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MANILA DECEMBER CALENDAR

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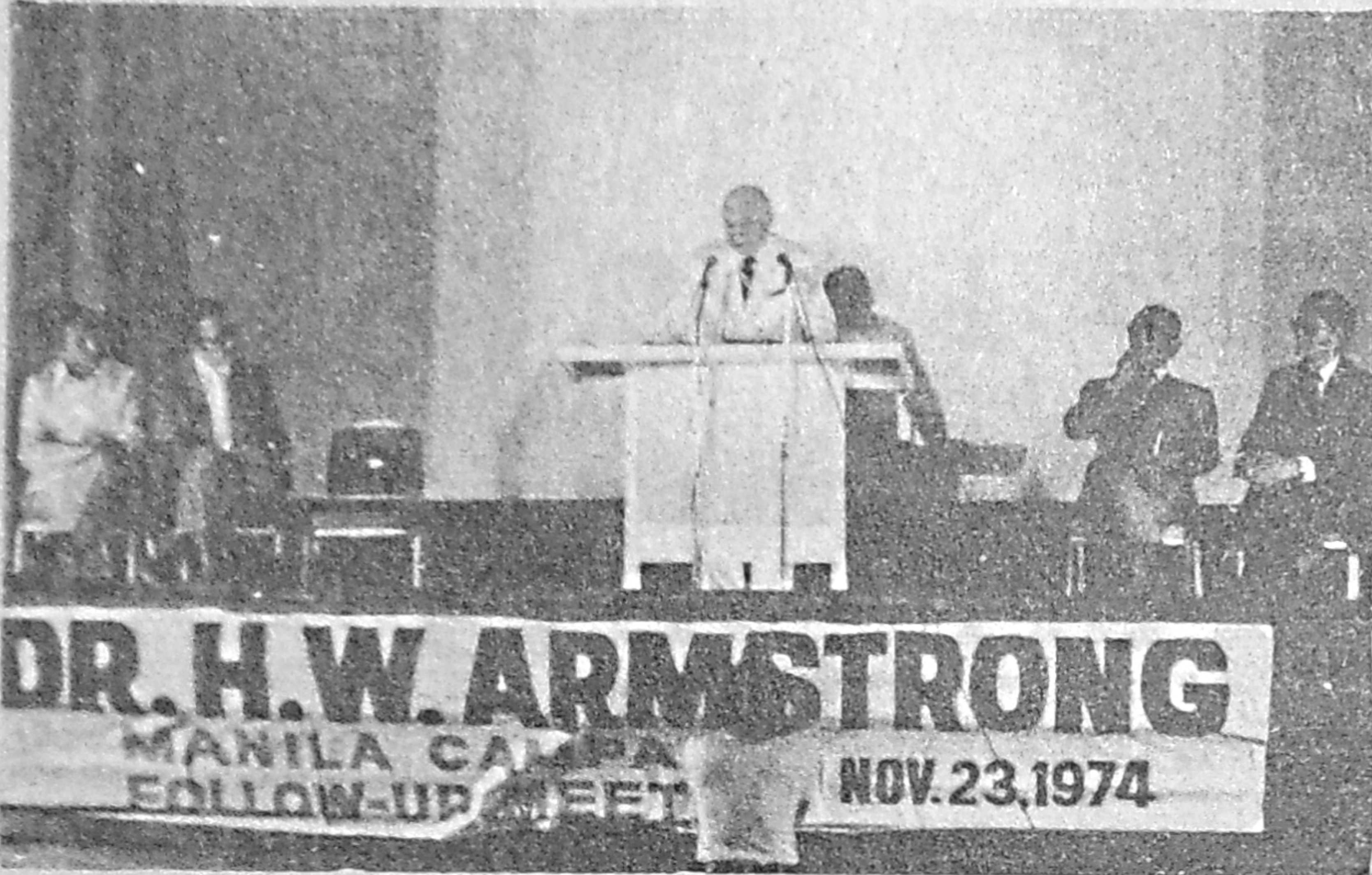
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MR. ARMSTRONG HOLDS SECOND CAMPAIGN NOV. 23



Almost 2,000 attend campaign at Delta Theater

MANILA, Nov. 26--For the second time in a row, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong came back to the Philippines to conduct another Public Appearance Campaign last Saturday night, November 23, as a follow-up to his Campaign here last May. He spoke for over an hour before a capacity crowd at the Delta Theater, Quezon City.

His Philippine itinerary began when his Gulfstream-II jet touched down at 1:40 p.m. Thursday, November 21 at the Manila International Airport. With Mr. Armstrong were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rader and a lady secretary of the Trade and Tourism Minister of Israel. He was received by Mr. Adair and Mr. Gotoh in the welcoming committee. The party was whisked immediately to a waiting entourage and was escorted to the Hyatt Regency Hotel by his usual Highway Patrol car and siren-blowing motorcycle.

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FOLLOW-UP MEETING. Mr. H. W. Armstrong speaks to audience at Delta Theater, Quezon City during his Campaign last November 23 as a follow-up to his previous three-night campaign held in Araneta Coliseum last May. With him on stage, l. to r. are: Dr. Emmanuel Angeles of Angeles University, Mr. Stanley Rader, Dr. Santiago de la Cruz of UE and Mr. Osamu Gotoh. (Photo by Jerry Ortiguero)

NEWS FLASH!

MR. ADAIR TO LECTURE IN CABANATUAN CITY DEC. 12

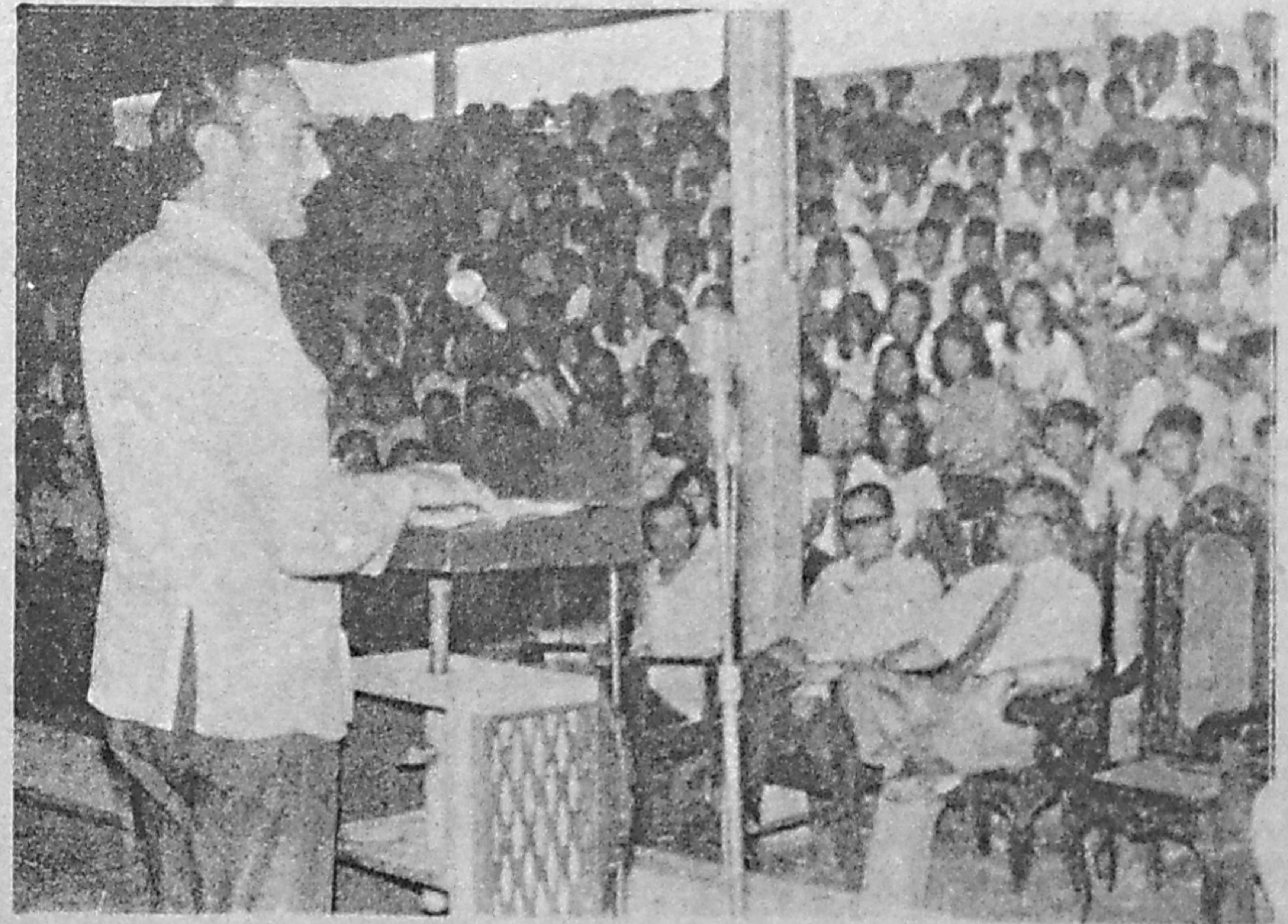
MANILA, Nov. 27--Mr. Colin Adair, who has been holding lectures in colleges and universities throughout the country, is again scheduled for lectures on December 12, Thursday, in one of the institutions at Cabanatuan City (province of Nueva Ecija).

This was learned just this morning from Mr. Adair himself after he received a long distance phone call from Mr. Virgilio Alvaran,

a student at the Central Luzon Polytechnic College who is handling the necessary arrangements from his end.

This latest engagement of Mr. Adair is a bit unique in that he will be speaking both in the morning and in the afternoon of the same day!

His first lecture will begin at 10 a.m. when he will talk before the student body of the Araullo Lyceum (Please turn to page 5)



Mr. Colin Adair lectures on "Dating, Marriage and Family Relations to about 1,500 students and faculty members of the Central Luzon Polytechnic College back in August. He will be speaking again in two lectures at the Araullo Lyceum of the same city December 12.

Those of you who subscribe to a newspaper will know already from the ads that Mr. Armstrong was here in Manila for a follow-up campaign.

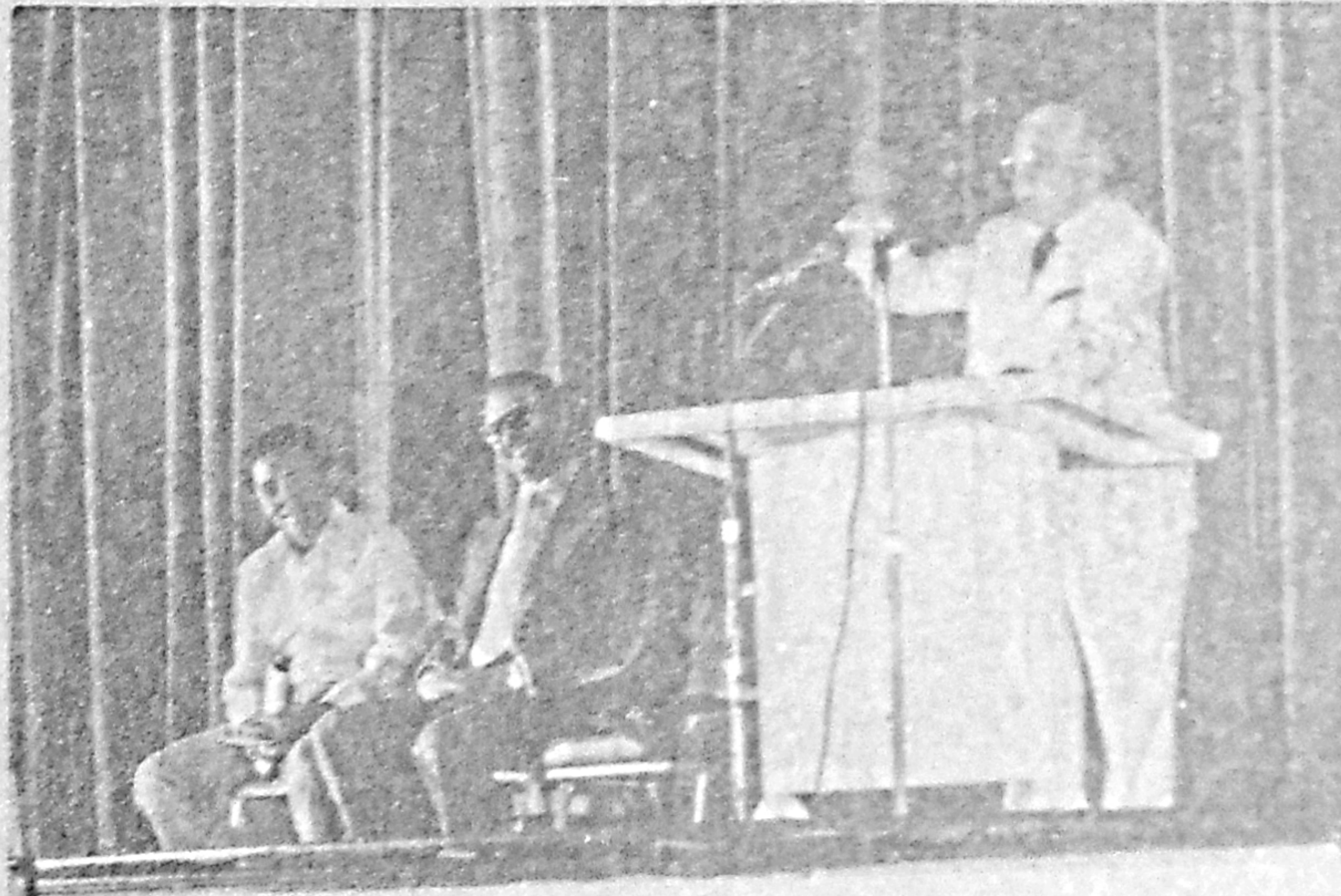
Mr. Armstrong and party arrived Thursday November 21st after an extremely long flight from Hawaii. Mr. Armstrong's plane had to turn back on the way to Tokyo because of very strong headwinds. On arrival at the airport I was on hand to greet him after having followed Mr. Gotoh's car in a convoy headed by a police escort. Mr. Armstrong looked in fine health as he stepped down from the plane. That afternoon he was scheduled to speak to the students at the University of the East. However, because of the long trip and a special dinner that evening he felt it was necessary to take a rest. Mr. Rader and Mr. Gotoh went to the University of the East to apologize for Mr. Armstrong's absence and to give short speeches of their own. A few of us from the office were at the university to hear the lecture and to meet with the officials.

