



CHINESE VISIT — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong reviews samples of building material with Gu Zixin (center) of the Chinese People's Association, and Lin Debin of the Soong Ching Ling Foundation (right) in Mr. Armstrong's Hall of Administration office March 18. The men came from Beijing, China, to discuss the construction of a concert hall and cultural center there. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

Program gains exposure for Plain Truth magazine

By Robert C. Taylor

PASADENA — A humanitarian program to help locate missing children is providing unexpected positive exposure for *The Plain Truth*, according to Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services.

Robert C. Taylor is a member of the Good News and Youth 85 editorial staffs.

Supermarket Communications Systems, Inc. (SCS) joined a nationwide effort in the United States to locate missing children, said Sheldon Hearst, SCS president, in a Beverly Hills, Calif., press conference, March 19.

SCS sponsors Good Neighbor supermarket information centers throughout the United States. According to Boyd Leeson, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager, 400,000 copies of the newsstand *Plain Truth* are distributed from 2,600 Good Neighbor stands each month.

To help locate missing children, SCS is attaching panels displaying photographs of missing children and a toll-free phone number in each of its supermarket centers.

"By SCS getting nationwide exposure, it automatically gives *The Plain Truth* nationwide exposure," Mr. Leeson said.

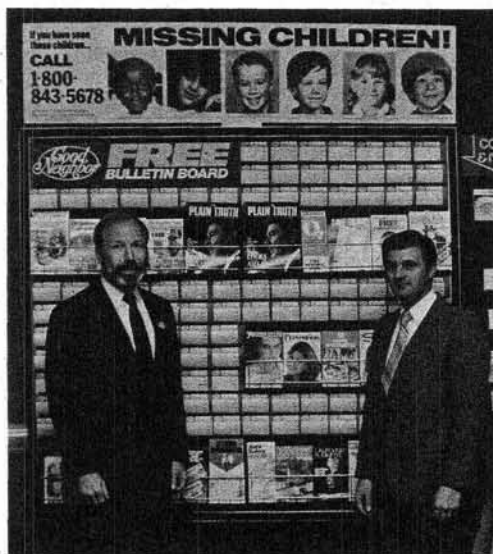
"Because the panels are so prominent, people will be drawn to the displays and will spend more time looking at them," Mr. Leeson continued. "When people stop to look at the children, they can't help but notice *The Plain Truth*."

Because of this exposure "we expect to have a lot more people pick up the magazine," he added.

Commenting on SCS's commitment to assist families in finding

their missing children, Mr. Leeson said: "SCS has already put \$200,000 of their own money into the program. They are volunteering a great amount of their time and money. This shows the kind of people we are dealing with."

Good Neighbor stands, which provide a free message counter and distribute brochures and food coupons, are in nearly 5,000 supermarkets in the United States.



SUPERMARKET PROGRAM — Sheldon Hearst (left), president of Supermarket Communications Systems, Inc. (SCS), and Boyd Leeson, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager, stand by an SCS Good Neighbor display at a Beverly Hills, Calif., press conference March 19. [Photo by Robert C. Taylor]

HWA meets Chinese officials, reviews goals of cultural center

By David H. Evans

PASADENA — Five representatives from the Soong Ching Ling Foundation (SCL) and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries arrived here March 15 for meetings with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and officials of the Ambassador Foundation.

David H. Evans is an assistant to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

Members of the Friendship Association and SCL Foundation signed a memorandum with the Ambassador Foundation Nov. 10, 1984, to plan the development of a concert hall and cultural center in China.

According to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, the delegation came to Pasadena to discuss the auditorium project.

The center, called the Golden Bridge Cultural Exchange Center, will be built in Beijing, China.

In a Nov. 7, 1984, meeting with Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping (see "Christ's Apostle in the Orient," *W/N*, Nov. 26), Mr. Armstrong suggested that the People's Republic of China should have a high quality concert hall and cultural center.

The pastor general offered blueprints of the Ambassador Auditorium here and a donation to begin the project. Mr. Deng, honorary chairman of the SCL Foundation, accepted.

The Chinese delegation visiting Pasadena included Gu Zixin, permanent council member of the Friendship Association; Lin Debin, SCL director of research; and employees of the Beijing Architectural Design Institute who will be

involved in the project: Zhang Renqi, architect; Zhang Zengfen, mechanical engineer; and Shan Shangning, electrical engineer.

During their 10-day stay, the delegation met with Mr. Armstrong, founder and chairman of the Ambassador Foundation; Aaron Dean, personal aide to Mr. Armstrong and a vice president of the foundation; Mr. La Ravia; and Church and foundation officials involved in the construction and operation of the Ambassador Auditorium.

Richard Liu, who helps the Ambassador Foundation establish cultural and humanitarian projects in China, was also present for the meetings.

Mr. Armstrong met with the delegation March 18 to discuss the goals of the cultural exchange center. Mr. La Ravia, who is managing director of the Auditorium, scheduled tours and meetings with Auditorium and foundation personnel.

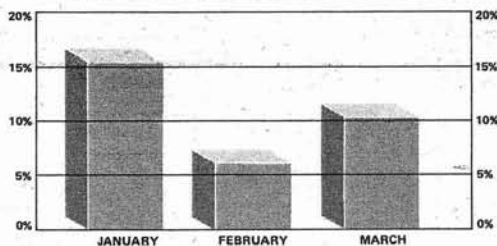
During their stay the delegation met with Roman Borek, Auditorium house manager; Kevin Gardner, Auditorium stage manager; John Prohs, technical support supervisor; William Scott, Ambassador College architect; Paul Troike, plant engineer for the college; Robert Smith, interior design coordinator; and James Hughes, Auditorium maintenance coordinator. Each man conducted a tour to explain his responsibilities and specific details about the Auditorium.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Troike took the group to Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, the architectural design firm for Ambassador Auditorium.

According to Mr. La Ravia, the Chinese visitors told Mr. Armstrong at the end of their visit of the deep and lasting impression they gained from the visit.

The delegation flew to San Francisco, Calif., March 25 before leaving for China March 28.

1985 First Quarter Income



1985 INCOME INCREASE — Graph shows the percentage of 1985 income increases over the same months in the first quarter of 1984. The year-to-date combined increase over 1984 is 10.8 percent. [Graph by Ronald Grove]

1985 income 'quite good,' says Church treasurer

By Leroy Neff

PASADENA — The first quarter of 1985 is history, and although the income has not reached expectations, it is still quite good.

The year-to-date figure is 10.8 percent more than 1984, with March registering a little lower increase of 10.2 percent. These figures would be lower if it were not for Festival contributions (tithes of the second tithe), which were 35.4 percent more than last year.

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

It is somewhat surprising that the general contributions are less than expected, while the Festival contributions are more than expected.

The departments have been working together to keep expenses below budget. As a result, cash balances, though low, are slightly above projections. We have passed the projected low point for the year and are expecting the trend to be upward from now through the remainder of the year.

However, the departments must be careful with expenses so that we do not repeat last year's overspending during the summer.

The Arthur Andersen auditors are continuing their audit of our financial records. The U.S. audit is a little ahead of schedule and is being reviewed by the partner assigned to that audit.

Several of the international areas have had their audits completed, and the figures are being combined for the worldwide audit. The international audit is right on schedule. Our accountants say that the audit process this year has been the "smoothest audit ever."

At the time of writing this report (April 3), my wife, Maxine, and I, are expecting to leave April 4 for a quick "Feast" trip to the Caribbean. We expect to visit the San Juan, Puerto Rico, Office and church and the churches in Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Martinique.

I had the opportunity to visit in this area with evangelist Dabar Aparian in 1967. My wife and I are pleased to have this opportunity to visit the area together.

'Iberian Connection': EC expands to 12

PASADENA — The heads of state and government of the 10-nation European Community reached another milestone March 30. They agreed to a formula that will permit Spain and Portugal to become members Jan. 1, 1986.

To facilitate their entry a compromise was worked out to grant Greece compensation for expected product competition from Spain and Portugal. Two other Mediterranean nations, France and Italy, also were granted adjustment aid, but it was Athens' objections that had been the most formidable.

"The admission of Portugal and Greece into the European Common Market marks an important historical turning point for Europe," editorialized the April 3 *Christian Science Monitor*.

"A new 12-nation Common Market, instead of the current 10-nation market, will eventually become one of the largest cohesive trading communities in the world, with a combined population of over 325 million people. Moreover, the linkup — when it becomes official early next year — will cement most of affluent and industrial northern and western Europe with the less affluent and more agricultural regions of southern Europe."

Several observers have noted that the "Iberian Connection" provides Western Europe with important new political and economic bridges. First is the tie to North Africa, in the sense that the Iberian Peninsula has as much looked southward over

the centuries to the Mediterranean Sea and North Africa as to the European continent itself.

Second, both Spain and Portugal could be a valuable cultural and linguistic bridge to Latin America, further expanding EC influence there.

The inclusion of the somewhat poorer heavily agricultural nations of southern Europe, the *Monitor* editorial speculated, could initially impede rather than hasten Europe's movement toward unification.

"Still, it is hard to discount the significance of the Common Market's new linkage with Portugal and Spain," continued the *Monitor*.

"How does one measure a historic milestone? Many political rulers over the centuries have dreamed of a United Europe. The Continent is still a long way from such a vision."

