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## Texas campus to remain open, says chancellor in college forum

PASADENA — The Texas campus of Ambassador College in Big Sandy will remain open pending state certification by the Coordinating Board Texas College and University System, announced Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach to about 800 students, faculty members and employees gathered in the Ambassador Auditorium April 15.

"I have instructed Mr. [Leslie] McCullough and Dr. [Donald] Ward to seek state certification," Mr. Tkach said.

Evangelist Leslie McCullough is deputy chancellor of the Big Sandy campus, and Dr. Ward is dean of faculty.

The decision was announced by Mr. Tkach during his first forum address as chancellor of Ambassador College. (Begun by the late Herbert W. Armstrong in the 1940s, forums are conducted each Tuesday during the college semesters, and student attendance is mandatory.)

### Telephone hookup

About 500 students, faculty and employees at Big Sandy Ambassador College listened simultaneously to Mr. Tkach through a telephone hookup in the campus Field House.

Mr. Tkach's announcement, made at 11:38 a.m., Pacific Standard Time (PST), was greeted by "thunderous applause that went on for a great while," said Dr. Ward in an April 15 telephone interview with *The Worldwide News*.

Shouts of joy and applause erupted after Mr. Tkach made the announcement in Pasadena.

Mr. Tkach said the decision was made to "give us time to determine what our future [in Big Sandy] will be."

The pastor general ordered a feasibility study in March to determine the best use of the campus facility and to look long-range at

the needs of the Church and college in Texas.

### Certification process

Texas state certification empowers the college to confer degrees and is not the same as formal accreditation, according to Dr. Ward.

"In 1975 Texas passed a law that requires all post-secondary institutions to be certified to grant degrees," Dr. Ward said.

"The law has been made more stringent over the years, and now the college must meet 15 standards in order to be recertified. The certification is good for two years. The college's present certification expires on July 20, 1986, and we have applied for a renewal," he explained.

### Freshman admissions

Evangelist Richard Ames, director of admissions for the Pasadena campus, said that the Big Sandy campus plans to admit a freshman class, "although the exact size has yet to be determined. I talked with Mr. McCullough by phone [April 15] and he says he plans to discuss

the freshman admission decision with Mr. Tkach."

Mr. Tkach said that if the Ambassador certification is denied, Texas students will be transferred to the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena.

Mr. Tkach said that the most important aspect of the feasibility study is God's guidance and the fulfillment of God's will.

"Pray that God's will will be revealed to me," he asked the combined groups of faculty and students. He said that he was committed to "do whatever is best for God's work."



**RECORD RESPONSE** — Graph shows weekend telephone response to the *World Tomorrow* programs produced since the death of Herbert W. Armstrong. Average television response for 1986 (excluding the Jan. 25 and 26 program) is 24,472. [Graph by Ronald Grove]

## Some records top 100 percent increase

# Church sets first quarter records

By Michael A. Snyder  
PASADENA — "God's work set positive records across the board during the first three months of 1986," said evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail

Processing Center (MPC) in an April 11 interview with *The Worldwide News*.

In the United States mail received increased 22 percent over the first quarter of 1985 (see charts, pages 1 and 3).

Telephone response from the *World Tomorrow* program increased 112.4 percent over the first quarter of 1985, and books and booklets distributed increased 101.3 percent.

### Baptisms up

"Perhaps the most positive sign of growth is that baptisms are quite high for the first quarter of this year," Mr. Rice said. "A total of 1,032 people were baptized in the United States from January through March."

"This represents a 15.2 percent increase over the same period last year," the evangelist said.

"We would also like to point out that visit requests are continuing to be made in record numbers," Mr. Rice continued. "Last month [March] we saw a 40 percent increase in visit requests. This month the increase has jumped to 64.8 percent."

Co-worker growth is "unexpectedly high for this quarter," he said, explaining that 11,903 people be-

came co-workers during the first quarter, a 20.8 percent increase over 1985. A co-worker is an individual who contributes twice within a six-month period.

Donors to the Church increased 5.7 percent.

"Currently we have 81,401 Church members, 91,937 co-workers and 148,328 donors worldwide," Mr. Rice said.

### International TV response

"Several of our international offices regularly receive telephone calls in response to the *World Tomorrow* program," Mr. Rice said. "Although the volume of calls is much less than in the United States, the increases over last year have been very high."

Calls to the Canadian Regional Office are "running almost three times more than last year's count for the same period," he said. Calls to regional offices in Australia (see "International Desk," page 8), the Philippines and the Caribbean are also up.

The evangelist said there are a number of reasons for the increased response.

"First, *The World Tomorrow* has proven to be immensely popular with the three men presenting pro-

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## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear Brethren,  
Another Passover has come.

Once again we have had the opportunity to come before God in this solemn service, renewing our commitment to His calling and partaking of the sacred symbols of Jesus' broken body and shed blood.

Now a new year is before us. Another year of preparation for the Kingdom of God. Another year of lessons, of problems to solve, of overcoming, of growing.

The lessons of the Days of Unleavened Bread should make us vigilant to keep the deep meaning of Jesus' broken body and the need for repentance and change ever before us. How easy it is to forget or neglect what God has shown us — that is, unless we put it to use — unless we live it.

We cannot afford to be like those who make their new year's resolutions only to forget all their promises a few days or weeks later. God has called us to be "doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22). James says that those who are only hearers deceive themselves.

True Christianity is a lifelong process. It is a way of life. Obedience to God reaches into all areas of our lives. As James asked, "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?" (James 3:11). We cannot be Christians at services on the Sabbath and then go out and live "as we please" during the rest of the week.

God has called us to be over-

comers. When we were baptized, we made a commitment to God — that we would obey Him, that we would live a new life according to His Word. We repented. That is, we experienced a total change of mind and attitude and direction of life. We turned from the self-centered way of vanity, greed, selfishness, hostility toward authority and envy to the God-centered way of love toward Him and toward other people.

We received His Holy Spirit, making us partakers of a portion of His divine nature (II Peter 1:4). We were given fellowship with God, having been reconciled to Him through Jesus' blood, shed in payment for the penalty of sin.

We began to abide in Christ. We became unified with God and with one another through His Spirit. We became joined together as branches to a vine, all one in Christ as He explains in John 15:1-5. So, as true Christians, we began to walk with Christ.

But that was only the beginning. Ahead of us still lies the rest of our lifetimes, of continuing that walk with Christ. We must continue to turn from the actions, attitudes and thoughts that are contrary to God's way. God says, "He that endures to the end, the same shall be saved." We can't quit before the end, or just drift away, or otherwise let down, and still expect to be unified, at one with Christ when He returns. God is merciful. He is willing to forgive us as often as we are willing to repent. But our repentance and our com-

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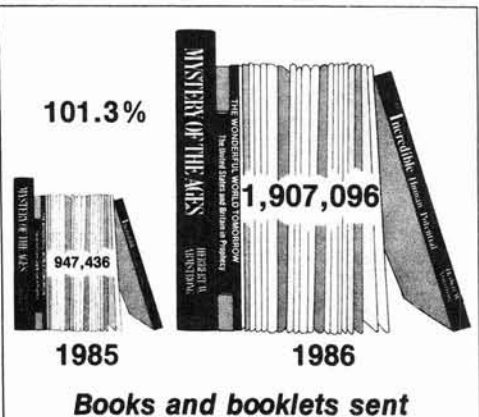
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**BOOKLET DISTRIBUTION** — Graph shows the 1986 increase in books and booklets distributed by God's Church over the first quarter of 1985. [Graph by Ronald Grove]

# America's colleges: upsurge in radicalism

PASADENA — The young, observed a philosopher, "have exalted notions because they have not yet been humbled by life or learned its necessary limitations . . . They would always rather do noble deeds than useful ones: their lives are regulated more by moral feeling than by reasoning . . . They think they know everything, [which] is why they overdo everything."

Men's approaches and attitudes change little. Aristotle spoke these words more than 2,300 years ago in Greece, but they so aptly apply to contemporary times.

In the 1960s college campuses seethed with protests and demonstrations against America's military involvement in Southeast Asia. When the war ended with America's defeat — not on the battlefield, but on the home front, including the college campuses — in 1975, student activism in the universities grew dormant.

With the arrival of the 1980s, the more conservative Reagan administration, the upsurge in both patriotic feeling and economic good times, college students became less politically active. It became more essential to pursue serious studies, preparing for careers in the emerging high-tech industries.

Becoming a Yuppie — young upwardly mobile professional — was in; burning flags and draft cards and battling with police was out.

## Stirred up by radicals

Some idealists, however, continued to burn with the desire to stoke the fires of radical reform. They complained that young people had

lost their zeal. But with the war in Southeast Asia long concluded they had to search for new causes.

For a while, the nuclear freeze movement excited some protesters. But this issue is on the back burner for now.

Lately, across the United States (but especially on the bicoastal regions of the upper Atlantic seaboard and California), college students appear to have found a new cause: the demand that university investment funds be divested from firms doing business in South Africa.

Often the protesters erect clapboard shacks on campus commons to depict squatter settlements in South Africa. Efforts to dismantle them by campus police often meet violent reactions.

On the West Coast, the issue is extremely volatile at (where else?) the University of California, Berkeley (or Berkeley, as some of its older frustrated alumni call it). In early April, Berkeley experienced its most violent confrontation since the anti-Vietnam War days of the 1960s, as 120 campus and area police battled with demonstrators.

This latest campus *cause celebre* drew the attention of a Washington-based writer for the South African newspaper *Business Day*, who wrote March 7 that "the class of '86 may have no draft cards to burn, poor souls, but at least they will be able to tell their children they stood for something before heading off to Wall Street . . ."

"Twenty years from now, it is unlikely that their children will feel any the less proud or envious of their parents when they consider the [South

Africa] those parents helped create. After all, the present generation draws no link between its own parents' opposition to the Vietnam war and the totalitarian wasteland that is now Vietnam . . . Such is the arrogance of the well-intentioned American liberal, especially in his larval

stage. He can never see the damage he wreaks."

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



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In Berkeley and elsewhere, a good number of those arrested include nonstudent professional protesters. In the 1982 book *Roots of Radicalism*, authors Stanley Rothman and S. Robert Lichter noted that "reformers and radicals have historically depended upon youthful exuberance and idealism" to serve their own political ends.