Testimonial Dinner

That evening Mr. Armstrong hosted a testimonial dinner for some 400 people from the Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Isabela. Included among the guests were two supreme court judges, the president of Angeles university, Dr. Dalupan chairman of the U.E., and Dr. de la Cruz president of the U.E. These were just a few of many civic leaders attending the dinner. Again a few of us were privileged to attend and to hear Mr. Armstrong's short speech revealing what his job was and what he is doing. At the end of his speech he encouraged the people there to attend the lecture at the

Personal from

Colin Adair



MR. ARMSTRONG emphatically stresses a point with vigorous hand gestures. (Photo by Jerry Ortiguero)

Delta Theater Saturday night.

Doctorate at Iloilo University

Friday morning Mr. Armstrong's party boarded the jet, accompanied by former vice-president Lopez and his group, and headed for Iloilo City. Then after the usual ceremony Mr. Armstrong was awarded an honorary doctor's degree in humanities, the second doctor's degree from the Philippines. Mr. Armstrong gave a follow-up speech again pointing out his mission. On arriving back that evening he rested up in preparation for the Sabbath.

At the Sabbath Service

The Sabbath services began at the usual time of one o'clock in Manila. We waited until 1:10 and Mr. Armstrong still had not appeared, so I gave the usual announcements. For a while I thought I was going to have to give an

impromptu sermon! However, just as I had finished my announcements and was reading some information from the Ministerial Bulletin, Mr. Armstrong and party arrived. Mr. Gotoh and Mr. Rader spoke a few minutes again on the things Mr. Armstrong was accomplishing and intended to accomplish in the future. Then Mr. Armstrong gave the main message, touching on the things he would be doing in the future, and mentioning once again our reason for being called into God's Church today. He looked extremely fit and in fine form and spoke strongly.

Campaign Night

That evening at the Delta Theater a large crowd appeared. The television cameras from Channel 13 were set up both in the foyer and inside the theater. The announcer from Channel 13 interviewed a few people as they were coming in, asking them (Please turn to next page)

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their views on Mr. Armstrong and his work. Included in one of the interviews was Mr. Valencia, a Manila church member. Outside the theater a portable screen and projector had been set up to show the film "Armstrong -- Ambassador for World Peace" to those who perhaps would not be able to get into the theater. Inside the foyer we had a display stand with about 15 booklets advertized, along with a table manned by two of our office girls. As my wife and I, with the Hoods, entered the theater we were pleasantly surprised to see a big crowd gathered around the booklets display stand jotting down the names of booklets to request. We learned afterwards that we had received approximately 500 requests for booklets. I mean by this 500 people requesting one or more booklets, not 500 booklets requested.

Mr. Armstrong Speaks Out

As we took our places near the front, the television cameras were getting ready to record Mr. Armstrong's speech. A little after 7:30 p.m. Mr. Armstrong and party came into the theater coming down the aisle on the left hand side. The audience rose to their feet and applauded as Mr. Armstrong made his way up to the stage. After the usual preliminary introduction by Mr. Gotoh, Mr. Rader, and Dr. de la Cruz, Mr. Armstrong began his 80-minute speech. He caught the attention of the audience by asking them the hypothetical question "was there life on other planets in outer space?" He pointed out the vastness

of the universe and made the statement or the question what was it all created for. Then he began to talk about man's purpose, and like the last lecture at the Araneta Coliseum he went to the beginning and explained the creation of man and what man's destiny is. At one point he became very strong calling God-rejecting scientists ignorant and stating categorically that the Roman Catholic Church had rejected the Bible and Revelation, accepting their own tradition in place of God's Word. Again Mr. Armstrong was in top form and spoke with a clear voice and very strongly. At the end of his lecture, as he was making his way out of the theater, many people tried to shake his hand and talk with him. It was obvious the audience was extremely impressed by the lecture. Approximately 1,800 people attended the lecture. The sitting capacity of the theater is 2,112 but some seats in the balcony were unoccupied.

Campaign Telecast

Saturday evening November 23 at 9:30 p.m. Channel 13 ran a current affairs program. During the second half of the program an interview with Mr. Armstrong was telecast. This interview was the one recorded back in May. Also an interview was re-shown



ON TV. Mr. Armstrong as seen from the TV screen of Channel 13 during his lecture. (photo by Jerry Ortiguero)

Now you save money....

CABLE ADDRESS: AMBASCOL MANILA

Here is good news! Ambassador College Agency's application for a local cable address has been approved. This means savings for you.

Formerly, your telegram address line alone costs about as much if not more than the actual message. Now, instead of paying for the words: Ambassador College Agency, Ramon Magsaysay Center, 12th floor, Roxas Boulevard, Manila (11 words) -- you now can

simply address your telegram by two words, "AMBASCOL MANILA." Through RCPI your telegram gets to us just as if you addressed your telegram in full. That is the advantage of a cable address.

So, take note of this new system. The next time you send us a telegram through RCPI, just write AMBASCOL MANILA for the address and then proceed to write your MESSAGE as usual. (EDM)

where Mr. Rader and Mr. Gotoh stood in for Mr. Armstrong Thursday afternoon while he was resting. Sunday evening Channel 13 showed most of Mr. Armstrong's speech, except they omitted the remark about the Catholic Church! Mr. Armstrong left Manila Sunday morning, but will be back sometime in December for an overnight stay en route to some other part of Asia.

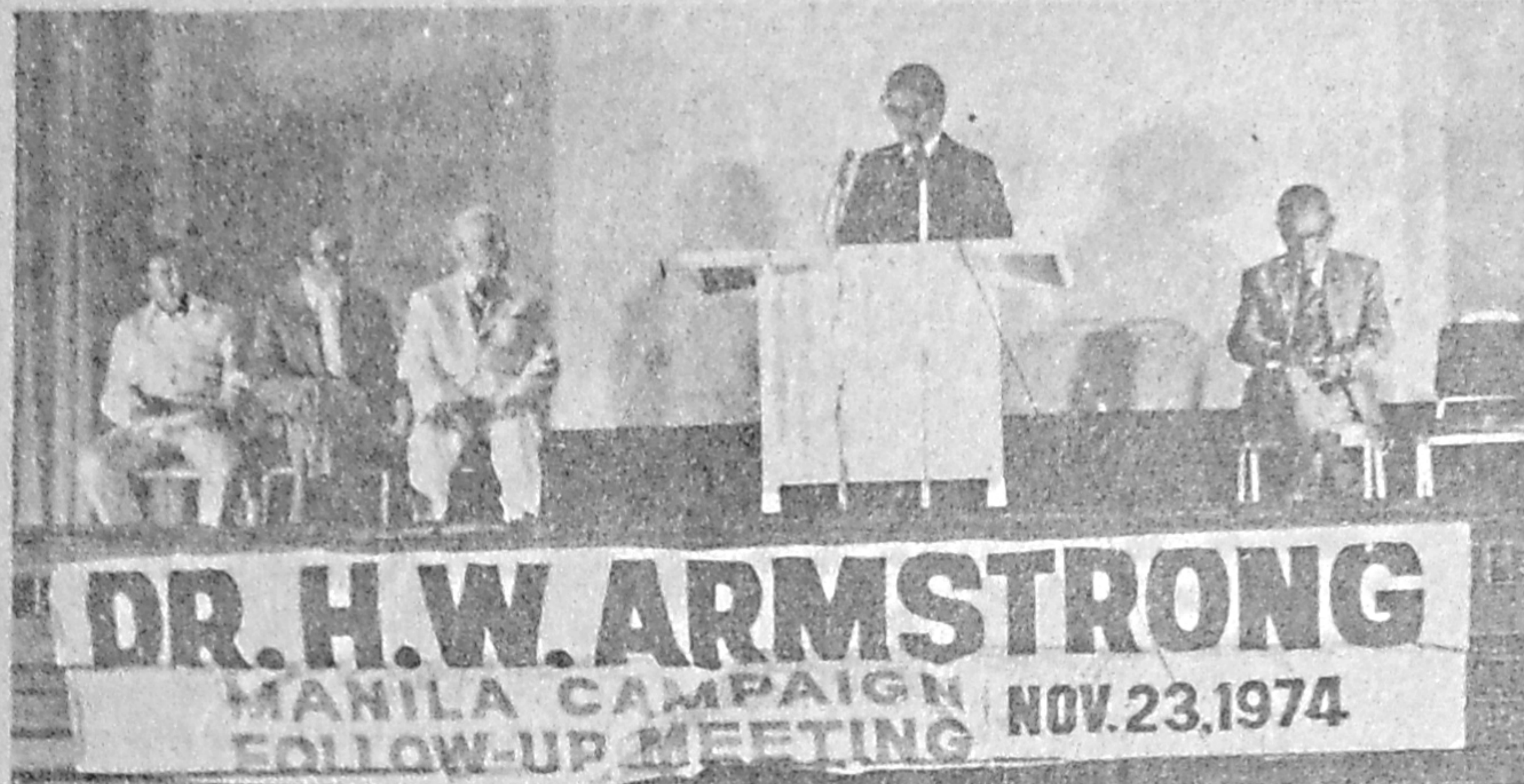
New Plain Truth Format!

The income at Pasadena is still down, so once again more cutbacks are having to be made. One big change which will occur early in 1975 is the format for the Plain Truth magazine. Because of ever increasing costs it is becoming impossible to continue with a glossy full color magazine. Mr. Armstrong has approved a change to a newspaper style black and white or at the most two color, coming out twice a month in the United States. It will be more hard hitting

as regards up-to-the-minute news. There are many advantages of the new format, one of which is expected increased circulation reaching many more people with a hard hitting message. As Mr. Ted Armstrong said the format will change but the message is the same. It is very likely that we also here in Manila will go back to a monthly magazine in 1975 and there is even the possibility we may print it ourselves in this country. So although we are struggling along financially in Pasadena, many changes which may appear to be bad on the surface will help us to do our job even more effectively. The income situation in Manila is still keeping up well and we are now running at 23% increase for the year to date.

