and homemaker is a mighty influence.

This is especially true among the senior women of the congregation. Paul related several key areas in which older women could teach the younger, dependent, of course, on the younger women being willing to listen. A woman who has been married for a long time and reared children is a storehouse of wisdom.

What can older women teach the younger? Family relations principles, how to be sober minded concerning their responsibilities, how to love their husbands and be obedient to them, how to be discreet and

chaste in their behavior, how to keep their homes and how to love and teach their children, among other topics (Titus 2:3-5).

How to teach? On a one-to-one basis, at the right time and in the right place. Paul is actually encouraging younger women to seek advice from the senior women regarding such matters. And the word *elder*



Illustration by Monte Wolverton

not only means aged in physical years, but also in spiritual years.

Whenever any woman gives advice to another woman, she should be sure of what she is saying. She must continually update her fund of knowledge through study and contact with other responsible people to ensure that her advice is current and in line with Bible teaching.

Responsibility to children

Women serve a valuable function as teachers of children. A woman may teach children in a formal class in some church program, of course, but even more important is her duty to teach her own children at home.

Since a mother generally has more time with her children than a working father does, she has a great influence upon future Christians. How much and how well a mother teaches her children about God helps determine the potential of the children to become true Christians later.

Several Bible examples show the proper influence a mother may have upon her children. In the New Testament, for example, Timothy's mother and grandmother greatly influenced and facilitated his conversion (II Timothy 1:5).

The Old Testament describes the major influence Hannah had in her son Samuel's life. Her teaching in

his early life helped Samuel later be used as God's prophet.

Another major area of opportunity for Christian women is physical service to the Church. And this doesn't mean just jobs that men don't want to do. There are many Church functions that women are more capable of performing: Taking care of flower arrangements for the stage, setting up food lines or meals for special occasions, special telephoning of members and letter writing to shut-ins are a few.

Other areas of opportunity for women are interpreting for the deaf during services, playing for song services or special Sabbath music and greeting new people and making them feel welcome.

The apostle James says we demonstrate "pure religion" by our actions (James 1:27). He specifically

mentions visiting and caring for those in need. Paul tells us to know the brethren and their needs (Galatians 6:10, Philippians 2:4).

This function of service is so important in God's sight that He ordained a Church office for those women whose service is outstanding (I Timothy 3:11). God's Church today recognizes and supplies these service needs in naming deaconesses in congregations.

To strive to fulfill this type of service role is a worthwhile goal for every woman. Although not every woman can be ordained a deaconess, each should be qualified for the responsibility. Learning to serve with a godly attitude is essential in developing the character needed to enter God's Family.

Anna didn't allow her age to curtail her service. Even though she may have been more than 100 years old, she served in the Temple daily, and she fasted and prayed for God's work of that time (Luke 2:36-37).

All women in good health, regardless of age or material wealth, can fast and pray to serve the work of God's Church today. God promises that the effectual, fervent prayer of

the righteous avails much (James 5:16).

Dorcas was an especially valuable servant in the Church of her day. She set an admirable example of generosity and service by using her skills as a seamstress. And when she died the apostle Peter, with God's power, raised her from the dead (Acts 9:36-40).

Many modern-day Annas and Dorcas have served in God's Church all over the world. Many more are needed. Their service to God is invaluable.

This is only an introduction to the many opportunities that women have to serve God. You can discover others. Ask around. Look for situations where help is needed and volunteer whatever time or energies you can offer. Ask your minister how you can be a more effective servant in your congregation.

Just because a woman should not preach does not mean that there is nothing for her to do in God's Church. And God wants each woman to use the many opportunities that exist to develop herself in preparation for rulership in God's Kingdom.

God provides the tools

Close spiritual generation gaps

By G. Fred Stevens

Teenagers and parents are often said to suffer from a generation gap. Separated by age and cultural differences, parents have trouble understanding their children, and teenagers have trouble understanding and relating to their parents.

G. Fred Stevens, a local elder, is manager of the Church's Accounting Department.

We in the Church are the spiritual children of God our Father. Is it possible that we could have the same problem in our Spiritual Family as many people seem to have in their physical families? Could we be suffering from a spiritual generation gap between us and our heavenly Father?

God's thoughts are higher

What causes a generation gap? Young people sometimes say, "My parents just don't understand me!" or, "I don't relate to my parents." How is it that blood relatives don't relate?

I had no problem in relating to my dad. He died when I was only 10, but before then, we spent a lot of time together. We went places together, and we talked. He used to tell me what he was thinking.

But when he died, that all stopped. We could no longer spend time together or talk, and a generation gap of sorts developed.

God says through Isaiah: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

God and human beings often don't think alike. We don't naturally agree or relate. Why?

We are all aware of the decision Adam made at the beginning of civilization. He chose a way of life contrary to God's. He chose a different educational system and a different

way of thinking. And every human being, including each of us, before conversion, makes that same decision.

Notice: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened" (Romans 1:18-21).

God and God's way of thinking are revealed in the creation. But man's understanding of God is corrupted when man doesn't thank and glorify God for the knowledge He gives us.

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting" (verse 28).

If we reject the knowledge of God, our thinking becomes altered. If we don't choose to think like Him, a generation gap develops. Even after we are converted, we can, through neglect, drift away from a close relationship with God and resist the leading of His Holy Spirit.

Drawing closer to God

How can we close any gap that exists between us and our Father in heaven?

Contact with my physical father ended years ago, but you and I can spend a lifetime communicating with and learning from God. We must take the time to talk with Him in prayer, and allow Him to talk to us in Bible study.

Review the biblical records of people who shared close relationships with God, the chief example of

which was Jesus Christ, and follow in their footsteps.

We can come to think exactly like God and relate to Him. It takes time to grow, of course. We have to communicate with God. But it is possible to close the spiritual generation gap.

Some of my high school friends



Illustration by Monte Wolverton

thought that closing the generation gap with their parents was impossible. Maybe it was for them.

But God has given us the tools we need to draw close to Him. He has called us, given us His Holy Spirit and established His Church that we might grow in "the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness by which they lie in wait to deceive, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love" (Ephesians 4:13-16).

A spiritual generation gap can exist in our lives if we are not diligent, but it can be healed. We can change our ways of thinking to conform to those of God our Father. We must do so.

Newsstand 'PT' ranks as major media source

PASADENA — Did you know that 164 million newsstand copies of *The Plain Truth* have been distributed since 1973?

According to Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services, the door opened in the early '70s in areas outside the United States, where radio and television coverage of *The World Tomorrow* was minimal or nonexistent.

