



NEWS CONFERENCE — Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader displays one of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's full-page newspaper advertisements in a press conference in the Hall of Administration in Pasadena July 31. [Photo by Roland Rees]

Mr. Rader announces release of documents at press meeting

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong will have a clear path "to preserve and to defend God's Church," said Stanley R. Rader as he released private documents belonging to him and Mrs. Rader to the Los Angeles, Calif., Superior Court and the California attorney general. The statement was made in a news conference on the Ambassador College campus July 31. "I'm sacrificing these [personal] rights," reported Mr. Rader, "not because I lack faith in the outcome [of the Church's legal struggles];

but once and for all the attorney general of this state is not going to be able to say that I, Stanley Rader, am hiding anything."

Supplying answers to the 143 questions asked by the attorney general in a previous deposition and producing canceled checks, bank account statements, personal bills and various real estate agreements violates his personal rights, said the Church treasurer. "Now," he stated to the press, "having cleared the field within a very short time, we will build to a confrontation between Christ's apostle, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong... to take on the attorney general and the State of California in a direct confrontation to decide who will rule God's Church: Christ, acting through His chosen apostle... or George Deukmejian, the attorney general and self-appointed religious arbiter of this state."

As a result of a July 21 ruling by the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals [see *W/N*, July 28], the Church will file a lawsuit seeking damages from the State and various individuals for more than \$1 billion within the next six weeks, according to the Church treasurer. Asked who will be named in the suit, he replied: "I would expect Judge [Jerry] Pacht to be the primary defendant along with Deukmejian, and I would expect other judges of the Los Angeles Superior Court, members of the attorney general's staff and private lawyers [also to be named]."

"There will be some unnamed conspirators... whose names we know, but for reasons of Church policy we may simply choose to call unnamed conspirators."

Excerpts of the press conference, attended by several members of the Los Angeles-area electronic and print media, were broadcast on the evening newscasts.

Oregon churches hear treasurer

PORTLAND, Ore. — "The Church has a primary duty to perform, which is essentially to fulfill the great commission, as we call it," stated Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader on 50,000-watt KXL-radio here July 25. "We simply state that Christ promised... [to] return, [and] He'll return soon. We believe this is the end time. We believe that when He returns He will return as a king and high priest to rule here on earth. There will be a Kingdom of God, a government of God and the laws of God based on love."

Mr. Rader traveled to Portland with his staff to appear on Alan Budwill's 1 p.m. talk show July 25 and to speak to 1,650 people combined from the Portland, Albany, Eugene and Salem, Ore., churches on the Sabbath. According to aide Joe Kotora, Mr. Rader played host to a din-

ner for ministers and wives from the four churches Friday evening at the Benson Hotel. The Church treasurer addressed the ministers plus a reporter from an Oregon paper for more than two hours.

Conversion experiences

Detailing his involvement with the Church, Mr. Rader spoke at length on the process of his conversion. "I had begun to become very interested in coming into the Church only about 1972... Until 1968 or 1969 [can] frankly tell you the thought [of becoming a member] never even flitted across my mind... Finally, in the early '70s I began to counsel with Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong very quietly, very tentatively.

"So," continued the Church treasurer, "this colloquy lasted for al-

most two years. And I don't mean two years [of discussion] like once every two weeks. I spent 16 hours a day with him. I ate three meals a day with Mr. Armstrong. I saw him almost every day of my life for a period of 10 or 12 years... Anyone who has spent 10 minutes with Mr. Armstrong will tell you that's all he talks about anyway [speaking on God and the Bible]. If it's [in] the middle of the World Series [baseball championship], maybe he will discuss for five minutes who won and that may remind him who won in 1916 and then you are right back and you're talking about the Bible."

Reasoning like a glacier

"Now I've described Mr. Armstrong, vis-a-vis the [California] attorney general, like a glacier. The attorney general attacked the Church and Mr. Armstrong is just pushing him like a glacier... [and] anyone else that's opposed to Mr. Armstrong — by opposing him, by attacking God, attacking the Word, attacking Jesus Christ — finds they are up against a glacier. He just keeps moving. It's like a relentless force that just keeps moving until finally, you are out the door. The attorney general is finding that out.

"He wasn't putting that kind of pressure on me [to become a Church member] because he means what he says — he never proselytizes. But nonetheless, we were now talking head-to-head.

"And we were circling the world east to west, west to east and finally on this last trip... we were coming by way of Europe into Egypt, Egypt to India, India back to Egypt, Egypt to England, England to Egypt, Egypt to India, India to Hong Kong. And we hit Hong Kong in March of 1975, and I just had a big argument with him about the fact that... I don't think I ought to come into the Church because I see that there are too many things wrong. And as an outsider I can tolerate it. I'm not anyone's judge and I'm not living or working by that standard... I am not relating to many of these other people... who I see doing wrong. I am dealing with Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong who is not doing anything wrong.

"So," recalled Mr. Rader, "I said maybe I should remain in that position. And then he explained to me that I was 180 degrees wrong spiritually and intellectually. Because he said, 'It makes no difference what

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Ministerial team goes east for weekend of visiting

PASADENA — Several evangelists and ministers of God's Church returned here Aug. 3 on the Work's G-II jet after a weekend of visiting and speaking to churches in the Michigan and Ohio areas. During the same weekend, Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader, along with his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kotora and aide John Kineston, flew to Chicago, Ill., to speak to 1,400 assembled brethren from 11 Illinois and Indiana churches.

Series of appearances

According to Mr. Kotora, Mr. Rader is making several appearances on radio and television shows around the country as a result of interest raised by the Church's struggle for its First Amendment rights. "Wherever Mr. Rader goes," he said, "he tries to meet with the local ministers and congregations to update them on Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's activities and the state of the lawsuit against the Church." Mr. Rader played host to a dinner Friday evening at the Ambassador West Hotel for 37 ministers and their wives.

Early Saturday morning, commentator Ira Johnson from 50,000-watt WLS-radio in Chicago interviewed Mr. Rader on the State-Church crisis.

Afterward, Mr. Rader spoke to the combined churches in services that included a showing of the documentary *First Amendment: Church vs. State*. Mr. Kotora reported that the Church treasurer's visit was received enthusiastically. "Many people expressed their appreciation for Mr. Rader taking the time to explain the issues behind the lawsuit. Several indicated that they weren't aware of the magnitude of what is at stake in California.

"Mr. Rader also discussed several similarities between the events of the Church's legal struggle and the events in the book of Acts. Of particular note is Acts 28:22. The apostle Paul faced similar opposition that we are facing today — and he appealed to higher courts just as we are appealing to higher courts." The next day Mr. Rader flew to New York, N.Y., for additional appearances on radio and television throughout the East Coast.

Mr. Armstrong's paratroopers

The same weekend, evangelists Dibar Apartian, Dean Blackwell and Leroy Neff along with ministers Robert Fahey, Larry Salyer, Curtis May, William Kessler, Kevin and Aaron Dean, Robin Webber, Richard Rice, Jim Snook and Ministerial

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Unrelenting U.S. drought causes death, crop failure

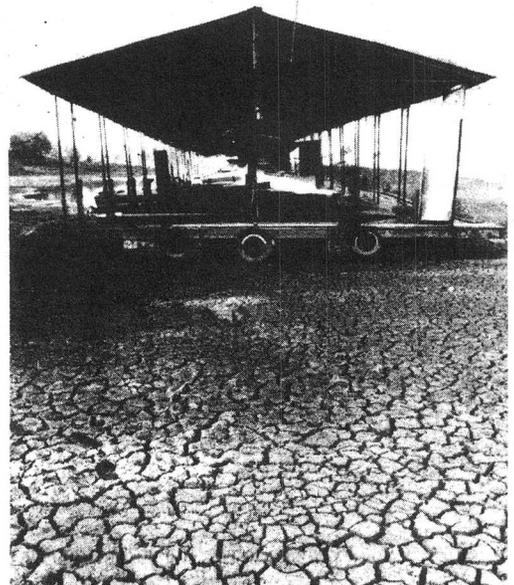
By Michael Snyder

PASADENA — Reeling from more than a month of continuous 100-degree-Fahrenheit weather and little rain, the lower central area in the United States is facing serious trouble — according to two area pastors and a pastor's wife contacted by *The Worldwide News* offices here. Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri and Kansas were hardest hit, according to Associated Press (AP) wires.

Missouri recorded the most heat-related deaths, with more than

1,000 fatalities in a 45-day period. "Fatalities have been astronomical" also in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex., area, stated Dallas North pastor Ken Swisher. "People are dying by the dozens." Aug. 4 was the first time in 42 days that the temperature high failed to reach the 100-degree mark. "It only reached 99," he said. The situation there is rapidly becoming "extremely serious. Some of the lakes that supply water to the community are dropping two inches or more a day."

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DROUGHT STRIKES — A boat dock sits high and dry on a bed of parched ground in Dallas, Tex. Lake water levels dropped two inches a day during more than a month of 100-degree weather, but officials hope for relief from the aftereffects of hurricane Allen. [Photo by Scott Crawford]

Iraq's Saddam Hussein emerges as major power in Arab world

PASADENA — Each night, Iraqi television news is dominated by his handsome, mustachioed face. Each morning, the front pages of newspapers carry dramatic photos of the man in action.

There he is: Saddam Hussein helping fishermen pull in their nets. Saddam Hussein kissing babies in the town square. Saddam Hussein inspecting vegetables in a rural market. Saddam Hussein swinging a sickle with peasants in a wheat field. Saddam Hussein sipping coffee on the floor of a Bedouin tent. Saddam Hussein even sampling food for the evening meal in a woman's kitchen.

Iraq's Saddam Hussein — no relation to Jordan's King Hussein — is going out of his way to cultivate a populist political image. The cult of personality building around the 43-year-old president of Iraq is everywhere in evidence.

Jekyll-and-Hyde personality

Mr. Hussein, it would seem, is never too busy to speak, on his private phone, to any citizen who has a problem with the government — or even

private troubles, for that matter.

A real decent sort of chap, right? Wrong, say his critics, who charge that the enigmatic leader is a classic Jekyll-and-Hyde personali-



ty. On the one hand, they say, he is the smiling, benevolent ruler patting babies' heads. On the other, if he doesn't like you, he will most likely have you shot or imprisoned.

Mr. Hussein's alleged "Hyde" nature of the ruthless despot has earned him the title "Butcher of Baghdad" among critics.

Who is this man who is increasingly being labeled the "strongman of the Arab world"? And what are his plans for Iraq?

With the overthrow of the late shah of Iran, Iraq, which borders Iran on the southwest, has emerged as a major force not only in the Persian Gulf, but in the Arab world as a whole. With an armed force of 220,000 men — backed up by 250,000 reserves — Iraq has the largest standing force in the area.

Moreover, Iraq is the second-largest oil producer in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) after Saudi Arabia. In 1979, Iraq's oil revenues totaled \$20 billion. This year a \$30 billion figure is anticipated.

Not surprisingly, many nations are beginning to realize that Iraq's military and economic muscle cannot be ignored.

Hussein's goals

Saddam Hussein came to public prominence in 1959, when he bungled an assassination attempt on the life of the then-president of Iraq, Gen. Abdul Karim Kassem. Saddam Hussein fired on Gen. Kassem with a machine gun in a crowded Baghdad street — but missed. As Mr. Hussein fled, he was wounded in the leg by government soldiers. He carved out the bullet with his pocket knife, then escaped across the desert to Syria on a donkey. Not a very auspicious start in political life.

Saddam Hussein was educated as a lawyer, but has spent most of his adult life as an Arab revolutionary. For a dozen years he has been the undisputed strongman of Iraq's Baath (Renaissance) Party. (Baathists took power in Iraq in 1968). Last summer, he took the presidency from Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr amid purges and executions.

Iraq's leader's goals are to consolidate his near-total power within Iraq, to move Iraq and himself into positions of leadership in the Persian Gulf, the Arab world and the Third World and to gain international respectability for his country.

Within Iraq, Mr. Hussein runs a tough police state. Dissent is sup-

pressed. Iraqi jails are believed to hold thousands of political prisoners. There is no underground press in Iraq. (One must have a license to own and operate a typewriter.)

The first elections since Iraq's monarchy was overthrown in 1958 took place early in July for a 250-seat National Assembly. Mr. Hussein's followers received a substantial majority. The key decisions, however, are still made by Mr. Hussein and his Revolutionary Command Council.

Saddam Hussein aims to develop Iraq into a self-sufficient and diversified industrial economy. He is putting Iraq's considerable oil revenues back into the country in ambitious projects — housing, rural electrification, water purification, irrigation and construction of industrial plants, schools and hospitals.

His pet project — a two-year crash program to gain literacy for everyone under age 45 — is nearing a successful conclusion. Which is not too surprising, in light of the fact

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export Iran's Shiite religious revolution to Iraq. There have been some violent clashes between Shiite religious dissidents in Iraq and the Iraqi army. For the moment, however, the situation appears to be under control.

Another long-standing worry is the unrest among the two million Kurds in the north, who desire an autonomous Kurdistan of their own. In an attempt to defuse the situation, Mr. Hussein is providing a special allocation of investment funds to the Kurdish provinces for regional development. The efforts of this program are still uncertain.

As for foreign relations, Iraq — a long-time ally of Moscow — is shifting away from the Soviet bloc: Mr. Hussein is turning instead to France (for Mirage warplanes) and to Italy (for destroyers).

Within the Arab world Iraq is moving closer to Saudi Arabia and the conservative Gulf emirates. Relations with Syria — run by a different segment of the Baath Party under another strong personality, Hafez al-Assad — are cooling.

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

"Hail Guest! We ask not what thou art: If Friend, we greet thee, hand and heart; If Stranger, such no longer be; If Foe, our love shall conquer thee."

This old Welsh door verse vividly expresses to me the warm attitude of true Christian hospitality.

What are the ingredients of Christian hospitality? Is Christian hospitality optional or is it commanded?

In Romans 12 we find specifically noted the attributes God expects to be a part of the Christian life. We are to share the things we have with those in need: "Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. . . Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep" (verses 13, 15). Hospitality is not just having people over for a party. Sometimes it entails weeping and real concern, sharing another's grief.

Reading James 2:15-16 should affect us like cold water thrown in our faces when we are tempted to not help someone because it would mean extra time or trouble for us. "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?"

There are times when we need to buy or make clothing for people, or share some of our own, and times when we need to provide food for a day or a week or a month for those who are without. In the months and years ahead such physical needs will become more and more prevalent.

Galatians 6:2 cautions us to bear one another's burdens. The practical act of bearing the burdens of others includes hospitality, which can be recognized as an expression of love.

1 Timothy 3:2 gives some of the requirements of an elder in the Church, "A bishop [elder] then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach."

1 Peter 4:9 broadens this admonition to elders to include all of us, "Use hospitality one to another without grudging." As this comes right after the admonition to "be ye therefore sober, and watch unto

prayer" (verse 7), it is a reminder that we should not refrain from inviting lonely people home for dinner after Sabbath services just so that we can have more free time to pray. We are not to begrudge the time, energy and resources we can offer in hospitality any more than we are to begrudge offerings we make to God. We are cautioned that "God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7).

