

Pastor general opens meeting of 1986 Festival coordinators

By Michael A. Snyder
PASADENA — "Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong has laid a very solid foundation... The thing that remains to be done and completed is that superstructure. We are now in the process of building that [spiritual] building," Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach told more than 55 Festival coordinators, department heads, Church officials and wives Feb. 12.

Twenty-two U.S. Festival coordinators, regional directors and representatives from seven regional offices attended the meetings Feb. 12 and 13.

After tracing a chronological history of the Festival in the United States, Mr. Tkach compared the work of the Church to constructing a building.

"As a building begins to go up skyward, it begins to have more and more visibility," the pastor general said, commenting that people — especially during the Feast of Tabernacles — will watch the conduct of brethren as God's Church becomes more visible.

Working together

"The main purpose of these meetings is to continue strengthening the unity in the Church," said Mr. Tkach in a Feb. 14 interview with *The Worldwide News*.

"We must operate as a team instead of as independent agents operating on a solo basis," he said. "All Feast sites need to operate in a similar manner worldwide."

"The annual Festival coordinators meetings allow everyone to see

the overall scope of the Festival worldwide — people can see they're part of a large team."

"The tone of the meetings was very positive," said evangelist Ellis La Ravia, director of Festival planning.

"These meetings were more international in scope than previous, with several regional directors and representatives from international areas attending," he said.

New U.S. site

Mr. La Ravia announced that Mr. Tkach approved Chattanooga, Tenn., as a new site for the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles.

"The Chattanooga site will replace the old site at Johnson City [Tenn.]," Mr. La Ravia said. "Most of the housing in Johnson City was farther away from the meeting facility than we would like, so we found a new area for the Feast in Chattanooga."

Mr. La Ravia stressed that brethren should not make reservations in Chattanooga or any other Festival site until the *Festival Planner* is published in May and brethren receive approval for transfers.

"When brethren cooperate in this, we can negotiate significant savings for Festival housing," the evangelist explained.

Evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer; Mark McCulley, Festival planning coordinator; Larry Omasta, director of Media Services; John Prohs, supervisor of Technical Operations; and Jack Patterson, an assistant to Mr. La

Ravia, spoke during the meetings.

Regional directors attending were evangelist Frank Brown from the British Office; evangelist Leon Walker from the Spanish Office; evangelist Dibar Aparian from the French Office; Stan Bass from the Caribbean Office; and Frank Schnee from the German Office.

Also attending on behalf of international areas were John Karlson, German Office; Paul Suckling, British Office; George Patrickson and Eli Ventura, Canadian Office; and Spaulding Kulasingam, India.



1986 FESTIVAL — Map shows 22 U.S. sites, including a new site in Chattanooga, Tenn., and six Canadian sites scheduled for the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles. La Malbaie, Que., is a new site for Canada. [Map by Ronald Grove]

Federal court opens near campus

Foundation assists dedication

PASADENA — The Ambassador Foundation "set the stage" for the official opening of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Feb. 3 in the renovated Vista del Arroyo facility here, according to Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the foundation.

The courthouse, once a resort hotel, about two blocks from Ambassador College, was formally opened by Warren Burger, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

At a reception following the dedication Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach met briefly with Chief Justice Burger; John Van de Kamp, California attorney general; and other dignitaries.

In an interview with *The Worldwide News* Mr. Tkach said, "I was

impressed that Chief Justice Burger admitted publicly that even democracy has its flaws as a form of human government. As I wrote in my Feb. 18 member and co-worker letter, the chief justice quoted Winston Churchill during the evening's main message: 'Democracy is a terrible form of government, but all the others are worse,' and how real that is as we judges know."

"Judge Dorothy Nelson, a judge who sits on the 9th circuit, first approached us a little over a year ago," Mr. La Ravia said.

"She had been to several functions on the Ambassador College campus and was impressed that we always insist on and achieve the highest possible quality," he continued.

Mr. La Ravia's wife, Gwen, was named by the court as one of the co-chairpersons of the planning committee that arranged the opening.

"It was originally planned as a small function, but grew until about 1,500 people attended," he said.

Drawing on various Church and college departments, the foundation provided a closed circuit television link so participants could watch the proceedings in the main courtroom, lighting, seating, a tent to house a reception and Mexican food.

"Several ladies from the Spanish

congregation in Pasadena volunteered to help prepare the food and serve at the reception," he said.

"We now have a good relationship with the people working on the 9th circuit federal court," Mr. La Ravia said. "Again, it's a good opportunity for people to see that when this Church says that God's way is of the highest quality, we back up those words with living proof."

On behalf of the foundation, Mr. La Ravia received a letter of thanks from Judge Nelson.

"It is hard to know where to begin in thanking you and the Ambassador Foundation for your magnificent contributions to the success of the Vista dedication," the judge wrote.

"From tent to lighting to video to plants to flowers to delicious food to photography to honor guard, each task performed was done with such competence and excellence."

"Equally important to me," she wrote, "was the spirit of service to the community evidenced by each and every member of your staff."

"The Chief Justice," she wrote, "was absolutely delighted with everything and exclaimed as he left that he had not expected it to be so much fun. He deeply appreciated your contributions to the success of the event."

Violence, unrest in Haiti

Regional director escapes harm

PASADENA — "When I landed and saw only military personnel, I knew that events were going to be a little different than planned," said evangelist Dibar Aparian about arriving at the Port-au-Prince, Haiti, airport during unrest there Jan. 31.

Mr. Aparian, regional director for French-speaking areas, was scheduled to deliver a public Bible lecture in Port-au-Prince (see "International Desk," page 12).

Violence and unrest

"While I was in the West Indies, reports of violence and unrest in Haiti were on all of the news programs," the evangelist explained.

"I wanted to cancel my visit there, but I mistakenly understood that Mr. John Halford, who was supposed to precede me into Haiti, was already there — I could not abandon him."

Mr. Halford and other ministers tried to contact Mr. Aparian before he left, but were unsuccessful.

"Friday morning Mr. [Gilbert] Carbonnel and I left for Haiti, more than a little apprehensive as to what we would find," Mr. Aparian said. Mr. Carbonnel pastors the Pointe-a-Pitre and Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, and Port-au-Prince churches.

"Arriving in Port-au-Prince, Mr.

Carbonnel and I instantly sensed the tension. Usually there are crowds of spectators and well-wishers watching the planes take off and land. This time there were only armed soldiers with grim faces."

The evangelist said that customs officials were unusually thorough. "They even looked through the pages of my Bible," he said.

Lecture canceled

Mr. Aparian and Mr. Carbonnel were met at the airport by Jove Jean-Pierre, a deacon there, and Joseph Franklin, a longtime member. "They told us that the government had closed the facility where we planned to hold the Bible lecture and that a curfew would make it impossible to conduct the meeting."

Meanwhile, in the West Indies and in Pasadena, reports of additional unrest and violence prompted ministers to announce prayer requests for Mr. Aparian's and Mr. Carbonnel's safety.

"I certainly appreciate those prayers," Mr. Aparian said, "because they could have closed the airport at any time."

Unable to deliver the Bible lecture Mr. Aparian decided to immediately return to Pasadena. Mr. Carbonnel, who makes a monthly trip to Haiti, remained to see if he could help brethren.

At first it appeared that Mr. Aparian would not be able to leave until Sunday, Feb. 2.

"The Haitian government had declared martial law, and many people were rushing to take any flight out of Haiti — all flights were completely booked," Mr. Aparian said.

"Miraculously one seat came open on a small airline that was already 45 minutes late in taking off, and I was able to book passage to Miami," he said. "I literally got the last seat out of Haiti for that afternoon."

Mr. Carbonnel went to the hall Saturday evening where Mr. Aparian was scheduled to speak, and was surprised to find about 100 people waiting outside for the evangelist.

"He explained the situation — that the theater was closed by the government — and they returned to their homes," Mr. Aparian said.

"But I still find it amazing that people would risk violating the curfew to hear God's truth. That shows that these people are interested in the word of God."

Mr. Halford said that more than 1,000 new people were expected to attend the lecture. "We plan to go ahead with our original plans whenever the situation settles in Haiti," Mr. Halford said.



MEETING DIGNITARIES — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and Warren Burger, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court (right), pause for a photograph during a reception following the dedication of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals building Feb. 3. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

Religion, economics forging a new Europe

PASADENA — The most important news rarely makes the front page of the newspaper or the lead story on the nightly television news.

American news media for example, have alternated their top stories between the Challenger space shuttle disaster and the political situation in the Philippines. The British media have been consumed with the political difficulties of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, including the resignation of two cabinet officials.

But the underlying big news is overlooked by the media because it doesn't have shock value or great visual impact. It involves the steady behind-the-scenes drive toward the unification of Europe in the areas of culture, religion and economics. Let's take them one by one.

Latest papal appeal

In a letter dated Jan. 2, Pope John Paul II called upon the bishops of the Catholic Church in Eastern and Western Europe to cooperate in a program to "re-evangelize" the Continent. This was urgent, he said, in order to combat "the forms of scientific atheism and humanistic atheism" — in other words, communism in Eastern Europe and secular humanism in Western European societies.

Efforts "to eradicate . . . Christian convictions and even religious

sentiment itself," said John Paul II, are "a phenomenon of such vast proportions" that they can only be faced in a Continent-wide "common plan of action."

"Contemporary Europe needs to be given a soul and a new self-awareness," continued the pope. Europeans, he added, must "rediscover their origins" — a theme he has stressed throughout the 1980s.

To accomplish this task, said the pontiff, greater efforts must be made to accelerate the goal of church unity. Europeans have a particular responsibility to heal the disunity of the churches, because it was in Europe that Christianity was first divided. He would like, he said on previous occasions, to achieve unity by the year 2000.

John Paul II, the first Slavic pope, is driven by the desire to bring the East European, largely Slavic, societies into "spiritual union" with the remainder of Europe. To facilitate this intention he designated two ninth-century Greek missionaries to the Slavic peoples, the brothers Methodius and Cyril, as patron saints of Europe.

Last July 2, in an encyclical (a papal letter of importance), the pope called the two brothers "the connecting links or spiritual bridge between the Eastern-Western traditions which both come together in the one great tradition

of the universal church."

Shortly after his letter to Europe's bishops was released by the Vatican the pope was off to India on his 29th international trip. On this trip he revealed that his thinking goes beyond the confines of Europe.

to have greater influence on the world scene. The world is confronted with severe crises — "hunger, poverty, ignorance, persecution, discrimination and every form of enslavement of the human spirit," he said in New Delhi, India

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



He envisions for himself a key role in a worldwide religious cooperative venture, in the cause of world peace.

In a discussion with the Buddhist leader, the Dalai Lama, the pope called on "all the religions of the world to collaborate in the cause of humanity." The pope's unusual appeal was a follow-up to a little-reported remark during a ceremony at a church in Rome in mid-January. At that time he proposed a world gathering of leading figures from all religions to share a retreat in Assisi, Italy, home of St. Francis, during which they would meditate and pray for world peace.

Thus, John Paul's goal appears two-pronged: revitalize Europe and then use it as a platform from which

— all of which, of course, impact the activities of his church.

ECU's growing strength

Now for a glance at economic and fiscal affairs.

A United Europe would logically need greater economic cohesion. Just such cohesion is slowly taking

form, as revealed in an article in the January-March issue of *Business and Economic Review*, a publication of the University of South Carolina. It is titled "Currency Without a Country."

"You may not have heard of it, but the European Currency Unit (ECU) is fast becoming one of the world's most important currencies . . .

"More and more frequently, European firms are billing their customers in ECU's and expressing a willingness to pay for imports in ECU's. European banks now issue ECU traveler's checks, which can be readily exchanged throughout Europe for local currency."

Many Europeans, according to the March 7, 1985, *Wall Street Journal*, "now use ECU's to buy cars, pay hotel bills or transact other business on ECU credit cards and on ECU denominated bank checking accounts."

The ECU is still a currency without a country. Unlike the dollar, the West German mark or the Japanese yen, no central bank issues them. No ECU bank notes are printed. The ECU is, actually, a currency (See RELIGION, page 9)

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Europe: coming together

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Historically God has separated the tribes of humankind for their own good. The planet itself was designed to separate the various ethnic groups. Vast oceans separate the continents. Even smaller bodies of water have played important roles

as separators down through the centuries.

The English Channel is a case in point. This narrow body of water has kept Britain somewhat clear of continental affairs. It has created what some observers call "the channel gap." That gap is ethnic, linguistic and cultural — not just a physical body of water.

The channel and other tunnels

Now the Anglo-French announcement that a twin-bore rail tunnel shall be built to join Britain and France. The target date is 1993. Enthusiasts contemplate a three-hour rail journey from London to Paris. A 150-year-old dream is finally to materialize.

Many are already bracing for the inevitable spin-offs — economic, environmental and otherwise. Perhaps as many as 75,000 jobs will be (See EUROPE, page 4)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

True confession time

What have you done wrong — or not as well as you would have liked this past year? Have you figured how to do better in 1986? It's time to be honest with ourselves and with God. It's true confession time.

Too many of us seem to feel that since we have been baptized and received God's Holy Spirit we do not have a carnal mind any longer! We tend to consider the way we do or look at things as God's way.

If we discover a fault in ourselves or if one is brought to our attention by the ministry or by someone else, we tend to generalize or excuse it by saying, "Nobody is perfect!" Or we say, "I know I have got to overcome, and I am trying, but I just can't do everything at once."

Yes, we're trying. We're very trying to God. These weak excuses are absolute proof we still have carnal, worldly minds!