In 1973, when record keeping for the newsstand *Plain Truth* began, 2.2 million copies were distributed, according to Boyd Leeson, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager.

Seventy percent of these copies were placed at newsstands in England, and the remaining 30 percent were placed in South Africa, New Zealand, the Philippines, Japan and in the French, German and Dutch areas, Mr. Leeson said.

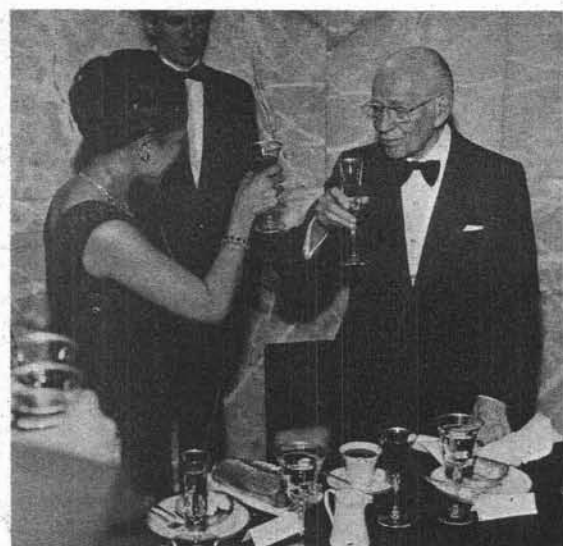
In 1976 the newsstand program began in the United States.

The newsstand program "ranks as one of the Church's top media sources for bringing in new subscribers. And although the program is nonproselytizing, it is now becoming a major source for new members in God's Church," Mr. Wright said.



Queen Sirikit

THAILAND'S QUEEN — Clockwise from upper left: Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, Queen Sirikit of Thailand and Aaron Dean, Mr. Armstrong's personal aide, arrive at the Ambassador Auditorium March 20; Her Majesty in the Hall of Administration; Queen Sirikit, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Dean and Mr. Dean's wife, Michelle, converse before meeting guests; Her Majesty in the Auditorium; the Queen presents Mr. Armstrong with a golden peacock March 24; Mr. Armstrong greets the Queen upon her arrival at the Los Angeles (Calif.) International Airport March 19; Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley officially welcomes Queen Sirikit to the Los Angeles area March 20, while Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Bradley's wife, Ethel, listen; Mr. Armstrong, the Queen and





: a royal visit

guests in the Hall of Administration; the pastor general conducts a tour of the campus for Her Majesty March 21; Mr. Armstrong, evangelist Herman L. Hoeh and Queen Sirikit; Ambassador students Unchalee and Chogait Elmore, originally from Thailand, meet Her Majesty; Mr. Armstrong offers a toast to the Queen; and at Queen Sirikit's request, Mr. Armstrong performs on the piano. Below, from left: Mr. Armstrong presents a leather-bound copy of *The Seven Laws of Success* to Her Majesty; Queen Sirikit addresses more than 1,100 people in the Auditorium March 24; and Her Majesty decorates Mr. Armstrong March 24. [Photos by G.A. Belluche Jr., Nathan Faulkner, Hal Finch and Warren Watson]



ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Areas attend Nordic night, brunch, barbecue

"A Scandinavian Evening" was the theme for the HULL, England, church social Feb. 23. About 70 brethren participated in the evening of Nordic dining and entertainment.

Following a talk by Stuart Powell about the Scandinavian nationalities and their traditional foods, brethren ate a variety of native food and drink. All food items were listed on a menu in the appropriate Scandinavian language and in English.

After the meal Mr. Powell, a ski instructor dressed in a traditional Norwegian ski outfit, demonstrated cross-country skiing techniques.

YOU members Michael and David Marsden, Rachel Howard and Natalie Benn, accompanied by vocalists Neil Skinner and David Monteith and a narrator, performed a story to music and dance about two Lap reindeers.

Room decorations were Scandinavian snow scenes and a snow-covered mountain with blue sky and pine trees. Music was from *Finlandia* and pieces by Edvard Grieg.

The evening ended with a sing-along, accompanied by Ben Windsor and other musicians.

Feb. 9 the PHILADELPHIA, Pa., church presented its annual dinner and dance at the newly renovated Adam's Mark Hotel, along Philadelphia's City Line Avenue. The dinner offered a choice of breast of capon or file of sole. Music was presented by Sound Transitions D.J., a setup belonging to Clem Scardino of the Vineland, N.J., church.

A fashion show was sponsored by

Magina, the husband-and-wife team of Michael and Jeanna Barnes, Philadelphia members. Garments featured were sportswear, evening wear and bride-and-groom attire. About 200 attended.

Senior citizens of the CAPE TOWN, South Africa, church were guests at a *braaivleis* (a barbecue) Feb. 17 at the farm of Pieter and Pat van der Byl.

Roy McCarthy, regional director of God's Church in southern Africa; Andre van Belkum, pastor of the Johannesburg, South Africa, church; local church elders; and their wives prepared lunch. Ministers cooked pancakes outside for afternoon tea.

Feb. 16, 81 brethren from the MOJAVE, Calif., church took part in a gourmet brunch prepared by Dan Look and George Kovanis. YOU members served as waiters and waitresses for the event.

Brethren had a choice of three entrees: French toast with maple syrup and beef sausage, scrambled eggs with beef sausage, or omelettes with turkey ham and cheese. Coffee and juice were also served.

The meal was followed by a videotaped Bible study by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, including a showing of the documentary *More Than a Monarch*. After the videotape, a sermon was given by Camilo Reyes, pastor of the Mojave and Bakersfield, Calif., churches.

Members of the BOMBAY, India, church met for a picnic Sunday morning, Feb. 10, at the beachside home of William Sidney, pastor of

the Bombay church.

Before the noon potluck, a game of cricket was played. Afternoon activities included quiz games, volleyball and an Indian game called Seven Tiles.

MIDLAND and CADILLAC, Mich., brethren gathered at Sno-Snake Resort in Harrison, Mich., for an evening of downhill snow-skiing Feb. 9.

Both areas tried tubing in Cadillac, but with temperatures reaching below zero Fahrenheit, not many braved the slopes and instead chose to play cards and table games indoors.

The two churches combined again Feb. 23 for a potluck dinner, games and video movies.

Stuart Powell, Carlos E. Perkins, Sylvia Young, Marvin Littlefield, Niharika Athalye and Renee O'Brien.



SONGFEST — Children join voices in a sing-along during a Hull, England, Scandinavian evening Feb. 23.