Well brethren, I must bring this personal to a close. There are many more things I could say but I am late in getting this out this month and if I delay anymore the Contact itself will be held back. Do continue to pray for the Work especially Mr. Armstrong and his many trips around the world. □

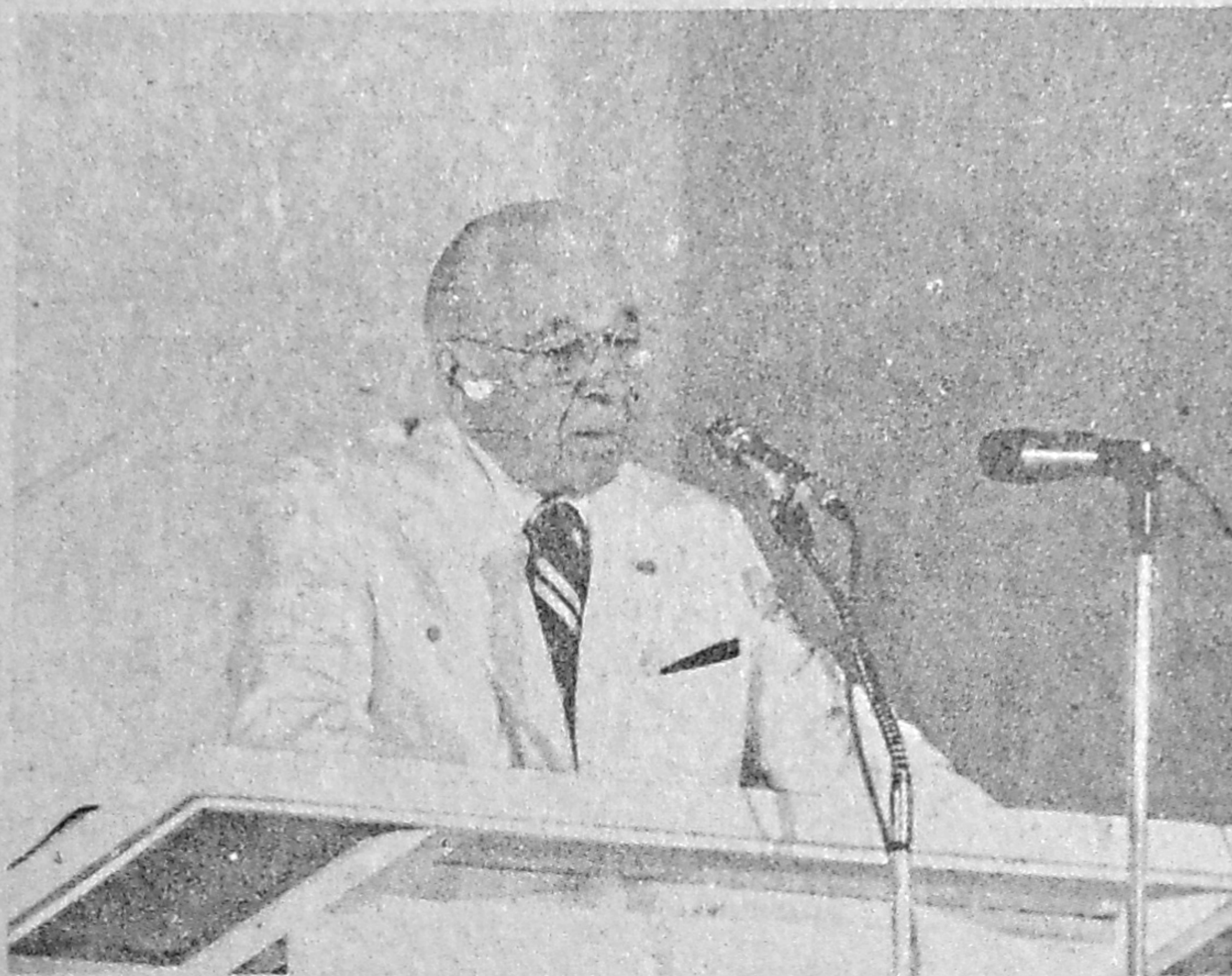
H.W.A. CAMPAIGN



MR. GOTOH opens the one-night campaign with a brief talk followed by Mr. Rader then Dr. de la Cruz who introduced Mr. Armstrong (top left).

FAMILIAR FACES. From left to right, Mrs. E. Manu-bay, Mr. and Mrs. Adair and Mr. and Mrs. George Hood (above).

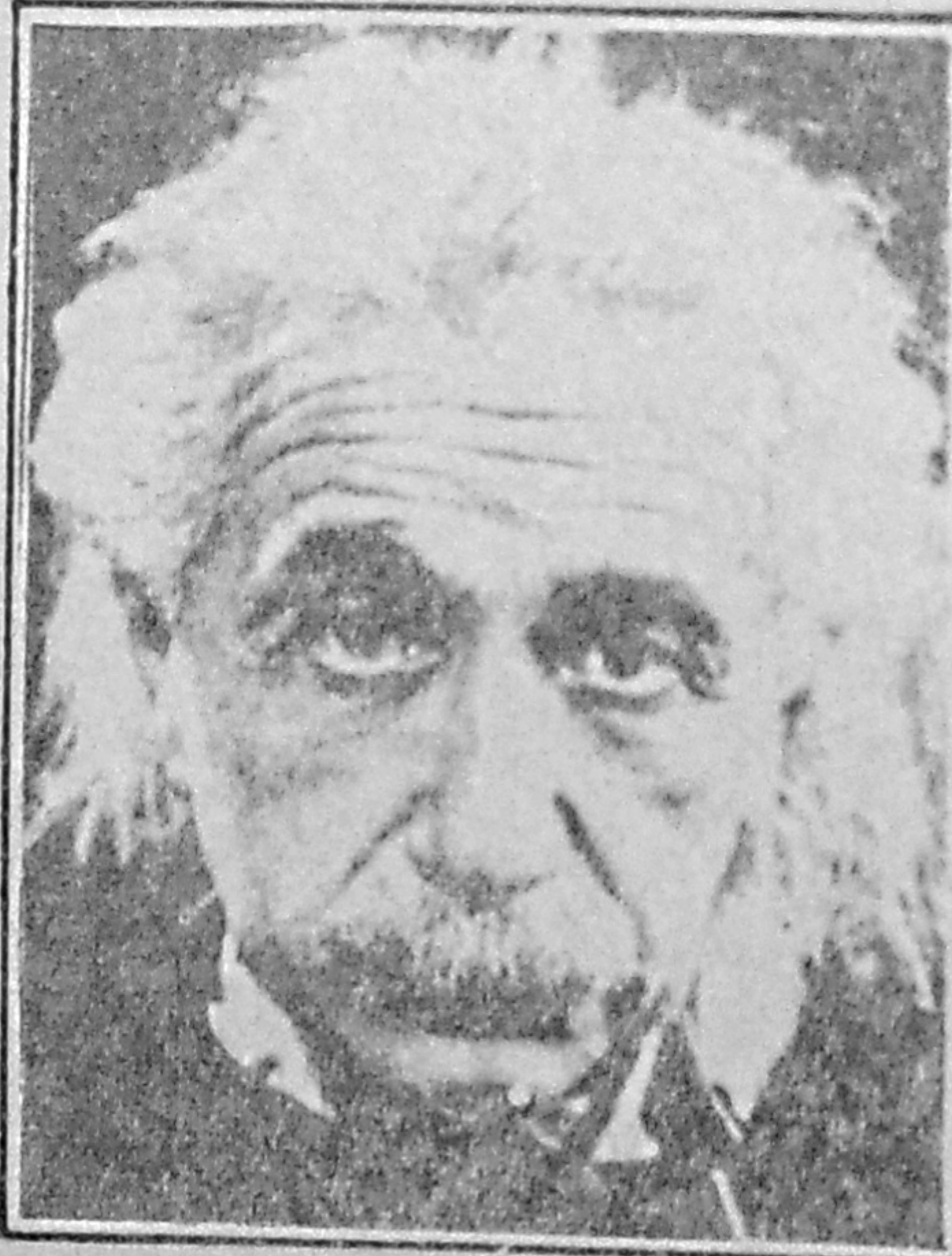
Photos by Jerry Ortiguero.



MR. HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG (center).

AUDIENCE VIEW. Part of the audience included some of Mr. Armstrong's party. L. to R. (front row) are: Mr. Rader's secretary, Dra. Barbara Angeles of Angeles University, Mrs. Rader and the Secretary to the Israeli Minister of Trade & Tourism. Beside her is a Fiscal of the CFI (Manila) and his wife (above). (Photos by Jerry Ortiguero)

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 look like a man! feel like a man...
 come to...
Milo's men's boutique



before...

after..!

MR. ARMSTRONG HOLDS CAMPAIGN ...cont'd.

escorts. At the hotel, many leading educators were waiting to welcome him.

At 3:15 p.m., he had a TV interview with Channel 13.

Tired from a 15-hour non-stop flight, Mr. Armstrong was not able to go to the University of the East convocation where he was scheduled to address the faculty and student body at 5 o'clock the same afternoon. However, Mr. Rader and Mr. Gotoh came and on his behalf spoke about his mission around the world. The two invited the students and the faculty to the Saturday-night Campaign.

In the evening of the same day a "Testimonial Dinner" was hosted for Mr. Armstrong where he addressed some 400 people composed of many high government officials, businessmen and civic-religious leaders headed by Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabela. He stressed to them the need for world peace through the "give" philosophy.

The next day former Vice Pres. Fernando Lopez, acting Secretary of Education Narciso Albarracin, Director Julian Yballe of the Bureau of Private Schools and other dignitaries flew with Mr. Armstrong to Iloilo City to confer on him another Doctor of Humanities degree (honoris causa). Only two so far have been conferred this degree by the Iloilo University: President Ferdinand Marcos and Mr. Armstrong. Here is the citation given to Mr. Armstrong by the University:

"GREETINGS:

"HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG, a citizen of the world,

outstanding educator, distinguished humanitarian, and dedicated advocate of world peace:

"In recognition of your self-imposed mission of searching for more pathways to peace among all peoples of the earth;

"For your altruistic use of the media of radio and television in seeking to promote understanding and brotherhood among men;

"For your fearless use of the printed page in discussing global issues with unusual insight and candor;

"For your missionary outlook in viewing education as a doorway to the development of youth for service to humanity,

"For dedicating a lifetime to the noble task of meeting with many peoples of many races in many countries so that all may move in step toward universal fraternity and peace;

"THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILOILO, by unanimous vote of its members and upon recommendation of the University President and the Committee on Honorary Degrees, today confers upon you the degree of

"DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES (Honoris Causa)"

Saturday afternoon, Mr. Armstrong and party attended the regular Manila Sabbath services at the GSP where over 650 brethren attended. He spoke about the new dimension and the new thrust of the Work of God today. "I am asking for another 3 to 5 more years to finish our job of preaching the gospel as a witness to all the nations," he said.

Before Mr. Armstrong's message Mr. Rader talked on the intensified activi-

ties for 1975 in this part of the world. He mentioned the possibility of translating the message of Mr. Armstrong to native languages or dialects so that the people who do not understand English will get the message even before he speaks to them. He also hinted for expanded testimonial dinners from the usual 100 to as many as 500 or even 1000 guests.

On the night of the campaign, Mr. Armstrong gave a powerful message to some 1,800 people at the Delta Theater. Since the whole campaign was televised by Channel 13 the special message was viewed the following night by thousands in the Greater Manila area in a one-hour show. About a million more will view it nationwide through the IBC TV network. As of presstime, Channel 4 (a government station) is preparing a documentary film also for nationwide viewing.

The next day, after a breakfast with education officials and leading university and college presidents, Mr. Armstrong's party left at 10:30 a.m.

Further interesting details are contained in Mr. Adair's Personal in this issue. (N. Acebron)

MR. ADAIR TO LECTURE ..cont'd.

on his usual subject, "Dating, Marriage and Family Relations." At 2 p.m. he is set to speak at a seminar for teachers and school principals on the subject "Keys to the Teaching of Moral Values." It will be recalled by our readers that Mr. Adair first spoke on that subject of a similar seminar

of education officials of Rizal province in Taytay, Rizal a few months ago.

The invitation for Mr. Adair to speak came from Mr. Roan C. Esteban, Vice President of Arullo Lyceum on behalf of the Bureau of Private Schools.

(BM)

My Book of Memories

by Marilou Talon

Within my book of memories
are loving thoughts of you
And all the dear and
thoughtful things
You often say and do.

