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HWA meets Otto von Habsburg, flies east to speak in three cities

By Aaron Dean

PASADENA — Otto von Habsburg, European Parliament member and a proponent of the European unification movement, arrived here July 10 for three days of meetings with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, and speeches and interviews in the Los Angeles, Calif., area.

Aaron Dean, a local elder, serves as Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's personal aide.

Mr. Armstrong and Dr. Habsburg flew to Washington, D.C., July 13 aboard the Work's G-II jet for meetings with government officials. Mr. Armstrong continued on a trip that took him to Pittsburgh, Pa., July 16 where he addressed brethren at Sabbath services; to Big Sandy July 17 to address Summer Educational Program (SEP) campers; and to Orr, Minn., July 18 for an address to SEP campers and faculty there. Dr. Habsburg flew to Munich, West Germany, July 17.

Dr. Habsburg, heir to the 700-year-old royal House of Habsburg and the son of the last Austro-Hungarian emperor, arrived at the Los Angeles International Airport Sunday afternoon from Frankfurt, West Germany. He was met by evangelist Ellis La Ravia, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, who arranged the meeting for Mr. Armstrong (see article, this page).

Monday, July 11, after a night's rest on the campus here, Dr. Habsburg addressed more than 1,200 college faculty, students and employees, regional directors and department heads, in the Ambassador Auditorium (see page 4 for excerpted transcript).

Dr. Habsburg, a well-educated and fluent orator, spoke on the task of uniting Europe, a goal he sees as inevitable.

After the address Mr. Armstrong took Dr. Habsburg on a tour of the Auditorium. The European Parliament member was impressed with the quality and character of the building, both in the design and materials.

After the tour, the pair joined government and Church officials in the college faculty dining room for a luncheon.

In attendance were Peter Moser, consul general of Austria; Heinz LeWalter, consul general of West Germany; Y. Matsuda, consul general of Japan; Maurice Stans, former secretary of commerce in U.S. President Richard Nixon's administration; and Church department heads; college faculty members; and regional directors who scheduled other work at headquarters to coincide with Dr. Habsburg's visit.

After the luncheon Mr. Armstrong invited Dr. Habsburg to his office where the two, with Mr. La Ravia and Mr. Dean, continued a discussion of both Mr. Armstrong's and Dr. Habsburg's work.

The European Parliament member was surprised to learn that Mr. Armstrong had been speaking of a coming united Europe for a half century. He agreed with Mr. Armstrong that it would take some shocking event to unify Europe

completely and more rapidly than he himself had envisioned. The pastor general stated emphatically that a unified Europe is coming soon, and that the world will be surprised at this new world power.

That evening Mr. Armstrong was host to a formal dinner for Dr. Habsburg in the campus Social Center. In attendance were Herman Hoeh, evangelist and *Plain Truth* editor, and his wife Isabell; Mr. La Ravia and his wife Gwen; Gene H. Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, and his wife Barbara; and Mr. Dean and his wife Michelle.

Before dinner Mr. Armstrong presented Dr. Habsburg with a photo album. The photographs came from a visit Frank Schnee, regional director of the Work in German-speaking areas, and Dominick Furlano, who attended Big Sandy Ambassador College from 1981 to 1983, made to Ottobereun, West Germany, site of a Benedictine abbey where regular European unification meetings take place.

Mr. Furlano photographed Dr. Habsburg during a European unification rally, where Dr. Habsburg spoke under a banner that read "Europa Oeffne die Tore fuer Christus" ("Europe: Open the gates for Christ"). The photos were brought to Pasadena and made into an album by Editorial Services and presented by Mr. Armstrong to Dr. Habsburg.

Dr. Habsburg was pleased with the album and was surprised to receive from his host in California an album of photos taken in West Germany.

After dinner Mr. Armstrong presented a videotape of his *World Tomorrow* telecast excerpted from his address to the Rotary Club in Athens, Greece (see "HWA Confers With King of Spain, Addresses Rotary Club in Greece," *W/N*, Dec. 13, 1982). In the telecast, Mr. Armstrong announced the certainty of the coming European unification.

Tuesday morning, July 12, Mr. Hogberg, and *Plain Truth* senior writers Keith Stump and Michael Snyder went to the executive apart-

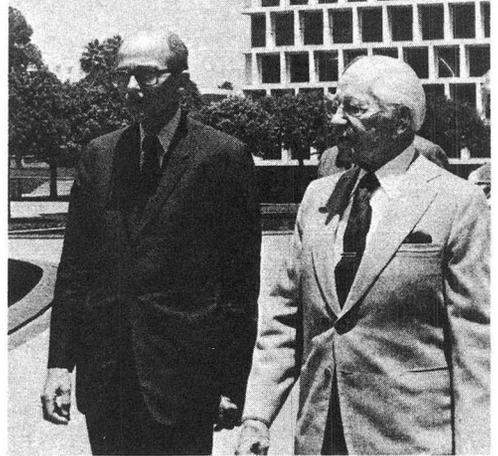
ment on campus to interview Dr. Habsburg. Information from that interview appears in Mr. Hogberg's "Worldwatch" column on page 2.

After the hourlong interview Dr. Habsburg made an extensive walking tour of the Church's headquarters facilities, including Ambassador College, and the Editorial, Publishing, Mail Processing, Television, Accounting and Data Processing departments. He was impressed with the scope of the Work under its pastor general.

He told Mr. La Ravia he was especially impressed with both the state-of-the-art technological capacity of the facilities, and also of the intensity and commitment of the Church's employees.

That evening Dr. Habsburg was the guest of honor and main speaker at the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, meeting in the Beverly Hilton ballroom. The executive director of the council acknowledged at the podium Mr. Armstrong's and the Ambassador Foundation's part in bringing such a distinguished speaker to Los Angeles.

Dr. Habsburg's address was well-received, and he displayed his vast



CAMPUS VISIT — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and Otto von Habsburg (left) are pictured en route to a luncheon in the Pasadena Ambassador College faculty dining room after Dr. Habsburg's address in the Ambassador Auditorium July 11. [Photo by Warren Watson]

store of knowledge again in a question-and-answer session after the speech.

Dr. Habsburg needed to be in Washington, and since Mr. Armstrong also had business there, he invited Dr. Habsburg to join him for the trip aboard the Work's G-II jet.

Dr. Habsburg accepted and at 8:30 a.m., July 13, the pair left along with Mr. and Mrs. La Ravia; Wayne Shilkret, director of performing arts for the Ambassador Foundation, and his wife Kathy; and Mr. and Mrs. Dean.

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197 teens attend Big Sandy SEP

By Michael A. Snyder and Nathan Faulkner

BIG SANDY — "SEP has been a very rewarding experience because you meet so many new people in God's Church," said Terry Manka, 17, of Franklin, Kan.

Terry is one of 197 campers attending the July 6 to 27 Summer Educational Program (SEP) on the Ambassador College campus here.

This is the second consecutive year an SEP has been conducted on the campus, according to Kermit Nelson, Big Sandy Ambassador College physical education director and director of the SEP camp.

In an interview with *The Worldwide News* July 20, Dr. Nelson

explained why SEP is a success. "It takes good planning, good facilities and a good staff to make a good camp," he said. "But many other camps have all of those. There is one element that sets the SEP camps apart — the real key is that all activities are done within the framework of God's government."

"We try to challenge our staff to have the best camp of its kind in the world," Dr. Nelson said, adding that the SEP program in Big Sandy is geared toward teenagers who have already been to the SEP in Orr, Minn.

"Campers learn wilderness skills, canoeing, water polo and other activities . . . in Orr," he continued. "We provide the balance with golf, tennis, cycling and other activities they don't have at Orr."

In addition to swimming, volleyball and other activities, the Big Sandy program also offers an orientation computer class, a television video class where campers tape and play back their speeches for analysis and an "instant replay" option for basketball and volleyball classes where campers watch themselves and learn how to improve their skills.

The girls could participate in a home economics class where hairstyling and grooming were taught. Boys and girls explored career options and personal finances in a seminar presented by Gary W. Smith of the college business department. Luren E. Dickinson, college librarian, taught campers about job interviews and career development.

"Campers coming to the Big Sandy SEP have the advantage of being instructed by a full college faculty," Dr. Nelson said. Besides 18 Big Sandy faculty members, the camp also employs 35 Ambassador College students and 31 high school workers.

The SEP programs in Orr and

Big Sandy complement each other, he said. "When Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong was here [July 17 and 18, see article this page], he asked Kevin Dean [director of Youth Opportunities United], 'Who has the best camp?' Mr. Dean smiled and told him that we try to mutually excel each other."

"He [Mr. Armstrong] said he was very impressed with the organization of the activities. He simply likes to see the youth of God's Church having fun, especially the kind of fun that you enjoy over and over again, without regretting it the next day," Dr. Nelson said.

"Our staff tries to make all activities team oriented, so campers can improve their skills but also learn to work together as a team at the same time," Dr. Nelson said.

An example of this, Dr. Nelson explained, was a July 18 basketball game involving the camp faculty and camper all-stars that Mr. Armstrong attended.

"We divided up the faculty and all-stars so that half were on each team," Dr. Nelson said. "The result was a very exciting game that, of all things, ended in a tie [74-74]."

Following are comments by SEP campers: "SEP is a place where you can grow physically, mentally and spiritually, and all in the right atmosphere," said Tracy Howell, 17, of Kewaskum, Wis.

"SEP is a wonderful learning experience," said Jade Witte, 15, of Sherman, Tex. "It's great the way kids learning a right way of life can participate in activities without being in a competitive attitude."

Doug Corather, 18, of Detroit, Mich., summed up the SEP experience: "It helps you to work as a team . . . bringing out your leadership qualities. You make good friends that last forever."

European leader visits headquarters of Church

PASADENA — Otto von Habsburg, a member of the European Parliament and a leader in the European unification movement, was a guest of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on the Ambassador College campus here July 10 to 13.

The trip was arranged during Mr. Armstrong's trip to Africa and Europe in late 1982, according to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

"I was in Athens [Greece] preparing for Mr. Armstrong's visit [see "HWA Confers With King of Spain, Addresses Rotary Club in Greece," *W/N*, Dec. 13, 1982]," explained Mr. La Ravia. "Dr. von Habsburg was also there to solve some problems for the European

Parliament, and George Voyadzis, also a member of the European Parliament, introduced me to him.

"Dr. von Habsburg was very interested to meet Mr. Armstrong, who was in Africa at the time, but was unable to remain in Athens," Mr. La Ravia continued.

Dr. Habsburg, who heads the 700-year-old House of Habsburg in Austria, but renounced any claim to his father's throne in 1961, accepted an invitation from Mr. Armstrong to visit the campus. "The only problem was fitting his and Mr. Armstrong's busy schedules together," Mr. La Ravia said.

(Details of Dr. Habsburg's trip are contained in the lead article on this page. An excerpted transcript of his July 11 address in the Ambassador Auditorium begins on page 4.)

Otto von Habsburg: man with a mission

PASADENA — One would be fairly safe in saying that Otto von Habsburg has a clearer grasp of international affairs than any politician alive.

And, of course, Dr. Habsburg is no average politician. He is the head of the 700-year-old House of Habsburg, one of the most prestigious royal families in European history. Although no longer a claimant to the Austrian throne, Dr. Habsburg is nevertheless active daily in the political field. Since 1979 he has been a delegate to the European Parliament, representing an area of Bavaria in West Germany. He travels widely, speaks often and writes (he has 24 books to his credit) as much as time permits.

Dr. Habsburg's breadth and depth of current events were much in evidence in his appearances in Southern California.

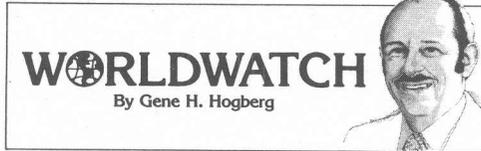
In an address given to the faculty, students and employees of Ambassador College, in an interview with *The Plain Truth*, in a speech before the prestigious Los Angeles World Affairs Council and in conversations with this writer and others, the energetic 70-year-old Dr. Habsburg hammered home one theme time and again: the need for the nations of Europe to unite in order to be pre-

pared for unprecedented dangers in the near future.

The goal of a united Europe colors nearly everything he writes and says — almost preaches — in his dynamic, fast-tempo speeches (at which he uses no notes). As one biographer wrote: "He lives only for the cause that sustains him."

Soviet danger

The most serious danger confront-



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

ing free Europe, in Dr. Habsburg's view, is that of the Soviet Union, which is powerful militarily, but faces grave and potentially destabilizing crises in its economy and internal ethnic makeup.

The Soviet Union can no longer feed itself, despite the fact that 50 percent of its citizens still work on farms. In precommunist days, czarist Russia was the world's No. 1 food exporter. Now, the Soviet Union is

the No. 1 food importer.

The Soviets, he adds, also face an unprecedented internal threat from the rapid population growth of non-Slavic races inside the Soviet Union, especially the Moslem Turkic people. Ethnic Russians already comprise less than half of the total population. In the year 2000, it is estimated that there will be 120 million Moslems inside the Soviet Union — people perhaps ripe to the

influence of radical Moslem ideas from Iran and elsewhere.

The danger to Western Europe from the deteriorating conditions to the East, believes Dr. Habsburg, is that some future Soviet leader may decide to press Russia's military advantage in a drive to capture Western resources before problems become intolerable at home.

Many people in the West, stresses Dr. Habsburg, are deluded, as to com-

ences during the Feast.

Read aloud to your children. Show them how important, and enjoyable, reading is to you. Make the public library a regular place you visit as a family. Get them a library card of their own. Show them how to use the library to aid them in almost any endeavor they are interested in, from cooking to repairing an automobile.

Make good, worthwhile books your children's friends. Also make sure you own an easy-to-use dictionary and make a point of looking up words your child may ask the meaning of. Show them how to use the dictionary.

If the importance of reading and writing was neglected in your own background, it is all the more important for you to learn and grow as a family in these areas.

To do our part in encouraging you, we are expanding our "Letters to the Editor" column and asking you to communicate some of your thoughts, feelings, suggestions, even questions to us and your other brethren in that column.

Because of the very personal nature of the winning YOU essay, we decided not to run it in full in *The Worldwide News*. I would like to quote here, however, the concluding comments of the winner, Vickie Thomas, 17.

(Essays were judged with the authors' names and addresses blanked out. Vickie had an article published in the June-July issue of *Youth 82* titled, "Hang in There!" An article she wrote about her father is scheduled for the September issue of *Youth 83*.)

"It seems that God puts us through family trials to develop character and to prepare us to be in God's family in the world tomorrow. Making us stronger family members in our physical family will surely make us stronger members in the spiritual family of God.

"Sometimes the Church is referred to as a mother. The parallels seem to be the same. They both help us to strive for better values; they teach us to change, to grow; and to develop into better human beings, to do God's Work now and in the world tomorrow.

"What will happen to the kids who have not been taught to respect their parents now? They will have to learn how to obey their parents later — and we will be their teachers.

"I thank God He is teaching me now through my family to be a better leader in the world tomorrow!"

Thank you, Vickie.

munist intentions. Moscow still preaches, as did its founder Vladimir Lenin, the doctrine of world revolution.

Peace in Europe and the world can therefore be preserved, Dr. Habsburg maintains, "only by absolute realism" regarding the Soviet challenge — a realism backed up with sufficient military strength so that no aggression is possible.

In this light, the philosophy behind the so-called peace movements, he says, is based on "utter unreality." The Greens in West Germany and their counterparts elsewhere "have not learned anything from history. They seem not to realize that through weakness you always bring war about."

The Second World War was a prime example of such weakness, especially on the part of the British and the French, in the face of Nazi Germany's preparation for war.

