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Coordinators meet in Pasadena to make plans for 1990 Feast

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Lessons from the 1989 Feast of Tabernacles and how to improve in 1990 were topics discussed at the Festival coordinators conference here Feb. 26 and 27.

Attending were coordinators, business managers and their spouses from the United States, Canada and other international areas.

Kicking off the conference, Joseph W. Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States, said reports from 1989 indicate that Festival messages were well-received—"one of the best speaking Feasts ever."

The group learned how to better negotiate Festival housing, conduct effective media interviews, troubleshoot equipment failure and boost computer skills.

Mr. Tkach Jr., Mark McCulley, Festival administration manager, evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, and others discussed how to improve mothers rooms, first-aid areas, senior citizens banquets, reserved seating and rooms for the environmentally sensitive (clean rooms).

Mr. Tkach Jr. said that unfortunately some members still double-, triple- and quadruple-book Festival accommodations and neglect to

cancel the reservations they do not use.

Convention tips

Mr. McCulley shared information from the Religious Conference Management Association in January in Tampa, Fla. Charles Melear, Festival housing supervisor, also attended.

In Florida, Mr. McCulley led a session on effective planning for citywide conventions.

"I explained some of our planning and negotiation techniques to meeting planners to help them," said Mr. McCulley.

"There were some good things said about the Church and how well our conventions are organized," he added.

Hands-on media training

In Pasadena the coordinators received media training in the session conducted by evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

"This was the first opportunity for many of the men to have hands-on media training," said Mr. Hulme.

"Our aim is to help the men learn to successfully answer each one," said Paul wrote in Colossians 4:6."

This year coordinators will han-

dle media inquiries themselves, instead of referring contacts to Pasadena.

But since many of the coordinators don't live at the Festival site and may not arrive until shortly before the Feast, Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs, will remain in Pasadena until the first day of the Feast to answer media questions.

In afternoon workshops the coordinators learned how to feel at ease in front of a camera and make a positive impression in interviews.



COORDINATORS CONFERENCE—Festival coordinators from the United States, Canada and other international areas meet in Pasadena Feb. 26 and 27 to plan the 1990 Feast of Tabernacles. [Photo by Warren Watson]

New faces in Editorial Services

Ministers assume new posts

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Evangelist Greg Albrecht has been appointed editor of the Church's booklets and the Bible correspondence course, according to evangelist Ronald Kelly, Editorial Services operation manager.

"Mr. Albrecht will also contribute to other Editorial projects from time to time," Mr. Kelly said.

Also named to the Editorial staff was John Halford, a pastor-rank minister, who will be a senior writer for the Church's publications.

"Mr. Halford has been contributing for a number of years, has written several booklets and brochures and is writing upcoming ones including revising *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*," Mr. Kelly said.

Greg Albrecht

Greg Albrecht, 42, will continue to serve as dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College until May.

In 1969 he was asked to be a ministerial trainee shortly before graduating from Ambassador College.

He met his future wife, Karen

Krueger, on the Bricket Wood, England, campus and married her June 15, 1969.

Mr. Albrecht later pastored several churches in England. He was ordained a local elder in 1973 and



MR. AND MRS. GREG ALBRECHT taught theology classes on the Pasadena campus, beginning in 1974.

In 1978 Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong asked him to serve as dean of students.

He was ordained a preaching elder in May 1977, and a pastor Sept. 16, 1980. Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach ordained Mr. Albrecht an evangelist April 16, 1988.

Mr. Albrecht said the most rewarding part of his responsibilities at the college were "seeing people change their lives, grow and yield themselves to God."

The Albrechts have two children, Karen Cherie, 20, and Scott Ryan, 18.

Mr. Albrecht said his wife is an enormous blessing. "She is a talented and energetic person in her own right, and has made many contributions to my life and ministry."

Mr. Albrecht said he is looking forward to working with the booklets and brochures produced by the Church.

"While I will miss college life and the responsibilities I have had at Ambassador, I am thrilled with my new job at Editorial," he commented. "Communication and the media have always captivated me."

John Halford

Mr. Halford, 48, is originally from London and has served in the



MR. AND MRS. JOHN HALFORD Television Production Department for the past 11 years, most recently as associate producer of the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

He has also been on-location director of the Church's television crew during Mr. Tkach's trips.

A 1966 graduate from Pasadena Ambassador College, Mr. Halford was ordained a local elder in 1967, a preaching elder in 1974 and a pastor in 1979.

He married his wife, Patricia Curran, from Cincinnati, Ohio, June 11, 1966. They have two daughters, Rebekah, 22, and Judy, 20. Rebekah married Carl Parnell of Pasadena last September.

Mr. Halford is a senior writer for *The Plain Truth* and *Good News*, and contributes to *Youth 90*.

"I find journalism extremely fulfilling and I am very happy to be appointed to the Editorial team," he said.

Church announces list of ministerial transfers

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ministerial transfers and changes.

Church pastors

Roger Abels to Fort Wayne, Ind.; evangelist Richard Ames, Pasadena West P.M.; Randi Bloom, Syracuse, N.Y.; Charles Bryce, Paris and Sherman, Tex.; Charles Calahan, Wichita, Kan., A.M.; Gary Demarest, Harrogate and Morris-town, Tenn.

Randal Dick, Big Sandy A.M.; Robert Elliott, Orlando, Fla., A.M. and P.M.; Don Engle, Beaumont, Tex., and Lake Charles, La.; Robert Fahey, Chicago, Ill., West; Lambert Greer, Louisville, Ky.; Ted Herlofson, Coeur d'Alene and Lewiston, Idaho; David Johnson, Monroe and Alexandria, La., and Natchez, Miss.

Ed Mauzey, Shreveport, La., and Texarkana, Tex.; Curtis May, Los Angeles; Darris McNeely, Indianapolis South and Columbus, Ind.;

George Pinckney, Asheville, N.C.; Richard Pinelli, Indianapolis North and Terre Haute, Ind.

James Reyer, Billings, Mont., and Buffalo and Casper, Wyo.; Melvin Rhodes, Flint and Lansing, Mich.; John Ritenbaugh, Greenville, S.C.; Gary Smith, Portsmouth and Chillicothe, Ohio; Timothy Snyder, Kala-

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Dear Brethren,

As Passover approaches, it is fitting that we take a good look at the fruit of our lives.

James tells us that if we are to be true servants of God we must not remain just hearers of God's word, we must also be doers (James 1:22).

So we must ask ourselves: Do our words, thoughts and actions show evidence that there is a new and different life—the life of Jesus Christ—within us?

But such evidence does not come automatically at baptism. True repentance must be preceded by conviction—conviction that God exists, that he is just and faithful, that each of us personally is a sinner who needs to

be forgiven and who needs to change, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that God will forgive our sins through the sacrifice of Jesus.

This conviction leads us to re-

If our faith is alive, our lives will show it. We will be bearing fruit of the Holy Spirit.

pent, to deeply want and ask for God's forgiveness for our sins and our sinful nature.

This conviction and repentance constitutes not just a single action, but a state of mind, a new purpose and direction in life that is focused on serving and obeying God. This leads us to obey

God's command to be baptized, symbolizing our recognition and acceptance of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-4).

Just as Jesus died, was buried and then was resurrected, so our old selves have symbolically died, been buried and come up out of the baptismal waters to a new and sanctified way of life as Christians. Hands are laid on us and God gives us the precious gift of the Holy Spirit.

As God works in us through his Spirit, our belief and faith in his Word, his promises and in Jesus Christ as Savior and coming King are enabled to grow deeper and stronger.

We have increasing confidence in the truth that the blood of (See PERSONAL, page 3)

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Superpower Germany to lead Europe

PASADENA—"The century ends as it began," proclaimed *Newsweek* in its Feb. 26 cover story, "with a German superpower on the continent of Europe."

Reunification of the two German states may be only weeks or months away. Rapidly deteriorating economic conditions in East Germany are forcing the issue faster than any politician had expected or hoped.

As a result, political leaders in the German Democratic Republic have advanced the date of the GDR's first free election from May 6 to March 18.

Negotiations between Bonn and a new GDR government are expected to take place immediately afterward. Pending agreement on the internal structure of the new state, the two Germanies are then to discuss a united Germany's external situation with the four victorious Allied Powers of World War II (the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union).

These so-called "2+4" talks will entail future security arrangements, German membership (or not) in NATO, the status of U.S. and Soviet forces on German soil and any border problems.

Later in the year, a 35-nation conference on European security and cooperation is to consider the 2+4 recommendations. Representatives will try to create a Continent-wide security pact—and some-

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



how lock Germany into it.

Of course the above process represents the ideal pathway. There could be many roadblocks ahead.

An immediate problem is the cost to Bonn of bailing out the devastated East German economy. The economic price could be a sharp rise in West German inflation and the political cost a surge in support for right-wing extremists.

Poles, Soviets speak out

The prospect of a united Germany of perhaps 80 million people in the heart of Europe, possessing the most robust economy in the world, is not a comfort to its neighbors. Many objections may be raised in coming negotiations.

For four decades in the West, the Federal Republic was in rough balance, especially in population, with the three other big powers in the European Community—France, Britain and Italy. Reunification upsets this parity.

To the East, Poland and the Soviet Union are saying to the Ger-

mans, slow down.

