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HWA attends UN conference, travels east to address brethren

By Aaron K. Dean

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong returned here July 1 after a trip to San Francisco, Calif., to participate in the 40th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations charter.

Mr. Armstrong also flew to Des Moines, Iowa, to take part in that congregation's 20th anniversary, and traveled to the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn.

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In San Francisco Mr. Armstrong met Javier Perez de Cuellar, secretary general of the United Nations, and several other UN ambassadors and international officials.

The trip began Sunday, June 23, with Mr. Armstrong leaving the Burbank, Calif., airport aboard the Church's G-III jet. Accompanying Mr. Armstrong were evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor; Dexter Faulkner, *Plain Truth* executive editor, and his wife, Shirley; Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, and his wife, Barbara; evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, and his wife, Gwen; Aaron Dean, a vice president of the foundation and personal aide to Mr. Armstrong, and his wife, Michelle; and Mr. Armstrong's nurse, Elaine Browne.

Mr. Armstrong, as editor in chief of *The Plain Truth*, covered the founding of the United Nations 40 years ago. He wanted the anniversary thoroughly covered, since many important UN officials were expected to attend. The Church's television crew flew to San Francisco earlier to obtain video footage.

The entourage landed at the San Francisco airport at 6 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), and drove to the Fairmont Hotel, where most of the anniversary activities took place.

The all-day plenary and panel sessions of the UN conference began the next morning, Monday, June 24. Plenary speakers included UN permanent representatives Ling Qing from China; Claude de Kemoularia of France; Vernon A. Walters from the United States; John Thomson from the United Kingdom; and deputy permanent representative Vsevolod Oleandrov from the Soviet Union.

Mr. Armstrong, as one of those present at the original conference, was seated at the head table. At the various functions he met and talked with many of the 131 diplomats representing 99 countries.

Many UN officials told the pastor general that they had seen him discuss world issues on the *World Tomorrow* program. This shows the importance of the stations airing the program in New York, N.Y., international headquarters of the UN.

Various ambassadors to the United Nations conducted panel sessions, each making a statement and then fielding questions from the audience. Panel topics included arms control, international peacekeeping, Third World economic development, international refugees and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The discussions were conducted to evaluate the performance of the United Nations in these areas during the past 40 years. All agreed that the United Nations has failed to accomplish the high hopes that initially charged the organization.

For example, the UN failed to prevent the "scourge of war," since more than 150 wars have been fought since 1945. The UN has fostered the success of the World Health Organization (WHO) and some other projects, but has not achieved lasting peace or prevented conflict.

Tuesday evening, June 25, Mr. Armstrong attended a dinner at the Four Seasons Clift Hotel given by the mayor of San Francisco, Dianne Feinstein.

During the exclusive dinner, with only 100 in attendance, the pastor general met with important international officials. He also renewed his friendship with Carlos Romulo of the Philippines. Gen. Romulo is one of four living signers of the UN charter. Harold Stassen from the United States and Charles Malik of Lebanon, also original signers, were at the dinner as well.

Wednesday morning, June 26, the official commemorative ceremonies took place. Mr. Armstrong and his group arrived at 10 a.m. at the Herbst Theater, where the charter was signed.

The stage was draped with the flags from the original 50 countries that signed the charter in 1945. After a presentation of newsreels from the 1940s that covered the signing, Boy Scouts marched down the aisles with more than 100 flags representing countries who had since joined the UN.

After an address by Mayor Feinstein recognizing the three original participants present, Paul Lusaka of Zambia, president of the UN General Assembly, spoke to the group. This was followed with an address by UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar.

After the ceremony ended at 11 a.m., the group returned to the Fairmont Hotel, where the mayor was host to a reception for special delegates to the conference.

There Mr. Armstrong met and talked with several UN ambassadors and officials. Secretary General Perez de Cuellar personally invited Mr. Armstrong to visit him at the UN headquarters in New York, as did Mr. Kemoularia, the permanent representative from France.

Mr. Armstrong also spoke with Nissanka Wijewardene, permanent representative to the UN from Sri Lanka, and Mr. Qing from China. The Ambassador Foundation sponsors projects in these countries.

All of these officials said they had



UN CONFERENCE — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong converses with Vernon A. Walters (left), permanent representative of the United States to the United Nations, and evangelist Ellis La Ravia (center), a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, June 25 in San Francisco, Calif. [Photo by Warren Watson]

seen Mr. Armstrong on the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

The 50 guests were taken to the Grand Ballroom for a private luncheon. Mr. Armstrong was again seated at the head table, next to the wife of the ambassador from the Soviet Union.

The secretary general asked the group to think that while the United Nations has not accomplished all of its goals, events probably would have been worse without it.

The unseen world problem

Afterward Mr. Armstrong interviewed Dr. Malik from Lebanon, one of the original signers, in the pastor general's hotel suite.

As the Church's television crew

recorded the interview, Dr. Malik said the problem with the Western world is that it has forgotten that there is a devil.

In the Middle East, he said, people still realize that a devil causes many of their problems. He went on to say that problems in the Middle East not only involve reclaiming national territories, but also the desire to control the minds of men.

The 30-minute interview is scheduled to be aired on *The World Tomorrow*.

That evening marked the final event, a black tie dinner in the Fairmont Hotel's banquet room. The head table guests were taken to a reception as they waited for other guests to be seated.

Mr. Oleandrov from the Soviet Union told Mr. Armstrong that the pastor general "was a little bit too hard on communist governments, but perhaps not as bad as some other religious preachers." He said that he had watched Mr. Armstrong on the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

He invited Mr. Armstrong to visit Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev in the Soviet Union, so the pastor general could see what it is like.

Mr. Armstrong also met with several other officials before being seated in the main dining room.

The special guest for the dinner was George Shultz, U.S. secretary of state. He addressed the group after the dinner, commenting on the situation with the American hostages in Lebanon, which had not been resolved at that time.

He traced how the United Nations had changed since 1945. Instead of a group of independent nations judging issues on their merits as originally intended, the United Nations has become a volatile body swayed by politics, he said.

Mr. Armstrong later commented on the apologetic tone of the conference — probably so because of the UN's inability to accomplish its goals.

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Treasurer makes report

By Leroy Neff

PASADENA — It seems that my monthly financial area reports this year have been continually changing up or down. May we were up; June we are down.

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

I hope this is not an indication that when the income report is good, the Church quits praying and cuts back on financial contributions. The needs are always great, and additional opportunities to preach the Gospel always seem to come.

Almost every issue of *The Worldwide News* tells of new opportunities that have just become available. Jesus said that the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

The income never seems to catch up with these needs. So please, brethren, always include a request

in your daily prayers that God will abundantly supply this need.

Before the May report was off the press, the income figures for the month of June compared to last June were way down, even negative for a while. They improved gradually throughout the month until we ended June with an increase of 6.2 percent. This brought our yearly increase down. For the first half of the year, it is 11.6 percent, which is below budget by 0.4 percent.

In the overall expense area, the departments collectively are doing well, even though some are unavoidably over budget, as I have mentioned. This means that our bank balances are about what they were projected to be. Unless there is a decided change in direction, we have passed our high point in these balances for this time of year, and they will probably be decreasing until the end of September.

If we all pray urgently for the finances, I am sure that following reports will be more encouraging.



HOMEcoming — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong stands near the site where he was born in Des Moines, Iowa. The area was converted into a park. [Photo by Aaron Dean]

America: soft touch for world terrorism

PASADENA — Eighty-one years ago, in the summer of 1904, an elderly American citizen, Ion Perdicaris, was kidnapped in Tangier, Morocco, on the northwest coast of Africa. The responsible party was well known: a brigand chieftain named Ahmed ben Mohammed Raisuli, an enemy of the sultan of Morocco.

At that time the Republican Party was having its convention in Chicago, Ill. U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt was nominated by acclamation. Putting politics aside, he dispatched an ultimatum to be delivered in Morocco and read to the convention: "Perdicaris alive, or Raisuli dead!"

Mr. Perdicaris was freed. It was a time when the United States was respected — and even a bit feared — in the world.

Journalist James J. Kilpatrick recalled this proud moment in U.S. history as the days dragged on in the efforts to secure the release of 40-some American hostages held captive in Beirut, Lebanon. (The last of the hostages of ill-fated Trans World Airlines [TWA] Flight 847 were released June 30.)

In calling for stern action to

resolve the crisis, Mr. Kilpatrick said that "there is but one way to deal with such terrorists. It is to apply the ancient law spelled out in Exodus 21:23. Let us match 'life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.'"

Mr. Kilpatrick could also have referred to verse 16, where the punishment for kidnapping is given — death!

The ordeal of TWA Flight 847 is now over. But because it was not resolved in the above manner, it is virtually certain that more terrorism, more hijackings and more suicide bombings will occur, with Americans the likely victims.

The latest incident must be seen in the light of past terrorist attacks. It happened because the United States did not respond to the 15 previous terrorist acts — bombings and kidnappings — by Shiites in Lebanon against American targets, beginning with the suicide bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut in April, 1983, and peaking with the deaths of 241 U.S. Marines in their blown-up barracks later that year. Simply put, Americans are fair

game — and have been since the followers of Ayatollah Khomeini stormed the U.S. Embassy in Iran in late 1979 and held embassy personnel captive for more than one year. That open act of warfare also

showing righteous indignation at such repeated assaults. Or have the millions of staged murders on television so sated the American public that the real thing no longer inspires revulsion?

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



went unpunished.

Each act unresponded to produces the groundwork for the next outrage.

Former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. said June 19 that "we knew" who was responsible for the bombing of the U.S. Embassy and Marine barracks, but that the U.S. government simply failed to coordinate an effective response to the assaults. After promising swift and sure retaliation, the matter was simply dropped.