And as I turn the pages
and recall each single
thought
I realize the happiness
Your love has always
brought

There are memories of my
childhood
Those bright and happy
days
There are memories of
your wisdom
And your understanding
ways

There are memories of your
laughter
And of your warm and
cheery smile
That chase away the gray
clouds
And make life more worth-
while

There are memories of your
kindness
Of your warm and tender
touch
Your sweet and gentle
nature
That I loved so very much

And when I recall these
memories
Everyday they are dearer
still
For I loved you then
I love you now
And Mother, I always will.

MANILA NEWS



NATURE HIKE DELIGHTS KIDDIES

by Pike Magno, Jr.

MANILA, Nov. 3 - It was the usual listless Sunday morning. After a heavy downpour for several days, the sky was clearing up. Snow-white, cotton balls of altocumulus cloud had been gradually forming as the sun showed once again its mysterious, energy-packed rays promising a bright, warm day. To fifteen enthusiastic tots, all members of the local Imperial Boys and Girls Club, this meant lots of fun.

Almost a frustrated trip, the scheduled nature hike to Montalban dam arranged by their agile mentors, Mr. Max Fabricante and Mrs. Rose Laxamana, had occupied the children's minds in their sleep the night before. They were out to discover such marvelous treasures of nature which have been bugging for so long now the 'sup-

posed' beliefs of staunch evolutionary exponents.

Guided by voluntary overseers, the office's van carrying this smart crowd proceeded fast towards Marikina, a town famous for its quality shoe industry. As it approached the dam site they were awed by verdant ripples of mountain range, quite reminiscent of the yearly feast travel to Baguio.

However, about three kilometers before the dam something happened. A tremendous landslide that occurred in the wake of typhoon Yaning had blocked the crude road. Very soft mixture of red clay and sharp stones mantled a considerable distance about knee-deep. This only route was virtually impassable for vehicles and only

MR. ADAIR TALKS WITH PARENTS

MANILA -- Mr. Colin Adair called a meeting for the parents of teen-agers in the Manila Church area last November 6, Wed. This meeting followed a previous one Mr. Adair had with the single people two weeks earlier where he brought out and corrected the wrong and unbecoming dating practices which have crept into and started to wrongly influence the young people in the Church.

In this meeting with the parents, Mr. Adair stressed that the parents are directly and personally responsible for the behaviour of their teen-age children. It is their duty and not the ministers' to look after them. He also gave some pointers on how the parents can earn or regain the confidence and love of their children and close the communication or generation gap and thus have a harmonious and workable relationship with their children. Mr. Adair pointed out that it is only then that parents can be effective in helping their teen-age children to behave properly and grow up in the right way.

The two-hour meeting, which began at 7 in the evening, was held in the Ambassador College Agency office. (BM)

adults could tread the relatively hardened sideways banking along a restless river below. It was risky for the kids. The only alternative was to find another place. So a bright idea came up and the van darted off towards BALARA Filter Plant, a nice cozy place for picnickers with (Please turn to next page)

Osias Magallanes (parents of this writer), the party was one of the organized activities of the club. Its purpose was certainly fulfilled for everybody who attended enjoyed the affair through social dancing and constant fellowship. For those who weren't enthusiastic about dancing, some of the indoor games such as chess and scrabble appealed to them most. Pictures were taken here and there, many of which were poses with Mr. Adair (P5 per pose?) A special treat for the guests was unexpected -- a stray monkey appeared and caught their attention, most especially that of Andrew's. One parlor game was played which was embarrassing only to the men -- how would you like to dance with a broom? Well, about three men danced with it (her?) twice -- proof that the broom was a good dancer. After the game, snacks were served. Boy, were they delicious! The banana-nut cake was made and generously given by Mrs. Margaret Adair. The upside-down cake, (Please turn to next page)

A SUNDAY AFFAIR FOR THE YACKEES

November 10, at 2:00 p.m., people started to pour in. One of the early comers was Mr. Colin Adair (Mrs. Adair wasn't feeling well) with, who else, but Andrew. Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Macaraeg also came. In fact, almost everybody seemed to have arrived with their smiling faces (some showed relieved faces because there was difficulty in locating the place).

But what was the whole affair about? It was the Get-Together Party of the YAC B members with other non-members. Held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs.



YAC "B". Members of the Young Ambassadors Club "B" posed with Mr. Colin Adair to capture those memories during their GET-TOGETHER PARTY last November 10.

NATURE HIKE

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a wild environ that beckons to be a perfect, natural spot to explore.

Arriving two hours before lunch time, the children had their morning ~~se~~ta to give them a keen vision on spotting unusual insects and plants. The group then split into two. Mrs. Laxamana's bunch went southward and entered a mossy place called Anona's Amphitheater. This steep

tier of slats looked hardly dressed where a microcosm of flora and creeping insects has been thriving abundantly.

Soon, short feet started moving swiftly. Sharp eyes opened wide. Small hands catching discreetly, lurking figures prowling in the bushes, loud sighs and shouts of victory filled the cool, humid air induced by the dense vegetation around.

After an hour, Mr. Fabricante's troupe that tracked northward converged with the other group in the picnic area for a well deserved meal. They prided themselves with a pretty

catch--a black spider with striking yellow embroidery on its back, a multi-colored mariposa, some white butterflies, elusive red dragonflies, a preying mantis, a large mushroom and a number of minute invertebrates.

In the afternoon, the children enjoyed playing 'touching ball' and 'foot race.' A stiff competition ensued between teams and it was funny to see them really obeying the instructions right to the letter!

Asked for suggestions on their next activity, a girl wittingly suggested a "get-away" party and a big laugh filled the jam-packed green van as it finally rolled back home. Although tired and enervated by the long trip the kiddies did learn to appreciate and love God's ingenious creation. □

YAC'S AFFAIR

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given by Mrs. Linda Hood, was deliciously enjoyed by many. Punch was also served together with brownies. Everybody, most especially the servers, quite enjoyed the snacks. Then came the sing-a-long led by Mr. Adair. Only a few songs were sung because Mr. Adair had to leave for the Spokesman Club "A" meeting that evening. Right after the sing-a-long, Mr. Adair left with some of the spokesmen while those who remained kept on dancing as there was still music to dance to. Some stayed on up to 7 pm. They left taking with them more memories because they brought with them the surplus brownies. The affair was successful, thanks to the cooperation of everybody concerned, including the guests who were really fun-filled. (Suzette Magallanes)

have you READ?

by George Hood

There's a new booklet that has just arrived from the A.C. presses which all parents in God's Church will surely want! It's called Teach Your Children About God.

This booklet will prove invaluable in helping you parents to guide your children's spiritual growth. You'll learn how to teach your children about the Bible, about God's plan, and how to pray. This new booklet will also tell you how to explain to your children what God is like.

If your children are already grown up and married, then you can apply it to your grandchildren!

Don't wait to request this new booklet! You need to put its principles to work right away if you have not already done so. Be sure you can properly teach your children about God.

But childhood isn't the only time to learn fundamentals. Mr. Armstrong

has said "Education is a lifelong process," and you need to know how to make a success of your life. If you haven't yet learned how, it's not yet too late to find out.

Request the booklet The Seven Laws of Success. This booklet by Mr. Herbert Armstrong applies to young and old, man and woman, rich and poor, educated and uneducated alike You need it.

An integral part of the successful life is good health. While much promotion has been made recently about the need for good nutrition through proper eating habits, do you know the other factors besides proper nutrition which promote good health? If not, then Seven Laws of Radiant Health is must reading for you!

Health is a desire to everyone. A rewarding, fulfilling, successful life is likewise a universal human desire. Bringing your children into a close and fruitful relationship with God is every Christian parent's rightful duty and desire.

These booklets are expressly offered to help realize those desires. Why not write for yours immediately? □

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BIBLE STUDIES -- Dec. 11, 25 (Wed.) 7 p.m., CSP Auditorium, Padre Faura, Manila.

MONTHLY MOVIE -- Dec. 7 (Sat.) 7:15 p.m., Ambassador College Agency Office, R. M. Center, Roxas Blvd., Manila.

SPOKESMAN CLUB MEETINGS
Club A -- 6:30 p.m. every Sunday, Ambascos Social Center.

Club B -- Dec. 3, 17, 31 (Tue.) 6:45 p.m., Ambascos Social Center.

MINISTERIAL, EDUC. AND TRAIN. CLASS -- (Exclusively for Class members) Dec. 10, 24; 7 p.m., Adair's residence

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT -- Dec. 14, 28; 7 p.m., Ayala Basketball Court (Behind Insular Life Bldg.) Ayala Avenue, Makati, Rizal.

CHESS TOURNAMENT -- Every Thursday evening 6 to 8 p.m., Ambascos Social

Center.
YAC-A SPONSORED OUTING -- Dec. 15; 6:30 a.m.
CHILDREN'S CLUB PARENTS' GET-TOGETHER -- Dec. 29, 4:00 p.m.

ALL-DAY SERVICES IN THE PROVINCES -- Baguio City -- 10 a.m., Second and fourth Sabbath of the month, Quirino Hall Teachers' Camp.
Urdaneta -- 10 am: First and third Sabbath of the month, Sacag Rest-house, Bacag, Villasis, Pangasinan.

CEBU CITY -- 10 a.m.; Jan. 25, 1975, LUYM Bldg., 12th Floor.

ILOILO CITY -- 9:30 a.m. Dec. 28, '74; Feb. 22, '75, River Queen Hotel, Conference Room.

NAGA CITY -- 10 a.m., Dec. 21, '74; Feb. 15, 1975, Lindex Hotel Conf. Rm.

NEW MANILA WT RADIO STATION -- DWAW, 940 kHz., 8 p.m. daily.

1975 Basketball Tournament Opens

SPORTS

MAKATI, Nov. 16, 1974 -- Usually a rainbow occurs when the rays of the sun strike little falling raindrops. It wasn't different last Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Insular Life hard court. With the bright rays of the powerful bulbs striking the slight evening shower, individual brilliant colors were produced. But unlike the typical rainbow that we know, this beautiful color spectrum didn't form an ark. They marched in straight columns for the opening of the 1975 Inter-color Basketball Tournament sponsored by Sports Division of the Church.

The participating teams -- the Blues, followed by the Golds, the Greens, the Maroons, the Oranges and the Whites -- sparkled their way in to the hard court for the simple opening ceremony. The women's teams who marched in the lead were equally colorful. The new titles they are sporting are quite inter-

esting -- the Pacifics, the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. (I don't believe women are really unpredictable -- seas are.)

Mr. Colin Adair gave a brief talk and presented a trophy to the White team -- last season's

champion. Mr. Adair commented: "As far as I can recall, I think the trophy always goes to this man (referring to Erning Baylosis -- White's team captain) and his team year after year during all my stay here."

"It is your business, men," he jokingly said to the other teams, "to make sure he doesn't get it this year." "But it's (Please turn to next page)

Morena clinched a point against Pete Trinanes who forfeited his right to castle in penalty for a touch-move violation during a middle game. White's humpty-dumpty, suffering an over-exposure, did not survive a blistering storm of aggressive attacks. Trinanes played white.

In an equally important game Napoleon Acebron, playing white against Oscar Gonzales, slowly and cautiously built his forces and launched a developing furious attack, but prematurely occupied king rook 6 square instead of preparing to castle his king to avert a dangerous counter-attack on his open queen side. Sensing

white's fatal flaw Gonzales, who put up the Nimzo-Indian defense, attacked decisively with his queen-rook-knight combined forces. White's monarch traveled to the center awaiting an inevitable checkmate before Acebron resigned a lost game.

