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Pastor general completes tour of Europe and the Middle East

By Aaron K. Dean
BURBANK, Calif. — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong arrived here at 5:30 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), May 24, aboard the Church's G-III jet, completing a 23-day tour of Europe and the Middle East.

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

During the last leg of Mr. Armstrong's trip (see *The Worldwide News*, May 13 and 27) the pastor general met with Shimon Peres, prime minister of Israel; Otto von Habsburg, a member of the European Parliament and an advocate of European unity; pianist Vladimir Horowitz; and officials of the CEDOK government tourism agency in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Meetings in Jerusalem

Mr. Armstrong landed at 2 p.m., Monday, May 13, at the Jerusalem airport. He was met by Michael Ravid, and his wife, Hanna. Mr. Ravid is a former Israeli consul general in Los Angeles, Calif.

After clearing customs the group drove to the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel. When Mr. Armstrong entered his hotel suite, he was pleased to see many floral arrangements sent by his Israeli friends.

Mr. Armstrong then met with Larry Omasta, director of Media Services, and members of the Church's television crew who had flown to Israel to cover Mr. Armstrong's trip.

At 6:30 that evening, Mr. Armstrong arrived at the Knesset (Israel's parliament) for a meeting with Prime Minister Peres.

Earlier in the day the prime minister met with George Shultz, U.S. secretary of state, and President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire.

At the beginning of the meeting Mr. Armstrong presented a piece of Steuben crystal to the prime minister as a protocol gift. The piece, titled "Centroid," has eight cubes extending outward from a central axis to form a larger cube.

Mr. Armstrong asked the prime minister about conditions in the Middle East. Speaking of visits by U.S. officials and positive statements by moderate Arabs, Mr. Peres replied, "I am hopeful that we will soon have a major breakthrough."

The prime minister explained that some Arab countries, such as Jordan, have expressed publicly a sincere desire for a lasting peace. He said he hoped that a meeting of Jordanians, Palestinians who are not opposed to the existence of Israel, and Israeli officials would soon take place to solve long-standing problems and resolve tension in the region.

Mr. Armstrong told the prime minister that peace would soon come to the Middle East, but not because of human efforts.

The meeting was videotaped by the television crew and is scheduled to be shown on a *World Tomorrow* telecast.

Final edits

Tuesday morning, May 14, Mr. Armstrong made his final edits on his new book *Mystery of the Ages*. After finishing the book, Mr. Armstrong went with personal aide Aaron Dean, nurse Elaine Browne and the G-III crew to the Chez Simon restaurant as guests of Teddy Kollek, mayor of Jerusalem.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Ravid; Joseph Aviram, honorary secretary of the Department of Antiquities of the Israeli government; Moshe Kol, former Israeli cabinet minister, and his wife; Zvi Dagan of the International Cultural Center for Youth (ICCY); Yigal Shiloh, archaeologist and director of excavations in the ancient City of David; and Ruth Cheshin, assistant to Mayor Kollek and an official of the Jerusalem Foundation.

The mayor presented Mr. Armstrong with a silver and gold sculpture by David Heller titled "David

and Goliath," which was mounted on Galilean granite.

This limited-edition sculpture is the same as the one presented to U.S. President Gerald Ford by then-Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Mr. Rabin is now the Israeli defense minister.

After learning that Mr. Armstrong had completed his book *Mystery of the Ages*, the mayor said that Jerusalem "certainly was a fitting place to finish his work."

After lunch the mayor escorted Mr. Armstrong on a tour of Jerusalem, showing the progress made at the dig in the City of David, and the continued beautification and improvement of the ancient city.

He showed the group Jerusalem's rose garden that features more than 10,000 types of roses and discussed various projects in the city.

Wednesday, May 15, Mr. Armstrong had lunch with Benjamin Mazar, former president of Hebrew University, and Dr. Aviram at the Hilton Hotel. They discussed how Ambassador College and Hebrew University had cooperated on various projects for nearly two decades.

At 4 p.m. the group drove to the ICCY building in east Jerusalem, which is in the Arab section of the city. There the group attended the dedication of the Herbert W. Armstrong Square.

The ICCY directors felt that because of Mr. Armstrong's support of ICCY and for his support of youths worldwide through the Ambassador Foundation, he should have a square named after him in both east and west Jerusalem.

A portion of the Liberty Bell Garden in the west and Jewish sector of Jerusalem was named after Mr. Armstrong in the 1970s.

Before the dedication ceremony children performed traditional Arab songs and dances. After reviewing the ICCY facilities, Mr. Armstrong returned to the hotel.

That evening the group drove to



MIDEAST VISIT — Shimon Peres (right), prime minister of Israel, discusses prospects for peace in the Middle East with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in Jerusalem, Israel, May 13. [Photo by Larry Omasta]

the home of Raymond and Rhonda Clore. Mr. Clore is a local church elder and works for the U.S. State Department in Israel. He is recovering from infectious hepatitis and typhoid fever.

While there Mr. Armstrong met with Church members living in Israel and also met with Samuel Kneller, pastor of the Paris, France, church, and Thomas Lapacka, pastor of the churches in Stuttgart, West Germany, and Basel and Zurich, Switzerland.

Mr. Kneller and Mr. Lapacka were leading tours in Israel for brethren from their churches.

Flight to West Germany

Thursday, May 16, the group packed for a noon flight to Munich, West Germany. At the airport Mr. Armstrong said good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Ravid.

He then joined his traveling party and the television crew who were on board the Church's G-III to cover the next leg of Mr. Armstrong's journey.

During the flight Mr. Armstrong worked on the May 16 co-worker letter. Afterward he was joined by the rest of the group for lunch.

Mr. Omasta used the time to review activities of Media Services with the pastor general.

The plane touched down at 2:45 p.m. in Munich. There the group was met by Frank Schnee, regional director for German-speaking areas; Mr. Schnee's wife, Esther; and other employees of the German Regional Office. Also present to greet the group were evangelist Ellis La Ravia and his wife, Gwen, and Michelle Dean, wife of Mr. Armstrong's personal aide.

The La Raviyas and Mrs. Dean arrived in West Germany May 15 to accompany the pastor general during scheduled events in Europe.

After clearing customs, the group was driven to the Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten, where Mr. Schnee updated Christ's apostle on activities of God's Church in German-speaking areas.

Habsburg visit

Friday, May 17, the Church's television crew outfitted Mr. Armstrong's hotel suite into a television studio to record the visit by Dr. Habsburg, son of the last Austro-Hungarian emperor. Dr. Habsburg (See TOUR, page 6)

Program airs in Japan, Norway

Church picks up TV stations

By Michael A. Snyder
PASADENA — "We continue to find that it is no longer a question of finding the appropriate media to help spread the Gospel, but rather the problem of allocating our available media funds in the best possible way," said David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing.

"As an example, one of the leading American television evangelists suffered severe financial difficulties last month. He then canceled air time on about 100 stations. As a result we contracted additional time on WOR in New York, which is cabled throughout the United States, and a number of other stations," Mr. Hulme said.

At this time, God's Church has picked up 10 new stations or time improvements on stations already airing *The World Tomorrow* from the bankruptcy action.

Japanese television

"We are also now on JCTV in

Tokyo, Japan," Mr. Hulme said. "JCTV is an English-language cable network that goes into offices, hotels, apartments and embassies in Tokyo."

JCTV has Cable News Network (CNN), an American 24-hour news cable service, as its main programming, but also carries some British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) documentaries. *The World Tomorrow* with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong will air Sundays at 5 p.m.

"JCTV is an important beginning for God's Church in Japan," Mr. Hulme said.

Cable in Norway

The director of Media Purchasing said that a cable company in Norway airs the *World Tomorrow* Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

"This is another major breakthrough," Mr. Hulme said. "The cable company is privately owned. The station only airs two programs on Sunday: a news program spon-

sored by a major local Oslo newspaper and then *The World Tomorrow*."

Norwegian subtitles will be added to the program this summer.

U.S. coverage

"We now have more than 285 stations carrying the telecast in over 193 markets in the United States," Mr. Hulme said. "Since many communities in the United States are cabled, seven superstations provide multiple opportunities for people to watch Mr. Armstrong."

The seven U.S. cable stations and the cities they originate from are WOR, New York, N.Y.; WGN, Chicago, Ill.; WTBS, Atlanta, Ga.; SPN, Tulsa, Okla.; LIFETIME, New York; TNN, Nashville, Tenn.; and KTVU, Oakland, Calif.

Mr. Hulme said that about 97 percent of the U.S. population can watch Mr. Armstrong on *The World Tomorrow*.

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EUROPEAN CONDITIONS — Otto von Habsburg, a member of the European Parliament and heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, reviews European conditions in Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's hotel suite in Munich, West Germany, May 17. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

The bitter fruits of the sexual revolution

PASADENA—Most Americans, Britons, Australians and others probably do not think that the way they are living has any connection with the surprising lack of success their nations experience. But it does.

There is indeed a morality connection (see "Worldwatch," March 15, 1982). The collective will of the nations in the Western world is being sapped by an increasingly hedonistic life-style.

For good reason, God calls our nations "people of Gomorrah" (Isaiah 1:10). Proof? Note this from a cover story, "The War Against Pornography," in the March 18 *Newsweek*:

"After a decade of not-so-benign neglect, virtually any adult American has a license the Lord never allowed the citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah. Adults can't legally buy a drink in Topeka [Kan.], but they have their choice of dirty books and guaranteed 'first run' skin flicks... Always the leading edge, New York has stores that sell bestiality video cassettes over the counter... With cable TV and VCR's, adults can see sexual athletics without fear or embarrassment..."

"But home porn is booming: wherever VCR's go, porn is sure to

follow. 'When people buy their tape deck, they buy a kiddie movie for their child and an X-rated movie for themselves,' says Arthur Morowitz, president of New York's Video Shack chain. 'It's the standard starter kit.'"

Mr. Morowitz "estimates that X-rated films account for one-fifth of all video sales, and the *Newsweek* Poll indicates that 9 percent of all Americans — nearly 40 percent of VCR owners — bought or rented an X-rated cassette within the last year."

Irrational taboos?

The man who did much to make America the sexually liberated society it is today is Hugh Hefner, publisher of *Playboy* magazine. For many months in his publication, Mr. Hefner expounded his ideas in his "Playboy Philosophy" editorials.

As far as Mr. Hefner is concerned, according to an account in the *Los Angeles Times*, "there is no such thing as unacceptable sex unless it is 'hurtful' to someone. If it feels good, do it. That is what's wrong with society today, he says — still too many rigid, irrational taboos. Therefore, although Hefner disapproves of 'hurtful' sado-maso-

chism or sex with children, for instance, he unhesitatingly approves of bestiality. 'What I'm saying is, what difference does it make if it turns someone on? Isn't that a positive thing?'"

One impact of the sexual revolution that Mr. Hefner and others helped

first becoming wives.

Said Fae Pannor, a psychotherapist, "It's another aspect of reproductive freedom — women are free to have a child without having to be married."

According to the *Herald Examiner*: "While some women ask male

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



bring about is disclosed in the fact that only about one American woman in five waits until marriage to begin sexual activity. According to the latest government statistics, this is a decline from nearly half (48 percent) who postponed sexual intercourse in the years 1960 to 1964.

And now, more women want to be mothers without being married. According to a report published in the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner* April 21, an increasing number of women across the country have decided to become mothers without

friends to father a child, others become pregnant and never tell the father... And an increasing number become pregnant through artificial insemination."

Gay rights, too

It was inevitable that the sexual liberation movement, once firmly under way, would lead to a demand

tar; Britain has thus relinquished one of its last sea gates.

(6) What was the original impetus for the growth and development of science and technology?

(7) True or false: Signing letters "in Jesus' name" is perfectly acceptable when brethren write to one another.

(8) Where did John the Baptist learn about the ceremony of baptism?

(9) What causes 75 percent of speech problems in children?

(10) True or false: The Bible predicts that a climactic "battle of Armageddon" will occur at the end of this age.

How well do you think you did? These are but a few of the literally hundreds of important bits of knowledge each of the publications contains every month. Statistics show that the average reader forgets 66 percent of what he or she reads within 24 hours of reading it. After 31 days the average reader forgets 79 percent of what was read. Memories fade away rapidly when they are not reviewed or used.

Well, I'm going to be mean. I'm not going to give you the answers to this little quiz. If you aren't sure of some of the answers, go back and read the publications more carefully.

Whether it's "milk" or "meat" is not necessarily the question. The question is whether you really understand what you read and therefore whether you are able to apply it in your life.

Truly hungry and thirsty

Most of us may not be as well off spiritually as we think we are. Neither are the Laodiceans. Remember? "Thou... knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" (Revelation 3:17).