European self-defense.

Realism further dictates, says Dr. Habsburg, that Europeans do more for themselves in the way of defense, a policy long advocated by Bavarian leader Franz Josef Strauss (a name that pops up frequently in conversations with Dr. Habsburg).

Europe's greatest error in its postwar relationship with the United States, he believes, has been to let the United States carry the

lion's share of the Western alliance defense burden.

"Let's not forget," he adds, "Western Europe is superior to the United States in population, the second economic power in the world. It is just not logical that the Americans should be standing on guard for Europe at the place where the Europeans could count themselves."



OTTO VON HABSBURG

A greater European defense posture in the mind of Dr. Habsburg at least, doesn't mean a parting of the ways between Europe and the United States. "We are reliable partners for the United States," he told the audience in the Ambassador Auditorium. "You can trust your allies across the Atlantic," he said at the Los Angeles World Affairs Council dinner meeting.

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Value of written words

During this past week, several editors, including me, and one of our editorial assistants, completed judging the senior division of the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) essay contest. We were asked by Kevin Dean, YOU director, and Jeb Egbert, YOU business manager and coordinator of the contest, to make the judgment on the final essays.

The YOU Office staff worked for weeks and months going through the more than 600 entries submitted. In the junior division that we helped judge more than two months ago (see "Texan, 14, Wins Junior Division of YOU Essay Writing Contest," *WW*, May 16), 450 young people entered the contest. It's so encouraging to me to see more than 1,000 of our teenagers taking the time to write an essay on what their families mean to them.

As Mr. Egbert commented, God's Church is surely getting back on track because these essays reflect the right instruction God's people are giving their children.

These young people definitely understand what family is all about. Some have suffered through extremely difficult trials for their young ages, yet have learned profoundly important lessons. And they have learned to express those lessons on paper to share with others. That talent is not a natural one. It must be nurtured and developed.

Hugh Kenner, chairman of the English Department at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., was interviewed for the Feb. 14 *U.S. News & World Report* about writing. The article was titled "Writing Is an Abnormal Act" in *Today's Electronic World*.

To quote Dr. Kenner: "It is difficult to teach students to write because many of them can't imagine when they'll ever have to do it. . . . If schools were to stop pretending that writing is a perfectly natural act, like breathing, they might get some-

where with youngsters."

Dr. Kenner went on to show that with the advent of such electronic marvels as the telephone and television, so much information is gained from looking and listening that writing has become a subsidiary skill. So you see, we shouldn't take our young people's efforts for granted.

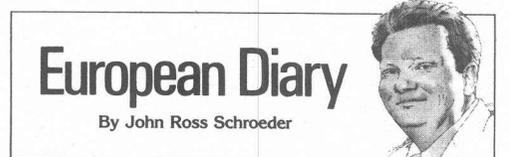
Authorities tell us that standards for writing and reading are dropping in colleges and universities, that textbooks are having to be written to a lower standard for students. You shouldn't assume your child is learning to write in school today.

Last year at Ambassador College, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved and personally took the first session of a magazine writing class that I with the aid of my staff instruct. It was founded because we saw a need for the development of our students in not only speaking, but in writing for the *Work's* publications. Many fine articles for the magazines, especially *Youth 83*, are the result.

Mr. Armstrong knows and values the importance of communicating through the written word. This *Work* was built on the now several million words that he has generated over the last half century.

How can you instill in your children the ability to write? In the way people did several generations ago. Then young people were expected to write to their grandparents and other relatives and friends. Thank-you notes, invitations, cards of friendship, were expected. I know it's easier to use the phone, but doing so does not develop writing skills.

After a family outing or special field day at school, ask your child to describe on paper for you what he or she saw and did. After the Feast is a good time for them to write a paper for extra credit at school on what they learned from their travels. This will be easier if they are encouraged to keep a journal of their experi-



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

Punishment swift, sure

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Just more than one year ago the House of Commons, by a 162-vote majority, rejected the reinstatement of hanging as a means of capital punishment. But the issue re-

emerged with a vengeance in the wake of the Conservative Party election victory. And the House of Commons has once again rejected capital punishment for all categories of murder.

However, this parliamentary result does not reflect the view of the average Briton. A public opinion poll showed that up to 90 percent of the population favored the execution of terrorists committing capital crimes, child murderers and killers of policemen. The vast majority of policemen want the death penalty available for all types of murder.

Since the ultimate solution to this (See PUNISHMENT, page 3)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the memories

To all our friends in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, U.S.A. and other places around the world far and near, Ernest and Isabel Cardy (Grandee and Gran) send loving greetings and thanks for the many telephone calls, beautiful flowers, generous gifts, lovely cards, letters and loving concern shown on the occasion of our diamond wedding anniversary.

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Mission

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One factor distinguishes Dr. Habsburg from most of the others pushing for a united Europe: his outspoken desire to "roll back" the Soviet empire so that the captive nations in Eastern Europe can also play a role in the Continent's future.

Ever since the February, 1945, Yalta conference agreement establishing the postwar spheres of influence in Europe, one third of the Continent has lain under Soviet domination.

"Let us not forget," he told an audience in London, England, just before coming to Pasadena, "that one of the tasks of Europe is to have the courage of saying very clearly that for us decolonization should not stop in Africa and Asia; that Europe too has a right to be decolonized."

In the European Parliament, Dr. Habsburg acts as a sort of

unofficial representative of those countries trapped behind the Iron Curtain. He is looking beyond the next significant step in European unification — the introduction of a common European passport Jan. 1, 1985 — to prospects for the establishment of a common European citizenship. In this manner, those countries not yet a part of the European Community, even in the East, would be more attracted to it.

Religion a major key

Dr. Habsburg is known for advocating a strong religious role in any future united Europe. One of his books is a biography of Charles V, the Habsburg ruler who was crowned Holy Roman Emperor in 1520. Charles V fought hard to maintain the spiritual unity of Europe, then threatened by the revolt of Martin Luther.

Under the old Holy Roman Empire, wrote Dr. Habsburg in

this book, the Continent was held together by the "twin disciplines" of "Christian morality and supranational commonwealth" — in other words, Church and State, as represented by the persons of the pope and the emperor. This structure broke down and culminated in what he calls "the triumphant period of godlessness" in the 19th century.

Now however, "we are in a turning development towards a very great religious age," he believes. This religious upsurge, beginning in the sciences, will, in turn, have a great impact upon society and politics.

"The last answer to the future of your country, as to the future of my continent of Europe," said Dr. Habsburg in the Ambassador Auditorium, "will be whether we are able to return truly and fully again to the roots of our greatness. Because let us not forget if we take Christianity out of the

European, or out of the American development, there is nothing left. The soul is gone."

By referring to the "roots of our greatness," Dr. Habsburg seems to be echoing pleas by Pope John Paul II, most notably his appeal in Spain last year for Europeans to "revive your roots." Both men have a focus on Eastern Europe — the pope since he is a Pole, Dr. Habsburg since Hungary and Czechoslovakia were once part of the Habsburg-ruled Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Yet the two men arrive at the same conclusions from their own particular perspectives. The pope's outlook, naturally, is essentially religious. Dr. Habsburg's is that of the political scientist that he is (he obtained a doctorate in the subject from the University of Louvain in Belgium). To him, religion is obviously the essential glue to hold a politically united Europe together.

As far as Dr. Habsburg is concerned, the process of European unification is already irreversible. He said in London that "we are well beyond the point of no return." He implied in Pasadena that he may not be around to see its culmination, but predicted confidently (in Los Angeles) that "we are condemned to success."

After Dr. Habsburg finished his address in the Auditorium, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong had some concluding comments. He looked at the unity time-frame differently. European unity, he said, may come "perhaps more suddenly than the architects of the coming Europe themselves even realize."

Plain Truth editor Herman Hoeh also had a fitting comment on another occasion about Dr. Habsburg: "Sometimes an architect does not know to what purpose others might put his building."

Three cities

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The route took the G-II over Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. Mr. Armstrong asked Dr. Habsburg if he would like to see the canyon at a lower altitude. After receiving clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) control center, the G-II descended below the rim of the canyon (much of the canyon is more than 5,000 feet deep and several thousand feet across), giving the group a spectacular view of the multicolored canyon walls.

The G-II proceeded on to the nation's capital, arriving at 4:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Dr. Habsburg thanked Mr. Armstrong and said goodbye, leaving with his daughter who was then in Washington. Mr. Armstrong and his group were met by Richard Frankel, pastor of the church in Washington, and proceeded to the Four Seasons hotel.

At 6 p.m., the Armstrong party drove to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where a dinner was scheduled in Mr. Armstrong's honor. Mr. Shilkret, former director of promotion for the

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Punishment

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problem is spiritual, this column will focus on the biblical perspective. The fundamental basis for the existence of capital punishment is solved at a stroke by one scripture in the book of Genesis.

God said to Noah: "And surely your blood of your lives will I require . . . and at the hand of man, at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man" (Genesis 9:5-6).

God's law says, "You shall not murder" (Revised Authorized Version). Those who violate the sixth commandment may place their own lives in jeopardy. Why? Because God made man in His own image. Not only were humans made in the physical likeness of God, they were also created to be conformed to God's spiritual character image. Man was to become like God. Capital punishment is inextricably tied into the purpose of life — why man was created in the first place.

Man has dignity. God designed him to fulfill a great purpose. A premature death can thwart that purpose — for a time. That's one reason God was so grieved when history's first murder occurred.

God intends mankind to use capital punishment powers correctly to teach erring men respect for the dignity of human life. The principal lesson involves God's great purpose in creating man in His own image — to build right character and eventually enter the family of God. This is the crux of the matter.

Some have misunderstood the nature of the death penalty in ancient Israel. First of all the administration of death was only one part of a whole system of law. Modern nations have long since rejected God's laws in favor of their own humanly devised legal systems. The ultimate penalty in God's own nation functioned entirely in concert with other statutes and judgments as one part of a whole.

Secondarily, superior judicial safeguards were built into God's

laws to prevent injustices and provide for the rights of the accused:

Certainty of guilt was required for convictions; circumstantial evidence was insufficient; eyewitnesses were required; witnesses often had to administer the penalty themselves; at least two witnesses were needed for conviction; false witnesses were themselves put to death; and, in difficult cases, judges were available for appeal.

The death penalty was mandatory upon conviction. Punishment was swift and sure. People were to "hear and fear." Underpinning this system of law, capital punishment proved to be an effective deterrent when it was carried out strictly according to the rules.

But the theocracy ended centuries before the time of Christ. The New Testament shows that God allows human rulers to execute those who commit capital crimes (Romans 13:1-4). The apostle Paul explained that if he was truly guilty of a capital crime, he would not seek to escape death (Acts 25:11).

But God doesn't consider humanity administered capital punishment to be the final answer to the crime problem. Jesus forgave the woman caught in the act of adultery (John 8:3-11). Christ didn't condone the crime, but told the woman not to repeat the offense.

Real repentance is the key. Jesus could discern that this woman was in a repentant attitude. But men normally do not possess the divine ability to discern the inner motives of the heart.

In this world true Christians must abide by the laws of their own nations. Some nations employ the death penalty, and some do not. The Christian's principal hope is to look forward to the world tomorrow — the time when the restitution of all things (Acts 3:21) will solve the crime problem plaguing the Western world.

At that time superhuman rulers will be given divine powers of discernment to judge the innermost thoughts and intents of the hearts of men. Only then can the death penalty be administered fairly and equitably as just one facet of a whole system of divinely ordained law.

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Our hearts are full of gratitude and appreciation.

Ernest and Isabel Cardy
Hemel Hempstead, England

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The SEP experience

I have recently returned from the first session of SEP 1983 in Orr, Minn., and I just had to write you a letter.

I can't express in words how great it was to spend three weeks at God's camp with other teenagers who believe in the same things I do.

Our dorm would end the day with a prayer to God and ask Him to watch over the next day and to help us girls to have good attitudes and to learn teamwork. Everyone truly learned something that they could take back home to be a better leader — which was stressed very much at camp . . .

I met so many friends and had a great time at activities.

I was truly blessed and I had a counselor whom I love very much.

This was all possible because you [Mr. Armstrong] care so much for all the teens in God's Church. I appreciated SEP very much, and hope many more kids can have the chance to go and have as super time as I did.

I also want to thank you for *Youth 83*. It is a magazine that I learn so much from. I look forward to every issue.

This all shows how you truly do care for us. I'm behind you all the way!

Rebecca Foote
Coffeyville, Kan.

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Distant signal

On Sunday, June 26, 1983, at about 12:20 p.m. (EDT), I had occasion to be flipping the TV dial and saw *The World Tomorrow* on channel 5, which is normally blank in the Pittsburgh, Pa., area. I watched the program to the end and afterward saw a station identification for KYCU-TV in Cheyenne, Wyo., a distance of some 1,300 miles! While the quality of reception varied somewhat, the picture was in color and was quite watchable. This was off-the-air reception with a normal antenna, not cable.

Such 1,000-mile-plus skip occurrences on TV are rare, and the reception of distant signals is a hobby in itself, called DXing. It is to be hoped that a number of other DXers over a wide area had also made this DX catch, meanwhile partaking of a sampling of God's truth, while waiting for a station identification, as well as others just out of curiosity noticing a picture on an otherwise blank channel. I was certainly elated at this catch, all the more so because of seeing

Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong.

Walter Kowalczyk
North Huntingdon, Pa.

According to *Garland Snuffer*, supervisor of Radio Production for the Work, radio signals ranging up to about 30 megahertz are bent back down to earth by the ionosphere. Television signals, being somewhat higher in frequency, usually shoot out into space. On June 26 the condition of the ionosphere was such that even TV signals were being bent back down, thus making it possible for a station to be received over such a great distance.

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Loneliest problem

The following letters are in response to *Dexter H. Faulkner's* "Just One More Thing" column titled "The Loneliest Problem," published in the May 30 Worldwide News.

Thank you for writing about a problem that I have not heard seriously addressed in about 12 years of being a member of God's Church. After reading the article and wiping away the tears, I began to meditate about the loneliness of being a childless couple in God's Church. As a result, God showed me one way I am at fault for the loneliness.

It is true that those of us without children (in this physical life) tend to be left out in many ways. In addition to the obvious ones you mentioned in your article, here are several more less-obvious ones. When people plan to invite others to fellowship they tend to invite families with children who can play with their own. The same is true with swapping children for baby-sitting arrangements. This is entirely logical, of course. So often, too, parents of the YOU and YES groups are invited to an activity or just an informal gathering waiting for their young people to return home from a trip. This is logical too, because gatherings must be limited in size or they would become activities for the whole church.

After nine pregnancies (ranging from two months to eight months) I have spent years of time pregnant and months recuperating physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. In addition to being totally unable to perform the simplest household duties, neglecting prayer and study due to being so sick, as well as sleeping literally around the clock at times and being bedridden, I could not serve in any way or attend any activities.

After the doctor told me that although he was unable to find anything wrong physically, I was in the process of ruining my health and running up the statistics of miscarriages and stillborns, I counseled with one of God's ministers. Although God's plan revolves around a family, thankfully being able to bear a living baby is not required for being in God's family any more than being married in this physical life is. I have accepted the fact, as much as is humanly possible (Proverbs 30:15-16) that God knows what is best for all of His children and for some reason He has not allowed us to have children.

Name withheld

I can understand how couples feel when they are told that they can't have children. When I was 16 my doctor told me that I shouldn't have children because of the high risk of death to both the baby and myself because of a kidney disease that I have had since I was 5 . . .

There is a purpose for everything that happens. I feel that this has happened to me to help me realize that there are a lot of children in the world without parents and need a good, loving family . . .