One wonders whether anyone in the United States is capable of

Americans, wrote George Will in the June 21 *Los Angeles Times*, "are not nearly angry enough" over the latest outrage — especially over the cruel treatment administered to one unfortunate passenger aboard TWA Flight 847, Robert D. Stethem, a U.S. Navy man who was brutally beaten, killed with a shot



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Pray for the children

Notice God's admonition to parents: "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

"Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land. That the Lord swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth" (Deuteronomy 11:18-21, New International Version).

Obviously, God considers teaching your children about Him a vitally important parental responsibility. Family Bible study creates time for parents and children to spend together, building a stronger family relationship. Fellowshiping and studying the Bible with every one present is a positive force to offset the negative pressures society places on the family.

Teaching children about God

If a child is taught the proper way of life from the time he is young, he will not cast aside that training as he grows up (Proverbs 22:6). Family Bible studies provide opportunities for parents to teach their children about God.

Over the years my family has found it rewarding to discuss God's Word after a meal (whether during the week or after a Sabbath brunch). In this relaxed environment, many of today's problems and joys can be shared and lessons learned. All members of the family are encouraged to participate.

Several points should be remembered when educating younger children about their Maker. Especially emphasize to your children this overall principle: Obedience to God and His laws produces happiness and blessings. Disobedience and rebellion bring unhappiness and punishment.

By making sure your children understand that the only way to be

truly happy is by pleasing and glorifying God, you will develop their sense of morality.

Don't fictionalize the Bible

When you tell your children what the Bible says, make sure you tell them exactly what the Bible says. Don't fictionalize about biblical characters just to hold their interest. Give them a realistic, mature, serious view of God's Word.

It's better not to depend on storybooks about the Bible — use the Bible itself. Other sources, with the exception of the Church's own *Bible Story* and Youth Educational Services (YES) materials, are many times unscriptural and put false concepts about God and the Bible into children's minds. Nor do these other sources teach the true purpose of life. The authors ignore the subject because they don't understand it themselves.

Try to relate the Bible's lessons to everyday life. Examples can promote understanding, especially for younger children.

Set a regular time for teaching your children about the Bible, and stick to it. If family discussions are interesting, the children will look forward to Bible study time and thus gain a healthy attitude toward delving into God's Word.

Keep sessions short enough so your children don't get tired. Some parents have turned their children against God's Church by forcing them to endure long lecture periods.

As children mature into adolescents and teenagers, you can introduce them to more complicated concepts and encourage them to begin to study the Bible on their own.

Studying the Bible as a family group will strengthen the unit that physically pictures God's goal for the world tomorrow — billions of perfect, powerful, Spirit-born members of His own Family, enjoying endless happiness and achievement and ruling the universe.

Just one more thing about our children. As parents in God's Church we often are so involved in praying for pressing needs of the

work, family and job that we tend to forget those broader matters that need our prayers just as urgently.

From time to time we need to focus our prayers on long-term concerns and character qualities of our little children and teenagers. Christ certainly set us this example in Matthew 19:13.

Here are some key factors we ought to consider when praying for our children:

First of all picture your children five, 10 and 15 years from now. What are your hopes and desires for their future? Think positive. With this visual image in your mind you can pray with a sharper focus for them in several areas.

Pray for good strong character qualities in your children that can be built and expressed throughout their adult lives. Ask God to provide for situations and insights that will fashion these characteristics daily. Pray that they don't live accidental, but organized, godly lives.

Ask God to supply your sons and daughters with wisdom, skills and opportunities to build a productive fulfilling career life. Also pray for wisdom for yourself — to advise and encourage, not dictate. No matter what choice they make in years to come, ask that God's will be done. Pray that you and your mate's example in this area are the best.

Pray for your child's future spouse. As you pray avoid the human tendency of establishing in your mind an unrealistic image of the perfect spouse — an ideal your future in-law could never measure up to. Instead of praying for perfection, focus on praying for the process that will shape and mold your child's family-to-be. Again, ask God's hand to be involved in the selection. He answers this prayer of parents, I know.

In this degenerate age of disease and illness, pray for your children's health physically and mentally. Pray for the generations to come after you and your children. Pray especially that through your example God might call your children to conversion when and as He sees fit.

Pray for others' children, especially those preteens and teens who attend Church. They need our prayers because they are bombarded daily with peer pressure and Satan's devices to pull them away from God's truth.

As parents we should consider not so much what the child is today as what he or she may become tomorrow. Parenting is not easy. Work at it. Pray about your children. The rewards will be great. Please pray for them!

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



The troubled British

BOREHAMWOOD, England — There is no shortage of experts who believe that the British economy may finally be on the brink of collapse.

This is the conclusion although Britain may have the highest growth of any European country this year. Optimistic estimates run as high as 3½ to 4 percent.

But certain warning bells are clanging. Is a sudden downturn in prospect? Are serious economic ills on the horizon? Let's take a long-term view of the British economy.

First the warning bells. Comes a

disturbing report from David Smith in the June *Times* of London, "The government's North Sea oil revenues will be 2.5 billion pounds less than expected this year and a total of 6 billion pounds down by 1988, according to the stockbrokers Wood MacKenzie."

The *Financial Times* May 25 warned of "Economic ills in Prospect." Its daily editorial pointed out that "as Government Ministers are only too well aware, all is not well in the U.K. economy."

Unemployment, inflation and the money supply are showing disturbing signs of taking off at the same time. Inflation has just reached the 7 percent figure for the first time in 2½ years.

More serious is the long-term relative decline in the British economy. In *The British Economic Crisis*, Australian-born Keith Smith, an economics lecturer (professor), explains that "Britain's really poor economic performance over a long

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Tithing article

I'm writing to tell you that I appreciated very much your article on tithing in the May 13, 1985, issue, by Earl Williams.

I have not understood the importance they [tithes] have for the work, widow, fatherless and my family until now. You have opened my eyes to see how I can lay down my living for my friend and fellowman. Please continue to write and instruct us in God's laws.

Mr. and Mrs. Drayton Reese
Landover, Md.

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Haitian brethren

I've just finished reading the May 27, 1985, issue of *The Worldwide News*. I was particularly moved by the loyalty and dedication of the church in Haiti mentioned in the "International Desk" section.

They may be a small church, but they are a very vital part of the Church... The Haiti church is an example of faithfulness in extreme poverty to us here in the U.S.A.

Valerie Worley
Wichita, Kan.

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For the record

May I bring to your attention a slight error that appeared in the June 10 issue?

There, on the page 6, at the end of the column about Czechoslovakia, it is stated that Charles Bragg is one of the Europe's oldest, built in the 1500s. It is actually older than that... It was built during his [Charles IV] reign in the 1300s, not 1500s.

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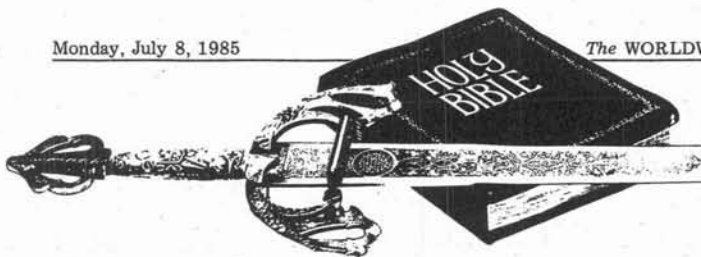
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Be aware of times we live in: What does it mean to watch?

By Larry J. Walker

"Watch ye therefore," said Jesus, "and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

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This is one of the many recorded warnings issued by Jesus Christ to "watch." What does it mean to watch? You need to know, since watching is a prerequisite for being ready to meet Christ at His return.

Watching to most people means looking at something, such as watching television. Therefore, since Bible prophecy describes specific events, we might assume that we must watch world conditions by keeping abreast of world news. Is this what Jesus meant? Important as that is, it is possible to dutifully observe world news and still not totally fulfill Christ's charge to watch.

Let's understand.

Christ's warning

The New Testament passages containing Jesus' admonitions to "watch" contain two different but related Greek words for "watch." In Luke 21:36 and Mark 13:33, the Greek word *agrupneo* literally refers to an absence of, or refraining from, sleep. The other Greek word, *gregoreo*, used in the other passages containing Christ's warning to watch, also means to stay awake.

When Jesus was about to be delivered to be crucified, He be-sought his disciples to "watch" with Him during His final few hours (Matthew 26:36-40). But when He returned from praying "he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, what could ye not watch with me one hour?" (verse 40).

Obviously, He wanted His disciples to keep Him company during His final hours. Instead, they fell asleep.

Jesus then issued a spiritual warning, using the same word *gregoreo* in a figurative sense: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation" (verse 41). Just as He wanted His disciples to stay awake with Him during His time of trial, He spoke of the need for them to stay awake spiritually during their times of trial.

In 1 Peter 5:8 the word *gregoreo* is translated "be vigilant," which better illustrates the meaning of the word as Christ used it. When Jesus warns us to "watch," He is telling

us that we must be spiritually awake and alert, watchful and vigilant.

This certainly includes being alert to the signs of the times by watching world news. More importantly, it is an attitude of being ready at all times for His return.

Jesus repeatedly warned that He would return at a time least expected by the world, and even by some of His own people who are not vigilant. In the parable of the 10 virgins (Matthew 25:1-13), the bridegroom came at midnight after all 10 virgins had retired for the night, thinking that he would surely not come until morning. The lesson



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of the parable is, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (verse 13).

We must be aware of the urgency of the times in which we live. We must "watch" — maintain our vigilance. The Bible reveals several specific ways we can stay ready for the events that are soon to strike this unsuspecting world. Here are some of them:

Watch world conditions

Since Bible prophecy reveals what to watch for, God's people are forewarned and should not be in the dark (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6). Jesus warned: "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things [the world conditions He enumerated earlier in the chapter], know that it is near, even at the doors" (Matthew 24:32-33).

But watching world conditions is not enough. Jesus went on to warn that no one knows the exact time of His return. Watching world conditions and correlating them with Bible prophecy is only the beginning of the process of spiritual vigilance.

Do God's work

Jesus went on to say: "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his

household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing" (verses 45 and 46).