How many times have you heard people say, "I'm just a stiff-necked Israelite, that's all," "I'm hard-headed," or "I have a very quick temper and I tend to jump to conclusions?"

Some try to blame their problems on their parents and complain as I once overheard: "I'm the way I am because my father was an alcoholic. You'll just have to accept me the way I am because I can't change!"

"Mom was always nervous and had a negative outlook on life and so do I!" "I'm just easily offended." "I just happen to have an abrasive attitude." "I just can't seem to remember."

Or — are we just weak and lazy? Overcoming takes hard work. We have been called to defeat, to conquer, to overcome what we are!

God never inspired in His Word that we are to come "just as I am!" We can't come the way we are now to God. We must change.

Some people refuse to change their lives, even after receiving

God's Holy Spirit, because they would rather stay the way they are and suffer. Suffering is familiar and comfortable. Some people would rather go on making the same mistakes over and over than to make the effort to admit them and to work on overcoming them.

To move ahead in Christian growth we must take chances, try things we've never tried before. We must stop using crutches, such excuses as family heredity, environment or even poor health, stand on our own two feet and work at overcoming the way we are. With God's help all things are possible. Read Matthew 19:26. I'm sure glad He's on our side.

Some are afraid to change. A lot of times it's a fear of failure. Or we're afraid to reveal where we've been wrong. We don't want anyone to know we make mistakes.

All of us need to back off once in awhile, step out of the dense forest of our daily responsibilities, and take a discerning and realistic look at ourselves, our labors, our fruits — and even our daily shortcomings.

As we obey God's will in our daily lives, we can overcome and bear fruit. We will not just occasionally serve God; we will be "fruitful in every good work" (Colossians 1:10). And believe me there is a great spin-off if we are striving to learn God's will and are overcoming.

As we walk, live by the commandments, work at overcoming and being an example to others as God instructs, we get to know Him better and better. We become more like Him in every way. This is what qualifies us for the Kingdom of God.

Ask yourself these questions. Am I always putting off what I know I need to overcome? Do I find it harder and harder to say no to temptation? Am I seriously striving to overcome those little longstanding flaws in my life?

While God's Word exhorts us to change, He does not expect it to happen completely overnight. We often experience the tension between the old man Paul spoke of in Romans 6:6 and the new, so that we feel we are two people.

The apostle Paul felt this tension at times. He confessed, "For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will do to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do" (Romans 7:15, Revised Authorized Version).

Paul felt his strong human nature sabotaging his good intentions. The forces of the inward man caused him to stumble and at times fail himself and others. "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" Paul wrote in verse 24.

But did Paul just give up and say, "Oh well, that's just the way I am"? No! He believed in God and the living example of Jesus Christ. Christ shows us how to overcome. Read Romans 7 and 8 as a personal Bible study.

In addition to his belief in God's living laws, Paul could live with and work on his shortcomings because he believed in God's people's ability to change.

Throughout his writings Paul urges us to choose a more perfect way, which assumes our ability to grow with the help of God's Holy Spirit. Through obedience and perseverance we gradually learn the new way of living God's ways. We must be absolutely committed to eliminating harmful old habits and attitudes and to developing new ways of doing and living God's laws.

Learn to live by the Spirit of God, not human nature. By the grace of God the Father and the help of friends and family, the gap between our intentions and actions will gradually narrow. Do as James wrote, "But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing" (James 1:4, RAV).

As we reach for godly perfection we need to learn to enjoy life, to laugh, to grow and to care and work and help others. Always remember you have the power to change — with God's help.

Thank God daily for His Spirit and His willingness to help us change. We must never say, "I'm not able to change." God just won't accept it.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Tributes to Mr. Armstrong

With great sympathy I read about the death of Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong today. After his last letter, already in a weakened condition, this was unfortunately foreseeable. What a blessing to have reached such an age with an alert mind!

Even though we did not personally know Mr. Armstrong, we were deeply shaken. We have been reading *The Plain Truth* for two to three years now as well as *The Good News* with great interest. Through the numerous articles and booklets Mr. Armstrong wrote, he became like a father to us and we will always remember him as our example.

One senses that this was a richly blessed man of God with great knowledge and understanding of the Bible. He gave the most to make clear to mankind today the seriousness of today's time. We are very thankful to have the many publications from him . . . We wish Mr. Joseph W. Tkach and all co-workers of Ambassador College God's blessing for the continuing work in the sense and purpose of our beloved and respected Mr. Armstrong.

M.V.

Wiesbaden, West Germany

I read with great sympathy in the letter of Jan. 16, 1986, the news of the death of our beloved, untiring, brave and vigilant Herbert W. Armstrong. His old age was a blessing for all of us. We are very thankful to him. He will remain a great example to us . . .

The choosing of his successor, Joseph W. Tkach, is a fortunate and happy decision, because in his first letter the same spirit flows uninterrupted along with the same confidence and conviction. I will continue to support the work and wish all co-workers continued strength.

W.B.

Rottenburg, West Germany

I am writing this letter sending my condolences and sympathy. I could not (See LETTERS, page 9)

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Officials honor Mr. Armstrong

PASADENA — The following condolences about the death of Herbert W. Armstrong were received after the deadline for the Feb. 10 tribute issue.

"It is with great sorrow that I have learnt of the passing away of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

"Even though I have not had the pleasure of meeting him personally, my predecessor and my colleagues had informed me of his many accomplishments, interests, commitments and generosity.

"The loss of such an illustrious gentleman is going to be felt not only among his collaborators, but also among the many friends and Authorities he was in contact with and the community in general.

"Please convey, on my behalf,

sincere condolences to the family of the late Mr. Armstrong."

Alberto Boniver
Consul General of Italy
Los Angeles, Calif.

"It is with deepest regret that I have heard of Mr. Armstrong's passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

"I had already known for quite some time that he had established a center for art and culture in Pasadena which could not have been finer. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to appear there with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra some two years ago. I regard it as a great honor to have had personal contact with Mr. Armstrong at both the human as well as the arts

level and to have been allowed to sense to what degree the strength of his personality moved him.

"I am convinced that the memory of this man will be preserved through the continued efforts of his Foundation.

"Please permit me to convey to you, both in my own name as well as that of the entire Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, this expression of our friendship."

Herbert von Karajan
Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra
Berlin, West Germany

"We were very sorry to hear of the death of Herbert Armstrong. Please accept our sympathy and convey this to his friends and colleagues at Ambassador College. We are all grateful for the contribution he made to the World through his preaching and writing and we were pleased to be associated with it.

"What he started, will we know continue, and his influence will live on."

Michael B. Passmore
Chairman
The Passmore Print Group
London, England



WREATH LAYING — Sumet Wasantapiuek, Thai consul general from Los Angeles, Calif., and his wife, Nabha, lay a wreath on the grave of the late Herbert W. Armstrong Jan. 23. In the background are Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (right) and evangelist Herman L. Hoeh. Mr. Sumet acted on behalf of Prem Tinsulanonda, prime minister of Thailand. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Manager recalls response to HWA tribute program

By Lee McGraw

PASADENA — The Pasadena and Big Sandy WATS (Wide Area Telephone Service) operations knew something special was happening Jan. 25, when the first airing of the *World Tomorrow* telecast, *A Tribute to Herbert W. Armstrong*, brought in 300 percent more calls than usual.

Callers responded to the offer of Mr. Armstrong's book, *Mystery of the Ages*.

Lee McGraw is coordinator of the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) supervisors in the Church's Mail Processing Center.

By sunset, telephone response surpassed the record for the Sabbath by more than 7,000 calls.

Normally, after a station airs the telecast, calls ring through all the WATS lines in Pasadena and Big Sandy for a few minutes on the hour and half hour, with low periods in between.

But Sunday morning there were no low periods in between. Calls flooded the 220 WATS lines, and by the end of the morning 50,000 calls had been received. Operators broke into spontaneous applause when this was announced to them.

Some operators remained on duty until a station in Portland, Ore., finished airing the telecast at 1:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 27.

Transfers available to Poland

PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach approved Cracow, Poland, as a Feast of Tabernacles site for 1986, according to Frank Schnee, regional director for the Church in German-speaking areas. This will be the second year for the Feast to be kept in this Eastern European Warsaw Pact nation.

This article was received from the Church's Regional Office in Bonn, West Germany.

Cracow, where Pope John Paul II was archbishop from 1963 to 1978, is a former capital of Poland. The city has been called a "state museum in itself, a state treasury of historical souvenirs."

Long considered a center of culture, science and art, Cracow is on (See POLAND, page 4)

The final tally showed that 81,359 calls were received over the weekend. This almost equaled the number of calls normally received in a month.

Beginning at 6 a.m., Monday, when the Pasadena WATS offices opened, the call volume was six times greater than normal. By the end of the week, another 14,860 calls had been received from the telecast, bringing the weekly total to 96,219.

The weekend of Feb. 1 and 2, another 4,000 people requested *Mystery of the Ages*. These requests broke the 100,000 mark. In addition, more than 5,700 letter responses were received after one week.

More than 900 employees, volunteers and in-home operators helped answer the enormous response. The administrations of both Ambassador College campuses offered to send student volunteers.

Employees and volunteers stayed overtime until replacements could be found. Some students from both campuses worked through their normal mealtimes, and the Food Service Departments brought meals to the offices.

In-home volunteers were kept busy long beyond the time calls are usually routed to them. The crew of in-home operators answered a record 2,757 calls that weekend.

Three reasons for the record, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center, were (1) God's special inspiration, (2) public awareness of Mr. Armstrong's death and (3) the free offer of Mr. Armstrong's final book, *Mystery of the Ages*.

Report from the Treasurer's Office

Lesley Neff

PASADENA — This year our budget has been set at 7 percent more than 1985. January ended with an increase — 7.7 percent above that of the first month of 1985. At this point, then, we are slightly ahead of the projected budget. If this trend continues, or improves, we should be able to restore bank balances to the levels of a year ago, and possibly even improve them considerably.

As a result of the death of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, we are watching the financial trends on a daily basis. In a time of transition like this it is difficult to know exactly how financial affairs will be affected.

We hope that people who have not been taking appropriate spiritual action in their lives will now begin to wake up and make positive changes. Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach has reminded us so often recently of Mr. Armstrong's statement that when our ways please God, He will bless us.

Please pray that God will give us the financial increase needed so that the Gospel can go out in ever-greater power.

Five sites in Europe, Canada, Caribbean

French sites open for Festival

PASADENA — The 1986 Feast of Tabernacles will take place at five French-language sites. The atmosphere will once again be *en famille*, which means visitors will be part of a warm family celebrating the Feast.

This article was submitted by the French Office.

This year the Feast of Tabernacles will be celebrated at Hengelo, a vacation and conference village 40 miles (64 kilometers) northeast of Brussels, Belgium.

Hengelo is set in 771 acres of woods and ponds in the rural Flemish section of Belgium, near Genk. The management describes the site as "where man, animal and nature form a perfect harmony." The grounds include a bee farm, fish ponds, a water-bird reservation, an animal park, sporting facilities, a recreation ground for the children and three marked walks through the grounds and woods.

Modern, comfortably furnished apartments surround the conference facility where services will take place. The units, which sleep two, four or six people, have fully equipped kitchens and bathrooms with showers. Five dining rooms serve family-style meals. A cafe has a terrace and bar. Camping

sites are also available.

Services will take place in two halls to accommodate the non-French-speaking visitors. Translation equipment is installed to provide simultaneous translations from French into English.

Daily rates for a room and three meals a day, including wine with the main meal, are: to age 1, free; 1 to 6, \$12 a person; 6 to 12, \$15 a person; 12 and older, \$26 a person. A \$30 nonrefundable registration fee is charged each family.

These rates will be 10 percent higher if one person occupies a two-bed studio unit, provided space is available.

The nearest airport is Brussels, where rental cars are available. An efficient train service operates from Brussels, and the Church will also arrange bus transfers from there.

If you would like to attend the Feast in Belgium, request an application form from Dibar Apartien, French Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Canada

French-Canadian brethren will celebrate the Feast at Le Manoir Richelieu, a resort in La Malbaie, Que., about 80 miles northeast of Quebec City.

This legendary castle built in the tradition of the 19th century stands atop a cliff 700 feet above the St. Lawrence River. A steep roof with dormer windows, chimneys, turrets, a ballroom and paintings radiate the charm and warmth of another era.

Outside the Manoir are gardens, terraces, paths of flowers, mountains, forests, cliffs and fields of greenery. Charlevoix-Est County has inspired many painters.

Feastgoers can play golf, miniature golf and tennis, ride horses or go sailing.

The 335 rooms at the Manoir are booked exclusively for Church members. The Hotel Tadoussac has 150 rooms reserved exclusively for members.

The costs in Canadian currency with U.S. prices in parentheses are: \$40 (\$28.66) a day for room only (no tax); \$34.50 (\$24.67) a day, for each adult for three meals (tax and service included); \$17.25 (\$12.33) for children less than 12. All guests must pay for three meals a day. Rates are based on one Canadian

dollar equaling 71.5 cents.

A limited number of transfers will be accepted.

For information, write to Donat Picard, 114 Pendennis Dr., Pointe-Claire, PQ, H9R 1H6, Canada.

Guadeloupe and Martinique

Those looking for a bit of adventure in the Caribbean may choose between St. Francois, Guadeloupe, and Tartane, Martinique.

The Feast on both islands takes place at family vacation villages. Both sites are on the coast and feature aqua-blue seas and plenty of sunshine.