In some cases, university administrators and faculty seem torn between cracking down on the protesters and coming to their aid. There is a good reason for this phenomenon, wrote Benjamin Hart in the April 11 *National Review*:

"You see, the rioters and flag-burners of the Sixties are now the college deans and tenured faculty at America's major universities. They are bitter about . . . the increasing conservatism among the nation's young people . . . The college estab-

## Marxist wave

The current round of rioting is but one phenomenon of the radical tilt in America's institutions of

higher learning.

Marxism and other forms of far-left radicalism form a growing force at American universities. There are now more than 500 courses on the philosophy of Marxism being offered, whereas hardly any were offered in the 1960s.

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



## Britain's woes increase as nation's values plunge

BOREHAMWOOD, England — "I worry about the British," wrote longtime American correspondent Keyes Beech. "I know this is silly, and worse, it's patronizing. But I do. What in the world is going to become of them?"

## Rapes increase

After returning from Sweden (where I covered the events following the assassination of Prime Minister Olof Palme), I was shocked to see how an epidemic of brutal rapes dominated the English newspapers. One might expect the seamy tabloids to play up such reports, but even respectable newspapers filed report after report for 10 days.

Said a March 13 report in the *Daily Mail*: "An increase of nearly a third in the number of rapes recorded in 1985 is to be revealed in crime statistics due out from the Home Office today . . . The heavy increase comes at a time when [most] other crime figures have risen little."

Some claimed that the increase merely confirmed what has long been occurring. A more understanding and less judgmental public attitude, some say, now prompts rape victims to come forward more readily.

Sarah Helm focused on this trend of brutality in the March 16 *Sunday Times*: "The increase in the number of women coming forward has highlighted a disturbing underlying trend toward more violent rapes, greater sexual abuse, degradation and physical barbarity."

If this was not shocking and vulgar enough, consider that sexual abuse of British children is also increasing. Reports the March 22 *Daily Telegraph*, "The number of children known to have been sexually abused in England and Wales soared by 90 percent last year and fathers were often responsible."

## Economic decline

Looking past moral decline, the British economy doesn't offer much solace. There is no shortage of news accounts about the stumbling and sputtering British economy.

David Owen explained in the

In addition, according to the book *The Left Academy*, "Marxism . . . is finding its way into the courses of . . . practically every discipline." Marxist-oriented teachers form powerful factions in the idea-oriented disciplines such as the humanities, political and social sciences and economics.

Marxist-style class struggle ideas are behind the popularity of new activist courses such as ethnic, women's and homosexual-rights studies. "About 250 ethnic studies programs exist on campuses," wrote David Brock in the Dec. 12, 1985, *Wall Street Journal*, "and women's history, written mostly by neo-Marxist feminists, is an accepted fixture at many schools."

Before 1965, added Mr. Brock, "few Marxists held prominent university posts. Now they influence scholarship and lecture to a new generation of students."

This is a far distance from the approach of many colleges and universities two or three decades ago, who also offered courses on Marxist principles — but from a different perspective. (See UPSURGE, page 5)

March 23 *Sunday Times* that: "Judged by our standard of living we are now the 19th industrial country in the world. Our slide to this position has been largely unnoticed because our decline has been relative."

## Spiritual corruption

All these facts reveal a people who have been torn from their spiritual moorings. A spate of articles praising A.J.P. Taylor, an eminent British historian, illustrates how confused this society has become. "The only lesson of history is that there are no lessons of history," claimed the historian in an article authored by Paul Johnson in the March 23 *Observer*.

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## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## Forward lean

In the Academy Award-winning documentary *Robert Kennedy Remembered*, screenwriter T. Iglehart gave a graphic description of Robert Kennedy when he first came to Washington, D.C., as a senator. "He hit the ground running, leaning forward."

As a *Plain Truth* correspondent in Washington in the 1970s I covered several events where Ted Kennedy was a participant. He too was like his brother. Whatever their faults the Kennedys have a reputation as shakers and movers; they get things done.

So are many leaders in business and industry, and the leaders in God's work. They have an attitude of "forward lean." They are energetically striving, constantly moving toward goals.

Are you a forward-lean person? Are you really making progress toward our common spiritual goal — the Kingdom of God?

God's people must not be satisfied with the status quo, at least when it comes to overcoming. We must continue growing, progressing and developing personally and spiritually. It's an ongoing, long-range goal.

We are exhorted week after week, feast after feast, to grow and overcome. But sometimes if we are not careful we can become dull of hearing. Reread the parable of the sower in Matthew 13, especially verse 15. We need to be careful not to become spiritually blind and deaf.

It's so easy to get caught up in day-to-day activities that longer-term objectives — avenues of real development and growth — are often put off. When today's top pri-

ority in our lives, and it usually does, tomorrow may suffer; unless you strive to make a conscious effort to prepare yourself.

Please note that the emphasis is on you. It's your responsibility, your duty, after all, to make sure you forward lean, make progress, grow and develop. No one can do it for you.

To determine just how well you are doing, give some thought and consideration to the following questions:

- Have you grown in at least one area in the past year? Overcoming procrastination, for instance, or building resourcefulness? How about improving time management or teamwork?

- Have you taken on new challenging responsibilities on your job, at school or at church recently?

- Are you more willing to make changes in your life than you were in the past?

- Have you found time to do more Bible study and related reading than you used to?

- Are you developing more patience with problems and people than you were, say, two years ago? Are you more understanding?

- Do people seem to benefit from your positive attitude? Your advice? Your shining example?

- Do you spend more time thinking things through and developing good judgment by using God's principles?

- Are you involved in any kind of refreshing program or continuing education using the Church's booklets and reprints?

- Do you understand your strengths and weaknesses better than you did last year? Are you con-

quering your human nature?

- Because of your own efforts, do you now get along better with your mate, child, teen, brother, sister, co-worker than you did in the past?

- Have you changed a long-standing opinion, attitude or idea about someone or something since the last Passover?

- Are you more approachable now? Are you open to constructive criticism? Are you willing to admit when you are wrong?

- Do you get more satisfaction out of helping and serving people than you used to? Does giving of yourself, your time and your money come quicker?

- Can you control your anger more effectively than you did a year ago?

- Do you positively look forward to getting out of bed and facing each new challenge with a smile?

- Do you generally have a real sense of achievement at the end of the week and look forward to the Sabbath day?

If you responded positively to a number of these important questions, it's a clear indication of the forward progress you have made. Other areas may demand more time and effort on your part, but with God's help and His Spirit all things are possible (Mark 10:27).

The apostle Peter wrote in 1 Peter 2:9 that we are a chosen, or special and peculiar, people — not of this world. In verses 4 and 5 we are referred to as living stones, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious. We are pilgrims or "sojourners" (verse 11, Revised Authorized Version).

We are building, moving toward God's Kingdom. We are not establishing ourselves on earth. We are living stones — moving, rolling, forward-leaning toward the Kingdom of God.

God is the pacesetter for us. Rolling stones gather no moss. Don't stop growing and overcoming. We must continue to grow until we receive salvation and the Kingdom is set up. Ask God to help you to be a forward-lean person. Let's all make that ultimate goal by forward motion.

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# Representatives meet royalty, officials on behalf of Mr. Tkach

**By Aaron K. Dean**  
PASADENA — After a world leader dies, many wonder whether his work will continue. Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach wanted officials and heads of state working with Ambassador Foundation projects in Asia to know that he planned to continue in the late Herbert W. Armstrong's footsteps.

*Aaron K. Dean, a personal assistant to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, is a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.*

To accomplish this, Mr. Tkach, chairman of the Ambassador Foundation, sent Joseph Locke, a personal assistant to the pastor general, and me, a vice president of the foundation, to visit the foundation's projects in Asia.

Representing Mr. Tkach, we met with King Bhumibol Adulyadej in Thailand; President Junius Jayewardene, Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa, Gmini

Dissanayake, minister of land, land development and Mahaweli development, and Festus Perera, minister of fisheries, in Sri Lanka; Queen Aishwarya Rajya Lakshmi Shah Devi of Nepal; and other officials.

After his last trip to South Asia in late 1984, Mr. Armstrong approved educational projects to be sponsored by the foundation in Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Because the projects neared their official openings, Mr. Tkach asked us to represent him at the ceremonies, since he had a heavy work load and was unable to attend.

## Flight to Bangkok

We began the Asian trip in Bangkok, Thailand, Feb. 14. There the foundation sponsors Ambassador College students to teach English. Nigel Bearman and Dusti Howell teach at the Golden Mount Temple, and Robert Burbach works at Satit Chula Demonstration School, a part of Chulalongkorn University. Jeff Caudle, an Ambassador graduate and project leader,

coordinates the students and teaches English to the royal guards in the royal palace.

## Palace visit

During a morning visit with Queen Sirikit's leading ladies-in-waiting, we learned that the queen had been hospitalized and did not know of the death of Mr. Armstrong. King Bhumibol ordered that she not be told until she regained her strength.

The ladies-in-waiting asked us to tour Chitralada, the palace school. Royal children and relatives attend this school. Because of the excellent example set by Ambassador College students at other schools, school officials are interested in the foundation sending students to teach at this prestigious school.

We also toured all the schools where our students teach, where we conveyed greetings from the new pastor general, Mr. Tkach, and accepted condolences for the death of Mr. Armstrong.

During a meeting with Supreme (See ROYALTY, page 5)



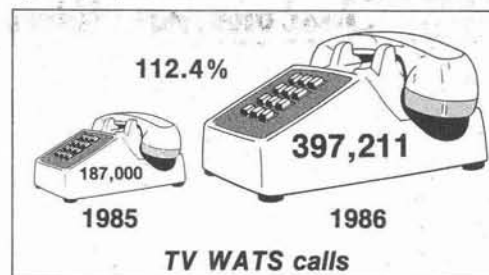
**ROYAL PRESENTATION** — Aaron K. Dean (center), a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, and Joseph Locke, a personal assistant to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, present a photograph of Queen Sirikit and Herbert W. Armstrong to King Bhumibol of Thailand.

## Records

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grams [David Hulme, David Albert and evangelist Richard Ames], which means more people will receive *Plain Truths*, and request more booklets.

"When you have the kind of growth we're experiencing, sending out as much literature as we are has a kind of synergistic effect," the evangelist explained. "Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong set the policy that when a person requests a booklet, he or she is automatically given a one-year free gift subscription to *The Plain Truth*."

"These people receive the magazine, respond to booklet and reprint offers and also may be watching *The World Tomorrow* on television. They're receiving some powerful spiritual meat, and they begin to respond," he said.