We are God's servants, with the responsibility of giving food — spiritual food — to a spiritually starving world. Jesus Christ has commissioned His servants today to support the great end-time work of preaching the true Gospel of the Kingdom of God to all nations (Matthew 24:14) and to "feed the flock" (1 Peter 5:2) — prepare the members of God's Church to help Christ rule in the world tomorrow. "Blessed is that servant," said Jesus. "Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods" (Matthew 24:46-47).

By contrast, those who neglect God's work and revel in selfish pursuits contrary to God's law will be caught off guard and lose out on eternal life (verses 48-51).

Don't get wrapped up in this life
That leads to another point about

vigilance. In Luke's account of this same prophecy is Jesus' warning: "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day [of Christ's return] come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth" (Luke 21:34-35).

Why? Because they are wrapped up in the cares of life, distracted from recognizing the signs of the times, unable to see the lesson of the fig tree. Could this be true of you?

"Watch ye therefore," Jesus concluded, "and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (verse 36).

Be faithful in prayer

We must "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). We must be "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication" (Ephesians 6:18). We must be praying for all God's people and for His work.

Seek God's Kingdom

The very first thing Jesus taught

Teachers in world tomorrow are disciples of Christ today

By Rex Morgan

Do you know how many disciples Jesus Christ had?

Many people would say 12, but the answer is quite different. It may surprise you.

Notice John 6:66-67: "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?"

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Jesus had 12 chief disciples who adhered to Him faithfully over a long period, but He had many other disciples from time to time. Everyone who listened to Him and learned from Him was a disciple. The Greek word translated *disciple* throughout the New Testament is *mathetes*, which means, simply, "learner."

In the gospels and the book of Acts, the word *disciple* occurs some 271 times. More than 90 percent of these instances refer not necessarily just to the 12 disciples, but to the disciples in general.

In Acts 1:15 the entire group of 120 people still following Christ after His resurrection are called disciples. A little later, in Acts 6:1, we read that "the number of the disciples was multiplied." Acts 6:2 speaks of "the multitude of the disciples."

We are disciples

Acts 11:26 shows us an interesting point: "The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." So that's what God's people were called before they were known as Christians — they were simply called disciples.

We call ourselves *Christians*, and that is correct. But it's also true that

God's people are disciples. We of God's Church today are the modern-day disciples of Jesus Christ. We are the modern equivalents of those who, 1,954 years ago when Christ was on earth, gave up their former way of life and followed Him (Matthew 4:18-22).

Have you considered yourself a disciple of Jesus Christ? It's important that you do.

We should be learners, students, followers of the teachings of Jesus Christ — His disciples. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong frequently emphasizes that we need to



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be studying God's way of life and constantly learning and growing. II Peter 3:18 admonishes us to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We ought to know more about God's laws and His way of life now than we did a year ago, a month ago, a week ago — even a day ago. We should be studying our Bibles and growing in knowledge every day. We should be walking with Christ daily, learning and studying and growing.

Why we are learning

But why do we need to study, learn and be disciples?

His disciples to pray about in His model prayer is for the Kingdom of God to come (Matthew 6:9-10). The Kingdom of God must be the focal point of our existence (verse 33).

Seeking the Kingdom of God and His righteousness is the essence of vigilance. If this is your top priority of life, you will automatically be fulfilling the points in this article.

In Revelation 16:15, Jesus said: "Behold, I come as a thief [unexpectedly]. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

The Bible speaks of garments as a symbol of our conduct (Revelation 3:17-18). To "watch," then, is to make the Kingdom of God and our part in God's plan and work the very purpose and basis for everything we do in life. It is diligently seeking to please and serve God in every facet of our lives, in eager anticipation of the return of Jesus Christ to establish the Kingdom of God.

The Bible ends with Christ's promise, "Surely I am coming quickly" (Revelation 22:20, Revised Authorized Version). Are you watching? If so, you can say, along with the apostle John, "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

The final instruction Christ gave His disciples was, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matthew 28:19). This is something His followers have worked on ever since. Now, as never before, the Gospel is going out in power to all nations.

Many Bible prophecies have dual fulfillments. We generally think of this commission in the context of the way God's Church has proclaimed the message to the world in this age. But this commission has a future fulfillment, too!

In the Kingdom of God we — the true disciples of Christ — are going to be kings and priests (Revelation 5:10). As kings we will govern and rule. As priests we will teach people God's way (Leviticus 10:11, Deuteronomy 17:8-12, Malachi 2:7).

As disciples and students now, we are learning a way of life so that we can teach it in the future.

Do you see how the commission of Matthew 28:19-20 applies to us in the future, in the Kingdom of God? When Christ returns and sets up God's government on this earth, He will say to us, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

At that time the commission will be fulfilled in its ultimate extent. The people will listen, then. All nations will be taught God's way. The earth will be full of the knowledge of God, as the waters cover the sea (Isaiah 11:9).

Who will have the job of doing that teaching? The kings and priests of the world tomorrow will be those who now are faithful students, listening and learning and growing in knowledge as disciples of Jesus Christ.

If we are faithful disciples today, tomorrow we'll have the wonderful opportunity of teaching all the rest of humanity the incredible knowledge we are learning now.

Youth 85 tops 218,000

PASADENA — Youth 85 circulation topped the 218,000 mark for the August issue, highest in the magazine's five-year history.

According to Boyd Leeson, Youth 85 circulation manager, more than 17,000 new people subscribed to the magazine in June.

He said that about 8,000 subscriptions came when Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong offered

a free subscription to the magazine on the World Tomorrow program. "We also received about 4,000 new subscriptions from [Youth 85] magazines that circulate in high school and college libraries."

About 5,000 magazines are distributed each month on Plain Truth newsstands in Canada. U.S. newsstand distribution stands at about 2,000, Mr. Leeson said.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Bazaar, barbecue take place

June 2 was a day of work for HARARE, Zimbabwe, YOU members, who took part in a fund-raising effort at the annual Round Table Club Donkey Derby. Round Table, a service organization, rents out space to people raising money for worthy causes.

The Donkey Derby is a bazaar where novelties are sold, and brass bands, children's donkey races and police, air force and army exhibitions are featured.

YOU members were involved in a jumble sale stand, an air-rifle competition stand and soft drink distribution. The final tally totaled more than \$630. Part of the funds will go toward the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Zimbabwe.

May 18 and 19 BRISTOL, England, YOU members invited their

Gloucester, England, YOU counterparts to join in activities featuring a barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neale after Sabbath services May 18.

Sausages and beefburgers were cooked by Tim Bunting and Roland Clark and served to almost 50 YOU members and parents by Jane Cox, Heather Hull and Lisa Nichols.

Gloucester YOU members stayed overnight with Church members, then both sets of YOU members traveled to Weston-Super-Mare the next morning for tenpin bowling. Russell Gardner's score of 144 was the highest of the group.

After the games some YOU members strolled along the beach and took in some sea air.

Rolf G. Varga and David Cox.



JUMBLE SALE — Shoppers inspect goods at a Harare, Zimbabwe, YOU fund raiser June 2. YOU members also operated an air-rifle competition and sold soft drinks, partly to raise funds for the Summer Educational Program (SEP). [Photo by Rolf G. Varga]

Families share weekends

About 250 adults and 190 children participated in a three-day family weekend June 1 to 3 in AUCKLAND, New Zealand. "It was a great opportunity for the church to learn to be a family," said Peter Nathan, New Zealand regional director and Auckland pastor.

Brethren from Whangarei in the north to Rotorua in the south shared a Sabbath Bible study and services, a talent show and Mad Hatters party June 1 on Auckland's north shore.

The Saturday morning Bible study, conducted by Rex Morgan, Whangarei associate pastor, explained how God's Church is the family of God in embryo. The afternoon sermon by Mr. Nathan focused on hidden sin.

The evening meal preceded a talent show that offered comedy, music and songs. Activities June 2 opened with sideshows that tested the participants' coordination. Teams of four, mostly made up of families, scored points from a variety of games ranging from candle blowing to miniskittles.

After dinner a Mad Hatters party ended the day's activities. Monday, June 3, a public holiday, began with brunch served by the ministry, continued through midday with novelty olympics and finished at 1:30 p.m. with an afternoon tea.

GEELONG, Australia, brethren were on hand for a family social after Sabbath services May 18.

The evening began with a game to get everyone circulating. Each person had the name of a famous personality pinned to his or her

back, and had to guess the name by asking questions of other people. Susan Parigi won the contest.

Children took part in relay races and a game to bite a hanging apple. Another event was the blind-feeding-their-friend contest.

Church women prepared a dinner of soup and sandwiches, after which the group watched a talent show. Events included a mime of the song "I've Lost My Mummy" by Rolf Harris, a play written by two girls in YOU, a fife solo and a skit about a visit to the doctor.

A nightcap of tea, coffee and cake was then served. Theo Konings was (See FAMILIES, page 5)

Club graduates awarded certificates

WATERLOO, Iowa, Spokesman Club members conducted their final meeting of the year June 2 with their wives. It featured a wine-and-cheese-tasting, played host to by Steve Nutzman, pastor of the Davenport, Iowa City and Waterloo, Iowa, churches, and his wife, Melania.

The group then shared a dinner meeting, which included five speeches. Tom Grasmick, one of the

speakers, decided it was time to take his pregnant wife to the hospital. Before the evening was over, Eric Thomas Grasmick was born, weighing 7 pounds and measuring 20 inches.

After evaluations by Mr. Nutzman and Gene Zhorne, a local church elder in the Waterloo church, Bob Wise, Robert Yanda and Greg Johnson were presented their graduation certificates.

Five graduates were honored at the Spokesman Club graduation dinner for CHICAGO, Ill., SOUTHSIDE and WEST churches May 23 at the Condessa Del Mar restaurant. Those honored were vice president Larry Harrell, Doug Metz, Helmut Fraund, Steve Martini and Ken Swart Jr.

Ninety-seven brethren, including guests, previous graduates and club members, attended. The dinner included a champagne toast, wine, chicken with rice soup, salad, prime rib of beef, baked potatoes and ice cream sundaes.