Feb. 21, Poland's Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki said that an agreement "corresponding to a peace treaty" should be signed by a future united German government guaranteeing Poland's western border. Today's Poland incorporates some prewar German territory.

Mr. Mazowiecki also said that Soviet troops should remain in Poland as insurance against Germany. This lack of confidence in Germany's future puts Poland at odds with Czechoslovakia and Hungary, which have pressured Moscow to remove all Soviet forces from their territories.

The same day, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said his government, while not standing in the way of German self-determination, would "exert efforts to ensure that our country should not sustain either moral, political or economic damage from German reunification."

Just before Mr. Gorbachev voiced his concern, the Soviet

Union released, for the first time, its official estimate of Soviet civilian and military deaths as a result of its Great Patriotic War against Nazi Germany: 26 million dead, six million higher than previous unofficial estimates.

'We want to lead!'

While they take note of their neighbors' reservations, the Germans have at the same time rediscovered a sense of national pride.

The *Newsweek* special report noted that slogans have appeared all over Germany proclaiming "Wir sind wieder wer"—"We are somebody again."

The magazine further observed: "The Germans do not apologize. 'The dirty little secret is that we revel in our elevation to superpowerdom,' says Thomas Kielinger, editor in chief of Bonn's *Rheinischer Merkur*."

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Isolation of Britain: Channel gap widens

BOREHAMWOOD, England—
• "Howe Clashes With Thatcher Over Germany" (*Sunday Times*, Feb. 11).

• "Thatcher Snub by Kohl Raises Unity Fears" (*Daily Telegraph*, Feb. 14).

• "Thatcher Howled Down in Uproar Over South Africa" (*Daily Telegraph*, Feb. 14).

• "Thatcher Angers EC Over Decision to Ease Sanctions" (*Financial Times*, Feb. 13).

• "1992 Threatens London's Clout" (*Christian Science Monitor*, Feb. 9-15).

These are British newspaper headlines. In the face of unity, the channel gap is widening, Britain is becoming isolated.

Independent columnist Peter Jenkins put it this way Feb. 14: "Britain's rapid withdrawal into splendid isolation as the Cold War ends is causing alarm among the Prime Minister's colleagues, senior British diplomats and Britain's friends in the major foreign capitals."

Things are not going the way British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher would like them to. A reunited Germany is not among her main priorities. In fact the British prime minister has sounded a note of caution.

Mrs. Thatcher is a student of modern history. Her remark that "great plans for peace can precede great wars," was based on the memory that disarmament preceded World War II.

Noel Malcolm wrote in his column in the Feb. 10 *Spectator*: "The ultimate reason for Mrs. Thatcher's dithering... [is] her fear of a united Germany. Everyone who talks to her about this comes away with the impression that her underlying concern is one shared by many ordinary people of her generation—the fear that a united Germany is a Germany which goes to war."

But Mr. Malcolm does not share Mrs. Thatcher's concern. He and others feel that a united Germany will have little effect on their personal lives. And for the moment, our daily lives are much the same.

The Feb. 11 *Sunday Times* quoted Mrs. Thatcher as saying "that democratic countries had too

"The Germans think they have earned reunification. In the West, they have had four decades of democracy; in the East, they have thrown off dictatorship. Now, as they see it, other powers will have to give way, especially in Europe. 'We want to lead,' says a top Kohl adviser."

Many observers stress that in the world of the '90s, the factor of national power that counts most is not military but economic strength.

The new world belongs, added *Newsweek*, to the "lean, mean, trading machines—Japan and now Germany, one leaping the Pacific, the other astride Central Europe. The losers of World War II may emerge as economic and political winners of the cold war."

Journalist Conor Cruise O'Brien adds that "ideas of making Germany safe by merging it into a united Europe are misguided. It is much less likely that the new Germany would dissolve into a united Europe than it would dominate it."

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Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

An a la carte Christian

My wife, Shirley, and I really appreciate a nice restaurant. We enjoy conversing over a lovely meal as we relax in peaceful, beautiful surroundings.

I guess the only hard part about going out is when we are handed the menu. All those a la carte items, so many decisions to make, whether starters, soups, main courses, desserts, wines. Sometimes it's tough to make a choice, everything looks so good.

But finally, of course, we must make our choices—picking certain items on the menu and leaving others.

It's wonderful to have all that variety of food. What a blessing to be able to pick and choose among so many items that are enjoyable for us to eat. In our Christian lives, however, we can't always pick and choose.

This year, as the Passover season approaches, and you begin to examine yourselves, ask this question: Are you an a la carte Christian? Do you pick and choose among God's laws and commandments as you would choose food at a restaurant?

It's an interesting question and one that can't be answered without some self-examination.

Being a la carte Christians was what Christ accused the Pharisees of in Matthew 23:23. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faith" (New King James throughout).

The scribes and Pharisees placed emphasis on some of God's laws and all but ignored others. God called them hypocrites.

Brethren, you and I cannot afford this hypocrisy. We cannot afford to make choices about which parts of the law we want to obey. We cannot have a "take it or leave it" attitude

toward God's law. God requires total commitment to all of his laws (Psalm 119:172).

God says, "For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10). God doesn't give us the choice of picking and choosing what we will and will not obey.

God wants his people to obey all his commandments. You may be doing an admirable job at this. But

Are you an a la carte Christian? Do you pick and choose among God's laws and commandments?

the same principle also applies to what we might call the finer points of Christian living.

Mr. Tkach has said, "Obedience to God reaches into all areas of our lives." Obedience to even the fine points of God's ways is important to God and should be important to us. We can't afford to pick and choose in this area either.

For example, do you make the most of every opportunity to attend Sabbath services or do you choose to miss services even when it is possible for you to be there? If you have this approach you could be an a la carte Christian.

Do you pick and choose with whom you fellowship each Sabbath? Do you visit the sick or elderly? Are they a part of your spiritual fellowship? Do you consider them just as much a part of the Body of Christ as yourself? Or do you always search out your friends and neglect the needs of those who could use encouragement and support? If you do you are an a la carte Christian—you are picking and choosing between God's people.

Do you pick and choose what you

read in *The Good News* or *The Worldwide News* so as to avoid the subjects where you don't want correction? These two publications are written especially for you. Pray that God will inspire all the articles in our publications.

We can apply this principle of picking and choosing in many different areas of our Christian life. In the February member letter, Mr. Tkach admonished us to "heed the words of the Bible." To be "constantly ready for the end of the age." He continually admonishes us to have our hearts and minds in the Word. Do we?

Mr. Tkach said: "Let's practice what we preach, brethren. Let's work on ourselves personally to be sure we are stirring up and using the gift of the Holy Spirit in us. Let's be true followers of Jesus Christ, serving God in spirit and in truth, being doers of his word, not just hearers or

preachers only."

Do we read Mr. Tkach's letters? Do we take them to heart? Or are we a la carte Christians and just put his letters on the desk or in a file somewhere?

God has called us to become sons of God. He tells us to work toward perfection. Perfection (it is Christ who leads us to perfection) requires diligence in all areas of our Christian lives. God promises to give us the power to be this way through his Holy Spirit.

As we prepare for this Passover, we are reminded of the need to remove all spiritual spots and wrinkles from our character. To do this we must seek to please God in everything. We cannot choose to repent of and have Christ's blood cover only certain flaws or errors in our lives and keep others unrepented of. We need the total sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our total forgiveness. That's what the Passover is all about.

Remember this as you partake of the Passover. It is not an a la carte meal. Nor can we be a la carte Christians!

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Jesus Christ truly covers our sins—that we really don't have to carry around a burden of guilt. We grow in knowledge of God, of what he is like, of how he thinks.

But the belief, faith and knowledge God grants us is for a purpose. It must stir us to action!

Overcoming sin

Let's understand. If we really believe that God's gift of cleansing us from sin is genuine, what kind of effort will we place on overcoming sin? If we really understand the tragic consequences of sin, both for ourselves and for those around us, and we really want to be forgiven, and we know that God has forgiven us, then our faith in his sure promise will move us to strive to avoid future sin!

How can we accept God's mercy and grace, then go out and freely sin again without concern? God's nature is love. What he has done for us, he has done because he loves us.

We did not initiate our calling to serve him. God-initiated it. We did not reconcile ourselves to him. He reconciled us to himself through the death of his Son. We have not delivered ourselves from the bondage of sin. God has delivered us from that bondage.

What we must do is accept the responsibility for our own sins. We must realize that we have no one to blame for what we say, think and do but ourselves (James 1:14). And if Jesus Christ is living in us, we will deeply want to change. The way of sin and the way of God are incompatible. When we sin, we will not be able to rest until we place our sins before our loving and merciful God (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Our debt to God

If we are indeed Christians, our goal in serving God is not that we might gain for ourselves prosperity, health, protection and a generally good and peaceful life. We serve him because we are forever indebted to him. We love him be-

cause he first loved us (I John 4:19). We have become slaves to our Savior and Redeemer, the one who has delivered us from the awful taskmaster of the corruption of sin.

So what do we owe this God who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light; this supreme Lord and Master who has given us life, though we deserve death, and transformed us from the self-centered, small-minded creatures we are into his own children, possessing and growing in his own nature; this benevolent King who intends to change our mortal bodies into immortal ones and give us life without end in rich happiness and fulfillment?

We owe him our everlasting devotion. Our undying commitment. Our never-ending faithfulness. And our love from the depths of our hearts. We owe him all this in good times and bad. Even in the face of desperate trial.