I pray that these childless people are able to overcome this "Loneliest Problem" and feel better in knowing that God is God and He is there to help.

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Unwelcomer visitors

I would like to share with other members the thought-provoking and frightening experience I went through in the early hours of Sunday, 19th June, 1983. I was visiting a friend at Gboko (Nigeria) and had even spent the Sabbath in this friend's residence. My host is a tutor in a secondary school.

At about 2 a.m. local time, I heard shouts outside the house and immediately my mind got the warning that robbers were upon us. The robbers immediately went into "business." As they broke through the first door, my host got up and wanted to find out who the august visitors were. He was immediately shot at as they (robbers) suspected him (host) to be armed and would discover their identity.

He received five bullet wounds from a locally made pistol. He screamed and ran into the guest room I was occupying. He alerted me and I immediately took cover under the bed, telling him to trust God for our safety. You can guess — I was lying face down but yet in an earnest prayer.

The robbers, three in the house, one standing guard outside, held us, faces down, for about one hour at gunpoint. They demanded money, which we didn't have. They brutally treated my host's wife leaving her . . . [with] severe head injuries.

After giving me many threats of death and seizing the driver's license and an old key, they left to the next residence for another operation. God is gracious to me. I was perhaps the only one in the house apart from the kids who received no violent treatment during the whole operation. I was all the time hoping that God was going to protect us so that none of us including the other families in the other houses would come to a fatal end. He heard.

G.A. Adzer
Makurdi, Nigeria

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Words of thanks

I especially appreciate Mr. [Gene] Hogberg's "Worldwatch" . . . like the way he makes the world news so plain for us. I wish he had a 30-minute newscast on radio or TV. He could tell us more truth about what [is] going on than we get now in our two-hour newscast . . .

The new article "European Diary," by Mr. John R. Schroeder is just wonderful. I really like reading his articles. I really liked his article on "Parallels Between Leaders" [June 13] . . .

Thanks to Mr. Rod Matthews for the "International Desk" . . . on the latest news from all parts of the world.

Gerald and Kathryn Fry
Clarksville, Ariz.

Literature in Braille available

Tapes and books in Braille or large print about the Old Testament, Judaism and Jewish history are available for loan from the Jewish Braille Institute. Blind or otherwise physically handicapped members may contact Educational Services for the Handicapped, Worldwide Church of God, Pasadena, Calif., 91129, for details.

European statesman addresses more than 1,200 in Auditorium

This is an excerpted transcript of an address given July 11 in the Ambassador Auditorium by Otto von Habsburg, European Parliament member and head of the 700-year-old House of Habsburg in Austria. See article, page 1.

Mr. Armstrong, ladies and gentlemen, may I first tell you what a privilege it is for me to have been invited to speak today here in Ambassador College. I had heard a lot about your college before, but had never seen it, so this is quite an experience for me to come here, and to meet immediately the faculty and the students of the college.

And I am particularly happy to do that, because this college of yours, and its head, Mr. Armstrong, represent two values in which I certainly believe very profoundly in my own works in Europe. And that is the principle of our Christian heritage on the one side, the principle of enlightened patriotism on the other.

You see, very often nowadays these two virtues are being called obsolete. Especially in Europe we have many movements which seem to indicate that all this is already over, and that we are moving into a sort of spiritual no-man's-land.

While in reality, when you take things as they really are, all events and all science are proof that the contrary is true, that in other words we are not the rearguard of a passing world, but the vanguard of the world of tomorrow.

We see that even in the practical fields of politics, which is my personal field of activities, by what we have had in the last 12 months in Europe. You see, we have had a number of crucial elections, in Germany, and in France, in Great Britain, and in Italy, and in some minor countries as well, in Spain, too, for instance.

And we have had one clear message from these elections. That is to say that those political figures who had the courage not to believe that they have to run after every new slogan which is around, but who dared to stand to the basic values, have been outstandingly successful.

Margaret Thatcher in Great Britain wouldn't have won elections, contrary to every principle of conventional wisdom, if she hadn't had the simple courage of standing up for what she thought was right, and of creating confidence.

And in my own country in [West] Germany, certainly Chancellor [Helmut] Kohl wouldn't have won if he hadn't the possibility of saying, this man deserves your confidence. You see, it was the fact that he, too, had the courage to say what he believed in, and not to ask himself what the opinion polls were saying that made his great success.

I am working with Franz Josef Strauss in his own party, the CSU [Christian Social Union], of which I am a member, and a representative in the European Parliament. One day I was together with Strauss, and we were discussing the matter of acting in politics. And at that time there was an outstanding personality in another country—I won't say which—who had been doing all his politics on the basis that each time that a new issue arose he used to have a poll taken. And then whatever the poll said he would do in politics.

And Strauss made to me the remark that his own collaborators were trying to invite him to do the same. "And," he added, "when they bring in the little papers with the poll results, I drop them into the wastepaper basket without reading them, because from the moment on I could not stand up in politics for what I think is right, regardless of what

public opinion says or does not say. Politics wouldn't be worth it for me, and I would do something else more useful."

You see, ladies and gentlemen, this has been proven time and again, that personality, character, clear speaking and attachment to the basic values, regardless of what the mass media are saying, is decisive.

So the old values, the traditional values, still have a tremendous appeal, even in mass democratic systems. And the second thing, of course, which I would like to emphasize is that you are dedicating yourself very strongly to one other aspect of life. And that is that we are in a turning development towards a very great religious age.

Now this may sound extraordinary at a time when most of the churches are getting empty, where most of the organized churches are not very far from collapsing. And still when you look at the big trends, the reverse is true.

I know a French scientist who is a topscientist of his country in the space research. And he had been sent by his government to the Soviet Union for a period of six months in order to discuss with the Soviet leadership the coordination between the Soviet space research and the French or European space research.

And after six months, when he had returned, I asked him what his greatest impression in the Soviet Union had been. And he told me, "Well, my greatest impression by far was the fact that I had not met a single one of my Soviet colleagues who when in confidence and talking to me alone had not admitted to me that due to his scientific research he had come to the realization that there exists a personal God."

Now this I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, is probably an infinitely greater revolution in our times than all the revolutions for microelectronics or nuclear fission. Because if we look back at the 19th century, practically all of [the great scientists] were atheists, or at least said so because they were afraid of admitting that they believed in God.

You see, when the great French scientist, Louis Pasteur, dared to say publicly that he was a practicing Christian, he was quite alone in this. But he was such a great man that even he couldn't be destroyed. If a minor scientist had dared to say that, he would have been run out of the academy.

You see, this is the great change of our times. Now these Soviet

scientists who talked with my friend, of course, were all people with a completely atheistic education. They hadn't known organized religion from the world go.

But on the other hand, they have achieved that return to God, which was destroyed before by science. You see there are so many people who believe that there is contradiction between science and religion. And that is probably in our day one of the greatest nonsenses that has been said. Because today the most modern scientists are complementary with religion.

After all, the decline of religious feeling began at the end of the Middle Ages [period of European history from about A.D. 500 to about 1500], when for the first time the unitarian view of the world had been destroyed by natural sciences. Up to that time, in the Middle Ages, the center of everything was the knowledge of God, theology. And all the other sciences harmoniously were around it. The break began with the Renaissance, when for the first time the natural sciences refused to admit anything they could not weigh and measure and see.

And from then on it went over to philosophy, to the law, to the legal positivism, and finally we had the 19th century where materialism and atheism was at its highest. The great masses went still to the churches. But all the top scientists had left. And when, you know, that the top scientists are leaving something, it's going to penetrate the masses sooner or later. So that one can really speak of the 19th century as the triumphant period of godlessness.

Now it is a historically interesting fact that the turn really can be located at the last year of that 19th century, 1899, when Max Planck, with his quantum theory, for the first time is beginning to give a new dimension to natural sciences and to mathematics.

He's followed, then, by [Albert] Einstein and by [Werner] Heisenberg. And in their development we have that move whereby natural sciences break down the artificial walls, which they, themselves, had built between this side and the other side, and consequently arrive anew to a situation where science can no longer explain anything without admitting the existence of a personal God.

Now I wrote that once in an article saying that there were, practically all the big scientists I knew had finally returned to God on the assumption, I think it was by Hahn,



AUDITORIUM MEETING — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong recounts the history of the Ambassador Auditorium to Otto von Habsburg (left) after Dr. Habsburg's address there July 11. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

that with the modern sciences you would either end in madness and suicide or as a believer.

And I had said the one outstanding exception to this particular principle was Albert Einstein, whom I had known, and who was always considering himself as an atheist. So I had written that.

And a few weeks later I received a letter from a very old professor—who lived at that time in Germany; he has died since—who was an intimate friend of Einstein's, and who told me in this letter that I was wrong, that just before dying, he had also admitted the existence of God.

And he sent to me the copy of a letter in which Einstein wrote to him a few weeks before his death: "I have now discovered, thanks to my studies, that behind it all, there is a great orchestra leader, who leads everything, and who wants our good. And this knowledge makes me infinitely happy."

So you see, even that man, who was all his life an atheist, has been turned around. And these are the basic elements of our present developments. Of course, this will take time to be felt everywhere. But this is the great trend of human thinking, in which we are engaged at present. A good reason for being optimistic.

Of course, this does not liberate us from the necessity to act in this world, to try to accelerate an evolution which we consider to be right, and to translate this realization into practical everyday life and into

practical everyday politics.

And so, with your permission, I would like now to discuss a little bit with you how the present situation is, and what we can do about it. But I think that as a starting point of any analysis of the situation we must take one basic truth. And that is that somebody who doesn't know where he comes from cannot know where he goes to because he doesn't know where he is!

And consequently, ladies and gentlemen, the knowledge of history, the knowledge of the ground on which we stand, is absolutely the fundamental of any thought of right kind of political thinking. And this we see illustrated now in a frightening manner in what happens right at present in certain movements which we have in Europe.

You see, there was an unfortunate mistake made by some leading American personalities at the end of the Second World War, whereby they believed that they could make good democrats out of the Germans by depriving them in their schools of the knowledge of history.

I remember I was in Washington at the time. I had a discussion with a very outstanding member of President [Franklin D.] Roosevelt's cabinet on this subject, and I very much opposed him on this sort of—in my opinion—foolish idea that a good democrat was somebody who didn't know history.

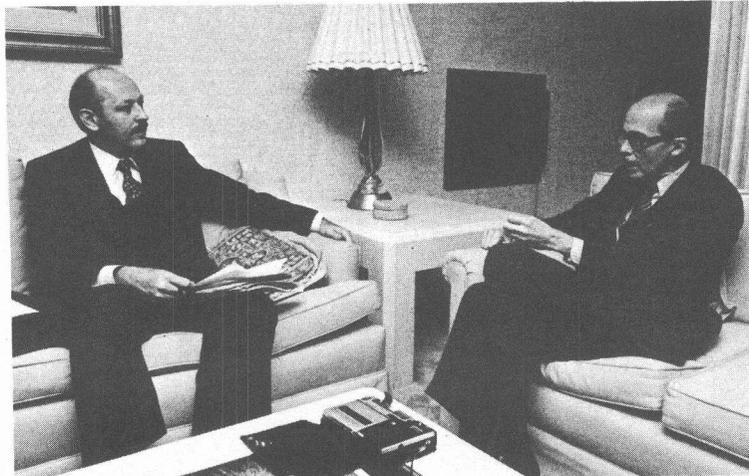
I tried to argue with him that the contrary was true. Because after all, what is democracy, if not that everybody is part responsible for what the community does? He has the means to influence the community. And consequently, if we take away from him the most essential instrument of political thinking, that is to say the knowledge of the precedents, he will not be a good democrat, but he will be, on the contrary, an element destructive of the democratic process.

Now unfortunately, this was not done in Germany. The reeducation was based on the assumption to deprive the Germans of their history. And if today we have these grotesque and foolish movements, such as the professional peace movement and other things which are absolutely breathtaking in their lack of realism, it is because these people do not realize what the truth of history is.

Because when you study history, you know perfectly well what the best road to peace has been all through the times. No one has ever achieved peace through disarmament because those who know history know perfectly well that armament is not the cause of evil but the consequence of evil.

You know, armament is like the

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'PLAIN TRUTH' INTERVIEW — Otto von Habsburg responds to a question from Gene Hogberg (left), world news editor for *The Plain Truth*, July 12. Dr. Habsburg's comments appear in Mr. Hogberg's "Worldwatch" column, page 2. *Plain Truth* senior writer Keith Stump also participated in the interview. [Photo by Michael Snyder]

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fever to the disease. If you, as a doctor, would simply lower the fever and leave the disease, this would be even more mortal. And that is being often attempted by those people who really believe that armament is the root of all evils.

I debated on that subject only Friday night in Germany with one of the great spokesmen of this peace movement. And he also was totally irrational in his argumentation because he couldn't adduce a single historical proof for what he was saying.

And you know, that is what is so important in politics. You can prove only what has happened. In the future you can build the most beautiful castles in Spain or whatever you want and nobody can prove whether they are true or not. Proof is only what you see. And that is what you are supposed to use in order to plan the future.

We have, I think, in order to plan our future, always to take the practical examples on which we can go, of which the most important is, of course, that peace has only been preserved when the peaceful were strong enough so as not to be attacked by the aggressors.

You see, the whole way into the Second World War wouldn't have been what it was if people had been a little bit stronger. I lived through that period already in active politics. I'm one of the few who still has the privilege of remembering from personal experience what happened then. And ladies and gentlemen, without the abominably weak-kneed policies of the two Western powers of France and Great Britain, and without the active complicity of the Soviets, Hitler could have never started the Second World War.

The problem [we face today is] how we can preserve peace and security and freedom in our time. Because peace without freedom isn't worth anything.

Now from that point of view, of course, we must deal, especially in Europe, with the Soviet threat. As you know the Soviet Union today occupies about a third of Europe and continues to be the great danger in international affairs. For one, there is simple reason. First, because it is the basic doctrine of the Soviet system.

You see, you can't today open a Russian paper without reading at least once in it the slogan of world revolution. And what is world revolution other but a permanent declaration of war on, against all the nations which are not under the hegemonial rule of the Soviet Union?

You see, it is a fact, which we have to admit, that the Soviet Union has one of the most honest governments in the world. They say to us day after day what they want to do with us! And on the other hand we seem to try to live in a world of illusion, in a world lacking realism, although history has taught us time and again that it is only by absolute realism that peace, international peace, can be preserved.

And this is especially urgent now since when we watch the developments in the Soviet superpower, we find a certain number of accelerating elements which are due to increase international danger considerably in the years ahead of us. Because medium range, the outlook of the Soviet Union is extremely dangerous, and extremely explosive.

It is first true for economic reasons. You see, there is one basic law which I consider to be the basic law of economics, the best proven of them all, although many of our professors of economics do not admit its existence for ideological reason. And this law says whenever socialism enters the economy, productivity ceases and misery begins. And ladies and gentlemen, the Soviet Union is the best example of the

truth of this law.

You see, who remembers that at the beginning of this century — after all some 60 or 70 years ago — when the Soviet Union was still called Russia, and when in its agricultural structure, it still had independent farmers, this Russia was the first agricultural producer of the world. Russia at that time was ahead of the United States in the field of agriculture, something which is almost generally forgotten by now.

And now what do we see? After 60 years of Marxist reconstruction, Russia is still in the first place, but this time as importer of food out of the world. And in productivity, as you know, it is dismal. Because after all, let's look at things as they really are.

In Russia today — and this is admitted — you have the best soil of the world. You have a country where still 50 percent of the population works in agriculture. And this 50 percent of the population, working the best soil, isn't able to produce enough to feed the cities and industrial centers where the other 50 percent of the population lives.

