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Ministers Confer In Pasadena

by Jim Howell

For the eleventh time in this era of God's church, God's ministers will convene in annual conference. These men will be coming from nearly every continent on this globe. The sun never sets on God's work! Opening date is set for January 5, 1965 at the Ambassador College in Pasadena. The conference will last eight days.

Vital matters of church organization will be the topics under discussion at special sessions of this year's meetings.

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Complete Joy Pictured At Young People's Dance

by Shirley Carr

Dancing! Games! Refreshments! Saturday evening, October 31, 1964 proved to be a night of rejoicing and fellowship for the young people from Chicago, La-Grange, Elkhart, and even a few adventurers from Peoria, Milwaukee, and Grand Rapids areas.

About a hundred twenty-five adults (14 years and older) danced to the music of the Chicago-LaGrange band. Records were provided so the band members could dance if they wanted. There was a variety in the music—from slow dances to polkas.

Dance instruction was made available for those who wished to take advantage of it ala Mr. Kromer. This was quite an opportunity for those who do not as yet know how to dance, but who are really

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Ambassador Press Shows 400% Increase

Growth keynotes God's Work around the world! Thirty percent a year has come to be taken for granted. While this is the over-all growth of the **entire** Work—and is especially connected with the necessary increase of incoming monies—different departments at different times increase out of proportion in reaction to the press of necessity.

This is what has happened to Ambassador College Press—especially in this last year.

Many factors govern an unprecedented one-year growth in production. For a little over a year we have been **cutting** an unnecessarily large inventory of booklets, reprints and Correspondence Courses. Over this period of time inventory has been cut by well over **one million pieces!** After a minimum inventory was reached, there was a necessary increase in monthly production to keep even, rather than continuing to decrease the inventory.

The gigantic addition of **The PLAIN TRUTH** made an automatic **one-hundred percent** increase in production of the total number of pieces each month.

New and much larger booklets such as **The Ten Commandments**, **The Autobiography** and the first booklets in **full color**—**Truth About Make-up** and **Which Day is the Christian Sabbath**—have forced additional increased production.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Ball,

I attend the Cincinnati Church of God. On the Feast of Trumpets I got an August issue of the "Church of God News" for this district. I would like to receive it every month if it is possible. Do you send this paper to baptized members only? Or do you send it to anyone who wants it? The reason I ask this is because I'm not yet baptized and I won't get to be for awhile as I'm expecting my fourth child this month. Due to the fact that my husband doesn't go to church with me I expect I won't get to attend services every Sabbath this winter. There isn't anyone living close to me that I can ride with and I don't think I can manage a new baby with my other 3 children (ages: 4½, 3½ and 1) and drive the distance to church. Since I will have to give up attending for a couple months I would appreciate even more receiving the "Church of God News."

Editors Comment

Your copy is being mailed beginning with this issue.

Think These Facts Over!

by Allen Manteufel

One-half of the world's population lives in poverty and heart-breaking squalor! 37 out of 84 of the nations on earth live on less than \$100 a year per person. The people of 14 more countries are literally starving to death on less than \$50 income per year. Compare this with the luxury of the \$2300 to \$2700 per person which we in the United States enjoy.

Let's bring these impersonal statistics down-to-earth.

You, a typical American family, live in a small suburban house, comfortably enjoy an annual income of \$4,000 to \$5,500 a year. Included in this are all the material amenities that make modern-day Israel the richest nation that has ever existed in all history.

What would it be like if you had to live at the level of one-half of the world's population — at \$200 or less a year?

Note carefully what would happen!

- You and your family would lose your house and all its furniture. Everything goes except a few old blankets, a kitchen table, one chair.
- It would take away your clothing except for the oldest dress or suit from each member of the family, and a shirt or blouse. You would be left with one pair of shoes as the head of the household, but your wife and children would have none.
- It would empty the food from your kitchen, except for a small bag of flour, some sugar, salt, a few moldy potatoes for tonight's dinner, a handful of onions, and a dish of dried beans.
- You would no longer have the bathroom. It would shut off the water and remove your electric wiring.
- The family would live in a tool shed.