After dinner club President Rich Meyers introduced officers and presented pastor and club director John Ritenbaugh with a book on the origin of English words. (Mr. Ritenbaugh now pastors the Hammond and Michigan City, Ind., churches.)

Certificates were awarded to the graduates, and a speaking program, consisting of 12 two-minute impromptu speeches, followed.

Mr. Ritenbaugh began by speaking about Chicago, and the speakers who followed related their speeches to the subject matter of the previous speaker. The evening concluded with Mr. Ritenbaugh addressing the group on maturity.

The Spokesman and Graduate Clubs of GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta., wound up their year with a formal dinner and dance May 5 at the Grande Prairie Golf and Country Club. More than 100 attended.

After a cocktail hour, Spokesman Club officers gave speeches on their duties, and selected graduates spoke on their roles in the club.

Pieter Michielsen, club director and pastor, presented graduation certificates to Robert Coutte and Rod Westfall. Gary Suecroft, Spokesman Club president, presented to Mr. Michielsen an engraved clock and a pen set.

When the business portion of the meeting was over, a buffet dinner of salads, hot vegetables, roast beef, chicken, beef ribs and dessert was served.

After dinner the group danced to the music of a band composed of Mr. and Mrs. Michielsen, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wagar, Herb Ellis and Fran Penner. During an intermission, brethren played a rendition of a television word game that was organized by Otto Kuipers and won by Brenda Kuipers.

Billy Winstead, the first graduate (See CLUB, page 6)

English church marks 10th anniversary

BRIGHTON, England, brethren celebrated the church's 10th anniversary with a special Sabbath May 11. Two services were separated by a lunch prepared by the women under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. John Tompsett. Wine and juices were served by the singles.

The church met in Lewes Town Hall, where the inaugural service took place May 3, 1975. Fewer than 40 attended the first service, of whom 25 were baptized. Today there are just less than 50 baptized members, and 80 attend regularly.

Frank Brown, regional director for the Church in Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East, his wife, Sharon, and daughters came for lunch, and

Mr. Brown spoke at afternoon services.

The theme of the day was growth. Stephen Spykerman, who was ordained a deacon in Brighton in 1980, gave the morning sermonette and made it clear that all human activity ceases at death.

John Meakin, pastor of the Brighton, Croydon and Maidstone, England, churches, gave the morning sermon on the positive benefits of fasting and its effect on growing in Christian character.

The afternoon sermonette by Keith Hartrick, emphasizing the need to mature spiritually, was followed by Mr. Brown's sermon expounding II Peter 3:18 — the need to grow in grace and knowledge.

Brethren then shared a light tea,

and Mr. Brown cut an anniversary cake. Messages were read from Arthur Suckling, a preaching elder and Pasadena Ambassador College instructor, and David House, pastor of the Channel Isles, Southampton, Reading and Godalming, England, churches, both former pastors of the Brighton church.

A booklet detailing highlights of the past 10 years was handed out. A feature of the day was an exhibit of photos taken at various church activities over the past decade. Marion Oram and Joan Munro provided floral displays and decorated plaques for the hall. Keith Hartrick.

Children participate in activity

The PASADENA Imperial A.M. church's singles and young marrieds club sponsored a children's night June 9 at the Imperial School gymnasium.

Sixty-two children ages 3 to 12 took part in sports, music, games, arts and crafts and Bible games. The children were separated into age groups.

Singles and young married couples served as group and activity leaders and served refreshments.

After the age groups were rotated through the five types of activities, the children gathered to sing "It's a Small World" and "It Won't Be Long Now" to their parents, who had arrived to pick them up.

After the songs, each child was given a certificate by his or her group leader that recognized successful participation in the children's night. Steve Golden.



CHILDREN'S EVENT — Singles and young married couples in the Pasadena Imperial A.M. church are hosts to a children's night June 9 in the Imperial Schools gymnasium for 62 children ages 3 to 12.

Club

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of the **ROCKY MOUNT, N.C.**, Spokesman Club, received his diploma June 2 at a meeting conducted at the North Carolina State University faculty club in Raleigh. Mr. Winstead was the only one to graduate at the meeting, which included the Rocky Mount club, the Raleigh Graduate Club and Raleigh's two Spokesman Clubs.

About 165 shared a buffet and danced to a five-piece band. Ralph Hollyfield and Roscoe Little presented tabletopics.

The speakers were Mr. Winstead, Willie Evans, Ron Mitchell

and Jack Toffton. They were evaluated by deacons Neal Brantley, Ted Carter, Roger O'Quinn and Dan Summers. Toastmaster was Jack Williford.

AMARILLO, Tex., Spokesman Club members concluded the 1984-85 club year May 18 with a banquet at the Camelot Inn. Eighty-eight members, graduates and guests were present.

Club director and pastor James O'Brien ended the evening by naming new officers and presenting graduation certificates to Dary Perkins and Richard Short.

Connie Zhorne, John Obenland, Wes and Fran Penner, Harlan Brown and Vicky Davis.

Canadian brethren bid pastor farewell

About 400 brethren from the Hamilton and St. Catharines, Ont., churches and guests from surrounding areas attended combined Sabbath services in **HAMILTON** May 18. Pastor Anthony Wasilkoff gave his farewell sermon, before moving to pastor the Kelowna and Penticton, B.C., churches.

Mr. Wasilkoff began serving in the Canadian ministry in 1972 in Hamilton. After being transferred to the Kitchener, Ont., church for five years, Mr. Wasilkoff returned to the Hamilton area in 1978.

Daniel Fuller, assistant pastor of

the Hamilton church, will serve the two churches until Gary King transfers into the area from Sault St. Marie, Ont.

Special Sabbath music was performed by Pat Roberts, flute, and Virginia Almas, piano. They played a selection titled "Memories."

In his sermon Mr. Wasilkoff spoke on how relocation affects families, trying to find a home and various types of good-byes. He zeroed in on what a realistic Christian farewell should be, saying that a commandment keeper goes above what is required, asks according to God's will and prepares for the unexpected.

Instead of saying good-bye, Mr.

Wasilkoff quoted the apostle Paul's farewell in II Corinthians 13:11 and added, "Here's to seeing you in the Kingdom of God, when good-byes will be a thing of the past."

After services the Wasilkoffs were presented with gifts and cut a cake lettered with "Sharing you makes parting easier — we love you."

Hamilton and St. Catharines brethren are making a friendship quilt composed of flower petals, each containing a name. Matching pillows were presented to the Wasilkoffs at services, and the quilt will be sent after its completion. *Edward R. Martin.*

Youths take part in district weekends

ROCKHAMPTON, Australia, brethren were hosts to five churches in central Queensland for a district weekend beginning May 3.

The next morning brethren from Mackay, Maryborough, Gympie, Bundaberg and Clermont attended Bible studies by Mark Gully, pastor of the Bundaberg, Maryborough and Gympie churches, and Orest Solyma, pastor of the Rockhampton, Mackay, Clermont, Malanda, Cairns and Townsville, Australia, churches. The ministers spoke on dating and preparing for the future.

After a potluck Sabbath services began at 2 p.m., with split sermons. Mr. Gully spoke on the need for young people to have mental toughness, a real sense of purpose and strong resolve. Mr. Solyma addressed brethren about the need to esteem and respect one another.

After services 157 members and children gathered for another potluck, which preceded a talent show. YOU members performed most acts, including instrumental and vocal selections and recitations. A recitation, titled "Albert and the Lion," was presented by Mr. Gully's wife, Gillian.

Sunday morning, May 5, brethren took part in track and field, volleyball, soccer and touch football. Later three lambs were roasted on spits and combined with salad for dinner. Dancing took place that evening. Monday the group returned home.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, WEST brethren were hosts May 19 for a YOU district track meet. The event took place at Midview School in Grafton, Ohio, with pastor Tracey Rogers coordinating. Temperatures were in the 60s Fahrenheit (16 to 20 degrees Celsius).

Nine church areas with 178 participants were directed by Vernon Hargrove, pastor of the Columbus, Ohio, A.M. and P.M. churches.

Seventeen records were broken, and Toledo, Ohio, took first with 445 points and 23 first-place finish-

ers. Columbus A.M. was second with 281 points, and Cleveland West was third with 196.

"Springtime in May" was the theme for the YOU district spring dance in **ST. LOUIS, Mo.**, May 18. Music was provided by the St. Louis church band, directed by YOU member Michael Barnes, who also wrote special music for the dance.

Band members are Jim Nelson, Rick Howell and Ron Lewis and YOU members Marcus Adkins and Rodney Rodgers. Vocal solos were performed by Elizabeth Griffith and YOU member Jonathan Thomas, with lead vocals by Dave Goodwin.

Food was served on sterling silver trays in a candlelit atmosphere. Jan Maddox arranged candelabras and floral arrangements.

The annual district track meet took place the following morning, with YOU members from St. Louis, Rolla, Lake of the Ozarks and Columbia, Mo.; Belleville and Champaign, Ill.; and Evansville, Ind.; participating.

Joe Dobson, pastor of the Rolla and Lake of the Ozarks churches, is district coordinator. Ronald Washington, associate pastor of the St. Louis A.M. and P.M. churches, handled events and activities for the day. Lake of the Ozarks came away with the most points at the end of the day.

Bryan Mackie, Renee Williams and Rory Reis.

Clubs conduct special events

May 19 dawned with sunshine and clear skies at the annual combined **EVANSVILLE, Ind.**, and **MADISONVILLE, Ky.**, Spokesman Club cookout. The Spokesmen, with wives and dates, gathered at the Madisonville City Park amphitheater at 10 a.m.

Virgil Harper led a tabletopics session, and speakers were later introduced by toastmaster Wayne Benningfield. Eric Evans of Madisonville was overall president, and Frederick Bailey, pastor of the two churches, was overall evaluator.