Spokesman Clubs sponsor ladies nights

Western night was the theme for a LAS VEGAS, Nev., and KINGMAN, Ariz., Spokesman Club ladies night Jan. 19.

The Beef 'n Barrel Restaurant provided a choice of chicken Kiev, steak or baked chicken. Toastmaster Rhody Smith presented the speakers, and deacon Ken Tiffany was topics-master.

Len Norvise offered tips of remembering names; Matt Turner presented facts on the causes of polluted drinking water; and Jerry Kuipers showed how to avoid the pitfalls of

minor irritations. Evaluators were deacon Lyndon Graves, Frank Proa and Luther Kendrick.

Ernest Prociw, a Kingman local church elder, evaluated the first half of the evening, and pastor Bernard Schnipert evaluated the second half and gave a talk on how to face, accept and grow through challenges.

LAFAYETTE, La., Spokesman Club members conducted their first ladies night of the year Feb. 21 at a Holiday Inn. Martin Foster gave a No. 5 speech on paying taxes; Harold Forrester, No. 4, taking the advice of the elderly; Errol Pitre, No. 7, overcoming sugar addiction; Derric Forrester, No. 3, getting out of a depression; and deacon John Pearce, true womanhood.

Mr. Pearce was awarded the Most Effective Speech trophy; Mr. Forrester and his son, Derric, shared the Most Improved Speaker cup; and Don White gave the Most Helpful Evaluation.

The JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Spokesman Club was host to a ladies afternoon Feb. 17. The afternoon featured wine and cheese tasting and

a full course turkey dinner.

The opening speaker was Glenn Himes. Toastmaster for the afternoon was Arnie McFarland, and topicsmaster was John Popovich. Edward Dunn, a local church elder in the Johnstown church, concluded the meeting with a lecture on opportunities for growth in Spokesman Club and how club participation can enhance family relations through character building.

Feb. 10, 175 members and guests of the CONNECTICUT Spokesman Clubs gathered for a combined meeting and formal dinner dance at the Aqua Turf Country Club in Southington, Conn.

Don Ross, West Hartford, Conn., club president, gave opening remarks and presented John Schuler, who conducted tabletopics. Graduate Club member Mark DiBisio was toastmaster for the evening.

Through a biographical sketch of a courageous, young pioneer woman, speaker Chris Freed gave the group encouragement to remember goals and persevere for God's Kingdom. Jose Rosato showed how health is (See CLUBS, page 9)

Churches celebrate 20-year anniversaries

The DAYTON, Ohio, churches celebrated their 20th anniversary Feb. 16, with more than 600 gathered at the Dayton Convention Center.

Activities included messages from ministers who served in the Dayton churches, a historical slide presentation, special music and evening entertainment and dancing. Ministers attending were Robert Cloninger, now pastor of the Des Moines and Ottumwa, Iowa, churches; James Chapman, Reno and Carlin, Nev., pastor; and Eugene Noel, pastor of the Milwaukee and West Bend, Wis., churches.

Taped greetings were sent by Carn Catherwood, regional director of the Church in Italian-speaking areas, and Richard Thompson, an associate pastor of the Big Sandy church.

Earliest members in the Dayton area date to the mid-1950s, accord-

ing to pastor Ray Meyer. The Dayton church was founded Feb. 27, 1965, by Mr. Catherwood.

In the morning services, Mr. Cloninger and Mr. Noel gave messages, and Mr. Chapman gave the sermon in the afternoon. The Dayton choir, men's chorus and Carolyn Ripp provided special music. Albert Booche and William Logan gave a

historical slide show.

Evening activities featured reminiscing by the three visiting ministers, a skit involving the 12 tribes of Israel and a poem recitation by Betty Hopper and Max Carey. Three squads of YOU cheerleaders performed routines.

Photo displays showed Church (See CHURCHES, page 9)

Ohio women participate in formal tea

Women of the CINCINNATI, Ohio, NORTH and SOUTH churches shared a formal tea at the Blue Ash Civic Center Feb. 24. Hostess Faye League, wife of pastor Bob League, served the tea.

A table was prepared with a centerpiece of American Beauty roses framed by matching silver candelabra. Gold-rimmed china teacups and plates, accompanied by gold teaspoons, completed the picture.

Laden with tea cookies, petits fours, miniature cheeseballs, nuts and mints, the table was approached by the women in formal dresses. Punch was served from a silver punch bowl on a silver tray.

The room was decorated with green foliage, floral bouquets and ivy, all of which reflected from a mirrored wall. Mary Dowd.



FINAL CLASS — Students and guests in a roller-skating class sponsored by the Pasadena Ambassador College winter recreational program are (clockwise from upper right): Brent Eicher, Janelle Verkamp, Kristy Blue, Jackie Hegvold, Christy Robinson, Margy Martin and Ryan Haupt (center). The group, taught by Dee Wendling, a member who attends the Pasadena Imperial church, celebrated the last class with a party in the Imperial gymnasium March 7. (Photos by G.A. Belluche Jr.)

Singles share study, dance, cakewalk

More than 150 singles attended an activity sponsored by BROOKLYN and QUEENS, N.Y., brethren Feb. 9. After Sabbath services in Brooklyn, singles shared a box lunch, with women supplying fresh fruit, home-baked pies and pastries and men providing drinks.

After the meal a slide show portrayed historical, political and geographical points of interest in and around Jerusalem, Israel. The presentation ended with a segment from Handel's *Messiah*.

Walter Dolengo, a Queens local church elder, then gave a Bible study on being a friend. After sunset the group played board and card games and snacked on sandwiches and popcorn.

WASHINGTON and BELLE VERNON, Pa., singles sponsored a singles dance Feb. 23 at the Lone Pine Community Center in Lone Pine, Pa. The dance's theme was "Ice Castles."

Before the dance Church members provided a potluck for the singles. Dance music was played by pastor John Dobritch. Activities included a cakewalk and broom and freeze dances. The cake was donated by Ruth Green.

Fred Hornowski and Tony Mercante.

Talent shows conducted

Brethren from MILWAUKEE, WAUKESHA, WEST BEND and KENOSHA, Wis., joined for their fifth annual talent show Feb. 10. The 2½-hour show, under the direction of Dave Kroll, ranged from 9-year-old Eric Wertzler, who told jokes and played violin, to the Geritol Gang singing "Keep the Pension Checks a Comin'."

Vocal and instrumental numbers were featured, as well as a combined orchestra, a guitar and piano duet, Tomorrow's Orchestra (composed of children) and comedy and violin talents of the Symphony Hall Sell-Outs.