This is an incredible achievement, ladies and gentlemen! And the same thing applies to all the different other rungs of economic life. It applies to the industrial structure. And it applies also to international finances. It should be an object of deep concern on our part that the Soviet economic organization, Comecon [Council for Mutual Economic Assistance], by now owes to the democratic industrialized countries already in excess of 82 billion U.S. dollars. This is a huge sum which can never be repaid in human history. This is perfectly true.

But we do not admit it because so many of our enterprises, especially in Europe, two of the leading German banks, would go immediately into bankruptcy if the truth was said tomorrow morning. Because all their balances are based on a fraud.

So this is the case for the Soviet Union. But take the other countries: Poland. After all, in a time which I will remember before the Second World War, Poland was one of the wealthiest countries of Europe. It was exporting, in every direction, food, raw materials and finished products. And look at the misery they are in now.

Rumania — if somebody had told



EVENING PRESENTATION — Otto von Habsburg (left) examines an album of photographs taken by Dominick Furlano, a former Big Sandy Ambassador College student, of Dr. Habsburg speaking at a European unification rally. Herbert W. Armstrong presented the album at a dinner July 11. [Photo by Warren Watson]

me before the Second World War that I would live to see the day when in Rumania you had to ration potatoes, maize and bread I would have said that person is ripe for the insane asylum. Well, Marxism has achieved this, too.

It is politics which is destroying the economic structure. And politics cannot be changed because of the rigidity of the Marxist system. So there is this inner contradiction which is leading the [Soviet Union] into an utmost economic catastrophe.

There is secondly another aspect which we always are prone to forget. And that is that in the period of worldwide decolonization, the Soviet Union remains as the last great colonial power in the world.

You see, let us not forget that, for instance, the French were already settling in Africa, in Senegal and in the Ivory Coast when the first Russian crossed the Urals in easterly direction to conquer Asiatic territory. All of Siberia, all of Russian Central Asia are relatively very new conquests of the last three centuries. Their basic population is Asiatic, is Islamic, or it is a population of the yellow races.



EDITORIAL TOUR — Wendy Styer, typesetter for Editorial Services in Pasadena, demonstrates the computerized phototypesetting terminal for Otto von Habsburg (right) during a July 11 tour of Editorial Services led by managing editor Dexter H. Faulkner. [Photo by Tom Hanson]

ments are grossly exaggerated by many of our mass media. Because when the hour of truth comes, they are very small.

You know this is one of the basic problems of our times, really, how to cope with this tremendous explosion of information which characterizes our times, and which renders political activities extremely difficult. Because, you know, television — which is today the most important of all the media — television is in a situation where not only there is the possibility of deliberate manipulation of news, but there is also what I would call the structural manipulation on which the solution is yet to be found.

You see, ladies and gentlemen, television is compelled to amuse and fascinate us for 19 to 24 hours a day. And as you well know, what is normal is neither amusing nor fascinating. A student who studies, a worker who works, a clergyman who believes in God is not televisionworthy because he does exactly what he's expected to do. But it is when they do the contrary of what they are expected, then they become interesting.

And consequently we have this curious phenomenon that the smallest minority in practical life becomes easily the greatest majority in the dreamworld created by our mass media.

This also applies to a political movement. You see, a political movement which behaves within the general framework of democratic institutions is not exciting. It is not creating news. It is only when they start to challenge this democratic acceptance, to do something extraordinary — like, for instance, the Greens in Germany — then they become interesting. And consequently television is going to go and show them much bigger than they are.

But when the hour of truth comes, of course, it ends. And you know that on this so-called peace discussion, which we have had in Germany, when the chips were down, on March 6, with the Bundes-tag [parliament] elections, we had a great majority for a realistic peace policy and not one of peace through abdication, which is no peace at all.

So the problem, really, is for us, what kind of practical actions we can do in world affairs. I do believe that in the first place, those nations which are more or less on the same wavelength ought to work much more closely together than has been hitherto the case. For instance, this applies to the friendship between the United States and Europe and to the understanding [which] the United States can [have] with the countries of the Far East, especially China.

But concerning Europe, which is my personal field, I want to tell you, there is, of course, this illusion which is created in your country — and incidentally in ours, only under reverse signs — that the Europeans don't like the Americans, that they want them to go away, etc.

I read even yesterday on arriving here — I have been in the United States only since yesterday afternoon, so you see my experience is not very old — I read in one of your outstanding papers a reporting on how unpopular the Americans were getting in Europe.

I can tell you one thing. I am, after all, an active politician, which means that I am speaking at meetings many times a week. I have, consequently, a much more lively contact, since in many cases we end these meetings with a discussion session. And I can only tell you, if I want to have a real good round of applause, I have just to say that I am for the friendship with the United States. And consequently, the real people once again are totally different from professional and certified intellectuals who feel that the Americans are uncouth, uncultured and that we should turn to [any other country], but not to the

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on them."

And you see when you look at the Soviet Union's position today, it is sitting on bayonets in these countries. And this is a position from which you cannot do any constructive politics.

So you see, medium range, ladies and gentlemen, medium range, we are in a situation which is extremely dangerous for the Soviets and for the Soviet leadership. But also dangerous for us since there is no guarantee that there won't be one day a leader in the Soviet Union who might say, "Let us use our advance in weaponry in time, before the problem becomes insoluble."

And that is exactly why today a policy which should prevent this overreaction on the part of the Soviets is the paramount task of our times in general politics. But once again, we should have here no illusions whatsoever. We'll never reach that by sticking our head into the sand, not wanting to see the realities of the situation, and trying to save international peace by incantations of peace as our peace professionals want to do. Peace through weakness has never been achieved, never in the whole human history.

Now you know these peace move-

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United States.

You know, our people realize very clearly that if it weren't for the American garrison in Berlin, for the American participation in NATO, we wouldn't be free any more. We would have been since a long time a colony of the Soviet Union. And consequently here, too, you can rely on the good sense of the population rather than on the speculations of professional intellectuals.

And the same thing applies to our relations with Asia, because after all, regardless of what the China system is at the present time, the Chinese are our logical partners because they are those who are able more than others to keep the Soviets in line by the pressure they apply from the Far East on the Soviet positions.

You see, a Chinese leader once told me — he had talked for a long time with me — and I said to him, Well, you know perfectly well I'm a conservative. You are of a different political conviction. Why did you want to talk with me that long? And he said to me, "Well, there is a very logical answer to that. The neighbor of my enemy is always my friend." And we should not forget that. Because China is a major element in keeping the Soviets in line.

And then there is the problem of the European political unification. You see, Europe is the one area of the world today, at least of the Northern Hemisphere, where we still insist to live in the 19th century, within the 20th century. You are a great power at the size of the 20th century. So is the Soviet Union. So is China [and] Japan.

But we have an economically overdeveloped area in a relatively small area with a large population. We are, even in the EC [European Community], we have more population than you have. And we have more population than the Soviet Union. We are the second economic power in the world, but we are politically weak because we are split into states which are in a size which is no longer possible in our century.

You see, if you study history, you will find one thing. The size of political units [were] always created along development by the fastest element of transport of that particular time.

You see, first we had the pedestrian. And at that time you could live in city-republics as in ancient Greece. Then you had the phase where states were built on the sail and on the horse. We had in the 19th century the countries which were built by the railroads, on the size of the railroads.

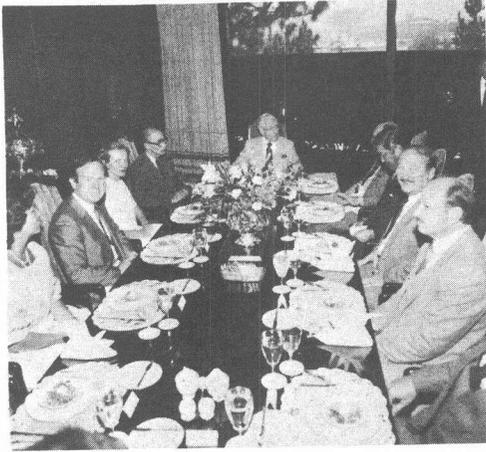
But now we are in the period of supersonic flight. And in the perspective of a supersonic aircraft, all the states of Europe are less than one hour. That is to say, they are of a size which corresponds to approximately 3 miles in the times of the ancient Greeks.

That is the political reality in the world, ladies and gentlemen. And that is the reason why we have to make this European unification.

Now we had the election of the first European Parliament on June 10, 1979. As you see, we have now since four years a political organization which is trying to create a political Europe. Of course, we are being criticized very much — and if I say "we" I am thinking of the European Parliament, as I am a member of that — we are being criticized of not going fast enough.

Ladies and gentlemen, of course we are going too slow. There is no doubt about that. But then, one must on the other hand, by making a balance of the last four years, say that we have achieved enormous strides, if you consider the problems which we have to face.

You see, the United States, when they were created, they took about a hundred years until they really found their form. And with that the United States had one language,



LUNCHEON MEETING — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (center) is host to a luncheon for Otto von Habsburg (to Mr. Armstrong's right) in the Pasadena faculty dining hall July 11. Consuls general from Japan, West Germany and Austria attended with Church officials. [Photo by Warren Watson]

more or less one religion and one culture. And their states were mostly artificial at the time. They hadn't all the burden of thousands of years of history.

We are trying to build a Europe at the present time with 10 nations at present represented in the European Parliament, all of them having a history of well over a thousand years of hostilities, of wars with each other.

We have different languages. In the European Parliament alone we speak in seven languages, which creates quite a problem of simultaneous translations. We have different religious communities. And all that has to be put together, and we have been at it all told, from the beginning of the European Economic Community, for about 30 years. That is to say, one third of the time you needed to create the United States of America.

And let's not forget the further fact that is that practically all the great statesmen who have made this unity action were people who have been fighting each other before.

So you see the tremendous historical advance we have made. And in this perspective we can say as follows: The first achievement is this, the political Europe is already a reality. You can't break it up any more.

You see, we have here — and I understand your press does it, too — always vast publicity given to fringe groups who say that they want to get out of the Community. It's always the same. There is in the first place the British Labor Party. And you know, it ended them in limbo at the last elections. And I will tell you an interesting fact.

I was in London about three weeks ago. I spoke there at the invitation of the British European Movement in a big public meeting in London itself. And for the first time in 10 years, the Labor Party was again officially represented. So I consider this to be very significant. Obviously they have learned their lesson. And they are looking, casting for the possibility of changing their attitude again back to the acceptance of a reality they can no longer fight.

The same thing, incidentally, applies to Greece, too, where you may remember Mr. [Andreas] Papandreu made his whole election campaign on the base to take Greece out of NATO and of the European Community. He is now for two years in power, and nobody talks about it any more.

And we have one other feature which is politically very important. We have an instrument of foreign policy. You see, we have had in September, 1981, the acceptance of what was called the Ellis Report, which was a report on the European political consultation.

Due to this European political

consultation we have now a body which obligatorily, whenever there is a crisis, or an international conference, is immediately working out a common line for the 10 countries of the European Community, and they follow this common line.

And ladies and gentlemen, this is no mean achievement when you realize that in the Ten you have on the one side Margaret Thatcher and on the other side Papandreu. To bring these two to work in common on a common plan of foreign policy is a major achievement.

The European unity is something which is in existence. Of course, it still needs a lot to be achieved, to be finished, to be really operational. And probably many of us will not see it at that point. But I consider that we are on the best way, and that a second thing is important. We are reliable partners for the United States. And consequently the community of the free nations is an encouraging sign.

And so I think that all in all we can be reasonably optimistic, without underestimating the very real dangers which exist. Because an accident is always possible. But on the other hand, as far as one can rationally foresee the future, I do not see any major reason of discouragement, if only we behave reasonably.

And let me then return to one last thought about which I had spoken already at the beginning. And that is that back of all the events of politics is still a moral and mental attitude. You see, that is of primary importance. The religious foundation of a society is the only real and lasting foundation this society may have.

This is a basic fact which even some people who individually are nonreligious would have to admit if they read objectively history, the rise and fall of empires and of societies.

And so the last answer to the future of your country, as to the future of my continent of Europe, will be whether we are able to return truly and fully again to the roots of our greatness. Because let us not forget if we take Christianity out of the European, or [out] of the American development, there is nothing left. The soul is gone. And without the soul, the economically and politically most-potent body is condemned to die.

So in reality, in the end, despite all the political development, it is in the moral and religious field that the last decision will be taken. And from that point of view, may I congratulate you at this opportunity to work here in an environment which really is dedicated to that which will be fundamental for the future, and to that basic value, which we need to conquer if we want our world, our freedom, our nations to survive. I thank you.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

YOU essay contest

PASADENA — From more than 600 entries, Vickie Thomas' essay, "Bonds of Love," was awarded first place July 11 in the senior division of the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) essay contest. Vickie, 17, will receive a check for \$100, according to Kevin Dean, YOU director.

Vickie attends the Omaha, Neb., church with her mother, Charlene Thomas.

Second place went to David A. Byrum, 17, of Cincinnati, Ohio, with his essay, "A Family in Crisis," and third place went to Steve Aitkins, 18, of Puyallup, Wash., for "Family Man." David will receive \$50 for second place and Steve \$25 for third.

The YOU staff was overwhelmed by the tremendous response to the essay contest. "To my knowledge we have had more response to this contest than ever before. And quite a few young people have expressed their appreciation for having this event added to YOU's activities outside the athletic program," said Jeb Egbert, YOU business manager and contest coordinator.

Mr. Egbert also said it was eye-opening to see how the youths in God's Church feel about the family, the theme of the essay contest. "The obvious instruction that is getting through to these young people through their families shows that God's Church is truly get-

ting back on track." As in the junior division judging (see "Texan, 14, Wins Junior Division of YOU Essay Writing Contest," *W/N*, May 16), after an extensive preliminary selection process, the top essays were sent to Editorial Services here for final judging. The essays were judged with the authors' names and addresses blanked out.

"Several of the entrants had suffered through critical periods in their lives with their families and were moved to write very personal insights. They seemed to have learned some valuable lessons," said Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the *Work's* publications.

Because of the personal nature of the winning essay, Mr. Egbert and Mr. Faulkner decided not to publish the material in full in *The Worldwide News*. Excerpts of "Bonds of Love," however, appear in Mr. Faulkner's "Just One More Thing" column in this issue (see "Value of Written Words," page 2).

Those awarded honorable mention are: Anna Freese, 18, Cincinnati, Ohio; Ruth Grabbe, 17, Pasadena; John C. Hanson, 19, Hamilton, Ohio; John D. May, 17, Downer's Grove, Ill.; Nancy L. Monson, 18, Regina, Sask.; Patrick Russell, 17, Hamilton, Ohio; Vanja Seltzer, 18, Cokato, Minn.; and Mary Wagie, 16, Huber Heights, Ohio.

Youths honored

EDMONTON, Alta. — Steven Laflamme, 7, received a "Well Done" certificate at Alex Taylor School April 21. Four students received the award.

The award sponsored by the Alberta Teachers Association, is for special effort in completion of assignments and good classroom conduct.



STEVEN LAFLAMME

Steven attends the Edmonton North church with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jean L. Laflamme, and his sister Chryslaine.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Vivienne Logan, 9, won a gold and a silver medal in the South Auckland swimming championships Feb. 13.

She had to miss her favorite event, the breaststroke, because it was on the Sabbath. On the next day, however, she cut her times in the 50-meter freestyle and backstroke to win and place in those races.

Vivienne won the breaststroke in the Manurewa interschool swimming contest and was runner up under 10 girls in the Manurewa Swimming Club Championships March 27.

Vivienne attends the Auckland church with her family.

BLAINE, Minn. — Linda Smiley, 14, of Roosevelt Junior High School, was selected for

the National Junior Honor Society April 12. Membership is based on scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship and service.