Charts by Ronald Groves

## Canadian Office established in 1961

# Office marks 25th anniversary

**By Michael A. Guidolin**  
VANCOUVER, B.C. — The 24 full-time employees of the Canadian Regional Office commemorated the office's 25th anniversary with a luncheon March 11.

*Michael A. Guidolin, a member who attends the Vancouver, B.C., church, is an employee of the Canadian Office.*

The group ate Chinese food, an anniversary cake and English trifle made by Margaret Adair, wife of regional director Colin Adair, and Luann Patrickson, wife of George Patrickson, assistant to Mr. Adair.

Mr. Adair presented a plaque and wristwatch to Dennis E. Prather for a quarter century of service. Mr. Prather, 50, and his wife, Barbara, were sent from Pasadena to open the Canadian Regional Office Feb. 12, 1961.

The original office was in the United Kingdom Building in downtown Vancouver and remained there until March, 1969.

James Friddle Jr., then pastor of the Seattle, Wash., church, assisted the Prathers in starting the office. Mr. Friddle now pastors the

Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches.

Mr. Friddle conducted the first Bible study in the area in February, 1961, and about 40 attended. Richard Pinelli, pastor of the Kansas City, Mo., East church, was sent to assist the Prathers in the summer of 1961.

No churches were established in Canada until the Vancouver church was raised up June 18, 1962, by evangelist Roderick C. Meredith.

Regional directors in the years following included evangelist Dean Wilson, pastor of the Portland, Ore., South church; evangelist Leslie McCullough, deputy chancellor of Big Sandy Ambassador College; and Robert Fahey, pastor of the Nassau, Manhattan, Suffolk and Westchester, N.Y., churches. Mr. Adair was named Canadian regional director in March, 1981.

In 1969 the office was moved to its present location at 1365 Boundary Rd., on the boundary of Vancouver and Burnaby, B.C.

According to Mr. Wilson, when the late Herbert Armstrong started the work in the early 1930s, the expenses always seemed to exceed the income.

Just as the early years of the work were difficult for Mr. Armstrong, so were the early years of the Canadian Office, said Mr. Wilson.

What began with 40 members attending the first Bible studies has grown to 7,071-baptized members in all of Canada. In 1961 the *Plain Truth* subscription list stood at 5,000, and today's circulation is 995,630, including newsstands.

"We have been steadily growing over the past 25 years," Mr. Adair said. "At one time we had 40 office employees. But computerization cut that need in half."

"They are all loyal and dedicated employees who create a warm, relaxed atmosphere in the office," Mr. Adair continued. "I am certainly pleased to have such an office staff to work with."

## Longtime employees honored

PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach awarded personalized plaques and watches bearing the Ambassador College seal to 18 employees who had worked for the Church or college for more than 25 years.

Mr. Tkach made the presentations during an employee meeting in the Ambassador Auditorium April 4. The pastor general also presented watches with the seal to seven ministers who had previously been awarded plaques marking a quarter century of service in Christ's ministry.

The pastor general said that the recognition of longtime employees was "a desire of mine for a long, long time."

"In Luke, the 10th chapter, we're reminded that a 'labourer is worthy of his hire' [verse 7], and this... is one of the ways in which we can express that," Mr. Tkach said.

"In most cases, recognition of these employees' service was long overdue," he said.

Pasadena-based employees receiving plaques and watches in the April 4 meeting were (including years of service): Gene M. Michel (32), Claudine L. Woodie (32), Robert G. Seelig (32), Hugh M.

Mauck (31), John H. Wilson (30), Merle M. May (30), Bernell C. Michel (28), Kemmer J. Pfund (28), David N. Unfried (27), Warren W. Krieger (27), Norman K. Miller (27), Charles J. Hefner (26), Gene H. Hogberg (25), William W. Myers (25), Charles A. Roemer (25), Nelson Doucet (25), Max V. Kuhlmann

(25) and Wallace E. Wendt (25).

According to the Pastor General's Office, other employees were not present to receive their plaques and watches, and several employees have qualified for the plaques in regional offices outside of the United States. Plans are being made to recognize these employees at a later date.



**OFFICE ANNIVERSARY** — Colin Adair (left), Canadian regional director, presents a plaque to Dennis E. Prather, March 11, during a celebration that marked the 25th anniversary of the Canadian Regional Office. Mr. Prather and his wife, Barbara, opened the office Feb. 12, 1961. [Photo by Michael A. Guidolin]



**QUARTER CENTURY** — Pictured are Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (center) and evangelist Ellis La Ravia (right of Mr. Tkach) with employees and ministers honored April 4. [Photo by Warren Watson]



# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Family events conducted

TORONTO, Ont., brethren were hosts to about 250 Church youths at a regional weekend March 1 and 2.

Neil Earle, pastor of the Toronto churches, spoke at Sabbath services on lessons from the book of Esther. Evening activities included a hot meal, Laurel and Hardy movies and a sock hop.

Sunday the teens attended a seminar titled "Facing the High Tech Future." Burt Burbach, a Toronto West local church elder, spoke on the new high technology; Percival Burrows, Toronto West associate pastor, and Leo Van Pelt, pastor of the North Bay and Sudbury, Ont., churches, spoke about basic computer skills; and Trevor Brown, a math consultant with the Toronto School Board, explained careers in technological fields.

Other speakers were John Adams, pastor of the Ottawa, Ont., church, on good grooming; Karl Moore, a sales representative for Burroughs Inc., on the advantages of a Church background; and Gwen Wakal, the practical side of computer training.

George Merritt, a career counselor with the provincial government, conducted two simulated interviews with senior Church youths.

After lunch the youths spent the afternoon bowling.

More than 400 brethren from five states met in BLACKFOOT, Idaho, for a YOU family weekend March 8 and 9.

Activities began with a Sabbath brunch and YOU Bible bowl conducted by Thomas Smith, pastor of the Helena, Butte and Great Falls, Mont., churches. Lawson Tuck, pastor of the Baker and Ontario, Ore., and Boise, Idaho, churches, gave the sermon at afternoon Sabbath services.

Athletic activities got under way that evening with two basketball games and a volleyball game. A square dance ended the evening.

Sunday featured more basketball and volleyball, a halftime performance by women from the Blackfoot area and cheerleading routines. The Salt Lake City, Utah, team, coached by John Flores, took first

in basketball. The Boise team, coached by Chuck Sheppard, placed second.

In volleyball, the Blackfoot girls, coached by Euniece Mansanarez and Lisa Wilmot, placed first, and the Baker and Ontario team, coached by Rita Ray, was second.

The MOUNT VERNON and BELLEVILLE, Ill., churches were hosts for a YOU district weekend March 15 and 16. Families from Columbia, Lake of the Ozarks, Rolla and St. Louis, Mo., and Evansville, Ind., attended.

At Sabbath services March 15 Rand Millich, YOU district coordinator and pastor of the Columbia church, gave the sermonette. Joe Dobson, pastor of the Lake of the Ozarks and Rolla churches, gave the sermon.

In the afternoon children, teens and adults participated in a Bible bowl. Dan Creed, pastor of the Mount Vernon and Belleville churches, asked the questions.

Saturday evening a dance took place for teens and adults, while children played supervised games. Refreshments were served.

Sunday activities featured basketball and cheerleading. Awards were presented to two players from each basketball team who demonstrated good attitudes and sportsmanship.

George Merritt, Christy DeSalvo and Jan Cooper Carden and Mary Anne Burns.

## Areas put on talent shows

RED DEER and WETASKIWIN, Alta., brethren attended a potluck, dance and talent show after Sabbath services March 8. After the potluck brethren danced, while young children watched a video.

Participants in the talent show ranged from 9 to 80 years of age. Performances included piano duets and solos; a flute and bassoon duet; and saxophone, violin, clarinet and flute solos. One performer constructed his own violin.

The evening ended with more dancing.

The ROANOKE, Va., annual variety show took place after Sabbath services and a potluck March 15.

The show was divided into three sections: adult, YOU and YES (Youth Educational Services). Each section had a master of ceremonies from that age group. Selections included instrumentals, vocals, dances and a trampoline skit.

During intermission, Britton Taylor, Roanoke pastor, announced results of a candy-sale fund raiser.

Awards were given to the Calvin Kennon family, the first family to sell \$200 worth; Robert Carroll, first single to sell \$200 worth; the Billy Akers family, the family that sold the most, \$460 worth; and to Mr. Carroll, the single who sold the most, \$469 worth.

The candy sale added \$3,984.90 to the church activity fund.

The sixth annual TRENTON and VINELAND, N.J., variety show took place March 16 at the Meadow View School in Chesterfield, N.J.

Master of ceremonies Steven Gerrard, a Trenton local church elder, introduced 33 acts. The show began with a number by the combined Trenton and Vineland choirs. YES (Youth Educational Services) children sang, and YES cheerleaders performed.

The teen segment included organ and violin numbers, poetry reading and vocal selections. Other acts included comedy skits, instrumental numbers and more vocal selections. The show ended with the combined Trenton and Vineland choirs.

Finger foods, coffee, tea and punch



**FOSSICKERS** — Church youths from Gold Coast, Australia, fossick (search) for gems March 9. The group found specimens of agate, jasper and chalcedony. [Photo by Clifford Davies]

## Youths, singles tour factory, find gems

Twenty-one Church youths and nine singles from the LEGAZPI and SORSOGON, Philippines, churches toured a paper factory in Malinao, Philippines, March 9.

The purpose of the tour was to show how paper is made. The group was divided into smaller groups and went through the paper production line. The plant supervisor explained

the manufacturing processes and showed samples of paper products made from abaca fiber.

After the tour the group ate lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Manzano, a deacon and deaconess who live in Tabaco, Philippines. Area brethren joined them for the lunch.

Dionisio Catchillar, pastor of the two churches, conducted a Bible study for the youths after lunch. He spoke about the relationship of God to children in God's Church. Mr. Catchillar also reminded the youths to appreciate paper materials and avoid waste.

After the Bible study the group ate *ginataan*, which is made from

chopped cassava, gabi and banana cooked in coconut milk and seasoned with sugar and vanilla.

**GOLD COAST, Australia**, Church youths participated in a day of gem fossicking (searching) March 9 on the properties of area brethren. The group found specimens of agate, jasper and chalcedony, and the activity concluded with a barbecue.

At the monthly YOU Bible study March 15, Rodney King, church pastor, talked about the stones the youths collected and their use in Aaron's breastplate and in the foundations of the New Jerusalem.