The tournament is played every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The final rounds open in December. Prizes are at stake including a cash prize of P100 and a trophy which will be awarded to (Please turn to next page)

Update on the MANILA CHURCH 1974 CHESS TOURNEY

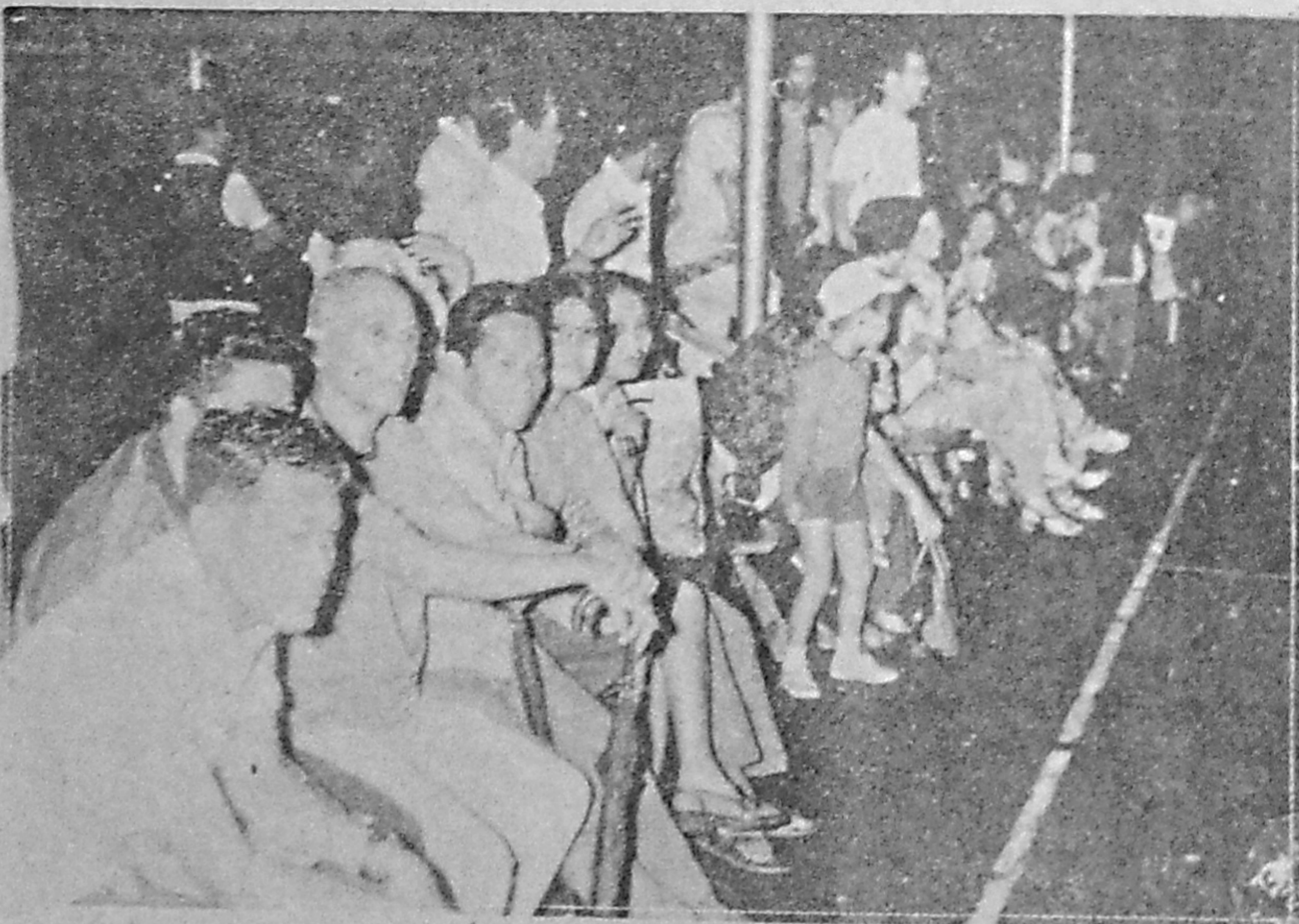
by Oscar S. Gonzales

The third round of the 6-Swiss system of the qualifying state of the chess tournament was played Thursday, Nov. 14 at Ambascos Office, R.M. Center, Roxas Blvd. It marks the meridian of the Manila Church's 1974 annual chess tournament. Two players steamed ahead with 3 points each, while four others trounced their opponents to gain new momentum in their bid for the trophy. The rest were shoved in the cellar--seven chessers with slim chances to make it to the finals. Three more rounds

remain to be played in the qualifying state to make them more important. Among the contestants, only six top rated players will advance to vie for top honors in a round-robin elimination system.

On board number 1 Oliver Bagay, playing black against Edgar Borja, employed a Pirc defense, seized an early initiative, gained a rook advantage and forced a win in an early end-game. The match was drawish until Borja threw his last chance when Bagay simplified the positions by swapping pieces.

On board No. 2 Manuel



OPENING NIGHT CROWD. A portion of the main crowd composed mainly of church members that gathered for the tournament's opening night which was held at the Ayala Court (Insular Life), Makati, Rizal. (Photo by Cicero Binuya, Jr.)



CHAMPIONS. Mr. Colin Adair awards the 1974 Basketball Tournament Championship Trophy to the WHITES skippered by Mr. Ernesto Baylosis (11). (Photo by Cicero Binuya, Jr.)

BASKETBALL ..cont'd.

his duty to make sure you don't get it!" he quickly added.

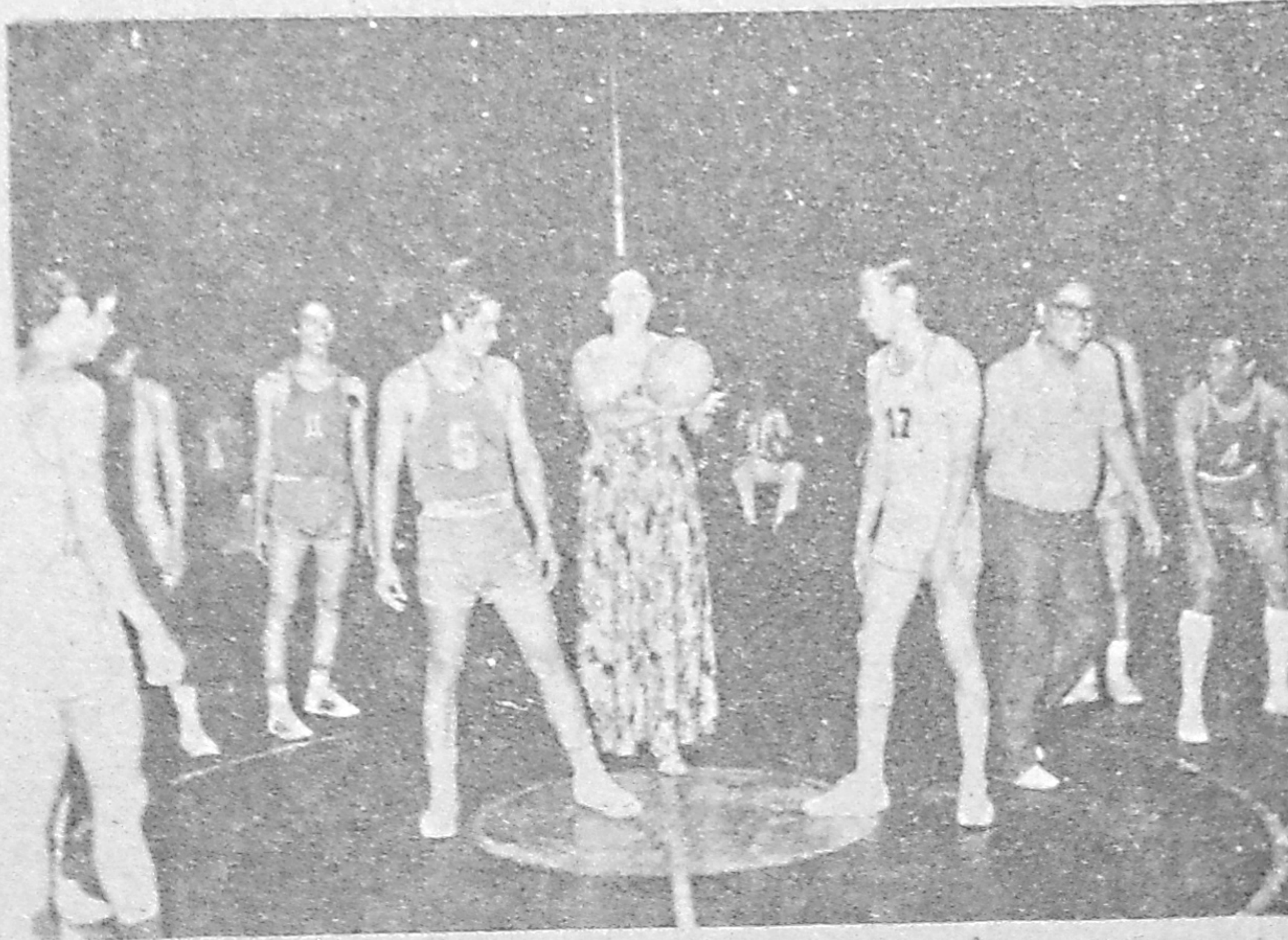
Mrs. Linda Hood tossed the inaugural ball as the "rainbow" vanished from the center of the court and then the games formally started.

The Pacifics and the Atlantic's started off the evening. The Atlantic's drubbed their opponent with the final score 6-4.

The games between the Golds and the Greens fol-

lowed. The Greens proved their supremacy over the Golds -- their close rival for the runner-up title -- as they left them three points behind in an edging margin -- 24-21.

The final match for the evening, the Whites vs. the Blues, promised to be interesting. Previous to the games, the Blues were vehemently stressing, "We will color the Whites!" The Whites answered "we'll make the Blues turn white with fright!" The Whites made good their boasting by mopping the floor with the Blues. The final score, 50-39. (JL)



INAUGURAL BALL. Mrs. Linda Hood prepares to toss the inaugural ball to open the 1975 Manila Church Basketball Tourney. About to contest possession for the ball are Amor Jimenez (5) of the GREENS and Vir Yap (17) of the GOLDS. Behind Yap is Jerry Ortiguero (smiling!), executive director of the Sports Division and leader of the BLUE team. (Photo by Cicero Binuya, Jr.)

AGAB CHESS TOURNAMENT OPENED OCT. 31

CHESS UPDATE ..cont'd.

the topnotcher.

Watch for the coming 1975 chess tournament which is expected to be bigger and more interesting.

The threatening visit of typhoon "Yanig" did not hinder the opening of the 1974-75 Manila Church Chess Tournament last Thursday evening Oct. 31 at the Ambascos Social Hall. Present were Mr. Jose Raduban, Ambascos Games and Athletic Board chairman and J. Ortiguero,

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

TO MEMBERS & CO-WORKERS:

Please be reminded that whenever you send your tithes, offerings and donations through the Post, please ALWAYS send it either by postal money order, bank check or personal checks. Current postal regulations PROHIBIT cash being sent through the mails. If you do, your money may end up being confiscated.

This reminder specially concerns scattered members who have no access to regular church meetings and therefore have to send their tithes, offerings and donations through the mails.

Executive Director who conducted the ceremonial moves along with 14 participants.

The 7 pair match on the opening night was the first of the series for the elimination round. Although some of the players were already impelled to step farther from the access to victory, yet it did not dampen their enthusiasm as there are still chances to recover their temporary setbacks. The tournament consisted of two stages -- elimination round and the final round. The elimination stage is a six game Swiss System to determine the top six players who will participate in the final rounds. The final stage is a single round robin among the qualified parties.

tunity for those who can't afford to crawl, leap or jump at the hardcourt, but desire to partake in the church's sports activities. The AGAB also provides valuable prizes for the winners.

Here is the latest report of players' standing for the 3 meetings of the elimination round:

O. Bagay.....	3 pts.
M. Morena.....	3 "
E. Borja.....	2 "
J. Potueco.....	2 "
O. Gonzales.....	2 "
D. Uy.....	2 "
P. Trinanes.....	1.5"
A. Buena.....	1 "
N. Acebron.....	1 "
R. Rustia.....	1 "
F. Gonzales.....	1 "
M. Maninang.....	1 "
J. Ortiguero.....	1 "
F. Santos.....	0.5"

(E. Mellomida)

Chess is the common "stuff" upon which brethren sit together, be it during breaktime or occasional fellowshiping. No doubt Jerry Ortiguero, one of its proponents, revived the tournament from its almost two years of dormancy and gave the chance to every church member within greater Manila (and non-members as well who are attending the church) to join. It was an oppor-

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PROVINCIAL NEWS



"Thank you Mr. & Mrs. HOOD"

ILOILO CITY -- Oct. 26 was when the Iloilo Church members had their latest service and Bible study. As usual, we held our meeting at the Conference Hall of the River Queen Hotel. But what was significant about our Bible study was the very presence of our future resident minister here in the Visayas -- Mr. George Hood. He came along with his wife Linda, and Mr. Colin Adair.

Displaying generous flashes of smile and extending warm handshakes, Mr. and Mrs. Hood mixed freely with those present in the Bible study. The brethren and non-members alike responded enthusiastically. Some had to wait a little longer in getting to know Mr. and Mrs. Hood (after all, with our number present it was really hard for Mr. and Mrs. Hood to attend to us at the same time).