LINDA SMILEY

Linda participates in YOU track and cheerleading and sings in the youth choir. She also plays flute in her school concert band.

Linda attends the Minneapolis North church with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smiley, brother Thomas and sister Jennifer.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Emiel Logan, 11, was awarded two trophies at the Manurewa Swimming Club March 27.

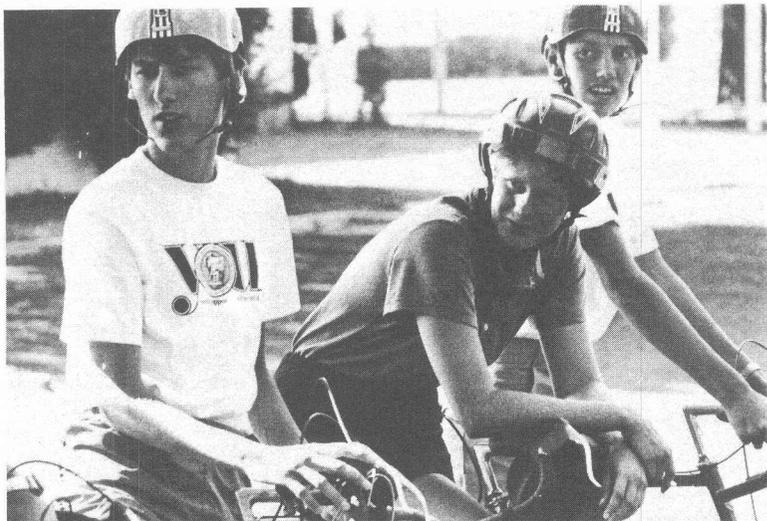
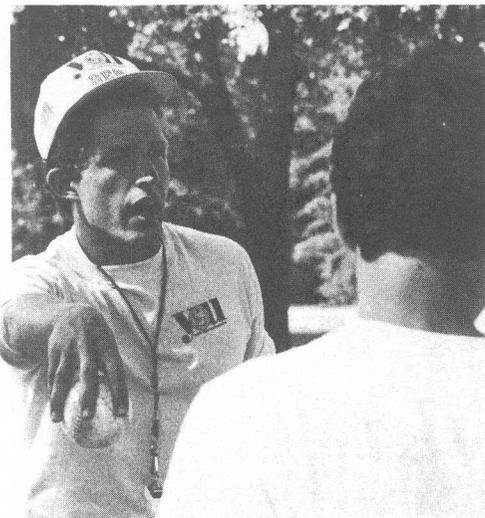
He received one trophy for winning the junior boys' races in all strokes and another trophy for being the most improved junior boy.

Emiel won four silver medals in the South Auckland championships Feb. 13.

He represented his area in the breaststroke when those meets did not conflict with the Sabbath.

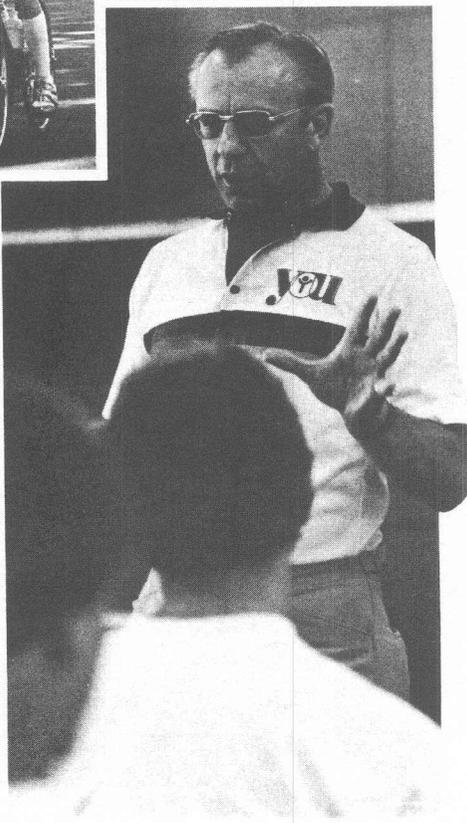
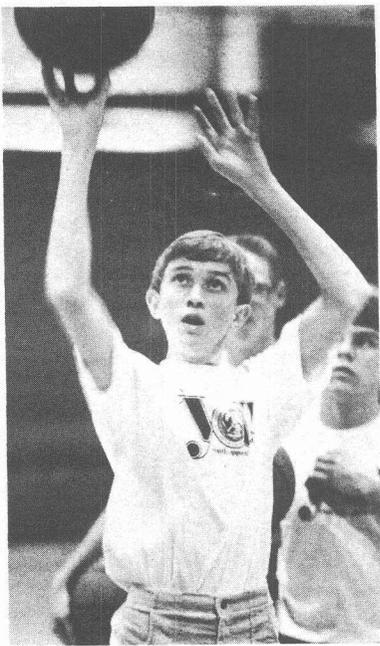
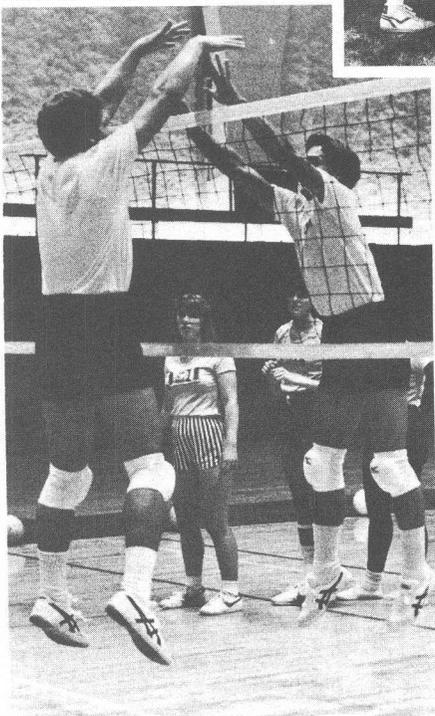
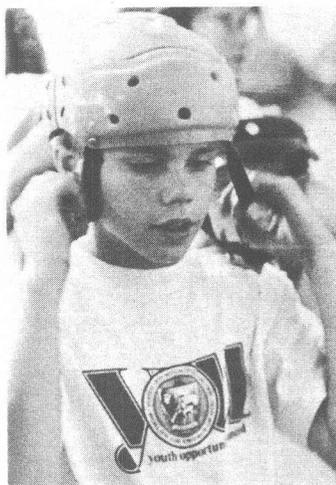
Emiel was his school's swimming champion and represented his school in the Champion of Champions meet for the Greater Auckland district. Emiel's swimming coach is his mother.

He attends the Auckland church with his family.



SEP IN BIG SANDY, TEXAS

SEP ACTIVITIES — Clockwise from top left: Summer Educational Program staffer Jason Stone, a 1983 Big Sandy Ambassador College graduate, shows campers how to throw a softball; cyclists take a breather with instructor Nancy Wold (center), also a 1983 Big Sandy graduate; Miss Wold flashes a grin; Pasadena Ambassador College associate professor Richard Ames lectures during a classroom session; a camper takes aim during basketball class; campers and staff practice a volleyball blocking drill; a cyclist straps his helmet; golf, dancing and cycling are among the classes taught. [Photos by Nathan Faulkner and Barry Stahl]



LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The **BETHLEHEM**, Pa., church had a family picnic June 19 at Lenape Park in Old Zionsville, Pa. About 150 brethren and children participated. Activities included a bean-bag toss, tennis, basketball and softball. The 3-to-5 age group took part in a boat race, Frisbee toss, balloon-inflation race and spooning-water-into-a-cup race. The 7-to-12 group enjoyed a relay, crab walk, a paper-airplane-throwing contest and water-balloon contest. Those over 13 tried water-balloon tosses, cracker-and-whistle races, water-relay races and volleyball. Music was by Stuart Knerr on guitar and Bryan Kunkle on accordion. *Gordon S. Long.*

The **BIRMINGHAM**, Ala., churches enjoyed a picnic brunch June 12 at Oak Mountain State Park. The YES participated in relays, a tug-of-war and softball. The YOU also had ball games. Men and women teamed up for a tug-of-war then separated for volleyball and softball. Frank Ashley received a plaque for being the high scorer in the annual archery contest. *Helen F. Garrison.*

The **BOISE**, Idaho, church marked its 20th anniversary June 11 in a combined service with the Ontario, Ore., church. Two hundred forty people were present at the service in Caldwell, Idaho.

During the announcements pastor Jeff McGowan reviewed the Boise church history, which was provided by Henry Wiens, a deacon who has attended in Boise since the church began here. Mr. McGowan asked brethren to stand according to the year they began attending the Boise church. After services the McGowan family was given a quilt made by women of the Ontario church. The quilt blocks depicted events in the McGowan's lives.

Refreshments were served, and two teams played Bible baseball, with questions taken from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's booklets. That was followed by a potluck, after which Mr. McGowan conducted a Bible study about memorials and the importance of remembering past events. Mrs. Hugh Harden and the Girls' Club provided a collection of photos of church activities dating from 1965. A picnic the next day completed the weekend's activities. *Irene Zeppenfeld.*

Young adult members of the **CANTON**, Ohio, church attended a party June 16 at the home of pastor John Foster and his wife Susan. Activities included outdoor games and table games. *Norma Costello.*

Robin and Tina Brace played host to the **CARDIFF**, Wales, singles and other Church members at their home June 25. A buffet lunch and fruit punch were served. Later, the group, which included visiting local church elder Alan Bates and his family, went to Cosmestow Lakes Park, near Penarth, Wales. *Hilary Caldwell.*

A social for the **CHARLESTON**, S.C., church took place June 18. A meal was followed by entertainment by YES and YOU members. Entertainment included a trumpet solo, piano solo and a selection from the junior choir. The social was organized by deacon Tommie Grant. *Ken Jackson.*

The **DULUTH, GRAND RAPIDS and BRAINERD**, Minn., churches went to the SEP camp in Orr, Minn., for services June 18. They were invited by YOU director Kevin Dean to hear Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong speak. Afterward they fellowshiped outside and toured the camp. *Carol Morken.*

Young adults of the **FAIRFIELD**, Calif., church had a bake sale June 26 under the direction of Cathy Pridmore. Members donated homemade breads, cakes and cookies, which were sold from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the K-mart store in Napa, Calif. Almost \$100 was raised, and most of the baked goods were sold. *Lila E. Docken.*

The **FAYETTEVILLE**, N.C., church had a picnic June 19 at the Cumberland County Recreation Park. Activities included tennis, volleyball, horseshoes, children's games and wheelbarrow softball. Men were required to bat with their opposite hand and push their female partners around the bases in a wheelbarrow. Used clothing donated by members was available. *James Mitchell.*

The **FORT COLLINS**, Colo., church commemorated its 10th anniversary June 18. In the sermonette Ted Johnston spoke on the history of the church here. The church was first located in Greeley,

Colo., and began in June, 1973, with Jim Jenkins as pastor. Chuck Zimmerman, the present pastor, came to the area in 1977. In 1980 the church began meeting at the Lincoln Center in Fort Collins. Attendance is now about 180. After services hors d'oeuvres, champagne punch and two decorated cakes made by Kathy Williams were served. *Roma Tennison.*

Seventy-one brethren of the **FORT WORTH**, Tex., church participated in a game night and potluck at the home of Les Clark June 25. While adults played cards and board games children watched movies of the Young Ambassadors and *The Love Bug*. *Wes White.*

A beach party for the **GALWAY**, Ireland, church took place June 12 at Fanore, County Clare, a remote area in western Ireland. Occasional heavy rain showers sent members scampering for the shelter of their cars. Activities included football and volleyball. Gerry Folan organized the event. *Christopher Murray.*

A beach party for the **HATTIESBURG and MERIDIAN**, Miss., churches combined for a weekend of camping, games, swimming and a picnic. Relay races, tug-of-war, women's softball and men's softball were offered. Younger children enjoyed a treasure hunt. After lunch, some brethren swam. *Paul Kurts.*

The **KENT**, Wash., church had its second mother-daughter banquet June 26 with 140 mothers, daughters and adopted-for-the-evening daughters in attendance. The theme was "Down Memory Lane," and the banquet took place at the Auburn, Wash., senior citizen's center.

Decorations were coordinated by Bea Paynter and the meal, served by husbands and fathers, was supervised by Donna Jebbett. Entertainment included songs by Gale Ullrich, the children's choir and a three-generation mother and daughter ensemble. Vikki Wilke spoke on "The Tapestry of Life," and a fashion show was presented by Betty Klineberger, with mothers and daughters modeling Mrs. Klineberger's collection of original turn-of-the-century costumes. Opening and closing remarks were made by Linda Campbell, and overall coordination was done by Elmer Wilke and Evie Chaffee. *Gale Ullrich.*

"The Golden Oldies" was the theme of the social organized by the **KINGSTON**, Jamaica, church June 18. Members arrived decked in fashions depicting the '50s and '60s. The activity included dancing, a fashion show, a dance contest and a miniconcert. Peter Gordon and Paulette Morris were winners of the fashion show. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Spencer were runners up and Sharon Brydson and Gerald Haynes placed third.

Couples honored in the dance contest were Carole Brown and Junior Hart, Cora McDonald and Glen Murray, Dahlia Saunders and Bernardo Beckford, Sharon Brydson and Gerald Haynes, Maisylyn Gordon and Glen Murray, Dahlia Saunders and Lloyd Robinson, Janita Golding and Lennie Chang, Harry Grant and Paulette Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, Valerie Morris and Gerald Haynes and Paulette Morris and Carlton Taylor. *Joan Barrett.*

The **KUALA LUMPUR**, Malaysia, church welcomed minister Yong Chin Gee and his family June 17 when the Yong family returned from a year in Pasadena, where Mr. Yong studied at Ambassador College. At Sabbath services the next day Mr. Yong preached the sermon. Visitors from south Malaysia and Singapore were in attendance. The next day a lunch and tea for the Yongs took place at the home of deacon Low Mong Chai. *Clement Lim.*

The **LAKE OF THE OZARKS**, Mo., church had its annual picnic June 19 on the Festival grounds. After viewing the *World Tomorrow* telecast, the children visited Animal World. Lisa Ash, daughter of members Curt and Linda Ash, entertained them with trained parrots. They returned in time for a potluck. Afternoon activities included softball, relays and a balloon toss for the children, and softball, volleyball, horseshoes and checkers for the adults. Chuck Grimes brought his horse-drawn wagon to provide hayrides for young and old. *Donna Roberts.*

LAS VEGAS, Nev., brethren enjoyed a picnic June 19 at Floyd Lamb Park. Sack races, three-legged races and a peanut pass sparked a lot of laughs. In the peanut pass, four teams, each member with spoon in mouth, had to pass a peanut from spoon to spoon and back again. The children tried their hands at fishing in the park's lakes, but came back empty-handed. Lunch was a potluck. Thanks go to George and Annie Evelyn and Tim and Debbie Deschaine. *Lyndon B. Graves.*

Almost 50 brethren from the **MELBOURNE**, Australia, church attended a pancake meal at the home of Graham John Armstrong in Pasco Vale June 5. Corinne Bondjakovic, Vicky Christensen and Wendy Lyons helped prepare the meal, and Jan Dennis supplied rice pancakes. Mr. Armstrong led a sing-along accompanied by Keven Higgins on organ. *Graham John Armstrong.*

Brethren from the **MIDDLESBROUGH**, England, church invited Newcastle, England, brethren to join them June 19 for a day of fellowship and sports in the castle and university city of Durham, England. Activities included tennis, miniature golf, football and rowing on the River Wear. In the evening tired brethren gathered at Bluebell Wood for a barbecue, where beefburgers, cooked by Alan Smailes and Tom Wallace were eaten. *Bill Harris.*