"But all the same, being able to drive from Paris east into West Germany, or southeast into Italy, and now, southwest into the Iberian Peninsula, through a common trading community, must be considered no little achievement in the long march of European history."

Ends Spain's isolation

The two southwest European nations will be given a number of years to adapt to full-blown economic competition inside the Common Market. Even then it may not be easy, especially for Spanish industry.

Whereas EC markets were already opened to Spain under a

1970 preferential trade agreement, barriers have continued to shield Spanish industry from the impact of more cost-effective EC firms in West Germany, France, Italy and elsewhere.

Now Spain will have to lower its barriers, introduce a value-added

of "the emotion I feel both as a Spaniard and as a king."

ABC, the most influential right-wing newspaper in Madrid, headlined its main editorial "A Historic Day." *El Pais*, the most influential left-wing newspaper in Madrid, headlined its main editorial "Halle-

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



tax and modernize production. Accession could thus mean the moment of truth for the small- and medium-sized enterprises that dominate the Spanish economy.

Why, then, despite the painful adjustment period ahead, have Spanish leaders and the country's influential news media displayed a kind of euphoria over Spain's accession to the European Community?

The reason is that for Spain, entry into the European Community represents more of a political milestone than an economic one. It marks the end to Spain's long semi-isolation from the rest of Europe.

This elation was best symbolized when King Juan Carlos I and Queen Sophia honored Foreign Minister Fernando Moran and his negotiating team with a reception at their palace. Juan Carlos spoke movingly

lujah for Europe."

ABC claimed the entry ranked with such events in 20th-century Spanish history as the 1936 to 1939 civil war and the restoration of democracy in 1975.

El Pais said that entry will "rupture the traditional isolation that has been hanging around our necks

since the religious wars" of the Middle Ages.

"As far as Spain is concerned," reported the April 2 *Los Angeles Times*, "the entry into the community, including the Common Market, has little to do with economics but everything to do with history and psychology. At long last, Spaniards can feel themselves part of Europe."

A 'two tier' market?

This third expansion of the Common Market (Britain, Ireland and Denmark joined Jan. 1, 1973, and Greece Jan. 1, 1981) raises questions anew whether the community is becoming essentially unworkable.

In this regard a committee was set up in the EC last year to make recommendations to streamline the community's functions. It has been reported that the committee, headed by former Irish Foreign Minister James Dooey, suggests that the right of the individual EC countries to veto Common Market policies should be much more strictly limited.

Such a policy would be strenuously (See CONNECTION, page 5)

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



The Gospel to Spain

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Few outside of the English literary world have heard of George Borrow. He is well known among British bibliophiles for writing such books as *Lavengro*, *Romany Rye* and *Wild Wales* — mid-19th-century works about his European travels.

In 1835 Mr. Borrow undertook an unusual assignment. He became an agent for the British and Foreign Bible Society. Between 1835 and 1840 he embarked on four journeys to different parts of the Iberian Peninsula.

First, Mr. Borrow took the *Lon-*

don Merchant steamship to Lisbon, Portugal. He wrote, "My destination was Spain . . . it being the intention of the Bible Society to attempt to commence operations in that country, the object of which should be the distribution of the Word of God, for Spain had hitherto been a region barred against the admission of the Bible" (*The Bible in Spain*, page 7, 1843).

The Bible had already been circulated in Portugal. The Word of God was tolerated there. So Mr. Borrow decided to have a go in western Iberia first. He wrote, "I had plenty of Bibles and [New] Testaments at my disposal, but could the people read them, or would they?" (page 15).

Bible unknown

Mr. Borrow did his homework. Remembering that Jesus spoke of preaching the Gospel to the poor (Luke 4:18), he thought it best to (See SPAIN, page 7)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Put leadership to work

Watching the evening world news is always an education to me in understanding human nature.

The debate over who was running things in the Soviet Union intrigued me. Until his death, Konstantin Chernenko had not been seen in public for weeks, with one minor exception. As it turned out he was seriously ill. There were questions in the media whether he was in total control.

Did you know that the issue of leadership is just as important in our families? The same question is critical for us to ask, "Who's in charge?" Who's setting family values and priorities? If we as parents aren't leading and instructing, someone or something else is.

By neglect, values and leadership, even in many of God's people's homes, are apparently being provided less by parents diligently setting the proper pace than by peer pressure, movies, popular music and the daydream logic of television sitcoms and soap operas.

Is it any wonder so many people are failing, missing the mark, at marriage and family relationships? It's time we take stock and evaluate where our families are headed.

How to lead

Our families must be led with godly purpose and conviction. This means setting strong goals, evaluating our family needs, asking God's ministers for help and advice when necessary or doing a little research on any issue or topic when we're uncertain about what to do.

There is one lesson we can learn from this political reality that's true in the family: "The only real training for leadership is leadership."

In other words we as parents need to be working daily teaching our

children as God commanded in Deuteronomy 6:6-9. Please take time to review those verses. Your future and the future of your children depend on it.

How can you fulfill that command? Let me prime your pump with an example of how one father accomplished it. Geoff Robertson, an Ambassador College student, sent me a letter I would like to share:

"I remember the night just more than 13 years ago when my dad put one of his greatest ideas into effect and turned Bible study into an exciting and interesting hobby for his children."

"It was about sunset Friday evening, and Dad pulled up as usual, home from work. This time he had a surprise for my brother, my sister and me that would literally change our lives. I remember his beaming face as he handed out some special gifts."

"At first I didn't know why he was giving them to us, but at the age of 10 any gift is a pretty exciting thing. It consisted of a sketchbook and a set of six colored felt-tip pens."

"Wow!" I exclaimed, eager to start on a masterpiece of the latest 727 jet airplane. Dad kindly explained to me that our presents were for other things. That night we did our first 'Bible Map.'

"The first was a map of Canaan featuring the divisions of the land among the 12 tribes of Israel. The following week we traced the path of the Exodus and added boxed side-notes along the way."

"And so our maps continued each Sabbath. Dad would draw the outline in pencil for us, and we'd go over it with color and put decorative headings on the top of each one we did."

"He encouraged us to make each a project that we could use later for

reference. (Somehow my elder brother always did better-looking maps than my sister and I did. Oh well!)

Make the Bible interesting

"These maps really helped develop artistic abilities at an early age, but most of all they made the Bible interesting to us. As the Sabbaths and years passed, our maps became fairly intricate with charts and diagrams, from the Holy Days, Church eras, journeys of Paul, to the sacrificial system, the development of the races and prophecy charts, among many others."

"Eventually we did all the art work ourselves, but we followed the basic format that Dad had originated. We grew to really love doing our Bible maps. Actually that's just one of Dad's ideas we grew to love."

"Another idea he gave us was what we called 'Bible Proofs.' These wouldn't take long, so we did one before we started on our map each Sabbath morning. They helped us understand why we believed what we believed. Dad would give us a subject heading like, 'God Condemns Pork' and a list of accompanying scriptures."

"We'd look up the scriptures and write them out, under an ornate heading. We compiled them in a binder. I think I still have about 80 of my Bible proofs on file."

"Using our colored felt-tip pens and making elaborate, artistic (so we thought!) touches to our maps and proofs made our projects more than interesting, and a real challenge."

"There are plenty of ways to make Bible study interesting for children, and Dad used a few that really worked for us."

"I am now a junior at Ambassador College, and I still find myself turning to some of the maps and diagrams that we did a long time ago. God's Word has been a very deep part of my father now for about 16 years, and through his example, his time and his original ideas, he has passed that on to another generation."

"I'm looking forward to one day teaching my children in the same way. God's Word can be, should be, and is, very exciting for people of all ages to study."

Letters TO THE EDITOR

New member comments

As a fairly new member and new subscriber to *The Worldwide News*, I'd like to tell you how much I am enjoying it. It took me a while to get into it as some of the places are so far away and it gives me incentive to look on a map and see where they are.

Now I especially like hearing of the members in other parts of the world and realizing that they too are having their different trials and helps me to know what to pray for. I also realize more fully how nice I have it to live in the U.S. It's sometimes easy to forget how much suffering really is going on around the world.

Karen Zwirz
Park Rapids, Minn.

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'Iron Sharpens Iron'

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lopez
Pasadena

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Partner in the Church's work

Upon really reading with genuine interest *The Worldwide News*, I have automatically been caught up on God's Work: what the Church is accomplishing. (See LETTERS, page 5)

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Columnist recounts luncheon with HWA, Queen of Thailand

By Beverley Jackson

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — An invitation from Herbert W. Armstrong for luncheon in honor of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand was an invitation accepted with great pleasure. Armstrong, founder and chairman of the Ambassador Foundation, was the queen's host in the United States on a trip that started in Palm Beach [Fla.] and included stops in New York City and Washington, D.C.

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This was an unofficial visit to the U.S. by Queen Sirikit. However, she was entertained at the White House by the Reagans. She is traveling with an entourage of 45 and 400 pieces of luggage.

At the luncheon at the Ambassador Foundation in Pasadena, the queen's security forces and the U.S. State Department agents were augmented by Los Angeles police, Pasadena police and the security forces of the Ambassador Foundation and Ambassador College. The logistics of even an unofficial visit by a queen are not simple.