Members of the **LAS VEGAS, Nev.**, and **KINGMAN, Ariz.**, Spokesman Clubs entertained their wives at a meeting May 14. After vocal exercises by Ken Tiffany, Frank Abercrombie led tabletopics.

Deacon Frank Proa introduced impromptu speakers Rafael Soto, who described the challenge of raising a handicapped child, and Fred Doriot for a speech titled "The House That Fred Built," which explained hows and whys of home design.

Other speakers were Julius Walker, who gave a No. 3 speech titled "How to Prepare a Speech," and John Mayes, whose No. 7 speech discussed phases of growing up.

Evaluators were Jerry Kuipers, Matt Turner, Mr. Abercrombie and Lyndon Graves. Cleo Dawson,

a Las Vegas local church elder, evaluated the first half of the meeting, and Ernest Prociw, a Kingman local church elder, evaluated the second portion.

Pastor Bernard Schnippert closed the evening with a talk titled "Never, Never, Never Give In."

Spokesman and Graduate clubs of **FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**, and **FLORENCE, S.C.**, concluded the year with their annual gala June 2. Members and guests met in a formal atmosphere at the Ramada Inn in Lumberton, N.C.

David Cleary of Fayetteville was president for the first half of the meeting, and Charles Edwards of Florence presided over the second half. Ed Wrench was topicsmaster, and Michael Hewell was toastmaster.

Speakers and topics were: Larry Lugo, concentration; John Robertson, Benjamin Franklin, a man of capacity; Briscoe Ellett, the teaching of work; Henry Hansard, a review of the book *Bums*; and Guy Bianco, "Shine, Shine, Shine."

Winston Davis gave the Most Helpful Evaluation; the Most Improved Speaker was Mr. Lugo; and Mr. Ellett gave the Most Effective Speech. Mr. Hewell of Florence graduated.

Dorothy Webb, Lyndon B. Graves and Michael W. Hewell.

Families

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announced as the winner of a jar of candy after correctly guessing the number of pieces in the jar.

BALLARAT, BENDIGO and MOUNT GAMBIER, Australia, brethren attended a ball at Ballarat's White House Restaurant June 1.

A four-piece band from Melbourne, Australia, kept the evening swinging, in addition to a three-course meal and spot entertainment.

Frank and Diana Day celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary, having been married June 1 in the same building. About 150 joined them in the Anniversary Waltz.

Gary Dixon, Heather Alter and Karl Karlov.

MAJOR RESCUES SUSIE

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

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"Stop it!" Susie wailed. "You're ripping my blouse, Major. Let go of me!"

Reaching down, Jim caught hold of his sister's elbow and pulled her to her feet. She climbed out dripping onto the muddy bank. "Major was trying to rescue you," Jim said, chuckling.

"I didn't need to be rescued," Susie said indignantly.

Major shook the water from his coat vigorously. Jim and Harry backed off with whoops of laughter.

"I've never seen anything so funny!" Harry said.

Susie was not amused. "It's not funny. Take that naughty raft back to your house, Harry. See the trouble you got me into?"

"It's not my fault you couldn't balance it," Harry said.

"Never mind all that, Susie," Jim broke in. "You ought to go to the house and change your clothes."

"But Grandmother will ask me how I got wet and how my sleeve got torn, and I'll have to tell her I tried to get on Harry's raft. And she won't like that. I'm not supposed to get on a raft or a boat without Grandfather along."



Artwork by Judith DeVries

"I guess you'll have to face the music," Jim said. "Hundreds of times Grandfather has told us that our sins will always find us out." Susie started to snifle and Jim's face softened. "Why don't you go over there and sit in the sun? You'll dry off in no time and you'll feel better."

Susie found a sunny patch of grass nearby and she and Major sat down. She stroked Major's back and he leaned his chin on his paws and closed his eyes with a little sigh.

Jim and Harry turned their attention back to the raft. They watched the current swinging it to and fro, pulling at the rope that held it fast.

"Where'd you get the logs to make it?" Jim asked, admiring the raft in spite of its danger.

"The neighbors upstream are clearing out stuff that caught under their bridge," Harry said. "I saw some logs floating past and that gave me the idea to rope enough together to make a raft."

"There comes a nice hunk of log now! Jim exclaimed. "Let's see if we can haul it in."

Harry grabbed up his long pole. Jim found a long stick in the underbrush along the bank. Poised and ready for the mammoth piece of wood as it came, they began to poke at it as it swept past downstream.

One strong blow from Harry's pole made it swirl, change course and veer toward his raft.

"Hey! Hey!" shouted Harry. "Stop!" The wood struck his raft a jarring blow, swirled away and glided off downstream.

Jim and Harry watched in surprise as half of the logs of Harry's raft went gliding along after it. When it was all out of sight around a bend in the creek, Harry tossed his pole into the creek. It floated away. Bending down, he untied the remains of the raft. It too glided away, dipping and swirling.

Neither boy spoke.

Susie and Major had watched from their position up on the pasture. They walked to the edge of the bank. "I guess that's the end of your old raft," Susie chirruped to Harry.

"I can make another one any old day I want to," Harry replied with a shrug of feigned indifference. He plodded up the sloping bank. "Well, I guess I'll be going home. I'll take a short cut up by your barn if you don't mind."

"We'll walk with you," Jim offered. "And maybe Grandmother's bread will be out of the oven. And her whole-wheat cinnamon rolls, too. They're delicious. Even Major likes them, don't you Major?"

"Woorff!" Trotting on ahead, tail waving like a flag, Major led the way toward the house. He was smiling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG, Bruce and Philippa (Moss), of Vancouver, B.C., girl, Robyn Elaine, May 26, 3:11 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

BIRMINGHAM, Tom and Lori (Lund), of San Jose, Calif., boy, Daniel Robert, May 15, 4:51 a.m., 10 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

BRUHL, Bill and Suzy (Fulmer), of Johnstown, Pa., boy, Jonathan David, May 19, 5:30 a.m., 6 pounds 11½ ounces, first child.

BUEHLER-BITTON, Kurt and Laurette, Villars Sur Glane, Switzerland, girl, Avigail-Michèle, June 2, 10:35 a.m., 3.85 kilograms, now 2 girls.

CARTER, James and Mardette (Threata), of Frankfort, Ky., girl, Elsha Danielle, May 23, 3:10 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CURTIS, Jon and Barbara (Lemmon), of Pasadena, boy, Jonathan David, June 5, 5:03 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

DRAMITZKE, Donald and Linda (Bell), of Sarnia, Ont., girl, Amy Louise, June 4, 10:07 a.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

EASTWOOD, Graeme and Julie (Druce), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Raffaele Lee, May 6, 8 a.m., 3 pounds 2½ ounces, first child.

ELIS, Bruce and Kathy (Ward), of Cleveland, Ohio, girl, Tina Marie, June 10, 4:57 a.m., 5 pounds 11 ounces, now 5 girls.

FAGERSTROM, Steve and Sherry (Bardahl), of Minneapolis, Minn., boy, John Michael, May 23, 10:26 p.m., 3 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

FAYE, Albin and Shirley (Wasyuk), of Wishart, Sask., boy, Colin Patrick, May 15, 10:26 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

FOUSE, Doyle and Elizabeth (Langner), of Bellflower, Calif., girl, Patricia Brittany Elisabeth, June 10, 3 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

GARDNER, Andrew and Kathy (Watts), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Shane Benjamin, May 27, 7:28 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys.

GIBSON, Michael and Katrene (Wich), of Brisbane, Australia, girl, Charissa Irene, May 14, 12:10 p.m., 8 pounds 4½ ounces, first child.

GILCHRIST, Glen and Diane (Grede), of Milwaukee, Wis., boy, Kyle Lachlan, April 21, 9:13 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GRASMOCK, Thomas and Deana (Halvorsen), of Waterloo, Iowa, boy, Eric Thomas, June 2, 9:28 p.m., 7 pounds 1½ ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

GUTJAHR, Don and Julie (Hopkins), of Austin, Tex., girl, Debra Marie, June 2, 7:10 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

HEYKOOP, Hank and Donna (Phelps), of St. Catharines, Ont., girl, Katherine Marie, May 27, 3:06 p.m., 10 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HUGHES, John and Mary Beth (Sacks), of Bethlehem, Pa., boy, Ian Matthew, June 4, 2:20 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JAEGER, Scott and Michelle (Carlie), of Mellen, Wis., girl, Stefanie Jo, May 18, 5:23 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

KLING, Albert and Tina (Beane), of Big Sandy, girl, Jessica Nicole, June 8, 10:19 p.m., 9 pounds, first child.

KOCH, Dyle and Julie (Vasseur), of Pasadena, girl, Meghan Beth, June 15, 10:47 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MAYSTRUCK, Gary and Bonnie (Purdy), of Regina, Sask., boy, Jeffrey Dean, June 2, 4:31 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

MCHESENEY, Dale and Bev (Birdwell), of Big Sandy, boy, Earlan Michael, May 1, 5:30 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MCQUINE, Barron and Miriam (Foreman), of Atlanta, Ga., boy, Barron Jerome, March 23, 5:20 a.m., 3 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

MCDONALD, Michael and Ramona (Brandt), of Ansey, Neb., girl, Deborah Ann, Feb. 26, 12:51 p.m., 7 pounds 1½ ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

MCGOVERN, Frank and Debra (Lee), of Washington, D.C., girl, Caitlin Marie, June 1, 11:16 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MCSPARROCK, Kevin and Leah (Tracey), of Buffalo, N.Y., boy, Michael Patrick, April 26, 12:36 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

MIDDLETON, Andy and Natalie (Schaffner), of Joplin, Mo., girl, KaSondra Jean, May 17, 2:35 a.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

MSLAK, James and Janice (Thompson), of Springfield, Mass., girl, Andrea Christine, June 12, 3:53 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

ODER, Elmer and Diana (Richey), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Kimberly Crystal, May 2, 10:58 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

PARKER, John and Anne (Pilkington), of Washington, D.C., girl, Alyssa Victoria, June 6, 5:40 p.m., 5 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

POPOVICH, John and Harriet (Ford), of Johnstown, Pa., girl, Jessica Renee, June 10, 12:50 p.m., 9 pounds 3½ ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

REYER, Daniel and Sharon (Pied), of Hattiesburg, Miss., girl, Ashley Joy, May 21, 7:02 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 5 girls.