A family picnic for the **MOUNTAIN VIEW, JONESBORO and HARRISON**, Ark., churches was sponsored by the Mountain View congregation June 19 at the Blanchard Springs Cavern State Park. Barbecued chicken, roasted sweet corn and baked potatoes were provided by the combined Harrison-Mountain View Spokesman Club. Activities included touch football, softball, horseshoes, fishing, swimming, sack races, a tug-of-war and a water-balloon toss. *Loren Westcott.*

Brethren of the **NEWCASTLE**, Australia, church enjoyed a games night June 11 as a fund raiser for Jenny Douglas who will leave for Ambassador College in August. The games were organized by John Daniell, and prizes were awarded. After dinner Jenny was given a pictorial book of Newcastle by pastor Gary Harvey on behalf of the brethren. More than \$350 was raised. *Graeme Mills.*

The **PERTH**, Australia, church had a concert June 18 with the railway station platform at Widgeemoolha, Australia (an old goldfield town), as the backdrop. Robert Stevens was master of ceremonies for the 2½-hour show. Performances on the recorder, trumpet, mouth organ and flute were interspersed with singing, tap dancing, ballet and jazz ballet. A comedy news broadcast was presented by pastor Bob Regazzoli, associate pastor Ross Beath and local elder Ted Mann. Later coffee and cake were served. *Robert and Marlene Ainsworth.*

Traveling evangelist Gerold Waterhouse spoke to about 160 **ROCHESTER**, N.Y., brethren at the Burgundy Basin Inn June 12. Mr. Waterhouse is on his eighth world tour. After speaking, he answered questions. *Jake Hannold.*

The **ROCKHAMPTON**, Australia, church enjoyed a day of fellowship and activities June 4. The day began with morning Sabbath services. After sundown activities started with a barbecue, while children watched cartoons. Other activities included dancing, games for the children and an adult quiz featuring Bible and general knowledge questions composed by Robin Ogielty. The talent segment included three original compositions by Gary Shaw on guitar assisted by 6-year-old Angela-Faye Davidson and the Rockhampton children's choir. Other items were given by John De Mey, Nathan De Mey, Brett Ogielty and Brian Mackie. The evening ended with dinner provided by



SENIOR OUTING — Members of the New Orleans, La., Over 50 Group are pictured at Swamp Gardens in Morgan City, La., June 12. (See "Senior Activities," page 9.) [Photo by Irby Toups]

the women and more dancing. *Katherine Jones.*

A pool party and fried chicken cookout for the **PETERSBURG**, Fla., church took place June 26 at the Walter Fuller Pool Complex. The group of 125 enjoyed swimming, diving, keep away and fellowshiping in the pool environs, which included an Olympic-size pool, high and low diving boards, a children's wading pool and a covered grandstand. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

The **STRASBOURG**, France, and **BASEL**, Switzerland, churches combined for Sabbath services in Basel June 18. Brethren also came from Paris, France; Geneva and Zurich, Switzerland; and Stuttgart, West Germany; for the occasion. Olivier Carion, pastor of the Strasbourg church, gave the morning sermon, and Tom Lapacka, pastor of the Basel, Stuttgart and Zurich churches, gave the sermon in the afternoon. Sermons were translated into French, German and English for the 241 brethren present.

A slide show portraying Ambassador College student life was presented by students participating in the West German Office summer program. Between services brethren enjoyed a buffet lunch that included French, German and Swiss food. Hand gestures and facial expressions substituted for words not understood, as brethren fellowshiped over lunch. *Neil Druce.*

The fifth annual picnic for the **TEXARKANA**, Tex., church was June 19 at Spring Lake Park. In addition to lunch brethren participated in volleyball, baseball, tug-of-war, horseshoes, swimming and badminton. More than 110 were present. *Arthur C. Burton Jr.*

After the morning service June 11 some 30 brethren from **TIVERTON**, England, had a picnic on the grounds of Knightsday House, one of Britain's stately homes. *Francis Cann.*

Mary Swain of Tiverton took her children, Rachel, Heather and David, to see the Queen of England during the Queen's visit to the area May 23. The children had flowers to give to the Queen and, with help from a policeman, they were put in front of the crowd to offer the gift. The Queen took the flowers, smiled and thanked the children. *Francis Cann.*

Several brethren from the **VANCOUVER**, B.C., congregation

gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Groom June 10 for a buffet luncheon. Each dish reflected a floral theme. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stevens, who will move to Phoenix, Ariz. *E. Kerr.*

The district family weekend for the **WELLINGTON**, New Zealand, church occurred June 4 to 6. Brethren traveled for up to five hours from Hastings, Palmerston North and Nelson, New Zealand, combining with the host church to form a congregation of about 150 people. After Sabbath services and a potluck luncheon, brethren watched videotapes of the *World Tomorrow* telecast (not otherwise able to be viewed in New Zealand) and participated in a Bible bowl.

Sunday morning more telecasts and a Bible bowl were followed by afternoon outdoor activities including tennis, volleyball and basketball as well as indoor card and board games. After a barbecue meal of steak and sausages with salad, and fresh apples for dessert, piano recitals and a sing-along took place. Then followed a repeat viewing of the 1982 Young Ambassadors film and a telecast. *Dennis Gordon.*

Originality and creativeness were the themes of the Mad Hatters evening sponsored by the **WODDONGA**, Australia, church June 18. Visitors from Melbourne and Temora, Australia, attended also.

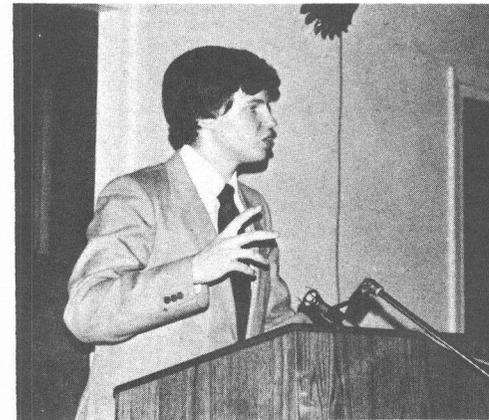
The master of ceremonies, wearing a black top hat, was Max Reid. Leon Turner judged the hats and awarded the prize for the funniest hat to Adrian Lathlean, whose hat featured an Australian dinkum dunno (outhouse), complete with a red-back spider on the toilet seat. Dusan Zubovic won a prize for the most unusual hat, composed of a tray bearing a wine cask, silver goblets and decanter. The junior section was won by Seth McGorlick who wore a first-aid hat.

Dinner consisted of a bake-off for the men. Best cake award went to Tony Klein Boonschater, and the best flop award to Wayne Moroney. Judges were Wilma Reid, Jan Wylitt and Kim Hawkins. A film was shown to the younger children. *Barbara Turner.*

CLUB MEETINGS

The **BEAUMONT**, Tex., and **LAKE CHARLES**, La., Spokesman Clubs assembled for a ladies' day meeting June 19 at the Edgar A. Brown Estate in Orange, Tex. A tour of the mansion, conducted by students of Lamar University, began at 2:30. An hour later the clubs met in a dining area inside a glass-enclosed patio. The women were each presented an orchid corsage. At the intermission a catered dinner was served. The seven graduates spoke for two to three minutes each and were presented with certificates by pastor Ed Mauzey and local church elder Gene Koch. The graduates were Joe Alexander, Hal Boardman, Sidney Janise, Scott Miller, Kenneth Rue, Charles Wall and Dale Williams. *Delbert Lord and Hal Boardman.*

The **BRAINERD** and **GRAND RAPIDS**, Minn., Spokesman Club had a year-end ladies' night and graduation dinner June 20. After a buffet dinner the meeting was called to order by President Jess McAllister. Tabletopics by LeRoy Smith followed. Mr. McAllister served as toastmaster and introduced speakers Mark Schmoor, Ray Bossel and Ralph Mayer. Overall evaluation and closing remarks were presented by director Stan (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 9)



YOUTH CLUB — Tim Finlay, president, speaks at the year-end meeting of the St. Albans, Borehamwood, Luton and London, England, Boys' and Girls' clubs July 3. (See "Youth Activities," page 11.) [Photo by Edie Weaner]

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 McNeil. Mr. McNeil then awarded certificates to the four graduates: Mr. McAllister, Mr. Smith, Andrew Freeman and Gary Hanson. *Andrew Freeman.*

The CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., and MURPHY, N.C., Spokesman Clubs ended the club year with a combined ladies' night meeting June 18. After dinner Chattanooga club President Tom Hammett was chairman for the first part of the meeting. John Duckett led tabletopics and Charles Knowlton, director of the Murphy club, evaluated the first half.

Murphy club President Charles Dailey led the second half. Toastmaster Dan Bonner introduced speakers Jack Smart, Mr. Hammett, Rick Cloudus, Hoyt Lefever and Stacy Smith. Ten men graduated. Graduates from Chattanooga were Dave Jones, Ronnie Downs, Mr. Hammett, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Cloudus and Mr. Smith. Murphy club graduates were Jesse Jones, Mr. Bonner, Mr. Smart and Mr. Lefever.

William Cowan Jr., pastor of the Chattanooga and Murphy churches, gave the lecture. Club members gave gifts of appreciation to Mr. Cowan, director of the Chattanooga club, Mr. Knowlton and assistant directors Tony Smith and Jim Stewart. *Rick Cloudus.*

Graduation for the COLUMBIA, S.C., and AUGUSTA, Ga., Spokesman Club took place June 19. Along with their wives or dates the men enjoyed a four-course meal at the Town House in Columbia. The women were each given a long-stem rose from the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Brown of the Columbia church. The meeting was opened by President Danny Cogdill. Tabletopics were led by Ron Stanley. After a break toastmaster David Drawdy presented speakers Sam Chiles; Clyde Finklea, Most Effective Speech; Paul Nowlen; Mr. Cogdill; and Robert Stewart, Most Improved Speaker. The Most Helpful Evaluation was given by Arnold Stamey. Overall evaluations and comments were given by Keith Thomas, pastor. Graduates were Mr. Cogdill of Columbia and Mr. Stewart of Augusta. *Bob and Barbara Stewart.*

Members of the CUMBERLAND and HAGERSTOWN, Md., and WINCHESTER, Va., Spokesman Clubs along with their wives, dates and guests met at the Lee-Jackson Motor Inn in Winchester June 12 for their annual graduation banquet. William Ridgely, president of the Hagerstown club, presided. The members of the three clubs were introduced by each club's director. Tabletopics were presented by Gary Jones. Davis Grove, director of the Cumberland club, evaluated the first half of the meeting.

Toastmaster Tom Hoban introduced speakers Drew Weidman, James Yowell, David Lemarr, Tom Rothrock and Charles High. Mark Cox gave the Most Helpful Evaluation, Mr. High was Most Improved Speaker and Mr. Yowell won the Most Effective Speech trophy. Grant Spong, associate pastor and director of the Winchester club, evaluated the second half of the meeting. Gifts of appreciation were presented to the three club directors. Director William Pack introduced officers for the clubs, which will combine next year: Mr. Jones, president; Mr. High, vice president; Oscar Hernandez, secretary; Mr. Lemarr, treasurer; and Mr. Weidman, sergeant at arms. *Gerald Dulaney.*

The FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., A and B and FLORENCE, S.C., Spokesman Clubs combined June 12 at the Ramada Inn of Lumberton, N.C. Director Larry Greider welcomed members and guests. Toastmaster was Winston Davis. During the break English trifle was served. Speeches were given by James Mitchell, Gerald Shephard (Most Effective Speech), Bill Latham (Most Improved Speaker), Richard Moore and Earl Jones. Bob Clyburn gave the Most Helpful Evaluation. The overall evaluation was given by local elder Ray Grubb. Officers for next year for the three clubs were announced. Dancing to stereo music followed. *Charles B. Edwards.*

Nine Spokesman Club certificates of merit were presented to graduating members of the combined FREDERICTON and SUSSEX, N.B., Spokesman Club June 19 at Fredericton. More than 75 members and guests were on hand as pastor and club director Gary Moore presented certificates to Sussex club members Romeo Gagnon, Alan Hart, John Howard, Winston Jones and local elder Eric Vatur, and Fredericton members Cecil Hall, James Noseworthy and President Garland Tibbitts. Brent White of Fredericton was not present to receive his certificate. The event began with a chick-

en dinner. Topicsmaster was John Howard. Toastmaster Mr. Tibbitts introduced Mr. Gagnon, Dave Bartlett, Ron Foster, Winston Jones and Mr. Noseworthy for speeches. Trophies were awarded to Mr. Noseworthy for Most Effective Speech, Mr. Bartlett for Most Improved Speaker and Guilmond Ringette for the Most Helpful Evaluation. *Ron Savoy.*

The GREENSBORO, N.C., Graduate and Spokesman clubs met for a ladies' night and graduation June 16. The meeting took place in High Point, N.C., at the Top of the Mart, and the entire church was invited to attend. Associate pastor Dan Orban was toastmaster and introduced speakers Verdane Ayers, Garvin Ducker, John Dubry and Steve Weifenbach, each of whom received graduation certificates. Graduate Club member Ken Rice also spoke. Jonathan Miller, Spokesman Club president, presented gifts to the directors, and pastor Dan Rogers gave closing remarks. Afterward there was a dance with a live band. *Vicki Hart.*

Eight men graduated at the LAFAYETTE, La., Spokesman Club meeting June 11. President John Pearce introduced topicsmaster James Crawford, and after the topics session director Dennis Doucet evaluated the first half. Toastmaster Walt Zenon introduced speakers Abraham Vice, Don Hogan, Don Jones, Robert Albarado and Carlton Martin. Pastor Alton Billingsley gave the overall evaluation, and he and Mr. Doucet awarded certificates to graduates Jim Baugh, Martin Foster, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Jones, Mr. Martin, Clifford Oxedine, Mr. Vice and Don White. *Glenda Crawford.*

The LONG ISLAND, N.Y., Spokesman Club had its graduation dinner at the Colonie Hill in Hauppauge, N.Y., June 16. Roast beef and filet of sole were the main courses for dinner, during which Rufino Aviles led the topics session. Toastmaster Larry Rawson introduced the five speakers, and director and pastor Frank McCrady Jr. gave the overall evaluation and closing comments.