Promoting SUPPORT

Queen Sirikit was here in connection with her SUPPORT Foundation. She started this in 1976 to promote Supplementary Occupations and Related Techniques. The purpose is to train low-income peasant farmers and the hill tribes to earn income by producing traditional crafts and arts. Queen Sirikit has set up training centers throughout the country and devotes a tremendous part of her life to this project.

Arriving at the beautiful Ambassador Theater in Pasadena before the doors were opened, I was spotted by Ellis La Ravia, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation. He and his pretty wife, Gwen, were guests at Una Noche de Gala last year and met many Santa Barbarans.

Ellis took me through a side door,

past all the security, and I had the pleasure of wandering through the magnificent exhibition, "Treasures of the Kings of Siam," all by myself. The queen brought examples not only of the exquisite work being done today by her artisans, but also treasures from the royal family's own collection of antiques.

Urns of gold

In the collection of older pieces were magnificent boxes, bowls and small cabinets inlaid with mother-of-pearl. There were solid gold urns from the 18th century and wondrous covered gold bowls of a technique called neiloware from the 18th century.

One 18th century box that belonged to Rama I was solid gold with colored enamel work, covered with cabochon emeralds, rubies and faceted diamonds set in the style of renaissance jewels. This magnificent large box was made to hold arcana.

Examples of official garments from the royal family were indescribable, woven of gold cloth and embroidered with gold and silver thread. One superb royal sash had the Order of Chulacomkrow worked in shades of pinks into the heavy silver embroidery on white, in workmanship that defies description. More than \$150 million worth of treasures are included in this exhibition, which was shown in its entirety only in Pasadena.

The contemporary work being done in Thailand by SUPPORT participants was magnificent as well. There were baskets made of Yan Lipao fern-vine of unimaginable delicacy. And each was adorned with elaborate handles and trim of solid gold and jewels.

Other guests

Slowly the other guests began to appear — Mrs. Tom Bradley [wife of the Los Angeles mayor] wearing peach color with a smashing peach color straw hat trimmed with black; Secretary of State March Fong Eu greeting the actress, Martha Scott; Claire Bogaard, wife of the mayor of Pasadena; Carol Finch (wife of the

former secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Robert Finch); chic Marilyn Brumder, whom I'd last seen in Santa Barbara at the Humane Society benefit last summer at MaryDell and John Pritzlaff's; Andrea Van de Kamp (wife of California's attorney general); and Marilou Yoell, who was telling me about a group from Otis-Parsons who will be coming to Santa Barbara to see art collections next month, to name a few.

After all were given time to enjoy the treasures, we proceeded through the perfectly cared for gardens and up many flights of stairs (there were carts to take anyone not up to the climb) to the wonderful old mansion that is part of the Ambassador campus.

English perfect

At the top of the stairs was a short reception line, ending with our host, who introduced each guest to the charming queen of Thailand. She graciously shook hands with every woman and had something to say in her lovely soft voice, spoken in perfect English.

Queen Sirikit was wearing a two-piece dress of the elaborate handwoven fabric of the hill tribes. The top and skirt trim were in shades of gray, red and white on black, and the skirt was black. She wore pearl earrings and one strand of magnificent pearls around her neck. On her shoulder was a brooch with a gigantic ruby set in gold and edged in diamonds. Her perfectly coiffed hair is quite short and waved.

The room in which the eight large round luncheon tables were set was from another era — an era of the splendor that was Pasadena at its greatest, when large homes were perfectly staffed, and crowned heads were entertained in them. Each table was covered with cloths of dusty rose taffeta moire, and large bowls of the fabric spaced around the sides of the cloth.

The centerpiece were bouquets of dusty pink roses, heather, lilacs and soft lavender tulips. The tall wine glasses were of gold-edged crystal.

Concern for people

Before luncheon was served, Herbert Armstrong spoke briefly of their majesties' great concern for the welfare of their people. "Her majesty devotes her time to the uplifting of her people, their education, their well-being. I've visited



ROYAL VISIT — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong greets Queen Sirikit of Thailand before a women's luncheon in Ambassador Hall March 22. This photograph appeared in the Santa Barbara, Calif., News-Press March 31. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

the tribes of nomads with her. I've seen her sit on the ground and talk with people she can help."

He told of their finding a baby whose mother had died. The baby was dying because they were so far from civilization, there was no milk. Queen Sirikit picked the baby up and took it in her helicopter back to a hospital. The guest of honor looked up smiling and interjected that the baby is a healthy 1 and 1/2 years old now.

Travel companion

Lady Chat-keo Nandhabiwat, a most charming woman who travels with the queen, was seated with us at luncheon. I couldn't resist asking her about the pictures I had seen of Queen Sirikit at a party in her honor in New York at the Metropolitan Club. This gala, Queen Sirikit wore a silk gown heavily embroidered in gold with bands of rhinestones spaced the length of the torso and skirt. With it she wore a diamond necklace, earrings, bracelets, and diamonds set in gold buttons

were scattered in her hair.

But what I was most interested in were the solid diamond swans on each shoulder of the fairytale gown. Lady Chat-keo said they had belonged to the king's grandmother, and that the swans each had a large pear-shaped diamond swinging from their beaks. The swans appeared to be about 2 and 1/2 inches high and 3 inches long.

Later during the luncheon this delightful visitor from Thailand told us about the royal entourage's visit with Yul Brynner after a performance of *The King and I* in New York. Queen Sirikit was most impressed with how perfectly Brynner wore his jongsabane (the draped skirt-trouser outfit he wears in the show).

When I asked about the beautiful gold coin surrounded by diamonds and elaborate gold frame which Lady Chat-keo and several other ladies-in-waiting wore, Lady Chat-keo explained that it was copied (See QUEEN, page 7)

Australian Office installs telephone response lines

By John Curry

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Australian viewers of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's *World Tomorrow* program can request Church literature by calling on the newly installed 008 telephone lines, according to Reginald Wright, head of Mail Processing here and a local elder in the Gold Coast, Australia, church.

John Curry is an assistant to Robert Morton, regional director of the Church's office in Burleigh Heads, Australia.

The four 008 lines, similar to Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines in the United States, allow viewers to call the Church's regional office here from anywhere in Australia for the cost of a local telephone call, said Mr. Wright.

The first *World Tomorrow* program announcing the new 008 numbers aired over QTV9 in Brisbane, Australia, Dec. 22. On the first weekend the office received 107 calls.

"Throughout January and February we averaged 97 calls each

week, and on the first Sunday in March we received over 170 calls," Mr. Wright said.

The office received slightly fewer letters, but with letters and phone calls combined, response increased 93.3 percent over the same two months in 1984.

Most calls are received Sunday mornings by a volunteer staff from among office employees. Area Church members are also being trained to assist on the 008 service staff, according to Mr. Wright.

The Church's 008 telephone number is listed free in all telephone directories throughout Australia, reported Mr. Wright.

"This means that anyone wanting to contact the Church by phone can call the regional office for the cost of a local call, and then, if necessary, be given the telephone number of the minister in his or her area," said Mr. Wright.

The four lines were connected in November, 1984, after a new telephone system was installed in the regional office. The previous telephone system was unable to handle the 008 lines, said Roger Griffiths, purchasing and maintenance officer.

Days of Unleavened Bread

Ministers travel for Holy Days

PASADENA — Ministerial Services released the following list of traveling speakers scheduled to speak during the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread.

Passover

David Albert, Missoula, Mont.; Gregory Albrecht, Bismarck, N.D.; evangelist Richard Ames, Fayetteville, Ark.; evangelist Harold Jackson, Fort Collins, Colo.; evangelist Ronald Kelly, Jacksonville, Fla.; evangelist Roderick Meredith, Des Moines, Iowa; evangelist Leslie McCullough, Elkhart, Ind.; evangelist Raymond McNair, Shreveport, La.; evangelist Richard Rice, Great Falls, Mont.; Donald Ward, Rochester, Minn.

First Holy Day

Dr. Albert, Kalispell and Missoula, Mont.; Mr. Albrecht, Bismarck, Dickinson and Minot, N.D.; Mr.

Ames, Fayetteville and Fort Smith, Ark.; Mr. Jackson, Fort Collins, Scottsbluff, Neb., and Wheatland, Wyo.; Mr. Kelly, Jacksonville, Gainesville and Ocala, Fla.

Mr. Meredith, Des Moines and Ottumwa, Iowa; Mr. McCullough, Elkhart, Michigan City and Plymouth, Ind.; Mr. McNair, Shreveport, El Dorado, Ark., and Texarkana, Tex.; Mr. Rice, Great Falls (morning), and Butte and Helena, Mont. (afternoon); and Dr. Ward, Mason City, Iowa, LaCrosse, Wis., and Rochester.

Last Holy Day

Dr. Albert, Johnstown and Huntington, Pa.; Mr. Albrecht, Muncie and Richmond, Ind.; John Halford, Lake of the Ozarks and Rolla, Mo.; evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, Cleveland, Ohio, West; David Hulme, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. Jackson, Biloxi, Miss., and Mobile, Ala.

Mr. Kelly, Memphis and Jackson, Tenn.; evangelist Ellis La Ravia, Chico, Calif.; Mr. Meredith, Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla.; Mr. McCullough, Madison, Wis., and Rockford, Ill.; Larry Salyer, Chicago, Ill., North and Northwest; Dr. Ward, Norfolk, Va.