Dances included the Charleston, ragtime tap-dance and the Cheerleaders' Journey Through America. Some women formed a barbershop quartet, and the show was rounded out by a poetry recital by Eloy's Dinwiddie and an Israeli medley with a slide show, songs and a dance.

After the Sabbath, Feb. 16, about 250 brethren from the RED DEER and WETASKIWIN, Alta., churches and visitors shared a potluck, dance and a talent show at the Normandeau School in Red Deer.

Pastor Wilfred Wooster was disc jockey for the dance. In an adjoining room Philip Hopwood, assistant pastor, showed movies to younger children during the dance.

Ray Young, master of ceremonies, began the talent show by introducing Daryl Hartshorn on the bassoon. Erin Primas, with her father, Ed Primas, on guitar, sang "Rhymes and Reasons." Ian Wachowicz played a piano solo with Herbert Hartshorn following on clarinet. "Try a Little Kindness" was a vocal solo by Tim Warden.

At the midway point, 19 YOU members and young people from Wetaskiwin sang "Sabbath Prayer." Michelle Engblom followed with a piano solo of "You Light Up My Life"; Patty Kneller performed a vocal solo titled "Good News"; a flute duet featured Sarah Martin and Mary Morrison; and Paul Hardy played a trumpet solo.

Singing "Eye of the Tiger," Erin Primas concluded the show. More dancing then took place.

Feb. 23 the MONTGOMERY, Ala., church had a "Develop Your

Talents Night" with a combined fun show and art exhibit in the church hall. Hidden talents were revealed as young and old strove for excellence.

Three members performed original works. Stanley Shepherd sang "The Kingdom," Don Moss performed a piano solo, "The Morning Sun," and Carl Ponder played a guitar solo, "Thirteen Houses Down."

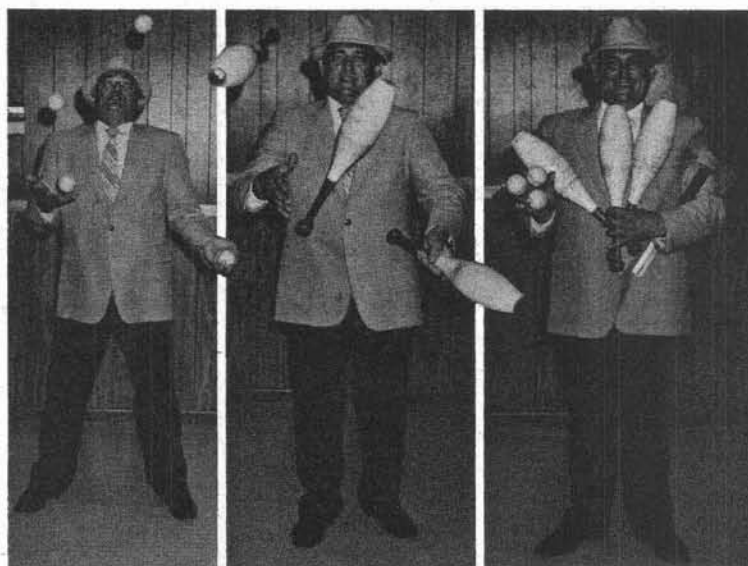
Other performances included a juggling act by Sam Stout, solos by Arthur Carlisle and Dean Tait, a piano solo by Malissa Hill and a Bach performance by a newly formed wind and brass ensemble.

The church choir began the finale with a medley of Stephen Foster songs. The entire group of performers then sang "Good Night Brethren" to the tune of "Good Night Ladies."

Brethren of the BRISTOL, England, church combined with 191 brethren from the Cardiff, Wales, and Gloucester, Tiverton, Plymouth and Borehamwood, England, churches for Sabbath services and an evening of entertainment Feb. 23 at Armstrong Hall in Thornbury, England.

The sermon was given by Frank Brown, an evangelist and regional director of the Church in Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East. Services also included the ordination of Andrew Steel, a member who attends the Bristol church, to a deacon.

A buffet supper and grand dance took place that evening, with dance music provided by the Ambassador Band. Games and films were pro-



FUN-SHOW PERFORMER — Sam Stout, a member who attends the Montgomery, Ala., church, juggles at the church's "Develop Your Talents Night" and fun show Feb. 23.

vided for the children.

During an interval in the dancing a cabaret performance featured singers and instrumentalists Mick McCormack and Russell Gardener, dancer Danella Bradford and singer Henry Miles. Derek and Joan Millman organized the evening.

Cathy Folker, Jeanette Engblom, Denise Orr and David Cox.

Churches

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families and old copies of *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News* and *The Worldwide News*.

Brethren from WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis., celebrated the church's 20th anniversary Feb. 16. The church began at the Richland Center Feb. 13, 1965, with 102 in attendance. The first sermon was given by evangelist Dean Blackwell, and the first pastor was George Meeker Jr., now pastor of the Springfield, Mo., church.

Lyle Dietz was the first deacon ordained in 1966. Last year Maurice Benson was ordained a local church elder. The church is now pastored by Norman Strayer, who also pastors the Wausau, Wis., church.

Feb. 16 Mr. Benson gave a sermonette about the church's history, and Mr. Strayer gave the sermon on remembering God's calling and using the anniversary to evaluate growth. Brethren watched a film of George Kackos, who served as pastor from 1974 to 1977, speaking of digesting spiritual food and using that food daily. Mr. Kackos now pastors the Grand Rapids, Mich., church.

The group also heard taped messages by Mitchell Knapp, pastor from 1977 to 1982 and now serving in the Kansas City, Mo., North and Kansas City, Kan., South churches; and Greg Johnson, pastor for six months in 1982 and now pastor of the Rockford, Ill., and Madison, Wis., churches.

The group ate a smorgasbord dinner at an area restaurant and later

watched a videotape by deacon John Torgerson, who taped conversations with some original members.

In the evening a dance and social took place with games and cartoons for the children. Snacks and wine punch were served, and a decorated anniversary cake was made by Becky Walker. A group photograph was taken of pioneer members.

Gene Fox and Patricia Gauden.

Pinewood derby takes place

The third annual junior YOU pinewood derby of the ATHENS and GAINESVILLE, Ga., churches took place March 2.

The evening began with a potluck prepared by the mothers. The fathers helped set up the track and weigh in the cars. Pre-junior YOU and fathers were also invited to race.