Mr. McCrady then presented certificates to graduates John Emison, Maurice Fleury, Gregory Kelly, Richard Kenny, James Morrison, Richard Musalo, Mr. Aviles and Mr. Rawson. New officers for the next year were also named: Wayne Thompson, president; Paul Hodgson, vice president; Pat Martinelli, secretary; William White, treasurer; and Richard Nogan, sergeant at arms. *Larry Rawson.*

The MERIDEN, Conn., Spokesman Club graduation dinner took place May 29. Speakers for the evening were Ron Peat, Russ Klotter, Phil Havens, Dale Martin and Ed Rubin. Graduating this year were Mr. Peat, Mr. Martin and Mr. Havens. Pastor Larry Woodriddle gave closing comments. Dance music afterward was provided by Norman and Jan Zachlod and George Zychek. *Karen George.*

The MERIDIAN, Miss., Spokesman Club had a ladies' night June 11. The evening began with a champagne social mellowed by soft lights and background music. A meal was served by YOU members. Bill McRee served as topicsmaster. Toastmaster Lynn Carey introduced speakers: Phillip Neal, Tom Diaz, Nathaniel Maxwell, Gene Loper and John LaBelle. Club President Larry Brown conducted the meeting with church pastor Paul Kurts evaluating. *Paul Kurts.*

The NEWCASTLE, Australia, Spokesman Club had a ladies' night June 13 with a world events theme. The tabletopics session was conducted by Steve King, and toastmaster was Les Crock-



COMBINED CLUBS — Mike Hale, graphics editor for Youth 83, comments during the tabletopics session at the combined Auditorium P.M. Graduate Clubs' dinner meeting June 30. [Photo by Tom Hanson]

ford. Speeches were given by Charlie Phillips; Merv Bell; Viktor Schusser, Most Effective Speech; Roger Rye; John Daniell, Most Improved Speaker; and Graeme Mills. Dinner was served during the break. Club director Gary Harvey evaluated the evening. *Graeme Mills.*

A group from the NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, England, Spokesman Club journeyed to the banks of the River Wear in Sunderland, England, June 27 to visit Sunderland Shipbuilders. Club member John Bage, an employee of the company, conducted the visit. Maximum use is made of computer technology as the ships are built in sections, assembled in a dry dock and floated out upon completion. The men boarded an almost completed ship. A stop at a hostelry rounded off the evening. *George Hinds.*

The ROCHESTER and SYRACUSE, N.Y., Spokesman Club and guests met at a Holiday Inn in Syracuse June 11 for the annual graduation dinner. Dick Orrvick of the Rochester club welcomed the guests and conducted the business session after which Dennis Dudek conducted a topics session. Assistant pastor Thomas Melear evaluated the first half of the meeting. The second half of club was conducted by Syracuse President Wayne Bonser who introduced toastmaster Bruce Midgley, Mark Hardway, Tony Bruner, Bob Rhineholz, John Rauseo and Bruce Butler spoke. After the speaking session pastor Leslie Schmedes and Mr. Melear were given gifts.

Mr. Schmedes presented certificates of merit to this year's graduates: Burt Fehrenbach and Mr. Orrvick of Rochester; Doug Bengough, Mr. Bonser, Harold Peck and Jerry Smith of Syracuse. He then presented Ron Beilstein the Most

Helpful Evaluation trophy, and Mr. Butler won both the Most Effective Speech and Most Improved Speaker awards. *Jake Hannold.*

The SEDRO-WOOLLEY, Wash., Spokesman Club invited women to a brunch meeting at Camp Kiloqua, near Arlington, Wash., June 12. The men, assisted by pastor Richard Duncan and local church elder Wayne Hageman, cooked pancakes, scrambled eggs and made muffins. Tables were decorated by the women. Tabletopics and speeches followed. *JoAnn Rose Amberg.*

A ladies' night was sponsored by the SYDNEY, Australia, SOUTH, Spokesman Club June 14. After introductory remarks by President Andrew Marcaros, treasurer Arthur Parris led tabletopics. During the break the women were presented with carnations, and a variety of wines, cheeses, crackers and dips was served. Toastmaster Richard Cooke introduced speakers Geoff Lowe, John Cornish (Most Effective Speech), Lindsay Bangrove and Steve Steel (Most Improved Speaker). Closing comments were given by director Mark Ellis. *Andrew Marcaros.*

The TILBURG, Netherlands, Spokesman Club had its annual ladies' day June 12 near Bergen on Zoom to mark the fifth anniversary of the club. With some tongue twisters in the vocal exercises, Vice President Daan Vermeer set the tone for the meeting. Topicsmaster was Berrie Hoes, toastmaster was Jeroen van Lerberghe and timer was Steven van Lerberghe. Speeches were given by Richard Steinfort, Most Effective Speech; Gijs van Lerberghe, Most Improved Speaker; A.L. Notten; and G. Schouten. Evaluators were Hans Elders; Joop Beets; Martin van Zanten, Most Helpful Evaluation; and Jan-Willem Kemna.

Before a four-course dinner, four graduates received their certificates of merit, and as an expression of appreciation for his direction, the overall club director, Bram de Bree, and his wife were presented a flower piece by the departing president, Frans Peeters. *Berrie Hoes.*

The TULSA, Okla., Spokesman Club had its final meeting and ladies' night

May 28 at the Quality Inn. Widows were invited. Director Phil Rice introduced President Bill Callison, who conducted the first half of the meeting. Topicsmaster was C. W. Riley. Vice President Jim Martin introduced toastmaster David Claggett for the second half. Speakers were Leon Awery, Bruce McHale, Jeff Wann, Jack Tremble and Mr. Callison. Graduation certificates were presented by pastor Don Mason to Phil Hartman, Larry Green, Charley Johnston and Mike Lewis. *David A. Anderson.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Twenty-one members of the Over 60 Group of MEDFORD, Ore., met June 12 at the home of David and Doris Cooke. After a potluck lunch the afternoon was spent enjoying accordian and mandolin music and observing the arts and crafts of Mr. and Mrs. Cooke. *Lorena Bell.*

The NEW ORLEANS, La., Over 50 Group enjoyed a potluck picnic June 12 on the shore of Lake Palourde in Morgan City, La., after which they toured the Swamp Garden. Of interest at the garden were life-size replicas of the early French settlers and Indians. Deer and swamp creatures roam freely throughout the garden. *Maurice Ledet.*

The SPRINGFIELD, Mo., 60-Plus Club had its monthly meeting June 18 at the Aire-Master facility in Nixa, Mo. Thirty-seven members and guests were present. Jerry and Delta Troutman and Bill Mason entertained with guitar and singing, including Hawaiian songs, request numbers and sing-along numbers. Mrs. Troutman, Jessie Hart, Pat Abrahamson and Mary Mason served coffee and punch and a cake baked by Marion Gustafson. Club director Jess McClain conducted a business meeting. Pastor George Mecker and his wife Karen were in attendance. *Polly Rose.*

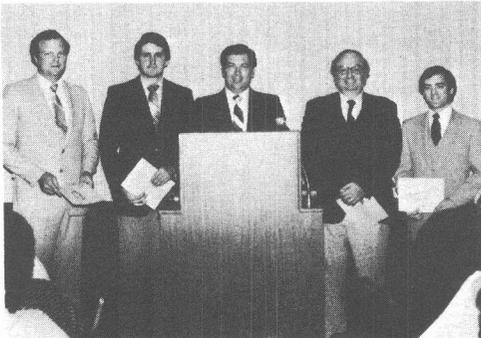
SINGLES SCENE

Twelve members of the HULL, England, church attended a singles' walk over Humber Bridge June 19. The bridge is 1,410 meters long (about 4,653 feet) and provides views of the River Humber and surrounding countryside. Afterward the group tried its hands at tile making during a tour of a tile works given by Cliff Birckitt. Mrs. Birckitt provided refreshments of cider and squash. *Josie Wornack.*

Sixty-five people between the ages of 19 and 30 attended the winter session of the Reefoon, Australia, singles' camp, sponsored by the MELBOURNE, Australia, WEST church June 11 to 13. The singles' camps, which began in 1976, take place each June and December. The camp offered Bible studies, sports, games and cultural opportunities. Bill Bradford, pastor of the Melbourne East church, spoke on "Drive and Perseverance." Gavin Cullen, pastor of the Melbourne North church, spoke on hospitality, and camp director Rod Deane, pastor of Melbourne West church, spoke on "Selfishness and Deceiving Yourself." Fires last March that devastated much of the bush in Victoria and South Australia came within 3 feet of the Reefoon camp buildings. *G.J. Armstrong.*

SPORTS

The fifth annual Wide Open Golf Tournament, sponsored by the BUFFALO, N.Y., churches, took place June 12 at Beaver Island State Park on Grand Island N.Y. A total of 57 golfers, including evangelist Gerald Waterhouse, entered this year's tournament. Mr. Waterhouse was six over par at the 15th hole before leaving to resume his travel. (See CHURCH NEWS, page 10)



GRADUATES — Tulsa, Okla., Spokesman Club graduates receive diplomas May 28. Pictured are (from left), Phil Hartman, Larry Green, director Don Mason, Charley Johnston and Mike Lewis. (See "Club Meetings," this page.) [Photo by Freeman Terry]

Would you spell that please?

From time to time *The Worldwide News* receives articles with names of ministers, members and places misspelled. Checking the spelling of each name and place is time consuming and in some cases impossible. Please ask each individual you mention in articles to spell his or her name for you. Don't assume you know. Common names are often misspelled. Take time to reread your article before sending it in to be sure all names are spelled correctly. *The Worldwide News* thanks all of you "Local Church News" writers for the articles you send in.

CHURCH NEWS

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A YOU sports banquet for the combined **COLUMBIA, S.C.**, and **AUGUSTA, Ga.**, churches took place June 28 at the Plumbers' Hall in Columbia. The evening began with a potluck buffet and recorded music. Awards were presented by sports activity coach Henry Stroy. The Most Valuable Player trophy for basketball was presented to Robert Perkey, and the all-district trophy went to Edgar Turner. Certificates of participation were presented to Allen Becker, John Keith, Loren Saxton, Anthony Caldwell, Robert Stewart, David Perkey, Albert Becker and Travis McKnight.

In girls' volleyball Michelle Turner and Connie Olson received trophies for sportsmanship. Other awards went to Donna Frick (all-district), Kelly Coberly (Miss Hustle) and Nickie Coberly (most improved player). Certificates of participation went to Debra Hewston, Ruth Becker, Debbie Olson, Deana Blackwell, Loretta Dinkins, Teresa Summers and Tyrice Hicks.

Senior YOU awards for sportsmanship and leadership were presented to Margi Brown, Robin Stewart and Glen Frick, all of whom will be Ambassador College freshmen this fall. The teens presented Mr. and Mrs. Stroy with gifts of appreciation, and overall comments were made by pastor Keith Thomas. A dance followed, with Robert Stewart and David Perkey serving as disc jockeys. *Barbara and Robin Stewart.*

The eighth annual North-Central regional track and field meet took place June 12 at Valley High School in **DES MOINES, Iowa**. Teens from 33 churches representing six districts participated. District 42 was the winner with 205 points. District 45 took second place with 191½ points; District 41 took third with 109½ points; and District 43 finished

fourth with 158 points. Records were set by: Connie Lawson, Peoria, Ill., junior girls' long jump (14'3¾"); Dennis White, Peoria, junior boys' shot put (44'5¼"); Stanley Cotter, Kansas City, Mo., East, junior boys' 100-meter dash (11.8 seconds); Dan McGee, Des Moines, senior boys' discus (135'11½"); Richard Absheer, Columbia, Mo., senior boys' triple jump (42'11"); and Pete LeVoi, Minneapolis, Minn., senior boys' pole vault (12'—ties national record).

Most Valuable Participant awards went to Stanley Cotter, junior boys; Connie Lawson, junior girls; Pete LeVoi, senior boys; and Julie Bitz, Milwaukee, senior girls.

A mile run open to all ages also took place. Randy Schreiber of Omaha, Neb., won the men's and boys' division with a time of 5:09, and Ruth Andreas of Omaha led the women with a time of 6:56. Ministers challenged several 400-meter relay teams, losing to Minneapolis, which took first. The Des Moines women won a 400-meter relay. Carl McNair, pastor of the Milwaukee church, presented awards at the end of the meet. *Judy Rhodes.*

The **OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.**, church had a softball tournament June 26 in Moore, Okla. The round-robin tournament began at 10 a. m. with men's and women's teams from Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Enid, Okla., participating. Play paused at noon for a potluck, after which games resumed until 6 p. m. *Mike Crist.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The **AUGUSTA, Ga.**, YES had a so-

cial and buffet after services June 18. The program focused on YES lessons. In his opening remarks pastor Keith Thomas stressed parental involvement, and then coordinators Bobby Merritt and Barri Armitage introduced the remaining activities, which included a game of Bible soccer and a skit by the Loren Saxton family, "monstrating the use of the lessons in family Bible study." *Margi Saxton.*

The teens of the **FAIRFIELD, Calif.**, YOU gathered June 26 for their annual car wash and wax. About 20 members spent the day washing, waxing and vacuuming cars under the supervision of Monte Whitney, Ray Lowrie, Jack Cramer, Allen Olson and Ken Krob. Advertising, organization and teamwork helped the group earn more than \$200. The day ended with pizza and ice cream at the home of pastor Art Docken. *Lila E. Docken.*

The **GENEVA, Ala.**, YOU had an appreciation dinner for adult leaders June 18 at the Southern Charcoal Steak House. The young people expressed their appreciation for YOU, its leadership and the work the adult leaders provide. *Harold McKissic.*

Nineteen members of the **GRAFTON, Australia**, YOU were accompanied by three adults and pastor Bill Sidney and his wife to Mr. Warning near Murwillumbah, Australia, where they met members of the Gold Coast, Australia, YOU and parents. After climbing the mountain the Grafton teens traveled to Wollumbin National Park to camp. On the way home they enjoyed tenpin bowling. *Karla Bender.*

The **GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.**, YOU went to Chicago, Ill., June 12 to visit the Field Museum of Natural History and to see a major league baseball game between the Chicago Cubs and the St. Louis (Mo.) Cardinals at Wrigley Field. The Cubs won. During the game the name of the YOU group was flashed on the scoreboard. *Colleen Neff.*

Fourteen graduating seniors from the **GREENSBORO, N.C.**, church were honored at a party at pastor Dan Rogers' home June 12. More than 200 YOU

members and families attended. Each senior was given a gift. Activities included volleyball, swimming and a dance. *Vicki Hart.*

The **MIAMI, Fla.**, YOU had a rummage sale at a vacant service station June 12. Mattie and Raymond Johnson coordinated the sale. Items donated by Miami brethren brought a profit of \$370. The money will help pay for a planned trip to Nassau, Bahamas, by the YOU members. *Shirley Segall.*

YES members and parents from the **MOUNT POCONO, Pa.**, church spent June 12 at a Philadelphia, Pa., zoo. Mothers packed lunches, and fathers packed cars with the help of the children. The group had a guided tour. Anthony Wojnar coordinated the event. *Marge Storm.*

NEWCASTLE, Australia, YOU members served 20 Silver Ambassadors at a luncheon at a senior citizens' center in Belmont, Australia, June 12. The boys welcomed the seniors and gave them drinks. Girls helped prepare, and served the lunch consisting of entrees, a hot chicken dish and desserts. A musical program was provided by Margaret King, Rebecca Kay and Adrian Cornelius. Senior member Boyd Scott thanked the teens, and pastor Gary Harvey congratulated them. *Roger Rye.*

Mr. and Mrs. George Wegh had a barbecue and swimming party at their home June 25 for **OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.**, YOU members. The barbecue began after Sabbath services with hamburgers and hot dogs. A game was played during which a biblical character's name was taped to the back of each guest. The guest had to discover his identity by asking other players questions that could only be answered with a yes or a no. *Mike Crist.*

The Girls' and Boys' clubs of the **ST. ALBANS, BOREHAMWOOD, LUTON and LONDON, England**, churches had a meeting in Borehamwood July 3 to end the year. The evening was opened by director George Delap, who was followed by an introduction by Presi-

dent Tim Finlay.