RODGERS, Robert and Lorraine (Rapp), of Macon, Ga., girl, India Nicole, May 21, 8:43 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ROEMER, Charles and Janice (Burgess), of Pasadena, boy, Charles Leland, June 16, 11:32 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

ROGERS, Stanley and Lisa (Conzatti), of Springfield, Mass., girl, Rachel Amariah, May 22, 5:59 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

ROLL, Bill and Judith (Sprague), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Amy Sheree, June 8, 3 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls, 2 girls.

SASH, John and Debbie (Mayhew), of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., girl, Laura JoAnn, May 29, 12:16 a.m., 8 pounds 1½ ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SCHNEIDER, Neil and Debra (Watt), of Lake Moograh, Australia, girl, Melissa Louise Mary, May 5, 10 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

SHEPHERD, Mike and Judy (Allen), of Paintsville, Ky., boy, Brian Scott, May 17, 7 pounds 6½ ounces, now 2 boys.

SPITELL, Rick and Carol, of Chicago, Ill., girl, Jessica Lynn, May 23, 9:52 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 girls.

SROKA, Thomas and Victoria (Hallar), of Hammond, Ind., girl, Helen Elizabeth, May 7, 5:18 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

STANDING, Colin and Linda (Lowery), of Melbourne,

Australia, boy, John William, March 26, 7:57 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

STRAYER, Norman T. and Kay M. (O'Brien), of Wausau, Wis., girl, Tiffanie Lynn, May 17, 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

TAYLOR, George and Melody (Dort), of Big Sandy, girl, Hannah Francine, Feb. 26, 1:30 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

TORRANCE, David and Kathleen (Richer), of Baton Rouge, La., girl, Elizabeth Janet, May 30, 4:30 a.m., 7 pounds 11½ ounces, first child.

WALKER, David and Linda (Stephens), of Big Sandy, boy, Anthony Austin, June 10, 11:30 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

WANN, Joe and Janet (Isgrig), of St. Louis, Mo., boy, Jacob Dale, April 16, 4:12 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WARF, Gregory and Carolyn (Thomas), of Washington, D.C., girl, Christina Juliana, June 9, 10:09 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

WELLS, Mark E. and Cathy (Kidd), of Paintsville, Ky., boy, Mark Edward, Nov. 29, 1984, 10 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

WHITELY, Steve and Francis (Crikovich), of Calgary, Alta., girl, Reagan Victoria, June 13, 3:30 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Huddleston of the Lakeland, Fla., church are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Trina Gayle to Rafael Ramon II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Ramon Jr., of the Cedarwater, Mich., church. A Sept. 22 wedding in Sarasota, Fla., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Sowell of Tampa, Fla., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Brenda to Mark David Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Cohen of Columbus, Ohio. A Sept. 1 wedding is planned in Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Harris of Union, Ore., are pleased to announce the engagement of their son James Wesley to Rebecca Lee Johnson, daughter of Iden Johnson of Grinnell, Iowa, and Pat Johnson of Kennewick, Wash. An Aug. 4 wedding in Richland, Wash., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Donna Jean Strickland to Robert Scott Stodola of Pasadena. An Aug. 18 wedding on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brau of Tacoma, Wash., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jacqueline Renee to Wayne Conroy Pate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Pate of San Mateo, Calif. A Sept. 14 wedding in Tacoma is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Smith of Cowra, Australia, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Lee-Ann to Gavin Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan of Gloucester, Australia. A Sept. 29 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hoehn of Meadow Lake, Sask., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lois Bernice to James William Ridgway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick William Ridgway of Saskatoon, Sask. Mr. Ridgway is a 1985 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate. An Aug. 4 wedding in Saskatoon is planned.

Joyce L. Hitch of Pasadena is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Cheryl to Charles B. Wakefield, a 1985 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate and son of Ona Wakefield of Coatesville, Tex. A July 3 wedding on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus is planned.

Alfred Doe Abiordepey and Hannah Sogbo are pleased to announce their engagement. A September wedding in Accra, Ghana, is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. ROD DEVRIES
Judith Ellen Docken, daughter of Arthur and Marie Docken of Napa, Calif., and Rod Miles DeVries of Lethbridge, Alta., were united in marriage May 19 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father. The bride and groom are 1985 Pasadena Ambassador College graduates and reside in Prince George, B.C.



MR. AND MRS. TOM LEMIRE
Stacey Young of Malden, Mass., and Tom Lemire of Stacey, N.H., were united in marriage April 21. The ceremony was performed by Jim Franks, pastor of the Boston, Mass., and Providence, R.I., churches. The mother of honor was Pam Wilson, and the best man was Bob Kelley. The couple reside in Salem.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN FLORES II
Julie Park, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Park, and John Flores II, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Flores, were united in marriage April 29 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The ceremony was performed by Don Lawson, pastor of the Salt Lake City church. Mother of honor was Michele Koncar, sister of the bride, and the best man was Mark Flores, brother of the groom. The couple reside in the Salt Lake City area.



MR. AND MRS. JASON GORDON
Jason Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gordon, and Debby Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harbert Anderson, were married June 2 in Duluth, Minn. William Gordon, father of the groom and pastor of the Duluth and Grand Rapids, Minn., churches, conducted the ceremony. The couple reside in Dallas, Tex.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MYERS JR.
Robert Charles Myers Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers Sr. of Tulsa, Okla., and Esther Denise Roller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roller of Tulsa, were united in marriage May 4 at the New Life Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Pastor of the Tulsa church, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in Owasso, Okla.



MR. AND MRS. STEVEN TREMBLE
Dena Ray Roller and Steven Jared Tremble were united in marriage Sept. 30, 1984. The ceremony was performed by Donald Mason, pastor of the Tulsa, Okla., church. The couple reside in Glenpool, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne T. Mullins of Greensboro, N.C., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Patricia Lorraine to William Keenan Ritchie. The wedding was performed May 19 by Daniel Orban, pastor of the Charlotte, N.C., church. Patricia is a 1982 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate. The couple attend the Charlotte church.

Kathryn L. Du Bois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Du Bois of Carson City, Nev., and Marc "Max" Gunkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gunkel of Phoenix, Ariz., were united in marriage Aug. 24, 1984, in Morroville, Calif. The ceremony was performed by Curtis May, associate pastor of the Pasadena Imperial A.M. church. The attendants were Jacqueline and Joshua Du Bois of Newberg, Ore. The couple reside in the Pasadena area.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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MR. AND MRS. DONALD MARTIN
Jeanne Cook and Donald Ray Martin were married March 9, 1984, at the New Life Center in Tulsa, Okla. Donald Mason, pastor of the Tulsa church, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in Coweta, Okla.



MR. AND MRS. BARRY SCALF
Elva K. Richey and Barry W. Scalf were united in marriage in Tulsa, Okla., March 30. The ceremony was performed by Donald Mason, pastor of the Tulsa church. Janine Tremble, daughter of the bride, was the bridesmaid. Robby Vice was the best man. The couple reside in Tulsa.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HENDRICKS
Shirley Jeane Jackson and William Alan Hendricks Jr. were united in marriage Dec. 29, 1984. The wedding was performed by Donald Mason, pastor of the Tulsa, Okla., church. The couple reside in Tulsa.



MR. AND MRS. GRANT GIBSON
Grant Gibson and Arlene Schley were married March 7 in Tulsa, Okla. The ceremony was conducted by Donald Mason, pastor of the Tulsa church. The couple reside in Tulsa.

ANNIVERSARIES

To Billy and Reba Irwin: Happy anniversary, July 26, to our parents. With our love to you on this special day. Rita, Kay and Gail.



MR. AND MRS. FRED HERST
Happy 30th wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herst of the Belfast, Northern Ireland, church. Although the miles separate us, we want to wish you a wonderful day July 9. We look forward to the day we can all be together again. God bless you both. We love you! Your children and grandchildren, Jim, Sandra, Hani, Evelina, Wouter, David, Debbie, Paul, Carolyn, Jamie, Adly, Suzi and little David.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM BARGAR
Mr. and Mrs. William L. Bargar of the Baltimore, Md., church celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary (See ANNOUNCEMENTS, page 7)

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June 7. The Bargar family has three sons, two daughters (both baptized members who attend the Baltimore church), six grandsons, six granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. Mrs. Bargar was baptized in 1961, and Mr. Bargar was baptized in 1962 by Guy Engelbart, now pastor of the Cleveland, Ohio, East church. Mr. and Mrs. Bargar are original members in Baltimore, and were present for the Baltimore church's 20th anniversary celebration March 9.

Alton Billingsley, pastor of the Baton Rouge and Lafayette, La., churches, and Madeline, his wife: Happy 30th wedding anniversary June 25. We are looking forward to another 25 happy years. Your ever-loving children, Tim and Jill.

To Dad and Mom, Edward and Alice Heine: Congratulations on your 25th anniversary June 25. We are looking forward to another 25 happy years. Your ever-loving children, Tim and Jill.

Weddings Made of Gold

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — Donald and Verna Kite celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 2 at a luncheon buffet given by their children at the Country Manor. Brethren, relatives and other friends were present.



MR. AND MRS. DONALD KITE

Mr. Kite was baptized in August, 1971, and Mrs. Kite was baptized in March, 1972.

The couple have a daughter, Ruth

Munnell, who attends the Youngstown church, a son David and three grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Kite were married May 31, 1935.



MR. AND MRS. WARREN WILSON

BISMARCK, N.D. — Warren and Eva Wilson's 60th anniversary was March 26.

British

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historical period... now has the dimensions of a genuine crisis" (page 13, Penguin Books).