Eliseo S. Reyes Jr. and Clifford Davies.

## Dinners, dances take place

The DUBLIN and GALWAY, Irish Republic, churches sponsored an annual dinner and dance at the Cill Dara Hotel in Kildare, Irish Republic, March 8.

Evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for the Church in the United Kingdom, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East, spoke at Sabbath services. He and his wife, Sharon, were guests of honor at the dinner and dance.

The dinner consisted of stuffed turkey and fresh vegetables. Afterward Brian Bedlow, a Galway local church elder, was master of ceremonies for the musical portion of the evening. Gerry Folan and Jose Casey sang Irish songs; Donal O'Callaghan danced an Irish reel; and Tim Chambers played the accordion.

During the evening Linda Wood presented Mrs. Brown with a bouquet of flowers. Anthony Goudie, pastor of the Dublin and Galway churches, presented Mr. Brown with a 16th-century hand-colored engraved map of southern Ireland and an Irish tin whistle.

The presentation commemorated Mr. Brown's 10 years of service as regional director.

A WINDSOR, Ont., annual dinner and dance took place March 8 at the Knights of Columbus hall in Emeryville, Ont.

Matching homemade silk corsages and boutonnières were pinned on each couple. Sharon Taylor photographed the 75 people in attendance.

The catered meal included roast beef, fried chicken, rolls and butter, salad and chocolate eclairs.

L'amore Disc Jockey service provided dance music. Door prizes of candleholders made by Diana Morris were awarded, and cookies and pastries made by the social committee were served.

**SALEM and ALBANY, Ore.**, Plain Truth newsstand distributors were honored March 15 at a dinner with a Hawaiian theme. Jess Ernest, church pastor, and his wife, Paula, greeted each guest with a lei.

Mr. Ernest made opening comments and presented a gift to Darrell Foster, Salem distribution coordinator. Rex Sexton, associate pastor of the two churches, made a presentation to Mary Wykle, a widow from the Albany church who obtained most of the Albany newsstand outlets.

Mr. Sexton gave answers to a 24-question quiz about the history of God's work. Prizes went to the man and woman who scored highest.

The meal consisted of Hawaiian (See DINNERS, page 5)

## 44 teams participate in tourney

The COLORADO SPRINGS and PUEBLO, Colo., churches were hosts for a basketball and volleyball tournament March 8 and 9. Forty-four teams from Colorado and Amarillo, Tex., participated.

Activities began with morning Sabbath services March 8. James Reyer, pastor of the Denver, Colo., East and West churches, was guest speaker.

Basketball and volleyball began Saturday evening. Division winners in basketball were: men — first, Denver II, sportsmanship, Colorado Springs and Pueblo; boys A — first, Denver, sportsmanship, Amarillo; boys B — first, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, sportsmanship, Durango, Colo.; girls — first, Amarillo, sportsmanship, Amarillo.

Division winners in volleyball were: adult mixed A — first, Denver II, sportsmanship, Pueblo; adult mixed B — first, Denver VI, sportsmanship, Grand Junction, Colo.; girls A — first, Denver, sportsmanship, Colorado Springs; girls B — first, Denver II, sportsmanship, Colorado Springs II.

David Carley, pastor of the Colorado Springs and Pueblo churches, presented awards. Janet Franke,

## Europeans go snow skiing

Heavy snowfall in February prompted 48 singles from six European countries to gather for their annual ski weekend in ENGELBERG, Switzerland. The event began with Bible study Friday night, Feb. 21.

After brunch the next morning, the group listened to a tape by Gregory Albrecht, dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Weekend activities included walking in the snow, fellowship and sing-alongs, cross-country and downhill skiing and a snowball fight.

"God's blessing was obvious from the warmth and joy radiated by all," said Thomas Lapacka, pastor of the Stuttgart, West Germany, and Zurich and Basel, Switzerland, churches. "The ski lodge is already booked for 1987."

Church youths from the MULHOUSE, ST. AVOLD and STRASBOURG, France, churches gathered in a mountain chalet near Munster, France, March 15 and 16 for cross-country skiing.

A dance took place after the group's arrival Saturday evening. The teens learned swing dance steps and traditional ballroom dancing.

Sunday after breakfast and a Bible study conducted by Olivier Carion, pastor of the three churches, the youths took to mountain ski trails. After a hot lunch, they went back for more skiing.

Cleanup began at 5 p.m., and the group returned home. The Church youths "learned a great deal about teamwork," said Mr. Carion. "This helps prepare them for their work in the world tomorrow."

Thomas Lapacka and Joel Meeker.

## Values

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A report in the March 22 *Guardian* said, "Taylor believes that chance dominates history; his own life has been dominated by chance (the only safe explanation is that things have happened because they have happened)."

In plain words, this prominent British historian reflects the fatalistic view that there is no supernatural power overseeing world events. The awesomely powerful spiritual realm is not even considered.

### Empty religion

The religious authorities in the United Kingdom offer few answers. Religionists worry about "bringing God up-to-date."

Some criticize churches for their "outdated belief in a personal, omnipotent, white-bearded God who sits out there, performing the occasional miracle and leaving us to stew the rest of the time" (*The Guardian*, March 12).

These are considered to be learned and intelligent individuals, but their religious understanding is patently absurd!

The British churches have drifted far from the true God of the Bible. Many members view the church as self-seeking, insular and irrelevant.

### One voice of reason

Amid this confused cesspool of misunderstanding, one secular voice says things that most bishops cautiously avoid. It is the voice of Lord Hailsham, who at age 80 heads

the British legal system.

With the recent sordid events in mind, consider this comment: "Demonic forces of violence and evil have been let loose in Britain since the war, Lord Chancellor Lord Hailsham warned last night," reported the March 15 *Daily Express*.

Here is wisdom, perhaps more than was published in all of the tomes and reports I read analyzing the decline of the United Kingdom.

Surprisingly, Lord Hailsham understands and acknowledges that Britain's problems are of a spiritual nature.

Read this remarkable comment from his book *What's Wrong With Britain?*, published about eight years ago: "The cause of our troubles is not economic, nor has it anything to do with world conditions or our loss of empire, or with any other

easy excuses which we are so ready to accept, and our present rulers to invent, for our comfort. It is a disease of the spirit for which there is no one to blame but ourselves" (page 41).

Lord Hailsham squarely pins the blame on "the moral betrayal by those who ought to be upholders of the traditional virtues, qualities and institutions, and of the truths and values which it was their duty to maintain" (page 42).

Lord Hailsham made this ringing statement that all should consider: "I am beginning to believe that this country will begin to return to sanity only by learning the hard way, and this will mean widespread unemployment and financial ruin. I do not believe that these catastrophes are far off" (page 46).

Since this was written eight years ago, unemployment has exploded in the British Isles to cause severe

hardship for multiple thousands.

With such gloomy events the common fare here, many look forward to the chance to rehearse again Britain's lost glory — the majestic royal wedding of Prince Andrew to Sarah Ferguson.

*Sunday Today* paraphrased Britain's national reaction: "... it'll lift all our spirits from all this gloom we've had lately. We all need something like this, don't we, after all the bad news ... the only really 'good news' we get from the media, against an otherwise almost unrelieved diet of horror" (March 23).

Britons should not have to rely on royalty for all their good news. But such is the state of Britain in "this present evil age" (Galatians 1:4, Revised Authorized Version).

In the age to come Britain will recapture her previous glory — and more. But only after what Lord Hailsham saw takes place.

## Upsurge

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spective. They then emphasized the flaws and fallacies of the atheistic ideology.

The instructors at that time used such textbooks as J. Edgar Hoover's treatise, *A Study of Communism*. A book of this nature would probably be labeled as either hysterical or fanatical today.

The problem of leftist radicalism is so serious that Reed Irvine, publisher of the newsletter *Accuracy in Media* (a fortnightly report analyzing the news media) found it necessary to publish an additional newsletter titled *Accuracy in Academia*.

In his new publication, Mr. Irvine attempts to give college-age students and their parents an accurate picture of what kind of courses are being taught at colleges and universities in addition to the attitudes and approaches of the professors.

Mr. Irvine — who estimates that there are some 10,000 Marxist professors teaching at America's colleges and universities — maintains an operation largely staffed with volunteers. He takes no legal action; he merely monitors and reports. Yet reaction from the academic community has been vocal, with not a few

charges of witchhunting.

Many of America's institutions of higher learning were founded by churches for the education of their young people. Courses in religion, morality and ethics once formed part of the core curricula. With few exceptions this is no longer the case.

In an article titled "Our Listless Universities" in the Dec. 10, 1982, *National Review*, author Allen Bloom wrote:

"Schools once produced citizens, or gentlemen, or believers; now they produce the unprejudiced. A university professor confronting entering freshmen can be almost certain that most of them will know that there are no absolutes and that one cannot say that one culture is superior to another."

It is little wonder that in such an academic climate of godless no-absolutism, the proponents of radicalism and atheism can flourish, both in the classroom and on the campus grounds leading demonstrations for this and that cause.

Thank God that He has preserved the integrity of Ambassador College. And as a reminder, it might be good for college-aged people (and their parents) contemplating courses at other institutions to carefully reread the lead article in the Dec. 30, 1985, issue of *The Worldwide News* titled "Education: What Does God Expect?"

## Royalty

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Patriarch Ariawongsagatayana, the Thai Buddhist leader said that the death of Mr. Armstrong was a great loss to everyone, not just to his followers.

### Royal favor

King Bhumibol made special arrangements so he could meet with us. His majesty began the audience with us by receiving a personal letter from Mr. Tkach, some photographs of Mr. Armstrong and their majesties together and videotapes of Mr. Armstrong's funeral, Mr. Tkach's address and the *World Tomorrow* tribute program.

In the 45-minute meeting, his majesty recounted many of the things Mr. Armstrong had told him in their 15 years of friendship. The king said that the challenge was for us to see if we could carry on such a great work. He acknowledged that people of Mr. Armstrong's caliber were needed to build a peaceful and happy world. We told his majesty that Mr. Armstrong lives on in those he has taught.

### Trip to Sri Lanka

From Thailand we flew to Sri Lanka for the official opening of a foundation-sponsored school for teaching English and vocational skills.

Originally the government wanted us to sponsor and operate a large school at the Victoria Dam site on the Mahaweli River.