We are shown in Hebrews 13:1-2 that this love to others in the Church is to include strangers. "Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." And in Luke 14:12-13 Jesus makes clear the command that when we prepare special meals we are not to invite only friends and neighbors. "But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind." We are even to invite strangers at times. We might ask ourselves, When are we going to do it? What feast will we soon be preparing for the poor, blind or crippled?

The Bible gives us many ideas about what hospitality can include. We are to share our homes, our shady place under a tree, our food, our clothing, our time and our prayers. We are to share them with members of our physical families as well as the family we have in the Church — our brethren, young and old, and even strangers.

In Matthew 25:35-40 we find an underlying emphasis about hospitality that only God can add. "For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came to thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

This is true Christian hospitality. Let's be doers of the Word and not hearers only.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

An unusually large number of transfers and the institution of several new Feast sites is putting a strain on songbook distribution this year. The Orlando and St. Petersburg, Fla., sites will not have songbooks available at the Feast and other sites will have limited amounts. Please make arrangements to use a personal copy or to share with others during the Fall Festival.

Also, U.S. brethren traveling abroad for the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles are asked to make their normal Holy Day offerings before leaving for the Feast. The reason is twofold. Your offering diminishes in value when the Church must make an exchange from various currencies to the U.S. dollar; plus, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not recognize contributions made outside the United States as tax-deductible. Therefore, please forward your offerings to the Tucson address before you leave the confines of the country.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

A matter of definition

What did Mr. [Stanley] Rader mean when he said in "Forum" in the June 30 *Worldwide News* that it was impossible for himself to be involved in self-dealing, but possible for Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong and the members of the board?

Member in England

Mr. Rader was explaining that by legal definition he, prior to 1975 when he became a member of the Church and an officer and employee, could not have been involved in "self-dealing." Self-dealing could only characterize one who was an integral part of the organization, which Mr. Rader was not during those years. He was most certainly not implying guilt to either Mr. Armstrong or any of the members of the board of directors of the college or the Church.

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Auditorium staff too modest?

I thoroughly enjoyed the article in the Auditorium in the July 28 *Worldwide News* and hope you continue to feature various departments in future issues.

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Takes on new meaning

Thank you [Herbert W. Armstrong] tremendously much for the recent *Worldwide News* articles. You have a way of writing that makes scriptures that I have read many times before suddenly take on new meaning. I pray for you everyday and I know many, many people (some not even in the Church) regard you highly.

I have just finished rereading *The Incredible Human Potential* for the fourth or fifth time and I learned more and grew to understand more. I am grateful to God for choosing you as His one and only end-time apostle and I am grateful to you for allowing Jesus Christ to guide, direct, strengthen and teach His Church through you.

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Buffalo, N.Y.

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Haitian group near, yet so far

Most Church members in Haiti live in the capital, Port-au-Prince. But there is a group in the town of Belle-Anse, on the south coast. John Halford, an associate producer in the Church's Media Services Department and a pastor-rank minister, went to Haiti in June on a fact-finding tour, and with Lionel Estinvil, set out to visit them. Mr. Estinvil conducts services for the Haitian church.

By John Halford

BELLE-ANSE, Haiti — Belle-Anse is about 30 miles from Port-au-Prince, as the crow flies. However, the crow doesn't — and neither, unfortunately, does Haiti's domestic airline. You have to go by road. Still, looking at the map in my comfortable room in the Holiday Inn, it didn't look like too bad a trip.

Lionel Estinvil heard the road was "quite bad," beyond Jacmel. But we really wanted to visit these members because they had not been contacted since they were baptized several years ago.

We set off early in a little Italian car that Mr. Estinvil rented. At first road conditions were good — we made excellent time. The route took us over the mountains of Haiti's southern peninsula to the sleepy, little town of Jacmel.

Leaving Jacmel we headed east to Marigot. The road followed the coastline, past the little farms and hovels of the dirt-poor Haitian peasants. After a while, the road surface began to deteriorate. Then it got really bad. Then it got worse.

Our little car bumped and scraped its way over boulders and through potholes. Progress was slowed to about 5 miles per hour. We began to understand why the Belle-Anse members had not been visited.

We went through Marigot and headed out of town toward Belle-Anse. There is no telephone link to Belle-Anse, but Mr. Estinvil asked the National Broadcasting Network to put an announcement on the

morning news program. If one of the members heard it the group would be expecting us by nightfall. The road continued to disintegrate. As we thudded and cranked our way through town, the people stared and called out in astonishment.

"Where are you going?"
"Belle-Anse."
"In that?" asked one of the locals, pointing to our long-suffering little car. "You'll never make it!"

Not make it indeed! We'd show 'em.

Then we saw the river. The guide book informed me that most of Haiti's rivers are not navigable. This is especially true if you are in a small Italian car. The river was about 50 yards wide, and although the current was swift, the water seemed to be only knee deep.

It looked fordable. To the astonishment of our growing group of spectators, Mr. Estinvil gunned the engine and plunged in.

It was deeper than we thought and water seeped in under the doors. But the valiant little engine kept going, and somehow we slithered across to the other side—a little farther downstream than intended—but across. So now, it was Belle-Anse or bust.

It was bust!

The road gave up the struggle to maintain even the semblance of a surface, and the car really began to make weird noises in the gearbox and brakes.

We stopped at a small house where a group of Haitians were lounging in the late afternoon sun.

"What's the road like to Belle-Anse?" asked Mr. Estinvil. "Does it get better?"

"No, it gets worse."

"Are there any more rivers like that one?" I asked, pointing to the one we just crossed.

"No."

"But the map shows at least four more," I said.

"Not like that one," one man replied confidently.

Well, that was something to be thankful for.

"What are they like?" asked Mr. Estinvil.

"Deeper!"

There was obviously no way we could continue in our car. We asked the onlookers if they had any suggestions.

"Go back to Marigot. The magistrate has a jeep. Perhaps he would rent it to you."

So we headed back, down the road, and to the delight of the waiting fan club, once more floated the car across the river.

Back in Marigot, we located the courthouse. The magistrate did have a jeep, we were told, but he was busy trying an important case. I forget the details—something about a woman who had thrown some mango peelings into the street.

After a short wait, justice was



HAITIAN EXPERIENCES — John Halford and Lionel Estinvil baptize a new member of God's Church, top, right. Above, a Haitian family in the economically depressed region poses for Mr. Halford during his trip.

done, and the magistrate came out to meet us.

Yes, he would rent us his jeep. Yes, it could get us to Belle-Anse, but only, he pointed out, if it had not been raining. Yes, he added, it had been raining.

It was now evident that we could not go on to Belle-Anse by road.

"Why don't we rent a *chalupe*?" suggested Mr. Estinvil.

"Good idea," I replied, adding cautiously, "What's a *chalupe*?"

"It's a little boat."

"How little?"

"Let's go and see if we can get one," was Mr. Estinvil's answer.

We followed a rough path down to the beach. Bobbing in the water were several small boats.

"Those are *chalupes*," explained Mr. Estinvil. "They go back and forth to Belle-Anse all the time."

"How long does it take?" I asked.

"Four hours full — 2½ empty," came the reply.

Four hours was too long, but most

of the *chalupes* were already loaded to the waterline with bananas, cans of kerosene and people.

"Try and get an empty one," I told Mr. Estinvil.

There was one boat left — smaller than the others — but as yet not loaded.

The owner agreed to take us to Belle-Anse for a price. We asked him to wait while we took our car back to the courthouse for safe keeping. Then we went back to the

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Elder in Bombay recalls growth of Work in India

In the following article, S. Kulasingam, a local elder in Bombay, recounts for WN readers his involvement in the Work in that area.

By S. Kulasingam

BOMBAY — The Indian subcontinent first heard *The World Tomorrow* broadcast over Radio Ceylon in 1953, about the same time Radio Luxembourg broadcast to Britain and Europe.

People in India, Pakistan, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), Burma and Malaysia sent requests to London. Bricket Wood had not been purchased as yet.

In 1954 the London Office asked us to monitor the broadcast over Radio Ceylon. It was our first opportunity to serve the Work.

I flew to various cities in India, Ceylon and Pakistan to check how clearly the broadcast was heard. This was possible because I worked for an airline.

My wife and I continued to study the Bible and keep the commandments of God, observing the Sabbath and Holy Days, as we understood them from the booklets. We observed the Passover by ourselves.

As years rolled by, our daughter enrolled at the Bricket Wood campus where she worked as a doctor, attended classes and later grad-

uated. This gave us an opportunity to go to England each year to visit. The government of India allows those who have blood relatives abroad to visit them. Our trips coincided with the Feast of Tabernacles and allowed us to spend some time at the college.

On our first visit we met Herbert W. Armstrong and got a warm welcome from him and the college. Later we were regular visitors to Bricket Wood.

A post office box was opened in Bombay to receive mail, allowing us to become more actively involved in the great Work of God.

When the first *Reader's Digest* ads appeared we received 80,000 letters a week prompting Mr. Armstrong to write in the next ad, "You have swamped us."

In 1970 Bricket Wood sent Richard Frankel on a baptizing tour to India. After nearly 15 years of listening to the broadcast people received their first visit from a minister.

In 1972 the first Feast of Tabernacles was celebrated in southern India and since then we started keeping the Feast in India and visited England on other High Days.

In 1973 my wife and I were ordained deaconess and deacon by Mr. Frankel.

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Sri Lanka Work plunges ahead

Mohan Jayasekera was ordained Sri Lanka's first local elder during the Passover season in 1978. A 1977 Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Tex., graduate, Mr. Jayasekera writes of the Work in the island nation of Sri Lanka, off the coast of India.

By Mohan Jayasekera
DEHIWALA, Sri Lanka — In the Indian Ocean island of Sri Lanka, God called a handful of people to help Herbert W. Armstrong complete his commission.

With a short but interesting history, the Work in Sri Lanka is making progress. In 1977, *Plain Truth* circulation numbered about 400. In that year responsibility for the area shifted from England to Australia.

Various efforts in preaching the Gospel helped build the Work in this country of 13.9 million, until 1979, when a successful *Plain Truth* advertising campaign increased circulation by 337 percent. Plans call for doubling this list by the end of this year.

Income doubles

Since Mr. Armstrong reassumed active leadership over the entire worldwide Work, mail income in Sri Lanka has increased rapidly. Income for 1979 increased 188 percent over 1978 and figures for 1980 show a year-to-date increase of 187 percent. Spring Holy Day offerings broke all previous records with an increase of nearly 190 percent on the first day of Unleavened Bread and nearly 430 percent on the last day. In a small and poor country like Sri Lanka, the modest income from workers enables the Work to have a sizable impact. (Monthly income averages about \$200.) God's Church in Sri Lanka has only 30 members, but these 30 have their hearts in God's Work, often making many personal sacrifices to help prepare for Christ's return.

First eight-day Feast

The 1979 Feast of Tabernacles marked the first time the Sri Lanka church kept the full eight-day Festival. A couple from the United States attended the Feast here, and others

in God's Church are invited in 1980. The Feast will be kept at the Blue Lagoon Holiday Resort and will feature Western-style activities (cricket, swimming, tennis, water polo, waterskiing, boating and others), as well as a taste of Sri Lanka culture. The facilities are excellent and a special rate for brethren outside Sri Lanka is available. Nine nights for two persons including all meals, activities and housing will be \$252, less airfare. A special airfare rate is available by commercial carrier. If you are interested in keeping the Festival in Sri Lanka, write immediately to: Worldwide Church of God, Mohan Jayasekera, Box 15, Dehiwala, Sri Lanka.

Prayers needed

The people of God in Sri Lanka are confident of a positive future, despite many personal and collective difficulties. Prayers for the continued growth of the Work in this small country are needed. The Sri Lanka church appreciates the tremendous privilege it shares with the brethren worldwide in the great Work of the living God.

Many campers, staffers at SEP change, find unity, give thanks

What was it like to be at the Church's Summer Educational Program (SEP) at Orr, Minn., this summer? Following are excerpts from a few of the 195 letters campers and staffers sent to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

Many of us desire to be leaders, and as children in the Church of God we need the training now. We are very lucky God gave us the opportunity to be educated so well this year at His camp.

Annie Luecke

This is my first year here, and so far it's been really fun. I'm learning a lot about the Church, too. If the price hadn't been cut I don't think my mom could have afforded to send my brother and me. I know this has to be the most beautiful and educational camp in the world. I'm so glad that I'm in the Worldwide Church of God — it's 10 times better than anything. I sure hope sometime soon I can put in the Church as much as it's given me.

Cheryl Meyer
Covington, Ky.

It is so beautiful to see so many turn their lives over to God and seek His will in their lives and His Work. I was just talking to one of the women counselors this morning and it was so inspiring to hear how her dorm was praying for you and the Work.

Patty Lohr

To our beloved chancellor: We send our thanks and deep appreciation to you and God Almighty for the Summer Educational Program of 1980!

Dorm 7B and counselor

I'm having a great time at camp. Last Sabbath they took a vote on who wanted you to come to SEP this year and everyone's hand went up as soon as the minister finished the sentence.

Cindy Smith
Gallant, Ala.

This is truly the greatest summer camp in the world. If I had gone to Skymont Scout Camp this year I would probably be sitting in a freezing rain with no dry clothes, digging a latrine in the middle of the woods.

Jon Prevo

This is a lovely camp. It is the best I have ever been to. I have learned a lot of things since I have been here.

Vernon Griffin

SEP has really improved since the first time I was here. I feel the faculty has been working especially hard to bring a spiritual atmosphere back to the camp.

Cheryl Strelow

I am really pleased that SEP has started to stress more on Bible education. This year has helped me a great deal.

Julie Barr

Coming to camp this year has been a great blessing. For one reason, God is here. I can feel Him around me all the time. I also had a great time meeting other people my age that know the truth about the coming Kingdom of God. I can never thank you enough for the work you put into this camp.

James Faulkner
Lexington, Ky.

I have learned more at SEP than I would have if I had done something else. It seems like I have grown a year since I've been down here. I've come a long way to being more like God. I like SEP because everything is directed toward young people.

Tim Hudson
London, Ky.

This is my first time to ever attend. I'm learning very much about the Church and God. I'm building my character, but I still need much help. Thank you for camp this year.

Mr. Rader's book is appreciated

PASADENA — Copies of Stanley R. Rader's book, *Against the Gates of Hell*, were given to Southern California Church members at the Fourth of July Church picnic in Pasadena. Following are a few of their comments about the book.

"I really enjoyed it. It gives an inside scoop on a very warm man."
"It... clearly illustrates everything in a nutshell from beginning to end and helps me understand the whole story more completely."

"The whole thing had a ring of truth... the part about Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong and Mr. [Arthur] Rubinstein was just priceless. Absolutely priceless."

"It's absorbing."
"Mr. Rader tells it like it is. It was very enlightening to me to find out new facts you haven't heard from the press, or facts that the press has distorted."

before we could arrive at our destination. The members would all have given up — and I had to be back in Port-au-Prince the next evening. We were beaten. Belle-Anse — only 30 miles from Port-au-Prince — might as well have been on the far side of the moon.

We were disappointed, but there was no alternative but to head for home. Mr. Estinvil learned that to visit Belle-Anse he would have to plan ahead and allow plenty of time.