If any of us are "undernourished," it's not God's fault, and it's not the fault of the magazines. The knowledge is there for those who truly hunger and thirst after righteousness, whether you are a 25-year member or a person who has just picked up his first *Plain Truth* off a newsstand.

I don't intend this column to be an exercise in self-justification or an attack on readers who ask honest questions or make sincere statements. I just want to refresh our memories, as the writer said — all our memories, mine included — about something the apostle Paul said, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12)!

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



The pope calls for unity

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Pope John Paul II knew his journey through the Netherlands would stir up old and bitter antagonisms. The risks were great. Greater divisiveness in the Dutch church could result.

Said *The Spectator* May 18 after the pope left the Netherlands, "For the first time, the Pope seems to have failed to carry a country with him by the force of his personality."

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Straightforward approach

My husband and I decided to put our home on the market last month. We also decided to tell the real estate agent up front that we would not conduct any business on Friday evenings or Saturdays.

The agent asked my husband what his income was so he could calculate what we could afford in house payments. The amount the agent came up with was much more than we knew we could afford. We explained to him that we had committed a portion of our income every month for the next year to help the widows and fatherless children in our church. He said he was impressed that we would do this. He decided that he wanted to give one percent of his commission to the same fund when our home sold.

Our home sold in a record two weeks — normal market time in our area is 99 days. On the day of closing, he asked us who he should make the check out to and if we would get it to the right place. When he handed my husband the check we were surprised because the amount was for a lot more than what he had originally planned.

Because we were willing to stand up for our beliefs, God opened the heart of another person to help this work.

Name withheld
Plano, Tex.

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Filing system

We keep all the *Good News* and *Plain Truths* and have even arranged a special filing system for *The Worldwide News*. We have found this to be of great help to us all.

For instance, we had a severe trial in our lives awhile back. I had remembered reading something similar in one of the magazines and went to search for it and

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by sexual deviates for recognition of their rights as well.

So look at what's happened.

A relatively new disease — AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome — is ravaging the homosexual communities in the United States, Britain and Australia. In the United States alone, there have been more than 10,000 confirmed AIDS victims (the vast majority of them homosexuals), with nearly half of them dead.

Scientists and health officials are alarmed that, through the activities of bisexuals and other means, the AIDS plague is threatening to spill over into the population at large.

"The problem," said James Curran, head of the AIDS task force for the U.S. Center for Disease Control, "is that because AIDS has such a long incubation period, up to 10 years, we just have no idea how many of the people who have been exposed to the virus ultimately will come down either with milder pre-AIDS symptoms, or with the fatal form of the disease itself."

Mervyn Silverman, president of the U.S. Conference of Local Health Officers, said that the threat

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Are you dull of hearing?

Every month, the work's Editorial Services Department receives hundreds of letters from readers responding to the Church's publications.

The majority are positive and complimentary; they come from people who are thrilled with the truths they are discovering and who want to express their appreciation to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and our writers.

We also get complaints from readers who disagree with us, but not many.

There are also heartwarming — and sometimes heartrending — letters from people who share personal experiences with us.

And then there are the letters that puzzle us, the ones that make us wonder how well we are doing our job — or how well some of our readers understand exactly what we are doing.

One reader writes: "I could be wrong, but there seems to be less meat and more milk in *The Good News* of late. Granted, we need our memories refreshed from time to time, but we also need to move forward and grow in grace and knowledge... I certainly wouldn't want to deny new members and others being called this food, but I'm undernourished myself."

Yes, as per Mr. Armstrong's instructions, we are concentrating on basic, practical, Bible-oriented articles in *The Good News*. Our *Good News* audience has grown to more than 90 percent nonmembers in the last few years, and it is our commission as a Church to instruct them in God's way (Matthew 28:19-20).

Over those past few years, there are few major topics we haven't covered — everything from third tithe to healing to how to pack your suitcase for the Feast. Of course, heavy, extremely detailed instruction is left to your ministers to bring to you in sermons and Bible studies.

But this reader's statements bring up some disturbing questions: Are some of our Church members

growing "dull of hearing" (Hebrews 5:11)? Do some feel they've "heard it all before" and that therefore they don't need to listen or read as carefully?

Do some of us, like the Laodiceans, think we are "increased with goods [such as spiritual knowledge], and have need of nothing" (Revelation 3:17)?

Bible study is a continual duty. No matter how many times you study even the same passages of Scripture, God can give you new insights. The knowledge of God should always be exciting, refreshing, stimulating.

Remember the noble Bereans, who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11). They never felt "undernourished" by any of the precious gifts of knowledge God gave them.

Test yourself

Are you bored with *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News* and the work's other publications? Do you skim them casually without striving to find the messages God has in them for you?

Test yourself! Here is a set of questions about information that appeared in either *The Plain Truth* or *The Good News* within the past two months. See how many you can answer accurately and then ask yourself how much you may be missing by the way you treat the publications:

(1) What is the most successful way to manage your income? (Hint: The answer is not tithing.)

(2) What is the most universally believed false doctrine in the Christian world?

(3) True or false: Church service projects should take No. 1 priority over any other possible uses of your time.

(4) What specific signs in a child could indicate that he or she has been the victim of some form of molestation?

(5) True or false: A recent agreement between Britain and Spain gives Spain sovereignty over Gibraltar.

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Lives of brethren are spared as tornadoes hit U.S., Canada

By Kerri Miles
PASADENA — The lives of Church members were spared when a series of tornadoes touched down in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Ontario May 31, according to Church pastors contacted by telephone by *The Worldwide News*.

Youngstown, Ohio

About a dozen tornadoes took a path through the Youngstown, Ohio, church area and destroyed one third of Newton Falls, Ohio.

Lloyd Briggie, pastor of the Youngstown church, tried to contact members after the tornadoes struck, but phone lines were dead. He had to wait until Sabbath services the next day to be sure everyone was safe.

"We had the highest attendance of any regular Sabbath since I've been in the area," Mr. Briggie said. "There were no reports of injuries or property damage to Church members."

Oran Telford, a local church elder, and Church member Charles Mound were riding in a Volkswagen near New Waterford, Ohio, when they saw a tornado heading toward

them. When they tried to outrun it in the car it changed course and followed them.

However, it lifted suddenly, went over them and touched down on the other side of a hill and they were safe, Mr. Briggie said.

Tom Pabin, a member in Newton Falls, whose Friday afternoon routine included cashing his paycheck and then crossing the street to gas up the car, was at the bank May 31. The teller at the drive-in window was taking an inordinate amount of time, and Mr. Pabin began to feel inconvenienced, Mr. Briggie said.

Then Mr. Pabin and his wife, Marian, noticed a tornado and bent down in their car. When it had passed and they looked around, the gas station was gone. "Had the teller not delayed, they would have been at the gas station," Mr. Briggie said.

Erie, Pa.

"One family lost everything," said William Jacobs, pastor of the Erie and Franklin, Pa., churches. "No one else suffered injury or property damage."

Ed Frey was closing a barn door on his farm near Tionesta, Pa., when

high winds began. He dove behind some bushes and waited for the tornado to pass.

His wife, Peggy, saw what was happening from the house and ran into the basement. The entire house was blown away. "All of the other corners of the basement were filled with debris. She had dirt in her mouth, but she was not hurt. Mr. Frey suffered a broken

collarbone," Mr. Jacobs said.

The Freys just moved back to their farm from New Jersey and reactivated their insurance. "They wanted to move closer to Church, and now they will probably have the cash to do that," Mr. Jacobs said.

For now, they are living with relatives and are happy to be alive. "It's a trauma to lose everything," said Mr. Jacobs. "But they made the comment that when you lose everything and you're left with your life, you realize that the rest doesn't mean much anyway. They are in good spirits."

Another member who lives just a quarter mile from the Freys came to services June 1 not knowing that

anything had happened.

Barrie, Ont.

The tornadoes swept up from Ohio and Pennsylvania and cut through a section of Barrie. Only one Church member lives in the path the tornadoes took and his home was not touched, according to Marlene Lee, wife of George Lee, who pastors the Barrie church.

"We thought church would have to be canceled," Mrs. Lee said, "because radio announcements said no one could go into Barrie." But services took place as scheduled June 1.

"I just feel queasy thinking about it," Mrs. Lee said. "It's amazing to see houses just like building blocks that a child kicked over."

Offerings boost Church income to 12.5 percent over last year

By Leroy Neff

PASADENA — May has produced a good change in the Church's income in the United States.

The first four months were low, with only a 9 percent increase over the same period in 1984. This low increase resulted in part from the first two Holy Day offerings, which were 4 percent less than last year.

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

The Pentecost offering was much improved, with almost 14 percent more than last year. When the three offerings were averaged, there was an increase of about 4 percent.

The response to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's letters to members and co-workers was good. In fact, it was so good that we ended May with an increase of 24.3 percent over the previous May. This brought the year-to-date increase to 12.5 percent, which is a half percent over the budget.

We are pleased that this has eased

our financial situation over a month ago. Thank you for your part. I know each one has an important part to play in prayer and in sending in tithes and offerings. I realize that some have no income and cannot help financially. I am sure that their prayers will help produce more donors, co-workers and members who can take care of the financial part.

Even though conditions are improved, there is always the possibility that the departments might overspend, because of growth needs. If they do, it will be difficult to get through the next projected low-cash point in September.

It will be difficult enough as things stand now, as we are spending above budget in television time buying, because of unexpected opportunities. There will also be considerable expense above budget during the rest of this year to print Mr. Armstrong's new book, *Mystery of the Ages*. So, please pray that the overall departmental spending will be in line and that the income will continue to increase.

The annual worldwide audit for 1984 was completed and signed June 3 by Arthur Andersen & Co.

We were pleased as usual to receive an unqualified opinion on this combined audit, and for the domestic audits for Ambassador College, the Church and the Ambassador Foundation.

Arthur Andersen & Co. offices also provide audit opinions for the Church's regional offices in Australia, Canada, the Philippines, South Africa and West Germany, in addition to the audit work for the Church, college and foundation operations in the United States.

We receive many benefits from Arthur Andersen's work. Besides the formal opinion on our financial statements, the audit process itself gives us analyses of the finances of God's work worldwide. We are better able to see where we should make changes in procedures, to better use the blessings and resources that God provides.

Overall, our financial condition is good, and in 1984 we increased our reserves slightly. At the same time, many areas of the work increased considerably, as reported in *The Worldwide News* during 1984.

Ministers, wives attend conference in Canada

By Neil Earle and Joel King

BANFF, Alta. — Banff National Park was the setting May 13 to 16 for the first all-Canadian ministerial conference in more than five years. In attendance were 167 ministers and their wives.

Colin Adair, Canadian regional director, began the sessions by outlining what Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong said at the regional directors conference in Pasadena Jan. 28 to Feb. 1, that the ministry as a team must look to headquarters.

This article was compiled from reports by Neil Earle, pastor of the Toronto, Ont., East and West churches, and Joel King, a local elder in the Vancouver, B.C., church.

Mr. Adair gave an update on the Church's work in Canada and announced that *Plain Truth* circulation in Canada just passed the one million mark. One in every 27 Canadians receives *The Plain Truth*, up from one in 34 only two years ago.

Mr. Adair conducted two ordinations May 14. Kim Wenzel, associate pastor of the Bonnyville, Alta., and Lloydminster, Sask., churches, was raised to preaching elder, and Joel King, a Vancouver ministerial

trainee, was ordained a local elder.

Royston Page, pastor of the Morden and Winnipeg, Man., East and West, Thunder Bay, Ont., and Williams, Minn., churches spoke on working with teenagers, and Douglas Smith, pastor of the Edmonton, Alta., and South churches, reviewed plans for national Youth Opportunities United (YOU) programs in Canada.



COLIN ADAIR

Albertus Burbach, a Toronto West local church elder and operations manager for Southam Murray Printing, gave an overview of the plant that prints the Canadian and Philippine editions of *The Plain Truth*.

George Patrickson, administrative assistant to Mr. Adair in the Vancouver Regional Office, reported that more than 6,867 baptized members in Canada are served by 63 full-time ministers and 38 local church elders.

Problems in the Canadian area were brought up as well, including the sputtering economy holding income down and a declining response rate from *Plain Truth* newsletters.

Lyle Simons, Vancouver associate pastor, covered what the ministry can do for the unemployed. Seminars and job clubs were discussed.

Ministers and their wives shared a banquet at the Banff Springs Hotel and a bus tour to Lake Louise. The conference finished at noon May 16.