Feastgoers lodge in beach cabins, most of which are equipped with stoves, refrigerators, dishes and pots and air conditioning. Lodgings are clean and pleasant, but not luxurious.

Many area restaurants feature Creole and French food. Attractions include volcanoes, isolated beaches and smaller offshore islands.

Services are in French, but English translations can be arranged on a personal, informal basis.

Lodging and meals are about \$30 a day for adults.

For information and applications for Guadeloupe, write to Gilbert Carbonnel, *Le Monde a Venir*, B.P. 418, 97163 Pointe-a-Pitre Cedex, Guadeloupe, West Indies.

For Martinique, write to Erick Dubois, *Le Monde a Venir*, B.P. 710, 97207 Fort-de-France Cedex, Martinique, West Indies.

Haiti

The Feast in Jacmel, Haiti, welcomes a small number of transfers. Services and accommodations will be at La Jacmelienne Beach Hotel, an American owned and operated hotel.

Jacmel is built on two levels of a hillside overlooking the Caribbean and a palm-fringed volcanic black-sand beach. The town's architecture features colonial-style gingerbread buildings.

Services are in French, but English translations can be arranged on a personal, informal basis.

Lodging and meals are about \$35 a day for adults.

For information and applications, write to Dibar Apartien, French Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Festival sites open for transfer in British Isles, Denmark, Italy

By Paul Suckling
BOREHAMWOOD, England—The British Isles Festival sites this year are Paignton, England; Brighton, England; St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands; Dunoon, Scotland; and a site in the Irish Republic yet to be determined.

The Worldwide News received this article from the British Regional Office. Exchange rates are based on one pound equaling \$1.40. Prices will fluctuate as the exchange rates change.

The British Office also administers the Feast site in Bredsten, Denmark, and the site in Fiuggi, Italy, in conjunction with the Italian Department in Pasadena.

Visitors from other countries will find a variety of accommodations at all sites. Visitors from the United States and Canada are asked to apply to the Festival Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, for information on these sites. Along with this information you will be sent an application to fill out and return to the Festival Office in Pasadena.

Other international brethren should write to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Elstree House, Elstree Way, Borehamwood, Herts., WD6 1LU, England, or telephone 01 953 1633.

Poland

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the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) list of world cultural inheritances.

Cracow escaped damage in World War II, and its historical monuments were preserved.

The Festival will feature activities similar to those offered at the Feast in Brno, Czechoslovakia, including a folklore evening, formal dance, visits to a castle and wine cellar and a hike in the Tatra Mountains.

Brethren will stay in the Cracow Holiday Inn, where services will be conducted in English. Feastgoers can view all Festival films and videotapes, as at other sites.

Hotel rooms are equipped with showers, baths, televisions and radios. In addition to restaurants, a hair salon and barbershop, the hotel has a swimming pool and sauna.

The German Office can accept only about 120 transfers to Poland this year and recommends that interested brethren apply immediately.

The Festival package price based on double occupancy for nine nights lodging, breakfast and lunch daily and two dinner activities will be about \$425 for each adult, and \$350 for each child ages 4 to 10.

Reduced air fares to Poland are being negotiated, and any discount flights will be announced to interested applicants.

In addition, an optional two-day sight-seeing trip to Warsaw, Poland, will take place before the Festival. The trip will include bus tours of Warsaw, a visit to Wilanow Palace and gardens and a seven-course meal at the Wilanowska restaurant. Cost will be about \$150 for adults, \$110 for children.

U.S. or Canadian visitors should write to the Festival Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129. All other transfers should write to Ambassador College, FOT Cracow, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, 5300 Bonn 1, West Germany.

Agencies retained by the Church handle accommodations in Guernsey, Brighton, Denmark and Italy, but members going to Paignton, Dunoon and Ireland will be responsible for their own housing. U.S. and Canadian members can obtain information on transatlantic flights from the Festival Office in Pasadena. We strongly suggest that members take out cancellation insurance for travel and housing. Please do not book accommodations until you receive a Festival approval form.

We have again hired the professional services of G.O. Marx, a London, England, Tourist Board registered guide, to provide you with four days of sight-seeing and entertainment in London and the surrounding countryside after the Feast.

St. Peter Port, Guernsey

For the first time the Feast will be observed in St. Peter Port, Guernsey, in the Channel Islands. Off the coast of France, Guernsey is a British crown dependency and has a mixture of French and English culture, with a relaxed atmosphere. The scenery is picturesque, and the climate is mild compared to that of the mainland, so the flowers for which Guernsey is famous will still be in bloom at the Feast.

Rich in history, the island is full of places to visit. Wind surfing, water skiing and deep-sea fishing are popular.

A wide range of accommodations is available. Rates start at about 126 pounds (\$176) a person for nine nights. This includes the sea crossing from Portsmouth, England, plus breakfast and evening meals and return transfers from the harbor.

Paignton, England

Paignton, on the Devonshire coast, is the setting for the Feast in southwest England. Though well connected by road and rail to all parts of England, the countryside is quiet and unspoiled.

The area is steeped in history, and tours are available to historical sites in the area. Golf, fishing, wind surfing and flying light aircraft are available.

Most members will stay in the fully equipped Beverley Park Holiday Centre, about five minutes away. The camp has more than 200 modern caravans (trailers) that

have up to six berths, private bathrooms and color televisions. The cost for a caravan for the nine nights is 60 to 90 pounds (\$85 to \$112). Hotels and guest houses are also available in the area.

In this area, known as the English Riviera, members can enjoy trips to various zoos and amusement facilities, and ride a nostalgic steam-driven train along the coast and wooded slopes bordering the estuary of the River Dart.

Brighton, England

Brighton is on the sunny south coast of England, one hour by train from central London and one-half hour from Gatwick Airport.

Services will take place in the historic Dome Theatre on the grounds of the newly restored royal pavilion. Feastgoers will dine in the royal banqueting room surrounded by \$750 million worth of gold plate.

Brighton is sometimes known as London-by-the-Sea and is known for the historic "lanes" shopping area, its restaurants, history and cosmopolitan atmosphere.

The surrounding Sussex countryside of valleys and downs provides an added attraction. Trips will include a visit to historical sites.

The average price for a moderate hotel is 153 pounds (\$214) a person for nine nights (dinner, bed and breakfast), though there are plenty of accommodations more and less expensive.

Dunoon, Scotland

Dunoon, Argyllshire, in western Scotland, is about 30 miles (48 kilometers) west of Glasgow across the Clyde estuary and is reached by ferry. The town nestles on the eastern edge of the Cowal peninsula amidst lochs, mountains and open countryside.

Services and social events will take place in Queens Hall. Lawns and gardens provide a pleasant environment for members to walk and talk after services. Rates for a moderate hotel are from 144 pounds (\$205) a person for nine nights (dinner, bed and breakfast). Self-catering facilities (including kitchens) start at 80 pounds (\$112) a unit for one week.

Boat rides on the Clyde, sailing, fishing and scenic walks are among the activities offered in Dunoon. Activities will include an evening of

Scottish dances and bus trips to places of historical interest.

Bredsten, Denmark

The Feast in Denmark will again take place at the Vingstedcentre sporting and conference center. The Vingstedcentre is on the east side of central Jutland outside the village of Bredsten, which is 13 kilometers (about 8 miles) from Vejle.

The Vingstedcentre consists of a hotel with room for about 300 guests, with a full range of leisure and sports facilities. The Danes provide an abundance of food, serving both smorgasbord and hot meals — as much as you can eat.

Opposite the hotel is a camping area for those wishing to take their own caravans.

Services and social activities take place in the center. The addition of a new hotel wing means all guests can stay at the site. Accommodations in guest houses and private homes will not be necessary.

The nine-day period will cost about 250 pounds (\$350) for full board for each person or 198 pounds (\$277) for half board (with breakfast and evening meal only).

For those traveling to Denmark from England there are two basic options — sea or air.

By sea, favorable group rates were negotiated with Danish Seaways from Harwich, England, to Esbjerg, Denmark, for passengers, cars and caravans.

Flights are available from London's Heathrow Airport and Manchester, England, to Copenhagen, Denmark, to connect with flights to Billund, Denmark, 20 kilometers from the Vingstedcentre.

Many social activities will be planned, and bus tours will take brethren to surrounding cities. Evening meals are eaten together

and you can get to know almost everyone.

Fiuggi, Italy

The spa town of Fiuggi will again play host to the Feast of Tabernacles in Italy.

Fiuggi, nestled in the mountains south of the Frascati wine-growing area, is at the termination of two natural springs.

It is about 100 kilometers (62 miles) southeast of Rome, just off the Rome-to-Naples *autostrada* and at an altitude of 2,500 feet (750 meters).

The conference facility, in the form of a rustic theater, is set in the gardens surrounding the natural spring of the Acqua Anticiana. Side trips can include Rome, Pompeii, Monte Casino, the isle of Capri and a winery.

Fiuggi is divided into two sections. The old town with its narrow, meandering streets is set like an acropolis crowning the summit of the hill, with the modern town below, growing up around the natural springs.

Services will be conducted in English, with translations into Italian and possibly other languages, if the demand is great and translators are available.

Accommodations range from first-class hotels to *penzioni* (hotels offering basic amenities). Self-catering accommodations and apartments are not generally available in Italy.

Nine nights, half board (dinner and continental breakfast) and round-trip air fares from London to Rome start at 337 pounds for an adult (about \$500) and 261 pounds for each child (about \$390). These prices include transfers to and from the hotels in Fiuggi to Rome airport (this would cost about \$150 by taxi).

Europe

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created at peak construction time. Others may be lost. The ferry trade will undoubtedly be hurt. The Kent, England, countryside may suffer some degree of ecological damage.

The ability to move scores of human beings across the English Channel will be vastly enhanced. But who can foresee all the societal changes a completed "chunnel" will eventually bring?

Study a map of Europe. The Continent has other significant bodies of water. Plans are already under way to ease the transport dilemmas created by both water and mountain.

According to an article in the Jan. 11 *Economist*: "North-South, the roads may run from the Arctic Circle, via bridges or tunnels linking Sweden to Denmark, and Denmark's capital Copenhagen to mainland Europe, all the way to a proposed tunnel under the Strait of Gibraltar. At least for those able to provide the right papers at its frontiers, Europe's countries are coming together."

For example, the Eastern European country of Albania has long been isolated from the rest of Europe. A new rail link between Yugoslavia and Albania will join Albania's rail network with the main lines of Western Europe.

High-speed train service is planned between Paris and West Germany's principal cities. Various fixed links and tunnels are in the works at key locations in Europe. Everywhere efforts are being made to bring Europe closer together. Political union may follow the physical.

Britain and European unity

Are these efforts good for Britain? One thing is for sure. The channel tunnel is a reminder of England's growing dependence on the European continent. According to the Jan. 20 issue of *Time*: "A per-

manent link, moreover, would underscore the sceptered isle's growing attachment to the Continent. In the 13 years since Britain joined the European Community, trade with E.C. countries has risen from less than a third of its total imports and exports to nearly half."

Certain Bible verses warn modern Ephraim — modern Britain — against relying on allies for economic and military security. There is little indication, however, that Britain will heed God's warnings. The trend is toward Europe.

Pierre Marin, French transport ministry spokesman, said in the Jan. 20 issue of *Time*: "Trade will grow as a result [of the chunnel], and Britain will become more firmly attached to Europe."

A symbol of unity

In the long run perhaps the most significant point about the channel tunnel is what it may come to represent. Mr. Marin put it this way, "The channel link has become a symbol for Europe and the desire to create a large and unified infrastructure." Only a symbol for the long-sought-for United States of Europe?

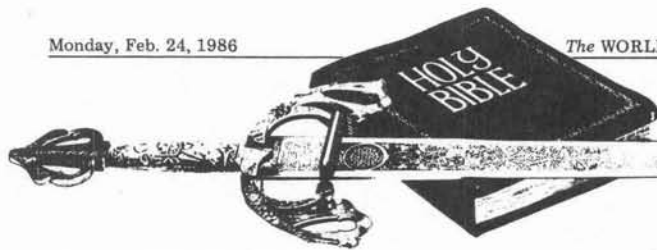
Unity among nations usually appears as a laudable and worthwhile pursuit. The end results are often tragic and disappointing.

After the Flood God told Noah and his sons: "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth" (Genesis 9:1). But the majority of men have not followed God. Righteous Noah was forgotten, and soon mankind gathered at that ancient symbol of human unity — the Tower of Babel. The people said as with one voice, "Let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth" (Genesis 11:4).

But our Creator had a contingency plan. He confused the one language of humankind and from Babel "the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth" (verse 9). Has mankind yet to learn the lesson of the Tower of Babel?



IMPERIAL GALA — Students from Imperial Schools in Pasadena take part in the presentation *A Century of Song*, the annual school musical production in the Ambassador Auditorium Feb. 13. [Photo by G.A. Bel-luche Jr.]



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Are you sure you know how to express true, caring love?

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Back in the early 1960s, Herbert W. Armstrong became aware of a problem developing at Ambassador College. It wasn't widespread, but it was serious. It's not my purpose to reopen old wounds, but a copy of the letter Mr. Armstrong wrote at that time was brought to my attention, and facts and events began to rush into my mind.

About a week after I read the old letter, someone told me of an incident similar to the ones Mr. Armstrong addressed in his letter. Now, you may think this was a coincidence. Maybe and maybe not, but it made me wonder if the same attitudes and motivations that caused the problems then might not also be prevalent among some today.