Mr. Hood made us chuckle and grin when he remarked to one member: "Do you know Robin Hood? Yea, we had the same family name. But I don't know how we are related," or words to that effect.

For the brethren who had already met Mr. and Mrs. Hood at Baguio during the Feast, it was another opportunity to know them better -- much better. And in one way it also gave Mr. and Mrs. Hood one more try in attempting to memorize our names (there were more than seventy of us

present -- although that number was somewhat lower than our previous attendance. One reason being the recent landslide in a mountain in Antique that cut off vehicular traffic to Iloilo).

Making good use of the occasion, Mr. Hood learned fast in memorizing our names. So much so that when it was time to end our service Mr. Hood was able to call on one member, Mr. Peregrino Castellanes, to say the closing prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hood impressed us very much. By their conviviality and outgoing spirit, by their animated and lively conversation, and by their nice example to those present. We could readily notice

FIRST SERVICE IN NAGA AFTER FEAST

NAGA CITY, Oct. 19 -- The regular bi-monthly Bible study and Sabbath Service for the Naga church was held here barely ten days after the Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio City.

Mr. Pike Mirto, the minister-in-charge for the Bicol region, conducted the service by giving a sermon on the Holy Spirit. Mr. Edmond Macaraeg in his sermonette touched on the "Things that Hinder Prayer."

Compared to last August 25th Sabbath service, the attendance was slightly smaller. Fifty people attended the Bible study in the morning and five more brethren came for the afternoon service.

During the Bible study,

MINDANAO Violence Continues to Adversely Affect Members

their concern and interest in our lives by the way they talked to us. It was surely nice meeting them.

Knowing that sooner or later (we hope it's sooner) the churches in the Visayas (Iloilo and Cebu) will be looked after by Mr. Hood, nothing could make the brethren from Iloilo, Capiz and Negros Occ. more excited than the prospect of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Hood in person. For the brethren who did not make it to the Feast, last October 26 was their chance to meet them for the first time.

Already, we are looking forward to seeing them again these coming months. To Mr. and Mrs. Hood, we are grateful to say -- thank you for coming over. We were benefited in many ways by your presence. (Severo Caligan, Jr.)

by Edmond D. Macaraeg

Rebel movement activities in Mindanao seem to worsen in spite of government campaigns against them. This is especially true in the central and south-eastern Mindanao provinces. The pathetic thing is that innocent people become victims in this violence.

One report received from Mr. Antonio Ilustrisimo (one of our local leaders in Mindanao), contains an account of the stabbing and shooting to death of one of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Uldarico Millama, prospective members in Davao del Sur. This happened in the evening of August 27 when the boy (the victim) was cooking their supper. Their two other sons were able to escape unhurt.

Some help was already given to Mr. and Mrs. Millama. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sympathy to them.

In another incident, Mr. Ilustrisimo reported by telegram that last Nov. 15, rebels attacked the town of Carmen, North Cotabato, where one of our members, Mr. Eleazar Flores, lives. Houses, clothing, and food stuff were burned -- including those of Mr. Flores'. As of this writing, we are still waiting for the detailed report.

Meanwhile, Mr. Pedro Casing (also one of our local leaders in Mindanao) reports that peace is shaky in Davao Oriental. We hope no tragic incident will happen there.

Because of the social unrest in those areas some of the farmlands are being abandoned. This could result in a sharp decrease (Please turn to next page)

a stranger entered the meeting hall at Lindez Hotel. Mistaking him for a prospective member who had somehow been informed of our meeting for that day, I was about to invite him to take a seat when he asked me a question. As it turned out he was looking for another group having a convention elsewhere in the city. Apparently he was a newcomer to the city and so got lost. For our Sabbath service we were happy to use for the first time the new Bible Hymnals promised to us by our Director, Mr. Colin Adair. We had to utilize a rented sound system though because Mr. Mirto was unable to bring with him an AM/FM radio (Please turn to next page)

AN OPEN LETTER

To all brethren who attended the Feast at Don Carlos,

Warmest greetings!

I am thankful that our newspaper, CONTACT, provides us a sure way of contacting each other.

We arrived home safely although we had a very turbulent trip for home by sea. Typhoon Susang vented her ire on us. The sea was so rough, giant waves rocked our ship and made us all seasick, except for Mr. and Mrs. Edilberto Figuracion. At one point during our voyage, the typhoon in her fury blew off the tarpaulin at the windward side of the ship which shielded us from the stormy wind and the foaming sea. It took a good number of strong muscles battling against the storm to tack the canvass back. At times like these, when the foaming, raging sea and the howling wind both soak and scare us, scriptures like Psalm 107:21-31 give us great comfort and emotional refuge.

At exactly 1 a.m. by my watch, Susang finally departed leaving us calm and peaceful again. From then on our sailing went smoothly until we reached our respective homes.

Now looking back, I feel you will all agree that the Feast we just had was the best ever! The inspired sermons and sermonettes were all wonderful to hear and to recall, especially that sermon on the Last Great Day. Everybody was in rapt attention and most were misty-eyed when the ultimate destiny and fate of Christians in this age was expounded. The loving attitude shown to us by all brethren also made a lasting impression

in our hearts.

I wish to recall that being one of the monitors assigned I never heard complaints of any sort -- except maybe from two single men who complained to me of their not having yet found a sister in the faith to wife! However, I know they were just saying it in jest.

I remember one of the highlights of the joyous activities during the whole feast. And that was the wedding ceremony performed by Mr. Encardio Benitez for Mr. Rodolfo Bongat and Miss Berly Gapul. That was the first time I witnessed a wedding in the Church of God!

The entertainment portion that ensued made up of the "Manubo Chieftain tribal dance," the "Cassava Robber Dance" and the "Monkey Dance" were all well performed and were so hilarious it made us all laugh to our heart's content.

On behalf of my family I wish to thank the brethren from Agusan through Mr. Vivencio Carmelotes, their leader, for their care, love and concern for us. You see, most of them were billeted with us in that same building. I remember, we were ten families in that house with about 33 adults and about 26 children. There were only five bedrooms of about 8 by 8 feet! As a result we were confronted with space and sanitation problems. But we all joined hands and thus were able to lick the problem in a short time. I think we were one of the happiest bunch of brethren there merrily sharing and living together. Our womenfolk, as we tried to

encourage and make them happy, were very diligent and faithful too in preparing our meals. So we never missed nor came late for the services.

I remember Mr. Benitez' concern for the housing problem so much so that in one of our usual early morning monitor's meetings, he brought out the problem and asked for advice in anticipation for next year's feast. It was suggested that the problem be presented to the congregation for possible

pledges. We were quite surprised at the spontaneous and enthusiastic response of the members with pledges of no less than ₱20 each. One elderly couple from Cebu City was so desirous to help and concerned that they pledged ₱1000.

I feel you will agree with me, brethren that that Feast we just had will long fondly linger in our memory.

Sincerely and lovingly,
(Sgd) Julian R. Bahinting
and family

MINDANAO VIOLENCE ...cont'd.

in food production leading to widescale famine. Situations like this could affect our people.

The brethren in those troubled areas would appreciate your continued prayers for their safety and protection. □

SERVICE IN NAGA ... Cont'd.

which can be used together with the gadget he brought along -- a wireless microphone.

A Surprise

We usually pay Lindez seventy-five pesos for hall rental so I was perturbed when I was handed a receipt charging us thirty pesos for sound and other electrical uses. It appeared at first that we would pay that amount in addition to rental for the sound system (as it was a separate agreement I made) and for the meeting place. I immediately went to the manager for verification.

His explanation was a great surprise to me. He

said that the bill for electrical services was to be at the same time our rental for the hall! In effect, therefore we have to pay less this time than we paid before, even in addition to the sound system! All things considered I am inclined to believe that God had a hand in this. We can but hope and pray that the same favor will be given us again

August 25

This is a rather belated piece of news but I believe that our brethren would be very glad to know that last August 25, at exactly 8:00 o'clock in the morning, in a river some fifteen kilometers away from Naga City two new souls were baptized into God's Church.

It was an altogether new and moving experience for me as I watched our minister immerse these two women in their watery grave and afterwards lay hands on them.

We were also honored by the presence of Mr. & Mrs. George Hood, fresh from Ambassador College for our Sabbath service on the 24th of that month. We learned that it was the first provincial assignment since their coming and we are grateful for that privilege. (Ric Perez)

The Best FEAST Ever Held in EASTERN MINDANAO

TAGUM, Davao (Oct. 21, 1974)

Amidst the confusion, turbulence and pockets of war in some parts of Mindanao, the Feast of Tabernacles went on as scheduled here at Tagum, Davao. This site is the newest in our country because it is only in its second year, yet it went down as the best feast ever held in Eastern Mindanao.

The most joyous time of the year for God's people was indeed spiritually satisfying and fun-filled. This place offered a wonderful time for all members who gathered here to be fully rejuvenated and to praise their Creator. Aside from the revealing and inspiring messages that taught us proper obedience to our God, the social activities proved to be smashing hits.

Although only 197 people attended, all the members agreed that the Feast of Tabernacles 1974 in Tagum was the best they have ever witnessed. The unprecedented success is attributed to the wholehearted cooperation of the different organizations in the congregation, namely, the Davao Ambassadors Social Club, Adult Education Club and the Young Ambassadors Club.

The Filipiniana Night held the audience spellbound with the colorful native dances and songs. Even as the participants came attired in native costumes and the hall decorated in Filipino motif, the audience was becoming restless, eager for the show. The numbers were beyond expectation as they really did their best. Indeed the show of talent this year was prolific. Arduous preparations resulted in very remarkable

numbers which sent the captivated audience applauding wildly. It was an impressive affair never to be forgotten and an inspiration for better performances in the future. Prizes were given away to the people with the best three costumes and to the most graceful dancers.

The Ladies Night, however, was the most awaited evening social because the single people were required to come with their respective partners and in formal attire. The night was graced with formal dances, songs and fellowship. The affair was sponsored by the Davao Ambassadors Social Club (DASC). Young gentlemen and their ladies were properly introduced to the audience, for a much needed acquaintance.

The Young Ambassadors Club members and the children had their respective share too in the socials and they really had scintillating evenings to remember. New parlor games were introduced to their delight and prizes were donated to the winners. As you listened to their

hearty laughter over the air you could easily conclude that these people truly have found the right way to enjoy life to the full.

Aside from the socials we had also varied games and an outing to the Taganan Beach Resort with a swimming contest. Sportmanship was emphasized to the players. After all these activities were finished, the frail-looking seemed to have become robust and healthy. Prizes, as usual, were given away to the top-notch performers.

At the sunset of October 8, the brethren were advised to stay for the evening as they would see Garner Ted Armstrong on film. There were added features, courtesy of the National Media Production Center. When the film show was over the brethren could not help but shed some tears for the glad time God has bestowed on his people.

Indeed, brethren here are following the footsteps of headquarters and our lights are becoming brighter and more evident as this present civilization draws to a close.

(Mario Dulguine)

PREDICAMENTS of the BICOL BRETHREN

The Bicol provinces -- including Camarines, Catanduanes, Albay, and Sorsogon -- are names which surface every now and again in newspapers because this region is a frequent, though hesitant, "host" of visiting typhoons.

Just recently Balatan, Camarines Sur surfaced in our mail here in the office. Not news of typhoons, however, but some of the physical problems our Bi-

col brethren face as a church. The following letter from a couple in that place is reprinted in the hope that the rest of us in God's Church will remember in our prayers the needs of these brethren. At the same time we hope their zeal will be an inspiration to us all.

"We were most happy to have had Mr. & Mrs. Hood with us although we didn't (Please turn to page 15)

SOLEDADS SAY "THANK YOU"

"Our sadness turned to joy when we were reminded of the love and concern within and among the members of the Philadelphia era of God's Church as was stated in your article." (See "'Fiery' Trial" June 1974 CONTACT.) "We realized that after all we are not alone," wrote Mr. and Mrs. Bernardo Soledad in a letter they sent us quite recently.

Mr. Soledad, on behalf of his family, wrote the letter primarily to express, through this newspaper, their deep gratitude "to everyone who sent us letters of sympathy and help."

"We are thanking everyone for their encouraging admonitions and prayers," he went on. "We are also very thankful for the following help we received:

* one thousand pesos from the Emergency Fund sent by Mr. Adair;

* three boxes of used clothings and P268 from the Manila Church." (Another sum of P320.19 was sent later. We hope they have received it by now.)