Winners in the junior YOU division were Ginger Wallen, first; Joel Lyle, second; and Jacob Rodgers, third. In the pre-junior YOU division Zachary Baker placed first, Chad Ridgeway placed second and Leah Rutenbur was third. In the fathers' division Mike Lyle took first, Wayne Thompson was second and Pat Quintana placed third.

Best design went to Kristie Quintana, and Jinnie Rodgers won the award for the most aerodynamic car. Wayne Whited.

After a dessert of ice cream and homemade jelly rolls, teens and their parents danced to the music of Michael Hale and Private Reserve from Pasadena.

The group entered the dining and dancing areas over a trellised bridge decorated like a wintry scene. They danced under an open canopy of pink and burgundy sheers. Trees painted white and draped with twinkling lights were placed along the walls to continue the winter theme. Cheryl Rath.

250 gather for YOU prom

Feb. 16 PHOENIX, Ariz., EAST brethren were hosts to a district YOU and parents prom. More than 250 YOU members and their parents from Tucson, Prescott, Flagstaff, Phoenix East and West, Ariz., and Las Vegas, Nev., attended.

The evening's festivities began with a meal of chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, carrots and zucchini. The meal was prepared by women of the Phoenix East church and served by the Young Adult Group.

Britain

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tion of *The Sunday Times*:
• "Super EC Plan Leaves Britain in the Cold."

This piece was filed by Brian Moynahan and Giles Merrit. They began their article, "Moves by five founder members of the Common Market to increase co-operation among themselves could lead to the formation of a 'Super-EC' and the relegation of Britain to a European second division along with Italy, Greece and Ireland."

The article went on to say that "France and West Germany are behind the initiative." Apparently the big two are backed by Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. At an EC meeting in Brussels, Belgium, representatives of these five countries "sat at a specially built, symbolic triangular table, with the French and West Germans at two corners and the Benelux representatives at the other."

"Troublesome outsiders"

A Belgian compared the meeting to "the good old days — referring to the period before troublesome outsiders such as Britain and Greece joined the Common Market."

Continued the *Sunday Times* article: "Paris and Bonn now seem near to declaring a joint move aimed at streamlining the cumbersome unanimous decision-making process of the market... A shift back towards effective majority voting would tend further to isolate Britain, which often finds itself in the minority."

A piece in the Feb. 16 *Economist* was of the same spirit. "No West European leader talks more about the need for greater European unity than Mr. Helmut Kohl... Mr. Kohl's main quest is to strengthen the Paris-Bonn axis, which has been the backbone of Western Europe for three decades. Despite an increase in trade and in many other links with Britain, there is little sign of the French-German diplomatic twosome turning into a triangle."

In terms of his quest for greater European political unity, "Mr. Kohl detects little evidence of echo from Britain where he most wants to hear it."

More foreboding is this: "There are hints that, if other EC members are still dragging their feet by the time of the community summit in Milan [Italy] in June, the French and West Germans could go public with a bilateral proposal of their own."

Why do Britons often find themselves at odds with other Common Market members? A perspective of

the past 40 years is helpful.

Historical perspective

Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill foresaw the European Economic Community (EEC)—now simply the EC) in rough outline. In 1942 he wrote to cabinet members: "It would be a measureless disaster if Russian barbarism overlaid the culture and independence of the ancient states of Europe... I trust that the European family may act unitedly as one under a council of Europe... I hope to see a council of perhaps 10 units including the former great powers."

It became clear, however, in later Churchillian speeches that the great war leader envisioned Britain's place as outside of Europe — at the forefront of the Commonwealth.

In an address to the University of Zurich (Switzerland) in September, 1946, he said: "In all this urgent work France and Germany must take the lead together. Great Britain and the British Commonwealth of Nations, mighty America and, I trust, Soviet Russia must be the friends and sponsors of the new Europe."

In the postwar years a new Europe was a matter of life and death to Continental nations. England held back, playing her cards close to the chest.

Mr. Churchill was right. West Germany and France took the lead in forming the Common Market. In 1956 negotiations were undertaken to establish the European Economic Community. Though representatives from the United Kingdom took part in preliminary talks, the British soon opted out.

That decision was crucial. West Germany and France were free to negotiate without considering British interests.

In 1961 the British finally applied to join the European Economic Community. Their application was vetoed by France's President Charles de Gaulle in 1963. A second application was made in 1967. Again the French blocked British intentions.

President de Gaulle retired in 1969. Subsequently, the original six member nations decided to enlarge the EC. Negotiations begun in 1970 culminated on New Year's Day, 1973. But the die was cast; the British could only take the leftovers from a Franco-German table.

In 1979 the EC formed the European Monetary System, popularly known as the EMS. The United Kingdom was the only Common Market country not to join. The full consequences are not yet known, but according to some observers, the plunging value of the pound is one clear-cut negative.

Clubs

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linked to happiness; Graduate Club member Jack Cotter explained about proving all things; and Jim Cosenza, a Graduate Club member, showed the importance of being sensitive to others' needs and feelings.

New Haven club President Bill Kiselewski then introduced Lawrence Woodbridge Jr., overall director and pastor of the Meriden, Conn., church. Mr. Woodbridge described the purpose of the evening's meeting and the clubs as a "vision for the future," an opportunity unlike any other to learn teaching skills. Dinner and dancing followed the meeting.

Feb. 16, 118 FLORENCE and HUNTSVILLE, Ala., brethren attended a Spokesman Club dinner meeting, followed by a dance at the Huntsville Hilton. Club President Joe Johnson presided over the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Don Kelly led tabletoasts.

Speakers were Clyde Thompson, Larry Ward, Eugene McKee and Joe Parsley. The Most Effective Speech trophy went to Mr. Ward, the Most Improved Speaker was Mr. Parsley, and the Most Helpful Evaluation was given by Mike Hughes.

Roland Stanley, club director and a Florence local church elder, evaluated both portions of the club and gave a lecture on how to break the habit of procrastination. Dance music was provided by the Lloyd Howell family, who attend the Florence church.

Lyndon B. Graves, Glenda Crawford, Arnie McFarland and Dan Rupp, Carolyn Metz and Gay Chaney.

Student center displays wild-flower watercolors

PASADENA — Thirty of Jane S. Pinheiro's watercolor paintings of California wild flowers were on exhibit at the Ambassador College Student Center here from Feb. 25 through March 25. Mrs. Pinheiro, who died in 1978, began researching and painting Southern Californian wild flowers when she and her husband, Joe, moved to the high desert of the Antelope Valley in 1940, according to Herman L. Hoeh, evangelist and editor of *The Plain Truth*.

