



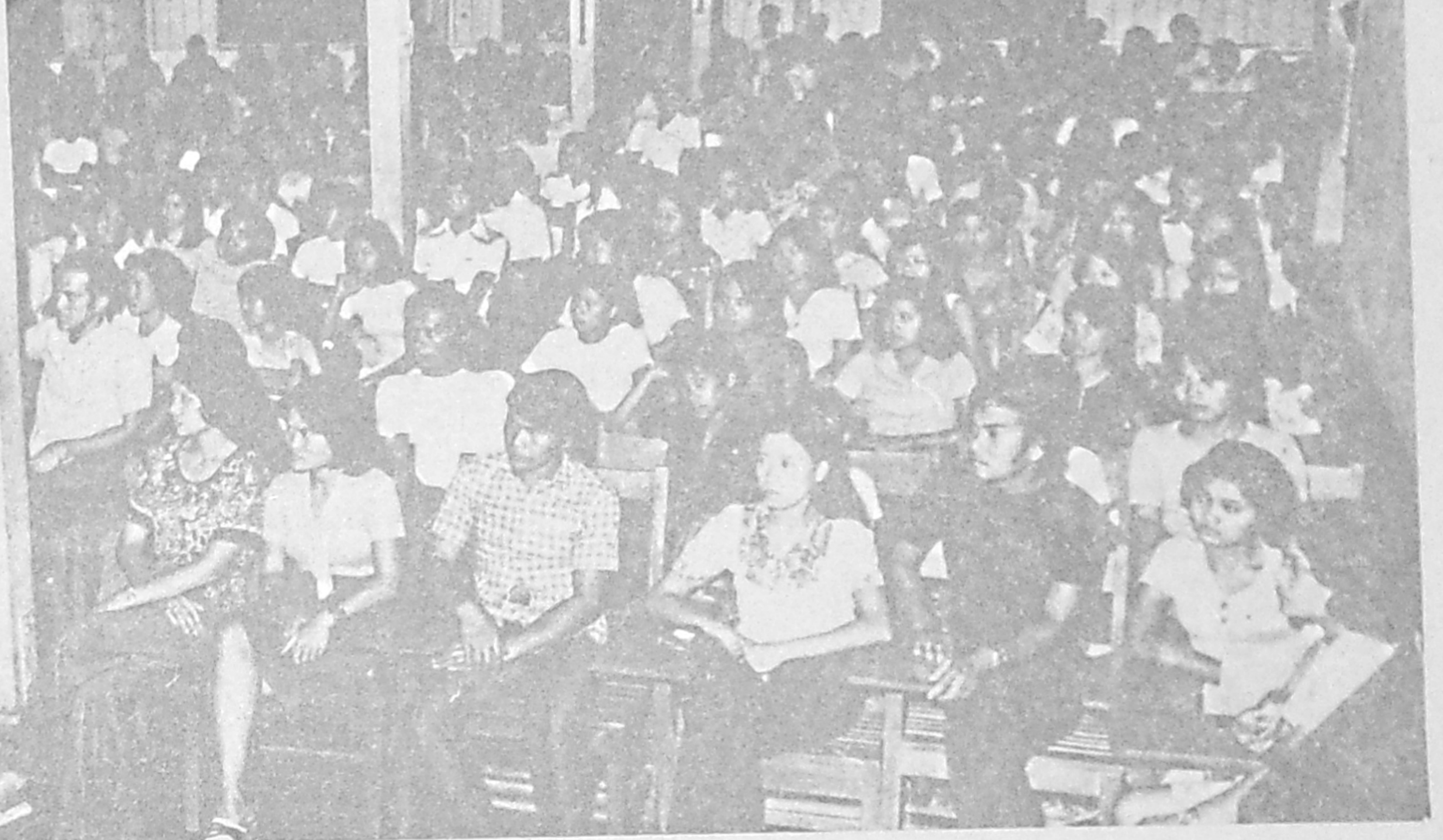
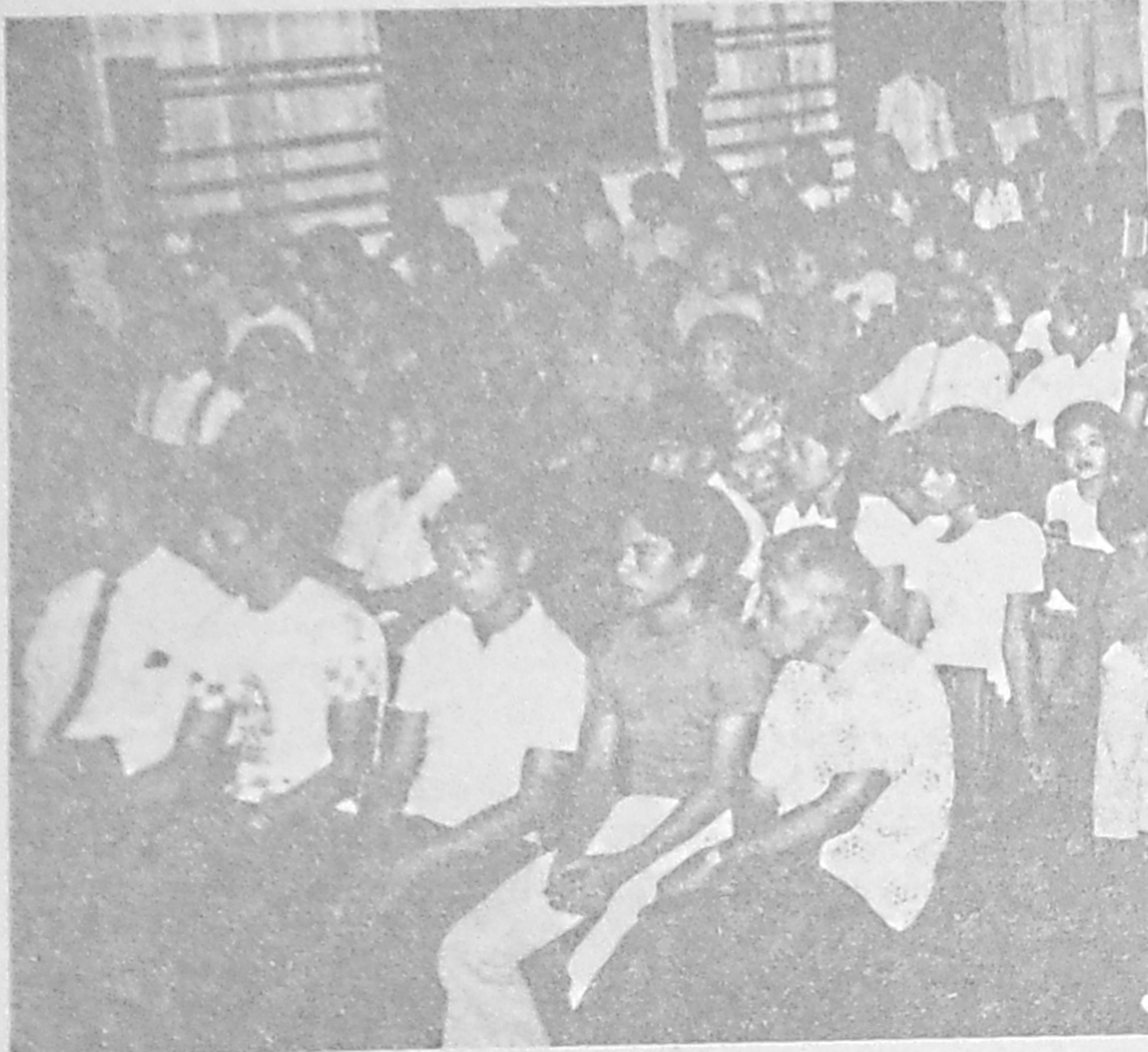
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LAOAG CITY GETS THE MESSAGE!