Stations

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The following stations have been added or have upgraded viewing times for *The World Tomorrow*:

TELEVISION

ALASKA
KTVF, Fairbanks — 11, 8 a.m., Sun. (time change)

ARIZONA
KNXV, Phoenix — 15, 8:30 a.m., Sun.
KUSK, Prescott — 7, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

CALIFORNIA
KMPH, Fresno — 26, 9:30 p.m., Sun.
KHL, Los Angeles — 9, 12:30 p.m., Sun. (time change)
KGTV, San Diego — 10, 7 a.m., Sun.
XETV, San Diego — 6, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

CONNECTICUT
WVIT, Hartford — 30, 11:30 a.m., Sun.

FLORIDA
WCPX, Orlando — 6, 9 a.m., Sun.; 7 a.m., Sat.

GEORGIA
WSB, Atlanta — 2, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
WRDW, Augusta — 12, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

ILLINOIS
WCIU, Chicago — 26, 12:30 p.m., Sun. (effective June 16); 10 p.m., Sat. (effective June 22)

WAND, Decatur — 17, 7 a.m., Sun.

IOWA
KCAU, Sioux City — 9, 9 a.m., Sun.

KANSAS
KLOE, Goodland — 10, 10 a.m., Sun.
KAYS, Hays — 7, 10 a.m., Sun.

KENTUCKY
WPSP, Paducah — 6, 10 a.m., Sun.

LOUISIANA
KLFF, Lafayette — 10, 9:30 a.m., Sun.
WDSU, New Orleans — 6, 10 a.m., Sun.

MASSACHUSETTS
WNEV, Boston — 7, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

MICHIGAN
WJMN, Escanaba — 8, 10 a.m., Sun. (time change)

MINNESOTA
WTCN, Minneapolis — 11, 8:30 a.m., Sun.

MISSISSIPPI
WCBI, Columbus — 4, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

MISSOURI
KPLR, St. Louis — 11, 10:30 p.m., Sun. (time change)

MONTANA
KULR, Billings — 8, 11 a.m., Sun. (effective June 30)
KTYM, Butte — 6, 4 p.m., Sat.
KCFW, Kalispell — 9, 4 p.m., Sat.
KECI, Missoula — 13, 4 p.m., Sat.

NEBRASKA
KWNB, Hayes Center — 6, 9:30 a.m., Sun. (time change)

KHGI, Kearney — 13, 9:30 a.m., Sun. (time change)

KBST, Lincoln — 8, 9:30 a.m., Sun. (time change)

KMTV, Omaha — 3, 9:30 a.m., Sun.
KSNB, Superior — 4, 9:30 a.m., Sun. (time change)

NEVADA
KVBC, Las Vegas — 3, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

NEW YORK
WIVB, Buffalo — 4, 11:30 a.m., Sun.
WENY, Elmira — 36, 11 a.m., Sun. (time change)

WDR, New York — 9, 11:30 a.m., Sun. (additional time)

OHIO
WKRC, Cincinnati — 12, 9:30 a.m., Sun. (effective June 16)

WKW, Cleveland — 8, 7:30 a.m., Sun. (effective June 23)

WTVN, Columbus — 6, 8:30 a.m., Sun.
WKEF, Dayton — 22, 11 a.m., Sun.

WTOV, Steubenville — 9, 9 a.m., Sun.

OKLAHOMA
KAUT, Oklahoma City — 43, 9:30 p.m., Sun.
KOCO, Oklahoma City — 5, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

PENNSYLVANIA
WTAF, Philadelphia — 29, 7:30 a.m., Sat.

SOUTH CAROLINA
WOLO, Columbia — 25, 10 a.m., Sun.

TENNESSEE
WKRN, Nashville — 2, 9 a.m., Sun. (time change, effective June 16)

TEXAS
KMID, Midland — 2, 8:30 a.m., Sun.
KCEN, Temple — 6, 11:30 a.m., Sun.

UTAH
KSL, Salt Lake City — 5, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

WASHINGTON
KVEW, Kennewick — 42, 11 a.m., Sun.
KSTW, Tacoma — 11, 10 a.m., Sun.
KAPP, Yakima — 35, 11 a.m., Sun.

WEST VIRGINIA
WSAZ, Huntington — 3, 10 a.m., Sun.
WOAY, Oak Hill — 4, 10 a.m., Sun.

WISCONSIN
WFRV, Green Bay — 6, 9 a.m., Sun. (time change)

WITI, Milwaukee — 6, 8:30 a.m., Sun.

CABLE

TNN Nashville Network cable — 8 a.m., Eastern Time, Sat.

SPN (Satellite Program Network) cable — 1 p.m. Eastern Time, Wed. (time change)

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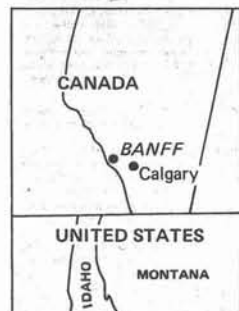
Telearuba, Oranjestad, Aruba — 7 p.m., Sun.

Janco TV, Oslo, Norway — 10:30 a.m., Sun.

JCTV, Tokyo, Japan — 5 p.m., Sun. (effective July 7)

RADIO

UTAH
KSL, Salt Lake City — 1160, 5:30 a.m., Sun.



CONFERENCE SITE — The Canadian ministerial conference took place in Banff May 13 to 16.

Ministerial Refreshing Program III

Session 16, May 8 to May 21



Dennis & LeeAnn Luker
Evangelist
Church pastor
Seattle, Wash.



Gordon Brauchla
Local church elder
Muncie, Ind.



Joseph & Barbara Chaperdak
Local church elder
Victoria, B.C.



Verdon & Beverly Conrad
Local church elder
Halifax, N.S.



Martin & Yvonne Davey
Assistant pastor
Parkersburg, Charleston and Logan, W.Va.



Gary & Marcia Demarest
Local church elder
Hagerstown, Md.



Carl & Susan Derstine
Local church elder
Wilmington, N.C.



Max & Oleta Devereaux
Local church elder
Fort Worth, Tex., A.M.



Dennis & Lena Doucet
Assistant pastor
Lafayette, La.



Thomas & Diana Fitzpatrick
Associate pastor
Long Island, N.Y., East



Charles Fleming
Church pastor
Kingston, Jamaica



Davis & Louise Hammond
Local church elder
Midland, Tex.



Maceo & Phoebe Hampton
Associate pastor
Detroit, Mich., West



George & Vicki Hart
Assistant pastor
Greensboro, N.C.



Ted & Opal Heriotson
Associate pastor
Fresno and Visalia, Calif.



Randy & Beth Holm
Church pastor
Champaign and Springfield, Ill.



Gerald & Kathryn Hoyer
Local church elder
Olympia, Wash.



Keith & Dolores Hudson
Local church elder
Omaha, Neb.



Robert & Gail Hunt
Local church elder
Pikeville, Ky.



Christopher & Denise Hunting
Associate pastor
Melbourne, Australia, East



Martin Manuel
Local church elder
Charlotte, N.C.



Charles & Ruth May
Local church elder
Fayetteville, Ark.



Thomas & Charlene Melear
Associate pastor
Syracuse and Rochester, N.Y.



Clarence & Gail Miller
Local church elder
Canton, Ohio



William & Kathleen Miller
Church pastor
Appleton and Green Bay, Wis.



Engelo & Shirley Monson
Local church elder
Regina, Sask.



Raymond & Gail Neuls
Local church elder
Courtenay, B.C.



Eugene & Joan Nielander
Local church elder
Lafayette, Ind.



Thomas & Bettye Oakley
Associate pastor
Baltimore, Md.



Allen Olson
Ministerial trainee
San Francisco and Pleasanton, Calif.



Michael & Laurella Pickett
Local church elder
Anchorage, Alaska



Maurice & Patty Preteroti
Local church elder
Washington, Pa.



Richard & Dorothy Ralston
Local church elder
Lubbock, Tex.



Tracey & Jean Rogers
Church pastor
Cleveland, Ohio, West



Ward & Carolyn Shamblin
Local church elder
Lubbock, Tex.



Roger & Janet Shigehara
Local church elder
Raleigh, N.C.



Edward & Irene Smith
Assistant pastor
Birmingham and Gloucester, England



Gary & Elizabeth Smith
Associate pastor
Peoria and Macomb, Ill.



Harold & Marjorie Stocker
Local church elder
Chicago, Ill., Northwest



Keith & Pamela Stoner
Local church elder
Sarnia, Ont.



Carl & Anita Tryggstad
Local church elder
Minneapolis, Minn.



Rowlen & Sue Tucker
Church pastor
Memphis and Jackson, Tenn.



Kenneth Walker
Local church elder
Columbia, Mo.

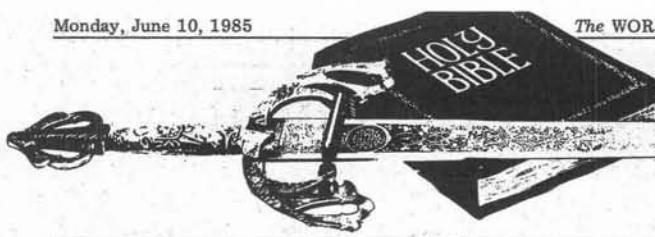


R. William & Sheila Whitaker
Church pastor
Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, and Quatre Bornes, Mauritius



Dolphus Williamson
Local church elder
Chicago, Ill., Southside

Not pictured:
Carmen Fleming
Gerson Manuel
Doris Walker
Barbara Williamson



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Compromise with God's law leads to bigger and bigger sins

By Ricky L. Sherrod

Solomon had it all. What more could he have wanted?

Not only was he the richest and most honored king of all time (II Chronicles 1:12), but he was the wisest man ever, except for Jesus Christ (I Kings 3:12).

Ricky L. Sherrod is principal of Imperial High School.

As a shrewd political leader, he advanced Israel's social and military institutions and created one of the most effective and efficient governments in the ancient world. This, plus his position as middleman on the lucrative caravan route between Mesopotamia and Arabia, enabled him to build a great commercial empire that brought immeasurable wealth to Israel (I Kings 10:27).

His crowning achievement was, of course, construction of the Temple, which was probably the most beautiful and expensive structure of all time.

In addition to his wealth and physical achievements, God gave Solomon a greater gift: an intimate personal relationship with the Creator of the universe. God appeared before Solomon on at least two occasions (I Kings 3:5, 9, 2, 11:9). Indeed, Solomon was "beloved of his God" (Nehemiah 13:26).

Perhaps more than any other person who has ever lived, Solomon enjoyed the material comforts of life and contact with and the favor of the great God. Why, then, did he turn away from God?

Solomon's example teaches us a lesson about how dangerous it is to compromise with God's law, particularly in those areas we might view as small and unimportant. His apostasy late in life shows how little compromises can lead to big sins.

A 'minor' infraction

Solomon failed in his old age, but the seeds of his failure were planted near the beginning of his reign.

Given the size and scope of the

empire Solomon inherited from his father David, Solomon no doubt needed "horsepower" for transportation and trade. This he obtained from Egypt (I Kings 10:28). In so doing, he violated one of the "smaller" precepts of God's law, first given to Israel half a millennium before.

As the children of Israel stood poised to cross the Jordan River and enter the promised land, Moses accurately predicted that Israel would eventually reject God's divine leadership, preferring a human king like other nations (Deuteronomy 17:14-15). This Israel did (I Samuel 8:5). Tolerantly, God inspired Moses to tell Israel how to make the best of this mistake by giving them guidelines a godly king should follow.

The first of these guidelines required that the king should "not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the Lord hath

said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way" (Deuteronomy 17:16). Yet Solomon brought horses out of Egypt.

Was Solomon unaware of these instructions? Surely not. Deuteronomy 17:18-19 shows that the kings of Israel were not only to read all of the book of the law, they were to write it out by hand, keeping it with them and reading it always. Solomon must have known it was wrong to import horses from Egypt. Apparently, he considered this infraction too minor, too small to inhibit him from such action.

After discussing Solomon's trade in Egyptian horses, the author of I Kings introduces the matter of Solomon's wives (I Kings 11:1). By the end of his reign, he had 700 wives, not to mention an additional 300 mistresses or concubines (verse 3).

Again, God's instructions through Moses, given some 500 years before, left little room for interpretation or doubt. Israel's chief of state was not to "multiply

wives to himself" (Deuteronomy 17:17). Might Solomon have reasoned, "If importing horses from Egypt has brought no immediate penalty, what is the harm of taking a second wife, and a third, and a fourth and so on, with each new wife confirming in his mind his license to violate God's precept?"

God's proscription of bigamy was one means of protecting the king



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

from having his heart turned away from God. Solomon failed to heed, and even compounded this problem by marrying non-Israelitish women. Moses, in Deuteronomy 7:3-4, predicted the deadly results of marrying foreign women. Such wives would lead their husbands to "serve other gods." Solomon disregarded these warnings.

Solomon, the wisest man ever other than Jesus, fell victim to the same temptation that the rest of us so often face: to compromise on what we think are small concerns — to excuse ourselves for letting down in the "gray" areas — to do things our own way rather than God's.