After all, this letter was written before most of today's Ambassador College students were even born. And most of you brethren, especially of dating age, have become members since that time.

Misunderstood intentions

Many of you will remember the example Mr. Armstrong gave in his autobiography of the girl he was dating at age 21. Mr. Armstrong was not converted at the time, and he thought she might think he was behind the times if he did not show her some affection, so for the first time, he indulged in what was then called "loving up."

The girl did not object to his, in today's society, rather innocent advances, and neither did her mother and stepfather. Much to Mr. Armstrong's chagrin, the entire family, including the young woman, thought his actions meant Mr. Armstrong's intentions must certainly be to marry their daughter.

The girl had grown to love Mr. Armstrong. Even though he had not mentioned marriage, she had assumed his attention proved her love was returned. One night she seriously talked to him about their future, expressing her love for him.

Mr. Armstrong was shocked and said he felt like a cad. He had to tell the girl the feeling wasn't mutual. Later, he tried to phone to apologize, but the girl's mother scornfully said her daughter never wanted to see him again.

Mr. Armstrong agonized that he had caused this fine young woman the humiliation of confessing love for him when he did not feel the same way about her.

To some it might sound like Mr. Armstrong was pretty naive. How many young men, or women, today are that concerned about the feelings of those they date? No, Mr. Armstrong wasn't being naive.

Even before conversion he felt a deep responsibility toward the young women he dated.

Where is your concern?

How about you singles? In your dating are you primarily concerned about the feelings of the other person? Or do you express the get attitude more often than not?

In Mr. Armstrong's letter to Ambassador College students, he said, "A new trend, or fad, seems to be developing among Ambassador men. These men start shopping for a wife." He went on to say that after careful analysis of certain girls, they pick out one, tell her they are in love and talk of marriage.

Then after the girl's hopes are high—some even go so far as to become engaged and begin making wedding plans—the man begins to look critically at the girl. "She is scrutinized carefully, analyzed from every angle, to see whether she is, after all, good enough for His Exalted Highness—whether she measures up to the superlative standards he is now setting for whoever shall become his wife."

After comparing this girl with others, he decides someone else indeed might be better qualified. And then, without any sense of unfaithfulness on the young man's part, in his own imagined self-righteousness, he coolly tells the girl he is not in love with her.

Mr. Armstrong went on to say that men "who are so careless about love and marriage, so unprincipled, so lacking in CHARACTER, are immediately dropped from all consideration of being ordained to the ministry of Jesus Christ! God's Work NEEDS ministers—BUT NOT THAT KIND!"

Continuing, Mr. Armstrong said: "Can't I make our students understand what a SERIOUS matter marriage is? It is not for children. It is not for the immature adolescent, who imagines himself to be a man. It is not for college freshmen of normal age of 19 or under, as yet unprepared to SUPPORT a wife and family. That is why we put on the pressure for all such underclassmen—until about the middle of the senior year—to PUT MARRIAGE OUT OF MIND."

These are only a few excerpts from Mr. Armstrong's long letter, written from Bricket Wood, England, May 22, 1963, to Ambassador College students.

If you are one guilty of this kind of selfishness, read what Mr. Armstrong said about dating in his autobiography:

"No phase of any man's life is more important, or has greater

bearing on his future success or failure, than the romantic experiences and their culmination in marriage. The same is true, conversely, in the lives of girls who have reached the dating age.

"Few young people, today, realize the seriousness of this phase of life. Proper dating has become virtually a lost art in America. Young people today, it seems, do not know how to date. Most of them have little or no conception of the nature of true love, or the meaning and responsibility of marriage. They are men and women physically, but they are still children emotionally" (page 156).

A happy example

Now, before you think I'm down on all singles, let me tell you about another Ambassador College student. Several years ago when he was a freshman, he dated many of the young women in college as he was

encouraged to do. He had determined to follow Mr. Armstrong's teachings, and wait until he was an upperclassman to choose whom he would marry.

Imagine his consternation when he found "Miss Right" right away! He called and told his father that he thought he had met the girl he wanted to marry some day.

Now I don't know what his father advised him, but I have a pretty good idea. This man went to the girl and told her that he felt they shouldn't date except occasionally because he didn't want their relationship to get serious too soon.

The young woman was amazed. He had been so careful in their relationship that she didn't realize there was a potential problem.

After four years of college, this young couple are engaged and will be married soon. But not until her senior year did she realize that, more than three years ago, she was the woman he wanted to marry.

This man cared enough about this young woman to wait to express his feelings toward her. He left it in God's hands in faith. He knew that if indeed she was the one for him, they would eventually be married. But if not, he was not going to make her grow to love him prematurely

and chance a mistake on both their parts.

Singles, that is true love—mature and responsible, caring love.

I have no doubt that this marriage has a strong foundation already laid, just waiting for a sturdy, long-lasting family structure to be built upon it.

Express true love

Young people, look to God. Grow up. Prepare yourself for marriage. Really care about each other. If you truly love someone, you will treat that person with respect and show a loving concern for his or her well-being, not an attitude of "What can I get from him or her?"

Let me quote from Mr. Armstrong's letter once again: "BE SURE you know what love is. BE SURE you are mature, old enough, PREPARED for the responsibilities of marriage. DON'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO THINK OF MARRIAGE SOONER. Don't go 'shopping' for a husband or wife, and just take the best of the lot. Wait until you know it is really LOVE. And then, once SURE, quit shopping around, analyzing, comparing. NEVER get engaged until you are SURE, then BE FAITHFUL!"

Hip-pocket God or fair-weather friend

Are you in constant contact?

By Jeff E. Zhorne

A few moments after taking off from the Denver, Colo., airport last winter, the airplane my wife, Wendy, and I were flying in suddenly rocked sideways. Seated between the wings, we looked out our window and saw one wing shudder as the plane struggled to level itself.

Immediately I closed my eyes. "God," I prayed, "you have the power to do anything you want to with this little plane. Please protect us and quiet the turbulence."

The captain announced over the intercom that he was having to battle strong winds above the mile-high city. Seconds went by and we leveled off. The flight attendant announced that the beverage tray would be coming by.

After I thanked God for being there to help, a thought stuck in my mind. Did God feel—well, used?

Does it take a tragedy?

I recall times I have cried out to God: when my wife suddenly got sick, the time I said the wrong thing to my boss and he visibly got upset, when an ambulance hurried by to aid a bleeding victim, the time an article deadline loomed too near.

Sometimes it takes a near tragedy to turn our minds, usually so occupied with physical things in this world, to the spiritual realm. Something that doesn't seem quite fair.

God shouldn't be a hip-pocket God. If the going gets rough in life, some people expect to simply pull God's help out of their back pocket.

But that's not how the spiritual giants of the Bible besought God's aid. Read Ezra chapters 9 through 11 and Daniel 9:1-19. When faced with adversity, Ezra and Daniel didn't mutter quiet, halfhearted incantations to whisk God into action. In the examples above, they fell upon their knees in earnest, prevailing prayer—beginning with repentance, accompanied by weeping and fasting.

Facing the greatest trial of his

life, here's what Jesus Christ did: "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44).

James 5:17-18 tells how God answered Elijah's fervent prayers and stopped the rain for 3½ years.

Is God to blame?

Another way we humans treat God is almost exactly the opposite of having a hip-pocket God. You have probably had fair-weather



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

friends or acquaintances who were congenial until adversity hit. Perhaps you ran out of money, you missed a profitable opportunity or you fell into otherwise hard times.

"All's well as long as the going's easy," goes the saying. I remember a song about a man who had friends as long as he was paying for the drinks. Sometimes we treat God that way. As long as we're prospering financially, the baby is healthy and the car runs smoothly, we'll team up with God. Yes, then God is our buddy.

Suddenly a crisis pays a visit. Who gets the blame? God. We feel cheated by God. Have you ever felt this way?

I have. Especially when my wife and I got stuck in Paris, France, a little more than a month after we were married.

In a Paris *gare* we bought train

tickets to Frankfurt, West Germany, from where we were to catch a chartered flight back to the United States. But we were given instructions to leave from the wrong train station. Of course we didn't know it was wrong at the time.

By the time we took a taxi to the right station, the train had left for Frankfurt. Another train left the next day—but too late to catch our flight home. Since the airline had flights only twice weekly, we were forced to wait until the next flight left—three days later. And we had a paltry \$15 remaining.

Unable to rent a car because of insufficient funds, we slept outside a rent-a-car company in Paris that night. It started to rain. My wife got sick. I remember too vividly. We did finally catch a train to West Germany, where we waited for two more days.

During that time I pleaded with God. But nothing was happening. I felt frustrated and abandoned by God. This is His fault, I found myself saying inwardly, because God didn't act when I wanted Him to.

That experience taught a lesson. David said, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25). God promises never to abandon those who are obeying His laws.

I should have planned better and had adequate reserve funds. I should have aligned myself more with God's laws, beseeching Him like Ezra and Daniel did. Then I should have waited patiently for Him.

God makes the rules

We don't dictate our terms to God. He says He will help, but He also determines when and how.

God wants us to constantly be in contact with Him—so close that He can merely beckon us with His eye and we'll follow (Psalm 32:8). Are you that close to your heavenly Father? I wasn't. I hope I am now.

Milestones in Church's work

- February, 1934** — *The Plain Truth* is first published.
- February, 1961** — The Church opens a Canadian office in Vancouver, B.C.
- February, 1965** — The first *Plain Truth* with a full-color cover is published.
- February, 1968** — *The Plain Truth* appears in Spanish.
- February, 1984** — *The Plain Truth* appears in Norwegian.
- Feb. 13, 1985** — The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce gives Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong its Civic Achievement Award. Chamber President Cy Graph remarks, "In his own quiet way Mr. Armstrong has done more to promote positive relations between countries than has the [U.S.] State Department."

Church conducts SEPs, WEP

1986 SEP: 'FANTASTIC'

PASADENA—Summer Educational Programs (SEPs) took place in December and January in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Kenya. A Winter Educational Program (WEP) took place in Austria. A report on each program follows.

Lake Moogerah, Australia

More than 400 campers, staff members, faculty members and ministers attended the fifth SEP here Dec. 26 to Jan. 16, according to David Noller, camp director and pastor of the Lake Moogerah church.

Most of the campers were from

Australia, but some came from Canada, India, Malaysia, Norway, Sri Lanka and the United States.

Activities at the camp included basketball, bushcraft, canoeing, copper art, dancing, doughcraft, education, golf, gymnastics, photography, soccer, softball, communications, rock climbing, riflery, waterskiing and hiking.

Six Pasadena Ambassador College students were counselors at the camp. They were Christy Allgeyer, Stacey Cole, Dawn Fricke, Rodger Cutter, Randel Kelly and Tapu Panuve. Mary Johnson, also a Pasadena Ambassador College student, was graphics editor for the

YOU Summer Times, the camp newspaper. Michael A. Snyder, a senior writer for *The Plain Truth* and international news editor for *The Worldwide News*, was managing editor of the *Summer Times*.

Visitors to the camp included Rodney Matthews, office manager for the Church's Manila, Philippines, Regional Office, and Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Robert Morton, regional director for the Church in Australia, met with staff and faculty members Dec. 25. He reminded them how important teenagers in the Church are. "Our example and conduct is our most effective teaching tool," he said.

Counselors met three times each week with Mr. Noller and other staff members. "We wanted constant feedback to make sure we're providing a solid program here," Mr. Noller said. "We keep a continual training program going."

Campers received awards on the individual and dorm levels at the end of the session. Campers of the session were Andrew Power and Ruth Cooper.

Motutapu Island, New Zealand

One hundred campers and 71 staff members attended New Zealand's 13th SEP Dec. 26 to Jan. 13 on Motutapu Island.

Almost one third of the campers attended SEP for the first time.

Since New Zealand is small, many Church youths attend SEP several times.

While campers ate a Sabbath brunch Jan. 4, water from continual rain began to run through the dining area. Dining room benches and rocks from a retaining wall were used to divert the flow.

Because the rain continued the next day, Donald Engle, camp director and associate pastor of the Auckland, New Zealand, church, asked the eight dorms to return to their rooms after breakfast for a group prayer to ask for intervention.

"God obviously answered those prayers, for within the hour the weather started clearing. Yet that morning the forecast was for continued rain for another 36 hours," Mr. Engle said.

A second spell of rain a few days later was not as severe and flooding did not recur.

"Despite the two periods of wet weather the camp was not affected," Mr. Engle said. "The camp went very smoothly. It's the smoothest-running camp we've had on the island."

The island, accessible only by boat, is isolated from society and its distractions.

The SEP included archery, bushcraft, canoeing, a confidence course, dance, education, soccer, swimming, volleyball and waterskiing. Other activities were sailing trips off the island, a family day and a fun day on the last day of camp.

"The emphasis was on fun, balanced with an opportunity to receive proper education," Mr. Engle said.

Visitors to the camp were Peter Nathan, regional director for the Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific; Dennis Richards, a local church elder in the Dunedin, New Zealand, church, and his wife, Susan; Russell Kells, a local church elder in the Auckland church, and his wife, Jeanette; Bill Hutchison, business manager for the Auckland Office, and his wife, Barbara; and Mr. Jutsum.

Other guests were Martin Yale, a faculty member at Big Sandy Ambassador College, and his wife, Jane, and Larry and Annabel John-

son, also faculty members at Big Sandy Ambassador College.

Pasadena Ambassador College students Brian Young and Stephanie Karnafel served as counselors.