They shifted the request to Gotmale, site of a larger dam built by the Swedes. Both these sites would have proven expensive and perhaps

beyond our capability. Events worked out that we started a school in Nuwara Eliya, one of the most beautiful areas of Sri Lanka.

The school, a converted colonial home, stands only a few hundred yards from the president's and prime minister's residences. The Ambassador students are in a highly visible location so far as the major leaders of Sri Lanka are concerned.

At low expense — air fare, room and board and a small scholarship — the foundation can place living examples of God's way of life for people to see in these educational projects. Like bright lights shining, the example set by our students' conduct is noticed by many and provides a quiet but strong witness.

### School opening

The school opening was attended by a small but distinguished group of people. Speeches were presented by Minister Disanayake, for the Sri Lanka government, and me, representing the Ambassador Foundation.

That evening we had dinner with Ambassador students Charles Desgrossier, Trent Meisner, Ron McCrery, Lisa Roe, Mary Johnson, and AC graduates David and Dorrie Baker. Jeff and Aline O'Neill, volunteers from Australia, also attended.

Mr. Locke, Mohan Jayasekera, pastor of the Colombo, Sri Lanka, church, and I met President Jayewardene in the presidential residence in Colombo. I delivered a personal letter from Mr. Tkach that assured him that the work begun by Mr. Armstrong would continue. He also expressed his condolences and expressed his respect for Mr. Armstrong. He wished Mr. Tkach every success.

Prime Minister Premadasa expressed similar condolences in our meeting with him, as did Minister Perera, and G.M. Premachandra, deputy minister of fisheries.

### Nepalese royalty

Our next stop was Kathmandu, Nepal. Queen Aishwarya had asked Mr. Armstrong for help with the

Social Services National Coordinating Committee (SSNCC). The royal family is trying to improve conditions in their country in a similar way as the royal family of Thailand is doing.

The queen granted an audience with me to discuss the foundation project, although we ended up discussing Mr. Armstrong extensively. God gave us favor, as the queen originally did not schedule any meetings for March.

After receiving a letter from Mr. Tkach and asking some questions about his background, she began telling me about Mr. Armstrong and how highly she and the king regarded him.

She told how on the last visit they made to Thailand, they spent quite a bit of time listening to King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit talk about Mr. Armstrong and Ambassador College, and the work he was doing. The Thai king and queen told the Nepalese royal couple that Mr. Armstrong stood for good things for the world and had helped them both physically and spiritually with his encouragement. They encouraged Nepal to accept any help from the foundation as it would be given from the heart and without false motives.

It was encouraging to hear this and to realize that the work of God's Church is talked about at the highest levels. Although our monetary contribution is small, we often fail to realize how much our light shines. These projects are of great value in providing a witness of God's way of life to the world.

After the meeting we had lunch at the home of Major Gen. Aditya Rana, cousin to the queen. I presented him a copy of Mr. Armstrong's book *Mystery of the Ages*.

The next day we attended meetings arranged by the queen at the National Computer Center. The center's director, after introductions, said, "Ambassador Foundation, isn't that connected with *The Plain Truth* and the Worldwide Church of God?" After we told him it was, he replied: "I used to be a subscriber [to *The Plain Truth*] but somehow it stopped. Can you put me back on with some extra copies for the office?"

After finishing our work in Nepal, we returned to Bangkok, where we once again were asked to visit the palace school. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn telephoned while we were there to ask if we would be able to send two teachers. It was obvious that they really wanted our people.

I had discussed this with Mr. Tkach in a trans-Pacific telephone conversation, and he approved this royal request. They were elated at this news. Radio Thailand requested a radio interview, so the next day I went to the studio and answered questions about Mr. Armstrong, his successor, Mr. Tkach, and the Ambassador Foundation activities.

We returned to Pasadena March 14.

## Carnival, cleanup take place

About 400 DAYTON, Ohio, brethren and guests attended an annual YOU carnival March 15.

Church youths operated 21 booths, including a fishbowl toss, squirt-gun shoot and putt-putt golf. Other events included a cakewalk, a toy walk and an auction of home-made crafts. Church pastor Ray Meyer and associate pastor Michael Blackwell were auctioneers.

A dinner of tacos, chili and hot dogs was available before the carnival. Money collected will sponsor a YOU trip during the summer.

Church youths, parents and other family members of the TAMPA, Fla., church participated in the

cleanup for the Hillsborough County Fair and Strawberry Festival March 8.

This is the sixth year the youths participated in this project, and this year they raised \$2,250.

Gene Fox and Holly Hannaway.

## Areas throw farewell parties

WASHINGTON, D.C., brethren said farewell to John Egbert, a local church elder, and his wife, Nancy, a deaconess, after Sabbath services March 8.

The Egberts moved to Long Beach, Calif., where Mr. Egbert is an account representative for a graphic communications company.

Richard Frankel, pastor of the Front Royal, Va., and Washington churches, presented the couple with a silver tea set. Robert England, president of the Spokesman Club directed by Mr. Egbert, presented him with a watch and gold pen set. Mrs. Egbert received a pearl necklace and bracelet from club members. A cake baked by Ruth Ann Kesner was served.

The Egberts were baptized in the early 1960s and attended the Los Angeles, Calif., Pasadena and Baltimore, Md., churches. They have served in the Washington church for 10 years. They were ordained as deacon and deaconess in 1969, and Mr. Egbert was ordained a local church elder in 1978.

The Egberts have three children and five grandchildren. Their son,

Jeb, an instructor in business administration and speech at Pasadena Ambassador College, and his wife, Barbara, live in San Dimas, Calif.; their daughter, Caroline, is wife of Stanley McNiel, pastor of the Topeka, Kan., and St. Joseph, Mo., churches; and their daughter, Lynn, is wife of Dennis Lawrence, pastor of the Yorkton, Sask., and Dauphin, Man., churches.

ANCHORAGE, PALMER and SOLDOTNA, Alaska, brethren said farewell March 16 to Michael Pickett, Anchorage local church elder, his wife, Laurie, and their sons, Mike, Matt and Ian, at a party disguised as a winter social.

The Picketts, who have lived in Alaska 22 years and have been Church members since 1969, moved to Ventura, Calif.

After a potluck brethren recounted memories and humorous experiences they shared with the Picketts. Mr. Pickett, choir director, led an impromptu rendition of "The Hebrew Slave Chorus" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Barri Armitage and Linda Orchard.

## Brethren conduct penny-roll

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, brethren attended a potluck and movie after Sabbath services Feb. 22.

Brethren saved pennies for several months for a penny-roll fund raiser. Seven gallon jars were filled with pennies, and Michael Lapinsky won a guessing contest. The total number of pennies was 40,021 (\$400.21).

The Walt Disney movie *The Greatest Athlete* ended the evening. Libby Kebrde.

## Dinners

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chicken, rice, baked beans, fruit salad, banana bread and pineapple sundaes. The meal was prepared by Jim Petersen, a Salem deacon, and his wife, Shirley.

The evening ended with entertainment. Ike Kuipers was master of ceremonies and introduced the program, which included a series of skits about the newest program; a fire dance using flashlights for torches, performed by Gerald Cranford and Richard Dunlap, local church elders, Mr. Ernest and Mr. Sexton; and a hula dance by Regina Kuipers, Lonnelle Sanner, Kelly Barnes, Pam Penrod and Kimberly Hannaway.

Raymond Jordan, Patricia Klem and Anna Dunlap.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

AKERS, Billy and Donna (Proffitt), of Roanoke, Va., girl, Lisa Marie, March 8, 6:45 a.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BARANGOT, Benjamin Jr. and Conchita (Calapan), of Cagayan de Oro, Philippines, girl, Yaya Jorand, Jan. 1, 10 p.m., 5 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

BOOTH, Donald and Arlene (Morgan), of Union, N.J., boy, Daniel Morgan, March 10, 7:17 a.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys.

BROWN, Harlan and Trilby (Redford), of Durham, N.C., girl, Amber Joy, Feb. 24, 12:07 p.m., 10 pounds, first child.

CAMPBELL, Steven and Rene (Bright), of Jacksonville, Fla., boy, Eldan Steven, March 22, 12:05 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CASTIGNANI, Nicholas and Barbara (Meszaros), of Sunrise, Fla., boy, Stephen Nicholas, March 13, 10:59 a.m., 7 pounds, first child.

COLLINS, Doug and Ruth (Dobson), of Simi Valley, Calif., boy, Joseph Elmer, Nov. 28, 1985, 2:40 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 girl.

CRANE, Charles and Debbie (Dowling), of Austin, Ind., girl, Brittany Gail, Feb. 4, 4:52 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

CRAWFORD, James and Glenda (Prudhomme), of Lafayette, La., girl, Ashley Renee, March 15, 12:58 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

CUTTER, Geoff and Cindy (Winston), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Elizabeth Ashley, March 6, 10:51 a.m., 3 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

DELFINO, Pat and Marie-Anne (Von Arx), of Magog, Que., girl, Veronica Ann, Jan. 26, 9:58 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

DEVRIES, Rod and Judith (Dookan), of Prince George, B.C., boy, Joshua Wade, March 11, 7:17 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

ELLIOTT, James and Sandra (Vincent), of Wheeling, W.Va., boy, Jeffrey Michael, Jan. 21, 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

GAUF, Mark and Margaret (Gula), of Peoria, Ill., boy, Scott Kenneth, March 20, 4:09 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

GODENS, Ralph and Sherry (Bell), of St. Louis, Mo., boy, Andrew Bryce, Feb. 25, 8:11 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

GRIGSBY, Jon and Debbie (Rogers), of Birmingham, Ala., girl, Amy Beth, March 18, 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

HALL, Jimmy and Kathy (Curcio), of Pikeville, Ky., boy, Nathan Alexander, March 11, 3:50 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

HENDRICKS, Paul and Angie (Miller), of Macon, Ga., boy, Caleb Aaron, March 17, 12:22 a.m., 10 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HOTTE, Stuart and Tammy (Walters), of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Charissa Ruth, March 27, 12:50 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HUSSAK, Dennis and Debbie (Pope), of Buffalo, N.Y., boy, Garret Dennis, March 16, 10:31 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

JOLLY, Weston and Karen (Dickinson), of Kalsip, Mont., girl, Sarah Joanne, March 11, 8:30 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KARHU, Len and Loretta (Paul), of Pasadena, girl, Laina Ashley, Jan. 23, 1:38 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

LASCH, Eric and Becky (Fishburn), of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Julia Gail, March 4, 4:23 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

MARIJUF, Pearce and Elnah (Elnah), of Kadoma, Zimbabwe, girl, Loreen, Jan. 25, 11:25 p.m., 3.15 kilograms, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

McDOWELL, Brian and Debra (Volker), of Auburn, Neb., boy, David James, Feb. 19, 5:30 p.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

MINTOSH, Kenneth and Louise (Owings), of Fort Worth, Tex., boy, Scott Andrew, March 6, 5:02 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys.