The danger in such reasoning is that small compromises weaken character and, over time, lead to major sins. For Solomon, the results were devastating. For us, Solomon's experience is a warning of what will befall us if we follow his example of compromise.

Solomon's series of compromises gradually but inexorably distorted his understanding of God and His ways (Psalm 111:10), so that when he was old he allowed his foreign wives to turn his heart "after their gods" (I Kings 11:2).

From the minor infraction of importing horses out of Egypt, he eventually condoned and at least was an accessory to the twin sins of idolatry and murder, sins he would not have contemplated seriously at the beginning of his reign.

Solomon not only went after the pagan goddess Ashtoreth (verse 5), but he also erected high places for worship of Chemosh and Molech, whose ritual involved the horrible rites of child sacrifice by fire.

Archaeologists have found skeletal remains of infants at three sites where this brutal human sacrifice occurred. The high place for Chemosh stood for three centuries before Josiah finally destroyed it (II Kings 23:13). A number of Solomon's successors to the throne caused their children to "pass through the fire" (Jeremiah 32:32, 35).

By giving his royal sanction to the worship of pagan deities, Solomon set a precedent that was followed by most of Judah's kings after him, and was retained by the 10 tribes of Israel both in Samaria and in their subsequent wanderings, from the monarchy of Jeroboam until the present day.

Are we compromising?

Was it all that bad for Solomon to compromise in little things? Yes and yes again!

But what about us? Are there areas in which we are tempted to compromise and live our lives the world's way? Do we, like Solomon, ignore the laws, principles and statutes we read of in God's Word, or do we heed and obey?

We lack the enormous resources, wealth and wisdom Solomon had. As we strive to fulfill the great commission in this age, how much more important it is that we resist the urge to use our human reasoning and compromise, particularly in what we perceive as smaller areas (Jeremiah 17:9, Proverbs 14:12). It is here that Satan so often makes his most effective inroads.

It is unlikely that Satan will immediately fool God's elect concerning the Ten Commandments or the major points of God's law, so he often begins with something seemingly small.

Once one compromises, the process of sin has begun, and the commodity in which God is supremely interested — holy, righteous character — begins to erode, opening the way for sin on a grand scale.

Solomon went from violation of a relatively obscure admonition to the flagrant breaking of at least two of the Ten Commandments. If it happened to Solomon, it can happen to us. We must learn from his example and avoid those little compromises, which lead to big sins.

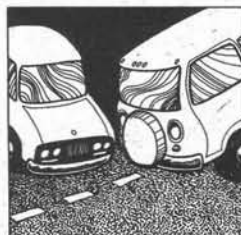
Pray daily for divine protection

By David Albert

It couldn't have happened at a worse time. I was returning from a Youth Opportunities United (YOU) activity in a minibus packed with teenagers. My attention was distracted by a conversation with a young male passenger from Australia, and I was tired.

David Albert, a pastor-rank minister, is professor of psychology at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Suddenly I made a mistake I had been guarding against during the first week of my initial driving experience in the United Kingdom — I failed to look right before pulling out from the intersection.



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There was no time to do anything but look at the horrified faces of the driver and passenger in the late-model sedan bearing down on us with alarming speed. The woman's face was a mask of horror as she braced for the inevitable. The driver was fighting to control the car, which was now locked in a sideways drift on the rain-slick road.

And then — nothing happened. No collision. No smashing vehicles. No cries of pain. Somehow the car just got by us, and passengers in both cars were spared. We drove away unscathed, but sobered and deeply grateful for divine protection.

I remembered praying that

morning for protection even from myself and the mental lapses and errors I might be guilty of, especially when driving under unfamiliar circumstances. Clearly, God had heard and answered that prayer in a most merciful way.

All of us in the minibus agreed that the car was headed for the middle of our van, but God had prevented a terrible tragedy from occurring, sparing several lives. How does one properly reckon such a blessing?

I believe in divine protection! I've seen it operate on this and other occasions. I know it's available to us, and I know what it's worth.

God offers angelic help

Jesus instructed us to pray "Do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one" (Matthew 6:13, Revised Authorized Version). Do you pray for protection on a daily basis?

Often when I hear of terrible accidents and tragedies befalling even Christians, I wonder if they may have unwittingly denied themselves this protection simply by failing to ask for it. I urge you not to make that mistake.

We're all human and regularly prone to human error of the physical and mental or spiritual kind. Sometimes the consequences are trivial, such as tipping over a glass of water. But sometimes the consequences are fatal.

To complicate matters, there is an evil one — an adversary — a destroyer — Satan the devil. Jesus told His disciples that Satan wanted to sift or grind them like wheat (Luke 22:31). Satan would love to capitalize on your errors and lapses of judgment, too. Sometimes, he does.

But to counteract Satan's evil devices, our merciful Father offers us angelic help and protection. Angels are called "ministering spirits, sent forth to minister [to serve] for them who shall be heirs of salvation" (Hebrews 1:14).

For your own sake and the sake of those you love and are responsible for, I urge you to pray for that protection daily.

Even as I write this I am reminded of a twisted bike frame and wheel in our garage. My daughter was on that bike when a driver hit the bike with such force that the impact bent the wheel beyond repair, and the frame so badly that I have not been able to get the wheels and sprockets into proper alignment. But Molly walked away unscathed. Witnesses could hardly believe she wasn't seriously injured.

My point is that we need such protection every day. Our children, wives, ministers, brethren — and we ourselves — need this help more than we know.

If you are wise, you won't fail to ask for protection from accidents, injuries, problems, curses and troubles — daily.

God fulfills His promises

Malachi 3:11 means a lot to my family and me. There God promises, "I will rebuke the devourer [Satan] for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground" — a promise, incidentally, to the faithful tithe payer.

I want you to have the blessing of this protection. Start your day with this request for yourself and your loved ones. Teach your children to do the same. Pray even that your attitudes not be influenced by Satan. End each day with thanks for God's help and care and a request for protection as you sleep at night.

This isn't a pointless "now-I-lay-me-down-to-sleep" ritual for little children. Rather, it is a living law of life — God protects those who look to Him in living faith to fulfill His promises.

If you do, you'll see a real difference in your life, and on some occasions you'll be convinced, as I am, that the difference can be between life and death.

Booklet promotion effective

PASADENA — Forty-eight percent of 2.8 million subscribers to the U.S. edition of *The Plain Truth* have requested Church literature in the first five months of 1985.

"This is a higher than normal figure compared with other years," said Boyd Leeson, U.S. circulation manager for *The Plain Truth*.

"This demonstrates how effective both Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's promotion of booklets on the [World Tomorrow] telecast and the literature-advertising inserts are in encouraging people to request more of God's truth," Mr. Leeson said.

Besides one or two booklets offered on literature insert cards, articles in *The Plain Truth* offer about four to six Church books or booklets each issue.

Tour

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met with Mr. Armstrong at Pasadena Ambassador College and in Brussels, Belgium.

Dr. Habsburg arrived promptly at 4 p.m. accompanied by a son who is studying law at the University of Munich.

During the 1½ hour meeting Dr. Habsburg discussed events in Europe, including the European reaction to U.S. President Ronald Reagan's May tour of Europe.

Portions of this discussion were videotaped by the television crew and are scheduled to be shown on a *World Tomorrow* telecast.

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting ended. Afterward Mr. Armstrong said it was vitally important for him to maintain relationships with people such as Dr. Habsburg, so true understanding of what is happening in Europe can be maintained.

That evening Mr. Armstrong joined Mr. and Mrs. Schnee and Alfred Hennig and his wife, Helene, for dinner. Mr. Hennig is an official photographer for the West German government and also serves on the *Plain Truth* photography staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Hennig were instrumental in passing along an invitation from King Leopold III of Belgium to Mr. Armstrong in the 1960s. This led to Mr. Armstrong meeting many heads of state over the years.

Sabbath services

Sabbath, May 18, Christ's apostle addressed about 530 German brethren in the hotel's Cherubim Hall. Simultaneous translation into German was provided.

Mr. Armstrong spoke about his trip and outlined his book *Mystery of the Ages*. It was a warm and fatherly talk, and the German-speaking brethren were encouraged to hear advance information about his new book, which will not be available in German until 1986.

That evening Mr. Armstrong joined German-speaking ministers and wives for a meal in a private dining room at his hotel. The menu was cold watercress soup, beef Wellington and cranberry ice cream.

At 10 p.m. the dinner ended and Mr. Armstrong returned to his suite.

Sunday morning, May 19, Mr. Armstrong left for Nuremberg, West Germany, where Adolf Hitler planned to establish the ideological and spiritual headquarters of the Third Reich. The massive assembly field and political building were in decay, which the group viewed as a monument of sorts to an attempted millennial rule by man.

The Church's television crew videotaped Mr. Armstrong among the ruins and buildings for possible use in a *World Tomorrow* telecast.

On to Paris

From Nuremberg the group flew to Paris, France, arriving at 4:30 p.m. After driving to the Plaza Athenee Hotel the group was joined by Wayne and Kathy Shilkret. Mr. Shilkret is director of performing arts for the Ambassador Foundation. The Shilkrets had flown to Paris to view a benefit concert scheduled for the next night in Versailles.

The group gathered in the main dining room to discuss the benefit concert, to which Mr. Armstrong was officially invited by Herbert von Karajan, conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.

The invitation was in conjunction with a scheduled performance by the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra in 1986 in the Ambassador Auditorium. The orchestra performed in the Auditorium in October, 1982.

At 7 p.m., Monday, May 20, the group drove to the Versailles Palace south of Paris for a concert in the 700-seat opera hall built in the palace by former French kings.

The hall, with high ceilings and painted columns, was beautiful and acoustically sound.

At 8 p.m. the European Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Abbado, began the performance, which featured major arias from Rossini operas. In attendance were French civic and cultural officials. Sitting on the front row were Peter Gelb, director of Columbia Artists Management Co., and his wife; and Mr. Horowitz and his wife, Wanda.

The main soloists were top performers such as soprano Montserrat Caballe, Marilyn Horne, tenor Francisco Araiza and basses Samuel Ramey and Ruggero Raimondi.

The performance was videotaped and is scheduled to be shown on educational television in Europe and the United States.

After the performance the group drove to the Trianon Palace Hotel for dinner with the musicians. During the dinner Mr. Armstrong and other members of the group made contacts that will prove helpful in planning concerts in the Ambassador Auditorium.

As the guests were leaving, Mrs. Horowitz walked up to Mr. Armstrong and humorously commented: "Remember me? My husband plays the piano." Mrs. Horowitz is the daughter of the late Arturo Toscanini, an Italian composer and conductor.

As Mr. Armstrong responded to her question, Mr. Horowitz quietly walked up behind the pastor general

and began to imitate playing a piano concerto on Mr. Armstrong's shoulders.

As Mr. Armstrong turned to see what was happening, the pianist greeted the pastor general with a broad smile and the two exchanged warm greetings.

Mr. Armstrong told Mr. Horowitz that he had photographs positioned side by side in the Ambassador campus Social Center of the world's two great pianists: Mr. Horowitz and the late Arthur Schnitke.

To this Mr. Horowitz joked, "Ah, but I'm still alive." This brought smiles all around, and the two walked to the exit, agreeing that they should meet together soon.

Prague, Czechoslovakia

Tuesday, May 21, the group said good-bye to the La Raviolas and Shilkrets, whom the group would meet again two days later in London, England.

Mr. Armstrong, the Deans and the Schnees boarded the G-III for a flight to Prague, where officials of CEDOK, the official government tourist agency, had invited the pastor general for meetings.

The G-III touched down in Prague at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Armstrong was greeted by Jaroslav Gebert, section manager of the foreign travel division, and Jaroslav Macourek. The group was driven to the Intercontinental Hotel to rest.

At 4:30 p.m. the group was taken on a private boat ride down the Moldau (Vltava) River, including passing through some canals and locks that bypass the rapids on the river.

The Czech government is trying to connect the Moldau River with the Danube River through canals and locks, to open a trade route to the Baltic Sea.

The Czech hosts provided delicious Czech cheeses and wine. After docking at 5:30 p.m. the group returned to the hotel for rest, since the previous evening ended late.

Wednesday morning, May 22, the Czech hosts took the group on a tour of Prague, showing them many buildings that made the city famous. Because of its interesting and well-preserved architecture, Prague has been the site of several movies, including the Academy Award-winning movie *Amadeus*, a popularized history of composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

The group also viewed the Jewish quarter, with one of Europe's oldest synagogues. Before World War II Prague had more than 16,000 Jews. Now it only houses about 800.

After lunch at the hotel, the group was driven to the Konopiste Castle outside of Prague.