"I would also like to gratefully acknowledge the following who wrote in expressing their sympathy and concern: Mr. David Babol of Iloilo, Mr. Solomon Moltis of Baguio City, Mr. Perfecto Dolojan of Diffun Quirino, and Mr. Wilfredo Jacinto of Makati. We also gratefully remember Mr. Jose Raduban who sent us the very first admonition that comforted us and lifted our hearts from frustration and discouragement. Our thanks further go to Mr. Eduardo Hashim who sent us a Holy Bible through Mrs. Filipina Mendoza.

"There are so many others whom we would like to mention here but whose (Please turn to page 15)

1974 FEAST OF TABERNACLES FROM A SCATTERED MEMBER'S VIEWPOINT

by Virgilio Bautista
Zamboanga City

The best Feast ever! Everyone seems to agree. In a manner I would nod and agree, but to a point where a feast would be a feast, and a MIRACLE a miracle. Yes sir I consider the previous feast as one of the best MIRACLES yet. Miracles started happening since the beginning of the previous year (Jan. '72 besides my conversion). As most of my close friends know, God blessed me with a job that I longed for after so many frustrations, tears and fasting. As one of several miracles that I will relate, getting this job is the first of them all (after baptism and conversion). But because of my eagerness to get into this "square hole" (because I happened to be a square peg), I forgot to tell God that I wanted to stay here in Manila where the largest congregation is. And so blunder #1 came after one appointment to government office. I learned later that I was assigned to Zamboanga (the city of flowers -- others call it Ciudad de las Flores). I was excited upon learning what was in store for me. I counted the cost, because going to such a place would mean that I'd separate myself from the main source of "practical knowledge" here in Asia. After counseling with the minister I received the first blessing which I could count among the best. I was able to go up into the heaven (we travelled at 29,500 ft. above sea level aboard a PAL JET BAC 1-11) headed for Zamboanga City.

After this scintillating experience I found myself in a place far away from home. As a summary, I found my job at Zamboanga quite exciting (being a square peg in a square hole). While I was in Zamboanga City I didn't notice that I was putting on weight. Manila brethren noticed it when I came back to Manila last September to attend the Feast of Tabernacles, Feast of Trumpets and Day of Atonement.

The opportunity of attending the Feast at Baguio '74 is the second among the miracles that God worked out in my life. This I would say: if I will just depend on my capabilities, I would not be able to come to Manila for the Feast. I said this because up to the time before I flew for Manila I only had P125 second tithe with me, but God fulfilled His promise in Matthew 6:33, and so without any obligation He fetched me again with that metal eagle (RPC 1171) the same jet I rode in coming to Zamboanga. This alone would have cost me an extra P260. I could only give grateful thanks to our Father, and praise His name.

After these happenings, additional excitements and blessings came, most of them at Baguio. I need not elaborate because one can't say the best Feast ever if one hadn't experienced it. But among the outstanding "happenings" that I will treasure are these: (1) Having overcome one of my greatest problems -- fear of girls; (2) Having the opportunity of shouting my prayer to God (I was overjoyed in this '74 Feast) while

aboard the motorcycle (from zigzag road up to our home -- 4 1/2 hour journey) I did not violate Matthew 6:5 while I was praising God; (3) Being saved by God's angel while on the road. It happened like this. While I was cruising along Pampanga on my way home, (I'm not sure about the exact place, but it was 70 - 80 kms. from Manila) I saw too bamboo poles, the ones they use along railroad tracks to caution motorists of coming trains. I slowed down so I wouldn't overshoot the rails (I was travelling approximately 60 mph). What I did I clearly remember. I shifted to the lowest gear as fast as I could, I depressed the front brakes as hard as I could, but I was not able to step on the rear brake (right side) because my foot's concentration was on the left being the gear shifting foot. Then I heard a screeching tire. I tried to look at the vehicle following me (a Philippine Rabbit FUSO Bus) to see if it was the one making the noise, because I knew I didn't use that rear brake. To my relief, it was my rear tire making that black strip of burned rubber over the concrete asphalt road. At this point I felt a shiver down my spine, my heart got stuck in my mouth as the 7 or 10 car train passed in front of me. I didn't step on that right brake pedal but SOMEONE caused that rear wheel to stick and thus stop the motorcycle right in front of the now lowered bamboo railing!

On my way back to Zamboanga City after a month of "plenty" (spiritually speaking) I wondered if I still had my job after a month's absence -- we're only entitled to 15 days sick leave--I have proven God and I knew that He will answer those who put their trust and confidence in Him. (To be continued)

DID YOU KNOW THAT ... ?

by Miss Danila Sison

You are surrounded by water? Over 3/4 of the earth is covered by water. There are a trillion tons of water hanging over your head in the sky ... while there is a giant "Deep Freeze" of water below you too.

Over half of your weight is water. 75% of your muscle is water. 22% of your bones is water. Even the hard enamel of your teeth is 2% water. That is why you can live a month without food, but only live a few days without water.

When two atoms of Hydrogen collide with an atom of Oxygen ... an explosion occurs and presto, water!--our most valuable natural resource. □



1974 ENVOY

Some have been inquiring about the 1974 Envoy. Because of the recent budgetary cuts in the Work this year, the 1974 Envoy was not published. However, there is a plan to go ahead with the publication of the 1975 Envoy which will include our regional offices around the world, unlike our recent editions.

Those who have made their payments for the 1974 Envoy have two options:

1. Request their money back; or
2. Apply amount as payment for 1975 Envoy.

If you are concerned, please let us know about your decision.

Personalities

THE DENTIST WHO WANTED TO FLY

by P. R. Melendez, Jr.

Dr. Samuel Librojo, our ever solicitous deacon, seems to be a good case to support the common suspicion that we can't do very much about heredity. Born the eldest of seven children to a dentist father in Cabuyao, Laguna on August 20, 1930, Dr. Librojo has uncles and cousins who are also dentists like he is. It looked like he had no other choice of profession.

But he was some kind of "black sheep" in his dental clan. For after finishing his dental studies at the Manila Central University in 1950, he gave vent to a secret desire to become an aviator. "My father said I could proceed to take up flying studies if I first finished studying dentistry," he said.

Two years after graduation Dr. Librojo entered the Philippine Air Force flying school at Fernando Airbase in Lipa City (Batangas). "After three months I was dismissed from the school for what they termed 'flying deficiency,'" he revealed.

Flight to Davao

The fiasco proved to be too overwhelming and embarrassing for the young man. How could he face his townmates now? Luckily for him, Davao City offered a place of refuge from his "loss of face." (At least one successful "flight"!) Through a classmate who opened a dental clinic there and took him as a partner, Dr. Librojo was able to take



The Librojos pose at their residence with their children (from L. to R.) Fernando, Brigida, Venilda and Anna.

up a job which was to last for 14 years. After that he was able to establish his own dental clinic.

In due time Miss Nilda V. Celis, an orphaned Ilongga from Bacolod City staying in Davao City with her uncle, came into Dr. Librojo's life. They were married, and have three girls and a boy all born in Davao: Anna, 15; Venilda, 12; Brigida, 10; and Fernando, 8.

How did the Librojos get to Manila? Dr. Librojo had actually planned to return to Luzon after the sting of his youthful failings had passed away, and because he had no land or home of his own in Davao. Meanwhile, he had also been introduced to The PLAIN TRUTH through his wife's subscription which she got in response to a Philippine Free Press ad late in 1964. He also started listening to The World Tomorrow program and even went so far as

CORRECTIONS: I wish to apologize for three inadvertent errors in my last article on Mr. Manubay. First, Mrs. Manubay's maiden name is Emerenciana Mercado, not Mendoza. Second, it was not Mr. Manu-

Letters TO THE EDITOR

FEAST OF TABERNACLES IN BAGUIO

The very successful Feast of Tabernacles held in Baguio City is just over and I am very grateful for all the blessings of beauty, abundance and joy that our loving God bestowed on His people.

Truly, I have enjoyed a "foretaste of the World Tomorrow" and it was the best feast ever for me! I want to sincerely thank ALL concerned for making it possible for me to attend the Feast there. Thank you for the love that you demonstrated in your wonderful service, the warmth of your smiles, all your friendliness, cheerfulness and the wonderful blessings you have shared as we rejoiced in the Feast.

Return to Luzon

The right opportunity came when his father died. In attending the funeral Dr. Librojo brought with him all his family and property to Cabuyao. Eventually he and his wife were baptized, and as they began to attend the services in Manila Dr. Librojo's zeal to serve was duly recognized when he was ordained a deacon in 1972.

Having inherited a piece of land, Dr. Librojo was able to put up his own home and clinic in faraway Cabuyao. Despite the distance, many brethren from Manila seek his dental services for they know they have in him someone who understands.

Heartfelt thanks also go to our beloved ministers and others for the inspiring and encouraging messages that we received.

And to everyone, thank you very much for your part in helping make the Feast a success. May next year's Feast even be better yet.

Miss Roswinda Lu
Misamis Occidental

CONTACT -- INSTRUMENT FOR UNITY

From the CONTACT we read of the flight of some of our brethren in Cotabato and Davao caused by the deterioration of peace and (Please turn to next page)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ...cont'd.

order. Please accept our meager aid and do reassure them that we are always praying for their safety and well-being. The time to pray "Thy Kingdom come" is most urgent now in this part of the Philippines. Here you can observe human nature in the raw and the fulfillment of the prophecy "for men shall be lovers of their own selves." Also, there is the predicament of our brethren in the United States who now face unemployment due to worsening inflation and it greatly affects the Work. These crises the Church now faces call for the admonition of Jesus: "He that shall endure unto the end the same shall be saved."

PREDICAMENTS ..cont'd.

have the chance to fellowship with them. We just had to leave the hall right after the service to catch up with the last bus leaving for our place that afternoon. Often, many of us have to do so and this deprives us of the rare opportunity to fellowship with one another. If we are not mistaken, only four or five are residents of Naga proper. The rest have to travel distances ranging from 10 to over 200 kilometers -- one way -- in order to get to Naga. We know of two couples who have to walk some 7 kilometers through forested areas and ricefields just to get to the highway where they are able, with great difficulty, to take a ride to Naga. Many of us resort to going to Naga as early as Friday morning to be sure we will be able

The CONTACT is surely an instrument for unity during these times. Keep up the good work!

Mr-s A. C. Cernol,
Lanao del Norte

CONTACT CHANGED HIS IDEA OF GOD'S CHURCH

Here's a word of thanks and admiration for the CONTACT. Before, I considered the Church of God remote but now I have my brethren within easy reach.

My idea of this Church before was this: It was an ivory tower, a factory which grinds out literature proclaiming Christ's eminent return and nothing more. Like the doubting Thomas, I was able to touch the scarred hands of Jesus, nay, His Church, upon receiving and reading the CONTACT. It is a vicarious experience in fellowshiping with the brethren in God's Church.

Merlito A. Tonog
North Cotabato

to attend the Bible study at 10:00 a.m. the next day. Some are not able to attend the bi-monthly Bible study and service simply because of financial problems. We know of a brother who has to save at least P40.00 to P50.00 just to be able to attend one bi-monthly meeting.

"But of course we are all grateful for the opportunity to have a regular Bible study and Sabbath service here even if only once in two months. We are aware that we have many scattered brethren who are not able to meet at all. We earnestly pray that God would simply pour out abundant financial blessings to His work so that His Word may continue to have free course, and also that many more of those whom He is calling out now may be nourished by His ministry in the form of regular Bible studies and services. . . Sincerely yours, Mr. and Mrs. Cecilio Milleda."

BELIEVE IT·NOT

The first LOCOMOTIVE or TRAIN dates back to the time of King Solomon! It must have been called the SHEBA NATIONAL RAILWAYS as it was owned and operated by the Queen of Sheba. In fact the Queen brought her train and all its coaches -- thus making a very great train -- when she visited King Solomon.



I Kings 10:2 says:
"And she (Queen of Sheba) came to Jerusalem with a very great train..."

SOLEDADS SAY THANKS...cont'd.

names we cannot remember at the moment.

"Of course, above all our deepest gratitude goes to God our Father who alone can and does truly help," thus Mr. Soledad's letter ended.

It is truly very encouraging to note the response of the brethren here and from abroad.

The Iloilo Church for instance, upon learning of the plight of the Soledad family, "passed the hat around" after one of their services months ago. As a result they came up with P147 which they sent in to be forwarded to the said family. The Soledads must have received it by now.