Oil miracle

For decades the British economy has been based on foreign trade and international economic relationships with manufacturing occupying a key role. And since the mid '60s, Britain has been deindustrializing. The consequences could have already been catastrophic except for

North Sea oil.

Continues Mr. Smith: "Only the fortuitous emergence of North Sea oil has enabled Britain to continue as though nothing has happened. When oil output declines, as it will in the very near future, Britain will face desperate economic problems" (page 13).

Author Anthony Sampson expressed the problem in another way in *Newsweek* June 17: "In Britain we are using our huge oil revenues to pay for the welfare state. [Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's welfare] reforms don't begin to grapple with the real problem which is: what

do you do when the oil runs out?"

Softheaded Uncle Sam

The long and sickening trail of unresponsiveness to terrorism shows how soft American society has become. A culture that tries to "understand" criminals and only slaps them on the wrist for their acts can't stand up to international criminal elements either.

I picked up a new book titled *The German Wars*, a work dealing primarily with the 1914 to 1945 period. Nevertheless, the author, D.J. Godspeed, made important points about contemporary conditions, 40 years after World War II.

He said in his conclusion: "In the 'liberal' societies of the West the enclaves are inheriting the earth. This can be seen in a new and excessive tenderness toward criminals, in the abolition of capital punishment, in the rejection of all forms of discipline, and in a softness that denounces the validity of all objective standards..."

"Nor is it surprising that the softness that has crept over the West since 1945 has been accompanied by cowardice and cruelty, the hallmarks of the soft. It is no accident that the same states that refuse to put a murderer to death have generally been ready to encourage the murder of unborn innocents. Morality has been stood on its head in the name of compassion..."

"As the West continues to decline, conflict [meaning a military showdown with the totalitarian East] becomes less necessary for a decision. The heirs of Christendom have become more materialistic than the dialectical materialists, and are therefore less able to sustain life. The East can afford to sit by our sickbed for a time, secure in the knowledge that softness and corruption are the harbingers of death."

This explains why a soft, materialistic, undisciplined and increasingly unprincipled America is no match for die-hard, committed adversaries, including terrorists.

attended church there.

He is survived by a daughter Sarah Bandy, a grandson and a great-grandson. Lloyd Briggie, pastor of the Youngstown church, officiated at the funeral services.

FRESNO, Calif. — Eual T. Metcalf, 64, died April 4. He has been a member of God's Church since 1957.

Mr. Metcalf is survived by his wife, Mattie; a stepson Tony; two brothers, Charles and Dowle; four sisters, Gladys, Florine, Loraine and Wanda; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Glen White, pastor of the Fresno and Visalia, Calif., churches.

LIVONIA, Mich. — Betty Wolan, 57, died at home May 7. She has been a Church member since 1968.

Mrs. Wolan is survived by her husband, Edward; a daughter Lona Shugart; a grandson Graeme; a brother, Dave; and sisters Ethel, Catherine, Pat, Dotie and Frances.

Funeral services were conducted by Ray Wooten, pastor of the Detroit West and Ann Arbor, Mich., churches.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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An interesting sideline about its construction: Cement concrete not being known in those days, in order to reinforce the mortar and/or perhaps to make it water resistant when hardened, fresh eggs were mixed into it. Each city of the Kingdom of Bohemia was ordered to contribute one wagonload of fresh eggs to this purpose.

On the funny side, there were found overly conscientious officials of one city (Velvary), being afraid that the eggs might get crushed during the transportation, they had them hard boiled. That turned them useless for construction, of course, and the citizens of Velvary became a target of jokes about this episode ever since, being called "the hard boiled ones," "hard egg heads," etc.

How do I know the above? Am originally from Czechoslovakia (born and raised). I thought it might be one of the things you may want to know.

Louis L. Mikulik
San Pedro, Calif.

Mr. Smith feels that Britain's economic problems are cumulative and self-reinforcing. He commented, "We have seen that relatively slow growth characterizes British performance for at least the past century, and is particularly noticeable over the whole of the post second World War years, a period in which Britain has declined from relative prosperity and economic health to relative poverty and economic debility" (page 98).

What does the author mean: *The British Economic Crisis*? Mr. Smith answers: "To say that Britain is in a crisis is to say that it is no longer capable of supporting the structure of production, employment and trade. If the pattern of production and trade is not viable, then Britain's levels of income are also unsustainable. It cannot support, in other words, its traditional pattern of consumption" (page 100). Mr. Smith went on to explain that the British are no longer significant net exporters of manufactured products, "their place in the export structure having been taken by North Sea oil" (page 101).

So we're back to North Sea oil in terms of the fortunes of the British economy. What is England going to do when the oil taps begin to run dry? How will it sustain modicum levels of personal income?

Summing up one of his major arguments, Mr. Smith wrote: "Britain is in the throes of a serious economic decline, in which its traditional economic structure is no longer viable. As North Sea oil output declines, we face the prospect of a serious worsening of our foreign trade position, which will ultimately affect the lives of most of the British population" (page 108).

Put another way, "as British oil output declines in the late 1980s and through the 1990s, only a major expansion of some other export sector or sectors will prevent a stark decline in the level of real income in Britain" (page 201).

But where is substantial exporting capacity to come from? There is little to cheer about on the immediate horizon.

Humanly speaking, one gets tired of reading about the declining British economy. It is easier, for the moment, to plod along in ignorance. As the late economist John Maynard Keynes once wrote, "In England the outward aspect of life does not yet teach us to feel or realize that an age is over."

This sounds uncomfortably close to Hosea's pronouncement about modern Britain. "Aliens devour his strength, and he knows it not; gray hairs are sprinkled upon him, and he knows it not" (Hosea 7:9, Revised Standard Version).

Most Britons are uncommitted, unconcerned and unaware.

Soft touch

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unfocused reprisal, with no clear connection between crime and punishment, may bring only glacial satisfaction, brief and perhaps even self-defeating. Such action would gratify the beast in everyone, but would constitute a handsome tribute to terror, levied against civilization."

Is further proof needed to show that America has lost pride in its power (Leviticus 26:19)?

Manipulating Americans

The Shiite militia hijackers of TWA Flight 847 weren't dumb. They knew that with the hijacking incident played out every night on American television, with selected interviews of the hostages, certain to tug on the heartstrings of loved ones back home, that their cause would get a sympathetic hearing before millions.

This absurdity reached its height Sunday, June 30, at a press conference in Damascus, Syria, just after the hostages were brought out of Beirut, and before they left for West Germany.

Hostage spokesman Allyn Conwell said the freed hostages had "a long list of people to thank" for their release. He singled out Syrian President Hafez Assad as well as the leader of the Shiite Amal faction, Nabih Berri.

Syria, Israel's toughest foe in the Middle East, put on quite a media show. Syria stands to gain the most from appearing so helpful — even though the original hijackers are headquartered in a part of Lebanon controlled by Syria. (The Syrians did not instigate the hijacking, from all indications.)

Mr. Berri, a so-called Shiite moderate, also came out with increased stature for his mediating efforts in persuading the more radical Shiites to give up their prey. Mr. Berri, however, is just one of many warlords in Lebanon.

Only a few weeks ago he sent his

own Amal gunmen into the same Palestinian camps near Beirut that the Phalangists entered in 1982 when the Israelis weren't looking.

The Amal guerrillas slaughtered 600 Palestinians, some in heinous fashion. Yet there was no whoop-and-holler in the Western press as there was when Israel's allies did the same thing three years ago.

According to one source, Mr. Berri has been directly connected to eight airplane hijackings!

The big loser in the whole affair could be Israel. Despite denials of a deal, Israel was forced to reach an "understanding" with hated adversary Syria over the release of 700 Shiites and other detainees in return for the American hostages. Israel's own war against terrorism was thus damaged.

American-Israeli ties have also suffered. Many Americans incorrectly blamed the whole affair on Israel. If Israel had not been still holding Shiites and other detainees, they believe the TWA hijacking wouldn't have happened.

The truth is, these detainees were in the process of being released. The Shiite hijackers knew this but commandeered an American plane to popularize their cause. If they had tried to hijack an El Al Israel Airlines jet, they would not have come out of it alive.

The fact is, the hijack strategy worked. Spokesman Conwell at the press conference opposed calls for any retaliation by the U.S. military against the hostages' captors and instead asked for a "deeper understanding" of the situation in Lebanon.

The pilot of the hijacked plane added that the ordeal had been "a learning experience" and that "we were led to have a deep understanding of the problems they are facing over here" and that "in that sense we are able to empathize with them" — meaning the hijackers and their allies.

Score a big victory for terrorism. A grave precedent has thus been set. Other disgruntled groups will be tempted to kidnap American tourists and officials in order to vent

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

BIG SANDY — The fourth annual Summer Educational Program (SEP) on the Ambassador College campus here "got off to a great start" June 26, according to **Kermit Nelson**, camp director.

Dr. Nelson said that the session began with 222 campers. The SEP staff includes 14 full-time college faculty, 34 college students and 56 high school students.

"The Big Sandy camp is basically for campers 15 years or older who

have previously attended the SEP in Orr [Minn.]," Dr. Nelson said.

Besides 10 regular sports activities that include basketball, softball, swimming, racquetball and other sports, the Big Sandy SEP offers three new classroom activities.

"We're offering a course in defensive driving that is taught by our chief of security, **Lee Stolley**; a communications course that teaches journalism and writing skills; and a music class taught by

[faculty members] **Randy Duke** and **Marty Yale**," Dr. Nelson said. The Texas SEP is scheduled to end July 17.

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PASADENA — God's Church has secured time for the *World Tomorrow* program in Fiji and Hong Kong, according to **David Hulme**, director of Media Purchasing.

"We have been working to have the *World Tomorrow* radio broadcast aired in Fiji for some time," Mr. Hulme reported.

The broadcast began airing on Radio Suva FM July 7. The *World Tomorrow* began airing on the English channel TV-B Pearl in Hong Kong at 7:30 a.m., July 7, according to Mr. Hulme.