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Dr. Albert, Cumberland and Hagerstown, Md.; Mr. Albrecht, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mr. Halford, Springfield, Mo.; Mr. Hoeh, Cleveland East; Mr. Hulme, Bethlehem and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Mr. Jackson, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Geneva, Ala.; Mr. Kelly, Jonesboro, Ark., and Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Mr. La Ravia, Eureka, Calif.; Mr. Meredith, Lawton and Ada, Okla.; Mr. McCullough, Milwaukee and West Bend, Wis.; Mr. Salyer, Chicago Southside; Dr. Ward, Richmond, Va.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



TOURNAMENT WINNER — The Augusta, Ga., YOU team takes first place in the District 31 YOU basketball tournament in Greensboro, N.C., March 10. Augusta players fouled only three times during the championship game. Coach Bob Perkey stands right, and Keith Thomas, pastor of the Columbia, S.C., and Augusta churches, is left.

Churches sponsor family weekends

Brethren in YOU District 33 gathered in BIRMINGHAM, Ala., for a family weekend beginning with Sabbath services March 9, attended by 1,460 people.

Ralph Orr, pastor of the Montgomery, Ala., church, gave a sermonette on "Learning to Obey Rules." In the sermon Stephen Smith, Gadsden, Ala., pastor, encouraged brethren to "Live a Life With a Future."

About 800 brethren remained for a Bible baseball tournament with teams from nine churches participating. Kenneth Smylie, Birmingham and Jasper, Ala., pastor, was moderator for the tournament, in which Birmingham A.M. placed first.

Evening activities included a cheerleading exhibition, with more than 700 brethren watching squads from Birmingham, Jasper, Huntsville, Florence, Gadsden, Montgomery and Geneva, Ala., and Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Honor ribbons were presented to each participant.

A family sock hop and Youth Educational Services (YES) activities also took place. A basketball referee seminar was conducted Saturday evening by Birmingham and Jasper associate pastor Robert Collins, who covered details necessary for a smoothly run tournament.

The next day's games featured A and B teams. In the A division Gadsden took first, and the combined Geneva and Fort Walton Beach team placed second. Birmingham P.M. won the B division, with Gadsden B taking second. The all-star A team included Mark Phillips from Geneva; Brad Campbell, Huntsville; Shaun Douthat, Gadsden; Joel McLeroy, Birmingham; and Lamar Ryan, Gadsden, who also won the Most Valuable Player award. The Most Valuable Player for the B team all-stars was Steven Freeman of Birmingham.

Basketball awards and Bible baseball merit certificates were presented by Lawson Tuck, YOU district coordinator and pastor of the Huntsville and Florence churches.

District 21 brethren took part in a family weekend March 9 and 10 in ROANOKE, Va.

Many family activities, including basketball play-offs, were shared by 14 churches at Freedom Hall, site of the Johnson City, Tenn., Feast of Tabernacles.

John Moskel, pastor of the Lenoir, Boone and Marion, N.C., churches, delivered a sermon on sportsmanship March 9. Special music was provided by the District 21 children's choir, directed by Mary Lou Wells. After Sabbath services Gerald Weston, Asheville, N.C., and Greenville, S.C., pastor, narrated a slide show on the 1984 Festival in China.

Teens played round one of the YOU basketball tournament that evening. Brethren attended a semiformal dance, with music provided by The Diplomats, a dance band composed of Church members, directed by Hal Salmon.

Basketball play-offs got under way Sunday, and a variety of children's activities, supervised by Chris Beam, associate pastor of the Asheville and Greenville churches, centered on the theme "Fun Forest." Swimming was available all day, and various churches operated concession stands.

After the tournament cheerleading squads performed routines that were evaluated by the ministers' wives for strengths and needed improvements.

Pastor and district coordinator Robert Persky concluded the weekend with an awards presentation. Roanoke took first in YOU division I, and Lenoir was second. Boone was victorious in division II, while Kingsport, Tenn., took second. Kingsport won the men's division, with Bluefield, W. Va., taking second.

Brethren from seven church areas attended a district family weekend March 15 to 17 sponsored by the TEXARKANA, Tex., church. Many from out of town camped at the Atlanta, Tex., State Park.

Sabbath morning, March 16, brethren assembled at the church hall for a Bible quiz by Rodney McQueen, associate pastor of the El Dorado, Ark., Shreveport, La., and Texarkana churches. Children less than 12 were also quizzed.

After Texarkana women served a potluck, Gary Petty, assistant pastor of the Lufkin and Longview, Tex., churches, presided.

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Spokesman Clubs conduct special meetings

March 10, 46 BRADFORD, England, Spokesman Club members and guests from Hull and Sheffield, England, met for a ladies afternoon at Bradford's Victoria Hotel, built in the 1800s and containing an aura of yesteryear with its imposing staircase, foyer and high ceilings.

Adding to the setting, members brought unusual candles ranging from Jewish candelabra and per-

fumed candles to Scandinavian candles floating in Swedish glassware.

Before speeches, members ate a buffet-style meal of soup, vol-auvents, sandwiches, coffee and cheeses from Britain, Scandinavia and Europe.

David Hacker, a deacon in the Sheffield church, presided and introduced Brian Rhodes for tabletopics, and Stuart Powell as toastmaster.

Speeches were given by Walter Bell, Trevor Thorpe, Ray Walker, Steve Webster and Maurice Thompson. The Most Effective Speech cup went to Mr. Webster. Mr. Thorpe was the Most Improved Speaker and John Atkinson and Mr. Hacker shared the Most Helpful Evaluation award.

In his overall evaluation David Magowan, pastor of the Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough, Sheffield and Newcastle upon Tyne, England, churches, contrasted the benefits of Spokesman Clubs with secular clubs that don't feature evaluations.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE and MIDDLESBROUGH, England, Spokesman Club members met at the Civic Centre for a ladies night March 3.

Six varieties of cheese, biscuits, pickles and French and German wines were served to the group. Club President Jeff Kidd welcomed the guests; John Chisholm presented tabletopics; and Jack Smith was toastmaster.

Speeches were given by Munir Jamani, Peter Harrison, Raymond Hislop, Tom Seymour and Michael Fiddes. Evaluators were Fred Nixon, Bill Dare, Tom Wallace, John Blakely and Bill Harris. The overall evaluation was given by director David Magowan, pastor of the Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough, Sheffield and Newcastle upon Tyne, England, churches.

LONGVIEW, Tex., Spokesman Club members were hosts to a ladies night at Wyatt's Cafeteria March 12. Speeches covered how to overcome Texas slang, how to climb a palm tree, keeping the honeymoon in marriage, setting goals and working toward them and America's unknown president.

Club director Robert Peoples, pastor of the Longview and Lufkin, Tex., churches, gave the overall evaluation. Mr. Peoples ended his comments by exhorting those present to show more appreciation toward their mates and children.

The SAN DIEGO, Calif., Graduate Club initiated a new dimension in service to brethren at their

regular meeting March 10, by presenting a program for their special guests, the Golden Ambassadors.

After tabletopics by Virgil Gordon, the speaking program was devoted to the theme of how the elderly can help themselves and others. Larry Dinger cited the example of how the love and prayers of one elderly woman won the attention and admiration of the entire congregation. He explained that senior citizens can strongly influence others by example.

A speech by Ralph Sage showed how the practice of giving and using experience as a teacher benefits young people. Henry Hendrickson instructed the visiting group in how goals determine success.

John McMullin Sr. pointed out that the world puts the elderly on a shelf, but for those in God's Church, "This is just the beginning."

San Diego local church elder Gerald Shoquist acted as club director in place of evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the San Diego and Yuma, Ariz., churches.

Stuart Powell, John Bage, Lee Berger and Susan Karoska.

Areas mark anniversaries

Brethren celebrated the 10th anniversary of the BINGHAMTON and CORNING, N.Y., churches March 9 at the Holiday Inn in Elmira, N.Y. Charter members of the two churches were given purple medallions to wear, designating the church they first attended.

A 10th anniversary program, presented to each family, listed the day's activities and gave a history about memorable events and facts about the two churches.

During Sabbath services a taped message by William Pack, formerly associate pastor, was played. Mr. Pack pastors the Hagerstown and Cumberland, Md., churches. Leslie Schmedes, pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., churches, gave the sermon.

After services brethren ate a dinner of tossed salad, steamship roast of beef, baked chicken, fish au gratin, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, chocolate mousse and beverages. Gifts were presented to pastor Britton Taylor and Johnnie Lambert Jr., a Corning local church elder.

A formal dance to the music of Whirlwinds followed. Children played games and watched videotapes in an adjoining room of junior YOU talent shows conducted early this year.

At 10 p.m. Ruth Troutt served an

anniversary cake she made and decorated. A picture of a child, lion and lamb in pastel colors decorated the top of the cake.

THE GODALMING, READING and SOUTHAMPTON, England, churches were hosts to a formal dance March 2 to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of their pastor, David House, and his wife, Valerie. Mr. House also pastors the Channel Islands, England, church.

The event took place in the Guildhall in Winchester, England, with about 300 brethren and guests attending. The Ambassador Band, led by Stuart Channon, provided dance music for the evening. Mr. and Mrs. House started the dancing to the music of the anniversary waltz. A cake was made by Phil and Joanne Gale, and entertainment was provided by the Godalming Barbershop Quartet.