We will soon be together observing the Passover service. The service will again bring vividly to mind the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 11:26). We will be reminded of the indescribable love God has for us, so much that he gave his only begotten Son for the very purpose of enabling those who do believe these things to have salvation!

As we look at ourselves in the spiritual mirror of God's Word, let's honestly examine how deep is our personal belief in what God has done for us and in what he has promised.

Is our belief only superficial, only a tacit, academic acceptance that Jesus Christ is our personal Savior? Or is our belief much more than that—a true, deep faith that proves itself real through a life that is devoted to serving and honoring the God who has called and delivered us?

If our faith is alive, our lives will show it. We will be bearing fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). We will be leaving behind the works of the flesh (verses 19-21).

Our consciences will be growing ever more sensitive to sin. We will want to please God in everything we do. We will be moved to repentance when we realize we have sinned and will turn to God for his mercy and compassion.

Jesus Christ is the author and finisher of our faith. Let's learn how to cast all our burdens upon him (Matthew 11:29-30). Let's grow in submission to him and his will. Let's accept his sacrifice for us in deep gratitude and let the fruit of our daily lives show what is inside us through the grace of God.

Personnel transfers

Before closing, there are two additional international transfers that I didn't announce in my last letter. Australian regional director Robert Fahey will be moving from Burleigh Heads to become pastor of the Chicago West, Ill., congregation. Rodney Matthews, regional director of the Philippines, will be replacing Mr. Fahey as regional director in Australia.

Taking Mr. Matthews' position in the Philippines will be Paul Kieffer, currently serving as Philippines office manager.

Also, I'm pleased to announce that evangelist Greg Albrecht, dean of students on our Pasadena campus of Ambassador College, has been named to the post of booklet editor, replacing evangelist Ronald Kelly, who was appointed manager of Editorial Services.

Mr. Albrecht will divide his

time between the two responsibilities until the academic year is finished in May. At that time he will devote full time to his new responsibilities as booklet editor.

Evangelist Richard Ames, who is serving as registrar of Ambassador College in Pasadena, will become pastor of the Pasadena West P.M. (formerly called Auditorium P.M.) congregation, and will continue as a presenter on *The World Tomorrow*.

Evangelist David Albert, professor of psychology at the

Pasadena campus, will take up full-time responsibilities in the Television Department as a writer and researcher, in addition to his duties as presenter for *The World Tomorrow*. Both these men will continue in their present roles until the college year ends in May.

The list of U.S. transfers is included in this issue of *The Worldwide News*.

My prayers are with you always. Thank you for your prayers for me and for God's Work.

Holy Day Envelopes

Holy Day offering envelopes for the Spring Festival season have been mailed to U.S. members. If you have not received your supply by March 23, please call the toll-free number (1-800-423-4444) no later than March 30. This is the last date the Mail Processing Center (MPC) can mail personalized envelopes with assurance that they will reach you by the first Holy Day, April 10.

These envelopes are intended solely for Holy Day offerings in order to speed the processing of those donations. Please handle changes of address and literature requests through other correspondence.

United States Donation Receipts

April 16 is the deadline for filing U.S. tax returns. Annual receipts for 1989 contributions were sent to members in January. Some members may need duplicate receipts to complete tax returns.

Any U.S. brethren who need a second annual receipt should call Mail Processing's donation file personnel by using the toll-free number (1-800-423-4444). Since this information is confidential it cannot be provided over the telephone but we will immediately mail a duplicate copy.

Please allow at least 10 days for the replacement receipt to reach you.

Festival announces updates

PASADENA—The Festival Office in Pasadena announced updates and additional information to the worldwide Festival site list in the Feb. 5 *Worldwide News*. All prices are in U.S. dollars.

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Some space is available in Chiang

Mai, Thailand, for those interested in joining the group tour. The basic tour package from the U.S. West Coast will be about \$2,035 for each person. For those who live outside the United States or Canada, the package from Bangkok will cost \$1,079. Applications are available from your pastor. No application fee is necessary for the Thailand site.

Talavera de la Reina, Spain

The Castilian city of Talavera de la Reina is the confirmed site for the 1990 Feast of Tabernacles. Talavera de la Reina is 115 kilometers (about 70 miles) southwest of Madrid.

Services and lodging will be at the Hotel Beatriz. The daily price for each person will be about \$40 (double occupancy), including breakfast and lunch. For triple occupancy the cost will be about \$35 a day for each person. For single occupancy the cost will be about \$52. The availability of single rooms is limited.

Talavera de la Reina's origins go back to prehistoric times, and it was inhabited by the Iberians, the Celts and the Romans. Although much of the medieval city has disappeared, enough examples recall a medieval and Renaissance Talavera. Many of the structures rebuilt in the 15th century remain.

Ceramic ware is displayed and sold widely. An excursion to Toledo, Spain, is planned. Activities will be designed so that the entire family can participate.

The weather at Feast time is sunny and mild, with temperatures that vary between 18 and 23 degrees Celsius (64 to 73 Fahrenheit). It rarely rains at Feast time.

Space is available for 100 transfers from abroad. Applicants should submit a completed international Festival application form and a \$25 nonrefundable application fee to their pastor. A deposit of 20 percent of the hotel cost will be due upon

acceptance. This deposit is nonrefundable except for hardship cases.

This is not a translation site. Transfers must be fluent in Spanish. Train and bus service is available to Talavera de la Reina from Madrid.

Amman, Jordan

The group departure for those traveling to Amman, Jordan, will be Monday, Oct. 1, from New York. Services in Amman will be conducted in the Marriott Hotel, where the group will be housed.

Friday, Oct. 12, after the Feast, the group will transfer to Jerusalem to spend the next three days before leaving from Tel Aviv, Israel, Monday morning, Oct. 15. The group

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Germany

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The fact is, a power vacuum is developing in Europe as the United States and Soviet Union recede to the sidelines. Germany is moving to fill this leadership gap.

Will democracy hold?

The *Newsweek* special report writers had to admit the seeming unreality of what is transpiring, noting that "it sounds utopian: a united Germany at peace with itself and the world... no longer a threat to its neighbors."

The paramount issue is Germany's continued adherence to democratic principles. When Czechoslovakia's new president, Vaclav Havel, visited Washington in February, he was asked whether he feared a united Germany.

"If Germany is a democratic state, I will not be afraid of it even if it had 100 million people," Mr. Havel said. "On the other hand, I would be afraid of Germany if it were a totalitarian state with just two million people."

"Into all the world..."

Cover to cover

Please continue sending me this magazine even though the truth is sometimes not what we like to hear. Still it keeps us updated as to what is going on in the world today and perhaps enables us with our Christian beliefs to help some people change their way of life.

E.M.C.
Pacifica, Calif.

I have been reading the *Plain Truth* magazine for almost a year and I love every page of it. Sometimes I read it all before I can lay it down. I always look forward to seeing the next copy. It's the greatest magazine I ever read.

A.W.
Divernon, Ill.

Upon receipt of my copy of *The Plain Truth*, January 1990, I sat down and read the contents from cover to cover. It isn't always convenient to do this, however time was made for it.

The articles were wonderfully written, especially "A New Way of Thinking." It gave me much food for thought.

D.E.W.
Gloucester, Mass.

Of all the magazines that I get by mail, *The Plain Truth* is the one that I read first. It is the one which I start and cannot put down until I am done. I really do like this magazine and hope that I can get it always. My children one day will read it.

Also, I do not own a Bible, but this magazine is close to one. I will get one soon. I did not once think of getting a Bible until I first started reading *The Plain Truth*.

A.A.
North Judson, Ind.

I subscribe to eight different magazines. *The Plain Truth* is by far the best one. It has a great variety of information and has been very helpful to me. It is the only one I actually read from cover to cover.

S.L.
Royalton, Minn.

I am not selective about the articles I read in magazines. I read them all cover to cover. This can be boring with some magazines, but not with *The Plain Truth*. Your magazine is not cluttered with uninteresting articles. It is full of innovative and exciting information. It is also not full of advertisements like some of those expensive magazines. I give a "thumbs up" to your magazine!

G.R.
Newton, Ala.

Just a few lines to let you know how much I enjoy your magazines. I read them both cover to cover way before the next issue arrives. *Time*, *U.S. News*, *Discover* and *Newsweek* can all take a backseat compared to your great insightful magazine. Please continue sending me *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*.

K.C.S.
Menominee, Mich.

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Telecast generates interest

I watch the *World Tomorrow* telecast with great interest. It seems like the Bible prophecies are coming closer to fulfillment faster and faster. I also enjoy reading *The Plain Truth*. It's the only publication that tells it like it is.

A.B.
Aurora, Ore.

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Mojave minister on lookout to keep skies safe for flying

By Maria Stahl

PALMDALE, Calif.—Daniel Look, a 55-year-old local church elder in the Mojave, Calif., church, has spent 30 years of his life ensuring that the skies over the southwest United States are safe.

Maria Stahl is a typesetter in Editorial Services.

Mr. Look is a career air traffic controller for the Los Angeles Air Route Traffic Control Center here, which directs air traffic over an area of about 144,000 square miles of land and sea, including Southern California, southern Nevada, western Arizona and the southwest corner of Utah. A few months ago he began teaching other air traffic controllers at the same facility.