"We plan to promote both the

World Tomorrow program and *The Plain Truth* in 90-second TV ads and print ads in the *South China Morning Post*, the *TV and Entertainment Times*, and *TV Week* magazine," he said.

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PASADENA — **Boyd Leeson**, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager, returned here June 13 after a four-day trip to Toronto, Ont., and New York, N.Y.

"I flew to Toronto to make final arrangements for the biggest direct-mail subscription campaign in the history of the Church," Mr. Leeson said.

The Church printed more than two million direct-mail packages in Toronto offering a subscription to *The Plain Truth* and had them shipped across the U.S. border,

where they were mailed in Buffalo, N.Y.

"People across the United States will be receiving this package," Mr. Leeson said. "Some people in the Church will probably receive a package, since we rented subscription lists from over 70 publications."

Mr. Leeson added that 12 different direct-mail packages are being tested in the campaign, which began June 25 and ended July 1.

Mr. Leeson flew to New York June 12 to investigate potential *Plain Truth* newsstands in the New York subway system.

"Massive numbers of people pass through these subways each day, and now we have the opportunity to reach a new audience of New York commuters," he said.

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At 11:30 a.m., Thursday, June 27, the group boarded the G-III for the return flight to Burbank. The pastor general was originally scheduled to continue on to SEP camp at Orr, but a videotaping of a performance for the 1986 Young Ambassadors Feast film was scheduled in the Ambassador Auditorium, and Mr. Armstrong wanted to attend.

Back in Pasadena, Mr. Armstrong went to the Auditorium where he and about 1,200 brethren watched the show. The spectacular performance featured a variety of music.

Church anniversary

At 11 a.m., Friday, June 28, Mr. Armstrong boarded the G-III for a flight to Des Moines. The church there was celebrating its 20th anniversary and had invited him.

Mr. Armstrong was born in Des Moines and spent his childhood and teenage years there.

After arriving at 4 p.m., Central Daylight Time (CDT), Mr. Armstrong was taken to the Marriott Hotel.

After checking in Mr. Armstrong took a ride around the town, which has expanded considerably since Mr. Armstrong's youth. The pastor general remembered many of the streets, occasionally giving Robert Cloninger, pastor of the Des Moines and Ottumwa, Iowa, churches, directions when Mr. Cloninger was unfamiliar with a neighborhood.

Two of the houses built by Mr. Armstrong's father are still standing, although the neighborhoods have deteriorated since the turn of the century.

The place where Mr. Armstrong was born is now a park, with a clover-leaf statue near the corner where his home stood. On the statue is the statement: "Iowa — a place to grow."

The group also drove by many of the places where Mr. Armstrong worked, although the ownership had changed or the original building had been torn down.

Mr. Armstrong also drove by the cemetery where his grandfather, grandmother and sister Mabel are buried. The tour brought back many memories that Mr. Armstrong discussed in the car.

That evening the ministers from the Des Moines area came to Mr. Armstrong's hotel suite to present a gift from the church: a brass sculpture of a sword bent into a plowshare attached to a wood base. Inscribed on it were the words from Isaiah 2:4, "... and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

The sculpture was made from brass howitzer shells obtained from an area military base. It was cast in the Engineering Department of Iowa State University at low cost, since the head of the department watches Mr. Armstrong on the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

At 2:30 p.m., June 29, the group descended from Mr. Armstrong's suite on the 31st floor of the Marriott to the ballroom on the third floor, where Mr. Armstrong addressed more than 1,500 brethren.

The Des Moines church has a history of being stable and supportive of the work of God's Church. None of its seven pastors have left God's Church. All but one attended the anniversary celebration.

During his sermon the pastor general reminisced about his early life, and also commented on the United Nations anniversary conference. He showed that men cannot bring lasting peace because they do not truly know how.

He explained that Church brethren in the Kingdom of God will be the first true United Nations, governing the world under Christ and using the law of God as the standard.

He emphasized that we should be striving to overcome so we can qualify to carry out our assigned duties as kings and priests.

After the service the ministry gathered in a smaller hotel room to meet with Mr. Armstrong. He discussed activities of the Church and his book *Mystery of the Ages*.

He said a heavier stock paper will be used in *The Plain Truth* later this year, and said he wished that Church income had increased enough to expand the *Plain Truth* newsstand program and hire additional ministers.

Referring to Revelation 3:8, Mr. Armstrong said that there are many open doors in print and electronic media, but that funds are limited. After finishing the meeting, Mr. Armstrong returned to his suite.

Although invited to attend the anniversary dinner and dance, Mr. Armstrong felt he and the group should rest, since they had been busy throughout the week with the United Nations conference, and had a trip scheduled to Orr the next day.

Mr. Armstrong was pleased to hear that the brethren enjoyed

themselves at the anniversary dinner and dance.

Orr visit

At noon Sunday, June 30, Mr. Armstrong left the Des Moines airport aboard the G-III en route to the Orr airport. Accompanying the group was Bill Quillen, pastor of the Missoula and Kalispell, Mont., churches, and his wife, Lois. They had planned to drive to the SEP camp, but Mr. Armstrong invited them to fly to camp aboard the G-III.

After a quick lunch during the one-hour flight, the G-III touched down at the Orr airport at 1 p.m.

Arriving at the camp, Mr. Armstrong was greeted by what has become a customary double row of SEP campers lining the sides of the road.

During a stop at the cabin he was to stay in, Mr. Armstrong discussed the problems and progress of the youths in God's Church with Kevin Dean, director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU), and some of the ministers serving at the SEP.

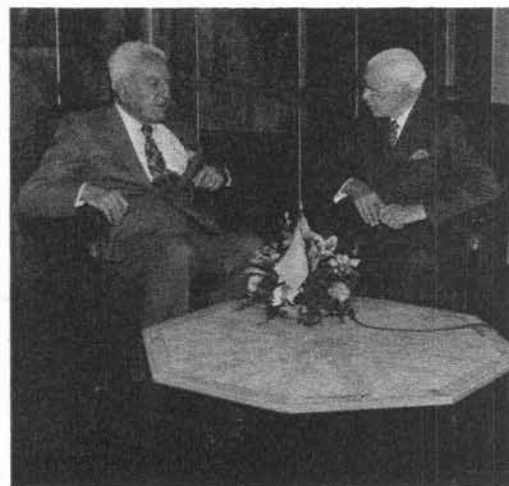
The pastor general then proceeded to the SEP gymnasium, where he addressed the campers and SEP staff.

Mr. Armstrong told the campers that he had not forgotten what it was like to be a teenager. Although he did not have to face the problems of drug abuse and sexual immorality that youths face today, he explained how the root causes of problems then and today are identical.

He said that there are solutions to these problems, and he encouraged the youths to work hard and not be afraid to be different from their peer groups.

Mr. Armstrong explained that he had worked hard and done things differently than most people his age when he was young.

He said that youths in God's Church have a better goal to work for with greater rewards than this world has to offer. The assembled group was responsive to his message.



PRIVATE INTERVIEW — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong interviews Charles Malik of Lebanon, one of the four living signers of the United Nations charter in 1945. [Photo by Warren Watson]

That evening Mr. Armstrong had dinner with many of the ministers and department heads serving during the first SEP session. He spoke about the heavy responsibilities of helping young people in the Church and of the great rewards.

From dinner the group went to the gym to watch a volleyball game between the faculty women and the camper all-stars. It was a good match with the girls all-star team losing the first game 15-13, but then winning the next two games 15-12 and 15-5.

After the volleyball game Mr. Armstrong watched a basketball game between the faculty men and the boys all-star team. The teams stayed within four points of each other although the lead changed hands several times. In the end the faculty team won 64-59, protecting their three-year winning streak.

Monday, July 1, Mr. Armstrong

viewed some of the camper activities and talked with some of the SEP staff. In the morning he viewed the swimming area and a water-polo match, and after lunch, viewed a water-skiing exhibition, which included trick skiing, barefoot skiing, and jumping off a 5-foot-high ramp.

At 5 p.m. the group said good-bye to the SEP campers and left for the airport, where they boarded the G-III for the return flight.

The plane landed at the Burbank airport at 7 p.m., PDT, completing a hectic but profitable week for the 92-year-old "Forever Young Ambassador," as Mr. Armstrong has been designated by the Young Ambassadors group.



PASADENA — Michael Caputo, an employee of the Italian Department here, visited 19 prospective members in Italy on a seven-day tour during the Spring Holy Day season.

Mr. Caputo, his wife, Leonilda, and their children, Anthony and Julia, will move to Rome, Italy, the end of July. The Caputos were here for the spring 1985 semester at Ambassador College.

Carmelo Anastasi, who serves in an office capacity in Sicily, will also move to Rome. He will continue to translate scripts for the Italian-subtitled *World Tomorrow* telecast,

handle donation mail and supervise the mailing of *La Pura Verita* (Italian *Plain Truth*). Mr. Anastasi attended Ambassador College here for one year.

Nine *Pura Verita* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) lectures were conducted in six countries through June, with 1,926 new people attending. Throughout 1984 2,569 new people attended 10 lectures in seven countries.

Lectures are scheduled for La Paz, Bolivia; Panama City, Panama; and San Juan, Puerto Rico; and six cities in Mexico after the Feast of Tabernacles.

Two 1985 Ambassador College graduates here returned to Mexico to serve as ministerial trainees. Saul Langerica assists Gilberto Marin, pastor of the Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua churches.

Felipe Neri assists Pablo Dimakis, pastor of the Guadalajara and Tepic churches. Francisco Hui, who served as associate pastor in the two churches, moved to Monterrey to assist pastor Alfredo Mercado.

Year-to-date figures through the end of June show 1,097 members in Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries, up 4.3 percent from the end of 1984. Sixty baptisms have been conducted this year, with 29 of those being in Mexico.

The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, which peaked at 15,000 students last year, declined to 8,000 earlier this year because of a new testing system in which a student must maintain a minimum score before receiving the next set of lessons. Since then the number of active students has risen steadily to 10,806.

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