Frank Brown, an evangelist and regional director of the British Office, presented Mr. and Mrs. House with a dinner service on behalf of the Godalming, Reading and Southampton churches. Roy Fox, a deacon in the Channel Islands church, and John Meakin, pastor of the Brighton, England, church (formerly pastored by Mr. House), also made presentations on behalf of the two churches.

Nancy Syllor and Graham Houghton and Rose Cam.

Californians attend YOU formal dance

LOS ANGELES, Calif., YOU members sponsored their third annual formal dance March 10. More than 300 formally attired YOU members, representing 13 Southern California churches, participated in the event at the Los Angeles Marriott Hotel near the Los Angeles International Airport.

The group danced to the tunes of the Los Angeles church band, and posed for formal portraits. The no-host beverage bar complemented a decorated hors d'oeuvres table.

Los Angeles YOU members Tony Barker and Adrienne Graham shared master of ceremonies duties for the evening. They introduced the entertainment and door prizes. The entertainers throughout the evening represented talent from the Glendora, San Diego and Pasadena, Calif., churches.

Nathaniel Wendling from the Pasadena Imperial church and Crystal Aust from San Diego played piano solos; Amy Anderson from the Imperial church sang an opera number; and The Barbershop Quartet was composed of Geoff Lippross, Dave Api, Jon Graham and Peter McClung, Imperial High School students.

Jolene Brazil of the Imperial church took home a camera for winning the first-place door prize. Victor Marquez from the Pasadena Spanish church was awarded a clock radio for second, and a calculator was presented for third place to Loma Norheim of the Imperial church. Geoff Berg.

Seniors meet for dinner in their honor

March 9 at the Union 32 High School in MONTPELIER, Vt., 11 senior citizens attended a dinner in their honor, served by YOU members. Each senior citizen gave an autobiographical sketch and gave some advice for Church youths.

Kenneth Williams, pastor of the Montpelier and Concord, N.H., churches, addressed the group, after which a Young Ambassadors videotape concluded the evening. Colleen Belanger.

Singles weekends feature snow skiing

About 70 singles traveled to Harmony, Pa., Feb. 23 and 24 to take part in a ski weekend sponsored by the UNION, N.J., singles club. Nineteen church areas received invitations to the annual winter event.

The singles began arriving Saturday evening, Feb. 23, after sunset at Trimble's Hillside House, owned by Monroe Trimble of the Queens, N.Y., church. Lodging and dinner was provided by Mr. Trimble, after which the singles played board games and fellowshiped.

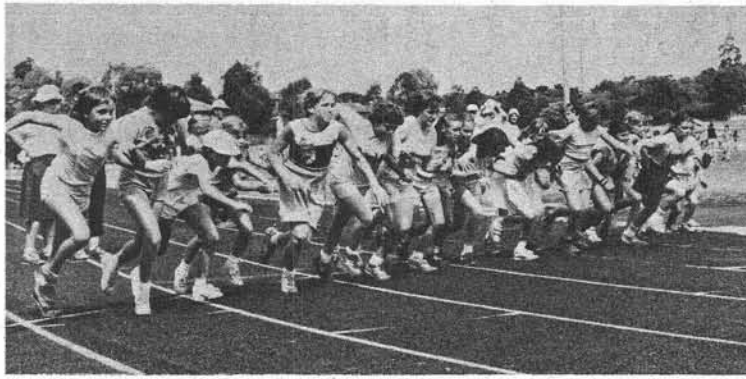
The next day featured 70-degree Fahrenheit (21 Celsius) temperatures and snow skiing, tennis, racquetball, swimming and the use of a weight-training machine and a hot tub. At 1 p.m. the singles feasted on lasagna, roast beef, salads and banana cake.

At 5 p.m. the group gathered for a fireside social with hot chocolate and fellowship concluding the weekend. Roger Andrusky and Tony Caputo coordinated the event under the direction of Ronald Robinson, singles club director and a Union local church elder.

CONCORD, N.H., brethren sponsored a singles weekend Feb. 16 and 17 with about 100 visitors from throughout New England and neighboring states attending. After Sabbath services Feb. 16 the Concord YOU served a dinner for singles and Church members.

The dinner was followed by a dance. Waltz and rumba dance instructions were provided. The next morning the group went snow skiing, sliding and ice-skating.

Victor Siso and Ross Little and Rodger Sandmark.



THEY'RE OFF — Victoria, Australia, youths break from the starting line during a district family sports day in Melbourne, Australia, March 10.

Brethren take part in Caribbean night, carnival, games

Although freezing temperatures gripped the region, **BIRMINGHAM**, England, brethren assembled Feb. 16 to share their ethnic origins and varied backgrounds at a West Indian evening, organized by deacon Frank Archer.

Women prepared Caribbean food, including rice, stewed peas and beef, curried chicken and fish. An overhead projector then displayed island maps showing capital cities, populations and highest peaks.

Llewellyn Mardenborough presented a commentary on the Caribbean islands where brethren live. Then Natu Moti and Abraham Infir talked about their homelands of India and Pakistan. Flags of the islands and countries were shown.

To end the evening, entertainment included tap-dancing, piano and guitar playing and a sing-along. Caribbean currency, maps and exotic foods were on display throughout the evening.

After the Sabbath March 2 almost one third of the **CLARKSBURG**, W. Va., church participated in turning the meeting hall into a decorated carnival of game booths and concession stands. Brethren threw darts, tossed rings and pennies, fished and passed footballs through spinning hoops at game booths.

Others dropped pennies through

water into a glass or entered a race rolling jelly beans with their noses. Children received prizes; a kissing booth offered Hershey's candy kisses; and Otha Cain, a deacon in the Clarksburg church, took photographs of brethren in front of a Niagara Falls display.

Chili dogs, sandwiches, fruits, juices and popcorn quenched appetites, and milk shakes, candied apples and homemade cookies were available.

David Fuchs, carnival coordinator, directed two events to conclude the game time. Five Clarksburg wives wearing blindfolds tried to shave their husbands with blunt plastic knives. Five men then tried to be the last to have an unpopped balloon on his ankle. Easy-listening music was provided by Rex and Gail Groves.

Following Sabbath services March 2 about 150 **YOUNGSTOWN**, Ohio, brethren gathered for a social at Chaney High School, beginning with a dinner of casseroles, desserts and beverages. A penny roll fund raiser then took place, after brethren had saved pennies for a couple of months. Funds will go toward the Summer Educational Program (SEP).

Pennies came in bags, socks and cans — 34,468 of them, which were counted and put in rolls. Rae Longbottom won a contest to guess how many pennies were collected.

Anna Mitrea was second.

A movie, *Apple Dumpling Kids*, concluded the evening. Arthur Dyer, pastor of the Johnstown, Pa., church, was guest speaker for the day.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., brethren participated in a bunco evening March 9 at the Midwest City, Okla., Community Center. Before the games a concession crew served a complete meal consisting of a salad bar, hot turkey sandwiches, fruit salad and drinks to 200 bunco participants.

During the games children were entertained by a controlled-action bowling game and readings from the *Bible Story books*.

Feb. 23 the **BATONROUGE**, La., Young Adults Group, composed of singles and married couples, were hosts to an evening of entertainment for about 300 brethren.

The evening began with a chicken spaghetti dinner served by the young adults, who then put on their version of *The Tonight Show*, with members Gary Litchfield and Terry Richardson as hosts.

Guests included Paula Laird, who sang the theme from *The Sound of Music*; Mike Mulligan as the unknown comic; Sammy Joubert, who did celebrity impressions; Greg Campesi, John Andrews, James Alexander and Conway McGee as *The Pine Ridge Boys*; and Dan and Mike Mulligan, Dennis Hougham

Churches

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churches, gave an afternoon sermonette on the meaning of the word *balance*. Donald Ward, academic dean at Big Sandy Ambassador College and an associate pastor of the Big Sandy church, gave the sermon on learning and teaching responsibility.

Saturday evening a roller-skating party took place, and others attended a sing-along in the camp area. Although the forecast called for rain, Sunday morning brought sunshine and more than 200 brethren to a day of novelty games, including tug-of-war, an egg race, knock-knee race, fast-walk race, table tennis and a lemon push.

For lunch women from Texarkana sold hamburgers, hot dogs,

and Mr. Joubert, who formed a barbershop quartet.

Commercial spots were performed by Cheryl Richardson, Kathleen Torrance and Nadine Cripple, with a guest appearance by Landis Singleberry, a deacon in the Baton Rouge church, who played a car salesman.

After the show the group attended a dance, with music provided by the Baton Rouge church band, directed by Norman Ashcraft.

Following Sabbath services March 2 about 250 brethren from the **PITTSBURGH, MCKEESPORT** and **BEAVER VALLEY**, Pa., churches met at Quigley High School in Baden, Pa., for a combined social.

After a buffet-style dinner the Beaver Valley YOU sold ice-cream sundaes as a fund-raising project. Afternoon activities included volleyball, basketball, table games and special games for the younger children. A videotape was shown later in the day.

Sunday, March 3, the singles, along with associate pastor Daniel Hall, his wife, Nancy, and family, met at the Crosscourt Racquet Club to learn new skills in the game of volleyball. Afterward the group gathered at a restaurant for dinner.

Paul Davis, Josie Cotti, Libbye Kebrle, Michael D. Crist, David and Kathleen Torrance and Ann Lee Russell.

nachos, drinks and cupcakes from a concession stand. Volleyball, baseball and horseshoes rounded off the day.