The display of the 30 botanically correct watercolor paintings was from the Theodore Payne Foundation (a foundation devoted to the preservation of native plants) in Sun Valley, Calif., where about 100 of Mrs. Pinheiro's paintings are permanently hung.

A collection of 150 paintings by

Mrs. Pinheiro is on permanent display at Poppy Park in West Antelope Valley, an hour's drive from Pasadena. Described as an ardent conservationist, Mrs. Pinheiro considered herself a self-taught artist. She worked primarily in watercolor or pen and ink and also did needlework in crewel, needlepoint and crochet.

Seven wild-flower sanctuaries were formed in Antelope Valley through Mrs. Pinheiro's efforts, according to Mr. Hoeh. She also was chairman of the committee that established the Joshua Tree State Park, now renamed the Saddleback Buttes State Park.

The paintings were on display during the 14th session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program and the visit of Queen Sirikit of Thailand to the Ambassador College campus.



WILD FLOWERS — Myrtle Horn, women's guidance counselor at Pasadena Ambassador College, views paintings of California wild flowers by the late Jane S. Pinheiro on display in the student center Feb. 25 to March 25. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

Differ

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American analyst Irving Kristol, writing in the March issue of the British journal *Encounter*, observed that "Europeans tend to think that the U.S. government is indulging in hysterical exaggeration."

From a purely military point of view, Mr. Kristol continued, the movement of countries in the Western Hemisphere into the Soviet camp is not an insignificant matter. He added: "Cuba today is, after the United States, the largest and most powerful military force in the Western hemisphere — much more powerful than Canada or Brazil, for instance."

And there is another consideration, continued Mr. Kristol: "Yes, there really are dominoes out there... if a Marxist-Leninist regime is once established in El Salvador, what will happen to Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Panama, where embryonic revolutionary movements are already active? And what, eventually, will happen to Mexico itself?"

"These are all very shaky regimes, rife with corruption, and with ineffectual military establishments. Their vulnerability is acute."

Unless there is more of a transatlantic

meeting of the minds, Mr. Kristol asserts, the impact on the NATO alliance could be severe. NATO is the linchpin alliance in the worldwide network of communist "containment," which has kept the peace for 40 years.

"One thing is clear," he said. "America's European allies are fast approaching a moment of decision. The United States is not going to remain committed to the defence of Western Europe, at the risk of nuclear annihilation, if Western Europe is not equally committed to the defence of America's interests. In the debate over Central America, the very existence of NATO itself is at stake."

"A major clash between the United States and Europe over Central America could soon lead to overwhelming pressures in the United States for a redefinition of its role in NATO — even to the point of the withdrawal of U.S. forces from the European continent..."

U.S. out, Soviets in

It should be obvious also that Moscow has every incentive to keep pressure on the United States in Central America. It sees renewed hope for one of its most sought-after objectives: the removal of U.S. ground forces from Western Europe.

The vigorous new leader of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, is highly regarded in Western Europe. He is expected to capitalize on his popularity in the Kremlin's efforts to drive a wedge between Washington and its allies.

Mr. Gorbachev is also expected to concentrate on modernizing the Soviet economy. He will need help from Western Europe to accomplish this.

Sooner or later an American pull-out from Europe must occur. The prophesied 10-nation European third force cannot arise unless or until U.S. forces leave Western Europe and there is at least a partial relaxation of the Soviet grip on Eastern Europe. Thus, the growing crisis in Central America could have a key role to play in prophetic events to unfold in Europe.

In the meantime the United States appears being sucked into another unpopular war, this time close to home. President Reagan appears determined to root out what he is convinced is a communist cancer in the hemisphere. The Congress, on the other hand, appears gripped by fear, even unwilling to pay to have others do the fighting.

The American public, confused as to the signals coming out of Washington, doesn't know which avenue is best to take. The nation, despite the relatively easy victory in

Grenada, has not recovered from the blow to the pride in its power delivered by its defeat in Vietnam.

The United States could eventually be torn apart socially if Mr. Reagan, nearing the end of his term, felt compelled to commit troops. It could cost his party the White House in 1988. The opposing party, as it now stands, would likely pull the forces out whether on the verge of victory or not. Confusion would reign supreme.

In any case, a national disaster of almost incalculable proportions is in the making.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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studied further before I even attend my first service, and said that I would not be considered for membership until I had attended for a sufficient period of time to be truly convinced that this was God's true Church and that I would be convinced enough to never again wish to change churches...

The attitude of "study and wait till you're sure" is a much more comfortable and welcoming one than that of "hurry up and join." It is an attitude I would expect to find in the true Church of God.

Celia Helmboldt
Salem, Ore.

Obituaries

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was baptized in September, 1972, and attended services until her health made that impossible. For the last several years she was cared for by her daughter, Donna, also a member.

In addition to her daughter, she is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Ralph Orr, pastor of the Montgomery church, presided at the graveside service.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Rodney E. Burney, 59, died Feb. 17 after a short illness.

Mr. Burney has been a member since December, 1961. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Ruberta, three sisters and a brother.

Graveside services were conducted Feb. 20 by Arnold Clauson, pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., churches.

MORTON, Ill. — Lillian Schoenbein, 88, died at home Feb. 23.

Born July 5, 1896, Mrs. Schoenbein became a member of the Church in April, 1960. Her husband, Carl, died July 5, 1984.

Mrs. Schoenbein attended services in Peoria, Ill., until ill health prevented her attendance. She is survived by one daughter, Elizabeth Birkey, a member; five sons, Donald and Dayton, members, and Russell, Robert and Irvin; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Feb. 26 by Gerald Knoche, a minister in Peoria.

MOJAVE, Calif. — Clifford Thomas Johnston, 71, died Feb. 7 at home in his sleep. He has been a Church member since November, 1971.

Survivors include his daughter, Cay Phillips of Ukiah, Calif.; two sisters, Mayme Knoll of Ludlow, Calif., and Louise Henington of South Gate, Calif.; three brothers, Jerry of Willits, Calif., Robert of Missouri and William of Washington; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted Feb. 13 in Barstow, Calif., by Camilo Reyes, pastor of the Mojave and Bakersfield, Calif., churches.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Libby L. Herrera, 77, died Feb. 2 after a long illness.

Mr. Herrera was born in 1907 at Questa, N.M. He was baptized in 1971.

Survivors who are Church members are his wife of 50 years, Rose, and a son, Amos, of Questa. Other survivors include another son, Ben, of Questa; three daughters, Ramona Montano, Ruth Martinez and Deborah Herrera, all of Taos, N.M.; four brothers; one sister; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by Ronald Miller, pastor of the Grand Junction and Meeker, Colo., churches.