The Palmdale facility is one of 20 en-route traffic control centers in the United States. En-route centers direct traffic between airports; at which airport approach control facilities take over and direct air traffic onto the ground.

Controllers work at radar scopes that show planes flying at certain altitudes. Using radio communication, they direct pilots and try to prevent planes flying at the same altitude from passing closer than five miles from one another.

In his years as an air traffic controller, Mr. Look has had the Church's corporate jets on his radar scope several times—first the G-II, then the G-III and the BAC 1-11.

Not working on the Sabbath can cause problems for controllers because they work rotating shifts and are expected to work on Saturdays. The first week Mr. Look knew about the Sabbath he traded with another controller to keep the day. Then his shift rotated so he had a few more Sabbaths free.

"I explained the Sabbath to my supervisor. And then I was nice. I cooperated. I did everything else they told me to. I made it hard for them to say no," he said. He continued to ask for shifts that didn't include the Sabbath, and traded shifts with other controllers who preferred to work on Saturdays.

In August 1981 the union of air traffic controllers went on strike.

"The strike was hard—I was called a lot of names because I didn't strike—but eventually it worked to my advantage," said Mr. Look. "I climbed higher and higher on the seniority list. They needed every controller they had."

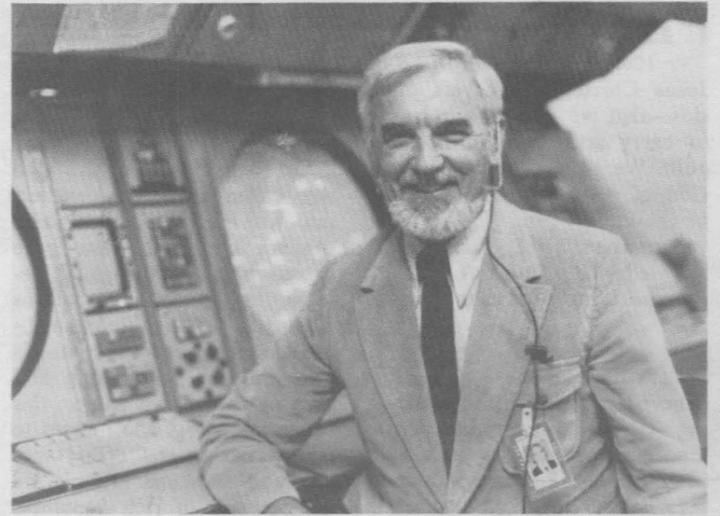
"The second year of the strike was my third tithing year, so all the overtime they asked me to work helped us financially. Finally, in my 27th year of working there, I was the senior traffic controller. Then I didn't have to worry about being asked to work on the Sabbath anymore," Mr. Look said.

Mr. Look believes that the traffic controllers are doing their job to keep the skies safe for flying. "My family flies to the Feast," he said.

Mr. Look's first date with Dianna Haggard, now his wife, was to take her out for a hamburger.

"I knew I had to impress Dianna," Mr. Look said. "I belonged to a flying club, so I took her on a plane ride to Bakersfield [Calif.] where I knew they had the best hamburgers." They were married March 7, 1970.

Daniel and Dianna Look were baptized in 1974. Mr. Look was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, 1988. The Looks have three sons, Michael, 18, Matthew, 16, and Joshua, 14.



KEEPER OF THE SKIES—Daniel Look, a local church elder in Mojave, Calif., has been an air traffic controller for 30 years. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

World-class swimmer, weight lifter

Member was 'young Samson'

By Karl Moore

TORONTO, Ont.—World War II was the event that brought Tom and Anne Pedder together. The couple celebrated 45 years of marriage Dec. 14.

Karl Moore is a local church elder in the Toronto, Ont., Central church.

"Tom proposed during an air-raid blackout in England," said Mrs. Pedder. "It was dark, so when I accepted his proposal, he kissed me on the nose."

If not for World War II, Tom Pedder might have been a movie star or member of the 1940 Canadian Olympic Team. Mr. Pedder was a world-class swimmer and weight lifter.

But he had not always been strong physically. When Tom was born doctors told his mother he was too frail to survive. He did survive, but at school he became the target of bullies because of his small size. At age 16 Mr. Pedder took up weight lifting.

Because his family could not afford weights, Mr. Pedder made barbells from cement and pieces of metal tied to a pole. The makeshift barbells did their job; within two years he had doubled his weight.

By age 25 Mr. Pedder had won the Canadian and American bantam class weight-lifting championships. In 1939 he placed second in an open weight-lifting competition to qualify for the Canadian Olympic team, but the Olympics were canceled when World War II began in

September of that year.

Marathon swimmer

Mr. Pedder was also a swimmer. At 18 he competed in the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) 15-mile marathon swim in Toronto.

According to the July 5 Belleville, Ont., *Intelligencer*, he was a household name—known for his swimming contests on the Bay of

play prince of the island.

But on the train ride to Hollywood, Mr. Pedder reflected on his friends who had joined the Canadian army. He got off the train in Kansas City, Kan., caught the first one back to Toronto and enlisted in the army.

Military service

At five feet tall, Mr. Pedder was too short to be sent overseas.

"I want to go and fight with the rest of the guys," he told the army doctor, who added three inches to his height on the induction papers.

After basic training Mr. Pedder arrived in England. He took part in the invasions of Italy and Sicily. During his duty he was wounded three times. The first injury came when he was crossing the Moro River and was knocked unconscious by an exploding shell and suffered damage to his right ear drum.

A few weeks later he sustained a wrist wound in a shell blast. While still suffering from his untreated wound, Mr. Pedder rescued his platoon leader who was pinned down by enemy fire.

For this effort, he was mentioned in dispatches and received an Oak Leaf addition to one of the four medals he earned during the war.

Mr. Pedder's third injury, a bullet in his left arm, brought an end to his soldiering and his weight-lifting hopes.

While on leave with relatives who lived in Lancaster, England, Mr. Pedder met Anne Greenall, who lived across the street and worked at the Lancaster Hospital. She said, "It was really tough, but everybody was doing their part, so nobody seemed miserable or unhappy."

After an 18-month courtship, the Pedders were married. In 1945 they returned to Canada to raise two children.

In 1954 Mr. Pedder competed in a world championship marathon swim. In 1956 he was within minutes of winning the Deseronto to Picton, Ont., swim. He reached the home stretch while speedboat races were still under way there. No one expected swimmers so soon.

Whirring propellers and exhaust fumes forced him out of the water. "When I ran right into the race," Mr. Pedder said, "I was scared to death, but I kept going until I just passed out from those fumes."

About three years later he swam the course and broke the record by two hours.

In 1963 the Pedders moved to England, where they were baptized in 1964. They have been back in Canada since 1968.

At 76, Tom Pedder, known as "the young Belleville Samson," still exercises regularly with dumbbells and walks two to four miles five times a week.

Local church elder dies

MUNCIE, Ind.—Rhoton Cross, 57, a local church elder in the Muncie church, died Jan. 9 of cancer.

Mr. Cross, a Church member since 1966, was ordained in 1982. He served in the Visalia, Calif., church before moving to Muncie.

Mr. Cross is survived by his wife, Yvonne; a son, David; two daughters, Sherri Granka and Cheryl Meyer; four grandchildren; and his parents.

"The family is very grateful for the outpouring of love and encouragement expressed in the over 450 cards received from around the world," said Martin Davey, Muncie and Richmond, Ind., pastor.



RHOTON CROSS

Should the Church Bulk Ship Literature?

By Eric Shaw

PASADENA—From time to time the Church is asked if it would be more economical to distribute literature and other items to the members in the church areas directly rather than by mail.

Eric Shaw is the Postal Center manager.

In some countries, where postage rates are high (such as Canada), it is cost effective. In the United States, however, bulk postage rates are low for nonprofit organizations such as the Church.

Here are some reasons why mailing literature is preferable to distributing it through the congregations.

- The logistics of reaching everyone in an area church in a timely manner are difficult. Each week some members are absent from services because of illness or travel. Some live a considerable distance away, some are elderly and some are ill and unable to attend regularly. These individuals would have to have others pick up their copies or have them mailed specially.

- Someone in each church area would have to be responsible for receiving shipments of literature and coordinating distribution. In large churches this would require considerable effort and work on the Sabbath. There would also need to be a distribution area in each meeting hall.

- Counting the exact number of copies of each item for each area would be time-consuming and costly. With inevitable changes in attendance that continually take place, there would likely always be too many or too few pieces.

- Mailing is more economical. The cost for bulk shipping, including boxes, freight charges and labor would be higher than present mailing costs.



CHAMPION SWIMMER—Tom Pedder is congratulated by Mayor Jack Both after a 14-mile swim from Trenton to Belleville, Ont., in 1954.

Security force serves campus with round-the-clock effort

By Kerri Dowd

PASADENA—Ambassador College's walkways and gardens are open to area residents and visitors from around the world.

The only time the campus is closed to the public is during Pasadena's annual Rose Parade, when thousands of people come into the area and some spend the night along the parade route.

The parade and the Feast of Tabernacles, when about 4,500 people attend in Pasadena, are the busiest times of year for Ambassador Security.

But they are not the only times that security patrolmen are on duty protecting the campus, answering questions, giving directions, locking and unlocking doors and providing whatever services they can for nearly 2,000 employees and students. They serve 24 hours a day, six days a week. During the Sabbath an auxiliary crew of volunteer patrolmen takes over.