Our Belle-Anse members are even farther out on the end of the vine than we had thought.

As for me, well, I'll never complain about the Pasadena Freeway again.

I can sincerely say that it has been the best experience in my life and a turning point in my attitude.

Colleen Warren
South Pasadena, Calif.

If you were just starting to study the Bible, where would be the best place to start? I started reading the Psalms. Is that a good place?

Anne Grabbe

Camp has really changed me — I have come so close to God since I've been at camp. I know that up here at camp I can get all the training needed to be a good leader. I hope I can be able to stand up for what I believe even more now that the end is near.

Angie House
Clear Spring, Md.

Thank you for putting the camp back on God's track this year. Having ministers here at camp all summer long is such a blessing. We all appreciate the opportunity to attend more Bible studies as well as having them always nearby for counseling and anointings as the need arises.

Debbie Broach
Staff

Last year I worked up here on the swim crew but I was not a member of the Church then, nor did I know anything about it. I remember not understanding your [Mr. Armstrong's] sermons. But I saw that most everyone else did. Since my coming into the truth... I wanted to come up to camp this summer so badly because I knew that this year I could offer the campers a lot more than lessons in swimming. And I can't tell how very rewarding it is to know that I can have a part in helping the youths realize their potential and the coming world tomorrow. The ministers have made a tremendous impact and this camp is truly getting into the right spirit.

Susie Sutter
Staff

'Against the Gates of Hell'

Future of U.S. religion at stake

Stanley R. Rader asked the WNI to publish the following review of his new book *Against the Gates of Hell*, which details his involvement with Herbert W. Armstrong and the Work, emphasizing the California attorney general's attack against the Church. Members will receive free copies of the book at the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles.

When the Worldwide Church of God case first broke in January, 1979, the media quickly capitalized on the story's dramatic elements: allegations of million-dollar theft, lavish expense accounts by leaders of a "cult," secret caches of gold bullion stashed away in Swiss banks, mass demonstrations by Church members, potential confrontation with state troopers. The media's interest in such things is natural. They are journalistically "sexy." News-persons are trained to have a sense of what is dramatic or will attract human interest.

Less noticed in the confusion generated by allegations of misconduct against Church leaders was a far deeper, and ultimately more important, issue: the condition of First Amendment guarantees of religious freedom today. While not given as much attention as the allegations of misconduct, the First Amendment story may ultimately prove to be the more significant. The charges of misconduct leveled against Church leaders hold interest mainly for the Church's members and supporters, but the means by which the attorney general has prosecuted the case could eventually affect all of us.

Stanley R. Rader's *Against the Gates of Hell* (Everest House, \$12) presents the Worldwide Church's side of this classic state-church battle already in its second year. Rader, the Church's treasurer and one of the chief protagonists in the drama, has written a blow-by-blow account of the Church's takeover by a court-appointed receiver in January, 1979, and its subsequent recapture by its lay members in the ensuing weeks. The author, of course, makes no attempt to hide his biases. He passionately feels that his church, its leader Herbert W. Armstrong, himself, and thousands of Church members have been dealt a low blow by the attorney general and by at least some of the media.

In the process of detailing what are a number of totalitarian actions taken by the attorney general, Rader finds himself addressing two audiences. He includes autobiographical material of clear interest to Worldwide Church members. But Rader also is writing to a much broader audience: civil libertarians in general and those who love religious freedom in particular. Such people will find the book of particular interest.

In the aftermath of Jonestown and the continuing concern about such "cults" as the Moonies and the Hare Krishnas, evidently a group of deputies in the attorney general's office in California felt the need to do something. They borrowed a legal theory in vogue in medieval England that churches are charitable trusts, and hence, really the property of the state's attorney general, and began looking for a church to apply it to.

And so the California attorney general's office, prompted by complaints from six ex-Worldwide Church members, moved on the Worldwide Church. The Church was a tempting target, Rader writes, both because it held ready financial assets, it was small and somewhat outside mainstream Protestantism, and some of its officers were ready to sell out to the attorney general in order to stage a coup d'état against the Church's lifelong leader.

But on the other hand, it is the very similarities of the Worldwide Church with mainstream Christianity that would give many in the mainstream religious community pause. The Worldwide Church is no more hierarchical or authoritarian in its organizational structure than the Roman Catholic or Greek Orthodox churches. Unlike the Moonies or Hare Krishnas, its members do not live communally. Its members live in the general society and attend church services once a week. The Church promulgates its beliefs to the public by publishing tracts and magazines, sent by request, and by way of a radio and a television program. None of the psychological coercion for which the Moonies or Hare Krishnas are denounced applies to the Worldwide Church. Thus if the California attorney general's theory prevails with the Worldwide Church, no church, no matter how conventional, will escape regulation.

Had the attorney general merely brought suit, and the argument taken place in court over a series of years — as it is now — civil libertarians would have cause enough for alarm. But what is especially distressing about Rader's account is that the attorney general took over the Church first, before his theory had been fully debated in the courts. In what Rader considers nothing less than an appalling judicial scandal, the attorney general succeeded in duping or corrupting a local California court to impose a receiver on the Church (a drastic legal remedy usually reserved for bankruptcies) without giving the Church or its leaders any notice of the court proceeding. By the time the Church's lawyers and members managed to nullify the receivership, immense damage had been done to the Church's reputation and credit rating.

To add insult to injury, Rader charges that the receiver, who had been installed to protect the Church's assets, was paying himself twice the rate of the highest-paid officer, and paying his assistants at exorbitant rates as well (typical example: \$200 an hour for nonessential legal services). Among other of the receiver's accomplishments during his brief but well-paid tenure was to stop payment on Church checks, some of which were destined for poor widows under the Church's internally administered welfare system.

If there is one theme that runs throughout *The Gates of Hell*, it is that at several critical junctures in the story, the Worldwide Church and its leaders have been denied a fair opportunity to state their side of the case. The one-sided court proceeding was one example. Another, significant in its implications for television journalism, was a 60 Minutes story, "God and Mammon."

As it was aired, the 60 Minutes segment presented the Church in a negative light. For his part, Rader demolished commentator Mike Wallace in the confrontation, which lasted a full 3½ hours. He produces a whole transcript of the interview to let the reader decide for himself. The 60 Minutes segment "God and Mammon," on the other hand, is the result of clever cutting in the editing room where a different cast can be put on almost any personal confrontation.

One would hope, of course, that the media would see that freedom of the press is part of the same amendment to the Constitution as freedom of religion. Indeed, Rader writes that he only consented to be interviewed by Wallace after Wallace talked of his interest in First Amendment protections, a concern that Wallace never displayed on camera. Yet, one cannot help the suspicion that at least one major network is less concerned with freedom of religion than milking an alleged religious scandal for all it's worth. Consider this passage, which describes how CBS treated the story at the height of the confrontation:

"Another telecaster from CBS, obviously in open sympathy with the Church people, wept in their presence when she saw state officers, armed with axes and automatic weapons, assembled in an assault force by the hundreds to storm and overthrow peaceful people joined in worship of their God. This reporter was taken off the story — she was too sympathetic to the Church."

Rader feels that eventually the Church will be vindicated by the California or U.S. Supreme Court. Whether or not it will be, he succeeds in demonstrating that the Worldwide Church case has profound implications for the future of religion in the United States.

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beach, once again under the gaze of the townspeople.

It seemed as if the entire population of Marigot turned out to see us safely off their premises. By now the town must have been convinced that we were mad. Back at the beach we found our boat, wallowing in the water, brimful of bananas.

The owner misunderstood — either that or he was trying to pull a fast one. We told him to unload it. It was an empty boat or nothing. But he refused. Mr. Estinvil and I calculated quickly. In a *chalupe* full of bananas, it would be past midnight

FOCUS ON YOUTH

YOUTHS HONORED

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. — Denice Keith of the Johnstown YOU placed first in the junior division of the Pittsburgh, Pa., talent show May 17. Denice sang "You Needed Me," a song popularized



DENICE KEITH

by Anne Murray. Denice proceeded to the competition in Youngstown, Ohio, June 29.

MERCEDES, Tex. — The Junior National Honor Society gained a new member May 15 in the person of Lela Tucker of the Mercedes church. Lela, 13, is the daughter of Jeff and Donna Tucker. She maintained a 92 percent average during the past year in the eighth grade at Coakley Junior High School and displayed high moral character and leadership ability. She also won awards in the career investigation class and as a school office worker. This summer, Lela is working as a candy striper at the hospital here and plays the piano for the Mercedes congregation and their newly formed choir.

SOUTH PASADENA, Calif. — Colleen Warren, 15, a ninth-grade student at South Pasadena Junior High School, was voted one of the year's two outstanding athletic captains by the school's intramural softball and basketball team captains June 11. She received a special plaque now on permanent display in the principal's office.



COLLEEN WARREN

Colleen, an honor student and YOU cheerleader, was captain of two basketball and softball teams this past school year. Twenty-four other team captains aspired for the award, which was based on leadership and sportsmanship.

Colleen is the daughter of Pasadena Auditorium A.M. Church members Terry and Connie Warren.

DENVER, Colo. — It's another first for Denver YOU President Glenn Mitchell as he received the Loren E. Weimer Memorial Scholarship May 20. At Golden High School's senior awards night, Glenn received a \$2,200 cash award, which is given to a graduating senior "who has

achieved high academic and moral standards and has demonstrated creativity in the humanities and/or science." Glenn ranked first in his graduating class.

In a letter, Tim Wirth, member of the U.S. House of Representatives, commended 18-year-old Glenn for his "superior academic distinction."

In addition to his responsibilities with YOU Glenn was president of the Golden High School chapter of the National Honor Society during his senior year and was sports editor of the school newspaper.

Glenn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell of Golden, Colo., will study engineering this fall at Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.

LAKELAND, Fla. — The American Legion presented Robby Lobdell with a certificate in recognition of honor, scholarship, courage, leadership and service May 26.

As a freshman at Kathleen Junior High School, Robby, 14, was elected Student of the Year. The school principal awarded the trophy to him for scholarship, behavior and respect for others. Fellow students also voted him as the student Most Likely to Succeed.



ROBBY LOBDELL

Robby, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lobdell, is an active member of the Lakeland YOU.

BRIDGEPORT, Wash. — An incoming Ambassador College student graduated from high school May 24 a salutatorian with highest honors in science and mathematics. The Society of Women Engineers presented the honors to Sherri Lynn Means, 18-year-old graduate from Bridgeport High School. She also received a citizenship award from the American Legion and a scholarship from the Home and School Association.

Sherri, who is a member of the National Honor Society and whose name appeared in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, was an active leader in school and in YOU. She held several offices and competed in talent contests in Regina, Sask., and Pasadena.

Her interests include outdoor activities, sports, nature, drawing and pottery. She plans to pursue a career in graphic arts and will attend Ambassador College this fall.

Sherri, daughter of Richard and Diane Means, lives in Bridgeport and attends church in Tonasket, Wash.

LONG ISLAND, N.Y. — Darren Allgeyer, 13, received honor certificates that led to his induction into the National Junior Society in June.

A seventh-grade student at Stimson Junior High School, he

was the manager of the school basketball team, a member of the track team and played in the school band.

As an active YOU member, Darren placed second in the national YOU junior bowling. He is a member of the YOU basketball and track teams and plays the trumpet in the YOU band.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Friendliness, loyalty, enthusiasm and the willingness to go beyond is what won George Burnette III the Spirit of 1980 trophy May 20. George, 16, received the award during the awards day ceremony at Springfield Junior High School.



GEORGE BURNETTE

George attends the Nashville church with his parents, George and Rita Burnette.

PERSHORE, England — "There are a lot of things to ask a pen friend to find out if we are alike, even more to tell her and it would be nice to even meet one day," wrote Tracey Parry in her prize-winning essay.

Tracey, the eldest daughter of Doug and Mary Parry at age 8, wrote an essay entitled "Why I Should Like a Pen Friend," to take first place in the contest's junior division (ages 6 to 10) May 23 over an international competition.

The contest was organized by the British Section of the International Friendship League to commemorate the closing of the 1979 International Year of the Child. The International Friendship League was formed to promote better understanding through friendship among children worldwide. It is affiliated with the Council for Education in World Citizenship, UNICEF and the United Nations.



TRACEY PARRY

An international panel judged the competition, informing her later that the "neatness and the writing was excellent for a little girl of 8."

Tracey attends the Gloucester, England, church with her parents.

SOUTH PASADENA, Calif. — Elementary school was the first stepping stone to physical and

mental maturity, according to Michael David Warren. As one of five students to address the



MICHAEL WARREN

graduating sixth-grade class of Arroyo Vista School June 11, he spoke on "Looking Ahead" to junior high school life: "We will encounter new challenges and new experiences. We will have new ups and new downs, new happiness and new hardship."

Michael, 11, who graduated an honor student, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Warren, members of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. congregation.

NEWARK, Ark. — Deanna Cheryl Hutchison, 16, a 10th-grade student at Newark High School, received a medal May 9 in home economics and typing for maintaining the highest average. She won the home economics award last year too.

Cheryl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elbert Hutchison, attends the Jonesboro, Ark.,



CHERYL HUTCHISON

church and is treasurer of the YOU group there.

FRANKSVILLE, Wis. — Scholarship, leadership, service and character won Linda M. Strelow membership in her high school's chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools May 19.

Linda, 17, graduated as an honor student in her class, finishing in the top 10 percent, giving her the privilege to wear the gold braid and tassel.

She participated in a child development program, where girls ran a nursery school for 3- and 4-year olds.

Linda is the daughter of Robert and Doris Strelow, and a member of the Milwaukee YOU. She plans to further her education in child development.

BARBADOS — Ricardo Bynoe, Rinaldo Mayers and Sherrie-Anne Mayers, members of the YOU here, won first prize for their entry in the 10th Science and Agriculture Exhibition March 27-29 at Erdiston College. The exhibition was designed mainly for students.

Their winning entry was a booklet entitled *The Different*

Ways in Which Air Is Used. Most projects dealt with the conservation of energy. The agricultural section dealt with the school gardens throughout the island that are cared for by students.

The first prize was a cup and a certificate.

LAFAYETTE, La. — One of the Summer Educational Program (SEP), Orr, Minn., campers became a member of the Society of Distinguished American High School Students as her high school's representative. Karen Myers, who was chosen for the office April 21, graduated second in her class from Midland High School, Midland, La. She was a class officer during her freshman, sophomore and junior years. As a junior she was named in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. In her senior year she was a student council officer.



KAREN MYERS

Karen, 17, plans to attend McNeese State University this fall majoring in commercial arts. This summer she attended the first session of SEP.

Karen attends the Lafayette, La., church with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Myers of Morse, La.

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Donna McDonald was named in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. Having skipped 11th grade, she graduated from high school June 11 at the age of 16. Donna received a full four-year scholarship to Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she plans to major in physics. She took advanced courses in high school, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and the student council. She also received honors for participating in the school's volleyball team.



DONNA MCDONALD

Donna enjoys softball and is involved in the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), whose state conferences she has attended. The Pittsburgh YOU is not without her active participation either.