The castle was last occupied by Francis Ferdinand and his wife, Sophia, of the Habsburg line. They were assassinated at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, in 1914. That event triggered World War I.

The residence, built in the late 1800s, was stripped of its possessions by the Nazis during World War II, but the Czech government recovered most of its furnishings and restored the palace.

The group toured the castle's armory, state rooms with Italian chandeliers and antiques, and several halls that were decorated with preserved animals shot by Francis Ferdinand.

Since there were more than 200,000 stuffed animals indexed by dates, the group wondered if the former occupant did anything but hunt game.

The group drove from the castle to the Koliba restaurant outside Prague. Entering the restaurant Mr. Armstrong was introduced to Vaclav Pleskot, president of CEDOK.

Mr. Pleskot has served in several Czech government posts, including Czech ambassador to Algeria and France. He also directs sports programs in Czechoslovakia and was instrumental in having volleyball added as an official Olympic sport.

Mr. Pleskot speaks French,



CZECH VISIT — From left, Frank Schnee, regional director for German-speaking areas; Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong; and Aaron Dean, personal aide to Mr. Armstrong; share a light moment while visiting the Charles Bridge in Prague, Czechoslovakia. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

Spanish, German, Russian and some English.

The conversation centered on pollution problems the Czechs are trying to solve. Mr. Pleskot serves on the Czechoslovakian environmental committee.

At 9:30 p.m. the meeting ended and the group returned to the hotel.

Thursday, May 23, the group stepped into a government vehicle for an 11 a.m. visit to Charles Bridge, one of Europe's oldest, built in the 1500s.

CEDOK officials videotaped the visit. They hope to add a segment about the visit to a film CEDOK is making about the Feast of Tabernacles in Brno, Czechoslovakia.

Flight to England

From the bridge the group drove to the airport for a noon flight to London.

Arriving at 1 p.m. at Luton Airport, the group was driven to the Dorchester Hotel for the final night of the trip.

Mr. Armstrong was scheduled to attend a premier dinner for the charity that sponsors the fight against motor-neuron disease, which killed actor David Niven, but declined because of his busy schedule. He sent the rest of his traveling group to attend on behalf of the Ambassador Foundation.

The dinner, coordinated by pro-

ducer Euan Lloyd and the Variety Club of Great Britain, included entertainers and civic and cultural officials. Several British celebrities attended, including Ringo Starr, a former member of the Beatles musical group.

Mr. Lloyd, organizer of the event, told the distinguished group about Mr. Armstrong and the worldwide activities of the Ambassador Foundation in promoting world peace.

He said he regretted that Mr. Armstrong was unable to attend, but extended best wishes on behalf of those attending.

Before leaving, the group learned from John Radcliff, the chief baker of the Variety Club, that more than 25,000 pounds (about \$32,250) had been raised for the charity.

Return to Pasadena

Friday, May 24, Mr. Armstrong and the group boarded the G-III for a 1 p.m. return flight to California.

After a fuel stop in Frobisher Bay, Northwest Territories, and clearing customs in Las Vegas, Nev., Mr. Armstrong arrived at the Burbank airport at 5:30 p.m., PDT.

There he was greeted by Pasadena-based ministers and others before returning to the Ambassador College campus after a long, but successful trip.



WELCOME HOME — Evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services (left), and David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing (right), greet Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong upon his arrival at the Burbank, Calif., airport. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)



WORLD WAR II HISTORY — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and Frank Schnee (left), regional director for German-speaking areas, visit the arena at Nuremberg, West Germany, where Adolf Hitler staged rallies. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)



HWA visits Mideast, Europe

MEETING LEADERS — Clockwise from upper left: Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (center) and Otto von Habsburg (second from right) of the European Parliament, discuss world events with (from left) evangelist Ellis La Ravia and Aaron Dean, vice presidents of the Ambassador Foundation, and (right) a son of Dr. Habsburg, May 17; Shimon Peres, prime minister of Israel, discusses Middle East peace prospects with Mr. Armstrong May 13; Mr. Armstrong meets Vaclav Pleskot, president of the Czech government tourist agency (CEDOK), May 22, with CEDOK

officials Jaroslav Gebert (left) and Jaroslav Macourek (right); John Halford of Media Services, reviews with Mr. Armstrong a layout of an arena used by Adolf Hitler in Nuremberg, West Germany, May 19; Teddy Kollek, mayor of Jerusalem, presents a sculpture to Mr. Armstrong May 14; Mr. Armstrong greets soprano Montserrat Caballe in Versailles, France, May 20; and the pastor general speaks at the Herbert W. Armstrong Square at the International Cultural Center for Youth (ICCY), May 15. [Photos by Nathan Faulkner and Larry Omasta]



ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



FLYING HIGH—Hurdlers race at the District 33 YOU track meet in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., May 5. Participating in the meet were teams from Birmingham, Jasper, Huntsville, Florence, Gadsden, Montgomery, Evergreen and Geneva, Ala., and Fort Walton Beach.

Club members graduate, take rafting trip

The 1984-85 Spokesman Club year in **PETERBOROUGH, Ont.**, was brought to a close April 28 with a gala at a Tudor-style country inn hidden in the midst of pine trees and rolling hills.

The gala, to which women were invited, began with a social hour, followed by a buffet luncheon. The luncheon took place in a private dining room, similar to a private library or den. Surrounding the group were shelves of books, the warmth of dark wood and antique ornaments.

The club meeting began with vocal exercises led by Andrew Kappis. After conducting the business of the day, club President Dave Pearson introduced Rick Hill for tabletopics. The first half was evaluated by Peterborough's local church elder, Frederick McGowan.

During the break Al McMillan challenged Daryl Leckie to a game of checkers on an outdoor checkerboard, using road marker cones as checkers. Most club members and wives watched and cheered from a balcony.

Mothers, daughters share lunch

A rainbow hanging over a hearth, and airplanes, kites and balloons suspended from the ceiling set a theme of "Looking Up" for the **SEDRO-WOOLLEY, Wash.**, mother-daughter luncheon at Hillcrest Park Lodge May 5.

Rainbow colors decorated the tables from which the group ate a potluck of salads and parfaits. Entertainment began with a solo by Heidi Korthuis singing "On a Clear Day."

Linda Aldrich recited "Reflections," a poem written by Wendy Morway. A group of daughters sang "Our Hands Belong to You." Ten-year-old Brenda Burzenski, accompanied by her mother, Colleen, played a Seitz concerto on her violin. Maureen Byrd sang "A Good Mom Is Hard to Find," and Joanne Banks recited a poem she wrote titled "Ode to Little Girls."

Hostess Bernita Korthuis concluded the program with a piano solo titled "Theme From Terms of Endearment." Ruth Abrahamsen was responsible for food; Mrs. Byrd for decorations; and Mrs. Korthuis for entertainment. Bernita Korthuis.

In honor of the women in attendance, the second half of the meeting began with the drawing of three names from a hat. The three women were presented with gifts chosen by Everett McNutt, a club member.

Toastmaster Gary Epps introduced five speakers for the day: Zdenek Rokos, Gary Primo, Phil Sorenson, Wayne Dick and Paul Dolan. Then club director and pastor Kenneth Frank Jr. gave a summary evaluation.

The Most Helpful Evaluation cup was presented to Pat Doyle; Mr. Primo received the Most Improved

Speaker trophy; and Mr. Dolan gave the Most Effective Speech.

The meeting ended with three graduates receiving their certificates of completion. Recipients were Bob Evans, Rick Hill and Dave Pearson.

Mr. Frank then exhorted the group not to be seasonal Christians but to meet the vital daily requirements God has set for us.

Sunny weather was the fare for a combined graduation dinner meeting for **WHEELING, W. Va.**, and **CAMBRIDGE, Ohio**, Spokesman Club members April 21. The event (See **CLUB**, page 13)

Youths attend field day, swim meet

The weekend of May 4 and 5 **DENVER, Colo.**, brethren were hosts to 200 YOU members and their families from six states and a Canadian province for their annual YOU prom and field day.

Sabbath services at Aurora Central High School May 4 kicked off the weekend. James Reyer, pastor of the Denver East and West churches, spoke on wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

That evening 240 YOU members and chaperons met for the prom at the Sheraton Airport Hotel. After a dinner of London broil, the group danced to the music of the Denver church band, under the direction of Norman Myers, associate pastor.

The next day more than 300 participants and 200 spectators took part in the track and field day at Cherry Creek High School. Denver took first with 176 points.

Outstanding YOU performances in the senior boys and girls divisions included Ivan Wagoner of Denver who won the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 10 inches and the long jump, 19 feet 2 inches; took second in the 200-meter race; and ran a leg on the winning 400-meter relay team.

Kevin King, running for Grand Junction, Colo., took first in the 400 meters with a time of 54.3 and in the 800 meters with a time of 2:12.7 and ran a leg on the winning 1,600-meter relay team.

Bonnie Terry of Colorado Springs, Colo., won the high jump at 4 feet 7 inches, the 100 meters with a time of 13.5 and the 100-meter low hurdles with a time of 18.2. Nicole Pfund of Durango, Colo., won the 200 meters with a time of 31.2 and the 400 meters with a time of 1:09.

Tony Bosserman, a local church elder from Casper, Wyo., finished first in the men's 1,600-meter race

with a time of 5:01.1, and in the 3,200 meters in 12:04.

Giving of self in service to others was a lesson learned by **SAN DIEGO, Calif.**, YOU members as they planned, prepared and presided over booths at a carnival for Youth Educational Services (YES) students April 21 in a donated warehouse.

"We simply gave them a card assigning who would work together, gave them their booth idea, and they did the rest," said San Diego deacon Jeff Whelchel, who, with Larry Dinger, supervised the project.

The young people developed ideas, artwork and costumes, and some girls made their own costumes. A variety of skill-testing activities featured basketball, a shooting gallery, bottle fishing, penny toss, bean-bag toss, pin-the-tail-on-

District meets take place

GENEVA, Ala., and **FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla.**, brethren were hosts to the District 33 YOU track meet May 5 in Fort Walton Beach. Participating in the meet were teams from Birmingham, Ala., P.M.; Birmingham A.M. and Jasper, Ala.; Huntsville and Florence, Ala.; Gadsden, Ala.; Montgomery and Evergreen, Ala.; and Geneva and Fort Walton Beach.

Activities began Friday morning, May 3, with a beach party at Beasley Park. YOU members and their families took in the sun, while hamburgers and drinks were prepared by members of the host churches.

The next day at Sabbath services in the Choctawhatchee High School auditorium, Stanley DeVeaux, assistant pastor of the Birmingham A.M., P.M. and Jasper churches, gave the sermonette. The sermon was given by Jim Tuck, district coordinator and pastor of the Huntsville and Florence churches. The Birmingham Ensemble performed special music.

Saturday evening YOU members participated in a dance in their honor at the Choctawhatchee High School cafeteria.

Sunday morning, May 5, a coaches' coffee began at 8 a.m. in Memorial Stadium. Then track and field events got under way. On the basis of point accumulation, outstanding athlete awards were presented to a junior and senior division boy and girl.

The boys senior division award went to Lamar Ryan from Gadsden with 50 points, while the junior division winner was Jonathan DeVeaux from Birmingham P.M., also with 50 points.

Becky Brom with 46 points and Virginia Morefield with 40 points, both from the Birmingham A.M. and

Jasper team, won the senior division and junior division trophies for the girls.

The overall team winner was Gadsden with 392 points; second was Birmingham P.M. with 298; and the Birmingham A.M. and Jasper team was third with 236.

The District 14 YOU track meet, under the direction of **HAGERSTOWN, Md.**, pastor William Pack, took place at Walkersville, Md., High School May 5.

Participating in the meet were teams from Norfolk, Va.; Richmond, Va.; a combined Cumberland, Winchester and Hagerstown, Md., team; Baltimore, Md.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Wilmington and Laurel, Del.; and Washington, D.C.

District records were broken, including the senior boys 110-meter high hurdles by Jon Tull of Wilmington and Laurel, and Robert Butterbaugh of Baltimore, both with a time of 15.88.

In senior boys shot put, Barry Knuth of Richmond was first with a heave of 40 feet. Bryan Rudolph of Wilmington and Laurel won the senior boys discus with a throw of 130 feet 6 inches. In the senior boys high jump, Jon Tull was first with a height of 6 feet 1 inch.

Irene Gurley of Hagerstown broke the junior girls discus record with a throw of 75 feet 6 inches. Patricia Bell of Baltimore jumped 14 feet 10 inches in the junior girls long jump, while Rachel Ridgely of Hagerstown cleared 4 feet 9 inches in the junior girls high jump.

In the junior girls 400-meter dash, Simone Guzman of Wilmington and Laurel took first with a time of 1:09.38.