Another group of brethren from Isabela, few though they be, joined hands to donate whatever little amount they could spare and sent it as their

help.

Kindhearts are not confined to one's surroundings. Mr. Ruben Banaag, the Manila Church member, who has been touring abroad for some months now, happened to read the story in the CONTACT sent by a member here. He then wrote and asked that his sympathy and concern be conveyed and along with it sent a few dollars donation. But more than that, he related the story to a couple (from the Saskatoon Church, Canada who prefer not to be named here) whom he met during the last Feast of Tabernacles in the Penticton Feast site. Consequently, the couple sent in their sympathy too and a donation that came to quite a big amount -- the biggest single donation so far!

We realize that it would take much for the Soledad family to rebuild. But we hope that the help sent them will give them a good start. (Bien Macaraeg, Jr.)

Policy on LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

by Edmond D. Macaraeg

I am sure that all of us would like to help the Work in the best way we can. We certainly appreciate that attitude. However, many are guilty of directly wasting money in this Work -- without even realizing it! This concerns giving out literature contrary to our policies.

If all of the differing ideas, motives, and purposes by which individuals give out and receive our literature were each given free reign, there would be widescale disorder crippling the Work from accomplishing its commission. Since policies concerning these things have existed all along, the problem could be ignorance or misunderstanding of these policies. There is therefore a need to re-state these policies for the benefit of all and to straighten out any misconceptions on the part of some.

Misconceptions

Let us first consider some of the misconceptions among our people with regards to their motives in giving literature to others.

First: wanting to share the truth with others. While not entirely wrong in itself, what they fail to realize is that they could be offending others, making these people think they are cramming their religion down their throats ...which for the most part they might silently but vehemently abhor. Also, one becomes guilty of giving that which is holy to the dogs and casting their pearls before swine (Matt. 7:6).

Another motive is wanting to help spread the gospel message. Again, the motive is right, but the manner is misdirected because what they fail to realize is that God has established a way, and has

commissioned His Church to carry out this Work. God Himself has ordained the various offices to accomplish the different functions in the Work, just as different parts of the body do different functions. We cannot all be heads, or mouths, but we were all commanded to be lights (Matt. 5:14-16). God knows very well the principle that "actions speak louder than words." Let us therefore work at what we were all commanded to do.

Then a few might still be holding to the notion that giving out of literature can convert others. This is not necessarily so since Jesus Himself said that no man can come to Him unless the Father draws him (John 6:44, 65). Besides, the unconverted mind will not accept these things because his nature is in conflict with the laws of God (Rom. 8:7). Also, these things cannot be understood by them because they can only be spiritually discerned and are therefore considered foolishness by them (I Corinthians 2:14).

Of course, these are all understandably done out of a good motive. But good motives do not always mean that such is the right thing to do, as has already been pointed out.

Free Literature

Another problem is that most fail to really appreciate or comprehend the enormous amount of money used to produce our publications. Basically, the word "FREE" has lulled them into thinking somehow it does not cost anything.

To them, yes it's free, but to the Work it does cost huge sums of money. If we have them printed in bulk (which would reduce the cost per copy) one printer estimates the smaller booklets would cost no less than ₱7.00 each, while the thicker ones would cost about ₱15.00 upwards, to produce in that quality of paper and printing. Multiply that by how many thousands of pieces are being wasted and you can appreciate the amount of money going down the drain! Also, if you realize the fact that almost no printing establishment in the Philippines can duplicate the quality of our printing--let alone the production of our booklets -- you would appreciate it even more.

"Freely Give"

Another problem is that many read and understand "freely give" in a very narrow-minded way. So, they give freely without thought, discretion, or concern. Why we give our literature free and not put a price on it is because what is contained in them is beyond what money can buy. In other words, they are priceless! Since God knows most people cannot afford to pay for it--yet the knowledge is vital to everyone -- and so that people would have no excuse He has ordained it to be given free to anyone who is properly interested in it. This brings us to the next point.

Necessary Policies

Though God freely gives, He never wastes. In the

gospel accounts, after Christ fed the thousands of people, He commanded the surplus to be gathered up on both occasions. The bread was produced by a miracle--considered free. But no waste was allowed!

Our goal in setting policies therefore is to avoid wasting our literature.

So, a simple, clear, and easy to remember general policy is: Do not give out your copy of our publications.

However, it does not mean that we all become very quiet and ashamed about our religion. Far from it! You can casually mention our radio broadcast and tell them they could write for the booklets advertized. Say you do. You can also show our literature to your friends (of course with discretion in all this). If they ask where you got it, simply answer them. But do not write in and request literature for them. Do not spoon-feed them. There is a very important reason behind this policy.

As mentioned, we do not want any of our literature to be wasted by going to individuals who are not properly interested in it. So, there is a sort of self-screening type of policy to measure that interest. Put in simplest terms, it is: "Write for your own copy." This is based on the premise that if a person is not interested enough to write for something already given free -- he is not really that interested at all!

That is the reason why it is a policy not to give bulk copies to individuals for distribution. That is also why it is a policy not to send literature to a person on the request of another. We send each of them instead a form letter explaining that our policy is that each individual (Please turn to next page)

YOUR ARTICLES ARE WELCOME

(We have been receiving good participation in the form of articles and contributions from the readership of this newsletter. But in case there are some of you who wanted to contribute but are quite reluctant for one reason or another, we hope that the following article from our Managing Editor will help you. -- Ed.)

Maybe you have been longing to contribute an article of your own for the CONTACT but just can't seem to write it down! Maybe you are just hesitant or unsure that your article may merit publication.

You need be hesitant no longer!

The CONTACT welcomes everyone to contribute one,

POLICY ON LITERATURE

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write for his own copy. We also have a policy limiting to about 3 the number of booklets mailed out to an individual at any given time. We believe that our booklets are too precious to just skim over. All these policies are strictly binding. Exceptions to any of these are decided on a case to case basis.

We will still continue to produce effective and powerful advertisements to generate interest in our publications and we will continue to give our literature free. But the basic approach will be to curtail undue wastage as much as possible.

Unless policies are established and enforced, even good and free things

two or even as many articles as you want to submit. Although we cannot promise that all of them will be published we will always make a way by which your contributions can be included in the issues of the newsletter. Writing articles for the CONTACT is not and should not be a monopoly of the Staff members. Actually the members of the Staff are there (specially the writers) to provide the much needed articles ... if there are not enough contributions coming from the members.

But if there are sufficient contributions then the Staff, I believe, would be very much willing to give way to our "budding" writers from among the members.

can be abused. For instance, people can take advantage of our free publications for such unprofitable uses as wrapping paper. God wants us to take care and use wisely the resources (which includes our literature) He has placed in our hands. We are all accountable for the effectiveness in which they are used. You are part of that accountability with regards to following our literature policy. You can help save money for the Work if you do your part.

We hope you will do your part.

(Editor's Note: With increasing costs and continual financial problems the Work faces, there is a need for all of us to be more "money-conscious." This article by Mr. Edmond D. Macaraeg gives very important guidelines every member needs to be aware of, to help prevent waste of money and material.)

Writing articles for the CONTACT is as easy as telling stories to any of your acquaintances. The only basic difference is that you convert those words into letters and then you have an article. Of course, you tell your story in a way to be understood by the listener. And this should be rule number one.

For you to be understood by your reader, you should write your article in a simple, clear and organized manner. Use words that can be understood without the reader going to the dictionary to find out its meaning. The key to this problem is simply to write the article as if you are relating your story orally.

Next you should have an aim in writing your article. Is your purpose merely to inform, to share some experiences, or to explain something which you believe could be of help to others?

Rule number two then is to strive to write the article to accomplish a certain goal. If you have a goal clear in your mind then writing your story would become very easy.

Now that you have the goal and the story to tell the next thing to do is write it down.

You need not be a journalism or an English major graduate to be able to write a fairly good article. Anybody who can speak English fairly well can write.

The technique in writing the article is very simple. Just write your article as if you are telling the story to your friend. The third rule then is to write the article as you would have it told to someone orally.

Avoid exaggerating your story. Another rule that you must observe is to relate your story long enough to cover all the important details but short enough so as not to

wear your reader.

Right at this point I am reminded that I too, must observe this rule hence I must now cut short this article. For the next issue, I will explain some more rules in submitting your articles to the CONTACT Editor. Just re- (Please turn to page 18)



I want to obtain seeds of the "Everlasting" flower for planting. I will be thankful to anyone who can send me some. If necessary, I'll refund cost and postage if not more than five pesos. I have also some rare kinds from U.S.A. which I can give away to anyone interested. The seeds are: Oregon Giant Sunflowers, American Asters, California Giant Petunia and others.

Mrs. Becky Laureano
Lupon, Davao Oriental

I will appreciate it much if anyone who has any extra copy or can spare any of the following lessons of the old Correspondence Course to me: L. 49 (edition without pictures); L. 17 to the last (edition with pictures).

George Garcia
Canlalay, Binan, Laguna

Pen Pal

Married man wants to have acquaintances -- male, regardless of age, educational background, race or tribe. Write: Antonio B. Mendoza, Bo. Cinco, Banga, South Cotabato.

A young single girl and prospective member from Bohol wants to correspond with church members. Miss Vitaliana Campecino, Ubujan, Tagbilaran City 6301.

IS PRIDE YOUR PROBLEM?

By Colin Adair

Some time ago I asked Mr. Edmond Macaraeg to write an article on my behalf explaining the position of the Church with respect to finances. The article appeared in the September CONTACT under the title: "Is the Church also a Financing Institution?"

After reading it I hope all of you brethren now understand what the job of the Church is and how it is able to help in genuine emergencies. But are you going to go to the opposite extreme and not seek help when you know you should? This thing called "pride" may hold you back. Now, it is true that you should try every possible way not to become a burden to the Church or any of the brethren by borrowing money or "hinting" needs to foreign pen-pals obtained through the Worldwide News (which has happened). However, there does come a time, perhaps, when you really do need to swallow your foolish pride and seek temporary help.

The principle is found in Christ's words, "Seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened un-

to you, ASK and it SHALL be given unto you" Where there is a real need the Church and brethren are not going to turn their backs on you. Perhaps God is trying to break your stubborn pride by withholding blessings from you and forcing you to seek help. In most cases our financial problems are of our own making. Maybe you are not obeying God's financial laws.

As a result of Mr. Macaraeg's article perhaps some of you think we are mean or stingy with our help and hate giving money to the needy in the Church. Not at all. But the Church is not a "bottomless pit" full of money. There is a limit to the help we can give. This is one reason why we investigate thoroughly each case before giving out help. IT IS POSSIBLE TO EXHAUST OUR RESOURCES IN THIS CATEGORY! I want to give you some figures to show you how much the Church is helping those in need. Each month the office sends out, on the average, P3,540 third tithe assistance. Some months it is lower, some higher. Our third tithe income is

just about breaking even-- we are just getting in the same amount we send out. If our third tithe income should drop we will be sending out more than we receive and if the trend continued we would eventually run out of third tithe. It is a real possibility. What would our widows do then?

Our emergency fund is in that state right now. We receive less than P600 per month on the average, yet during July, August, and September this year the emergency fund we gave out was P1,830, P4,962, and P1,441 respectively. At this rate we will run out of emergency fund in near future.

I hope these figures will help you understand that, contrary to what some may think, we are doing our best to give help where it is due. We are not "sitting" on the third tithe and emergency fund or investing it in the money market!

You can rest assured, brethren, that the Church is more than willing to help you if you have genuine financial needs. But don't expect us to be able to read your mind and know what you need automatically. How can we know you are in need of help unless you tell us? And that's where you have to overcome your vanity of "being too proud to seek help" and come see us, or write if

you live far away. As the Proverb says "Pride comes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall" (16:18). Don't blame God or His Church if it's your own stubborn pride which is preventing you from obtaining a solution to your problem. There is no shame in seeking help when you have a real need. Neither I nor any other minister is going to look down upon you for doing so. Remember "ASK--and it shall be given unto you. SEEK -- and you shall find. KNOCK -- (it takes your action) and it shall be opened unto you."

ARTICLES WELCOME ..cont'd.

member that you are much welcome to send us whatever article you may want to contribute.

If after reading this article you have now planned to try writing then why not write one. Don't just say YES to it.. DO it NOW! (Rey Tanajura)

The men who succeed best in public life are those who take the risk of standing by their convictions. -James Garfield

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