Wayne and Kathy Avery, who began a voyage from Los Angeles, Calif., in their ketch, *Ramblin Rose*, a year ago, were also guests at the camp. They took staff and campers on sailing excursions. Peter and Noeline Carpenter offered their boat, *Aspect of Arran*, for a daylong trip.

"This has been my first year... it turned out to be fantastic," said camper Stephen Voghterr, 13. "You're able to learn many new things and build character at the same time. I can't wait to come back next year and learn more."

Sio Ching Shia, counselor and 1985 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, said: "SEP... intensified joys and fears, awful and wonderful at the same time. You really learn what love and sacrifice mean... the rewards are worth it—seeing the kids blossom and grow."

Estcourt, South Africa

"I don't know of a camp that's had a better spirit and attitude—everything has gone along exceptionally well," said John Bartholomew, director of the SEP at Wagendrift Dam in the province of Natal. Mr. Bartholomew also pastors the Pretoria, South Africa, church.

One hundred forty-four campers arrived Dec. 13 to attend the ninth summer camp here.

Activities included Bible classes, sailing, waterskiing, canoeing, riflery, rock climbing, an overnight hike, ballroom dancing, basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, floral art, Japanese art and modern dance. New at the camp this year was a communications class in which campers helped produce an eight-page issue of *Summertime News*.

Campers commented that the increased amount of individual coaching helped them to master the fundamentals of various sports. A record number of campers received first-class or expert certificates in waterskiing.



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"I enjoyed waterskiing most," said camper Beverly Bunton. "It taught me that if I tried hard enough I could do something I hadn't done before."

Other events included shooting a reedduck by a hunting club, a swimming gala and a formal dance in the Estcourt town hall.

"We shot a buck, skinned it, cut up the meat, salted it and hung the meat," said camper Richard Lee. "I've really learned a lot at SEP."

Emphasis in the activities was on building character, having good clean fun, learning to win and lose graciously and other facets of the give way of life.

Roy McCarthy, regional director for the Church in southern Africa, and his wife, Tine, visited the camp Dec. 30. "I'm very happy with the attitude here," he said. "The atmosphere is terrific. Everything looks good."

Waterskiing maneuvers and all-star ball games took place on the last day of camp. Encouragement from the girls helped the winning boys team to go through the obstacle course in record time.

That evening awards were distributed. Boy camper of the year was Mark Antonides, and girl camper of the year was Jill Venish.

Camper Johannes Nel said: "I wasn't confident in doing some sports. Now I am. I also made real friends."

"One of the sad aspects of growing up is that I can't come back to SEP next year. It improves every year," said Willy Clack.

Mombasa, Kenya

The second SEP in Kenya took place at Kanamai Conference and Holiday Centre here Dec. 16 to 23. Twenty-two campers and six staff members attended. Temperatures were in the 90s Fahrenheit (mid-30s Celsius).

New activities this year were archery, chess, a speech club, a talent show, machine sewing, cooking, parasailing and an obstacle course. Most campers had only seen parasailing in the 1984 Festival film.

Swimming was emphasized again this year because a goal of the camp is to introduce more water sports in the future.

Other activities were soccer, volleyball, basketball, a form of water polo, education classes, sing-alongs,

a Bible bowl, a reef walk and visits to a fish and crocodile farm.

Steven Leblanc, then assistant pastor of the Blantyre, Malawi, and Kibirichia and Nairobi, Kenya, churches, assisted with the camp. Mr. Leblanc is now assistant pastor of the Pasadena Imperial P.M. church. John Andrews, an Ambassador College graduate who served at SEPs in Orr, Minn., and Loch Lomond, Scotland, helped bring the camp into line with the other programs.

Saalbach, Austria

One hundred ten Church youths and staff members from the United States and Canada joined 83 Church youths and staff from West Germany and other parts of Europe for a Winter Educational Program here Dec. 19 to 31.

Saalbach is a ski resort about 80 miles (128 kilometers) from Salzburg, Austria, near Innsbruck, Austria.

Camp activities began Sunday, Dec. 22. Daytime activities started with Church history classes emphasizing the Church in Europe.

After class the campers skied. Lessons were available to more than half of the group who were beginners. Intermediate and advanced skiers practiced downhill recreational skiing.

Until the camp was ready to begin, there was little or no snow — not enough for skiing. While the American and Canadian group was on the plane en route to Europe, snow began to fall in the Saalbach region, but nowhere else in Europe. It was still falling when the campers arrived.

The weather cleared for three days, and the snow began to melt. Another storm came in, and again it snowed in Saalbach, but nowhere else in Europe. Most of the resort's 56 ski lifts were open for the remainder of the WEP.

In the evenings Church youths participated in social games, sing-alongs and a dance.

On the second Sabbath, Dec. 28, the sermonette was given in German and the sermon was in English. Simultaneous translation was available using the infrared translation equipment from the Church's Bonn, West Germany, Office.

The group from Canada and the



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United States left for home Dec. 31.

New Zealand cycling trip

Eighty-six Church youths and staff participated in the second Ambassadors to New Zealand cycling trip Dec. 27 to Jan. 13. Cyclists came from the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

The group, also called "SEP on Wheels," toured about 493 miles of New Zealand's South Island, an average of about 55 miles on each of nine cycling days.

The tour was organized by Lyall Johnston, pastor of the Napier, Nelson, Palmerston North and Wellington, New Zealand, churches; Colin Sutcliffe, pastor of the Christchurch and Dunedin, New Zealand, churches; and Larry Haworth, assistant professor of physical education at Big Sandy Ambassador College.

The cyclists attended Sabbath services in Christchurch Dec. 28, and the tour began Dec. 29.

The program included education classes and side trips to scenic areas and aspects of New Zealand's agricultural heritage. Other activities on the trip included river rafting, a visit to the Mount Nicholas sheep and cattle station



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and a boat cruise on Milford Sound.

Jan. 4, the group kept the Sabbath in Queenstown, New Zealand. Peter Nathan, regional director for the Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific, joined the tour before the Sabbath and gave a sermon on self-discipline and its role in forming character.

The group spent nights in school gymnasiums, town halls, recreation complexes and an army camp. After the tour cyclists from the United States and Canada went to Auckland, New Zealand, where they stayed with Church members. In Auckland they took a bus tour of the city, attended a barbecue with brethren, shopped, swam and sailed.

Cycle tours are a "great opportunity" for older Church youths to apply the seven laws of success, Mr. Nathan said. "Succeeding in this area helps them to go on to apply God's ways to produce successful and abundant lives."

One cyclist said he appreciated "learning to work as a team with people of all different personalities and backgrounds and seeing it work as smoothly as it did."

The participants, including Ambassador College students, were selected from applications submitted to Mr. Haworth and the New Zealand Regional Office. Cyclists chosen for the program were sent training packets.

The purposes of the program were to develop teamwork, lasting friendships and an understanding of personal physical capacities and limitations, and to build unity and character through God's way of life.

This article was compiled from reports by Michael A. Snyder, Australia; Gary Dixon, Fleur Brown and Greg Achtemichuk, New Zealand; Hanlie Moolman, Trevonika Paul and Laurelle Demont, South Africa; and Owen Willis, Kenya.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Basketball, family weekends take place

Forty-two teams from 14 church areas came to **BIG SANDY** Dec. 28 to 30 to participate in the annual YOU invitational basketball tournament.

Activities began Saturday morning, Dec. 28, with a seminar on what can be learned from sports and how to be a real winner. The seminar was given by Charles Calahan, pastor of the Paris and Sherman, Tex., churches, and Frederick Kellers, pastor of the Little Rock and Searcy, Ark., churches.

Basketball began Saturday evening in the Ambassador College Field House and the Imperial gymnasium, and continued Sunday and Monday.

Division winners were: boys A, San Antonio, Tex.; boys B, Fort Worth, Tex.; girls A, Big Sandy; girls B, Waco, Tex. Basketball

were presented to the first, second and consolation teams of each bracket by Charles Black, executive director of the event.

Brethren from Big Sandy, Longview and Tyler, Tex., served in concessions, ushering and security during the tournament.

The second annual **KENOSHA**, Wis., invitational basketball tournament took place at Bradford High School in Kenosha Dec. 28 and 29. Forty-eight teams from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan participated.

Division winners were: men's A, Flint and Lansing, Mich.; men's B, Chicago, Ill.; North; boys I, West Bend, Wis.; boys II, Lansing; women's, Waukesha, Wis.; Gold; girls, Peoria, Ill.

About 1,000 people cheered, participated and served at the event.

The **GREENSBORO**, N.C., church participated in family olympics Saturday evening, Dec. 28.

After Sabbath services at Western Guilford High School, brethren ate a potluck meal. The olympics followed. About 25 games were set up in the school gymnasium. Families were encouraged to work together as teams, and those without families could adopt one.

Each family was given a game sheet to be checked by each game leader. The Clayton Burrow family finished all of the games first and was awarded a prize.

Winning teams in each game received coupons that could be exchanged for refreshments. One game, "Who's Who in the Greensboro Church," encouraged brethren to talk to as many different people as possible. The game was organized by Melvin and Sadie Parks. The Ken Robertson family completed the instructions first.

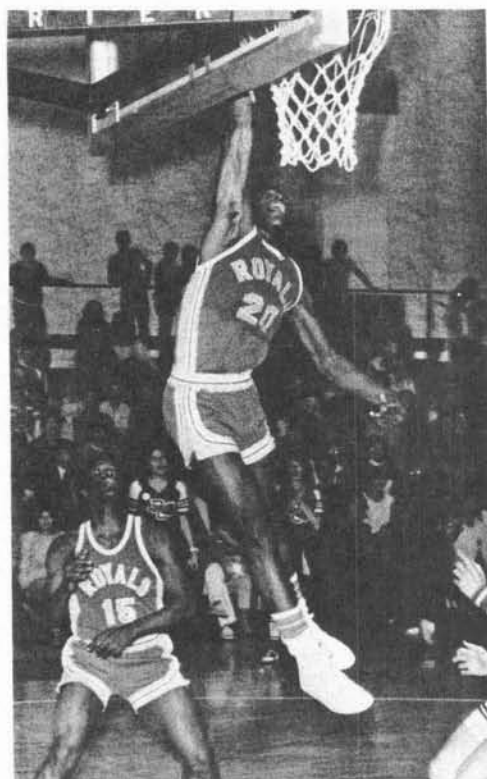
The **HELENA**, Mont., church sponsored a family weekend Dec. 28 and 29 for the Butte and Great Falls, Mont., churches.

Activities began on the Sabbath with a youth-oriented Bible study about Joseph. After Sabbath services a potluck meal was served.

Music was provided by a church band, and others shared their musical talents between band sets. Helena members housed their guests for the evening.

Sunday began with flapjacks and eggs, followed by indoor relays and bowling. A meal served by youths ended the event.

Scott Smith, Charles and Conni McClure, Larry Penkava and Tom R. Smith.



UP FOR TWO — Patrick Campbell of the San Antonio, Tex., Royals lays in two points during the annual YOU invitational basketball tournament Dec. 28 to 30 in Big Sandy. San Antonio won the boys A bracket. (Photo by Scott Smith)

Areas mark anniversaries

Brethren from several European countries gathered in **FRANKFURT**, West Germany, Dec. 28 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Darmstadt, West Germany, church.

For the sermonette John Karlson, office manager for the Church's Regional Office in Bonn, West Germany, gave a slide show on the history of the Church in the German language. Frank Schnee, regional director for the Church in German-speaking areas, gave the sermon.

The Darmstadt church first met in Frankfurt Dec. 25, 1965, at the Frankfurter Hof Hotel. The church has been pastored by Colin Cato, now a local church elder in Glendale, Calif.; Mr. Karlson; and Thomas Root, who serves on the Pasadena Ambassador College faculty.

Current pastor is Grant Spong, who also pastors the Bonn and Duesseldorf, West Germany, churches.

Brethren who attended Frankfurt 20 years ago are now served by 21 congregations in the Netherlands, Scandinavia, Switzerland, Austria and East and West Germany.

The **AUSTIN**, Tex., church celebrated its 15th anniversary and the 30th wedding anniversary of J. Harold Lester, pastor of the Austin and Waco, Tex., churches, and his wife, Carol, Saturday evening, Jan. 4.

John Ledbetter, an Austin local church elder, was master of ceremonies. He read a letter written 15 years ago by the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, which was sent to all of those who would attend the new church. The letter explained that the first Sabbath service would be Dec. 19, 1970, and

church pastors would be Roy Holladay and Lawrence Neff.

A group picture was taken of some of the 212 brethren who were present at the first service.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester then received a card and gift for their wedding anniversary. They were married Dec. 23, 1955. Cake, cookies, punch and coffee were served.

More than 120 adults and children attended a social and celebrated the 12th anniversary of the **KINGSTON**, Ont., church Dec. 28.

After services brethren ate a dinner of salads, rolls, lasagna, carrot cake and beverages, all served by Church youths.

Dance lessons were offered by Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith of Smiths Falls, Ont. Skits and songs were performed by Church youths, and the children's choir sang. The evening concluded with dancing.

The **NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**, England, church celebrated its 20th anniversary Jan. 11 with almost 120 in attendance.

The church's first service was Dec. 11, 1965, in a hotel. For the

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Clubs conduct ladies nights

EUGENE, Ore., Spokesman Clubs A and B met for a combined ladies night Jan. 12 at North's Chuck Wagon in Eugene. Ron Sibley, president of club A, opened the meeting and introduced Lou Boring, president of club B, who conducted tabletopics.