The junior boys 400-meter dash was won by Darnell Cain of Wilmington and Laurel with a time of 57.82. Fourteen-year-old James Scott of Richmond broke a record in the junior and senior boys 2-mile run, with a time of 11:26.31, and the junior boys 1-mile run with a time of 5:17.2.

The Baltimore team, under the direction of coaches Mike Gladden and Mark Campbell, took home the first-place trophy for scoring the most cumulative points, 139. The Delaware team, under coach Mark Roberts, was second with 123 points and was also awarded the sportsmanship trophy.

Brethren from 13 Florida churches attended the annual YOU District 35 track meet April 21, played host to by the **GAINESVILLE** and **OCALA, Fla.**, churches. More than 215 teens participated, and more than 150 brethren cheered them on.

The most valuable participants were: senior boys, Lorenza Mitchell of Jacksonville; senior girls, Brenda Wellington, Miami; junior boys, Derrick McIntosh, Jacksonville; and junior girls, Latonya Sims, Orlando.

In the senior boys 1,600-meter relay, Lorenza Mitchell came from 200-meters behind to give the Jacksonville team a victory.

The final results in overall team standings were Tampa, first; Jacksonville, second; and Cocoa, third.

For the fifth year in a row, **JOPLIN, Mo.**, YOU members won the District 53 track and field meet in Harrison, Ark., April 28. With nine teams participating in the events, the team trophy went to Joplin with 398 points. Little Rock, Ark., took second with 246 points, and Harrison came in third with 148.

The top scorers were: senior boys, Dallas Gossett from Joplin, 35 points; senior girls, Dawn Reed, Russellville, Ark., 33 points; junior boys, Mike Wilburn, Harrison, 31 points; and junior girls, Rhonda Yost, Joplin, 34.5 points.

Terri Phillips, Jon and Ginnie Cook, Gavin Gray and Debi Lucas.

Areas put on socials, concert

The combined efforts of the **MEDFORD** and **KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.**, churches produced a touch of the Hawaiian Islands at a potluck and social April 27 at a junior high school cafeteria. Decorating the cafeteria were homemade palm trees and outfits.

Entertainment for the evening was organized by Dave Cooke, who was awarded a trophy at the end of the evening for his work. Events featuring area talent ranged from a trumpet duet to a Hawaiian song and dance.

COLUMBIA, S.C., brethren sponsored a potluck dinner and organ concert May 4, with about 175 in attendance. Guest organist was professional Lanny Davis at a Technics organ. Mr. Davis was formerly with CBS Music and a national staff or-

ganist with Lowrey Organ Co.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., brethren gathered after Sabbath services April 27 at the Honeycreek High School cafeteria for a pitch-in dinner and fellowship.

After the Sabbath teams were organized for basketball and volleyball, while the less energetic played card games. Children played games organized by Andy Higginbotham and Cathy Loudermilk.

Later in the evening Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., churches, Ron Shrum, Chris Higginbotham and Dave Stevens provided guitar accompaniment for a sing-along.

Kathryn Ritzinger, J. Paul Nowlen and Jim and Sarah Osborn.

Club

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took place in a lakeside lodge at Sally Buffalo Park in Cadiz, Ohio.

A buffet was served to 180 brethren. The social committee, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Kennedy, prepared meats, cheeses, relish trays, pita bread, rolls and an assortment of salads. Coffee, tea, punch and wine were also served.

Reinhold Fuessel, pastor and club director, introduced the speakers, Mike Thornberry, John Varney and Mr. Kennedy. Certificates of completion were awarded to Mr. Thornberry, Larry Looney, Worley Berisford and Ray Howard of Cambridge, and Mr. Varney, John Megna, Mike Gable and Pete Bernardi of Wheeling.

Officers for the 1985-86 club year in Cambridge are Mr. Thornberry, president; Stan Lyall, vice president; Dave St. Clair, secretary; Jim St. Clair, treasurer; and Mike Lineback, sergeant at arms.

Officers of the Wheeling club are Eugene Oliver, president; Frank Fish, vice president; Mark Molnar, secretary; Doug Zeyer,

treasurer; and Bob Roberts, sergeant at arms.

After the awards ceremony the group took part in a novelty olympics. Deacons' wives were blindfolded, given handfuls of shaving cream and asked to shave their husbands with blunt plastic knives.

Brethren then tried to be the last to have an unpopped balloon on their ankles. Another event featured whistling after eating crackers. Capping off similar events was a baby-bottle-drinking contest, won by Ronald Smith, associate pastor.

Six area Spokesman Club members accompanied Donald J. Engle, pastor of the TAURANGA, HAMILTON and ROTORUA, New Zealand, churches, on a white-water rafting trip April 14.

The group took on the Wairoa River near Tauranga. On a scale of 1 to 6, where 6 is "unratable" the river was ranked 5. One waterfall dropped 10 feet. The group of seven, plus two professional raft captains on board, spent 1½ hours on the wilderness river.

Myrna M. Epps, Peggy Wilhelm and Ron Foster.

Singles cruise river, take tour

Fifteen DAYTON, Ohio, singles danced in Louisville, Ky., and dined on an Ohio riverboat April 27 and 28. Pastor Ray Meyer, formerly pastor of the Louisville church, organized the trip and gave the sermon at Sabbath services there April 27.

Mr. Meyer later led the group in a tour of the area, including his former home. Saturday night the group was entertained by The Marlin's, a family band. The singles discovered they had an extra hour of dancing as daylight savings time took effect.

After breakfast the next morning the group departed for Covington, Ky., for a riverboat tour on the Ohio River near Cincinnati, Ohio. A buffet lunch featuring beef tips was served.

May 5 the FLINT and LANSING, Mich., singles club formed

a car caravan and traveled south to Meadowbrook Hall in Rochester, Mich. The group of 28 toured a 100-room Tudor mansion originally the home of Frances Dodge Wilson (automobile heiress) and her family.

Thirty-eight chimneys serve 28 fireplaces, and the 42 bathrooms are complete with gold-inlaid plumbing. Meadowbrook has hundreds of collector's items of fine art, oil paintings and pieces of alabaster, jade and ruby.

Each room has a different decor and period furniture. The walls are covered with silk, and the floors are hardwood. Oriental tapestries and carpets add to the international flavor. The ceilings and trim are carved with detail.

Meadowbrook Hall is now part of Oakland University and is used for educational purposes, conventions, conferences and a tourist attraction. Hundreds of volunteers work as guides and assist in maintaining the hall, which covers two acres of floor space.

Some of the group also visited the three-quarter-size playhouse built for the children at Meadowbrook. After the tour a meal was shared before returning home.

Gene Fox and Joann Whitehead.

Iron Family competition takes place

WODONGA, Australia, brethren conducted their first Iron Family competition April 28 at Tangambalanga, Australia.

Men, women and children competed in three age groups: under 13, YOU age and adults, with extra handicaps given to the younger participants in each category.

Brethren participated in 10 sports, and each person had to finish at least seven. Featured events included the shot put, discus, net-ball throwing, bicycle time trial, golf putting, football goal kicking, dart throwing and the 100-meter and 400-meter races.

First and second in each age group were awarded gold and silver medals. The Iron Family Award was announced the following week by Bruce Dean, pastor of the Wodonga, Temora, and Wagga Wagga, Australia, churches.

The Iron Man was Eric Thompson, second was Peter Kalin and Alistair Parkes tied with Wayne Moroney for third.

Members of the Iron Family were Brian and Karen McGorlick and their children, Seth and Eden; second were Alistair and Heather Parkes and their children, Heath and Timothy; and Brian and Margaret Manwaring and their children, Daniel and Brett, finished third. Jan Wyatt.

Awards night honors youths

The PASADENA Imperial and Spanish churches conducted their third annual YOU Boys and Girls Club awards evening April 27. At 5:30 p.m. church women were hosts to a finger foods buffet for parents, friends and club members.

Then Paul Troike, club coordinator and an Imperial local elder, opened the awards portion of the evening by relating the history of the clubs in Pasadena.

During the 1984-85 school year, club members attended 13 sessions, learning skills such as quilting, cartooning, physical fitness, etiquette, folk dancing, budgeting, meal planning and photography. Members also attended a Japanese band concert.

After Mr. Troike's opening comments, Robert Macdonald led six girls and five boys in two Israeli dances. Then Julio Monterosa sang the Mexican folk tune "La Cucaracha." Debbie Snider and Angela May did a Nigerian folk dance excerpted from the Imperial Schools spring concert.

After the program Mr. Troike and his wife, Madilyn, announced the award recipients. The first three awards were based on attendance. First was the Award of Honor for 55 percent attendance, followed by the Award of Honor with Gold Seal for



TRACK SQUAD — The Baltimore, Md., track team, coached by Mike Gladden and Mark Campbell, takes home the first-place trophy at the District 14 track meet in Walkersville, Md., May 5. (Photo by Dan Taylor)

Talent show, concert staged

May 4 was a day for displaying talent of the MANHATTAN, N.Y., brethren at an all-day event at Martin Luther King Jr. High School. Following afternoon Sabbath services, with the sermon by Robert Fahey, pastor of the Manhattan, Westchester and Long Island East and West, N.Y., churches, families ate a picnic-style meal in the school cafeteria.

An arts and crafts display featured, paintings, drawings, needlecraft and embroidery.

In the evening a talent show was presented on the auditorium stage. Some 20 acts included a violin and clarinet solo, ballet dancers, professional singers, tap dancing, comedy routines, modern classical dance and a dramatic recital of Rudyard Kipling's poem "If." The City Lights Band provided musical accompaniment.

The day, spearheaded by the area singles club, involved the entire church, in ushering, lighting, the sound system, stage help and crafts displays. Mr. Fahey and associate pastor Dale Schurter came onstage to thank those who helped.

In Maloney High School Auditorium in MERIDEN, Conn., brethren were guests at an abridged performance of Handel's *Messiah* April 27.

The concert was presented by the Connecticut Choral, with guest soloists Robert Tyson and Robert Spencer, tenors; Rudolph Anderson, bass; Robert Agee, organ; and Wade Terry, keyboard continuo.

Music director was Peter Kamen, who has directed the choral since

1974. The performance included the talents of two YOU members, Jeffery Gutterman on timpani and Jeffery Kamen on trumpet.

Choral soloists were Ellen Anderson and Rita Kamen, sopranos, and Gail Riley and Katie Smith, contraltos. A printed program provided notes about the music, the guest performers and a dedication to the late Josephine Hamblin, a deaconess who served in the choral since its inception.

A light dinner preceded the concert, and dessert, punch and coffee were served at the close of the evening.

William Rainey and Rosemarie Brown and Carolyn Metz.

Elderly are guests at dinners

SMITHS FALLS and KINGSTON, Ont., YOU members were hosts to their annual seniors dinner April 28 for all Church members more than age 50 and their spouses. YOU members prepared and served a roast beef dinner before providing entertainment.

Skits, songs, instrumental solos and card tricks were presented. In keeping with the Western theme, YOU members also performed some square dances. Jack Storey, YOU coordinator and a Kingston local church elder, was master of ceremonies.

After the talent show all joined in for an old-fashioned sing-along, led by pastor Jonathan Kurnik and accompanied on guitar by Brian Spellman and Arnold Quinn.

YOU member Rod Spellman then thanked the seniors for their support and encouragement of the YOU program throughout the year and explained that the event was a way of expressing their gratitude.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., YOU members sponsored a formal dinner at the Colonies House in honor of the widows age 60 and older April 28.

The dinner, in an atmosphere of lavender and pink streamers hung from the ceiling, was prepared and served by YOU members. The meal, made from scratch, consisted of chicken marinated in a sherry and lemon sauce, twice-baked cheese potatoes, green bean casserole, tossed green salad and blueberry muffins. The dinner was complemented by fresh strawberry crepes.

To conclude the evening the teens entertained the widows by performing musical pieces. The attendance was 86, including the YOU members, widows, elders and their wives.

FINDLAY, Ohio, senior citizens were honored during Sabbath services April 27. Each member 60 or older received a corsage or boutonniere.

After services YOU members served dinner, organized by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Riffel and prepared by church women. Guests sat at tables decorated with flowers and fine china.

Besides dinner music, Larry Knick introduced skits and music

Events feature kite flying

Inspired by an article in the March issue of *Youth 85*, LAFAYETTE, Ind., Youth Educational Services (YES) members had a "You Make It and Fly It" Jamboree April 28 at the Purdue University sports field.

YES members and their families arrived with an assortment of kites they had made or bought. The weather dished out plenty of sunshine and wind. Afterward the group met for lunch at an area restaurant.

About 70 KANSAS CITY, Mo., NORTH brethren were on hand for the church's spring picnic at Smithville Lake April 28.