MILLER, Richard and Donna (Sancho), of Lansing, Mich., boy, Josiah Benjamin, Feb. 23, 7:02 a.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys.

MILLS, Michael and Florence (Cruise), of Columbia, S.C., boy, Morgan Weston, Feb. 20, 7:45 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

MONNIER, Jake and Joy (Fitzgerald), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, William Isaac, Feb. 6, 6:09 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

MORELLI, Tony and Robin (Peterson), of Pasadena, girl, Gina Sophie, March 24, 11:57 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

RHODES, Steve and Kim (Lal), of Moberly, Mo., boy, Matthew Lee, Feb. 15, 9:10 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

RUSCHE, Gary and Kathy (Huffman), of Fargo, N.D., girl, Rachel Katherine, March 1, 9:40 a.m., 7 pounds 19 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SALISMAN, Rodolfo and Silverette (Macaraeg), of San Fernando, La Union, Philippines, boy, Nathaniel James, Feb. 21, 5 p.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys.

SCHERICH, Fran and Sharon (Sexton), of Fort Worth, Tex., girl, Tiffany Rene, March 16, 2:17 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

SCHMIDT, Randy and Darlene (Schneider), of Milwaukee, Wis., girl, Melody Lee, Feb. 24, 5:28 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

SEAY, David and Terri (Newby), of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Davia Earlene, Feb. 1, 8:20 p.m., 7 pounds, now 2 girls.

SEIDLE, Mario and Catalina (Rios), of Santiago, Chile, twin girls, Jacqueline Anne and Rebecca Lynn, March 11, 6 pounds 8 ounces and 6 pounds, first children.

SHERRILL, Gary and Cynthia (Barlow), of Lafayette, Ind., girl, Rachel Anna, Feb. 18, 10:33 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

STARK, Terry and Duane (Morris), of Hazard, Mo., girl, Andrea Leigh, March 13, 10:18 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

TREMBLE, Jack and Dawn (Niemeyer), of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Karen Elaine, Jan. 30, 2:57 p.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

TROOP, John and Brenda (Holstein), of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Rachel Erin, March 6, 1:51 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WARD, Doug and Sherry (Longcor), of Oxford, Ohio, girl, Rebekah Elizabeth, March 18, 3:42 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WOLCICHOWSKI, Edwin and Nancy (Breneman), of Montreal, Que., boy, David John, Dec. 23, 1985,

11:40 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WOMACK, Curtis and Charlotte (Wellgar), of Bethlehem, Pa., girl, Rachelle Marie, March 12, 4:49 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

WORTHINGTON, Ricky and Rebecca (Phillips), of Chattanooga, Tenn., girl, Erica Lynn, Jan. 10, 4:25 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 girls.

ZUCHOWSKI, Paul and Mary (Cook), of San Jose, Calif., boy, Jacob Daniel, Jan. 7, 6:55 p.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Lee H. Smith of Memphis, Tenn., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Patricia Ann to Paul Adams, son of Mrs. Louis Adams of Northport, Ala. Wedding date to be announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale F. Gordon of Fort Wayne, Ind., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lorilee Sue to Conan Clifford Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Adams of Louisville, Ky. A June wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight Lane of Lubbock, Tex., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Virginia to Mark Bolzern of Anchorage, Alaska, son of Nelly A. Bolzern of Heidelberg, West Germany. A May 26 wedding is planned at Big Sandy Ambassador College.

## WEDDINGS



**MR. AND MRS. CHARLES MOORE**  
Rita Charbonneau and Charles W. Moore were united in marriage Dec. 22, 1985, in Ottawa, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Laurie Nyhus, associate pastor of the Toronto, Ont., East church. The couple reside in Ottawa.



**MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY SIGURDSON**  
Carolyn Kay Siedschlag, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Siedschlag of Moorhead, Minn., and Robert Timothy Sigurdson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Sigurdson of Wadena, Sask., were united in marriage June 30, 1985, in Dilworth, Minn. The ceremony was performed by Hugh Wilkes, pastor of the Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D., churches. Maids of honor were the bride's sisters Darlene and Paulette. The best man was Fernando Arzu. The couple reside near Wadena.



**MR. AND MRS. STEVEN PEREZ**  
Nina Chacon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chacon of San Gabriel, Calif., and Steven Perez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Perez of Whittier, Calif., were united in marriage Dec. 1, 1985. The ceremony was performed by Terry P. Mattson, pastor of the Garden Grove, Calif., church. Lina Romine, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Benjamin Perez, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Los Angeles, Calif., and attend the Los Angeles church.



**MR. AND MRS. DANNY L. JOE**  
Kimberly S. Friesen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Friesen of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Danny L. Joe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Joe of Tacoma, Wash., were united in marriage Nov. 17, 1985. The ceremony was performed by Marvin Dahlgren, pastor of the Tacoma and Olympia, Wash., churches. The maid of honor was Deanna Schow, and the best man was Glen Anderson. The couple reside in Tacoma.



**MR. AND MRS. WES HARRIS**  
Wes Harris of Kennewick, Wash., and Rebecca L. Johnson of Grinnell, Iowa, were united in marriage Aug. 4, 1985. The ceremony was performed by Harold Smith, pastor of the Pileco, Yakima, Tonasket and Quincy, Wash., churches. The maid of honor was Cathy Carter, sister of the bride, and the best man was James D. Harris, father of the groom. The couple reside in Kennewick and attend the Pasco church.

## Obituaries

**BRIGHTON, England** — Gladys Carnes, 88, died Feb. 24 after a fall and pneumonia.

Mrs. Carnes was ordained a deaconess in 1980. An article about Mrs. Carnes appeared in the March 4, 1985, *Worldwide News*.

Mrs. Carnes is survived by two daughters, Pam and Ruth, and numerous grandchildren.

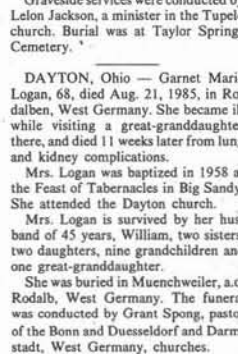
Funeral services were conducted by John Meakin, pastor of the Brighton, Croydon and Maidstone, England, churches.

**TUPELO, Miss.** — Wilford Sorrels, 85, died March 7 after a brief illness.

He has been a Church member since 1976 and attended the Tupelo church.

Mr. Sorrels lived most of his life near Suilinger and Beaverton, Ala. He is survived by two daughters, who are also Church members.

Graveside services were conducted by Leola Jackson, a minister in the Tupelo church. Burial was at Taylor Springs Cemetery.



**DAYTON, Ohio** — Garnet Marie Logan, 68, died Aug. 21, 1985, in Rodalben, West Germany. She became ill while visiting a great-granddaughter there, and died 11 weeks later from lung and kidney complications.

Mrs. Logan was baptized in 1958 at the Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy. She attended the Dayton church.

Mrs. Logan is survived by her husband of 45 years, William, two sisters, two daughters, nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



**MR. AND MRS. NEAL GRISWOLD**  
Tammy Lyn Bump, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Peterson of Lethbridge, Alta., and Neal C. Griswold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Griswold of Salome, Ariz., were united in marriage July 28, 1985, in Lethbridge. The ceremony was performed by Kenneth Webster, pastor of the Lethbridge and Maple Creek, Alta., churches. The maid of honor was Kim Webster, sister of the groom, and the best man was Dean Griswold, brother of the groom. The couple reside in El Paso, Tex.



**MR. AND MRS. EDMUND BENSON**  
Nora Ruth Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Desire Dubois, and Edmund Richard Benson, son of Helen Benson, were united in marriage Sept. 22, 1985. The ceremony was performed by Stephen Smith, pastor of the Gadsden, Ala., church. Anne Thomas, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and John Benson was best man. The couple reside in Alabaster, Ala.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Happy 50th anniversary Mom and Dad (Jim and Alice Hyland). Your outstanding examples of stick-to-itiveness and stability have been tremendous examples for us. We love you more than words can ever say. With all our love, Jim, Marcia, Kelley, Vickie, Stephanie, Tracey, Kori, Judy, Tiffany and Katie.

Richard and Erna Siedschlag were honored in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary at a dinner and dance after their daughter Carolyn's wedding.

mother and one brother are Church members.

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 16 by Terence Roth, pastor of the St. John's church.

**YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio** — Verna Kite, 75, died Feb. 23 of a heart attack. She has been a Church member since 1972.

Mrs. Kite is survived by her husband of 50 years, Donald, and a daughter, Ruth Munnell, both Church members.

She is also survived by a son, David, three grandchildren and a sister, Mary Williams.

Funeral services were conducted by Lloyd Briggie, pastor of the Youngstown church.

**MILWAUKEE, Wis.** — Harold Dean Shelton, 51, died Feb. 27. He has been a Church member since 1973.

Mr. Shelton is survived by his wife, Patricia; four sons, Joseph, James, Timothy and Michael; one daughter, Jennifer; one brother, John; one sister, Shirley McDowell; and 31 nieces and nephews.

Joel Lillengreen, pastor of the Waukesha and Kenosha, Wis., churches, conducted funeral services.

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** — Manila Storie Queen, 69, died Dec. 19, 1985. She first contacted the Church in 1949,

The Siedschlags were married July 2, 1960, in Foston, Minn. They have two sons and three daughters.

Happy 30th anniversary April 8 to Jack and Bea Todd. All our love, your children.

Steve, my love: Happy anniversary. Thank you for a wonderful first year of marriage. I am so glad that we are able to share together in this very exciting time of the work. Thank you for continuing to be my best friend. I thank God for His wonderful gift. I love you, Flice.

Sandy, my lovely wife, whom I love more every day: Happy 14th anniversary April 29. Love, Garth.

MEK: Surprise! Happy sixth anniversary April 19 ... only 44 more to go till the big five-o. I love you very much, ALK.

Steve and Rhonda: Happy first anniversary May 5. We hope your honeymoon will continue throughout the years to come as your love for each other deepens. Love, family and friends in Ohio.