They still would be better than a family in Hong Kong where a family of four lives in tiers in a space just big enough to accommodate a single bunk bed. Instead of a nice apartment house or suburban area there would be a shantytown. Your conditions would become appalling, but your family is still better off than the 250,000 in Calcutta who live in the streets.

- All newspapers, magazines and books would be cancelled. Your family would be illiterate. There would be one radio in your shantytown.
- Government services such as the postman and fireman would be removed. Several miles away your children would go to a small two-room school. Half of all the children in your shantytown would never go to school. The nearest hospital would be ten miles away.
- You would have no use for bank books, stocks, insurance policies, pension plans or social security cards. Your family's savings would be barely \$5.00. To live, you would care for three acres of land. From this, you would earn between \$100 and \$300 a year. One-third of this would go back to your landlord and another 10% to a local money lender.

You and your family would not starve. You would average from 1,700 to 1,900 calories a day. Remember 2,000 calories are deemed necessary just to replenish energy consumed. Your life expectancy would be lopped off some 25 or 30 years. This is the way **you**, your **family**, and over **one billion** other persons would live!

Yet God has allowed you to be born in the United States, a nation enjoying the unbelievable wealth of the blessings of Abraham. Not only this, He has deemed to call you into His True Church **in order to shoulder some of the responsibilities of preaching** His gospel to all nations. These **responsibilities are mainly FINANCIAL!** God has placed you in the midst of wealth and abundance.

If your heart is in the Work of God and filled with ambition to see all peoples enjoy a **decent** life in obedience to God, you will do everything financially possible to help in His work!

Use the abundance you have about you to bring about **material** and **spiritual** good which this world so sorely needs.

Hutchinson, Minnesota, Nov. 25, 1964
Dear Sirs:

Just a few lines to say thank you for kindly mailing us the "Church News"; it's so nice to hear how, what etc. the brethren are doing in your area; it helps us to pray more personally for your individual needs etc.

Enclosed is \$1.00 to help in a small way with your many expenses.

Thanking you also for the love, concern and much appreciated services you have rendered in varied ways for us in our area.

*Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Roger Karstens*

KNOWLEDGE KNOTS

Czechoslovakia: A Revelation

by Nancy Kurtz



① WHY DID CAIN KILL ABEL?



② HOW MANY CHURCHES IN OUR DISTRICT? NAME THEM!!



③ IN ADDITION TO THE BIBLE... WHAT 7 BOOKS SHOULD EVERY CHRISTIAN HAVE?



④ NAME THE 4 GREAT SEAS THAT ARE REALLY LAKES.

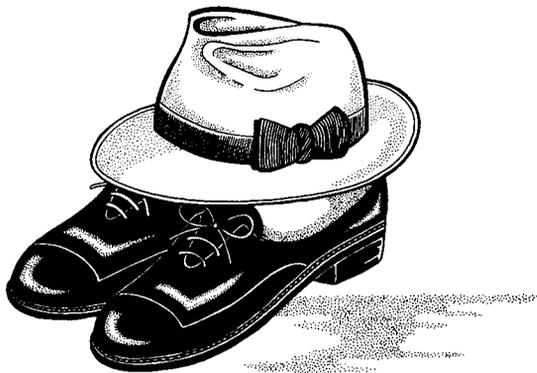


⑤ WHAT IS A LIGHT YEAR?

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LAODICEAN JONES

This is the portrait of a froward man who has run out of wind, and has lost his vanity.



Prov. 8:13 - The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Prov. 11:20 - They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight.