The picnic pavilion, on a hill, offered a panoramic view of the lake as picnickers ate their lunches. Nearby was a children's playground containing a merry-go-round, swings and slides.

The featured attraction was kite flying. All kites brought to the picnic were unattended, and assembly was as much a learning experience for the parents as it was for children.

Because of a light, fitful wind, many had difficulty getting their kites airborne. After several hours Mitchell Knapp, associate pastor of the Kansas City North and Kansas City, Kan., South churches, used his car to get his kite into the air, only to have it fall to the ground.

Debra Booth and Janice Bass.

performed by deacons, elders and their families. The evening concluded with a sing-along, accompanied by David Holcomb on piano. David Fiedler, pastor of the Findlay and Toledo, Ohio, churches, spoke on the contribution senior citizens make to the congregation.

Forty senior citizens of the FORT COLLINS, Colo., church met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnston after Sabbath services May 4. The afternoon began with a potluck and fellowship. Later in the day the group watched *More Than a Monarch*, a videotape about the King and Queen of Thailand.

Ramona Juozapaitis, Dean Sargent, Linda Fiedler and Lois Essen.

Brethren sponsor sale, rake leaves

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., brethren conducted their annual spring yard sale May 5 and 6 on Park Boulevard in Pinellas Park, Fla. Activities began at 4:45 a.m. with breakfast for the early crew, followed by the unloading of three trailer loads of items collected from members, friends and neighbors.

Using flashlights, the first customers arrived at 5:45 a.m. Sales, which continued steadily, grossed more than \$4,600. In one way or another the sale involved almost the entire congregation.

April 28 more than 70 DULUTH and GRAND RAPIDS, Minn., brethren converged for their annual leaf-raking day at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp in Orr, Minn.

Sunny weather prevailed, despite predictions of rain. The event allowed brethren to fellowship and serve together. As a fund raiser, Duluth YOU members served hamburgers at luncheon.

Lavene L. Vorel and Jane Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen C. Becker Sr. celebrated their 20th anniversary April 15. The couple were married by Roy (See ANNOUNCEMENTS page 11)

Revolution

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of AIDS, combined with existing fears about herpes and other sexually transmitted diseases, has pulled the reins on the galloping sexual freedom of the past 20 years. "I believe the sexual revolution is just about over," Dr. Silverman said.

Well, don't be so certain about that. Rather than reining in their life-styles (except by becoming less promiscuous perhaps) gay rights groups are fighting back hard.

In the United States, the attempt to control AIDS is frustrated not only by homosexual organizations but civil rights groups. The Feb. 8 *Wall Street Journal* reported, "The American Civil Liberties Union, the National Gay Task Force and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Foundation see fear of AIDS spawning a massive assault on the civil rights of homosexuals."

The fight to prod the U.S. government into a crash program to find a cure for AIDS has even entered the theater.

Two plays in New York City revolve around this theme. In *The Normal Heart*, the government and the news media are castigated for their alleged unconcern in combating the AIDS epidemic.

The play's writer, a homosexual, felt compelled to compose the play because, he said, "we are dying, and no one is fighting to save us."

Tolerant approach

The supposedly Christian Western world has lost its moral bearings. Even the usually conservative British news-magazine, *The Economist*, had some rather far-out recommendations on how to combat the AIDS epidemic threatening to sweep Britain.

The Economist advised: "The best single way of preventing further spread is to persuade them to commit buggery [sodomy] with fewer, and known, sexual partners. Intolerance will not achieve that. Deliberate tolerance might. So

sanction some sort of legal 'marriage' for gays in the hope that this will give them more reasons to be less promiscuous."

Finally *The Economist* advised, "The Christian churches could help by focusing less on St. Paul's hang-ups and more on Christ's compassion."

Another British journalist, Peregrine Worsthorne, saw things differently. He pointed out that the real problem is that society receives no sound advice from the churches.

In his column in the Feb. 10 *Sunday Telegraph*, Mr. Worsthorne trumpeted, "Is it not time that the bishops brought God into the act?" What was needed, he said, was "a far more rigorous and demanding effort by the Church of England to promulgate its own strict laws governing such practices. As it was, the

Church did exactly the opposite, following the State into the same morass of generalised toleration."

The attitude of society—and this world's churches are part and parcel with it—is to tolerate and regulate sin, rather than to recognize and eliminate it.

The self-appointed shepherds of modern Israel are virtually mute before the onslaught of AIDS and other physical and social penalties for sin.

They no longer believe sound scriptural admonition, including that given by the apostle Paul in Romans 1:27—"Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due" (Revised Authorized Version).

Pope

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pope is on the offensive in Europe. He has greater purposes in mind than Dutch church unity. He has an overall plan—and Holland is only one link in a long "Eurochain."

For decades the Catholic Church has been quiescent in Europe. It has followed European events, not led them. The reign of John Paul II has changed all of that.

Why travel?

A number of leading Catholic writers and journalists collaborated on a book titled *The Pope From Poland*. It was written under the aegis of *The Sunday Times* in London. The authors pointed out that even when John Paul II is in Rome "he is thinking of his next journey" (page 250). John Paul is a traveling pope.

Why does he travel? Does he make these trips in a strictly pastoral role and as a means of adding to his fund of global knowledge? Or does the pontiff have other long-range goals and purposes in mind?

Let's explore these goals and purposes. According to *The Pope From Poland*: "The most obvious way in which John Paul II made an impact on the international scene was through the development of a vigorous *Ostpolitik*—the whole complex web of relations between the church and those governments of Eastern Europe which between them control the lives of some sixty million Catholics."

"This was where John Paul II felt at home. This was the area in which he had long experience and special knowledge. This was where people in the West, who thought themselves the centre of the Universe, might have difficulty in following him" (page 250).

The pope has been presenting "a vision of wider Europe, culturally and spiritually united." (page 251). But in order to achieve one must lead. This is the essential difference between the pontiff and his modern predecessors.

Continues *The Pope From Poland*: "It was a much more aggressive *Ostpolitik* than Paul VI's. Paul VI found himself engaged in delicate diplomatic min-



NEW RECORD — Dwight Stones, 10-time U.S. high jump champion, clears 7 feet 5 inches at the Ambassador High Jump Invitational May 31 on the Ambassador College track. Mr. Stones, who defeated five top U.S. jumpers at the meet, set a new age-group record for men age 31 and older. [Photo by Warren Watson]

utes in which, on the whole, Governments led and the Vatican followed. The theory was that the Vatican would inch forward from concession to concession."

John Paul II does not play that way. Continues this insightful book: "Under John Paul II, it was the Vatican which acted and governments had to respond as best they could. John Paul II's *Ostpolitik* was brisk and potentially destabilizing... It was risky business, and the stakes were high. Where Paul VI had played diplomatic chess, John Paul II appeared to be playing poker" (pages 251-252).

Call for unity

But the poker game that began with Eastern Europe (the pope's first trip to Poland was in June of 1979) soon spread to include the West. While in Spain in late 1982, the pope called for the unity of the whole of Europe. He deplores the present division.

This Benelux trip was no different. While addressing state ministers May 13 in The Hague, Netherlands, the pontiff said: "The fine traditions of the past continue to be reflected in many aspects of present-day Dutch society. I refer for example to the firm commitment of the government and people of the Netherlands to European cooperation and unity. The Holy See has always sought to encourage this coming together of European Communities."

The pope repeated that same European theme in Luxembourg. Then later in Brussels, Belgium, the main seat of the Common Market, the pontiff got down to business.

Journalist Ian Murray was in Brussels for *The Times* of London. He wrote, "The need for the European Continent to unite was underlined by the Pope in Brussels yesterday [May 20] when he met leaders of the three main institutions of the EEC [European Economic Community]—the Council of Ministers, European Commission and European Parliament." Said John Paul II: "The borders set by treaties cannot limit the communication of men and nations. Europeans cannot submit themselves to the division of their continent."

Derek Brown wrote in *The Guardian* May 21: "He [the pope] told ministers and senior European Community officials at the Headquarters of the EEC Commission that unity could not be defined by treaties. Nor, he implied could unity only be achieved on the Western side of the Iron Curtain."

Mr. Murray quoted the pontiff, "The countries [of Eastern Europe] which for different reasons do not belong to your institutions should be included in the fundamental desire for unity: their specific contributions to the European heritage cannot be ignored."

Early in his pontificate, John Paul II said: "The Pope has come to speak to the whole Church, to Europe, and the world, to speak about the nations and peoples so often forgotten... He has come to gather all these nations and peoples,

together with his own..." (*The Pope From Poland*, page 143).

Like the high priest who predicted Jesus' death on behalf of the Jewish nation (John 11:49-50), perhaps the pope does not understand the full implication of his words.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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found it. It immediately showed me where to find certain scriptures and ways to approach this trial and I was able to get a sound grip on the situation immediately. The article told me what God expected of me and the way I should direct my family in this matter.

Robert Cobler
Winson-Salem, N.C.

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New PT readers

After reading *The Plain Truth* for my first time, I found it thoroughly convincing and realistic. As a young teenager I found it covered the major problems that many teenagers have to face through this particular period of their lives. I trust it will bring great satisfaction in the future.

S. Long
County Mayo
Irish Republic

Recently in college I was somewhat surprised when my best friend handed me a copy of *The Plain Truth* to browse over during my lunch break. However, I suddenly found that more than a simple lunch break was needed to appreciate the quality of the journal. Above all else, I valued the unbiased openness and sheer frankness of the wide ranging and totally interesting articles to be found in every issue.

R. Dalton
Dublin, Irish Republic

I find your magazine truly informative and interesting. The literature is of a very high quality. The entire magazine is organized in a very pleasing manner. The photographs and diagrams are very clear and pleasing to the eye. A keen reader could easily extract the meaning of the photos and diagrams.

Romilla Maraj
Trinidad

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Child-rearing articles

Thank you very much for providing the finest magazine in the world free of charge to millions every month. I especially appreciate the articles on the changing years and child rearing because they will be so valuable to readers who can follow this practical information and improve their lives even if they don't really grasp the spiritual truth of other articles.

Andrea Oxley
Kalamazoo, Mich.

According to your instructions I am sending you this letter to renew my subscription to your wonderful magazine. As a mother of a two-month-old baby, I am reading with real interest your articles about the children and the family. As a person interested in the world, I am amazed and enlightened to read your interesting articles about the world situation and how to read all about it in the Bible. Many thanks for the opportunity.

Clara Contreras
Dominican Republic

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Holladay, who served in the Pittsburgh, Pa., church, in his first wedding ceremony. Mr. Holladay now pastors the Wilkes-Barre and Bethlehem, Pa., churches. Mr. and Mrs. Becker have four children: Keenan, Allen Jr., Ruth and Albert. The Beckers reside in Lugoff, S.C., and attend the Columbia, S.C., church.

Thank you Cheryl Carewell for all the beautiful years we have shared.

To Bill and Joan Taylor: Congratulations on another milestone. Keep safe and well our dear friends. The Carewells.

Michael, Happy 8th anniversary June 29. Hope this day is as exciting as Mother's Day. We have only 45 years to go until we hit our golden. With God's Holy Spirit and His teachings we can do it. I love you very much! Your wife, Priscilla.

To two loving parents, Donald and Peggy (Gans) of Houston, Miss. Happy 25th anniversary June 22. Love you two very much. Billy and Patricia. James and Janet and grandchild Shana Allen.

Obituaries

WHANGAREI, New Zealand — Hilda Coyne, 93, a longtime member of the Church here, died May 7.

Mrs. Coyne is survived by three children, 10 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Rex Morgan, associate pastor of the Whangarei church.

ENDERBY, B.C. — James Campbell Eadie, 76, died April 26. Mr. Eadie was born in Scotland, but lived most of his life in Canada. He was baptized in December, 1983.

Mr. Eadie is survived by his wife, Helen, two daughters, four grandchildren, four sisters and two brothers. Funeral services were conducted by Rainer Salomon, pastor of the Kamloops and Salmon Arm, B.C., churches, in Salmon Arm.

GODERICH, Ont. — Grace Clutton, 47, died April 29 after a four-year battle with cancer. She was baptized in February, 1972, and attended the London, Ont., church.

Mrs. Clutton is survived by her husband, Dougall, a deacon; five children,

Valerie Van Hende, Brenda Knapp, Darrell, who is a senior at Pasadena Ambassador College, Lisa and Penny; and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted May 2 by Richard Wilding, pastor of the London and Sarnia, Ont., churches.

BULLHEAD CITY, Ariz. — Steve Prociw, 58, died April 1 of a heart attack here.

Mr. Prociw worked at Ambassador College in Big Sandy from 1964 until 1972. Survivors include his wife, Mary; two sons, Ernie of Bullhead City, a local church elder in the Kingman, Ariz., church, and Ron of Simi Valley, Calif.; six brothers; five sisters; and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted April 4 in Dickinson, N.D., by Gregory Albrecht, dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College.