Children's Corner

The Best Gift

By Vivian Pettijohn

Rocky handed to Grandpa a folded blue sweater and exclaimed: "It sure has been great having a grandfather around here! I wish you didn't have to go home."

"Why, thanks, Arthur — I mean, Rocky," Grandpa Winfield said. He looked up from packing his suitcase. "I keep forgetting that my namesake is called by a nickname."

"But, Grandpa," Rocky explained, "I'm called 'Rocky' because 'Arthur' means 'strong as a rock.' And I try to live up to my name by being strong. Isn't that OK?"

"Of course it is, my boy," the older Arthur assured him. "And I've always been proud to have a grandson named for me. But, speaking of names, did you know that passing on a family name can be a big responsibility for us menfolk?"

"No, Grandpa," Rocky answered.

"What do you mean?"

"Well," Grandpa continued as the rest of the family quietly entered the Winfields' downstairs family room — which had been Grandpa's room for a month, "I have tried hard to live by God's laws so that I would develop a good reputation and my name would be a good one. I believe that a good name is the best gift I can give to my family."

"A boy in my first grade class," Jeff reported excitedly, "told me that his grandfather is going to leave him lots of money someday. Isn't that a great gift?"

"Not necessarily," his father replied. "Money is good only if it is used properly. A good name is worth more than any amount of money."

Virginia Winfield smiled at her father-in-law and said, "You have made the Winfield name stand for honesty and dependability. Leon says

that has been a big help to him all his life!"

"Yes," Leon agreed, "and I hope I am passing on the same good name to you children. Then each of you, in turn, must try to keep it a good name."

"Jeff," his mother said, "that reminds me of the proverb you and Rocky memorized yesterday. Remember? Please repeat that verse for Grandpa. And, Kathy, maybe you can finish learning it today on the way home from taking Grandpa to the train station."

"Grandpa," Jeff responded, "the proverb says, 'A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.'"

"And," Rocky added, "that verse is found in Proverbs 22:1."

Grandpa smiled, closed his suitcase, and set it on the floor. "Leon and Virginia," he said, "I have an announce-

ment. Last night, after I prayed I made a big decision. You have made me feel so welcome and useful here that I want to continue to do my part in guiding these children. I not only want to help them keep the Winfield name a good one, but also help them to live up to God's family name." He paused, then smiled. "So, I have decided to accept your kind invitation. I'm going to sell my house in Tennessee and move to this area, to be near you."

"Hooray, Grandpa!" Rocky nearly yelled. "You're going to move out here? When?"

"Yeah, hooray!" Jeff and Kathy agreed excitedly.

As all three children and their parents crowded around Grandpa, hugging him, Jeff exclaimed: "Hurry back here, Grandpa! And don't forget to bring back a gift — your good name! I see now that is the best kind of a gift."

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

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services, presented Les McColl, pastor of the Long Beach,



MR. AND MRS. LES MCCOLL
Calif., East and West churches,
with a plaque March 2 noting a

quarter century of service in Christ's ministry.

Mr. Tkach presented the award at Sabbath services in the Long Beach East church.

The plaque read: "Jan. 30, 1960, to Jan. 30, 1985, Lester A. McColl: In recognition of faithful service and dedication toward fulfillment of the great commission, and commemorating his 25th anniversary as an ordained minister of the Worldwide Church of God. In deep appreciation, Herbert W. Armstrong."

Mr. McColl, 57, a member of God's Church since April, 1956, was ordained a preaching elder by Mr. Armstrong Jan. 15, 1969, and pastor Sept. 10, 1981, by evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer.

He has served in the Portland, Salem and Eugene, Ore., Grand

Rapids, Mich., South Bend, Ind., Springfield, Joplin, Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo., Topeka, Kan., and Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo, Calif., churches.

"It is a real thrill and a blessing to be part of this work for so many years," said Mr. McColl.

"When he sat down, he had tears in his eyes," said his wife, Penola. Mr. and Mrs. McColl have a son, David, age 9.

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PASADENA — A new computer terminal in the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC)

here, linked to the mainframe computer at the American Telephone & Telegraph (AT&T) 800 headquarters in St. Louis, Mo., routes incoming calls on the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines to Pasadena or Big Sandy, according to evangelist Richard Rice, MPC director.

The device, which controls the Church's telephone number on the St. Louis computer, allows instant routing of calls, said Mr. Rice. In the past, all technical changes were done by phone company employees and required a three-week notice.

Officials

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Mayor Bradley had arrived from New York just before the banquet and had to leave afterward for another engagement. Mrs. Bradley, who "loves to look at gorgeous things," said the Thai treasures "take your breath away."

Wives of evangelists and department heads and others involved with the visit of the Queen acted as hostesses with Michelle Dean and Given La Ravia, who worked closely with their husbands coordinating the event.

Myrtle Horn, Ambassador College women's guidance counselor and one of the hostesses, described the collections as having a uniquely special beauty.

Some of the other hostesses were Maxine Neff, wife of evangelist Leroy Neff, treasurer of God's Church; Isabell Hoeh, wife of evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, editor of *The Plain Truth*; and Eve McNair, wife of evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Ambassador College. Marion McCullough, wife of evangelist Leslie McCullough, deputy chancellor of Ambassador College in Big Sandy, extended her visit to Pasadena to be able to serve as a hostess as well.

Jo Heckman, a Pasadena City director, expressed her appreciation for the exhibit and for Ambassador College. "It is just incredible. Pasadena is so very blessed to be one of the three cities to have this wonderful showing."

"The city of Pasadena is really blessed to have Ambassador College here and all it offers us in cultural affairs, because if it weren't for them we wouldn't have this."

Channa Palti, the deputy consul general of Israel, looked forward to meeting the Queen. "All my life I have wanted to go to Thailand and hope to do so right after my tour of duty here."

Some of the other guests were Andrea Van de Kamp, wife of the attorney general of California; March Fong Eu, California secretary of state; Claire Bogaard, wife of Pasadena Mayor William J. Bogaard; Loretta Thompson-Glickman, formerly mayor of Pasadena and now a city director; Lucy Martin, former director of the Music Department at Ambassador College; June Fiedler, wife of Richard Fiedler, president of the Pasadena Rotary Club; and Carol Finch, wife of Robert Finch, former U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

The Caribbean Regional Office reported that the director of the Jamaica Information Service (the government's press office) borrowed the video cassette of *The World Tomorrow* featuring the Young Ambassadors. He wanted to show it to his staff because of its high production standards.