Donna, her mother and three brothers attend the Pittsburgh East church.

Oregon

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anybody does if you are truly repentant, if you are truly ready to accept God's Holy Spirit — baptism and conversion will follow; a new way of life. It doesn't make any difference what anybody does. It's between you and Jesus Christ — it has nothing to do with anybody else.

"Well," explained the Church treasurer, "that was it. My defenses were all gone. The glacier had moved over a period of two or three years — that was it. And so he said, 'Well, Stan, now is as good a time as any.' And I said, 'Well, you are right.' And within a few moments we rendezvoused [for his baptism in Mr. Armstrong's hotel bathtub]."

Two miracles for the Church

Continuing his talk, Mr. Rader spoke of two miracles that sustained the Church. The first was Mr. Armstrong's recovery from cardiac arrest with no mental impairment. Second, he said, was more important: "... the big miracle was something that no one noticed at all. . . . There were very few people who were not blinded, literally blinded. . . . to the fact that he had recovered. Mr. Armstrong was able from September of 1977 to January, 1978, to see what would happen to this Church if he had, in fact, died. Nobody understood or wanted to believe that he had recovered. He was not consulted [by the previous administration], he was not kept abreast of anything.

"[In January, 1978] . . . Mr. Armstrong came into Pasadena for a board meeting. That board meeting was recorded. Mr. Armstrong laid down God's law for God's Church and God's college in front of the board — the assembled board of the college and Church. In his entire career he had never prepared so fully for a board meeting. . . . He came prepared in writing. He distributed to each member of the board God's law. Everything he said was what the people in that room did not want to hear.

"And there was a momentary rebellion when one person thought he would be able to carry the rest of the field with him. Everybody realized that this was Christ's apostle speaking with the authority of Jesus Christ behind him. Nobody said a word but one person. He offered opposition.

"After a few moments he [the board member] saw that opposition was useless. God's law would prevail in God's Church from that day for-

ward. And then he [Herbert Armstrong] said, 'I am leaving immediately after making [an] . . . appearance tomorrow at the ministerial conference and I'm returning to Tucson for 90 days more recuperation, and in those 90 days these changes had better take place' — these changes that he put in writing."

Continuing, Mr. Rader stated: "Ninety days later those changes had not been made. And on schedule immediately following the Days of Unleavened Bread Mr. Armstrong began to move. The glacier went into action.

"And if you go back (and I hope you do save your copies of *The Good News* and *The Worldwide News*) . . . you won't find one inconsistency in over 24 months of writing as he put God's law, Christ's law back into this Church. Systematically he began to clean up God's Church — to put Christ back in and he's still in the process of doing that."

Sharing experiences

The following day the Church treasurer spoke to 1,650 Oregon Church members in a Sabbath service that featured the film documentary, *First Amendment: Church vs. State*. Mr. Rader discussed the Church's lawsuit and some of its high points: "There's no way to really ever get a handle on how magnificent our brethren were during those first 90 days [of the lawsuit] in Pasadena. . . . You have to understand. . . . the media just literally blanketed our facilities, sticking microphones in the faces of people, hoping to find just by chance a member who would stumble, so they could air it and give us another kick. [It] never happened.

"I remember so clearly a microphone being put in the face of one of our members — a big, tall, powerful, black member. . . . [This reporter] wanted to know if he wasn't concerned about his money [that was donated to the Church]. And without any hesitation, he answered. . . . 'I sure am!' And the announcer. . . . kept the microphone right there, because he hesitated at that point, almost like a trained actor. . . . [then] . . . he said, 'That's why I send my money to Mr. Armstrong down in Tucson.'"

In talking about the California bill that would nullify the attorney general's civil powers over churches, Mr. Rader related two events that he felt showed God's intervention. "A few weeks ago the matter [Senate Bill 1493, sponsored by state senator Nicholas Petris] came up in the assembly, which is the low-

er house of the California legislature. And in [testimony] before the Assembly Judiciary Committee, a representative of the Jewish community from San Francisco [Calif.] stood up and went into a diatribe, an attack . . . culs, and he said, 'Only the culs — the Moonies and the Hare Krishna's and the Worldwide Church of God and Synanon want this bill to be passed.'

"And the very next speaker was the representative of the Roman Catholic Church. And he stood up and he said, 'We are one of those culs and we want that bill passed.' If that had happened in a theater, someone would have said that was just poetic license to juxtapose those two adversaries before that kind of committee. But we know it wasn't poetic license — that was God working in His mysterious ways for dramatic impact on that committee. And the vote was unanimous [in favor of the bill]."

Mr. Rader said he felt Assemblyman John T. Knox, author of the law that the attorney general is using against the Church, would fight "tooth and nail" all efforts to pass the Petris bill. Unexpectedly, reported Mr. Rader, "Just before that vote of the assembly's Ways and Means Committee [where the bill faced severe opposition] (see "Update," *W/N*, July 14), it was Assemblyman Knox who said: 'I want this passed also. My forefathers came here [to the United States] to escape persecution, and we must have freedom of religion in this country.' Again," stated Mr. Rader, "I see God working in His mysterious ways. The man who was to be the adversary may very well become the cosponsor when the new bill becomes the issue before the entire assembly in two or three weeks."

In closing, Mr. Rader told of a statement President Abraham Lincoln made more than 120 years ago. In writing to a friend just before the Civil War, the President commented: "I know there is a God, and I know He hates injustice. I see the storm [of war and bloodshed] coming, and I know His hand is in it. But if He has a place and a part for me, I believe I am ready." And now, Mr. Rader added, ". . . 120 years later when the issue is still one of. . . freedom of religion or slavery. . . . to a bureaucracy and to a government that wants to gobble up all our rights, control our lives — we know there is a God. And we know He hates injustice. And we see the storm. And we know His hand is in it. And we ought to know that we all have a place and a part to play. And I believe that we are ready."

FEAST ADDRESSES

Finding the auditorium at a new Feast site can be a problem. If you're uncertain about the location, plan to arrive in the host city early. We have published the addresses of the meeting places at the 21 Feast sites in the United States.

Copies of maps for each site are being sent to each festival adviser. For more information, check with your local pastor or adviser.

BIG SANDY Ambassador Collège Two miles East of town on Highway 80 Big Sandy, Tex.	Junction Highway 54 and Highway 42 Osage Beach, Mo.
BILOXI Mississippi Coast Coliseum Convention Center 3800 W. Beach Blvd. Biloxi, Miss.	NORFOLK Scope Plaza Corner of St. Paul's Blvd. and Bramelton Ave. Norfolk, Va.
CORPUS CHRISTI Bayfront Plaza Auditorium 1901 N. Shoreline Corpus Christi, Tex.	ORLANDO Tupperware Convention Center 3175 N. Orange Blossom Trail Kissimmee, Fla.
DAYTON Hara Arena and Exhibition Center 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd. Dayton, Ohio	PASADENA Ambassador Auditorium 131 S. St. John Ave. Pasadena, Calif.
DETROIT Cobo Hall — Arena One Washington Blvd. Detroit, Mich.	RAPID CITY Rushmore Plaza 444 Mt. Rushmore Rd. Rapid City, S.D.
EUGENE The Convention Center 13th and Monroe Eugene, Ore.	SAVANNAH Savannah Civic Center Corner of Oglethorpe and Montgomery Savannah, Ga.
FRESNO Fresno Convention Center 700 M St. Fresno, Calif.	SPOKANE Spokane Riverpark Center W. 334 Spokane Falls Blvd. Spokane, Wash.
GLENS FALLS The Center One Center Plaza Glens Falls, N.Y.	ST. PETERSBURG Bayfront Center 400 First St. S. St. Petersburg, Fla.
JOHNSON CITY Freedom Hall Civic Center Liberty Bell Blvd. (near Market St.) Johnson City, Tenn.	TUCSON Tucson Community Center 260 Church St. Tucson, Ariz.
LIHUE, KAUAI Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall 4191 Hardy St. Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii	VAIL Dobson Ice Arena 321 E. Lionshead Circle Vail, Colo.
LAKE OF THE OZARKS Worldwide Church of God	WISCONSIN DELLS Worldwide Church of God Junction Highway 23 and County Rd. B Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Ministerial

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Services aide Mike Feazell, visited several churches in Michigan and Ohio.

Awaiting a special visa from the Australian government before assuming the regional director role there, Mr. Fahey went to Cleveland, Ohio, with Mr. Webber. "It was very uplifting personally," he stated. "We received a very positive response. I was involved with some of the early trips in 1979, and I am still impressed with the enthusiasm and warmth of the members."

Delivering a sermon on Mr. Armstrong's office of apostle, Mr. Fahey commented that he was encouraged at the number of people who expressed their thanks. "I focused in on people God installs in office," he said. "In every instance, God rejects those who reject His appointed servants. God always makes it clear who He's using. With Moses He performed several symbolic miracles to let them know where the chain of authority was. Moses holding his hands up didn't stop the Amalekites (Exodus 17) — God did! But what God was really doing was providing clear evidence of who He put in charge."

The same is true of God's present-

day apostle, according to Mr. Fahey. "In Revelation 5 it emphatically states no one is 'worthy' or able to reveal the meaning of the book of Revelation except Jesus Christ. In order for someone to understand what the book means they have to receive it from Christ. Now every Church member who's read *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last* or *The Key to the Book of Revelation* knows that the book of Revelation is written in chronological order with insert chapters — they know that much of the symbolism is explained in Daniel and the book of Matthew — but where did they get the knowledge? They got it from Mr. Armstrong." This shows who Christ gave the understanding of the book of Revelation to, he related.

"I also quoted John 17:11, 20-23," stated Mr. Fahey. "This prayer from Christ was for unity in the Church. In order to have unity, the first thing everybody has to learn is who the boss is and the boss is Jesus Christ, and He appointed Mr. Armstrong to be the human leader. In II Timothy 3:12-14 Paul tells Timothy that persecution is promised. He says it's going to be hard. But he also reminds Timothy not to forget where he learned all his doctrine. And where did he learn doctrine? From the apostle Paul. The same thing holds true today. Everybody

in this Church received the doctrines from the apostle, who was called, trained and sent by Jesus Christ."

One of Mr. Rader's assistants in Pasadena, Aaron Dean, accompanied evangelist Dean Blackwell to Flint and Lansing, Mich., on the same trip. He reported that much of the weather was stormy, making for a bumpy plane ride. Despite the harsh weather, Mr. Dean stated that the trip was "excellent. Strength and growth in God's Church is evident," he said.

A warm camaraderie among the ministers and the Church brethren made the trip enjoyable, he said, with many of the paratroopers ribbing each other from the pulpit in the various services. "We receive an enthusiastic response wherever we go," he reported. "Not because we're special people, but because people are tuned in to God and His Work. They appreciate Mr. Armstrong's concern in sending us out here, and we're happy to be a part."

Correction

The photo of Ray Heisler on page 11 of the July 28 *Worldwide News* was taken by John Campbell, not Zenda Cloninger as indicated.

Drought

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"Crops are burning up," Mr. Swisher continued. "Cattle have to be sold at any price because the farmers don't have any grazing land or feed. In the face of possibly the worst agricultural year in Texas' history," even people outside the Church are talking about Bible prophecy. "You see and hear people on newscasts and on the street wondering what this means. They realize the weather isn't normal." Mr. Swisher says that the phrase "worst in history," is becoming commonplace in describing the events surrounding the severe heat and drought conditions. In Texas the heat and dry spell is also aggravating loss of property by fire. "Millions of dollars worth of property has been destroyed by fire in the past few weeks," he said. Water is rationed.

Missouri suffers

Missouri has undergone a physical change from lush green fields and forests to a "brown desert," according to Arnold Clauson, pastor of the Oklahoma City, Okla., church, who recently returned from a visit through the area. "Even the trees are beginning to shrivel. One thing I especially noticed were golf courses in Missouri — a golf course is usually the last area to turn brown. On the ones I viewed, everything

was dead except for the [putting] greens."

Oklahoma is not as bad off as neighboring states, he reports. "Most of the farmers managed to harvest their wheat crops before the drought became too severe." However, the situation now looks serious. "Everything. . . is totally dry. Too dry to work the fields — too dry to even talk about planting next year's wheat crop yet. It's really taking its toll." Mr. Clauson states that relief is hoped for in the form of expected rains from hurricane Allen now in the Caribbean.

'Bone dry'

Carol Szymkowiak, wife of Joplin, Mo., pastor Vince Szymkowiak, echoes Mr. Clauson's comments: "The ground is just like concrete — everything is bone dry. Several Church members' gardens have been completely dried up." In a word, says Mrs. Szymkowiak, the situation can be described as simply "miserable. You can't get any relief!"

Church members in the area are surviving despite the extreme conditions, she says. "We had one case of heat exhaustion." Economic woes are looming over the horizon, as "the Missouri and Kansas corn crop is expected to be very poor this year."

Despite the extreme heat and drought, Church members manage to stay cheerful and positive there.

Israelis appreciate AC students at Jerusalem archaeological dig

A history professor and academic adviser at Ambassador College, Richard Paige accompanied the Ambassador student group to Israel this summer. He also served as a liaison under Deputy Chancellor Raymond F. McNair in coordinating and laying the groundwork for the effort. The 1980 Ambassador group was the first to participate in Israeli excavations since the summer of 1976. The following is taken from a question-and-answer session between Mr. Paige and WN features editor Michael Snyder.

How would you evaluate the accomplishments of your trip to Israel this summer?

I think this summer's program was very successful. The man in charge of the Dig, Professor Yigal Shiloh, never had any experience with Ambassador College students before. He was skeptical of the "rave reviews" previous Ambassador students received from personnel associated with the archaeological excavations in Jerusalem. He initially expressed in no uncertain terms that the students were going to have to prove themselves. But by the time we were ready to leave, he was pleased with the conduct and accomplishments of the students. It was also clear that the supervisors who directed the students had grown very fond of them. It was clear that the students weren't only going to be missed for their labor — they were going to be missed as people. And I think this was the No. 1 thing we wanted to accomplish — for the students to represent Mr. Herbert Armstrong and the college — in the best way possible. If you could characterize this as the "unspoken assignment," then the students came through on that part of the assignment beautifully. I personally was very gratified.

During your stay this summer, did you find people asking about Mr. Armstrong?

Yes. The university and government people in Israel who Mr. Armstrong has come in contact with appreciate him very deeply. He is not appreciated just as the head of a foundation, as there are many, many foundations working in Israel. He is appreciated as a person. For example, Professor Binyamin Mazar, a notable figure in Hebrew University, looks on Mr. Armstrong as a very deep, personal friend. He feels very close to Mr. Armstrong. A number of other people we've had contact with in past years, including [former Israeli consul general] Mr. Michael Ravid, feel very close to Mr. Armstrong. They don't know exactly what it is about Mr. Armstrong that makes him so appealing, but they cherish their relationship with him. The constant question: "When is Mr. Armstrong going to come back?" met us at nearly every turn. They simply want to be able to see their friend again. They expressed great disappointment that he has not visited them recently.

Did you see or detect any impact of Mr. Armstrong's lectures or the foundation's efforts?