## Weddings

### Made of Gold

**LIBERAL, Mo.** — Charlie and Ruth Dickey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 24, and were honored by the Joplin, Mo., church with a potluck March 15.

A cake, baked by the couple's daughter, Leanna Henson, and a gift were presented to the Dickeyes on behalf of Joplin brethren.

**MOOSOMIN, Sask.** — Earl and Nora Lynch celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 12. They were



**MR. AND MRS. EARL LYNCH**

married in Carlyle, Sask., Feb. 12, 1936, and farmed near Manor, Sask., until 1966.

The Lynches have five children and 11 grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch were baptized in the spring of 1976. They attend the Moosomin church.

One son, Doug, and his family attend the Brandon, Man., church.

was visited by the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and his wife, Loma, and was baptized in 1950. She attended her first Feast of Tabernacles at Siegler Springs, Calif. She attended her 36th Feast in Big Sandy in 1985.

**YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio** — Philip Wade, 26, died Feb. 28 in Landover, Md. He was shot by an intruder at his residence.

Mr. Wade is survived by his parents, Johnnie L. and Rebecca Wade, who attend the Youngstown church; three sisters, Darla, who attends the Youngstown church, Valerie Shakoot and Gladys Mills; and two brothers, Jonathan and Steve.

Funeral services were conducted by Lloyd Briggie, pastor of the Youngstown church.

**YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio** — Leora W. Davis, 82, died March 11 at Shenango Valley Osteopathic Hospital in Farrell, Pa.

Mrs. Davis was baptized with her husband in 1974. She is survived by a brother-in-law, Roger O. Davis; two nieces; and a grandniece.

Funeral services were conducted by Lloyd Briggie, pastor of the Youngstown church.

**LEORA DAVIS**

Mrs. Davis was baptized with her husband in 1974. She is survived by a brother-in-law, Roger O. Davis; two nieces; and a grandniece.

Funeral services were conducted by Lloyd Briggie, pastor of the Youngstown church.





## Biblical prophecy comes to light 'in such an hour as ye think not'

By Keith W. Stump  
We are living in the last days! But how close are we to the very end?

Keith W. Stump is a senior writer for The Plain Truth.

Humanly, we would all like to know how long we have. But no man knows for certain (Matthew 24:36).

Jesus therefore admonishes us to be ready — "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (verse 44). It might be earlier — or later — than we would humanly suppose.

Jesus, in verse 48, warns against being like that evil servant who said in his heart, "My lord delayeth his coming." This man thought there was time aplenty — no need to apply himself now. To his dismay, his lord returned suddenly, in a day when he was not expecting him (verse 50).

Likewise, the apostle Peter prophesied that there would come scoffers and skeptics in the last days, saying, "Where is the promise of his coming?" (II Peter 3:4).

One reason why some fall victim to such an attitude is that they do not see the prophesied signs of Jesus' coming taking place on the world scene in a dramatic way. Let me illustrate.

### Unseen events

Some months ago I received a phone call from a discouraged *Plain Truth* reader. He said that, in his view, things appeared "bogged down" on the world scene. One of the most unmistakable signs of the nearness of the end, he observed, would be the prophesied appearance of the beast and false prophet and the emergence of a United Europe. Yet, he lamented, he had been watching events in Europe for years, but he didn't see efforts toward unity going anywhere. And certainly, he said, the beast and false prophet are nowhere to be seen! Humanly, he said, he was tempted to "kick back" and take it easy for a while.

Do some of us ever think this way?

I replied, first, that there are dramatic fulfillments of prophecy already visible on the world scene —

an upswing in earthquakes and natural disasters, upset weather conditions, famines, wars and rumors of wars, the decline of American and British prestige and so on.

But what about the caller's specific query regarding the beast



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and false prophet, and a United Europe? This question is on the minds of many.

Should we expect that the process of the rise to power of the beast and false prophet and the emergence of a United Europe will be fully visible to observers?

By no means!

I asked the caller to turn to John 3 and to notice an important principle brought out by Jesus: "And men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved [discovered]" (verses 19-20).

Evil deeds are done in darkness — in secret! Plotting and planning such as the beast and false prophet will engage in will take place far behind the scenes. Such maneuverings never take place under a spotlight, before the eyes of all. We should not expect them to.

Understand this: Unity is not a condition that men achieve by some natural and inevitable tendency, through some sort of slow, evolutionary process. History tells us that unity is a state created or imposed by vigorous human action. And someone has to do that creating! In the coming new Europe, that someone will be the beast, supported by the false prophet.

But do not expect to follow their plottings each step of the way in

your daily newspaper.

I asked the caller to notice the prophecy in Nahum 1:11, a prophecy for modern Germany (Assyria). Notice what Nahum says about the coming beast: "There is one come out of thee, that imagineth [plots or contrives] — see original Hebrew! evil against the Lord, a wicked counsellor."

This prophecy tells us the beast will be a plotter, a conspirator. A plot is formed in secret. Only later does the fruit of that plotting become openly visible to the world at large — and then with unexpected suddenness.

What about the false prophet? Notice, in II Thessalonians 2:3, 6-8, a prophecy about this "man of sin." There we read that "the mystery of iniquity doth already work" — but that it is momentarily being held back. It is not yet time for the man of sin to be revealed.

There is much going on behind

the scenes — right now!

Consider an example from modern history: How many Americans, when they went to bed on the night of Dec. 6, 1941, expected to hear the next day of the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese, and of imminent U.S. entry into World War II? The planning for that attack had been under way in Tokyo for months — totally unseen. Then, suddenly — in but a few hours — the history of the world was changed.

We must realize how rapidly things can happen. Remember, the apostle Paul warned of sudden destruction (I Thessalonians 5:3). And we should not forget that for any one of us, the end of this physical life could come at any time!

The beast and false prophet are alive now, and active — just as surely as a little-known politician by the name of Adolf Hitler was scheming his way to the top long before most of the world heard of him or took him seriously.

Great military leaders throughout history have aimed at surprise as the most potent of weapons. The beast will be no different. He will plan in secret, then capitalize on the element of surprise. He is prophesied to be one of the most cunning politicians and military brains in all history (Daniel 8:23-25).

We must remember, too, that much of what is now brewing in Europe is taking place in the spirit realm, hidden from our eyes (Ephesians 6:12). In 1914, as war was about to break out in Europe, the magicians and mystics in India found themselves suddenly deprived of their supernatural powers. One of them explained, "All our spirits have gone to Europe."

### Don't be taken by surprise

In summary, what we see in the news today is just the tip of the iceberg. There is much more going on behind the scenes than we could ever imagine. Even so, there is still a great deal that does appear in the news to show us that prophecy is moving ahead.

So let us continue to watch and pray always (Luke 21:36). "Let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (I Thessalonians 5:6). Let's each of us get fully behind this great work of God, supporting Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and those laboring with him, so that when Jesus does return, He will find us faithfully "so doing" (Matthew 24:46).

## Ask, Seek, Knock

# Making your requests known

By Jerold W. Aust

They had it all, but they spent most of their time complaining. Miracles galore, and they bickered and criticized. Why? They didn't have the Spirit to understand what was going on.

Jerold Aust, associate pastor of the San Diego, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., churches, is a regular contributor to The Good News.

Israel was rescued from about 100 years of abject slavery. The Israelites walked dry-shod through the Red Sea and saw their pursuing enemies buried in a watery grave. Their clothes did not wear out in the wilderness. Manna and quail sweetened their palates and nourished their bodies.

Still they complained. They shed enough tears, one would have thought, to connect the Red Sea to the Jordan River. Some few didn't complain, however. One was Caleb, a leader from Judah.

Caleb was an overcomer. He asked and received. He knew to seek and found what he sought. He knocked and doors opened to him. This can be your story. Read on to discover how.

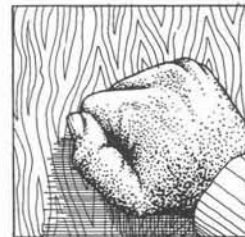
### Ask

In Matthew 7:7, Jesus gave a startling, powerful formula: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." In English, this formula can be remembered with an acronym formed by the letters in the word ask: A-ask, S-seek, K-knock.

Jesus meant for us to ask in the sense of making a request. But He also had more in mind. The word ask here also means to claim something due you. Jesus did (John 17:1-5). So did Caleb.

Israel was encamped on the east side of the Jordan River when Moses instructed Israel's leaders to

spy out the promised land. Caleb was among them (Numbers 13). Joshua and Caleb were the only spies who brought back a favorable report.



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Later, Caleb requested the city of Hebron for having performed his required duties. He received it (Joshua 14:12-14). He believed God's promises. Therefore he knew he could request what was due him. You can, too — you must (Hebrews 4:14-16).

### Seek

Seek means to search out something hidden. God has not yet allowed the world to search out the "promised land," or His Kingdom to come (Matthew 13:10-17), but He has allowed us to do so (I Corinthians 2:6-10).

Caleb was a diligent and dedicated seeker. He relished the opportunity to search out hidden treasures of the land flowing with milk and honey (Numbers 13:21-24). To him, the potential danger was negligible in light of God's promises of victory (Numbers 13:30, 14:9). Caleb sought to carry out God's will and found for himself and his posterity the great physical inheritance of Hebron. You can do this type of seeking and reap even greater rewards.

### Knock

To knock means to rap on a door,

persistently. The key here is perseverance or stick-to-itiveness. It implies that the one behind the door will question the one who knocks to determine his or her intentions.

Caleb rapped on God's door. Yet he did more. He exercised a never-say-die attitude by not quitting, even when times got tough and the horizons dark. Listen to Caleb's account of such a momentous time: "Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I wholly followed the Lord my God" (Joshua 14:8).

Caleb kept on knocking for God to open the door as He had promised. Caleb wanted God's will to be done, not his, and God opened the door for him. God will for you, too (John 14:12-14).

### Ask for God's Spirit

Here's the kicker. Caleb had in abundance what we need more of: God's Holy Spirit. With more of it, we can more fully do God's will: "But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereto he went; and his seed shall possess it" (Numbers 14:24).

What did Jesus specifically promise more of after instructing His disciples to ask, seek and knock? "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask [for A.S.K.] him?" (Luke 11:13).

We all need far more of God's Holy Spirit to fully perform His will through His Church before Christ returns. And we know we don't have much time left.

We must consistently ask God for those things He's promised us. We must diligently seek to obey God's will and to persevere with our great God. If we A.S.K. of God daily, we will live and rule with God and Christ forever.