The land of John Huss, Marsarek, and Benesh. I had heard tales of this place since childhood—listening to my grandparents tell of the land from which they had come. I had seen pictures hanging in their farm home of the town of Hlani where my grandfather was born. This town produced President Benesh. To have thought then that one day I would find myself actually visiting this historic, culturally rich and interesting country would have been a wild dream, indeed! What did I find? I found a people who had wanted a “savior” in the Russians and who had found oppression. It showed on their faces, in their store windows, and I felt it also: a sadness that we in our rich, blessed land of Manasseh have never known.

I was privileged to see how these people lived from a closer standpoint than the average “tourist.” I stayed with a young woman, my age, who was married to a doctor. She worked in the museum in Prague as a zoologist. I was a total stranger to her, yet she saw that I was alone and in need of help in a foreign country and she took me in—asked nothing in return, except that I help her learn English, and tell her of my travels. She longed to visit other countries, but could not leave Czechoslovakia. The government wouldn’t allow it!

The other person with whom I stayed was my great aunt, an elderly woman of 72, who lived alone in a 2-room hovel outside of Prague in Kralupy. Her home had no running water or plumbing, and her “gas range” consisted of a wood-burning stove. I found this to be typical of the peasant life in Czechoslovakia. This woman, however, had the gift of a giving nature. *She felt such love and unselfishness, which she lavished on me, that it made me forget the surroundings.* She was a very beautiful woman—one who still awaits God’s Truth—who has learned something many of us in our affluent society will never know.

Grocery stores were meager and totally uninviting. Pork is their main meat diet, and the choice of fruits and vegetables is what grocers in America throw away as being “unappetizing.”

Women laborers are common. These women are of the typical “Russian-like, babushka-wearing, overall-clad, muscular” variety: totally unfeminine. They were seen working on railroads, factories, and gasoline stations among other places.

Tourists must exchange and spend a certain amount of money in Czechoslovakia in order to get the highest rate of exchange possible and not “lose” money when exchanging it upon leaving. No Czech money may leave the country. (This is a device to encourage the tourists to spend their money in Czechoslovakia.)

In summation, I can say that I found warmth and friendliness in Czechoslovakia where I had expected coldness. Yet these people are sad. They need help. I feel blessed, indeed, that God allowed me to see this with my own eyes, for a picture is truly worth a thousand words.

400% Increase

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Now the historic—and unique-to-date—addition of the **first full-fledged BOOK—God Speaks Out on the New Morality**—demands more growth.

Here are the actual production figures for this last year. Last year at this time we were producing about 200,000 pieces of literature per month—presently the monthly figure runs just under **one million!** This represents an increase in production in one year of over **FOUR-HUNDRED PERCENT!**

In order to make this leap of production increase, it was necessary in the same period of time to make an embarrassing increase of employees—in an extremely austere year—of 100%; increasing from 15 to 30 full-time employees. Fortunately the payroll increase did not quite keep pace—it was **only 70%**.

This phenomenal growth cannot be expected to continue. But now that the initial outlay for plant has been made, every additional piece of literature we print as a result of any future growth will represent a thirty-to-fifty percent savings over what we would have to pay for having it printed out! The greater the increase the more we save!

This type of savings will allow us to continue to make such fine offers as this new book, and never break our precedent of offering **everything FREE!**

This is just one facet of God's great Work. Each department has its own fascinating story. Your prayers for growth in the Work of God have been answered. **KEEP PRAYING . . . AND GOD WILL KEEP ON ANSWERING!**

BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
South Chicago	4	0
LaGrange	4	1
Grand Rapids	2	1
Chicago	2	2
Indianapolis	1	2
South Bend	1	2
Peoria	0	2
Milwaukee	0	4