The combined **MELBOURNE**, Australia, churches were hosts to a Victorian district family weekend March 9 and 10.

The weekend began Sabbath morning with a YOU Bible study presented by Kenneth Lewis, pastor of the Melbourne South church, and Peter Whiting, pastor of the Morwell, Australia, church. The study focused on the reasons young people have special blessings in God's Church and the need for God to be a reality in our lives.

The sermon that afternoon was given by William Bradford, pastor of the Melbourne East church, about the laws of success.

After services, teams from each of the participating church areas met on stage for a YOU Bible bowl conducted by D'Arcy Watson, associate pastor of the Geelong, Australia, and Melbourne North and West churches. The day concluded with a family bus dance.

Sunday, March 10, the annual district sports day took place with track and field events for adults, teens and children.

TORONTO, Ont., was host to 448 YOU members and their families for a regional family weekend March 2 and 3. Leo van Pelt, regional YOU coordinator and pastor of the North Bay and Sudbury, Ont., churches, reiterated the goals and purposes of YOU in a special youth service. Women headed by Ann Stephens of the Toronto YOU Council prepared lunch.

Toronto East associate pastor Laurie Nyhus was then host to a Bible bowl, in which the senior team lost to the junior team, composed of Eugene Woods, Sean and Julia Kellman, Vanessa Hollands and Trisha Rayne. A sock hop wound up the evening with Heather Stephens winning the prize for the fanciest socks.

The next day, March 3, three lectures centered on School: Who Needs It? How to Study and How to Take Exams. After lunch the weekend was capped off with a novelty olympics organized by Al Kosteniuk of the Toronto singles group.

Lawson J. Tuck, John D. Crisinger, Lucy Corbett, John Vaughn and Neil Earle.

Youths play basketball tournament

WESTMINSTER, Md., was the site for a District 14 basketball tournament March 2 and 3. About 1,100 brethren and YOU members, representing churches in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Hagerstown and Cumberland, Md., Richmond and Norfolk, Va., Harrisburg, Pa., and Laurel and Wilmington, Del., assembled for Sabbath services March 2 at Westminster High School.

Later in the evening a swim meet took place at Western Maryland College. Racquetball and volleyball were also available. After gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to youngsters and teens who placed in the meet, others went swimming.

The March 3 basketball tournament took place in four gymnasiums used simultaneously until noon, when the group watched cheerleaders routines.

More basketball took place in the afternoon, with the Richmond boys A team defeating Harrisburg by one point. Third place went to the combined Laurel and Wilmington team. The Hagerstown boys B team defeated Laurel and Wilmington, with Washington finishing third. The Hagerstown girls defeated Harrisburg by one point. Laurel and Wilmington took third. The Hagerstown girls team received the sportsmanship trophy. *Velma Leasure*.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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ing through unified efforts of so many around the world, what doors God has opened for Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong, even percentages of returns and feedback from the broadcast, radio and *Plain Truth* circulations.

I now truly feel as if I am a partner receiving my biweekly status report on how the "family" business is running. It's so encouraging and uplifting that it's really hard to relay in words.

It's like God has answered my prayers with something that I have had right under my nose this whole time and not even realized its great value and importance.

Hedie L. Barton
Altoona, Fla.

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'Consistently excellent'

I have been receiving *The Plain Truth* for about a year and a half now, and it is my favorite magazine. I subscribe to many magazines but find yours to be the only one that is consistently excellent. I don't know if it matters to you or not, but I am also Jewish and reading your magazine has taught me many of the wonderful things that Jesus preached.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your wonderful job.

Verna Robins
Coram, N.Y.

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'Plain Truth' renews

I must apologize. I just put the form

away and decided to fill it out another day and clean forgot. I truly would be disappointed if you had stopped sending it, and really will try to be more careful in future.

I love your magazine and I am sure glad someone cares enough to keep the world in touch with the events and word of God, prophecies that are being fulfilled so rapidly.

J. Webby
Hawera, New Zealand

I am enclosing my cheque... as an apology for not sending in my renewal. I know that there is no subscription price, but I value *The Plain Truth* very highly, and not having it, with all its extremely interesting articles, would be a very special loss to me.

Phyllis Hendricks
New Plymouth, New Zealand

Your concern about my future, success and eternity is touching and I thank you. I cannot imagine what possibly made me forget to renew my subscription to *The Plain Truth*... perhaps it was the stark realization that I had, in fact, read some of the most important articles ever published, and while still reeling in shock, the minor task just slipped my mind.

Perhaps my thoughts were so provoked with the unearthly insight into some of today's so terribly frightening world news that I felt there was little point in making any plans for the future.

I really don't know what the answer is. But please, at all costs, renew my subscription to *The Plain Truth* and again fill my thoughts with the wonder of it all.

Iain Malcolm
Wainuiomata, New Zealand

Connection

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opposed by some members, most notably the British. But it is believed that both the French and the West German views are much more in line with the Dooge committee recommendations regarding majority rather than unanimous voting, of enhanced powers for the European Parliament and of the setting up of a political secretariat attached to the EC Council of Ministers.

Periodically there are rumors of a desire on the part of some EC states to create a "two-tier" or a "two-speed" community, with the original six members (France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg) setting a faster economic and political pace, leaving the poorer countries — plus the troublesome British — behind.

The issue of a "two-tier" Europe was examined in the lead article (editorial) in the March 26 *Daily Telegraph*, which asked:

"Do President [Francois] Mitterrand and Chancellor [Helmut] Kohl mean what they say about the ripeness of the moment for a new advance toward a more genuinely supra-national Community to leave the laggards and the doubters in the fringes?"

The issue involves the rumored intention of President Mitterrand to restore the original concept of the community's founders, by which the EC would come to decisions binding on the membership by

weighted majority voting rather than unanimous decisions.

An earlier French leader and powerful French nationalist, Charles de Gaulle, was the one who insisted on each state having a veto in order to preserve "overriding national interests." But it is increasingly recognized that this veto privilege was more easily accommodated in a community of six nations than 12.

"If the French and Germans prove to be in earnest about the abolition of the national veto," added *The Daily Telegraph*, "we shall be heading for the 'two-tier' or 'variable geometry' Community, since there is no prospect that either [Britain's] Prime Minister or Parliament would accept the surrender of national sovereignty that would be involved."

The editorial writer, by listing examples regarding fishing and agriculture, showed that both the French and the West Germans themselves are reluctant to give up the veto, since on these issues they blocked legislation against their national interests.

Nevertheless, the issue of weighted majority voting will continue to come up. If it is adopted, it could rip apart the community as it now exists, with Britain thrust into an outsider position, and perhaps Denmark too.

With these two northern, Protestant-cultured nations out, and Spain and Portugal in, integrated Europe would take on much more of a continental Catholic flavor.

Spain

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begin with the Portuguese peasantry. "I have questioned the lower class of the children of Portugal about the scripture, the Bible, the Old and New Testament, and in no one instance have they known what I was alluding to, or could they return me a rational answer, though on all other matters their replies were sensible enough" (page 15).

Contemplating only mixed results at best, Mr. Borrow recounted himself with leaving some Bibles with Lisbon booksellers and establishing Bible depots in a couple of provincial towns.

Soon Mr. Borrow began his journey to the Spanish heartland. This is how he understood his mission. "I was sent into Spain more to explore

the country, and to ascertain how far the minds of the people were prepared to receive the truths of Christianity, than for any other object" (preface, page 7).

Further, he didn't travel to the Iberian Peninsula "with the view of propagating the dogmas of any particular sect, but with the hope of introducing the Bible, which is the well-head of all that is useful and conducive to the happiness of society" (page 40).

Mr. Borrow's five years in Spain were among the happiest of his life. Yet he had no illusions about grandiose success. In summing up his efforts, he wrote, "With respect to my poor labours, I wish here to observe that I accomplished but very little, and that I lay claim to no brilliant successes and triumphs" (preface, page 7).

And yet, Mr. Borrow was a man

of extraordinary courage. He traveled about in a strange land for several years. Though not a member of the clergy, he did not mince words. Notice some exhortations. "I said repeatedly that the Pope, whom they revered, was an arch deceiver, and the head minister of Satan here on earth, and that the monks and friars... were his subordinate agents."

"When called upon for proofs, I invariably cited the ignorance of my auditors respecting the scriptures, and said that if their spiritual guides had been really ministers of Christ, they would not have permitted their flocks to remain unacquainted with this word" (page 37).

Knowledge accepted

But how did the common people react to these attacks upon institutional religion? Mr. Borrow wrote in retrospect: "I have been frequently surprised that I experienced no insult and ill-treatment from the people, whose superstitions I was thus attacking... [I] am inclined to believe that the utter fearlessness which I displayed, trusting in the protection of the Almighty, may have been the cause" (page 37).

All this is not to say that Mr. Borrow met no opposition while distributing Bibles in Spain. In March, 1839, he ran into trouble in rural areas. He wrote, "For in whatever place the sacred writings were offered for sale, they were forthwith seized by persons who appeared to be upon the watch" (page 640).

Various clergymen had made a formal complaint to the Spanish government. Orders were relayed to rural villages to seize the New Testaments. And as Mr. Borrow wryly wrote, "An exact description of myself accompanied these orders" (page 641). Yet the instructions forbade his incarceration or maltreatment.