Toastmaster Bob McAlexander presented speakers Paul Buckner, Richard Snyder, Jeff Boehland, Cecil Hollands and Bill Glover. The Most Improved Speaker cup went to Mr. Boehland; the Most Effective

Speech was given by Mr. Glover; and the Most Helpful Evaluation trophy was awarded to Tim Martens.

In his closing comments Leonard Schreiber, pastor of the Eugene, Bend, Coos Bay, and Roseburg, Ore., churches, said that a good leader teaches others to become leaders, and that the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong provided the Spokesman Club and manual to teach members to become leaders.

The **WAUKESHA**, Wis., Spokesman Club ladies night took place Jan. 5. About 60 members and guests attended.

Joel Lillengreen, pastor of the Waukesha and Kenosha, Wis., churches, introduced the evening and club President Mike Gitter. Vocal exercises were conducted by Kris Westberg, and topicsmaster was Randy Schmidt.

Toastmaster Dennis Miller introduced five speakers and evaluators. The speeches were on courtesy, space, photography, transporting plants and the power of thoughts. Mr. Gitter gave the Most Effective Speech; the Most Improved Speaker was Don Wales; and the Most Helpful Evaluation was given by Andrew Nazimek.

Mr. Lillengreen gave an overall evaluation and a lecture on how to change one's life.

Tim and Lin Rhay and Cathy Folker.

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo.,

brethren attended a social after Sabbath services Dec. 28. The evening began with a meal of finger foods including vegetables, sandwiches, cookies, coffee and soft drinks.

Brethren share socials, picnic, games

After the meal the group danced to music from the 1950s and played table games.

Brethren from the **PITTSBURGH, BEAVER VALLEY and McKEESPORT**, Pa., churches attended a combined winter social Dec. 28.

A chess tournament, table games and a movie for children took place after a potluck dinner at Quigley High School. Brethren also played volleyball and basketball throughout the evening. Beaver Valley Church youths sold ice cream sundaes after dinner.

Brethren in the **FLORENCE**, S.C., church attended their annual picnic Jan. 1 south of Florence at a cabin overlooking a man-made lake.

Outside games included darts, dodge ball and Frisbee golf. Inside, a fire, piano music and table games were available. Wright Baird barbecued a deer provided by A.J. Prosser.

After the meal Bill Cherry, accompanied by pianist Clark Sullivan, led a sing-along.

Mr. Prosser organized the picnic. Mr. Cherry provided games and Winston Davis coordinated the music. Debbie Cherry supervised meal preparation. Overall coordinator for the event was Lawrence Greider Jr., pastor of the Fayetteville, N.C., and Florence churches.

A combined outing for the **PAMPANGA and OLONGAPO**, Philippines, churches took place Jan. 5 at Montemar Forestall Beach Resort in Bagac, Philippines.

Activities were volleyball, a running race, tag, chess, boating and a sing-along. A potluck lunch featuring fresh-roasted fish was served.

Brethren in the **WASHINGTON, D.C., and FRONT ROYAL**, Va., churches attended an international night Dec. 28 at Francis

Hammond Junior High in Alexandria, Va.

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh and his wife, Isabel, were guests at the event. Richard Frankel, pastor of the two churches, presented Dr. Hoeh with a gift of books about the nation's capital.

Activities began with a meal of Greek chicken, Italian pasta with three cheeses, French carrot orange salad and Italian tortoni for dessert. Tables were decorated with flags from nations around the world. Dinner music was provided by Jane and Fawn Leasure.

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Ghanaians sell chickens to raise funds

The **ACCRA and KUMASI**, Ghana, churches raised half the money to sponsor a Church youth to attend the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Loch Lomond, Scotland, in 1986, by selling live chickens Dec. 22 to 24.

Charles Akowuah, a local church elder in the Kumasi church, owns a chicken farm and sold 400 chickens to the churches. Church members transported the birds in the churches' farm truck to Accra, where they sold 150 of them. Brethren sold 250 chickens in Kumasi.

The chicken sale was coordinated by Accra and Kumasi Spokesman Club presidents Casely Chindorf and Fred Dwamena. Hilarius Hiyge, a Church employee, was given an award for being salesman of the year. Josef A. Forsen.



20TH ANNIVERSARY — David Magowan (second row, far left), pastor of the Newcastle upon Tyne, Hull, Sheffield, Bradford and Middlesbrough, England, churches, poses with original members of the Newcastle upon Tyne church during 20th anniversary celebrations Jan. 11.

Religion

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basket. It is composed of specified amounts of the 10 currencies of the European Economic Community, the mark having the greatest weight, nearly one third. (The currencies of the EEC's newest members, Spain and Portugal, should be integrated by the end of the decade.)

Despite its still-not-quite-here status, continued the *Journal* report, "it doesn't seem to matter that no mint for ECU's exists. The ECU is just like any other currency; you can buy it, sell it, borrow it or lend it. Anything anyone wants to do can be done in ECU's," says Lloyd's [Bank official Len] Dewes."

The demand to use the ECU is so strong that it has risen to become

the fifth-largest financing currency in the world, behind dollars, Swiss francs, West German marks and Japanese yen.

Even the Soviet Union — which is on the verge of officially recognizing the European Community — finances a growing share of its foreign trade in ECUs, along with countries in Europe and the Far East.

One attractive feature of the ECU is that it has maintained its value against the rising dollar better than any single national currency.

Ironically, the one country that has remained fairly cool to the ECU is the one contributing the currency's largest component, West Germany. Bonn's currency laws severely restrict ECU transactions inside the Federal Republic. But pressure is growing heavy on Bonn to liberalize its own ECU usage, and

when this happens, the ECU should really take off.

It is important to note that the ECU is the official monetary unit of the European Economic Community. And ultimately, reported *Business and Economic Review*, the ECU could become "the foundation of the world's third currency zone... [and] a basis for a complete currency union among countries of the European Community."

While such a step is dependent on a major sacrifice of national prerogatives, leading European officials are confident it will take place.

"Let the ECU become a true European currency," exclaimed Pierre Pflimlin, president of the European

Parliament, last March.

It just may be that further expansion and acceptance of the ECU must await the outcome of the Third World debt crisis. Banks in the United States are more exposed than those in any other country with regard to the billions of dollars of loans owed especially by Latin American countries. Thus the U.S. dollar may be in for a severe beating in the months and years ahead.

Trading powers around the world may flock to the ECU in search of a much safer haven. And Europe, underpinned with a solid currency, would become what prophecy indicates — the center of a great end-time global trading network. Compare Revelation 18 with Ezekiel 27.

Europe is steadily unifying in the military field as well. But developments here will have to await a future column.

Church News Items Omitted

Because we did not run "Accent on the Local Church" in the special Feb. 10 tribute issue of *The Worldwide News*, we will not publish some of the older items that would have appeared in that issue. Thanks to those who submitted articles. We appreciate your efforts.

Unleavened Recipes

If you would like a copy of the unleavened bread recipes that were published in *The Worldwide News* in 1982 and 1983, please write to the Mail Processing Center, Unleavened Bread Recipes, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

How to Use Wills and Trusts to Give to the Church

Many members and co-workers have requested information on how best to make a gift to the Worldwide Church of God, either during their lifetime or upon death, through wills, trusts or other means.

If you desire to receive information regarding such gifts, the Legal Department of the Church is available to advise and serve without cost or obligation. Merely write:

Ralph K. Helge, Attorney-at-Law
Worldwide Church of God
Box 111
Pasadena, Calif., 91129

The Legal Department regrets that, because of the variance of laws of other countries, such legal information is only applicable to residents of the United States and Canada. However, in such cases the department will be pleased to furnish whatever limited information it may have available.

Members assemble for winter dances

"A World at One" was the theme for a ROCHESTER, N.Y., winter dance Dec. 28.

Afternoon Sabbath services took place at the Laborers International Union hall with guests attending from Syracuse, N.Y. The sermonette was delivered by Dean Schantz, and the sermon was given by Leslie

Schmedes, pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse churches.

Special music was performed by the children's choir, directed by Chip Sumner and accompanied by Norma Foote. An international potluck meal was served after services. Each main dish was labeled with a flag and title.

As an assignment for the day's festivities, Church youths wrote a poem or an essay based on the dance theme, and each family made a poster representing its nationality. The posters were displayed on the walls of the hall as part of the dance decorations. Five of the essays were selected and read by Mr. Schmedes.

Music for the dance was provided by Rochester's Frontier Band, composed of members Mr. Sumner, Roger Davis, Jeff Hawer, Dennis Dudek, Craig Eaton and Rebecca Hudson. Movies were provided for the children.

A BRIGHTON, England, formal dance took place at the ballroom of Lewes Town Hall Jan. 4, from 7 to 11 p.m.

More than 200 people from 10 church areas attended. Stuart Channon's Ambassador Band provided music.

Food served by Mary and Ann Dukes included salad, cheese pie, hot dogs and two choices of gateaux. Drinks were served by Don and Linda Holdstock. Virginia Spykerman and Marion Orum provided decorations.

The evening was organized by Stephen Spykerman, a deacon in the Brighton church. He was assisted by Clive and Christine Walters and Brian and Sieglinda Smith.

Jack Hannold and John Meakin.

New church begins in Michigan

A new congregation of the Church began meeting Dec. 28 at the Mona Civic Center in MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, Mich., with 91 in attendance.

Services began at 10 a.m., and special music was provided by Evelyn Weckerly. The sermon was given by George Kackos, pastor of the Muskegon and Grand Rapids, Mich., churches. Mr. Kackos mentioned the benefits of the new congregation and stressed the availability of service opportunities.

After services a fellowship hour with open-face sandwiches, potato chips, relishes, homemade cookies and beverages took place.

Roland Van Slooten, a local church elder, will assist Mr. Kackos in the new church area. Arthea Youns.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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I believe it when I heard that one of the greatest gentlemen of our time had died. As a believer in Christ I know there is a crown prepared for him. I cannot find words to thank him for such great knowledge which I received from him. He is one I will always talk about and he will always be in my mind.

Hypolyte Crixuch
Trinidad

I am a follower of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and just last week I heard that he had died. I was very sad to hear of his death, however, he has done his duty on earth and now sir [Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach], may God direct your paths and elevate you to a high standard in your duties, seeing the good work must go on. I have no doubt that you will make good use of such an office in telling and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God without fear or favor, and now may I say God bless you and give you wisdom, courage, knowledge and understanding to carry on His Work here on earth.

Inell Walwyn
Cruz Bay, St. John
U.S. Virgin Islands

I procrastinated telling Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong how much I appreciated his book and his dedication to God's work. Now it will have to wait for another time.

I don't want to make the same mistake. I support you [Joseph W. Tkach] as God's appointed new physical leader and you are in my prayers even as was Mr. Armstrong.

I pray that God will give you the zeal and dedication along with wisdom to do the work He has given you to do. It is obvious that you have the education, knowledge and experience for the position or He would not have put you there.

Mrs. Roy Grandbois
Anchorage, Alaska

This is my first time I have written in since I became a member of God's Church in September, 1964, over twenty years ago. As I tried to sleep last night my thoughts and tears stayed on Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

First, I want to express (as many others will) the deep sad loss of our beloved Pastor General Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. As I have deeply loved my physical father, who died over twenty years ago, I didn't realize what an awesome effect on me Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's death would have these last few days.

I (as many I'm sure) hoped and prayed Mr. Armstrong would be with us to lead us to the place of safety! But our all merciful creator God chose to take him to rest from all his labors and afflictions he has suffered.

I am... stronger now than ever in God's work, and now we must stand by Mr. Joseph W. Tkach... to support him in every way we can, as he has proven himself to be a loyal, devoted, hard-working servant of God.

Dorothy Holley
Tampa, Fla.

I am very sorry for Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's death, but that was the will of God and we have to go on with the Work.

May God be with you [Joseph W. Tkach] and direct you with knowledge and wisdom and truth... Jesus said he would be with his Church until the end of the world, so we need to believe and go on.

I support you Mr. Tkach with all my heart.

I send my love to all of you. Thank you so much for what you are doing for the Church of God.

Laura B. Goncalves
Union, N.J.

Education article

Your article, "Education: What Does God Expect?" [Dec. 30 *Worldwide News*] was excellent and will be a great help to us.

I have a B.A. in sociology and psychology (maybe I shouldn't admit it). I have raised a family and am now a substitute teacher in the public schools. Through the years I have been in God's Church. I have considered all the points you brought out. We must train and develop our minds. It is important that we have training in order to find good jobs, especially in this unstable economy.

Living at home, while attending college, was an excellent suggestion, as was the suggestion to carefully consider your field of training in light of God's way of life.

Ann Slowe
Houston, Tex.

Thank you and all those responsible for December 30th's article on education. It is encouraging to see emphasis put on developing one's physical and spiritual life in preparation for the Kingdom of God.

Ambassador College has never had the facilities to accept every interested applicant. Those who are interested in acceptable subjects not offered there have to learn it at one of the world's institutions.

Going to Ambassador College will not shelter one from the "get" way of life, because this whole world — on the job, on TV, everywhere — is based upon selfish principles...

Depending on one's financial situation, there comes a time when a person has to leave home to learn how to run a household, prior to marriage, and to cope with the related responsibilities. Accepting these and resisting temptation is all a part of building character in preparation for serving in the Kingdom of God.

Gilda Hoeh
San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Singles meet for activities

Singles from the BROOKLYN and QUEENS, N.Y., churches sponsored the Big Apple Formal Dinner Dance, Dec. 28 in Queens. More than 480 singles from California, Texas, Barbados, the Bahamas, Bermuda and the East Coast of the United States attended.