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

LaGrange-Chicago	3	1
South Chicago	2	3
Grand Rapids-Elkhart	1	1

The Plain Truth

about the

EVANSVILLE SPOKESMAN CLUB

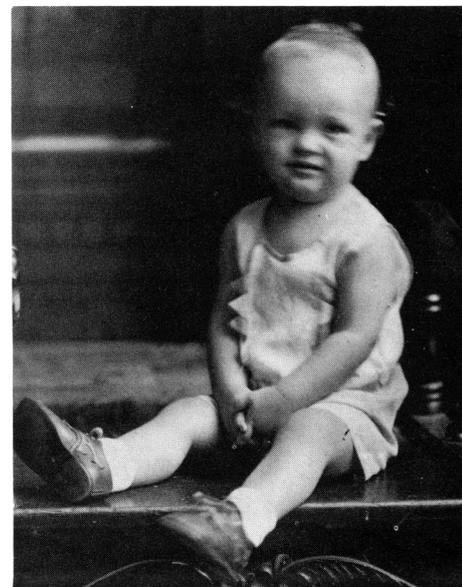
by William Ogden

Twenty-three men from three states (Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky) sit before a wonderfully prepared meal served by our own young ladies and engage in warm conversation. The Evansville Spokesman Club is in session!

The Evansville Spokesman Club is unique in that it has always had the added twofold blessing of having not only home grown foods prepared by our own capable women, but also being able to have our women visit and hear our club in action. This has always given an added incentive to the men, and the larger audience has done much in quelling the initial fears of public speaking.

The Evansville Spokesman Club originally was the Harrisburg (Illinois) Spokesman Club, moving to Evansville in June of this year. Many men have had to leave our club due to moving to other church areas. Our latest loss was to the new Nashville Church, but we are able to keep in touch with them through our mutual Club Director, Mr. Robert Steep.

One of the most recent blessings in the Evansville Spokesman Club was the appointment of new officers following the meeting on October 3, 1964. The new officers are: Mr. William Ogden, President; Mr. T. J. Olsen, Vice President; Mr. William McGhee, Secretary; Mr. Bill Bryan, Treasurer; and Mr. Joseph Judge, Sergeant-at-Arms. This is a tremendous opportunity for these men to serve while learning leadership and should be an inspiration to the rest of the club to zealously strive to grow towards the time when God once more appoints officers.



Guess who this midwest district deacon is, smiling at age 2. Answer on page 6.

Ministers Confer

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For this purpose, all Evangelists, District Superintendents, and Overseas Directors will be present.

Each district will be discussed and plans will be made for standardization of office and visiting procedures. Each local area will pattern its organization after methods used at Headquarters.

This year the wives of men serving in the field will accompany them. And as tribute to its returning alumnae, Ambassador College plans a series of stimulating social activities.

Highlights of this conference will be the performance of the oratorio **Elijah** by the combined Ambassador College Chorale and the Pasadena Church

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Young People's Dance

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interested in learning.

A series of relay games were played, and prizes were given to those on the winning team who broke their balloons first. Randy Smith, Judy Schuler, Paul Topash, Mark Schlitt, and Mr. Davidson won these most fabulous prizes—doll baby bottles to a penny. There was also a special award of a quarter (of a piece of paper) given to John Hawkins for the great strong man feat he performed (tearing the paper into quarters).

There were a lot of mixers—people who proved to be very helpful in keeping everyone out on the floor.

The tentative plans are to have a young people's dance once a month, and there are to be dancing instructions available each time. Folk dancing and square dancing are also being planned—perhaps in November.

We appreciate very much Mr. Svehla allowing us to use his store for these activities.



Meet Mr. & Mrs. Robert Steep

by Ken Wingham

Mr. Steep began working in the new Harrisburg area in November of 1962. At the Feast of Tabernacles in Texas in 1963, Mr. Steep took as his wife Miss Estelle Thurman.

Mrs. Steep, then Librarian of Ambassador College in England, was courted via trans-Atlantic telephone conversations. This proving too expensive, Mr. Steep popped the question and the future Mrs. Steep was soon winging her way back to the United States. But as if taking the lovely Miss Thurman as his wife weren't enough of a blessing for one Feast, Mr. Steep was then ordained to the office of Local Elder the very next day.