In addition to Bible distribution, he obtained "permission from the Spanish government to print an edition of the sacred volume at Madrid" (preface, page 7).

Three centuries earlier William Tyndale and others did work of a similar character in England. They made it possible for ordinary people to read the Bible.

Now, in the latter part of the 20th century, the true Gospel is being preached in most Western European nations.

Spain is no exception. In Decem-



PRINTING IN ENGLAND — From left: David Gunn, circulation manager in the British Office; Colin Passmore, managing director, Passmore Print Group; and evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the British Office; review copies of *The Good News* printed at Ambassador Press in Radlett, England. (See "Update," page 8.)

ber, 1978, *Plain Truth* penetration was not much more than 1,000 copies a month.

As of March this year circulation had climbed to more than 22,000 copies. Modest when compared to the British or German press order, but growing fast. Co-workers and donors are also increasing.

The apostle Paul reported to the Roman brethren that "I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain..." (Romans 15:24, Revised Standard Version). Whether or not he reached Spain with the Gospel is

uncertain. If he did, little truth remained by the time Mr. Borrow arrived there.

George Hills began his history of modern Spain by writing: "Uppermost in the conscience of Spaniards is the belief that life on earth is of secondary importance. They believe in a hereafter, a higher life of which there are no national or political divisions" (*Spain*, page 19, 1970, Ernest Benn Ltd., London, England).

It is hoped that this reflects a willingness to receive the true Gospel.

Queen

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from a medal given the queen in 1979 by the International Woman's Council. Queen Sirikit had them copied and presented them to her special attendants. "Do you always travel with Her Majesty?" I asked.

"If Her Majesty wants us, we'll be there," she replied. "When I see how hard she works herself, I want to help her."

Queen speaks

After luncheon Queen Sirikit addressed the group. She spoke of the great esteem she and her husband have for Mr. Armstrong and

for his farsightedness in promoting good will throughout the world. When she spoke to her husband about the invitation from Mr. Armstrong to visit the United States, he said, "You cannot refuse our dear friend. He will help our country be known throughout the world."

She added, "Today I have the honor to be among you, the leading ladies of California. I understand now women are equal. My husband loves women anyway, but he prefers me as a Thai woman," she said smiling a big smile bordering on laughter.

"Don't ask too many questions of the women," the king had cautioned her before leaving. "I love you just as you are."

And so did all of us who met her.

Obituaries

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MENLO PARK, Calif. — Sally Reed, 98, died Jan. 19, at the College Park Convalescent Home. Mrs. Reed was baptized by Al Dennis, now pastor of the Cincinnati, Ohio, East church, in February, 1964, and attended the Fresno and San Jose, Calif., churches.

Mrs. Reed's husband died at 92 two years ago. She is survived by a son, Joseph, and two daughters, Ruth and Vera.

Funeral services were conducted by Leroy Cole, pastor of the San Jose and Aptos, Calif., churches.

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Eunice Woods, 74, died of a heart attack at her home Jan. 19.

Mrs. Woods attended the San Jose, Calif., church, and was baptized Jan. 5, 1981, by Judd Kirk, now pastor of the Wichita, Kan., church. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Barbara and Michelle. Memorial services were conducted by Leroy Cole, pastor of the San Jose and Aptos, Calif., churches.

FREDERICKTOWN, Mo. — Zella E. Young, 78, died Feb. 25 from cellulitis and respiratory difficulties.

Mrs. Young was baptized in 1966, and attended services in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Funeral services were conducted by John Cafaurek, pastor of the Cape Girardeau and Paducah, Ky., churches.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Oscar Olson, 67, formerly of the Chicago, Ill., Northwest church, died here March 18, after a lengthy illness.

He is survived by a brother, Freder-

ick; and a granddaughter, Debra May McIntosh, whose legal guardian is Church member Judy W. Scharnhorst.

Graveside services were conducted March 25 at Riverside, Calif., National cemetery by evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the San Diego and Yuma, Ariz., churches.

BIG SANDY — Ethel Mae McGowan, 88, died March 20 after a lengthy illness.

James Duke, associate pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches, officiated at funeral services March 22. Burial was in Gladewater, Tex., Memorial Park.

Mrs. McGowan was born Oct. 7, 1896, and was a lifetime resident of the Gladewater area. She has been a member of the Church since 1953.

Survivors include a daughter, Totsie Shoemaker of Big Sandy; a son, Jeff of Dallas, Tex.; two sisters, Maude McGuire of Ranton, N.M., and Marie Holmes of Hawkins, Tex.; two brothers, Melton Dunahoe of Andrews, Tex., and Lee Dunahoe of Hawkins; a grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

BIG SANDY — Elmer Christian Ernewein, 83, died March 11 at his home after a lengthy illness.

He was born July 16, 1901, in Detroit, Mich., and moved to Big Sandy six years ago. He has been a member of the Church since 1972.

Survivors include two brothers, George F. of Detroit and Edward of Alkfen Park, Mich.

Mr. Ernewein was buried at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Garden City, Mich., with Ray Wooten, pastor of the Detroit West and Ann Arbor, Mich., churches, officiating.

ALARM AT NIGHT

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS By Shirley King Johnson

Major trotted beside Jim and his friend Harry as they approached an abandoned barn in the neighbor's pasture. It was a dismal sight with a few boards missing up toward the peak of the roof, and the old hay door banged in the wind.

Major saw movement. A mouse scampered around the corner and disappeared through a small hole in the door. Major scratched at the door. "Woof!"

"Never mind, Major!" Jim called. "You don't need to go in there."

"Aw come on, let's all go in for a look around," Harry urged. He tried to work the rusty latch on the sagging door.

"I'm not going into that barn," Jim replied.

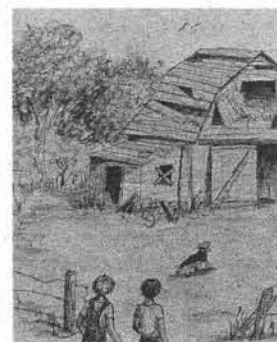
"Why not? Nobody lives on this farm. Nobody cares."

"My grandfather told me to stay out of old buildings. He said to not go near this old barn on Tiller's farm."

"Don't you want to have any fun and explore things?"

Jim turned away. "Let's go, Major!" He started to walk up the sloping pasture hill and Major obediently trotted at his heels.

"Wait for me!" Harry caught up



Artwork by Judith Docken

with them. "I don't have to be home for another hour." He gestured with a hand toward the afternoon sun still well up in the sky.

"Neither do I," Jim said, "but I think Grandfather probably needs me to help oil his tractor. Or something

like that." He had had enough of Harry's company for one day.

They came to the hilltop and saw Prince grazing near a grove of mulberry trees. Major bounded over and gave the Clydesdale a friendly touch on the satin nose that he lowered in recognition. Prince raised his head and whinnied "Hello" to the boys. They called greetings to him and walked on. At Serner's gate Jim told Harry goodbye, and he and Major went on down the hill to Grandfather's farm.

They found him painting the chicken house white. Jim grabbed up a wire brush to help scrape off peeling paint.

"Major, you keep your nose out of that paint bucket," Grandfather said. "If you don't, we'll have to change your name to 'Whitey.'" And he chuckled heartily.

Jim still had the old barn on his mind and he told his grandfather about the walk he and Harry had taken to Tiller's barn. "I didn't go in. You told me not to go into old buildings."

Grandfather nodded his head and smiled. "I'm glad you minded me. You're a good lad."

Dark clouds rolled up in the western sky that evening and at bedtime Grandfather called Major in. "Come

on and sleep in the corner of the kitchen," he said. "It looks like rain."

Major trotted in happily and settled down for the night on the old denim jacket that Grandfather had prepared for him in a corner.

During the night it began to pelt rain. Thunder crashed and boomed and jagged lightning made the kitchen bright as noon. Major huddled into the jacket, miserable, wishing the noise would end. On and on the thunder rolled and the lightning flashed.

Then Major raised his head. The window in the north glowed with a strange new light. Major stood up and whimpered. Something was wrong. But what? What was causing the leaping light?

"YOOOOOWWWLLLLLLLL," he moaned.

"YEEEOOOOWWWLLLLLLLL!" He turned up the volume.

Grandfather's voice interrupted from the top of the stairs. "Major! Hush up, will you? What's the matter with you tonight? Say, what's that light? It's a fire across the field!" Tromping on down the stairs, Grandfather clicked on a light and quickly dialed the telephone.

(To be continued)

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & UPDATE

EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA — Introduced as "92 years young," Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong was decorated with the "1985 Distinguished Citizen Award" by John R. Lewis, president and chief executive officer of the San Gabriel Valley, Calif., Council of the Boy Scouts of America during the 66th Annual Scouter Recognition Evening.

The event took place in the Ambassador Auditorium March 28.

The statuette, a silver eagle scout mounted on a wooden base, is the highest award given by the Boy Scouts to honor outstanding members of the community.

Mr. Lewis said it was a "special treat" to present the award to Mr. Armstrong, whom he acknowledged as being "involved in worthwhile activities throughout the world all his life... visiting emperors, kings and queens, presidents and prime ministers in pursuit of human understanding and world peace. He is a true builder of bridges between people everywhere."