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### Tribute issue

The *Worldwide News* issue accompanying the co-worker letter of Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach was a tremendous tribute to Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong. I appreciated reading the articles by Mr. Tkach and others who had close contact with Mr. Armstrong, and realize that what Mr. Armstrong was and how he lived was his greatest witness to those who were privileged to know him.

I felt an assurance after reading this issue that the leaders at Headquarters have their minds fixed on the same goals that Mr. Armstrong had — preaching the gospel and enduring to the end — and that there will be continuity in what Jesus Christ established as goals for His Church through the present leadership of Mr. Tkach and those supporting him.

Mrs. Kenneth Peterson  
Pueblo, Colo.

I should like to congratulate you

[Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach], and all those who are working with you, in carrying on the Work of God in such an excellent manner. The memorial tribute to Mr. Armstrong arrived this week and it is really thrilling to read the different articles written by the various men about their contacts with Mr. Armstrong. The whole paper has been so well prepared by the staff and it will be something one will want to keep.

The television programs since Mr. Armstrong's death have been excellent and one can see that the ministers are all speaking the same thing. There is a unity of spirit which means so much in helping to make a smooth transition.

It is truly exciting to me to read or hear from the pastor's reports of the various activities taking place around the world.

Marjorie E. Osborne  
Youngstown, Ohio



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

**PASADENA** — Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach named the student body presidents and officers for the 1986-87 school year during his first forum as chancellor of Ambassador College (see article, page 1).

Pasadena juniors Roger Widmer of West Lafayette, Ind., and Cory Erickson of Burnsville, Minn., were named as student body presidents for the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses by Mr. Tkach.

The chancellor's address was heard simultaneously by about 500 students, faculty members and employees listening over a telephone hookup in the Big Sandy Ambassador College Field House.

Announcing other student leadership positions and students hired as full-time ministerial trainees and Church office employees, Mr. Tkach said Ambassador students should consider that the most important academic major was "learning to give of ourselves."

"You do not know what God has in store for you," he said, explaining that when he was baptized he never expected to be named pastor general of the Worldwide Church of God.

The chancellor closed his remarks by paraphrasing a statement

in U.S. President John F. Kennedy's inaugural address: "Ask not what Ambassador College can do for you," Mr. Tkach told the assembled groups in Pasadena and Big Sandy, "but ask what you can do for Ambassador College as a result of your training."

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**PASADENA** — *The Middle East in Prophecy* drew 45,290 calls on the *World Tomorrow* program April 5 and 6, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC).

The program, presented by David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing and Public Relations, received the second highest response in the history of the *World Tomorrow* program.

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**PASADENA** — *Los Angeles* magazine named the Ambassador Auditorium the best theater in the Los Angeles, Calif., area in its 25th anniversary special in April.

In a section describing the 25 best people, places and events in Los Angeles, the magazine said of the Auditorium: "The size is perfect, the acoustics extraordinary and decor magnificent, consisting of bits and

pieces from all over the world. The marble floors come from any of a dozen countries, the carpeting is lush and breathtaking, and the chandeliers are among the largest in the world."

*Los Angeles* magazine told readers that when conductor Herbert von Karajan came to Southern California with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra in 1982, "... it was the Ambassador he chose for a concert hall. And he and the orchestra have probably never sounded better anywhere."

The magazine included a wide-angle photograph of the stage and seating area of the Auditorium.

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**PASADENA** — The Festival site scheduled for La Malbaie, Que., has reached capacity and no further transfers will be accepted, according to evangelist Qibar Apartian, regional director for French-speaking areas.

Mr. Apartian said that transfers are available to French sites in the Caribbean and Belgium. English translations will be available at the site in Hengelhof, Belgium, and may be available at the sites in Guadeloupe, Martinique and Haiti.

See "Church Schedules Feast Sites in More Than 50 Nations in 1986," *Worldwide News*, March 10, for more information.

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**PASADENA** — Copies of *The Worldwide News* for members in Australia and Asia are now being



**PASADENA ADDRESS** — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and Sen. Robert Dole (right), majority leader of the U.S. Senate, share a light moment after an address given by the senator to civic and business leaders in Pasadena. The senator is considered by political experts to be a contender for the 1988 U.S. presidential nomination. (Photo by Gene H. Hogberg)

printed in the state of Queensland, Australia, according to Dexter H. Faulkner, W/N editor.

"We're pleased that arrangements worked out so we could print the paper in Australia," Mr. Faulkner said. "The *Worldwide News* was the last Church publication to be printed in one place, and

the expansion to Australia reflects the growth the Church has experienced in the past year" (see article, page 1).

About 3,000 copies are printed biweekly by Warwick Newspaper Pty. Ltd. in Warwick, Queensland. The March 24 edition was the first printed in Australia.

## PERSONAL

(Continued from page 1)

mitment to Him and His way of life must be real. We need to understand just how much better God's ways are than ours. We need to believe in His law and His way. Jesus did!

God the Father and Jesus Christ are in agreement. Jesus kept His Father's commandments. He says He spoke not His own words, but His Father's. He did not just "go along with" His Father. He wholeheartedly submitted Himself to His Father. In like manner, we must each follow His example, submitting ourselves to God in mind and heart.

Jesus not only kept His Father's law — He agreed with it. He lived by it in spirit and in truth — not grudgingly, nor with indifference. He wholeheartedly, actively supported, promoted and believed in it. It was part of Him. So it must become with us.

In John 15:9-10 Jesus said: "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If you keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."

Jesus makes it clear that we must keep His commandments if we are to abide in Him. He makes it clear in Matthew 5:17-48 and elsewhere that the keeping of His commandments must be more than just the physical actions of keeping them. It must be in the heart. It must be a way of life — not only a way of do-

ing, but also a way of thinking. The apostle Paul commands, in fact, to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (II Corinthians 10:4-5).

Proverbs 3:1 says, "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments." Notice, it says "let thine heart keep my commandments." The unity we are to have with God and with one another through

His Spirit, which is based upon keeping His law in our hearts, must be more than just actions. This unity, like God's law, must become a part of us — part of our very nature.

So, let's not forget the lessons of the recent Holy Days about coming out of sin. Let's seek diligently God's help to fight the good fight of faith. Let's walk with God, striving to overcome

with the faith of Jesus Christ.

Brethren, this old world is on its last shaky legs. World problems are heating up. We must never forget that the crisis that will usher in the Great Tribulation will burst upon the world suddenly! It will develop slowly, at times almost imperceptibly, but when it comes, it will shock the nations.

Don't let yourself get caught

up in the cares of this world. Jesus calls us "the light of the world" and "the salt of the earth." Let's make the coming year one of wholehearted dedication to serving God, overcoming personal sins and unitedly fulfilling our calling as God's elect.

With deep love,  
Joseph W. Tkach

## INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW  
FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

**PASADENA** — Church members in the Philippines are sobered by the political turn of events and speed with which the transfer of power took place, reports the Church's office in Manila, Philippines.

Brethren are praying that the new government, which is strongly supported by the Roman Catholic Church, will bring a measure of stability and economic recovery, so God's Church may complete its work in the Philippines, said regional director Guy Ames.

"The situation has now returned to normal," Mr. Ames said.

### Africa

Authorities in Kenya refused to issue a resident's permit to Ben Kaswaga, who was to serve in Nairobi, Kenya, according to Frank Brown, regional director of the Church in Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East.

"Sadly we have to say good-bye to the service of Mr. Kaswaga," said Mr. Brown. "Consequently he has returned to Tanzania, where hopefully he will be able to pick up a teaching post similar to that which he held before he went to [Pasadena] Ambassador College."

Mr. Brown added that increasing interest in God's Church is taking place in Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanzania, where 20 people attend a weekly Bible study.

Owen Willis, pastor of the Kibirichia and Nairobi, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches and a Bible study in Tororo, Uganda, sent this March report to Church Administration in Pasadena:

"Conditions worsened during the month to the usual killing, looting, etc., even in the Tororo area. We have not heard from brethren since the overthrow of the government in Kampala [Uganda]. I could not get across for the meeting of Feb. 1, due to the turmoil and closed borders. I still have not made any contact with the two members (husband and wife) in the Baganda area — it is now six months without news of them."

Mr. Brown said, "I would like to ask our members to continue to remember the situation which, although seems to be settling down, is still far from satisfactory."

### South African Feast

Six sites in southern Africa will be hosts to the 1986 Feast of Taberna-

cles, according to Roy McCarthy, South African regional director.

The six sites will be Durban, George and Hawton, South Africa; Mutare, Zimbabwe; Livingstone, Zambia; and Black River, Mauritius.

International transfers are welcome at all sites. Applicants should get approval from their pastor and write to the Festival Office, Box 5644, Cape Town, 8000, Republic of South Africa.

### Application refused

William Whitaker, pastor of the Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, and Quatre Bornes, Mauritius, churches, and his wife, Sheila, have been denied residence in Zimbabwe and work permits to pastor the Harare, Zimbabwe, church, according to Roy McCarthy, South African regional director.

The Harare church, with a weekly attendance of 273, remains without a resident pastor.

Until alternative arrangements can be made, William Mulock Bentley, pastor of the Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, and Lusaka, Zambia, churches, and Dr. McCarthy will attend to the spiritual needs of the Harare brethren.

"Your prayers for a resolution to this problem are appreciated," said Dr. McCarthy.

Dr. McCarthy was scheduled to visit the Harare, Bulawayo and Lusaka churches during the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. After the Holy Days, Dr. McCarthy and his wife, Tine, will visit the Johannesburg and Pretoria, South Africa, churches May 3.

### Australian WATS

"We have been delighted with the marked increase in the number of WATS [Wide Area Telephone

Service] line responses to the *World Tomorrow* telecast," said Robert Morton, regional director of the Church's Burleigh Heads, Australia, Office.

From October, 1985, to the end of March, the number of calls received on the four WATS lines has increased 171 percent.

"This increase was influenced by the exceptionally high response to the telecast aired in tribute to Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong," Mr. Morton said. "That program pulled the highest response on record."

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## Feast in Cracow, Poland

**BONN, West Germany** — Applications are available for brethren interested in keeping the Feast of Tabernacles in Cracow, Poland. Please write immediately to the Festival Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, or write or call the Bonn Office at Ambassador College, FOT Cracow, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, D-5300 Bonn 1, West Germany. If you have already requested an application, please submit it as soon as possible.