Including the auxiliary force, there are more than 300 patrolmen, according to Dennis Van Deventer, director of the Security & Safety departments, which serve the college, Church and Imperial Schools.

Ambassador Security officers are unarmed. They do their job as watchmen, being aware of what is happening on the Church's property and preventing potential problems before they develop.

The campus is in a corridor of crime and transient movement, which makes the need for security

apparent. The Security Department began keeping records in March 1989 of crimes (documented by the Pasadena Police Department) that occurred within a five-block radius of the campus.

In this area between March and December there were 102 cases of vehicular burglary, 45 cases of grand theft, 34 drunk driving incidents, 17 counts of assault with a deadly weapon and 135 other offenses, including attempted rape, shooting into a dwelling, drug violations, child abuse and armed robbery.

A uniformed presence

"In the field of security and law enforcement it is a well-established fact that the greatest deterrent to crime known is a well-ordered, high profile, uniformed presence," Mr. Van Deventer said.

College security officers wear the same style uniform as the Los Angeles Police Department.

"Why a uniform like this?" Mr. Van Deventer asked. "Because this uniform is distinctive. In a time of emergency or crisis we want the people that we're serving to be able to find a security officer very quickly."

The commanding officer on the security staff is Captain Mark Kersh. Captain Kersh has been on the force for 27 years.

When he started there were just two men on the force. "It's been a very exciting department to work for and the morale of the men is

higher than ever. The challenge is working with the people. The time has gone unbelievably fast," Captain Kersh said.

Patrolman training is coordinated by Lt. William Hankamp, security patrol training officer.

Mr. Van Deventer conducts a lecture every two weeks, and Lt. Hankamp tests the patrolmen on the material and provides additional training. Lt. Hankamp also conducts training classes for the auxiliary patrol officers.

Lt. Denny Sexton, patrol section supervisor, is responsible for scheduling the officers and auxiliary crews and direct supervision of the men. He also files reports of the incidents that occur on campus.

Each patrol shift is led by a sergeant. The sergeants are Jon Hegvold, Karwin Klassy, Roy Kramer, William Kubon, Larry Lewenthal and Ken Lewis.

The Security Department uses the names and designations common to other security and police forces. The rank system gives a structure, unity of command and order to the department that is effective and provides greater safety for the men, according to Mr. Van Deventer.

For example, if someone loitering on the campus is hostile, the patrolman can radio for help from a higher-ranking officer. The appearance of this officer, whose uniform and badge show his rank, can cause the offender to offer less resistance.

The department is "not interested in apprehending or detaining individuals," Mr. Van Deventer said. "We ask undesirable people to leave or escort them off campus."

When situations warrant, the department contacts the Pasadena police. "We have been able to be of service to them many times," Mr. Van Deventer said.

This help is given through information and descriptions. "Sometimes we will keep an individual in sight until the police can apprehend him."

On one occasion, the grocery store across the street from the campus was robbed, and the suspect was caught on the campus. Another time a would-be car thief was arrested in a car on the Church's fleet sales lot.

"We deal with problem people at the lowest possible level of escalation, in a peaceful way. Our level of force is determined by their ac-



UNIFORMED PRESENCE—Back row from left: Security sergeants Karwin Klassy, William Kubon, Ken Lewis, Larry Lewenthal and Jon Hegvold. Front row: Dennis Van Deventer, director of Security & Safety, Captain Mark Kersh, and Lt. William Hankamp and Denny Sexton. Not pictured: Sgt. Roy Kramer. [Photo by Hal Finch]

tions," the Security director said.

Training and discipline

Patrol officers are responsible for memorizing the locations of the campus's 40 fire alarms, various security systems and 218 utility outlets. They must also be familiar with the department's manual of standard operating procedures.

They learn the principles of first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, fire suppression and firearm safety.

Professional instructors explain how to deal with gang members, drug problems and the emotionally disturbed.

Once a month the men must weigh in as part of a program to ensure that they are physically fit. Many are working toward a weight goal, and others are on maintenance programs.

Uniforms are maintained to the highest standard. Shoes must be shined, and each officer must pass inspection before going on duty.

These procedures reflect the department policy that everything should be done "decently and in order," said Mr. Van Deventer, quoting from I Corinthians 14:40.

This polished uniformed appearance does more than deter crime. Much of their job is a public relations function. These officers serve as representatives of the college, Church and Ambassador Foundation because they are often the first contact visitors have with anyone when they come onto the campus.

The department recognizes an officer each month. Officers-of-the-month are selected based upon their progress, achievements, perfor-

mance and appearance. Mr. Van Deventer said the program gives them a standard to work toward, but it's a tough job to select one man.

"I can't emphasize enough how much I really appreciate the dedication and loyalty of each of the men," he said.

Administration

Tim Crabb is office manager for the Security & Safety departments. Secretaries Nana Carl and Denise Rambel dispatch security officers as needed, issue keys, process security reports and maintain records.

William Halbe, key coordinator, is responsible for lock changes and distribution of the more than 5,500 keys and 900 computerized card keys that are issued to employees and students. He is also a draftsman for the department.

Jared Miller uses a computer program to create and update floor plans of all campus buildings, to plan evacuation courses for each building and other projects.

Safe places to work

While the Safety Department is responsible for the welfare of the students and employees, the safety officers ensure that each department complies with international, national, state and city safety regulations, ordinances and laws.

They offer instruction in earthquake safety, first aid, CPR, safe chemical handling and other areas of safety for campus departments upon request.

The job of the department is to detect potentially hazardous situations. (See SECURITY, page 6)



DIRECTOR'S OFFICE—Dennis Van Deventer (left), Security & Safety director, talks with (from left) William Halbe, key coordinator; Nana Carl, department secretary; William Daniels, safety officer; and Tim Crabb, office manager; in his office. Not pictured: Jack McKinney, Safety supervisor. [Photo by Hal Finch.]

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP WORLDWIDE

PASADENA—Following is a list of Church membership around the world by country or territory as of Jan. 2, 1990.

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|------------------------|-------|--------------------|-----|----------------|-----|------------------|-------|----------------------|--------|
| Algeria | 1 | Ciskei | 2 | Indonesia | 3 | New Zealand | 717 | Sweden | 26 |
| Antigua & Barbuda | 16 | Colombia | 190 | Iraq | 1 | Nigeria | 350 | Switzerland | 160 |
| Argentina | 155 | Costa Rica | 60 | Irish Republic | 122 | Norway | 38 | Taiwan | 1 |
| Australia | 3,920 | Czechoslovakia | 1 | Israel | 4 | Oman | 2 | Tanzania | 9 |
| Austria | 58 | Denmark | 32 | Italy | 116 | Panama | 8 | Thailand | 8 |
| Bahamas | 117 | Dominica | 36 | Jamaica | 280 | Papua New Guinea | 13 | Togo | 10 |
| Barbados | 270 | Dominican Republic | 3 | Japan | 7 | Paraguay | 2 | Tonga | 16 |
| Belgium | 162 | East Germany | 12 | Kenya | 82 | Peru | 167 | Transkei | 24 |
| Belize | 5 | Ecuador | 9 | Kiribati | 2 | Philippines | 2,721 | Trinidad & Tobago | 356 |
| Bermuda | 95 | Egypt | 1 | Kuwait | 2 | Poland | 1 | Tuvalu | 1 |
| Bolivia | 22 | El Salvador | 81 | Lesotho | 13 | Portugal | 21 | Uganda | 11 |
| Bophuthatswana | 14 | Fiji | 52 | Liberia | 3 | Puerto Rico | 114 | United Arab Emirates | 1 |
| Botswana | 23 | Finland | 14 | Liechtenstein | 1 | Rwanda | 6 | United Kingdom | 2,816 |
| Brazil | 16 | France | 552 | Luxembourg | 4 | St. Kitts | 4 | United States | 67,543 |
| British Virgin Islands | 2 | Ghana | 179 | Madagascar | 9 | St. Lucia | 45 | Uruguay | 41 |
| Burkina Faso | 5 | Gibraltar | 1 | Malawi | 54 | St. Vincent | 17 | U.S. Virgin Islands | 13 |
| Burundi | 1 | Greece | 5 | Malaysia | 133 | Saudi Arabia | 2 | Vanuatu | 11 |
| Cameroon | 88 | Grenada | 36 | Malta | 22 | Senegal | 1 | Venda | 2 |
| Canada | 8,262 | Guadeloupe | 108 | Martinique | 165 | Seychelles | 2 | Venezuela | 37 |
| Cayman Islands | 1 | Guatemala | 128 | Mauritius | 60 | Singapore | 43 | West Germany | 538 |
| Chile | 167 | Guyana | 104 | Mexico | 587 | Solomon Islands | 23 | Western Samoa | 2 |
| | | Haiti | 46 | Myanmar | 54 | South Africa | 1,486 | Yugoslavia | 4 |
| | | Honduras | 28 | Monaco | 1 | Spain | 39 | Zaire | 50 |
| | | Hong Kong | 8 | Namibia | 6 | Sri Lanka | 53 | Zambia | 78 |
| | | Hungary | 1 | Nepal | 1 | Suriname | 3 | Zimbabwe | 260 |
| | | India | 123 | Netherlands | 272 | Swaziland | 15 | Total | 95,135 |

Festival

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will have an overnight stay in Rome and then arrive back in New York Tuesday, Oct. 16.