NORFOLK, Va. — Mary Rachel Plummer, 57, a Church member since 1970, died April 23.

Mrs. Plummer is survived by her husband, Richard; and five daughters, Marlene DeBause, Cathy, Faye Jordan and Brenda Luke, all who attend the Norfolk church, and Pauletta Hall; and 12 grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted in Suffolk, Va., by Edward D. Faulk, pastor of the Norfolk church.

HURRICANE, W.Va. — George C. Reed, 88, died Nov. 22, 1984, at the Hurricane Rest Home in Hurricane, W.Va. He has been a Church member since 1960.

Graveside services were conducted at the Warfield Cemetery in Warfield, Ky., by Robert B. Hunt, a minister in the Pikeville, Ky., church.

PENNS GROVE, N.J. — Samuel F. Farney, 61, a member of the Church since 1976, died May 1 after a prolonged illness.

Mr. Farney is survived by his wife, Anna May; seven daughters; four sons; a sister, Gladys Moon, who attends the Fort Pierce, Fla., church; a brother, Josiah S. Jr., and family, who attend the Vineland, N.J., church; several other brothers and sisters; and 16 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by David Register, pastor of the Wilmington and Laurel, Del., churches.

VANPORT, Pa. — George H. McCartney, 78, died April 25 in his home after an apparent heart attack. Born Aug. 28, 1906, son of the late James and Bertha McCartney, Mr. McCartney was a retired employee of Armco Steel Corp.

Mr. McCartney was baptized in December, 1972. He died preparing for the Feast of Tabernacles. His wife, Margaret, who isn't a Church member, planned to attend the Feast with him, to drive him to services.

In addition to his wife he is survived by three sons, one daughter, 10 grandchildren and one sister.

Daniel Hall, associate pastor of the Pittsburgh, Beaver Valley and McKeesport, Pa., churches, conducted the funeral service. Interment was at Sylvania Hills Memorial Park in Rochester, Pa.

JOHNSTON, S.C. — Annie L. Mason, 67, died May 8 in Augusta, Ga., University Hospital. She was baptized in 1959, and attended the Augusta church.

Mrs. Mason is survived by one son and six daughters and their spouses. All six daughters are members of God's Church. She is also survived by four brothers; two sisters; 17 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted in Johnston May 12 by Carlos Nieto, associate pastor of the Columbia, S.C., and Augusta, Ga., churches.

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Kenneth S. Jensen, 65, died of a heart attack at his home April 13. Mr. Jensen is survived by his wife, Roma, and son Dana.

Funeral services were conducted by Thomas Ecker, pastor of the Vancouver, B.C., church.

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

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Local church elders from throughout the British Isles met for a conference at the regional office May 5 and 6 according to **Paul Suckling**, director of Ministerial Services here.

Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong**, who was in England for the annual board meeting of the Worldwide Church of God, spoke to the group May 5 about the start of the Church's work in Britain and his book, *Mystery of the Ages*.

Mr. Armstrong expressed his appreciation for the work done by the local church elders and thanked them for their loyalty and support.

Evangelist **Frank Brown**, regional director, said the conference provided instruction along the lines of the Ministerial Refreshing Program, which most local church elders not employed by the Church are unable to attend.

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PASADENA — The *World Tomorrow* telecast set a record for telephone response May 18 and 19 with 18,050 calls received, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

The program, *Mystery Babylon the Great*, topped the April 6 and 7 record of 17,585 calls when *The Plain Truth About Easter* was shown.

"When *Mystery Babylon the Great* was televised in May, 1984, it brought in 12,250 calls," Mr. Rice said. "At that time it was the third-highest WATS [Wide Area Telephone Service] response ever received."

"Prophetic programs have consistently pulled an above-average response," he added.

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MONTREAL, Que. — Evangelist **Dibar Apartian** arrived here May 23 to conduct a ministerial meeting for French-speaking ministers and speak at Sabbath and Pentecost services the weekend of May 25 and 26.

The evangelist is regional director of God's Church in French-speaking areas.

"I try to go to French Canada as often as possible — at least twice a year," he explained. "Our public Bible lectures are bearing fruit. We have 9 percent growth in Canadian French-speaking membership so far in 1985."

The Montreal A.M. and P.M., Quebec City, Sherbrooke and Trois-Rivieres, Que., churches combined for Pentecost services in the main auditorium at the University of Montreal. More than 820 brethren attended.

"It was a warm and moving experience," the evangelist said. "The Holy Day offerings there were up 35 percent, which shows you that the hearts of God's people in Quebec are certainly in the Church."

Mr. Apartian ordained **Bruno Leclerc** to preaching elder, Sabbath, May 25.

The evangelist returned to Pasadena May 28.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England — **Paul Suckling**, a pastor-rank minister here, and his wife, **Jane**, traveled to Jordan to conduct the Passover and spend the Days of Unleavened Bread with Ambassador College students working on Ambassador Foundation projects there.

While there, the Sucklings crossed into Israel to meet with **Raymond Clore**, a local church elder, and his wife, **Rhonda**.

After returning to England, Mr. Suckling left for the Middle East

April 17 to visit members and prospective members.

His first stop was Cyprus, where one member and three prospective members live. One of the prospective members came to Cyprus 10 years ago as a refugee from Lebanon. If he and his family have to return to Lebanon, they could be killed if they don't join in the fighting, Mr. Suckling said.

Next, Mr. Suckling went to Kuwait to visit a member, **A.J. Solomon**, who is an Indian national, and nine prospective members.

In Muslim countries the chief problem for members or prospective members is keeping the Sabbath. The Moslem day of rest is Friday, and Saturday is the first work day. Mr. Solomon trades shifts with other workers and works for a continuous period of 16 hours starting Saturday night.

From Kuwait, Mr. Suckling flew to the Sudanese capital of Khartoum to visit a prospective member. He is a native of Aswan, Egypt, but has lived in Khartoum for 25 years and works for the Sudanese government. He came into contact with *The Plain Truth* more than 20 years ago through *Reader's Digest*.

Mr. Suckling then flew north to Egypt to visit a Finnish woman who is married to an Egyptian.

Next Mr. Suckling visited a Serbo-Croatian man in Yugoslavia who became acquainted with *The Plain Truth* while studying archaeology in England. Finally, Mr. Suckling visited a student at the University of Marrakech in Morocco.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services released the following ordinations:

Bruno Leclerc, a local elder in the Val d'Or, Que., church, was ordained a preaching elder May 25.

Kim Wenzel, a local elder in the Bonnyville, Alta., and Lloydminster, Sask., churches, was ordained a preaching elder May 14.

Timothy Gruel of the Adelaide, Australia, church was ordained a local elder May 25.

Robert Kelly of the Gold Coast, Australia, church was ordained a local elder May 23.

Joel King, a ministerial trainee in the Vancouver, B.C., church, was ordained a local elder May 14.



FEAST FILM — A segment with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong greeting the Pasadena Young Ambassadors was videotaped May 29 for the 1986 Young Ambassadors Festival film. Mr. Armstrong invited the group to the campus Social Center that evening, where he played the piano for them. The Young Ambassadors, directed by Ross Jutsum, will continue rehearsals and videotaping through the month of June. (Photo by Mike Bedford)

Neil Becker, a deacon in the East London, South Africa, church, was ordained a local church elder May 11.

Edward Blake, a deacon in the Chicago, Ill., North church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services, May 26.

Ray Bloom, a deacon in the Chillicothe, Ohio, church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services May 26.

Dale Dakin, a deacon in the Sarasota, Fla., church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services May 26. He will serve in the Sarasota and Fort Myers, Fla., churches.

Ronald Fricke, a deacon in the Bismarck, N.D., church, was ordained a local elder at Pentecost services May 26.

Ray Jones, a deacon in the Somerset, Ky., church, was ordained a local church elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread April 6.

Malcolm Lee, of the Johannesburg, South Africa, Central church was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services May 26.

Merle May, a deacon in the Glendale, Calif., church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services May 26.

Robert Stewart, a deacon in the Augusta, Ga., church, was ordained a local church elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 6.

Raymond Walker of the Bradford, Hull and Sheffield, England, churches was ordained a local church elder May 4.

Mark Welch of the Grand Rap-

ids, Mich., church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services, May 26.

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

July 1, Grand Rapids, Mich.; July 2, Cadillac, Mich.; July 3, Midland, Mich.; July 4, Flint, Mich.; July 5, Lansing, Mich.; July 6, Detroit East and West and Ann Arbor, Mich., combined Sabbath services.

July 9, Findlay, Ohio; July 10, Toledo, Ohio; July 11, Cleveland, Ohio; July 12, Franklin and Erie, Pa.; July 13, Buffalo, N.Y., North and South, combined Sabbath services; July 15, Rochester, N.Y.; July 16, Syracuse, N.Y.

July 17, Corning, N.Y.; July 18, Binghamton, N.Y.; July 20, Bethlehem and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., combined Sabbath services; July 21, Harrisburg, Pa.; July 22, Huntingdon, Pa.; July 23, Johnstown, Pa.

July 24, Cumberland, Md.; July 25, Hagerstown, Md.; July 27, Washington, D.C., and Front Royal, Va., combined Sabbath services; July 28, Richmond, Va.; July 29, Norfolk, Va.; and July 30, Laurel, Del.

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PASADENA — The Ambassador Chamber Orchestra presented its first concert in a student forum in the Ambassador Auditorium May 2. The performance featured four

student soloists.

The first selection was *Concerto in D for Trumpets, Strings and Continuo* by Giuseppe Torelli, with freshman **Richard Gillis** on trumpet. Next was *Concertino for Flute and Orchestra, Opus No. 107 in D Major* by Cecile Chaminade, with freshman **Barbara Lee** on flute.

Junior **Bruno Gebarski** was soloist in a trombone concerto by **Georg Christoph Wagenseil**. The performance ended with the first movement of **Edvard Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor, Opus No. 16**, performed by freshman **Paul Heister**.

Mr. Schroeder said that the orchestra is composed of college students and other Church members, but for the performance was augmented with a few professional musicians "to fill out the string section."

The chamber orchestra performed *Beethoven's Ninth Symphony* Jan. 16 in the Ambassador Auditorium. "Based on that performance, the orchestra has been accepted as a legitimate community orchestra in Los Angeles [Calif.] with all benefits, under the name Ambassador Symphony Orchestra. We are one of the group, just like the Pasadena Chamber Orchestra or Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra."

"This means that the Musicians Trust Fund and the Musicians Union will provide financial assistance for the hiring of union musicians for graduations, forums, assemblies and other free concerts," Mr. Schroeder said. "In the past we have had to pay union wages."

counter-top newsstands in one or two supermarkets in the main town of Colonia.

Mr. Matthews also visited the only member in Saipan.

German-speaking area

Nine Ambassador College students arrived in May for the German Summer Program. Five students are on the office program, and the other four are on the family program.

Those on the office program will become familiar with work in the regional office in Bonn, West Germany, German culture and the language. Those on the family program will stay with a German-speaking family, assist in the church area and be exposed to the German language. The program helps develop potential employees for the Church's work in the German-speaking area.

The Netherlands

In March and April the Dutch Office offered the *Dutch Good News (het Goede Nieuws van de wereld van morgen)* to subscribers of the *Dutch Plain Truth (De Echte Waarheid)* who have renewed at least twice. More than 50 percent responded to the 10,478 letters, which boosted circulation from 854 to almost 6,000.



PASADENA — The Ministerial Education Program (MEP) conducted by evangelist **Dean Blackwell** in Baguio, Philippines, is a boost for Church members there.

The ministers spend three days a week in classes and return to their home areas to conduct services and counsel members and prospective members. They are passing on the excitement of the program in their sermons.

A strong earthquake jolted Baguio April 24. The ministers were awakened near midnight by the rumblings and shakings of the buildings. Only minor damage was done at the Teacher's Camp, where the classes meet.

At 9 the next morning a second quake, measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale, again shook Baguio and temporarily interrupted Mr. Blackwell's epistles class. Mr. Blackwell wondered if it might not be safer in

California, a state with frequent earthquakes.

Pacific visiting tour

In mid-March **Rodney Matthews**, Manila, Philippines, office manager, visited scattered members in the northwestern Pacific. He conducted a Bible study on Guam for seven people, including the only member God has called there.

(After Mr. Matthews left the area the Manila Office received additional visit requests from Guam, which indicates that *The World Tomorrow* with Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** is increasing *Plain Truth* circulation and effectively reaching residents there.)

Mr. Matthews continued on to Yap in the western Caroline Islands to visit **John Yugumang**, the only member there. While in Yap (population 8,000) he made plans to increase *Plain Truth* circulation by putting

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