After his ordination and marriage, Mr. Steep, because of his fruits, was elevated to the office of Preaching Elder by God. Once again, it occurred at the Feast of Tabernacles, this time in the beautiful surroundings at Jekyll Island.

Along with the higher position came more responsibilities. Immediately after the Feast, Mr. Steep was made pastor of both the Evansville and Nashville Churches. We of the Evansville and Nashville area are all thankful for Mr. Steep's dedicated service to God, otherwise we might not have a local church to attend. Mr. Steep feels as Mr. Armstrong does about his wife, "She is fully 50% of the success of his ministry.

In praying for more laborers, we can see the fruits of Ambassador College in making possible the tremendous growth in God's Church by developing ministers like Mr. Steep.

It shows that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church and that He does guide in the success of his ministry."

Church Brethren Help in Huge Mailing Operation

As requests for the new, beautifully bound, and extremely valuable book, **GOD SPEAKS OUT** on the **NEW MORALITY** approached the quarter of a million mark, mailing of this vast quantity of books became a task of monumental proportions.

"To my knowledge," stated Mr. Hugh Mauck, circulation manager, there is no machine made that will stuff, fold and seal the envelopes used to mail this book. It's a job that must be **done by hand.**"

An immediate S.O.S. was broadcast to local churches for voluntary assistance. The result was a true-to-form response of **One Body** directed by **One Mind.**

"It's amazing!" declared Mr. Art Docken, supervisor of this mailing operation. "God supplied just the right number of volunteers each night for the job we had to do. The number of books ready for mailing varied from day to day. For instance, one evening we had only 3,000 (only!) to mail. Twenty-four people reported for work. But another night we had 11,000 books and for some reason nearly fifty volunteers came to help. **God** supplied just what we needed."

The job of mailing the **Morality** book is over now. Will **you** be ready to respond when the next S.O.S. comes?

The Only Failure

Genius is only the power of making continuous efforts. The line between failure and success is so fine that we scarcely know when we pass it; so fine that we are often on the line and do not know it.

How many a man has thrown up his hands at a time when a little more effort, and a little more patience would have achieved success?

As the tide goes out, so it comes in. In business, sometimes prospects may seem darkest when they are on the turn. A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed hopeless failure, may turn to glorious success.

There is no failure except in no longer trying. There is no defeat except from within — no really insurmountable barrier save our own weakness of purpose.



by Glenn Ackerson

It is seven o'clock and the hall is filled to capacity. People are shaking hands, mixing and milling around. Discussions swell into a drone as people happily chat with one another. Is this a feast? Food and drinks are found at the rear of the hall! A gravel-like sounding voice pierces through the air saying "Please find your seats and the movie will start in five minutes." Five minutes stretches into ten minutes and then the lights fade away and a beam of light flashes on the screen. Saturday night at the movie has begun at the Church of God in Chicago.

Rarely has an activity been so overwhelmingly and enthusiastically accepted! Saturday night at the movies has been greeted by the local members of God's church with real anticipation and joy. Each showing has been standing room only despite rental of a larger hall. It even fits the family budget — free admission. Almost everyone brings something to eat or drink like popcorn, candy, potato chips, root beer or juice to be sold at the show. This is tailor made for our financially depressed bachelors. The fine art of having several intermissions during the movie gives the people ample time to buy the goodies. This pays for the film, rent of the hall and other expenses as well.