Charles Fleming, pastor of the Kingston, Jamaica, congregation, received a call from the spiritual head of the Jewish community in Jamaica, who wanted to borrow the cassette with two programs on the United States and Britain in prophecy. The Jewish leader had given messages on the historic division between Judah and the Ten Tribes, and he wanted to see Mr. Armstrong's program a second time.

"This new equipment now allows us to do the routing ourselves within seconds here in Pasadena," Mr. Rice explained. "It also allows us the flexibility to distribute incoming responses in whatever quantities we choose."

"For example, we can take advantage of the two-hour time difference between California and Texas," Mr. Rice continued, "and reduce the size of crews needed during very early or very late hours."

The computer terminal can also reduce the number of busy tones (called busy-outs) received by incoming callers, said Scott Toliver, statistician and senior operator for the Pasadena telephone response area.

In case of emergency, such as a breakdown at Big Sandy or Pasadena, "we can route nearly all the calls to either place," said Mr. Toliver.

The new terminal "will save a substantial amount of time and money and enable us to serve more callers," Mr. Rice said.

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The Caribbean Regional Office announced that the Festival sites in Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Nassau, Bahamas; and Christ Church, Barbados; reached capacity and can accept no more applications.

If you applied to one of these sites, you will be notified of your transfer status by the Caribbean Office.

Other English-speaking transfer sites in the Caribbean are Castries, St. Lucia; Georgetown, Guyana; and Crown Point, Tobago.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — The Feast of Tabernacles will be kept at a new site in Goa, India, and will be open to international transfers, according to Robert Morton, regional director for the Church in Australia and Southeast Asia.

Goa, a former Portuguese colony on the west coast of India, is a major resort area. The cost of accommodations and meals at the Cidade de Goa, a five-star hotel, is about \$18 a day.

The Feast site at Bentota, Sri Lanka, is also open to transfers. Accommodations and meals will be about \$15 a day, including activities.

At both sites, post-Feast tours to places of interest can be arranged at reasonable costs, Mr. Morton said.

For more information write to the Festival Department, Worldwide Church of God, Box 202, Burleigh Heads, Qld. 4220, Australia.

Site in Spain available for 1985 Feast transfers

PASADENA — For the sixth consecutive year the Feast will be kept in Cullera, Spain, where services will be in Spanish, with no translations, according to the Spanish Department.

Cullera, south of Valencia, Spain's third largest city, is nestled in the slopes of Monte de Ore, an isolated promontory about 700 feet above sea level.

An ancient city where you can see the remains of a 4th century B.C. Iberian town, Cullera was frequented by Phoenician, Greek and Roman merchant ships. An Arabic castle overlooks the town, witness to five centuries (A.D. 740-1240) of Moorish occupation.

The scenery around Cullera is impressive: the majestic, meandering Jucar River, lakes Estany and San Lorenzo, the pinewoods of Santa Marta (one of the finest camping areas in Europe) and the ubiquitous orange groves. There are many sight-seeing, recreational and edu-

The secluded, modern four-star Hotel Sicania, which fronts the Mediterranean, will again house transfers. Rates are 3,100 pesetas (about \$17) a day for lodging and meals for anyone more than 5 years old.

If you have transferred to Spain in the past you may ask to transfer again. Please send your request for further information and a transfer application to: Spanish Department, Spain Transfer Application, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

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A WORLD VIEW
FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

PASADENA — Colin Kelly visited Singapore and Malaysia in late February to finalize arrangements for the Feast on Penang Island.

Mr. Kelly, pastor of the Grafton, Australia, church, is responsible for visiting several Southeast Asian countries under the direction of Robert Morton, regional director for Australia and Asia.

Next, he traveled to Bangkok, Thailand, and met with the Ambassador College students who were teaching English, before continuing to Rangoon, Burma, for his annual visit with Saw Lay Beh. Saw Lay Beh is the only full-time minister unable to attend the Ministerial Refreshing Program here.

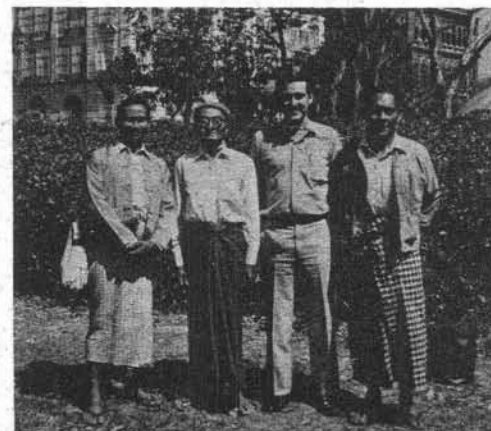
Mr. Kelly spent four days going over Ministerial Refreshing Program and Australian ministerial conference material with him. They also discussed the needs of the church in Burma.

Except for a subsidy for the Feast of Tabernacles, costs of doing the Church's work in Burma are covered by Burmese income. The main source of income for Burmese brethren are their rice crops.

While in Rangoon, Mr. Kelly dined with the head of the Microbiology Department of Rangoon University, the chief surgeon of the general hospital in Rangoon, a lieutenant colonel in the army and the person responsible for publishing and editing for the Burma Council of Churches.

All were interested in Church of God activities and asked to receive *The Plain Truth* and booklets detailing Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's activities.

From Burma, Mr. Kelly traveled to Hong Kong and conducted a Bible study for members and prospective members before returning to Australia.



BURMESE VISIT — Colin Kelly (second from right) visits with Burmese members (from left) Mahn Yaw Hahn, U Saw Hla and pastor Saw Lay Beh in Rangoon, Burma, in February. Mr. Kelly, pastor of the Grafton, Australia, church, is responsible for visiting several Southeast Asian countries.



SPANISH SITE — About 125 Spanish-speaking brethren can attend a family-like Feast in Cullera, Spain. [Map by Ronald Grove]

cational activities to enjoy in the Cullera and Valencia area.

About 18 brethren from Spain and seven from Portugal will attend this site with their families. The brethren in Portugal and Spain have diverse backgrounds and represent other countries including Angola, India, Denmark, Belgium, Iran, Venezuela and Uruguay.

Space is available for 50 transfers. Maximum attendance will be about 125, which lends a family-like, intimate atmosphere to the Festival. Brethren who speak Portuguese are also encouraged to transfer to this site.

There are convenient flights from New York, N.Y., Los Angeles, Calif., and Miami, Fla., to Valencia (transferring in Madrid, Spain).

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