The group danced to the music of City Lights, a nine-piece church band, and dined on prime rib.

Sabbath services took place at the Sheraton Inn at La Guardia Airport, and Earl Williams, pastor of the Brooklyn and Queens churches, gave a sermon on male and female roles for singles.

After services some of the singles participated in Bible baseball.

Sunday two busloads of singles took a guided tour of New York City. They walked through China

Town and saw the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty and the United Nations complex.

Singles from the FAYETTEVILLE and FORT SMITH, Ark., churches attended a surprise activity Saturday evening, Dec. 28. The activity was planned and kept secret for two months.

After Sabbath services the singles were given maps to a Bible study location, a bunkhouse with harnesses, saddles and a wood stove. Charles May, a local church elder in the Fayetteville church, gave the Bible study on the responsibility of singles.

After the Bible study the group went on a hayride. Chili and chips were served when they returned.

Sunday, Dec. 29, Harold Slinkard, father of Church member Jeff Slinkard and wagonmaster for a wagon train that will tour the state during 1986, spoke to the singles about the Arkansas sesquicentennial, marking 150 years of statehood. The group was able to look at a genuine covered wagon in working condition.

Activities ended with a tour of a nuclear calibration facility south-west of Fayetteville. Activities were coordinated by Dan Jefferson and Jeff Slinkard.

Walter V. Dolengo and Dan Jefferson.

Areas

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anniversary celebration, Paul Suckling, director of Ministerial Services in the United Kingdom, gave the sermon. He served as church pastor in the early '70s.

After the service a meal was served, and a toast was proposed by David Magowan, pastor of the Newcastle upon Tyne, Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough and Sheffield, England, churches.

The celebration continued with dancing, a children's party, talent spots and refreshments.

Ian Grant Spong, J. Harold Lester, Karen Adair and G. Hinds.

Brethren

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After the meal children played games, including leaning tower of pennies, pin the flag on Jerusalem and Pasadena, and how many steps to China? Brethren participated in a guessing game about the numbers of *Plain Truth* subscribers and members in certain countries.

The evening was coordinated by Mr. and Mrs. Francis O'Neal.

Brethren of the COURTENAY, B.C., church attended a social with a theme of family unity Dec. 28.

Activities began with a potluck meal. A cake and card were presented to Raymond Neuls, a Courtenay local church elder, and his wife, Gail, for their 25th wedding anniversary.

A talent show took place after the meal. Each family was asked to prepare one act that would include the entire family. Singles and senior citizens joined a family or performed individually.

Wilma Ellis, David L. Orban, Michael W. Howell, Honesto Dean Aycardo, Barri Armitage and Gwen Sparkes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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JASPER, Ala.—Brethren here honored Chester and Josephine Vaughan for their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 4.



MR. AND MRS. CHESTER VAUGHAN

After Sabbath services at the city auditorium Kenneth Smylie, pastor of the Birmingham A.M. and P.M. Jasper and Bessemer, Ala., churches, gave the Vaughans a decorated teapot. After a cake was cut, 125 brethren ate a potluck meal.

ROME, Ga.—Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Williams celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a potluck after Sabbath services Dec. 7.

Michael Hanisko, pastor of the Aniston, Ala., and Rome churches, presented the Williams with a king-size comforter and matching pillow shams on behalf of the Rome congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Williams cut a cake provided by a Church member.



MR. AND MRS. W.F. WILLIAMS

The couple were married Dec. 6, 1925, in Buchanan, Ga. They have eight children, 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were baptized in 1966. Two of their children are also Church members. Janice Smith attends the Rome church, and Glenda King attends the Tucson, Ariz., church.

SPRINGDALE, Ark.—Harry and Effie Gerstner marked their 50th wedding anniversary at two celebrations. The couple's daughters, Gale Del Barto of Phoenix, Ariz., and Penny Kester of Springville, N.Y., both Church members, organized a family reunion and anniversary celebration Sept. 1 at the Kester farm.



MR. AND MRS. HARRY GERSTNER

The couple's sons, Glen and Dale, also Church members, gave the Gerstners an anniversary party in Springdale on their anniversary date, Nov. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerstner were baptized in 1967 in Rochester, N.Y. They have served 15 years as deacon and deaconess in several areas.

MANILA, Philippines—Pedro and Rosalia Ortiguero, the first two members of God's Church in the Philippines, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 17. They were baptized by a

minister of the Church of God (Seventh Day) 46 years ago.

Guy Ames, regional director for the Church in the Philippines, presented the couple with a set of wine glasses as a gift from the Philippine ministry during the concluding dinner of the Ministerial Education Program Dec. 30 in Baguio, Philippines.

Mr. Ortiguero was appointed as the Church's representative in the Philippines in 1958. At a ministerial conference in Pasadena in January, 1963, he was ordained a local elder.

Mr. Ortiguero is now a pastor-rank minister and pastors the Lingayen and Urdaneta, Philippines, churches.



MR. AND MRS. PEDRO ORTIGUERO

The Ortigueros have eight children, four of whom are Church members. Benjamin is shipping services supervisor for the Manila Regional Office; Jeremiah is pastor of the Baguio church; Abraham works with Benjamin; and Elizabeth Mills attends the Auckland, New Zealand, church.

The Ortigueros also have 35 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

FORT WORTH, Tex.—George B. and Wilma Dixon celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a potluck dinner and dance Jan. 12. About 120 attended, and the celebration was videotaped as a gift for the Dixons.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE DIXON

The Dixons were married in Naylor, Mo., Jan. 10, 1936. They were baptized in 1982. The couple have three children, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

RICHMOND, Va.—Mildred B. Murfee, 78, died Nov. 17 of a heart attack. Mrs. Murfee has been a Church member since 1975.

Mrs. Murfee served as a nurse for the Red Cross during World War II. Funeral services were conducted by Val Burgett, associate pastor of the Richmond and Norfolk, Va., churches.

BELLEVILLE, Ill.—James E. Johnson, 53, died Dec. 22 of a heart attack. Mr. Johnson has been a member of God's Church since 1983.

Mr. Johnson served as East Alton, Ill., fire chief for eight years. He retired early for health reasons.

Funeral services were conducted by Alfred Buchanan, a minister in the Belleville church. Firemen from six neighboring departments attended.

WHANGAREI, New Zealand—Ngairi Wilding, 66, died Dec. 17 after suffering a stroke during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Mrs. Wilding was baptized in 1966. She is survived by her husband, Theo, a son, Peter, two daughters, Angela and Helen, all Church members; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in

Kerikeri, New Zealand, Dec. 20 by Rex Morgan, associate pastor of the Whangarei and Auckland, New Zealand, churches.

CASPER, Wyo.—John P. Kanaly, 37, and his wife, Maxine L., 29, died Sept. 2 from injuries sustained in a plane crash near Ogden, Utah.

Dr. Kanaly was born Jan. 5, 1948, in Hayden Colo., and Maxine (Ross) Kanaly was born Jan. 23, 1956, in Bowbell, N.D.

Dr. Kanaly was honored as Casper Small Businessman of the Year for 1985, and his clinic, Casper Children's Dental Clinic, was elected Casper Business of the Year by the Casper Business and Professional Women. Mrs. Kanaly served as clinic coordinator and dental hygienist.

The Kanals are survived by their parents and brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by Dennis Wheatcroft, pastor of the Casper and Buffalo, Wyo., and Billings, Mont., churches.

AKRON, Ohio—Elmer C. Graf, 60, a Church member since 1975, died unexpectedly Dec. 31. He suffered from lymphoma.

Mr. Graf is survived by his wife, Alice; daughters and sons-in-law, Kathryn and David Reeser of Rochester, N.Y., all of whom are Church members, and Susan and John Foster, who pastors the Canton, Ohio, church. He is also survived by two sons, Kenneth and Jerry, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by William Jahns, pastor of the Akron, Ohio, church.

HOUSTON, Tex.—Herbert Snell, 49, died Jan. 7 after a brief illness. He was born May 10, 1936, and was baptized in November, 1963.

Mr. Snell is survived by his wife, Ella Mae, five daughters, three sisters and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Kenneth Giese, pastor of the Houston West and Victoria, Tex., churches.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Georgia E. Conyers, 89, died Dec. 3 after a long illness.

Mrs. Conyers was born in North Carolina and lived in Yeading, Pa., more than 50 years. She was a retired schoolteacher and was baptized in 1978.

Mrs. Conyers is survived by two sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

MUNCIE, Ind.—Wilbur Kirkpatrick, 86, a Church member since 1969, died Dec. 19 in the Delaware County Health Care Center.

Mr. Kirkpatrick is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mildred, a brother and a sister. Burial was in Black Cemetery in Albany, Ind.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—Lou Agostinelli, 57, died Dec. 20. He was baptized in July, 1971.

Mr. Agostinelli is survived by his wife, Sophie, who attends the Wilkes-Barre church.

Funeral services were conducted by Ronald Reedy, associate pastor of the Wilkes-Barre and Bethlehem, Pa., churches.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Claudia Smith, 57, died Jan. 17 of cancer. She was baptized in February, 1975, and attended the Birmingham P.M. church.

Mrs. Smith is survived by a sister, five brothers, a half sister, two half brothers and her mother.

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 19 in Onotona, Ala., by Kenneth Smylie, pastor of the Birmingham A.M. and P.M., Bessemer and Jasper, Ala., churches.



BRADLEY C. WEST

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Bradley C. West, 62, a member of God's Church since early 1985, died Dec. 18 of cancer.

Mr. West is survived by his wife, Daisy; two sons, Doug and Don; three

brothers; one sister; and two grandchildren. Mrs. West and Doug are Church members.

Funeral services were conducted by Rick Beam, pastor of the Moultrie, Ga., and Tallahassee churches.

BALTIMORE, Md.—Howard Allen McCracken, 74, died Dec. 30 after a long illness. He has been a Church member since 1972, and attended Sabbath services in Indiana, Pennsylvania and Baltimore.

Mr. McCracken is survived by his wife, Gladys, also a Church member, three daughters and two sons.

Mr. McCracken was buried in Ansonville, Pa.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio—James A. Mastran, 71, died of a heart ailment Jan. 4 at Riverside Hospital in Bossier City, La.

Mr. Mastran was baptized in July, 1978, and attended the Youngstown church until he moved to Shreveport, La., in 1982.



JAMES A. MASTRAN

He is survived by his wife, Edith; a son, James A. II; a daughter, Laurie Brush; three sisters; four brothers; and four grandchildren.

Lloyd Briggie, pastor of the Youngstown church, officiated at funeral services.

CARSON CITY, Nev.—George B. Snyder, 62, died in his home Jan. 10. Mr. Snyder has been a Church member since September, 1963. He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine, in 1962.

Mr. Snyder is survived by two sons, four daughters, one brother, three sisters and five grandchildren.

Graveside services conducted by James Chapman, pastor of the Reno and Carlin, Nev., churches, took place at Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City Jan. 14.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Harry H. Dillman Jr., 57, of Wellsville, Pa., died of a heart attack Jan. 2. He has been a member of God's Church since 1974.

Mr. Dillman is survived by his wife, Carolyn, also a Church member; a daughter, Teena Dillman; a stepdaughter, Jody Whitley; a sister; and three brothers.

Mr. Dillman was a basketball official of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and refereed for Youth Opportunities United (YOU) games.

Funeral services were conducted by James Rosenthal, pastor of the Harrisburg church, Jan. 8.

FRONT ROYAL, Va.—Homer S. Landis, 74, died Jan. 15 after a long bout with cancer. Mr. Landis was baptized in December, 1977.

Mr. Landis is survived by his daughter, Markita Landis Garner; his sister, Frances L. DeMasters; and three brothers, Bernard, Cornelius and Donald.

Stephan Elliott, associate pastor of the Washington, D.C., and Front Royal churches, conducted funeral services in Harrisburg, Va.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Bonnie Louise Dew, 53, a member of God's Church since 1978, died Jan. 27 after a long illness.

Mrs. Dew is survived by her husband, Raymond; a son, Gary; a daughter, Nancy; and her mother, Veda Frankenberg, a Church member.

The funeral service was conducted by Gerald Flurry, pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., churches.

EVANSBURG, Alta.—Stanley Stepaniuk, 61, died in his sleep Dec. 28 at home.

Mr. Stepaniuk was born April 19, 1924. He began attending Church services in 1967, and he was baptized in 1968.

Mrs. Stepaniuk is survived by his wife, Frances, also a Church member; three sons, Calvin, who attends the Edmonton, Alta., North church, Alan of Edmonton and Ted of Fort McMurray, Alta.; and twin grand-

sons, James and Robert.

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 2 by Alan Redmond, pastor of the Evansburg church.

COLUMBIA, S.C.—Mary Elizabeth Harley, 89, died Jan. 13. She was born June 26, 1896, and was baptized in April, 1967.

Mrs. Harley is survived by one brother, two sisters, one son, six daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. One daughter, Frances Garner, is a Church member.

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

TAMPA, Fla.—Reuben York, 68, a member of the Church since 1979, died Oct. 27 after a long bout with cancer.

A memorial service was conducted by Roy Demarest, pastor of the Tampa church, Nov. 2.

TAMPA, Fla.—Virginia K. Smith, 41, a member of God's Church since 1975, died Dec. 5 from complications of a diabetic condition.

Mrs. Smith attended the Belle Vernon, Pa., church before moving to Tampa in July, 1984. She is survived by her husband, Mike, a Church member, and a daughter, Kim.