The package includes round-trip air fare from New York, 14 nights in deluxe hotels, airport transfers, breakfast and dinner daily, 11 lunches, ground transportation, tours, bridge crossing, departure tax, overnight in Rome, and tips.

Tours include the King's Highway, Petra, Jerash, old and new Jerusalem, the Temple Mount, the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane and the Garden Tomb, and the four Ambassador Foundation projects where Ambassador college students teach physically and mentally disabled children.

The basic group tour from New York is \$2,150 for each person based on double occupancy. For those traveling from somewhere other than New York or those who prefer to make their own travel arrangements to Amman, the ground-only package is \$1,300. For anyone desiring a private room, a single supplement is \$220.

Additional tours of Israel and Egypt are available. The Israel extension will begin Oct. 15, with a departure from Tel Aviv Oct. 18, an overnight in Rome and arrival in New York Oct. 19. The cost for this extension is \$360. The single supplement is an additional \$90.

Those going on the Egypt extension will fly from Tel Aviv to Cairo, Egypt, Oct. 15, and leave Cairo Oct. 22. After an overnight stay in Rome, the group will arrive back in

New York Oct. 23.

The package, which includes a round-trip flight from Cairo to Luxor, Egypt, will cost \$775. A single supplement will be an additional \$180.

If you are interested in attending the Feast in Jordan, please submit a completed international Festival application form to your pastor as soon as possible. No application fee is needed for Jordan.

Rabat, Malta

The Feast site in Malta has reached capacity and no additional transfer requests can be accepted.

Kona, Hawaii

Since Hawaii is a U.S. site, no application fee is needed for the international transfer request form that should be filled out for those requesting this site.

Transfers

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mazoo and Coldwater, Mich.

Thomas Tullis, Minneapolis, Minn., North; Thomas Turk, Denver, Colo., South; Abner Washington, Pasadena East A.M.; Gerald Weston, Kansas City, Mo., East; and Gerald Witte, Houston, Tex., East.

Randy D'Alessandro, Cookeville and Jamestown, Tenn.; John Orchard, St. Cloud and Brainerd, Minn.; and Ronald Smith, Richmond, Va.; will be church pastors in areas they served as associate pastors.

Associate pastors

David Baker, Salem and Albany, Ore.; Chris Beam, Houston, Tex., North; Jeffrey Broadnax, Big Sandy A.M.; Larry Brown, Columbus, Ohio, A.M. and P.M.; Paul

Butler, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Alamosa, Colo.; Samuel Butler, Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Farmington, N.M.

Donald Contardi, Huntsville and Florence, Ala.; Benjamin Faulkner, Dallas, Tex., East; Cecil Green, New York (Spanish) and Queens, N.Y.; Donald Henson, Memphis and Jackson, Tenn.; Lawrence Hinkle, Lenoir, Boone and Marion, N.C.; Mitchell Knapp, Wausau and Eau Claire, Wis.

Roger Ludwig, Joplin, Mo., and Independence, Kan.; Frank McCrady II, Big Sandy A.M.; Thomas Pickett, Biloxi, Miss., and Mobile and Monroeville, Ala.; Tracey Rogers, Jacksonville, Fla.; Rex Sexton, Anchorage, Soldotna, Palmer and Fairbanks, Alaska; and Sio Oui Shia, Sarasota and Fort Myers, Fla.

Assistant pastors

Anthony Bosserman, Philadel-

phia, Pa., and Vineland, N.J.; William Butler, Pasadena West A.M.; Lynn Hebert, Kansas City North and St. Joseph, Mo.; Ben Johnson, Wilkes-Barre and Selinsgrove, Pa.; Dennis Pelley, Pasadena East P.M.; Anthony Rice, Baton Rouge and Lafayette, La.

Robert Richards, Peoria and Macomb, Ill.; and Gary Richards, Pasadena West A.M.

Other moves

Jeff Caudle will transfer to serve as a ministerial trainee in Wilmington and Seaford, Del.; Stan Erickson to the Purchasing Department in Pasadena; Victor Kubik to Church Administration; and William Swanson to Personal Correspondence in Pasadena.

David Clark will become director of the Ambassador Foundation projects in Sri Lanka.

Security

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tions and stop accidents from happening.

"People think we are nitpicking," said Jack McKinney, safety supervisor, but in the public and private sectors "for every 300 near misses there are 20 mishaps, and for every 20 mishaps, there is one death. We are working to cut down on the near misses."

Safety officers accompany city fire inspectors who tour some of the campus departments each month, and make recommendations to the departments as to how they can bet-

ter comply with regulations.

The diversity of the Work—construction, electrical work, landscaping, shop work, machine work, printing, shipping, cleaning and other functions—makes the job of the Safety Department challenging.

Safety officers must be concerned with all of these aspects. "We're like a small city," said Mr. McKinney. "It is not the same training for everybody."

Mr. McKinney is responsible for keeping an inventory of safety regulations and keeping up with new safety laws that come into force.

Working with him is William Daniels, safety officer, who has training in first aid and CPR and is

a licensed emergency medical technician.

David Gibbs, student safety officer, conducts fire drills and checks sprinklers and fire extinguishers to be sure they operate properly. He also orders supplies for the department.

Tracie Eicher helps catalog Material Safety Data Sheets, which list the ingredients and safe uses of chemicals, for all campus departments.

This information is recorded using a computer program designed to monitor the quantity and location of the more than 3,000 hazardous elements contained in substances used on campus.

Every employee hired by the Work must come to the Safety Department for a safety briefing. "We exist to serve," Mr. Van Deventer said. "We have information and we want to share it."

The Security & Safety departments belong to several professional organizations such as the Southern California Campus Police and Security Association, the American Society of Safety Engineers and the World Safety Organization.

Mr. Van Deventer summed up the purpose of the two departments: "We are a household, and we have to look out for one another. A safe house is a productive house. A secure house is a productive house."

Why is Katie smiling?

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
BY Alys M. Henderson

Kathleen loved her doll Katie more than anything she owned. Kathleen was 5 years old and she had had Katie for more than a year.

Alys Henderson is a member in the Chico, Calif., church.

Katie is a rag doll, made of cotton and softly stuffed so she can be cuddled by a loving little girl. Kathleen often wondered why Katie had such a happy face. It made Kathleen happy just to look at her.

One morning as she was finishing

breakfast with her family, while Katie sat beside her on her chair, Kathleen asked, "Why do you suppose Katie always looks so happy?"

Her mother replied, "I'm sure if Katie could only tell us it would be quite a story."

If Katie could speak, this is the story she would tell.

Katie would have been much like the other dolls at the factory where she was made, except that the woman who was making her ran short of material for her dress. Rather than stop to get

more dress material, she grabbed up a scrap of cloth from the floor and pieced the two together to make a skirt.

Although it didn't look well or fit nicely, she tucked it in tightly around Katie's waist and made do. Then she tied a wide ribbon around Katie's middle to cover the misshapen seam and hurriedly sewed on Katie's face, and it came out rather sad looking. Finally, Katie was tossed into the box of outgoing dolls.

At the store where she was dis-

played for sale customers didn't look at her a second time. Finally, Katie was the only doll left on the shelf, and she lopped to one side in a dejected, forlorn manner, her sad little face looking even sadder.

In the after-sale cleanup Katie was dropped into the trash bag as a reject and thrown on top of the dumpster piled high with rubbish.

As she lay there in the cold, dark night an alley cat crying "Mew-w," searching for food, scratched open the plastic bag. The cat clawed Katie out and pushed her aside because she was not something a cat could eat.

Katie slipped over the side of the dumpster into some wet garbage on the ground. "Ohoo," she groaned at the smell and the squishy, gooey feeling.

Before morning a stray dog came sniffing along. He put a big, heavy paw on Katie's tummy, and licked off the garbage on her face, tearing some of the stitches. Then he picked her up in his mouth and trotted off.

As he ambled along something else took his interest, and he buried Katie in the drain ditch beside the road.

A few days later a road crew began to clear the ditch. Katie, now a very soiled, dirty and unhappy doll with an even sadder look on her little round face, was dug up by a workman.

"Hey, a kid's doll," he said as he tossed her over the fence into a neighboring yard.

There she lay face up in the mud, her clothes tattered and torn. Her hair was supposed to be golden, but no one could tell that now. Her torn mouth sagged at one corner and one eye was completely covered with mud and her little nose was bent out of shape.

But Katie's life was about to change. She didn't know it, but a miracle was soon to happen, for Grandma People lived in the house in that yard.

(To be continued)



Artwork to color by Ken Tunell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ATTEBERRY, Clayton and Gertrude (Swarey), of Big Sandy, girl, Elise Danielle, Dec. 27, 7:56 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

BERGSTROM, Steve and Patricia (Eagleson), of Pasadena, girl, Tammy Renae, Jan. 27, 11:50 a.m., 9 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

BETTES, Mark and Nancy (Scheffler), of Joplin, Mo., twin girls, Cheree Nicole and Cerena Jean, Dec. 14, 5:35 and 6:05 p.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce and 5 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 girls.

BIELSKI, Mark and Leslie (Van Wieren), of Michigan City, Ind., boy, Jordan Christopher, Jan. 14, 8:02 p.m., 8 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, first child.