Definitely. And you know, it comes from unexpected sources. I was at a testimonial dinner for Dr. Mazar given by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF) and a professor from the department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies at the University of Wisconsin. Professor Mazar was sitting next to me on one side and a former vice president of the University of Wisconsin on the other side. Professor Mazar raised the question,

"Who is a statesman in the world today?" When only one or two individuals could actually be named as true statesmen, Professor Mazar posed the question, "Why aren't there more of these men?" After some discussion, Professor Mazar said to the former vice president, who agreed with him, that the rea-



RICHARD PAIGE

son we don't have more statesmen is because people have turned inward, they are self-seeking. Instead of wanting to "give" they want to "get." And it was a tremendous thing to see that Dr. Mazar was focusing on the very thing that Mr. Armstrong speaks about.

Because of certain recent trends in Israel, people are attuned to Mr. Armstrong's message. The nation was built on the principles of give and sacrifice. The current young generation seems to be abandoning these principles and many Israelis view this with alarm. So when Mr. Armstrong talks about it, they are very interested.

Other than being afforded the opportunity to work in a foreign country on a professional archaeological excavation, what do you think the students gained?

Many, many things. For example, almost without exception, the students gained an appreciation for the geographical setting of the city of Jerusalem. This enables the students to understand why certain biblical events centered around Jerusalem happened as they did. I think they also have a better understanding of the geography of the Holy Land as a whole. Certain re-

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gions are mentioned so frequently in the Bible because of their geographical importance in wars, troop movements, strategic positions, etc. For example, Gezer, one of Solomon's fortresses, or Hazor, which was destroyed by Joshua. The students have a better understanding of why these places were so important strategically. When you're there, it's much easier to see why and how these places dominate a certain area — how they protect trade routes. It's virtually impossible to get this kind of understanding from books alone. It's something you have to get from seeing it with your own eyes.

Then there's the question of scale. I could teach somebody about Jerusalem — showing them maps and giving them statistics. How large is the City of David? It's impossible to get the feeling — to understand how really tiny the ancient city of David was — without seeing it.

These were only a few of the tangible benefits. It was such a memo-

orable experience that students often expressed their gratitude to Mr. Armstrong and the college for making it available to them.

Was there any benefit from being in an area disputed by both Jew and Arab?

Definitely. We had several guest speakers who came and discussed current events with the students. (The students worked at the excavation site from 6:30 a.m. to roughly 12:30 p.m. — then they had classes and lectures in the afternoon and evening.) We had an Israeli Arab who came to talk about the economic and social conditions of the Arabs living in Israel since 1948. He talked about the problems created by the intensive use of financial resources

The PLO generally picks on non-military objectives — particularly places where women and children can be hurt. Plus, many Israelis feel the PLO is very heavily orientated toward Moscow. The creation of a PLO-dominated state on the West Bank would immediately open the doors to a Soviet influence — they don't want that. The AC students were exposed to this — giving them a first-hand view of the situation.

What was your personal high point during the trip?

Really, I felt most gratified the night we had a thank-you party for the excavation staff and members of the kibbutz and saw the personal camaraderie and fondness between the Dig staff and the students. Also, being in Jerusalem is always very special. Jerusalem always has a unique atmosphere that you can't describe — part of it is the role that you know Jerusalem is going to play in the future; also there is a sense of history — of thousands of years of human drama that has been played

they never charged us for the extras. They just gave it to us gratis. Even for the extra food, help and trouble of the special thank-you party that marked the end of our involvement they charged us very little. This showed, I think, that they enjoyed having us. We were fully prepared to pay for these things — but they never charged us.

What were some of the humorous aspects of the trip?

Oh, there were several. One of the students is compiling a list you'll have to review. One thing I do remember was on the last day of the Dig. The students assembled to have their picture taken. They were all sitting up against one of the ancient walls in the excavation area. What they didn't see was, that while they were posing, their supervisors were climbing up behind them with buckets of water. You can guess what happened. Another was when Richard Thompson, pastor of the Dayton, Ohio, church, came to visit and tour with the group. He arrived

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to develop the Jewish sector of the economy in order to absorb the tremendous number of Jewish immigrants. This is a very delicate problem that the Israeli leaders must address as they seek to build a more equitable society.

Perhaps one of the most valuable lectures of all was one given by a young woman who came to discuss the role of religious groups in Israel. She talked about the history of cooperation between the predominantly secular government leaders and religious groups — including the orthodox Jews, who comprise roughly 20 percent of the Israeli population. In every government in the State of Israel, the cabinet has included members of this segment of the society. Accordingly, they wield a large amount of influence in education and social legislation that is disproportionate to their relative numbers. This led to a discussion about the future of the West Bank of the Jordan and the Jewish settlements. It was a moving experience to hear her lecture, because you could see she was speaking right from the heart. It was a very personal concern of hers — yet, I believe she was able to convey a generally accurate picture for the students of the popular Israeli opinion on the West Bank. That is, if peace would come — as difficult as it would be

out on its streets.

You mentioned a kibbutz. Is that where the students stayed?

They didn't actually stay on a kibbutz, which is an Israeli collective farm. They stayed in a kibbutz guest house. They had their own dining hall, etc.

Did this give them a better understanding of a foreign culture?

Yes, although I would say that their understanding came from many areas and places. They were brought into contact with the Arab culture as well as the Jewish one. I would say that the students have a much better understanding of how complex the problems in the Middle East are. They understand why no solution will come from any peace conference and why Jesus Christ must come with the solution.

Could you comment on the value of an experience like this?

I don't think you could put any kind of monetary value on this — the emotional and intellectual insights gained by an experience like this are priceless. This adds a new, added dimension to a person — to be able to live in a different culture — to see how others live, understand what they think, appreciate the values they have; it changes you. If you ask the students if they feel different as a result of traveling to Israel and being immersed in the culture — I think you'll find they do. Anyone traveling for any length of time abroad — living in a different culture — can experience this.

You spoke of the positive impression left on the members of the excavation staff. When Mr. Armstrong travels to Israel later this year, do you think he'll find any residue of the impression left by the students?

I'm sure he will. Even the people who already had positive impressions of the quality of Ambassador students were reminded how different Ambassador students are. They know that the extra quality that Ambassador gives to people is still there. I'm sure that when Mr. Armstrong is there that people who have had contact with the Ambassador students will bring this up. They're very interested in having us back. In fact, they wish we could send them more in the future. They did see something that was very different in our students.

How did the kibbutz staff feel about the students?

Well, they were very nice to us. For example, we asked for a few special things. We wanted our evening meal before the weekly Sabbath to be special — you know, cloth tablecloths and some wine — things like that. They provided us with all these things — several nice bottles of wine for the Sabbath and the like — but

while they were digging and I took him over to see Linda Swihart, a student from his congregation. Linda didn't know he was coming. He called her name and when she looked at him, there was this moment of comic disbelief, followed by a loud gasp — the shock of seeing your former pastor more than 4,000 miles from home was too much. Unknown to her, we arranged to have her picture taken at the precise moment she gasped in disbelief.

What was the high point for the students?

That's a tough one. I'd say for most of them it was the three-day Sinai trip. It gave them the opportunity to climb Mt. Sinai, where we held a Sabbath service on the top. I'm sure this added to their experience. The whole Sinai trip itself — the opportunity of snorkeling in beautiful tropical waters and seeing the exotic fish — I would guess that this was it. Being in Jerusalem, of course, was a high point, but for the single high point I'd have to say Sinai.

What were conditions like?

Dry, very dry. We camped there and I heard several students comment that they could understand why the Israelites murmured. You can't even begin to appreciate the meaning of the word *dry* until you've either been in the Sinai or some similar desert. You can also see why the Israelites were so concerned about finding water. They were faced with death — it was curtains if they didn't find a water supply. So they said: "Moses, you're responsible: Find us water."

What are the plans concerning Ambassador's involvement in archaeological excavations?

Well, the people in Israel want us to continue the project — as I said, they wish we could send more students. Mr. Armstrong and the administrative staff of the Church will, of course, make the decision at this end.

Our reputation is even spreading across the country independently — without our seeking it. The head of the Tell Dor excavation (on the Mediterranean coast) expressed his desire to see Ambassador College get involved in his excavation. This individual was most eager to see the same caliber of students working for him.

Do you plan to write on any of your experiences?

Yes. I'm working with both Dr. [Herman] Hoeh and Mr. [Dexter] Faulkner on articles for *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*. I hope that sharing some of my experiences and impressions will be positive and edifying for the Church.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

To commemorate its fifth anniversary, the ANNISTON, Ala., church served refreshments after services July 12. The next day, the Anniston and Gadsden, Ala., brethren endured temperatures of around 105 degrees and had a picnic. In the morning, members played tennis, volleyball, cards and other games. Before lunch a store was opened for members to select used clothing and household items. After the meal, pastor Bill Winner and Charles Stenmoe entertained on the mandolin and other instruments. In the afternoon, there was a tug-of-war and a race for the children, with

setting by Paula Powell, with Eileen Craven helping with table decorations. A volcano breathing smoke and fire was the center of attention. The meal was served by Carol Dute and her crew. Entertainment was directed by Anne Rolko. Master of ceremonies was Carl Craven. The end of the luau was in sight as Anne Rolko danced and acted out with her hands and fingers the Hawaiian "Farewell Song." *LaVerne Wittig.*

The DETROIT, Mich., EAST church celebrated its fifth anniversary with a picnic June 29. Barbecued chicken was the main course, with pastor Earl Williams using his own recipe for the barbecue sauce, which had everyone coming back for more. There were games for young and old including volleyball and baseball. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Forsythe won the balloon toss. *Grant Davie.*

DULUTH, Minn., members spent

accompanied by pianist Patty Dennis and flutist Judi Smith, the chorus, made up of 7- to 11-year olds, presented two selections. The following day the chorus presented its year-end concert at the Ambassador College Recital Hall. The concert featured classical and contemporary works, as well as selections from the musicals *Godspell*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Carousel*. Soloists were 11-year-old Chris Tabor, his 9-year-old brother Aaron and 9-year-old Marisol Obits. Instrumental accompanists were flutist Steve Brooks, guitarist John Breidenthal, bass guitarist Craig Albright and drummer Steve Branscum. *George Breidenthal.*

Arlen Bridges found a way to increase fellowship and decrease travel expenses for some members of the MACON, Ga., church. In a school bus he bought at an auction, Mr. Bridges transports 50 members to services each Sabbath on a 200-mile round trip. By sharing expenses each of the bus riders cuts his travel costs in half, with the bus doing the work of 10 cars. Mr. Bridges, a logger by trade, does all the repair work himself. Paul Worth and Lowell Graham also alternate driving. "Rising energy costs may see more of this kind of creative transportation in other church areas," states Mr. Bridges. *Philip J. Haynes.*

The annual MELBOURNE, Australia, church Concert of Fine Music took place in the Camberwell Civic Center June 8. This year's theme depicted a park scene in the Dame Nellie Melba (Australia's first international operatic star) era in the early 1900s. The audience was comprised of 396 members and 425 friends, relatives and *Plain Truth* subscribers. *Peter Christenson.*

A rousing sing-along highlighted activities of the annual summer picnic of the MIAMI, Fla., church at Robert King High Park June 29. Other activities included horseshoes, volleyball and foot racing for the small children. Brethren also enjoyed a delicious potluck meal. *Louetta S. Jones.*

The annual picnic of the MOULTREE, Ga., church took place at Reid Bingham State Park June 29. An enthusiastic group tackled a full day of volleyball, softball, nature trails and miniature golf. Rounding out the day was a meal of smoked chicken with all the trimmings. *Vera Goodemote.*

The MOULTREE, Ga., and TALLAHASSEE, Fla., congregations gathered at the home of Willard and Lucille McMillan for an old-fashioned square dance June 28. Caller Ray Collins kept things moving along, and the YOU

the Fourth of July weekend camping, fishing, swimming and soaking up the sun on a parcel of land owned by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lindquist. The Sabbath included a Bible study and services conducted by pastor Bill Gordon in a natural amphitheater on a hillside. The next morning a barbecue pit, built by Ray Beekma, was fired up, and while two 50-pound chunks of beef were cooking, the youngsters enjoyed games and contests organized by the YOU. *Carol Morken.*

Members of the DUNDEE, Scotland, church enjoyed their first picnic July 6. The day began with a walk around the wildlife center at Camperdown Park, viewing animals such as a brown bear and golden eagles. Following the meal, most people engaged in a game of rounders (similar to baseball) organized by minister Hamish Dougall. The energetic ones went on to play either badminton, swing ball or pitch and putt. *Alan Bolger.*

The 10th anniversary of the HAGERSTOWN, Md., church, the 288th in the United States, was observed with both spiritual and physical feasting June 28. The past decade has been marked by growth in the area, with the Cumberland, Md., and Winchester, Va., churches starting from the original church. Following afternoon services Terry Mattson, pastor of the expanded three-church circuit, cut the anniversary cake. Members reminisced while enjoying a wide selection of light refreshments. *Richard A. Kisel.*

The LAS VEGAS, Nev., church celebrated its 10th anniversary July 5. Ron Reedy, pastor of the Monterey, Calif., church, was guest speaker. He laid the foundation of the Las Vegas church, starting the first Bible study in 1968 with 12 people. Of that number, 10 adults were in attendance. Eddie Williams, one of the original members, received a plaque in recognition of 31 years of service by Bernie Schnippert, present pastor. A potluck meal was enjoyed after services. *Ken Tiffany.*

The LEXINGTON and MOREHEAD, Ky., churches had their annual combined picnic at Cave Run Lake June 29. Many came early to swim before enjoying volleyball, baseball, softball, horseshoes and children's games. Joyce May won the husband-calling contest. Some campers arrived a week before the picnic to fish, while others stayed for the weekend. *Gerry Russell.*

The LONG BEACH, Calif., Junior Chorus presented special music at the Ambassador Auditorium A.M. and the Imperial P.M. services in Pasadena July 12. Directed by George Breidenthal and



SONGS OF PRAISE — The Long Beach, Calif., church's Junior Chorus, directed by George Breidenthal, performs special music July 12 in the Ambassador Auditorium for Pasadena Auditorium A.M. Sabbath services. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Sheila Graham]

ing services as William Kessler and Joe Tkach gave the sermonette and sermon. The noon meal was a potluck. Afternoon services included sermonettes from Warren Heaton, Clovis Hill and Walter Stein. Pastor Arnold Clauson then narrated a slide presentation entitled "Oklahoma Days, Our First 20 Years, 1960-80." Closing remarks were given by Kenneth Swisher, one of the first ministers to conduct Bible studies in Oklahoma. Evening activities included a family social, a brief chorale concert and an anniversary cake. Oklahoma now has five churches with a combined attendance of more than 1,130. *Linda Mariano.*

Les and Elsie Tout were surprised by the PRETORIA, South Africa, church May 17 when pastor Gordon Terblanche congratulated them on their golden wedding anniversary and Karen Kuhn, a YOU member, presented them with a bouquet. After services they cut their cake and everyone enjoyed refreshments. The previous evening Mr. Tout revealed to a small group that he had known Mrs. Tout since she was a baby and had bounced her upon his knee. *John Clifford.*