The instant standing ovation Mr. Armstrong was given was indicative of the warmth and respect that the San Gabriel Valley Council has for him, Mr. Lewis noted. Also attending the event were mayors of communities surrounding Pasadena who are involved with the council.

After receiving the award, Mr. Armstrong shared the lesson he learned as a teenager from the book *He Can Who Thinks He Can*.

"There are too many young men and boys who give up, or who stop, or who've lagged behind because they think they can't do it. I always remembered, 'He can who thinks he can.' It's a good slogan to remember," Mr. Armstrong said.

PASADENA — Jehan Sadat, widow of the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, was the guest of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on the Ambassador College campus here for a few days during the first week of April, according to Aaron Dean, Mr. Armstrong's personal aide.

Mrs. Sadat also visited Mr. Armstrong March 12 (see "Update," W/N, March 18).

Mrs. Sadat was guest of honor at a private dinner in the Social Center here April 3, and Mr. Armstrong conducted a private tour of the campus for her April 4.

According to Mr. Dean, Mrs. Sadat said she found the campus to be "like paradise."

At the end of her visit Mrs. Sadat returned to Washington, D.C., where she teaches at American University.

PASADENA — Telephone response to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's *World Tomorrow* telecast *The Plain Truth About Easter* broke a record April 6 and 7 with 17,585 calls received, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center.

The previous record, set Feb. 9 and 10 in response to *What Are the Seven Laws of Success?*, was 17,229 calls (see "World Tomorrow Sets Records on Two Consecutive Weekends," W/N, Feb. 18).

"New York station WOR aired the program 20 minutes late due to a hockey game," said Mr. Rice. "We believe this reduced the response by several hundred calls." The Feb. 10 program was preempted by a hockey game on the same station.

The response was a 34 percent increase over 1984, when the Easter program drew 13,142 responses.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England

Full-time ministers and ministerial assistants from the British Isles met here March 24 for a ministerial conference, according to Paul Suckling, an assistant to evangelist Frank Brown, regional director.

The morning session began with an update by Mr. Brown about the Jan. 28 to Feb. 1 regional directors conference in Pasadena. This was followed by news of the Church's work in the region, including magazine circulation, Church finances and media plans.

Festival elders for the seven sites administered by the British Office made presentations.

George Hinds, a local church elder from Newcastle upon Tyne, England (an area of high unemployment), gave a presentation on counseling the unemployed. Mr. Hinds manages an unemployment benefit office run by the Department of Health and Social Security.

This was followed by a talk on the need for adequate insurance, and counseling members on financial responsibilities. The subject was covered by Anthony Goudie, assistant pastor of the Dublin, Ireland, church, formerly an insurance agent.

Mr. Suckling discussed Summer Educational Program (SEP) fund-raising ideas and music.

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LAKE MOOGERAH, Australia — Ministers and wives from Australia and Southeast Asia attended a regional ministerial conference March 17 to 21 at the Church-owned Youth Opportunities United (YOU) camp here.

It was the first full ministerial conference in Australia since 1982, according to regional director Robert Morton. He termed it an "outstanding success."

A theme of unity was stressed, and lectures were delivered by Mr. Morton, William Bradford, pastor of the Melbourne, Australia, East church, and William Winner, a pastor-rank minister in the Australian Office.

In addition, David Noller, Australian YOU director and pastor of the Lake Moogerah, Kingaroy and

Warwick, Australia, churches, updated the ministers on youth programs in the region.

Two evenings Mr. Morton gave slide shows on the growth of God's Church in the region and the proposed Ambassador Foundation project in Sri Lanka.

"The camp was an ideal site for the conference," said Mr. Morton. He added that it allowed the ministers and wives to fellowship and renew friendships in a relaxed atmosphere, which helped promote the spirit of unity in the ministry. Various sporting activities were scheduled in the late afternoons after the lectures.

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PASADENA — Brethren attending the 1985 Feast in Jerusalem who have been to Israel before can sign up for an "alternate tour, for repeaters only," according to Mark McCulley, Festival planning coordinator.

This is a revised tour and will include areas not visited on previous Festival tours. Included are Beer-sheba, the Rockefeller Museum, the Israel Museum and an extensive walking tour of Jerusalem. The alternate tour was called a "second-timers tour" in the March 18 *Worldwide News*.

Brethren interested in the alternate tour should indicate their interest on the coupon in the March 18 issue or write or call JMT Travel. The address and phone number are listed in that issue of the paper.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England — Copies of *The Good News* going to areas administered by the British Office are now printed at Ambassador Press in Radlett, England, according to David Gunn, circulation manager for the British Office.

The first copies of the April issue rolled off the presses March 13, according to Tony Lodge, the project's production and mailing manager.

The decision to transfer part of the *Good News* press run from R.R. Donnelley & Sons in Kentucky was made after discussions with Roger Lippross, production director in Pasadena.

The strong U.S. dollar effectively increases printing and air freight costs from Kentucky to Europe, so local production of the magazine became attractive, Mr. Gunn said.

Ambassador Mailing will mail the magazine from the Passmore plant to the British Isles, Scandinavia,



CITIZEN AWARD — John R. Lewis (left) presents to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong the "1985 Distinguished Citizen Award" in the Ambassador Auditorium March 28 for service to the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Lewis is president and chief executive officer of the San Gabriel Valley, Calif., Council of the Boy Scouts of America. (See "Update," this page.) (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

via, the Middle East, English-speaking areas of Europe and East and West Africa.

Colin Passmore, managing director of Ambassador Press, said *Good News* paper size is compatible with *The Plain Truth* already being printed there, and the color content of the two magazines is similar.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here released the following itinerary for evangelist Gerald Waterhouse.

May 1, Greensboro, N.C.; May 2, Fayetteville, N.C.; May 4, Wilmington and New Bern, N.C., combined Sabbath services; May 5, Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C.; May 6, Roanoke, Va.; May 7, Bluefield, W.Va.; May 8, Beckley, W.Va.; May 9, Lewisburg, W.Va.; May 10,

Summersville, W.Va.

May 11, Logan, Charleston, Parkersburg and Huntington, W.Va., combined Sabbath services; May 14, Clarksburg, W.Va.; May 15, Washington and Belle Vernon, Pa.; May 16, Wheeling, W.Va., and Cambridge, Ohio; May 18, Pittsburgh, McKeesport and Beaver Valley, Pa., combined Sabbath services.

May 19, Youngstown, Ohio; May 20, Akron, Ohio; May 21, Canton, Ohio; May 22, Mansfield, Ohio; May 25, Columbus, Ohio, Sabbath services; May 26, Cincinnati, Ohio, North, South, East and West, Pentecost; May 28, Louisville, Ky.; May 29, Evansville, Ind.; and May 30, Lexington, Ky.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England — The Feast site in Tenby, Wales, has reached capacity and no further applications can be accepted. The four other sites in the United Kingdom and Ireland are open for transfers. They are Dunoon, Scotland; St. Helier, Jersey; Kenmare, Ireland; and Southport, England.

brethren, helping to give them the vision they need as they strive toward the mark of the high calling to be part of God's universe-ruling government.

United Kingdom

Plain Truth circulation in the United Kingdom continues to grow steadily, peaking at 166,419 in February, up 33.4 percent from 1984. Other circulation figures are Scandinavia, 35,526; the continent of Europe, 41,303; and the Middle East, 14,498.

Circulation dropped sharply with the next issue because of renewals, but circulation should increase for the rest of the year.

The offer of *The Good News* to certain *Plain Truth* subscribers pulled a 46 percent response in the first mailing. The second batch of 10,000 has been mailed, and responses are coming in. Baptized members in the United Kingdom number 2,448, with an increase of about 12 members a month.

Various changes are being made to the Borehamwood Office. The ceiling of the reception area was raised to give a lighter and more open feeling and appearance. The postal services area was enlarged with a separate office being created for Tony Lodge, production and mailing manager. The changes reflect the increased printing in England and the steadily increasing volume of outgoing mail.

INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW
FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

PASADENA — More than 400 *Plain Truth* subscribers (more than 10 percent of those invited) attended a series of three film shows on successive Sabbaths, Feb. 9, 16 and 23 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Feb. 9, *Behind the Work* — 1982 was shown to 405 new people. A number said this gave them a better insight into the organization behind *The Plain Truth*.

The next Sabbath 408 new people watched *Behind the Work* — *The Hearts of the Children*. Four hundred thirty-five watched *Behind the Work 1983* — *The History of the True Church Feb. 23*.

Those who attended could order booklets and ask questions. Many were surprised to hear that a mailing office had been opened in Nairobi and said they would visit the office to request literature and to counsel. Follow-up meetings were scheduled.

Philippines

The effects of evangelist Dean Blackwell's instruction in the Ministerial Education Program are seen in sermons, Bible studies and counseling (see W/N, March 18).

The groundwork being laid for future growth is already reflected in an abnormally large number of visit and baptism requests received in the Manila, Philippines, Office in January and February.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's *World Tomorrow* program is aired on six stations Saturday and Sunday mornings and is bringing many enthusiastic responses.

His hard-hitting programs seem to be landing on receptive ears. The quality of responses is high, and many viewers write in after seeing only their first or second program.

New Zealand

God's people in this part of the world were thrilled to hear again from evangelist Gerald Waterhouse during February. Mr. Waterhouse spoke to all the congregations in New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga.

His powerful and inspiring message will live long in the minds of the

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