BRAEGER, Paul and Julie (Larson), of Tacoma, Wash., boy, Andrew David, Dec. 24, 11:45 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

BRINCKMAN, Bradly and Lori (Lerke), of Michigan City, Ind., girl, Jessica Rhae, Feb. 4, 12:56 a.m., 8 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BRITZMAN, Mark and Julie (Wise), of Waterloo, Iowa, girl, Nicole Lynne, Dec. 15, 11:03 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

BUDDO, Roger and Denise (Koch), of Beaumont, Tex., girl, Elizabeth Denise, Jan. 22, 10:16 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BUTLER, Paul and Jennifer (Tkach), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Jonathan William, Jan. 1, 4:32 a.m., 9 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CHEPERDAK, David and Jannette (Kirklund), of Vancouver, B.C., boy, Jason Michael, Jan. 17, 8 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

EUGENIO, Fidelio and Maria Rosario (Mantala), of Montreal, Que., girl, Kristine Marie, Jan. 26, 10:05 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

FARVER, Kelly and Lauryl (Meisel), of Flint, Mich., boy, Jeffrey Alyn Charles, Feb. 1, 3:27 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FRIDDLE, Harvey and Ruth (Grabbe), of Pasadena, girl, Kirstin Emilee, Nov. 25, 12:41 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

GAFFNEY, Matthew and Viola (Wuerfel), of Fort Collins, Colo., boy, Jason Michael, Jan. 16, 8:45 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

GREEN, Gordon and Marilyns (Doherty-Bigara), of Bloomfontein, South Africa, boy, Warren Patrick, Dec. 14, 3:45 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HARDWICK, Brian and Melinda (Cupoli), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Christy Ann, Jan. 4, 9:48 a.m., 9 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

HUDSON, Darrell and Debra (Elder), of Atlanta, Ga., boy, Darrell Ashton, Jan. 19, 2:03 p.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys.

JONES, Louis and Linda (Cajigas), of Chicago, Ill., twin girl and boy, Stephanie Marie and Jacob Alexander, Jan. 8, 9:26 and 9:32 a.m., 4 pounds 3 1/2 ounces and 5 pounds, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

KINNEY, Ken and Ruth (Harrar), of Rockford, Ill., boy, Ethan James, Jan. 20, 2:37 p.m., 7 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

KNAPP, Michael and Ellen (Frain), of Washington, D.C., girl, Emily Anne, Jan. 16, 5:44 a.m., 9 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

KOONTZ, J.F. and Cheryl (Stirling), of Ocala, Fla., girl, Faren Whitney, Jan. 27, 1:05 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

KORTE, Keith and Kathleen (Ramsey), of Des Moines, Iowa, boy, Kyle William, Jan. 20, 1:51 p.m., 8 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, first child.

KUYKENDALL, Michael and Diane (Schemm), of Orlando, Fla., girl, Sarah Lynae, Dec. 28, 8:49 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

LAMB, Michael and Susan (Baker), of Boca Raton, Fla., boy, Joseph David, Jan. 12, 10:08 a.m., 10 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

LEWIS, Conrad and Ann (Thomas), of Tucson, Ariz., girl, Sadie Ann, Jan. 27, 12:49 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

MEDINA, Manuel and Sandra (Dean), of Medford, Ore., boy, Damiano James, Nov. 30, 10:52 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

MIRACLE, Steve and Rose (Bryant), of Somerset, Ky., girl, Rachel Nicole, Jan. 12, 8:30 p.m., 6 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

MURPHY, Patrick and Janna (McGraw), of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, girl, Kerry Ann, Jan. 27, 10:55 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 4 girls.

MYLER, Damian and Anne (Murphy), of Manchester, England, boy, Ethan David, Dec. 28, 11:30 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

NAKER, Bharat and Urvasi (Khetia), of Bombay, India, boy, Sawan Bharat, Oct. 10, 6 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

NEFF, James and Glenda (Garner), of Texarkana, Tex., boy, Joseph Levi, Jan. 18, 6:11 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ORRANGE, Steven and Flicia (Forshee), of Austin, Tex., girl, Julia Marie, Jan. 24, 11:18 p.m., 10 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

POPE, F. Lee and Jo Anna (Walker), of Auburn, Wash., boy, Forest Albert James, Jan. 5, 12:20 p.m., 10 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

PORTER, Bobby and Merry Lee (Stokes), of Nashville, Tenn., girl, Andrea Deshea, Dec. 17, 9:49 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

PROCTOR, Benjamin and Colleen (Day), of Sacramento, Calif., girl, Victoria Bridgette-Dawn, Jan. 21, 11:03 a.m., 11 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 4 girls.

RODZAJ, Robert and Carla (Parks), of Greensboro, N.C., girl, Rebecca Anne, Feb. 1, 6:54 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

RUSSELL, Eustace and Francine (Sargeant), of Bridgetown, Barbados, boy, Kazimir Jerome, Jan. 17, 7:28 p.m., 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

SPENCER, Robin and Karen (Eriksson), of Indiana, Pa., boy, Aaron Joseph, Dec. 16, 8:08 a.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

SWINEHART, Ronald and Kathleen (Manka), of Fayetteville, Ark., girl, Jessica Marie, Oct. 25, 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

WEED, Dan and Cara (Edwards), of Sedona, Ariz., twin girls, Tiffany Lynne and Ashley Cherie, Dec. 6, 11:49 and 11:50 a.m., 5 pounds 13 ounces and 5 pounds 1 ounce, now 3 girls.

WEGENER, Jon and Marilyn (Sailer), of Albuquerque, N.M., boy, Kevin Jon, Jan. 20, 3 a.m., 10 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WHITE, Jerry and Mary (Benson), of Rockford, Ill., girl, Catherine Anne, Jan. 26, 4:10 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

WIGGINS, Ralph and Ann (Daniels), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Zachary Edward, Jan. 16, 2:01 a.m., 10 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WILSON, Scott and Janelle (Glover), of San Jose, Calif., girl, Brenda Marie, Jan. 28, 6:27 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

WORTHING, Don and Kate (Damour), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Nov. 30, 4:40 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

YEAGER, Jack and Bonnie (Hope), of Beaver Valley, Pa., girl, Melissa Hope, Jan. 23, 9 a.m., 7 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

YUNKER, Terry and Dorothy, of Denver, Colo., boy, Jordan Alexander, Oct. 16, 3:03 a.m., 7 pounds.

ZIRKUS, Carl and Linda (Gomperts), of Escondido, Calif., boy, Kyle John, Jan. 18, 7:31 p.m., 10 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burnham and Ruth Burnham of Pueblo, Colo., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Karla to Doug Corathers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Corathers and Karen Lohr. A July wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hurford of Perth, Australia, are happy to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Karen Anne, to David Blakelock, eldest son of Wayne and Elizabeth Little of Caboolture, Australia. A June wedding in Perth is planned.

Jim and Sandy Mayfield of Winfield, W.Va., and Dale and Carol Gill of Temperance, Mich., are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Elizabeth Mayfield and Steven Gill. A May 27 wedding in Charleston, W.Va., is planned.

Kelvin Boone and Anita Irwin are happy to announce their engagement. A May 27 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Schimmel of Pompano Beach, Fla., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Robin Linda to Robert Quay Nicholls of West Palm Beach, Fla. A May wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Peterson of Toronto, Ont., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Lynn to Myron John Staruschak, also of Toronto. An April 29 wedding is planned.

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Liverpool, Ohio, are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Melissa Ann to Larry Dewayne Haas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Haas of Hanoverton, Ohio. The ceremony was performed Sept. 3 by Lloyd Briggie, Youngstown, Ohio, pastor. Elly Shenton, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Fred Haas, brother of the groom, was best man.



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Kathryn Jane Forehand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon C. Forehand of Goldsboro, N.C., and Terry Randall Smith, son of Dorothy Lewis of Christiansburg, Va., were united in marriage Sept. 4. The ceremony was performed in Goldsboro by Michael Booze, Buffalo South and Olean, N.Y., pastor. The bride's attendants were Susan and Sandra Forehand, and the groom's attendants were Michael and Danny Smith. The couple live in Pasadena.



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John Paul Clucas and Rita Lynn Foskey were united in marriage Dec. 23. The ceremony was performed by Robert Flores, Wilmington and Seaford, Del., pastor. Dawn Marie Roberts was matron of honor, and Timothy Franke was best man. The couple plan to live in Soldotna, Alaska.



MR. AND MRS. STUART TWEEDIE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boardman of Huddersfield, England, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Kathryn Rachel to Stuart Nicholas Tweedie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tweedie of Radlett, England. The ceremony was performed July 23 by David Magowan, Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough and Newcastle upon Tyne, England, pastor. Stephen Brackley was best man, and bridesmaids were Karen Nixon and the groom's four sisters. The couple live in Milton Keynes, England.



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Brenna LeeAnn Deegan and Barry Charles Velthoen of Modesto, Calif., were united in marriage Sept. 17 in Markham, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Percival Burrows, Toronto, Ont., West assistant pastor. Nancy McGill was matron of honor, and Bob Deegan was best man. The couple live in Modesto.