These pictures are especially chosen to provide wholesome entertainment for the entire family. They are also tailor made for brethren to meet new members of God's Church and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Pioneering this activity, the first movie was **THE STORY OF RUTH** which was shown at the Keyman's Club. Although it deviated in some points from the Bible (as most Biblical movies do) it did show the main point which was the marriage of the Gentile Ruth to Boaz of Judah. This brought a Gentile into Christ's physical family tree and prophetically showed that Gentiles would be offered salvation

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Answers to Knowledge Knots

- No, the answer is not in Genesis! You will need to look in the New Testament to get this one. This was the first murder of human history. (I John 3:12)
- Our church district has 15 churches. They are Nashville, Evansville, Lexington, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Danville, Elkhart, Grand Rapids, Duluth, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Peoria, La Grange, and two in Chicago.
- Here are some suggestions:
 - **CONCORDANCE:** Young's, Strong's or Cruden's.
 - **BIBLE COMMENTARY:** Halley's Handbook; Clarke's Commentary; Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary.
 - **PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT:** God Speaks Out on the New Morality, Herbert W. Armstrong; How to Win Friends and Influence People, Dale Carnegie; **Autobiographies:** Gen. Douglas MacArthur, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin
 - **CHURCH HISTORY:** History of the True Church — by Hurlbut.
 - **HEALTH:** The Fast Way to Health, Poisons in Your Food, Home Medical Book.
 - **ANCIENT HISTORY:** Two Babylons — Hislop, Ancient History — Myer; Ancient History — Brice.
 - **HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS:** A. T. ROBERTSON.
- A lake is a body of water surrounded by land. On your maps you should find four bodies of water that are in reality huge lakes. In the Palestine area are the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. In central Russia, you will find the Caspian Sea and the Aral Sea.
- This is an astronomical term. Light travels at a speed of 186,000 miles per second. This is fast enough to encircle the earth $7\frac{1}{2}$ times in **one second!** Can your mind really grasp this? See if you can figure out how many miles this is.

Household Hints

Place your flour-sifter in a paper bag when storing it in a cupboard, and your cupboard will remain free of flour.



Known to the Northern Midwest District for her singing, Mrs. Betty Regnier sang "LOVE" which reached a new high in her memorable accomplishments. The LaGrange Church has the privilege of hearing I COR 13 put to music which impressed the meaning and tone of Paul's thoughts into the congregation.

Elkhart Social

Following on the heels of Thanksgiving Day, turkey and "the fixings" made a highly successful encore November 28 as about 300 gathered to enjoy these delicacies at the Elkhart church social.

Grand Rapids and the Chicago churches were well represented, including a Chicago orchestral quartet which furnished four solid hours of melodies!

Following the meal, the Academy Award winning film, "High Noon," was viewed. Later, those "Four to Fourteen," 95 strong, filled the Neil Skinner home for cartoons for the younger set and dancing for the teens and sub-teens.

Movies

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and would be included in Christ's spiritual family.

The second movie shown at the Lincoln School gymnasium was SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS. This was a fast moving musical comedy about seven brothers who were determined to get married at any cost. Due to their perseverance they finally landed their brides after several hilarious episodes. (This picture must have been selected to stir our bachelors to action.) By co-incidence both pictures resulted in marriage.

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GUESS WHO DEACON — ANSWER
Mr. Jean Dawson — Peoria church deacon.

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Choir.

In addition to all Evangelists, District Superintendents, and Overseas Directors, some ministers in special categories will attend.

Mr. Dean Wilson will attend from the Canadian offices, and Mr. Jackson will pass on information about the Negro brethren.

Mr. Reg Platt and Mr. James Young, both graduates of Ambassador College U K, will be asked to attend this conference. They are presently serving churches in the United States and yet have never seen the College in Pasadena, or the world-wide Headquarters of God's Work.

Other ministers coming to this year's conferences are:

Messrs. David Antion, Gary Antion, Ben Chapman, Ronald Dart, Charles Dorothy, Ronald Kelly, Dennis Luker, Carl O'Beirn, Pedro Ortiguero, Don Waterhouse, Basil Wolverton.

Ministerial Assistants to attend will be:

Messrs. Ron McNeil, Ron Reedy, Ron Goodwin.

Let's show them how much we appreciate the service they are rendering in God's Work. Let's pray for the success of the conference and safe travel of our ministers.

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