Funeral services were conducted by Roy Demarest, pastor of the Tampa church.

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Elizabeth Bower Hughes, 91, a Church member since 1965, died Oct. 19, four days after suffering a stroke.

Mrs. Hughes is survived by four children, including Church member Evelyn Delamater of Canton, Ohio; five grandchildren, including Church members Robert Fahey, pastor of the Long Island East and West, Manhattan and Westchester, N.Y., churches, David Delamater of Pasadena and Thomas Delamater of Big Sandy; and eight great-grandchildren, including Joanna Graef, a sophomore at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Funeral services were conducted by Guy Englehart, pastor of the Cleveland East church.

WEST BEND, Wis.—Ronald Iskin, 47, died Dec. 19. Mr. Iskin has been a Church member since 1968.

Mr. Iskin is survived by his wife, Cherie; a son, Chad, 5; two brothers, Donald and George, both Church members; three sisters; and his mother.

Funeral services were conducted by Eugene Noel, pastor of the West Bend and Milwaukee, Wis., churches.

BLOOMSBURG, Pa.—Hester Shaner, 85, a Church member for 18 years, died Jan. 2.

Mrs. Shaner was born in Jordan Township, Pa., and lived in Bloomsburg for the last 40 years. She worked as a seamstress and retired at 75. She attended the Harrisburg, Mount Pocono and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., churches.

Mrs. Shaner is survived by two daughters, one son, 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ronald Reedy, associate pastor of the Wilkes-Barre and Bethlehem, Pa., churches.

MELBA, Idaho—Muriel B. Young, 55, died at home Jan. 16 of cancer. She has been a Church member since September, 1985, and attended the Boise, Idaho, church.

Mrs. Young is survived by her husband, Charles; two sons, Michael, also a Church member, and Cleve; two grandchildren; two brothers; and four sisters.

Mrs. Young and her husband moved to Idaho from Melbourne, Australia, in 1950.

Funeral services were conducted by Lawson J. Tuck, pastor of the Ontario and Baker, Ore., and Boise churches.

HOUSTON, Tex.—Willie Mae Randle, 63, died Jan. 28 after a brief illness. She was baptized in 1958.

Mrs. Randle is survived by her husband, Milton, three sons, one daughter, eight grandchildren and three sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by Kenneth Giese, pastor of the Houston West and Victoria, Tex., churches.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Alvenc C. "Jodi" Spear, 78, died Jan. 19 after an extended illness. Mrs. Spear was baptized in 1956 and attended the St. Petersburg church.

Funeral services were conducted by Ronald Howe, pastor of the St. Petersburg church.

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

PASADENA — Telephone response to the *World Tomorrow* program reached a record quarter of a million calls during the first seven weeks of 1986, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

"It appears that these newer telecasts may result in a dramatic increase in TV response," Mr. Rice said. "To date, the weekend average is 31,016 calls. This is more than double the 1985 average."

The program *Where Are We Now in Bible Prophecy?* pulled 44,207 responses Feb. 8 and 9. This response is second only to the tribute program about the late Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong**, which pulled 81,359 calls Jan. 25 and 26.

The program *The Key to Unlock Bible Prophecy* brought 21,039 calls Feb. 15 and 16, the eighth-highest number of calls received by the telephone response area of MPC.

David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing, delivered the message on both telecasts.

Residual calls from the tribute program about Mr. Armstrong pushed the total for that program to 100,109.

"During the tribute program responses poured in with such intensity during our busiest hour of 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. [Pacific Standard Time] that our operators answered 8,000 calls," Mr. Rice said. "This was an average of 134 calls per minute as contrasted to the usual average of 42 calls per minute."

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LOS ANGELES, Calif. — The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adjourned its Jan. 21 meeting in honor of the late Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong**. A spokesman for the supervisors said that such adjournments are done "to honor individuals who have contributed positively to the citizens of the Los Angeles area."

A certificate, signed by the five district supervisors, was presented to Ambassador Foundation officials in memory of Mr. Armstrong.

The certificate reads: "The Board of Supervisors of the county of Los Angeles at the close of its regular meeting on January 21, 1986 adjourned in memory of Herbert W. Armstrong. On behalf of the citizens of Los Angeles County may this certificate express our deepest sympathy."

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NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — The Wat Thai (Thai Temple) conducted a memorial service here for the late Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** Jan. 16, according to evangelist **Herman L. Hoeh**, editor of *The Plain Truth*.

"Phra Thepsopon, the abbot of Wat Thai ... gave an order from Bangkok [Thailand] to hold a memorial ceremony for Mr. Armstrong," said **Chogait Elmore**, an Ambassador College senior who attended the ceremony.

Mr. Elmore said that 12 Buddhist monks conducted the ceremony for Mr. Armstrong "to honor him as a special friend who had done so much for the Buddhist community, the Thai community in America and the people in Thailand."

Dr. Hoeh, **Leon Sexton** of the Ambassador Foundation, and others attended the ceremony as representatives of the Worldwide Church of God.

After a message was read from Abbot Phra Thepsopon honoring Mr. Armstrong, Dr. Hoeh thanked

the monks for the respect shown Mr. Armstrong and summarized the late pastor general's life.

The temple contributed to the Herbert W. Armstrong Memorial Fund, noting that the education provided by Ambassador College was helpful to many.

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PASADENA — Church Administration here released the following ordinations.

Robert Jones, pastor of the Norfolk and Richmond, Va., churches, was raised to pastor rank during the Ministerial Refreshing Program Feb. 11.

Kermit Nelson, coordinator of Youth Opportunities United (YOU) in the Church Administration Department, and **Gilbert Norman**, a faculty member at Big Sandy Ambassador College, were ordained local elders Feb. 1.

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PASADENA — Storms that caused more than \$30 million in damages in California and Nevada have so far left brethren relatively unaffected, according to area pastors.

The storms, which began Feb. 12, dumped more than 18 inches (46 centimeters) of rain throughout central California by Feb. 19.

"**Harley and Myra Mills** lost part of their backyard, but other than some inconvenience we haven't had too much trouble," said **Brian Orchard**, pastor of the San Francisco and Oakland, Calif., churches. "We're grateful for that."

"One Church family will probably end up losing most of their crop, but no brethren have had to be evacuated," said **Arthur Docken**, pastor of the Fairfield and Santa Rosa, Calif., churches.

"Thankfully, brethren don't live where the flooding is bad," he said. "Some have sustained some minor damage and are without electricity, but no injuries or major damage has been reported to me."

James Chapman, pastor of the Reno and Carlin, Nev., churches, said that widespread flooding and mudslides "cut some brethren off from obtaining fresh supplies and food, but no major damage has yet occurred."

"Several were evacuated and many don't have power," he said. "**Dennis and Virginia Mestynek** nearly lost their mobile home at 4 a.m. this morning [Feb. 19] from water pouring down the mountain-side they live on."

"We're all very thankful for God's protection," Mr. Chapman said.

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PASADENA — The Worldwide Church of God will sponsor two educational tours to Europe during the summer of 1986, according to **Kermit Nelson** of Church Administration.

The tours are open for 78 quality Church youths.

A 10-day tour of the Soviet Union will begin for 36 students June 23. The tour will include visits to Moscow and Leningrad in the Soviet Union, and a stopover in Helsinki, Finland.

"The second tour, called 'Accent on Britain,' will be a 15-day tour of Britain, France and the Netherlands for 42 students, leaving July 3," Dr. Nelson said.

Cities visited on this tour include London, Stratford-upon-Avon, Edinburgh, Cambridge, Oxford,



'WN' PRESSRUN — Randy Moxley (right), a color analyst for Publishing Services, checks the color on the Feb. 10 tribute issue with Gary Hillemann, pressroom superintendent at California Offset Printers in Glendale, Calif. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

York, Dover and Canterbury in the United Kingdom; Amsterdam, Netherlands; Cologne, West Germany; Brussels, Belgium; and Paris, France.

Cost for the tours ranges from about \$1,260 to \$1,560, depending on the tour and the city of departure, according to Dr. Nelson.

Some students will attend the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Scotland before returning to the United States, Dr. Nelson said.

Tours will be chaperoned by faculty members from Ambassador College and Imperial Schools in Pasadena. A minister will accompany both tours.

Applications for the tours are available from church pastors.

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PASADENA — Church Administration released this itinerary for evangelist **Gerald Waterhouse**.

March 1, Pasadena (all five churches), combined Sabbath services; March 2, Glendale, Calif.; March 4, San Bernardino, Calif.; March 5, Banning, Calif.; March 6, Yuma, Ariz.; March 8, San Diego, Calif., Sabbath services.

March 9, Garden Grove, Calif.; March 10, Glendale, Calif.; March 11, Santa Barbara, Calif.; March 12, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; March 15, Long Beach, Calif., A.M. and P.M., combined Sabbath services; March 16, Los Angeles, Calif.; March 19, Mojave, Calif.; March 20, Bakersfield, Calif.; March 22, Fresno and Visalia, Calif., combined Sabbath services.

March 23, San Jose and Aptos, Calif.; March 24, San Francisco, Calif.; March 25, Oakland, Calif.; March 26, Santa Rosa, Calif.; March 27, Fairfield, Calif.; March 29, Sacramento, Calif., Sabbath services; March 30, Reno, Nev.

INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW
FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

PASADENA — After a bout of hepatitis and suspected typhoid, Raymond Clore, a local church elder and U.S. citizen working in Israel, is now fully recovered, according to evangelist and regional director **Frank Brown**.

In January Mr. Clore returned to Jerusalem after recuperating in the United States. "Services will be resumed in Jerusalem and other cities in the area," said Mr. Brown.

Steven Leblanc left Kenya at the end of December and returned to Pasadena, where he serves as assistant pastor of the Imperial P.M. congregation, said Mr. Brown.

John Andrews, a 1983 graduate of Pasadena Ambassador College, now assists Owen Willis, who pastors the Blantyre, Malawi, and Nairobi and Kibichia, Kenya, churches.

Mr. Andrews went to Kenya on a trial basis to acclimatize himself to that part of the world and fit into the different life-style there, according to Mr. Brown.

Registration of the Church in Malawi was officially approved and the application signed by the country's president, Mr. Brown added.

"The Church had been permitted to meet while the application for registration was being considered, but if registration had been denied, all meetings would have been forbidden," he said.

Growth in Spanish area

"God provided much fruit last year" with 153 baptisms in Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking areas, the highest number recorded in a single year for the Church's

Spanish Department, said evangelist and regional director **Leon Walker**.

While more than a third of the baptisms took place in Mexico, people from 18 countries were baptized, including the first baptisms in isolated, landlocked Bolivia and the first baptism in many years in the Dominican Republic.

West Indies lectures

Evangelist **Dibar Apartian**, regional director for French-speaking areas, returned to Pasadena Jan. 31 after presenting four public Bible lectures and visiting brethren in the West Indies (see article page 1).

"I hadn't visited the area for more than a year, and I especially wanted to visit the West Indies so I could give brethren a firsthand update on the state of the Church since the death of Mr. Herbert Armstrong," the evangelist said.

Arriving in Martinique Jan. 24, Mr. Apartian presented his first public Bible lecture in Fort-de-France the next day.

"Because of rising costs we no longer air the French *World Tomorrow* program [Le Monde a Venir] on Radio Caraibes," the evangelist said. "But there is still much interest in the area, as demonstrated by the 106 new people who attended." The program airs on two smaller FM stations in the area.

Mr. Apartian delivered his second lecture Sunday morning, Jan. 26, and 125 new people attended.

One hundred eighty-six new people attended Mr. Apartian's public Bible lecture in Guadeloupe Jan.

29, breaking attendance records.

"We were impressed with the number of people attending, considering that it was scheduled at 7 p.m., and public transportation ceases at 8 p.m. — plus it was in the middle of the week," he said.

Despite noise and confusion from a carnival taking place in the same building, 122 new people attended Mr. Apartian's lecture Thursday, Jan. 30.

The evangelist also conducted a Bible study for about 200 brethren Jan. 30.

"I covered the events leading up to and including Mr. Armstrong's death," Mr. Apartian said. "I gave them some background on the new pastor general, Mr. Joseph Tkach, and many later told me how encouraged they were."

Mr. Apartian flew to Haiti Jan. 31 before returning to the United States. Details of his Haitian experiences appear on page 1.

Australian support

Many letters, sympathy cards and telephone calls have been received from members, co-workers and others whose lives have been touched by Mr. Armstrong's preaching and writing, said **Robert Morton**, regional director of the Burleigh Heads, Australia, Regional Office.

They "expressed strong support and encouragement to now forge ahead with the work God started through him," said Mr. Morton.

The proprietor of a mailing house in Asia that the regional office has used for a number of years sent a telex saying he had not met Mr. Armstrong, but, having worked for him and read his writings, feels we have lost one of the world's greatest peace-loving men who practiced what he preached.

Burmese Festival

The *Worldwide News* received the following Feast of Tabernacles report from **Saw Lay Beh**, pastor of the Sa Khan Gvi, Burma, church

and coordinator for the Kya In Village, Burma, site.

Forty-eight brethren experienced the Feast without the usual rainfall in the Chin hills of north-west Burma. Demonstrating unity, the theme of the 1985 Festival, brethren fellowshiped, attended miniconcerts and gave humorous speeches.

Feastgoers visited Mr. and Mrs. **Phun Hope**, both Church members, who became seriously ill with fever and stomach disorder to the point of death. God miraculously spared the Hoeps, however, and they fully recovered after the Feast.

Three children were miraculously healed of high fever and diseases.

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