To raise money for a Bible study program, the RICHMOND, Va., brethren had a rummage sale June 29. Planning and plenty of cold drinks helped to raise \$625 in sweltering 100-degree heat. The sale raised enough money for the Bible studies, as well as extra funds for other programs. *Chip Brockmeier.*

Members of the ROCKHAMPTON, Australia, church tried their hands at tenpin bowling after services July 5. Most were first-timers to the game, so there were many humorous incidents. However, by the second game most had

headed by Gene Sharp, Dwayne Ray and John Kehn, researched their subjects and gave reports to the church at Sabbath services, which took place on the banks of Soldier Creek. The following day members visited the museum, took jeep rides to the Buttes, rode the authentic horse-powered steeplechase and took horseback rides. *Doug Johannsen.*

About 215 brethren of the WHEELING, W. Va., church enjoyed a picnic at Oglebay Park July 6. After softball and a midday meal, games for various age groups were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hough, Mr. and Mrs. "Buzz" Messery, Bill Lewies, Bob Carter and Ed Kober. The ladies then played a softball game. *Don Pickenpaugh.*

Two ministers recently assigned to the WICHITA, Kan., area were just in time for the annual picnic June 29. Judd Kirk, Tom Tullis and their families, as well as 260 others, gathered at Camp Hyde to eat, play, swim, ride horses and canoe. New friendships were made and old ones rekindled. *Jack Williams.*



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY — Pastor Terry Mattson cuts the 10th anniversary cake of the Hagerstown, Md., church as original members (from left) Wilmer Thompson, Ralph Gehr and Don Cox look on. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Richard Kisel]

puzzles and candy as prizes. *Verna Tiny Johnson.*

The ASHEVILLE, N.C., church sponsored a four-day camp-out over the Fourth of July weekend. Members from several churches gathered for a weekend filled with sing-alongs, cookouts, softball and swimming. Minister Stan Deveaux spoke at Sabbath services. Saturday evening Ben Anders gave a bluegrass concert on his fiddle and then accompanied Linda McCall, and her daughter Teresa, playing their guitars, for a sing-along around the camp fire. *Steve Tershansy.*

A surprise farewell party was given by the BROOKLYN-QUEENS, N.Y., chorale July 6 for their director Robert Vitale and Kim Meyerdiereks, who plan to attend Ambassador College this fall. Nertha Gaal and Deatra Smith organized a wine and cheese party at the home of Peter Lagares. A pen and pencil set was presented to Mr. Vitale by ministers Edward Faulk and Leslie Schmedes. Various presentations during the evening included a performance of "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord," a poem composed by Robert Treadway and read to Miss Meyerdiereks, and Mr. Treadway's performance of his own composition "If Ya Gotta Go, Ya Gotta Go." *Deatra L. Smith.*

About 1,100 brethren from the Appalachia area converged on CHARLESTON, W. Va., to commemorate the church's 15th anniversary June 28. Twenty-nine original members were present and received scrolls of appreciation for their longtime dedication. The ministers who have served in the area: Roy Holladay, Nelson Haas, Jim Peoples and Steve Botha, were present, as well as guest evangelist Herman Hoech. The next day a combined Charleston and Parkersburg, W. Va., church picnic and ox roast took place. Children's games included wheelbarrow races and a water-balloo toss. In the YOU activities Kirk Degler cleared 20 inches in the limbo dance. The single men judged desserts made by the single women, with first place going to Wainita Bowman, second to Becky Auville and third to Sara Porter. Marty Harper was judged the best corn bread maker. Softball, volleyball and horseshoes filled the afternoon activities. In the evening the center attraction was the dunk tank. *Ira Barnett.*

Some 200 brethren of the CLEVELAND, Ohio, WEST church enjoyed a Hawaiian luau June 29, which was directed by Mr. and Mrs. John Rolko. Gargus Hall was turned into a Hawaiian



CHURCH CONCERT — A park scene of the early 1900s is the setting for the Melbourne, Australia, church Concert of Fine Music June 8. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Helen Edgington]

served refreshments. After the dancing, a couple of guitars provided some picking and grinning. *Vera Goodemote.*

The first summer picnic for the NASHVILLE, Tenn., brethren took place at Henry Horton State Park June 22. Bill Vernich planned a variety of activities, including sack races, a water-balloo toss, bingo and softball. The highlight of the day was the shaving contest. Everyone joined in the laughter as blindfolded wives raced to see who could shave their husbands first. Canoeing, swimming, tennis and other activities were also available. *Mary Hutcheson.*

More than 800 brethren gathered in OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 21 to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of God's Church in Oklahoma. Guest speakers from Pasadena highlighted the morn-

ing improved, with the men winning overall by about 100 pins. Some tried their hand at Space Invaders, with pastor Bruce Dean coming in second. *Helen Konstantinidis.*

The ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., church had a picnic July 6. Young and old participated in the activities of the day. The older children were awarded ribbons for their endeavors, while the younger set received gifts. *Reg Chaytor.*

An outing by the SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb., church took place at Ft. Robinson State Park during the weekend of July 12. The 40 attending were accommodated in the old officers' quarters and barracks that have been converted to tourist rooms. Friday evening minister Chuck Zimmerman assigned Bible study topics to three teams. The teams,

CLUB MEETINGS

The setting for the final meeting of the ATLANTA, Ga., Graduate Club this season was the Steak and Ale Restaurant July 6. Club members, their wives and guests enjoyed cocktails and dinner while a cheerful and humorous atmosphere permeated the group. Pastor J. Harold Lester, club director, was chairman. Jerry Chessler, the first speaker, touched on the beneficial aspects of club, mainly leadership. The second speaker was Thom Hollis who spoke on organizing life to eliminate chances of failure. Finally, Charles Brooks gave an impromptu entitled "Do I Know You?" Table topics was presented by Earl Laughlin. Mr. Lester was presented with an American Tourister attache case as a token of appreciation for his dedication and directorship. *Rosemarie Kelly.*

BELLE VERNON, Pa., and CLARKSBURG, W. Va., women met for their third Women's Club meeting June 29. The theme was home management. Pastor David Johnson opened the meeting, followed by table topics by Betty Richards. Speeches were given by Betty Estle on six ways to manage time, Hazel Miller on being an efficient homemaker and Mary Ash on storing things in their proper places. Joyce Sethman gave an ice-breaker. Mr. Johnson evaluated the meeting and stressed that being diligent is a tool, not a goal. *Deborah Lamm.*

A fun-filled end-of-the-year family outing for the members and families of the CHICAGO, Ill., NORTHWEST Women's Club took place June 29. The setting was a beach on Lake Zurich, with volleyball, swimming and boating available. The club provided grilled hamburgers, with the rest of the meal being provided by potluck dishes. *Susan Frederick.*

The GLENDDORA, Calif., Women's Club sponsored a luncheon for the young at heart in their congregation June 29. A potluck lunch, prepared and served by club members, was followed by a lively game of bingo, led by pastor Carn Catherwood. The theme of the club is service, and the luncheon was just one of several service projects the club has undertaken this year. *Laura Peabody.*

The JACKSON, Miss., Spokesman Club played host to a dinner-dance at the Cedars of Lebanon Lodge June 28. The occasion wrapped up club for the summer and served as a going-away party for the brethren in the Greenwood, Miss.,

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area who began attending the new church there July 5. Minister Robert Peoples pastors both churches. *Ann Quarles.*

The JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, "C" Spokesman Club met for its first formal Ladies' Night of the year June 22. The club kicked off with topics led by Jimmy Fleetwood, vice president. The guest speaker for the evening was Ian T. Webber, one of South Africa's leading marriage counselors, who spoke on the different roles of a husband and wife. Following his talk, a four-course meal was served, during which the club had an informal question-and-answer session with Mr. Webber. Then was the speaking portion. Lex Morgan spoke on the consequences of not heeding a warning; Brian Klynwort spoke on the pleasures and dangers of fire; and Duncan Muri-son spoke on our role in the world tomorrow. Club director Andre van Belkum gave an overall evaluation. *Patrick Stapleton.*

In a setting of pine trees strung with Japanese lanterns, the MEMPHIS, Tenn., Ladies' Club, Southern Homemakers Extension (SHE) Club, gathered for the final meeting of the season June 1. Members and guests feasted on barbecued ribs, chicken breast Tahiti and fruited cabbage, as their toes tapped to the music of electric guitars. *Ruby Gober.*

A 14th-century barn was the setting for the final ST. ALBANS, England, Spokesman Club Ladies' Night June 23. Following a three-course meal, a topics session was conducted by Michael Barlow, and after a short interval, a speech session was presented. Speaking on the medicinal value of wine, Brian Smith was awarded the Most Effective Speaker cup. The Most Improved Speaker cup went to Roger Parker, who extolled the virtues of the countryside. The overall evaluation was given by director Paul Suckling, who awarded Lewis McCann a graduation certificate and made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson, who were recently married. The evening concluded with dancing to music provided by David Jardine. *Phil Lewis.*

The ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Women's Club, for the women in the Bradenton-Sarasota, Fla., area, met for a plant and recipe exchange program July 15. Each member received a free booklet entitled *Care of Plants in the Home*, with Jackie Duray giving a synopsis of each topic covered. Meeting at the home of Ethel and Becky Hutchins with minister Robert Jones, the 15 members decided on the following: Manasota Women of Tomorrow as club name; Recapture True Womanhood as club motto; and Ladies Offering Virtuous Encouragement as purpose. President Sharon Campbell announced the dates, subjects and meeting places through January. As a fund raiser the club decided to publish a cookbook of favorite recipes, under the direction of Janice Walworth and Becky Hutchins. *Hazel Worch.*

A mother-daughter international night was sponsored by the ROCHESTER, N.Y., Women's Club at the home of Mrs. David Pack, wife of the church pastor, June 25. Many dressed in costumes of other nations as about 85 attended the event. Guests sampled

more than 30 specialties representing nationalities, localities and traditional family favorites. Among the dishes tasted were scramble tofu (Japanese), Slovak poppyseed and noodles, egg rolls (Vietnamese style), poor-man's pierogi (Polish) and Afghanistan givetch. *Marilynn Denny.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Twenty BRISBANE, Australia, seniors and friends traveled by car and minibus to Scarborough to attend a meeting, barbecue and monthly get-together. Beachcombers included Bertha Judd, who can now boast of paddling in the sea at Scarborough, England, and Scarborough, Australia. *Olwin Waterman.*

The HARRISBURG, Pa., Jubilee Club, a group of active senior members, enjoyed a chicken barbecue at the base of the Blue Mountains June 29. The YOU joined them for a get-acquainted day of fellowship, food and games, with about 75 present. *Anna Hurley.*

SINGLES SCENE

Twelve members of the New England Singles from the CONCORD, N.H., BOSTON, Mass., and PROVIDENCE, R.I., churches got together for weekend activities June 21 and 22. After attending services in Boston, the group went to the home of a member in Cape Cod to



CLEANING CREW — The Syracuse, N.Y., YOU pause during the cleaning of a hillside cemetery June 5. (See "Youth Activities," page 11.)

spend the evening dining and fellowshiping. A few of the more active members went dancing. The next day the singles went to Martha's Vineyard to see some historic sights. After docking at the island, they split into two groups: One toured the island on bikes, while the other went by bus. *James Lewis.*

Singles from DETROIT, Mich., EAST, WEST and other area churches got together for a Fourth of July camp-out in Gaylord, Mich., featuring sight-seeing, canoeing and some sunbathing. *Sandy Pensyl.*



OUTDOOR SERVICES — Minister Chuck Zimmerman conducts services during the Scottsbluff, Neb., church outing at Ft. Robinson, Neb., July 12. (See "Church Activities," page 8.) (Photo by Doug Johannsen)

The third annual singles get-together took place in MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 4-6. Under the organization of Jim Hargarten, about 130 singles from seven states and Canada participated in the activities. A picnic at the Minnesota Zoological Garden took place Friday. In the evening a Bible study was conducted by minister John Moskel. The group enjoyed dancing to a live band Saturday night. The next day was jam-packed with sailing, canoeing, volleyball, Frisbee throwing and sunbathing. *James R. Steinhilber.*

The NASHVILLE, Tenn., Singles Club had its first meeting at the home of Jane Wright June 28. Fun and fellowship were the order for the evening as 45

singles, first place: Heather Hubbel, second; and Sharon Brown, third. Senior division: Terri Conti, first place; Dave Mitchell, second; and Brian Mickens, third. *Hal Halvorsen.*

Thirty youngsters and six parents enjoyed the second annual ATLANTA, Ga., Youth Choir picnic at Grant Park July 13. No one seemed to mind that the thermometer registered 104 degrees. Hot dogs and hamburgers were prepared over the charcoal grill, with cakes, cookies and cold drinks also available. After lunch and swimming, a few parents took the youngsters to the zoo. To their surprise, they saw a plaque showing the Atlanta congregation as the sponsor of a crane. *Carolyn Calhoun.*

On the July 4th weekend the BELLE VERNON, Pa., YOU and parents had a camp-out at Pioneer Park in the Appalachian Mountains. Among the activities were miniature golf, paddle boats, square dancing, baseball, touch football, swimming, pinball and billiards. On Friday night a Bible study took place and officers for the upcoming year were announced: Barry Stahl, president; Bob Smithburger, vice president; Lenise Stimel, secretary; and Steve McCann, treasurer. *Barry Stahl.*

The BONN, West Germany, YOU played host to a singles dance along with singles from Holland, Belgium and elsewhere in West Germany July 12. On the Sabbath national YOU coordinator Wolfgang Thomsen conducted a Bible study, covering such themes as "How to Improve Your Interpersonal Relationships" and "Personality Development." The guests then enjoyed a walk around Bonn, and in the evening the summer-night dance started. The balloon dance was a great success and also the Cinderella Dance, where the men had to find

the girls whose shoes they snatched from a pile of shoes. A special musical treat was provided by Jeroen van Lerberghe. After a short night's sleep, the group had breakfast before parting. *Christine Joosten.*

Twenty CALGARY, Alta., NORTH YOU members performed a community service project July 3. Vice president Gary Stedman arranged for the teenagers to escort 18 senior citizens from the Bethany Care Centre to a picnic lunch and tour of the Calgary Zoo. For some of the elderly it was their first outing this summer. Wheelchairs, lunches and transportation were provided and planned the entire activity. Carole Hilbrandt, Glenda Raessler and Shirley Stedman, parents of some of the teenagers, were chaperons. *Neil Earle.*

The CHICAGO, Ill., SOUTHSIDE YOU had its annual dinner-dance to honor elementary and high school graduates at the Chateau B'usche July 6. After a family-style dinner, the graduates were presented with gifts. The remainder of the evening was filled with dancing and fellowshiping. Music was provided by disc jockey Elvis Glenn Harrell. The graduates honored were Cindy Brown, Angel Chapman, Alisa Hayes, Kim Molden, Angie Sampson, Veldinia Carr, Melvin Morris, Juanita Martin, Lisa Williamson, Sharon Austell and Ernie Horton. *Barbara Williamson.*