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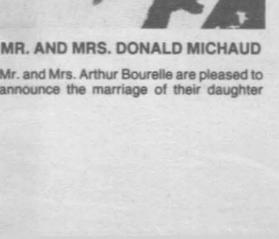
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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bourelle are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter

MR. AND MRS. LARRY D. HAAS

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Shenton of East

Anita Jane to Donald Michaud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Michaud of Mallaig, Alta. The ceremony was performed by Kim Wenzel, Bonnyville and Lloydminster, Alta., pastor. Hall Newsted and Gina and Susan Bourelle, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids. Tim Achtemichuk, Blair Michaud and Guy Bourelle were groomsmen. The couple live in St. Paul, Alta.



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MR. AND MRS. SILVANO GUZZO

Susan Tibbo and Silvano Guzzo are pleased to announce their marriage, which took place May 7. The ceremony was performed by Percival Burrows, Toronto, Ont., West assistant pastor. Karen Tibbo, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Paul Jarvis was best man. The couple live in Toronto.



MR. AND MRS. GLENNIE DANIEL

Mr. and Mrs. Glennie Daniel celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary March 1. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel attend the Pensacola, Fla., church, and they have been Church members since 1968. The Daniels have six children, four foster daughters and 19 grandchildren.

Wheatland, Wyo., brethren honored Glen and Frances Weber for their 40th wedding anniversary with a gift after Sabbath services Nov. 4. The Webers were married Nov. 6, 1949, and were baptized in July 1958. The couple were also honored by their six children, Glen, Gary, Karen Sinner,

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

UPDATE

BIG SANDY—Richard Thompson, acting provost of Ambassador College here, was named 1989 Educator of the Year by the Big Sandy Chamber of Commerce Jan. 18.

The chamber also awarded the college a lifetime chamber of commerce membership for its contributions to the Big Sandy community.

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BATHURST, Australia—Steven Banks, 12, placed first in a national essay competition. The subject was how the national capital, Canberra, might be improved.

Steven was invited to Canberra, along with his parents, where Australian Governor-General William Hayden presented him with a plaque in November.

In his essay, Steven suggested that the capital should more closely reflect what Australia is like, rather than being a city that is both culturally and geographically remote from the mainstream of Australian life.

An international airport and an Australian Expo in Canberra would bring about international awareness of the city.

"A lot of the world doesn't even know where Canberra is on the map," Steven wrote. "When they think of Australia they think of Sydney and Melbourne, because that's where the main international airports are."

Steven attends the Bathurst church with his parents, Ken and June Banks. His brother, Paul, is a sophomore at Pasadena Ambassador College.

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—Two hundred Jamaican Church members gathered Feb. 11 in Kingston for an employment seminar sponsored by the Church.

The purpose of the seminar was to stress the importance of attaining and keeping gainful employment in Jamaica, according to the Caribbean Office.

Charles Fleming, pastor of the Jamaican churches, and a committee of men and women, planned the seminar. After an overview by Mr. Fleming, eight speakers who have excelled in their fields spoke to the group.

Members received information on what jobs are available, qualifications that are required, what employers are looking for in employees and how to improve job skills. After a question-and-answer session, four more speakers addressed the audience.

Feb. 12, the Jamaican church office received a call from an employer who wanted "honest Church members" to fill five vacancies in her company. "It was almost as if God put his seal of approval on what we are trying to do," Mr. Fleming said.

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PASADENA—The Deaf Program here is scheduling Deaf Awareness Workshops in about 16 regions across the United States to take place through 1990.

"We will determine the areas needing encouragement and assistance, as well as areas already developing programs where our staff guidance would be desirable," said Selmer Hegvold, director of the Church's Deaf Program. "We may visit other places having no deaf members or hearing signers to generate interest in preparing for future deaf membership."

Regional weekend workshops bring the information closer to Church members interested in the Deaf Program and are more economical than the annual conference in Big Sandy.

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PASADENA—Rose Roberts, a senior at Imperial High School, is one of 14,000 students selected as a finalist in the National Merit



ROSE ROBERTS

Scholarship Program. Less than half of 1 percent of American high school seniors qualify as finalists in the program, which is the largest national academic competition of its kind.

Forty-four percent of the finalists will receive Merit Scholarships. They will be notified in March and April.

Rose attends the Auditorium A.M. church with her parents, Jim and Hazel Roberts.

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PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ordinations.

Steven Botha, pastor of the Westchester and Manhattan, N.Y., churches, was raised in rank from preaching elder to pastor on the Sabbath, Nov. 25.

Alfred Hellemann, pastor of the Hamburg, Hannover and Berlin, West Germany, churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder on the Sabbath Jan. 20.

Joseph DeSalvo, a deacon in the Westchester, N.Y., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Jan. 20.

Gordon Shemilt, a deacon in the Phoenix, Ariz., North church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Jan. 13.

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NEWCASTLE, Australia—Brethren celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church here Jan. 27. Area members and visitors attended a dinner, slide show and concert after Sabbath services.

Ministers who have served the area through the years sent messages, and members who were present at the original service cut an anniversary cake.

A picnic took place Jan. 28.

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WENTZVILLE, Mo.—Ryan Malone's original musical composition placed first in the middle school category of "The Program of Original Works by Students," a national contest sponsored by the Music Educators National Conference (MENC).

Ryan, 14, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Malone, who attend the Wentzville church. Mr. Malone is a local church elder.

Ryan wrote his winning composition when he was 13. It is titled "Pi-



RYAN MALONE

ano Concerto No. 2." Each year the MENC judges



AUSTRALIAN ESSAYIST—Steven Banks, center, who won a national essay contest, meets William Hayden, Australian governor-general, and his wife, Dallas, in November.

compositions from kindergarten through 12th-grade students. Winners are invited to play or conduct their compositions in Washington, D.C. Ryan will present his piece at the nation's capital March 30.

Ryan is the church pianist for the Wentzville church and provides special Sabbath music in Wentzville and St. Louis, Mo. He hopes to be a concert pianist and composer.

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PASADENA—In January 1990, 25-year-old Mariuz Kuska of Poland enrolled in Ambassador College.

Mr. Kuska grew up in Zory, southern Poland, as a devout Catholic. In 1985 he went to Birmingham, England, to improve his English. It was there he came in contact with the Church and applied to Ambassador College.

Upon his acceptance to Pasadena in 1987, he returned to Poland to get an American visa, but his five applications were denied.

During this time, Mr. Kuska was also called to fulfill his required military service. In Poland, however, there were no laws regarding conscientious objectors. But, just one day before he was scheduled to begin his military service, parliament

passed a law that enabled him to complete two years of civil service instead.

After completing his civil service duties and convincing the U.S. Embassy that he would return to



MARIUZ KUSKA

Poland after he graduated from Ambassador College, Mr. Kuska was granted a passport and visa.

Four weeks later he arrived in California. The Ambassador Foundation granted him a full scholarship, as well as providing for his flight to the United States.

Mr. Kuska plans to complete two years at Ambassador College, then return to Poland to teach English.

FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN



"That also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

PASADENA—Mandatory military service in South Africa has been reduced from two years to one year, according to a report from the Cape Town, South Africa, Office.

"This is very good news for young men in the Church who are of conscription age," said the report.

Instead of having to perform six years of community service in lieu of military service, they will only have to serve three years.

Growth in 1989

The office also reported that 320,718 pieces of regular mail and 22,636 pieces of donation mail were received in 1989.

The number of co-workers rose 36.3 percent over 1988, and the number of donors 18.9 percent.

Ninety-eight baptisms were performed last year, a 5 percent increase over 1988. Membership in Southern Africa is 1,983, and average church attendance is 2,719.

The office received 77 new visit requests, and the field ministry is

working with 158 prospective members.

Circulation of *The Plain Truth in Southern Africa* is about 120,000; *The Good News*, 17,000; *Youth 90*, 12,300; and the correspondence course, about 4,600.

Asian conference

Being "READY!" was the theme for the 1990 Asian ministerial conference Feb. 12 to 14 at the Awana Golf and Country Club Resort in the Genting Highlands, about 1½ hours outside Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The Genting Highlands is the Malaysian site for the 1990 Feast of Tabernacles.

The theme was taken from Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's Feast message, said Robert Fahey, Australia and Asia regional director.

Topics covered included "Planning to Be READY!"; "How the Office Is Getting READY!"; and "Helping the Congregation to Be READY!"

"The theme was particularly appropriate to the Work in Asia," said Mr. Fahey.

"We do not presently have the capacity to expand rapidly here, so we must use the time we have now to prepare our people, our systems and our infrastructure to be ready for the time when we do."

Special guests

Special guests were Rodney Matthews, Philippine regional director, and his wife, Ruth.

Others attending from Asia were David Baker, director of the Ambassador Foundation project in Sri Lanka, and his wife, Dorrie; Low Mong Chai, a local church elder in Malaysia, and his wife, Susan; Yong Chin Gee from Malaysia and his wife, Yuet Siam; and Mohan Jayasekera, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Also attending were Catherine Lee from the Malaysian suboffice; Jonathan McNair, director of the Ambassador Foundation project in Thailand, and his wife, Christine; Bharat Naker from Bombay, India; and Daniel Zachariah from Madras, India, and his wife, Mary.

From the Australian Office were Mr. Fahey and his wife, Evelyn; Robert Kelly, business manager, and his wife, Diane; Aub Warren, assistant to Mr. Fahey, and his wife, Karen; and Reginald Wright, mail processing manager.

The group ate meals together, including a traditional Chinese ban-

quet in Kuala Lumpur one evening.

Mr. Fahey remained in Kuala Lumpur after the conference for further meetings with several of the ministers.

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