Tabletopics were given by Adrian Joseph and Mary Padgham, after which the Girls' Club served refreshments. Hostess Ingrid Stansfield introduced speakers Dean Facer, Cheri Finlay, Bobby Parker, Carmela Harris and Tim Finlay. Mr. Delap gave the final evaluation and introduced evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for the Work in Britain, for final comments. Officers for next year were named. They are: Derek Gaddes, Boys' Club president; Bobby Parker, vice president; Stephen Wilson, secretary; Steve Brown, treasurer; and Adam Neil, sergeant at arms; Vanessa Vaughn, Girls' Club secretary; and Rachel Brown, treasurer. *Eddie Weaner.*

The **SANTA BARBARA, Calif.**, YOU traveled to Santa Catalina Island, off the Southern California coast June 19. They boarded *The Countess* in San Pedro, Calif., and spent the two-hour cruise to Avalon Bay watching for flying fish, sleeping or playing cards. On the island the young people visited the old casino, explored shops, relaxed on the beach and toured the town on tandem bicycles. Some took tours. *Cheryl A. King.*

Forty-eight **SPOKANE, Wash.**, and **COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho**, Young Active Kids (YAKS) enjoyed a three-day camp-out June 11 to 13. The activities began with a Saturday evening potluck with parents and YAK members gathering north of Spokane at Rick Stafford's ranch. The campers spent the night on the hay in the barn. A bus ride the next morning brought the YAKS to Margaret Vandersloot's ranch in northern Idaho. The remainder of the day was spent fishing, horseback riding, rifle shooting and playing baseball. Evening brought a wild-chicken hunt, archery, a muzzle-loader demonstration and a hot dog and marshmallow roast. After a treasure hunt through the woods, the return bus trip Monday afternoon included a stop at Hauser Lake for swimming. *Rod Hall.*

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center before coming to the Ambassador Foundation, arrived earlier to check all arrangements.

Mr. Armstrong was met by Roger L. Stevens, director and chairman of the board of the center. Mr. Stevens formerly owned the Empire State Building in New York City.

The group toured some of the facilities before going to the Gold Room for dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Stevens; U.S. Sen. Charles Percy, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee and former U.S. presidential contender, and his wife; Ken Damm, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of State, and his wife; pianist Eugene Istomin and his wife Marta, executive director of the center; and Jill Poole, director of development for the center.

After dinner the tour continued, with the group pausing at the Israel Lounge where Mr. Armstrong played Ludwig van Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata* on a new Steinway piano being broken in by Mr. Istomin. Everyone enjoyed the brief recital.

Thursday, July 14, Mr. Armstrong and his group traveled to the embassy of the People's Republic of China for a meeting with Chinese ambassador Zhang Wenjin; first secretary Shu Zhang; deputy Hu Dingyi; minister of cultural affairs Wang Zi Cheng; and Madame Xie.

Mr. Armstrong presented the ambassador with videotapes and photographs of the Peking (Beijing) National Acrobats, who performed at the Ambassador Auditorium April 21. He also presented the ambassador with the foundation's 1983-84 concert series brochure.

The ambassador remarked on how highly the Chinese troupe had spoken of their stay at Ambassador College, and of the hope for future cultural exchanges between the foundation and the People's Republic of China.

Although the ambassador could not stay, he asked Mr. Armstrong and his party if they could remain for a luncheon. The group accepted and enjoyed Chinese cuisine. At 2:30 p. m., Mr. Armstrong and the group thanked their hosts and



CHINESE VISIT — Zhang Wenjin (left), ambassador from the People's Republic of China, leafs through a photo album of the Peking National Acrobats presented by Pastor General Herbert Armstrong during a visit to the Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C., July 14. [Photo by Aaron Dean]

returned to the Four Seasons hotel.

At 4 p. m., Mr. Armstrong met with Ibrahim Izziddin, Jordan's new ambassador to the United States. The ambassador had only been appointed to his post two weeks before, formerly holding a government position in London. Mr. Armstrong presented him with an album of his visits to Jordan and the various projects that the Ambassador Foundation supports.

The pair then discussed the problems in the Middle East with Palestinian refugees. Mr. Armstrong explained the broader scope of humanity's problems and the needs of all peoples.

That evening Mr. Armstrong and his group attended a lecture presented by Dr. Habsburg at the University Club in Washington. The lecture was not originally on Mr. Armstrong's agenda, but Sen. Percy called Mr. Armstrong earlier that morning and invited the pastor general to attend.

At the lecture a surprised Dr. Habsburg saw the pastor general from across the room and rushed over to say hello. He then introduced Mr. Armstrong to two of his daughters. One is staying in Washington, and the other, married to a Panamanian banker, had flown up to see her father. After the lecture the group returned to the hotel.

Friday morning, July 15, Mr. Armstrong was scheduled to pay a

courtesy call on the new Israeli ambassador to the United States, Meir Rosenne. Because of heart pain, Mr. Armstrong felt it would not be wise to make the visit and sent Mr. La Ravia and Mr. Dean to the embassy in his stead.

The pair paid their respects on behalf of Mr. Armstrong and presented a photo album of the various foundation projects in Israel. They extended Mr. Armstrong's regrets at being unable to visit the embassy personally.

That evening the group was joined for dinner by Vern Orr, secretary of the United States Air Force, and his wife Joan. Secretary Orr supervised the transition between the Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan presidential administrations in 1980-81.

Mr. Armstrong had purchased and leased cars from Mr. Orr, who owned a Chrysler automobile dealership in Pasadena in the late 1940s and 1950s. During the dinner the group was surprised to learn that Mr. Armstrong and both the Ors were all born in Des Moines, Iowa. The conversation then ranged from early days in Des Moines to Ambassador College and Mr. Armstrong's work abroad, and life in Washington.

Sabbath, July 16, Mr. Armstrong and his group left Washington aboard the G-II for Pittsburgh, where Mr. Armstrong addressed

more than 5,000 brethren at the Pittsburgh Convention Center.

Mr. Armstrong explained the Church's role and the difference between Church members and the world. He spoke of how Adam took to himself the knowledge of good and evil. Man, he explained further, does have some good in morality and ethics, but this is nothing compared to the love of God. He emphasized that we must be asking God to help us achieve that higher plateau through the Holy Spirit.

After his sermon Mr. Armstrong spoke to an assembled group of ministers and wives for an hour. He discussed various aspects of the Church and encouraged both the ministers and their wives to keep up the good work.

The group returned to the airport for a 7 p. m. departure. Joining the group was Kevin Dean, local elder and director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU), who flew in from the Orr SEP.

The G-II with Mr. Armstrong aboard touched down at 8 p. m. Central Daylight Time on the Big Sandy campus runway. Excited campers lined the road through the Piney Woods to greet Mr. Armstrong.

The television crew from Media Services in Pasadena had flown in Friday, July 15, to obtain more video footage of the SEP in Big Sandy, and they covered the arrival.

At 11 a. m., Sunday, July 17, Mr. Armstrong left his campus residence to begin a full day of activities. He was accompanied by Kevin Dean and Kermit Nelson, physical education director at Big Sandy Ambassador College and director of the Big Sandy SEP.

First stop was the ninth hole green at the campus golf course. Several girl campers were practicing chipping golf balls onto the green. None had played golf before. Mr. Armstrong remarked that he could chip and putt pretty well, but had trouble driving the ball farther he got from the green.

The girls are given free yogurt if they can chip a ball directly into the hole. While Mr. Armstrong watched, one girl hit the flagpole that stands in the hole, but the 30-foot chip didn't quite go in.

Next stop was the cycling program to watch campers demonstrate

team cycling and close maneuvering. Mr. Armstrong and the group then proceeded to the college gym to watch the basketball games.

After the basketball demonstration Mr. Armstrong and the group went to the campus faculty dining room for lunch with Les McCullough, evangelist and deputy chancellor of Big Sandy Ambassador College, and other faculty members, ministers and staff. Mr. Armstrong discussed the visit of Dr. Habsburg and other events in God's Church. He commented on the change and general improvement of attitudes of the youths in God's Church over the past few years.

After the luncheon Mr. Armstrong addressed the campers. Referring to them as "young pioneers," he encouraged the campers and gave a message of hope. He explained how they have an opportunity available to but a select few. The loud applause after his address demonstrated the youths' appreciation for the message.

After the address Mr. Armstrong continued the tour with a stop at the volleyball program. After viewing a game Mr. Armstrong listened in on the Christian education class taught by Richard Ames, Pasadena Ambassador College associate professor of theology and speech. The class covered the seven laws of success and the proofs of God's existence. Mr. Armstrong noted the enthusiasm of the campers as he viewed the various activities.

After a rest and dinner Mr. Armstrong returned to the gym to watch a basketball game involving the camper all-stars and the faculty. Each team had faculty and camper all-stars on it, and the game ended in a tie with no losers—a good way to end the evening.

At 9:30 a. m., July 18, the G-II left the Big Sandy airstrip with Mr. Armstrong for Orr SEP. The pastor general arrived at the camp at 12:30 p. m., where he joined the ministers and program directors for lunch.

At 2 p. m. Mr. Armstrong addressed the second session of campers in the gymnasium.

As he did in Big Sandy, Mr. Armstrong offered encouragement to the campers and explained what opportunities they had in the future.

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UPDATE

PASADENA — *Plain Truth* writers Gene Hogberg and Keith Stump were interviewed by telephone on *The Lee Rogers Show* on radio station WIND in Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Hogberg was interviewed July 8 about his article "The U.S.A.: Paralyzed by the Ghost of Vietnam," which ran in the July-August *Plain Truth*. According to Mr. Hogberg, Mr. Rogers is "very favorably disposed toward the magazine."

Mr. Stump was interviewed June 24 about his article "Seeing the World Through Islamic Eyes" in the June issue of *The Plain Truth*. Mr. Rogers asked questions about current events in the Arab world and about the Islamic faith. "It was a very positive interview," said Mr. Stump. Mr. Stump and Mr. Hogberg also answered questions phoned in by radio listeners.

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PASADENA — Although *The World Tomorrow* is aired on fewer radio stations than last year, it has shown an 11 percent increase in responses over 1982, according to Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center.

Calls in response to the program totaled 16,485 in the first six months of 1983, compared to 14,891 for the same period in 1982. "Better broadcast times for some stations probably contributed to these increases," said Mr. Rice. He said that literature about prophecy has been offered more frequently. "Traditionally, messages on proph-

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as well as their responsibilities now.

After the talk Mr. Armstrong drove around the SEP grounds, approving the site for new buildings. The \$50,000 requested in his June 22 member and co-worker letter was quickly given and Mr. Armstrong was tremendously pleased. He said that "when God's people know of a need, they respond generously."

After the tour Mr. Armstrong's party returned to the Orr airport for the trip home. The G-II landed at the Burbank, Calif., airport at 6:30 p.m. PDT.

ecy usually pull heavier responses," he said.

That literature included: *Who Is the Beast?, Are We Living in the Last Days?, The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last and The United States and Britain in Prophecy.*

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PASADENA — Ninety students and five faculty members from Bunkyo Women's Junior College in Tokyo, Japan, arrived here July 18 for three weeks of English classes, cultural activities and social events, said Arthur Suckling, financial aids director for Ambassador College here and director of the Japanese program.

The students will stay on the college campus, and in addition to English, they will take classes in history, photography and art. This is the fourth year for the program.

Instructors are: John Beaver, Mark Kaplan, David Maas, Eric and Kathleen Mohr, Dale Ran-

dolph, George Kovanis, Richard Walther, Carol Burky and Virginia Rice.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here released the following ordinations:

Grant Spong of Hagerstown, Md., was ordained a preaching elder Pentecost, May 22.

The following men were ordained local elders employed by the Work: Paul Luecke, Flagstaff and Prescott, Ariz., May 22; and John Stryker, Winnipeg, Man., March 29, first day of Unleavened Bread.

The following men were ordained local church elders: Charles Akovuah, Kumasi, Ghana, April 4, last day of Unleavened Bread; Kenneth Banks, Bathurst, Australia, May 22; John Burquist, Mobile, Ala., May 22; Clyde Critchlow, Prince George, B.C., April 16.

Cleo Dawson, Las Vegas, Nev., May 22; Derrill Douthat, Bluefield, W.Va., May 22; Mark Hayward, Kitchener, Ont., April 4; Edward Purdy, Quincy, Wash., May 22; Ronald Robinson, Union, N.J., May 22; Douglas Ross, Columbia, Mo., May 22; William Rupp, Brick Town, N.J., May 22; and William Todd, Cambridge, Ohio, May 22.



VISITING JAPANESE — Students from Bunkyo Women's Junior College in Tokyo, Japan, tour Pasadena Ambassador College July 19, during their three-week stay on the campus to study English and take part in cultural and social activities. [Photo by Kevin Blackburn]



INTERNATIONAL DESK

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PASADENA — The long-awaited advertisement in international editions of *Reader's Digest* is bringing good responses. In Spain, 2,290 responses were received in the first 18 days. The Spanish edition has a circulation of 350,000, mainly in Spain.

Half the issues included a tear-out return card; the rest a cut-out coupon. Return rate for the tear-out card was four times higher than the cut-out coupon.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's message in the ad discussed the possibility of nuclear destruction, and was timely as the new Spanish government is planning a referendum on whether Spain should remain in NATO.

In New Zealand, 360 responses were received in June. Advertising in *Reader's Digest* in the early 1960s was a major factor in building a mailing list, which led to the opening of the Auckland Office in 1968. It's the first ad in the New Zealand edition in 10 years.

Reader's Digest ads will be run in Mexico in July, Venezuela in November, and budget permitting, Portuguese editions (Portugal and Brazil) in 1984.

Spanish lectures

An incredible 1,453 new people attended *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) subscribers' lectures in Costa Rica, El Salvador (see "Updates," June 27), Guatemala and Venezuela.

June 25 and 26, 416 new people attended in Guatemala City, including three men who came 14 blocks from a hospital propelling themselves in wheelchairs. Several others traveled nine hours.

Afterward Mr. Cisneros had a 1½-hour question-and-answer session, with 280 of the 326 in attendance.

In Venezuela, on the same days, Pablo Gonzalez, pastor of the San Juan, Puerto Rico, church, spoke in the Caracas Hilton. A total of 116 new people attended, an excellent

response in spite of a national holiday.

Venezuela is in an economic crisis after the devaluation of its currency to 40 percent of its previous value. Mr. Gonzalez reported that those attending seemed sober minded and it was on everyone's mind.

Planned lectures include Bahia Blanca (July 22 and 23) and Buenos Aires, Argentina (July 29 and 30), Colombia, Honduras, Chile, Peru and several cities in Mexico.

French West Indies

The French Office in Pasadena reports that the charming pearls of France's overseas departments in the French West Indies, Guadeloupe and Martinique, are heating up politically. A series of nighttime bombing attacks on public buildings caused serious damage especially on Guadeloupe.

The son of Gilbert Carbone, the minister in Martinique, was evacuated from school because of a bomb threat. The unrest is particularly among young adults, who suffer an extremely high level of unemployment.

Canada

The Canadian Office in Vancouver, B.C., submitted some statistics for the first six months of 1983. The English-language *Plain Truth* subscription list is 218,526, of which

122,457 were added in the past 12 months. The English *Good News* is sent to 14,516 households.

Membership (French and English) totals 6,226, with 5,716 co-workers and 10,390 donors helping to carry the load of doing the Work in Canada and helping overseas when possible. The French *Plain Truth* (*La Pure Verite*) is subscribed to by 75,170, of which 48,936 were added last year. The international *Good News* is mailed to 5,197 subscribers.

More than 16,000 Canadians take the English Correspondence Course with 5,909 studying the Correspondence Course in French. *Youth 83* is sent to 4,850 subscribers. All booklets, French and English, mailed as of July 1, number 203,982. The WATS-line operators at the Vancouver Office handled 6,563 calls during the first six months of 1983.

Ordinations

July 9 in Calgary, Alta., Colin Adair, regional director, raised Doug Smith, pastor of the Edmonton, Alta., churches, to pastor rank.

June 18 in Carmarthen, Wales, Jonathan Bowles was ordained a local church elder. Mr. and Mrs. Bowles are Ambassador College graduates living in south Wales and assisting David Bedford in that area.



REFRESHING PROGRAM — Pictured at the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus are ministers and wives attending the July 11 to 21 Ministerial Refreshing Program. Individuals from Australia, England, Jamaica, the Philippines, Switzerland, South Africa, Ghana, Canada and the United States attended. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

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