Twenty-three enthusiastic preteens from the COURTENAY and VICTORIA, B.C., churches participated in a camp-out on Vancouver Island July 9-11. The youngsters, aged 6 to 11, enjoyed barbecued food, lots of exercise and several swims in the ocean. Many new friendships were made. The young-
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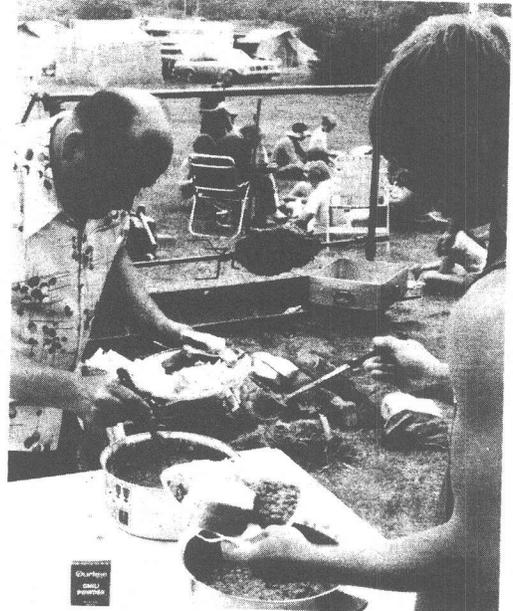
The LAS VEGAS, Nev., YOU traveled to Pasadena, Calif., for the Southwest Regional Track and Field Meet June 22. The participants included Ronald Dawson, Robert Sanders, Eric Lindsay, Toni Lee, Pam Phillips, Rhonda O'Neil and Mike Weaver. Ronald jumped 4 feet 11 inches to take first place in the high jump. Robert took third place in the 100-yard dash and was on the 440-yard relay team, which took third place. Eric was fourth in the shot put and second in the 220- and 880-yard dashes. Toni took first place in the shot put with a heave of 28 feet 5 1/4 inches. *Mike Weaver.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The 1980 Northeast Regional Talent Competition took place in ALBANY, N.Y., June 7. Judges included representatives from Potsdam College, Ithaca College and the director of music from Albany's Shaker High School. Winners in the junior division were: Lorri Swan-



SUMMER NIGHT DANCE — Singles from West Germany, Holland and Belgium enjoy a balloon dance in Bonn, West Germany, July 12. (See "Youth Activities," this page.) (Photo by Wolfgang Thomsen)



FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND — Robert Sturkol (left) and Bill Wells Jr. sample roast beef of baron during the Duluth, Minn., Fourth of July camp-out. (See "Church Activities," page 8.) (Photo by Bill Kielczewski)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AKPATA, Thompson and Lillie (Parker), of Edmond, Ala., girl, Grace Ayodele, July 20, 4:03 a.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

ALLEN, Dan and Pamela (Fox), of Winniepec, Man., girl, Alexandra Emma Leigh, June 14, 5:18 p.m., 9 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, first child.

BOHONIK, Toli and Candy (Hamilton), of Duarte, Calif., boy, Michael Zachary, June 28, 4:37 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

BROWNING, Robert and Linda (Larkins), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Glenn Douglas, June 27, 6:55 a.m., 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

FORD, Mike and Carol (Rittenbaugh), of Montgomery, Ala., girl, Kelly Renee, July 11, 5:50 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

HENDRICKS, Paul and Angie (Milliner), of Nashville, Tenn., girl, Rachel Danielle, July 9, 2:02 p.m., 9 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 1 girl.

HENNING, Erwin and Sandra (Zellers), of Lacombe, Ind., girl, Dolly Quintina, July 19, 2:18 a.m., 5 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

HOLMAN, Bruce and Colleen (Helton), of Malvern, Ark., girl, Rebekah Colleen, June 28, 8:19 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

KERBY, Lyle and Kathy (Keller), of Parkersburg, W. Va., boy, Christopher Lyle, July 1, 8:58 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KUBIK, Oleh and Diane (Mallory), of St. Paul, Minn., boy, Nathan Oleh, July 8, 6:14 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LAMAN, Glen and Toni, of Atlanta, Ga., boy, Brian Andrew, July 18, 9:10 a.m., 9 pounds, now 1 girl.

LANG, Larry and Nancy (Graves), of Kent, Wash., girl, Carrie Ann, June 11, 5:56 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

LANGLEY, Ford and Carole (Dieter), of Lufkin, Tex., girl, Deborah Michelle, May 27, 7:49 a.m., 9 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

MERRIMAN, Kirt and Judy (Youmans), of Pasadena, Calif., girl, Tiffany Michelle, July 4, 9:46 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

MYERS, Robert and Anita (Bare), of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Amy Kristine, March 10, 1:45 p.m., 4 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

RENFRO, Dean and Freida, of Kingsport, Tenn., girl, Lashley Alison, July 6, 6:11 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SANCHEZ, Rafael and Carolyn (Page), of Pasadena, Calif., girl, April McKenzie, July 19, 1:49 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

SMITH, Gary M. and Elizabeth (Ena), of Peoria, Ill., girl, Erin Elizabeth, July 9, 8:30 a.m., 7 pounds, first child.

STAINTHORP, Mark and Lealey (White), of Fresno, Calif., boy, Jeremy Warren Fulton, July 12, 7:01 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

STRUNK, Gary and Sandra (Bressler), of Whitley City, Ky., girl, Kristy Lee, June 16, 3:48 p.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

YOUNG, David and Helen (Marshall), of Edenhope, Australia, boy, John David, July 16, 9:11 a.m., 9 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Gallagher of Spokane, Wash., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Julie Ann, to W. Gary Roberto, son of Pattie Roberto of Pasadena. The wedding is planned for Nov. 9 in Pasadena.

O. J. "Jack" Lawrence and Mary Francis Holt of the Florence, Ala., church are pleased to announce their engagement. An August wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS

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MR. AND MRS. T. WILLHOITE

Mr. and Mrs. Julian R. Palacios of Torrance, Calif., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Linda Gaye to Terry W. Willhoite. The ceremony was officiated by Dean Blackwell in Pasadena June 29. Patti Palacios was maid of honor and Mike Hale was best man. The couple now reside in Pasadena.

MR. AND MRS. PHILLIP RICE

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MR. AND MRS. J. TKACH JR.

Tamara Lynn Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Hall of Littleton, Colo., and Joseph William Tkach Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tkach of Pasadena, were united in marriage June 15 at the home of the bride's parents. Ronald Kelly, pastor of the Denver, Colo., church, officiated. Teresa Carson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and Jack Keseler was best man. The couple now reside at 14035 N. 43rd Dr., Glendale, Ariz., 85306.



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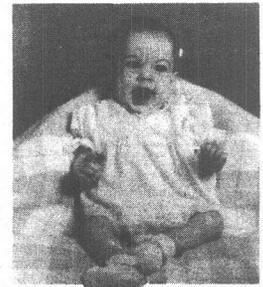
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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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Our coupon baby this issue is Sara Beth Webb, daughter of Robert and Dorothy Webb of Evanville, Ind.

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DALLAS, Ore. — Della Barrett, 90, a member of the Church since 1952, died June 16 at her home. David Mills, pastor of the Salem and Albany, Ore., churches, conducted funeral services.

Mrs. Barrett was able to attend Sabbath services until a day and a half before her death. She is survived by two sons and one niece.

FLORENCE, Ala. — Melvin B. McCaleb, 69, a member of God's Church since 1962, died July 18 from cancer.

Mr. McCaleb is survived by his wife Estelle, three sons and one daughter.

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Sonja Irene Prevet, 57, a member of God's Church since 1951, died July 10 after a long bout with cancer. Graveside services were conducted by Bob League, pastor of the Greensboro Church.

Mrs. Prevet, a native of Berlin, Germany, is survived by her husband, Douglas, a son, Douglas Michael; one daughter, Mary Ann; and two grandchildren.

JACKSON, Miss. — John Peavey, an octogenarian and a longtime member of God's Church, died July 8 after an extended illness.

PASADENA, Calif. — Jennifer

Marie Juarez, five months old, died June 26 of viral pneumonia and other complications. Carlton Green, a minister in the Auditorium P.M. church, conducted graveside services.

Jennifer is survived by her parents, Vernon and Debbie; her sister, Karissa; her grandparents, Tim and MaryAnn Hazelip; and her aunts and uncle, all of Pasadena.

SEATTLE, Wash. — Ethel M. West, 73, a member of God's Church since 1961, died June 4 after a brief illness.

Harry Sluder, pastor of the Everett, Wash., church, conducted graveside services. A reception in Mrs. West's honor, attended by numerous friends of all ages, took place after the services.

Mrs. West is survived by her daughter Jo Anderson, two sons, two stepsons, two stepdaughters, two brothers, two sisters and a number of grandchildren.

SPRINGWATER, Ore. — Duane E. Wraye, 48, died of a heart attack Jan. 31. J. Richard Parker, former pastor of the Salem and Albany, Ore., churches, conducted funeral services.

Baptized in April, 1967, Mr. Wraye spent most of his life in logging, farming and contracting. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Peggy Bromfield and Gretchen Lowe. *Margie Storm.*

A MOUNT POCONO, Pa. YES picnic took place at the home of Kurt and Marlis Felten July 4. Mary Ann Durkin planned games and races, with prizes for first- and second-place winners. As the temperature soared, swimming became the popular activity. Fred Rosenkrans didn't lack for riders when he pulled a small hay wagon with a tractor. Appetites were satisfied with hot dogs, burgers, salads and cold watermelon. Bob and June Green provided cupcakes decorated with dolls for the girls and sailboats for the boys. *Margie Storm.*

THE NORFOLK AND RICHMOND, Va. YOU went on an outing to Kings Dominion Amusement Park June 26-27. The trip was organized by Jack Demergian, the Norfolk YOU coordinator. Everyone enjoyed the rides, the shows and a full day of fun, expressing their thanks to the Richmond brethren for sharing their homes on the night of the 26th. *Renette Wicker and Chip Brockmeier.*

Members and families of the **PORTLAND, Ore., NORTH YOU** went mountain climbing June 29. In the morning the group ascended to the top of Beacon Rock, a 1,000-foot chunk of rock in the middle of the Columbia River Gorge. After descending and enjoying a lunch of hamburgers, chicken and potato chips, the group started up Hamilton Mountain. About halfway up the four-mile climb, they stopped at a large waterfall, rested and waded in the pools of cool water. Continuing, they reached the top and enjoyed the view. *Anthony Willbanks.*

THE ROANOKE, Va. YOU had a fund-raising project July 6. Members went from door to door asking for news- (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 11)

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siers expressed their thanks to pastor Bill Raboy for organizing the event. *Gwen Sparkes.*

THE DES MOINES, Iowa. YOU conducted its annual civic project June 29. The purpose was to beautify city parks in Carlisle, Iowa. The YOU members canvassed two city parks, picking up trash and small limbs. Next, the members painted four shelters and two sets of teter-totters. After the work, everyone had a fine lunch and ended the day at a nearby water slide. *Tom Clark.*

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CHURCH NEWS

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papers, pop bottles and aluminum cans. Later in the month the YOU will have a flea market to sell the collected items. *Julia Lanum.*

The **ROANOKE**, Va., YOU participated in a community service project July 13 when they cleaned up the New River Cave. The teens were accompanied by several parents and YOU coordinators and led by experienced guides from the Virginia Tech Caving Club. They divided into three groups, one of which managed to reach the underground waterfall. Each group picked up several bags of litter. *Julia Lanum and McKinley S. Orr.*

The **ROCHESTER**, N.Y., YOU has been involved in several activities recently. In sports, Districts 11, 12 and 13 had track regionals in Albany, N.Y., June 8, with District 13 winning first place by two points and District 12 second. Biregionals for the Northeast and Allegheny regions took place at Pennsylvania State University June 22. The Allegheny region took first place.

A yard party for the **ROCHESTER** and **SYRACUSE**, N.Y., churches was given by minister David Puck June 29. Volleyball, badminton and other lawn games were enjoyed at the Pucks' new house. The members then assembled for a meeting to discuss future activities. A housewarming plaque was presented to the Pucks by the Rochester teens.

The second annual camp-out was in a local park June 29-July 2. Because of damaged tents, the youths slept in an abandoned Boy Scout building. A botanist showed the group edible and non-edible plants. They also were taught survival methods. The nights were spent around a camp fire with popcorn, marshmallows and conversation. *Mary Gnage.*

A group of 26 **ST. PAUL**, Minn., and **DES MOINES**, Iowa, teens took a 10-day trip to Colorado, leaving June 26. After Sabbath services in Denver they toured the National History Museum. They also hiked around Arches National Park in Utah and the Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. Other activities included dining at the famous Casa Bonita Restaurant, sledding down the Breckenridge Alpine Slide, rafting down the Crystal and Roaring Fork rivers, swimming at Glenwood Hot Springs of Colorado and shopping at Estes Park in Colorado. *Jane Ramberg.*

The **SYRACUSE**, N.Y., YOU cleaned up the Oakwood Cemetery June 5. The 19 teenagers and 14 adults cut down trees, pulled weeds and mowed grass. Several truckloads of debris were hauled away before the group was fin-

ished. *Christine McMorris.*

The account of the Exodus was brought to life by the **TWIN FALLS**, Idaho, YES participants June 26, under the direction of Danell Wolf and Sally

Dayley. The three-act play opened to the music of the song "Exodus." The audience was then led through the 10 plagues, with the Egyptians being bombarded with ceramic frogs, Styrofoam hail, paper lice and locusts and finally death to their firstborn. The sound effects of thunder, wind, swarms of insects and rain added to the mood of the play. The closing scene showed the triumphant Israelites leading their cardboard

sheep and cattle out of the land of Egypt. The play was written by Moses, produced by Danell Wolf and narrated by Joel King. The cast of characters included Ranell Dayley, Moses; Christine Baucuum, Aaron; Clint Wolf, pharaoh; Catherine Baucuum, the queen; Ryan Dayley and Eddie Harness, guards; and Brandy Schreiber and Mandy King as the Israelites. *Betty King.*
The **VISALIA**, Calif., YES had an

exciting afternoon of activities July 6. About 80 children, parents and guests traveled to the MacCracken Swimming Pool and Recreation area in Woodlake, Calif. After swimming, the group enjoyed breaking a pinata filled with goodies and trinkets. The red, white and blue pinata was made by Carol Garcia and her daughters, Robin and Kristy. Mr. and Mrs. Greg Guy coordinated the activities for the day. *Sharyl Justice.*

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Now I tell you—and the nation—what really happened on those arduous trips.

You should have ascertained the true facts before you filed the massive civil lawsuit against the LIVING GOD and His Church—instead of accepting at face value the allegations of ex-members.

In Japan I spoke to several public audiences. The Japanese government conferred on me the highest decoration ever given a nonofficial alien. At His Imperial Majesty's invitation I enjoyed a 35-minute private audience with Emperor Hirohito. Only His Majesty, his interpreter, the United States ambassador and myself were present together. Ten ranking members of the Imperial Japanese Diet call themselves my "Japanese sons." I am highly respected and loved in Japan and many other countries.

In Japan I have spoken on many occasions both to public audiences and at banquets attended by royalty and officials high in government.

Let me tell you what I said to these public audiences and these important gatherings. I give you here one example as a gist of all such speeches:

I said: "You are a generation destined to live in two worlds—the present evil world of man, and the soon-coming PEACEFUL world of GOD! The very first created man—ancestor of all races—was created in the image of GOD. He was made to have a personal relationship with the Creator—to be ultimately born into the very divine immortal Family of the living GOD! But he rejected God as his Maker, Ruler, Revealer of basic knowledge and Giver of eternal life! He cut off, from GOD, himself and the world that should spring from him!"

"But that God of love, mercy and forgiveness now proclaims the GOOD NEWS (Gospel) that we may be reconciled to our Creator by the death of His Son Jesus Christ—that we may yet receive that blessed SONSHIP and be BORN AGAIN INTO THE VERY KINGDOM OF GOD!"

My speeches before public audiences were 40 to 60 minutes in length—20 to 30 minutes at important banquets or such luncheons as Rotary Clubs, Lion's Clubs and others. But the above summarizes a gist.

A NEW NATION was in process of being formed in South-West Africa. Representatives of 11 population groups had been in session since September, 1975, in a constitutional convention at Turnhalle. They were drafting a constitution, forming an interim government and working to achieve independence by Dec. 31, 1978.

I was invited to visit South-West Africa and address that convention on the subject of forming a constitution for a NEW NATION! I addressed them on Monday night, March 14, 1977. Here is a brief summary of my address to this convention of nation founders:

"Immediately after the creation of the first human, God the Creator revealed to him the GOVERNMENT OF GOD and its WAY OF LIFE. The basic constitution of that GOVERNMENT OF GOD was the way of 'GIVE'—meaning outflowing love and concern for the welfare of others—as opposed to the way of 'GET'—that of self-centeredness, envy, jealousy, competition, strife and violence.

But that first man, Adam, rejected the GOVERNMENT OF GOD and its basic constitutional Law of LOVE. Ever since, mankind has formed man's own governments and a society based on the self-centered way. And man has produced a world full of evils, unsolvable problems, human injustices and agonies.

"And that," I said to these constitution founders, "is the world in which you gentlemen are laboring here to form a NEW GOVERNMENT."

I urged them to do a better job—to form a constitution patterned as much as was for them possible on the principles of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD! I mentioned how the governments of man are now toppling about one a month!

On Saturday night, Aug. 6, 1977, I addressed a large public audience in Monrovia, Liberia, Africa. There I told people of that country of the Message GOD sent mankind by Jesus Christ—a Message suppressed, unpreached to the world since mid-first century! I traced the course of this present troubled world, filled with human suffering. I announced the GOOD NEWS (Gospel) of the soon-coming KINGDOM OF GOD! The living

Christ will soon intervene—will establish His GOVERNMENT over all nations of the earth. He will teach all peoples GOD'S way and bring WORLD PEACE, HAPPINESS and eternal salvation to all! And THAT was proclaiming to them the true Gospel!

Early last December I was the invited guest of the Communist People's Republic of China—the first and only, so far as I know, leader from Christianity to be invited by that government. I and my party were royally treated by heads of that largest nation on earth!

I had a private one-hour conference with Vice Chairman Tan Zhen-lin, one of the two vice chairmen, and a close associate in the revolution with the late Mao Zedong and Zhou Enlai. I had private conferences with both the president and vice president of Education in China—where the government is responsible for the teachings and beliefs of the whole people.

For nearly 40 minutes I spoke to an assemblage of 400 leading citizens and officials of the government. I spoke another 40 minutes to the diplomatic corps—with ambassadors representing 76 other nations present.

To them I delivered the same message—the evils suffered in this present world—emphasizing that all evils have been caused by living the way of "GET" instead of "GIVE." I spoke of man's efforts through time to form new and better human GOVERNMENTS—but the present world is in such trouble that it would seem the ONLY HOPE of HUMAN SURVIVAL lies now in the very imminent sudden intervention of an unseen "Strong Hand from Somewhere." And I announced to them the GOOD NEWS (Gospel) that such a new world will come in our time!

In the Philippines I spoke on successive nights, in the Coliseum, in Manila, to public audiences of 11,000, 12,000 and 14,000, with the personal good wishes of President Ferdinand E. Marcos, and the presence of his mother on the platform. I have spoken to large audiences all over Europe, Asia, Africa, and to leaders in Central and South America. Also large audiences in Australia.

Of necessity I was accompanied by my necessary staff and crew of assistants. The total appropriation for these Gospel-proclaiming tours was the very smallest on the annual budget of the Worldwide Church of God—under \$1 million per year!

AND THAT IS WHAT YOU HAVE TWISTED, Mr. Attorney General, on testimony of ex-members, to mean that I was siphoning off millions of dollars every year to my private personal account! The people have a right to know the PLAIN TRUTH about politically motivated false allegations emblazoned by the public media nationally.

Herbert W. Armstrong

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Pastor General
Worldwide Church of God

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CONTINUING SERIES — The above advertisement by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong appeared or is scheduled to appear in several California newspapers, including the Los Angeles Times, the Sacramento Bee, the San Diego Tribune, the Santa Ana Register, the Anaheim Bulletin and the La Habra-Brea Star-Progress.

India

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Mr. Armstrong paid three visits to India and met the president and prime minister. During those visits he held Bible studies in Bombay.

In 1977 I was ordained local elder by Frank Brown, director of the Work in Britain and Europe.

The following year Dean Wilson, former director of the Work in Australia and Asia, asked us to get the Church registered in India. A retired judge was appointed to assist in the registration process in accordance with the Memorandum of Association and Rules of Bricket Wood, to suit Indian law.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hunting took part in a campaign for all *Plain Truth* subscribers in Bombay, and this helped to add more members to the Church.

I visited many areas in India on baptismal tours, especially Manipur and Mizoram (Eastern States) where Western ministers are not allowed.

Until now *The Plain Truth* was printed and mailed from Singapore, but from now on it will be shipped in bulk to India and mailed from here with local funds.

Plain Truth introduction cards will be sent to our members to be given to their friends. This will enable us to have a selected group of readers rather than the masses who requested when the ads appeared in *Reader's Digest*.

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

PASADENA — *Plain Truth* news editor Gene Hogberg returned here Aug. 8 after a three-week, five-nation tour in Latin America. Mr. Hogberg was accompanied by *La Pura Verdad* [Spanish *Plain Truth*] publicity director Keith Speaks. Mr. Speaks placed advertisements in major newspapers and tabloids at Spanish regional director Leon Walker's request and worked to start a newsstand program in some of the countries.

The news editor said the trip was "eye-opening," adding that "if there's one thing I've learned so far, it's the crying need for righteous, just, sound government here and everywhere in the world." He reports massive inflation rates unheard of in the United States, noting that Chile has reduced its inflation rate of 1,000 percent in 1974 to a relatively mild increase of 30 percent for 1980. In 1976, he reports, Argentina suffered for a brief period under an inflation rate of 17,000 percent. The country now is languishing under an 80 percent rate, which is relief compared to the 920 percent overall increase for the year of 1976.

Mr. Hogberg interviewed several government and industry officials during his trip, including Chile economic official Tomas Donovan.

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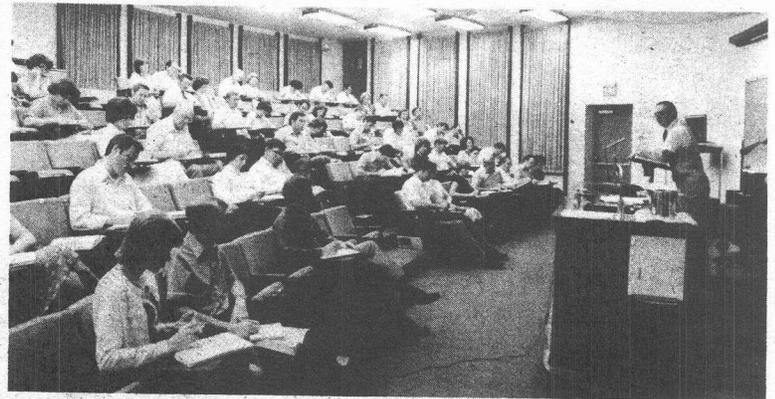
PASADENA — Lesson 13 of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course is scheduled to

be published after the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles pending Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's approval, says Richard Sedliacik, managing editor for the course. He reports that the lesson is in the final stages of editing before being sent to Mr. Armstrong.

"As Mr. Armstrong stated in the *Pastor General's Report* and *The Worldwide News* [March 24], he has directed this [Correspondence Course] department to resume producing new lessons once a month — continuously." Mr. Sedliacik said the pastor general is "directly involved" in the production of the new courses and he read Mr. Sedliacik an outline of the substance for the lessons numbered 13 to 24 a little more than a month ago. He relates that lessons 14 and 15 are in draft form and will be sent to Mr. Armstrong for his approval and revisions as they are completed.

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PASADENA — "Excellent results" are being produced by *The Plain Truth* waiting room subscription program, according to Boyd Leeson, United States *PT* subscription manager. Nashville, Tenn., pastor James Friddle reported a 41 percent response rate, with an estimated 600 businesses added to the list, Mr. Leeson said. Pastor Ken Smylie from Lenoir, S.C., maintained a 54 percent response rate. Also from Tennessee, pastor David Urban sent in 93 pages of new sub-



REFRESHER PROGRAM — Evangelist Joseph Tkach speaks to the first group of ministers and their wives in Pasadena for the new Ministerial Refresher Program July 28. The program features three weeks of review, lectures and updates given by department heads under Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, says Mike Feazell of Ministerial Services. Ministers said the program was "excellent and inspiring." [Photo by Scott Smith]

scriptions, reporting that 18 members in his congregation contacted 1,175 waiting rooms in the nine-county Knoxville, Tenn., area.

Participants in the program contact doctors, dentists and other professionals offering subscriptions to *The Plain Truth*. The magazine sent to the waiting rooms contains four postage-paid response cards offering free subscriptions. Mr. Leeson encourages all pastors and their congregations to get involved if they haven't already, as the program has added 2,500 businesses and libraries — "each one with the potential for more growth."

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PASADENA — An additional hotel was added to the list of Festival accommodations for brethren attending the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles in Tucson, according to the Festival Office.

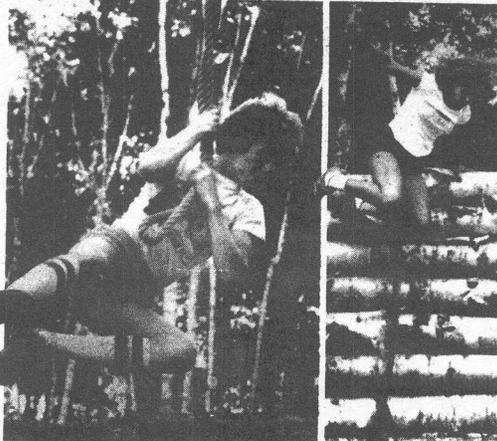
Brethren making last-minute arrangements can make reservations at the newly remodeled Sahara Motor Inn at 919 N. Stone in Tucson.

Single rooms are available at \$14 to \$18 and doubles for \$16 to \$23 (taxes not included). There is no charge for children under 12 and the facility features a coffee shop, swim-

ming pool and rooms with color television. Phone inquiries may be made at (602) 622-3541. Contact your local Festival adviser for more information.



BOUND FOR THAILAND — Ambassador College students and graduates pause moments before leaving the campus in Pasadena July 27 on their way to Thailand. Serving in a project to teach the English language and Western culture to Laotian hill tribes and Vietnamese refugees [see "Update," *WN*, July 14], the group was carefully "hand-picked," according to Dean of Students Greg Albrecht. They underwent several weeks of intensive training in the Thai language and customs. [Photo by Michael Snyder]



SEP SKILLS — Campers attending the second session of the Church's Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn., enjoy various activities. The camp will end Aug. 13. [Photos by Nathan Faulkner]

INTERNATIONAL DESK BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — Evangelist Di-bar Apartian returned from an extended visit to Montreal, Que., where he met with all French-speaking ministers in that province. He went there to acquaint himself with the situation, following Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's decision to place the French-speaking churches in Canada under Mr. Apartian's direction.

Mr. Apartian found the Quebec churches to be growing, and the ministry warm, friendly and strong. Several manpower changes were made in the French-speaking churches in Quebec.

Montreal P.M.: Colin Wilkins, pastor; Mario Ricci, ministerial trainee, and Bruno LeClerc, ministerial trainee. Montreal A.M.: Donat Picard, pastor; Quebec City and Trois-Rivieres: Bob Scott, pastor; and Sherbrooke: Henry Sturcke, pastor.

Bernard Hongerlot is working in Montreal under Cecil Maranville, who pastors the Montreal (English) congregation. Mr. Hongerlot translates Mr. Armstrong's letters into French. Mr. Wilkins also oversees the French-speaking churches under Mr. Apartian's direction. Mr. Apartian spoke of his plans to visit the Vancouver, B.C., Office of the Work soon to reinforce Church administrative relationships.

The French *PT* — *La Pure Verite* — will be printed in Kentucky (same location as the U.S. *Plain Truth*) and mailed from there to Canada, Europe and the Caribbean.

It's cheaper and delivery time will be lessened.

United Kingdom ads successful

In the United Kingdom and Eire, the first phase of the 1980 advertising campaign is completed.

While obtaining nearly 20,000 requests for *The Plain Truth*, a number of tests were conducted, producing a good deal of useful information.

Not only does Freepost (postage-paid) draw more responses, but later conversion to regular subscribers also seems slightly greater than for someone who had to initially find a stamp to mail the reply.

June 23 we placed an ad in the Atlantic edition of *Time* magazine, which is sent to people from Iceland to South Africa.

That issue was a special edition featuring the Soviet Union. The response is significantly above what was expected (well over 2,000).

Income remained at high levels in the United Kingdom for June — up 44 percent for the month over last year, and 34 percent for the year to date.

The Scandinavian ad campaign was also a success. Rather than lagging behind the ads in the United Kingdom, cost-per-response is actually better than Britain's, despite a nearly identical ad.

Australian Work

The Australian Office reports that *Plain Truth* promotions added another 3,500 to the mailing list,

pushing the total close to the 100,000 mark.

Campaigns in 1980 throughout Australia have borne fruit. At the end of June, 1,018 new people attended the campaigns, special church services and follow-up Bible studies. A number of these new people are attending Sabbath services and a few were baptized.

Our feeling is that if only one individual came to repentance and baptism as a result of all the hard work and effort put into the campaigns, then we would have to say it was well worthwhile, since none can put a monetary value on a potential member of God's Family.

Dutch update

From the Netherlands, regional director Bram De Bree reported that it's been the rainiest summer in more than 40 years. With an extremely dry spring and wet summer, food prices rapidly increased. Even the millions of Dutch cows give less milk, and several rivers have overflowed their banks.

The Dutch Work will place advertisements in three editions of television guides. They should appear at the end of August and the beginning of September. This is a critical time as the new television season begins and vacationers return home.

Evangelist's health improves

I am happy to report that Harold Jackson, who was involved in an automobile accident, is feeling much better and is gaining strength all the time. He is experiencing some discomfort with his broken ribs, especially when lying down. The Jacksons returned to the United States Aug. 6 for recuperation. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are grateful for everyone's prayers and concern.