12TH LECTURE -- Below, Mr. Adair powerfully asks the Laoag audience (shown above): "What's wrong with the commandment that says 'Thou shalt not kill'? What's wrong with the commandment that says 'Thou shalt not steal'?" About 300 attended the lecture. (Photos by Jerry Ortiguero)

by Nap Acebron

Laoag City — "The gospel of hope has been brought to Laoag successfully." So said Dr. Maria D. Manuel, Dean of Graduate Studies of Northern Luzon Teachers College, who was among the 300 people who attended the 12th PT Lecture of Mr. Colin Adair last April 23 at the NLTC Social Hall this city. The lecture was covered by Laoag's three radio stations — DZVR, DWLW and SZJC.

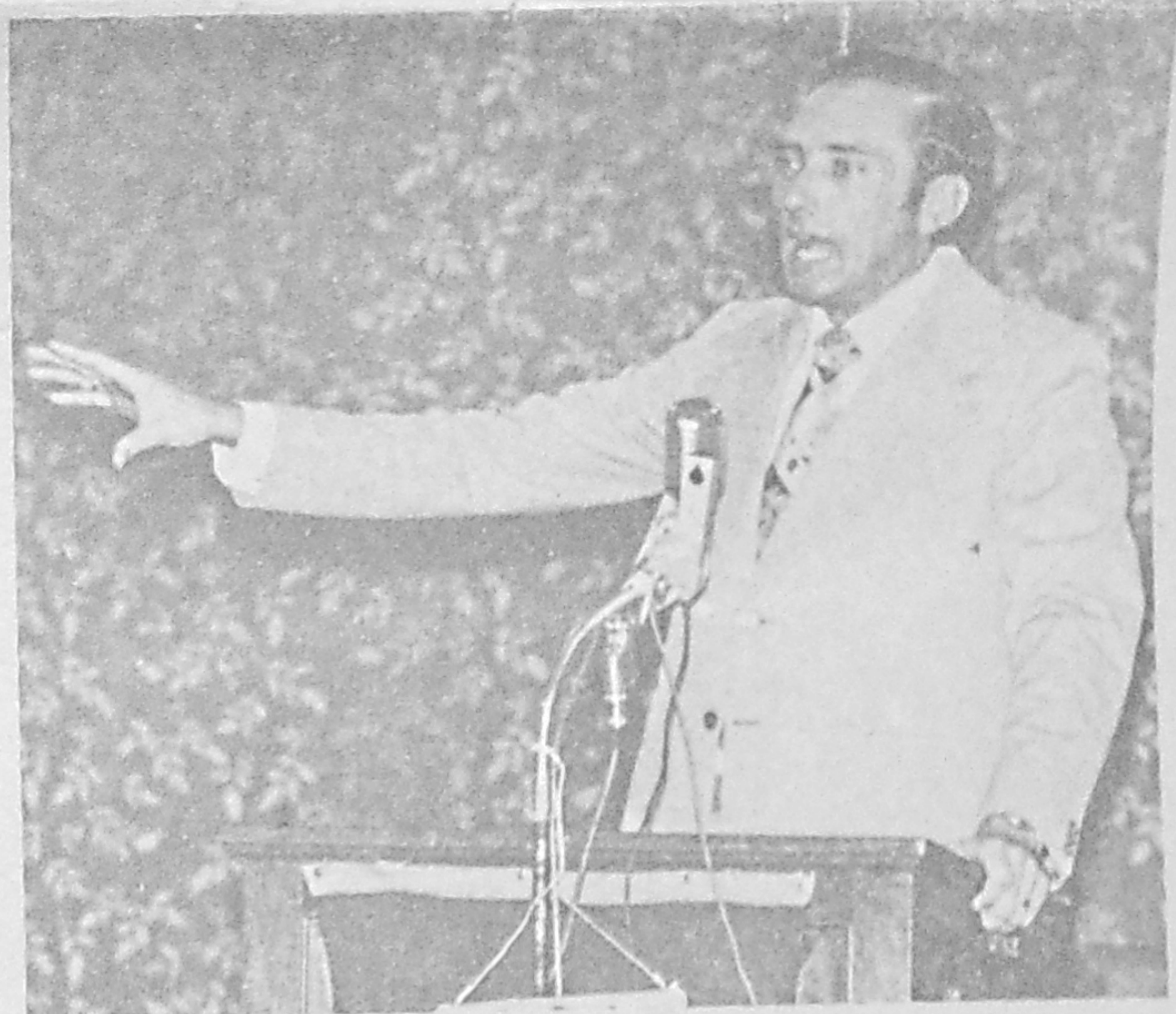
Because PAL has only two flights a week to Laoag, Mr. Adair arrived as early as Tuesday at 10:25 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Burnaman, owners of Hotel Texicano, sent a

car to pick up their guest at Laoag Airport which is nine kilometers from the city.

Wednesday morning at 10 Mr. Adair was interviewed live by DZVR, the station that used to air the World Tomorrow Program some two years ago. Then at 6 p.m. DZJC sent a team to interview Mr. Adair at the Texicano which was aired the next day at 6 to 7 a.m.

The following day at breakfast the Provincial Commander of Ilocos Norte had a chance to talk with Mr. Adair. From there we rushed to DWLW for another live interview, hosted by Rolly Al-

bano, Radio Station Manager. At 2 p.m. we paid a call on newly appointed Mayor Dr. Jose P. Santos. His Executive Secretary Atty. Mariano Frez, who has been a PT reader since 1969, entertained our group. From the Mayor's office we went to Gov. Elizabeth Marcos-Keon, the sister of the President. While waiting for the Governor, the National Media Production man grabbed Mr. Adair for another "surprise" interview at his regular program "Pulong-Pulong Sa Kaunlaran." The 20-minute interview was held right inside the office of the Governor. We had to cancel another call on the Superintendent of the Northern Luzon Teachers College because the usual 15-minute courtesy call on Governors lasted up to one and a half hour. This was due to stimulating dialogue between Mr. Adair and the Governor. (Please turn to page 4)



CURRENT EVENTS

Colin Adair

"Philippine Airlines puts a lot of love in your flight." So say the ads in the media! Maybe they do, on occasion. But that occasion was not last Sunday when we travelled back to Manila from Laoag. We arrived at the airport well on time, at one o'clock in the afternoon. The flight was scheduled to leave at 2:05pm. To our joy the plane was already there on the tarmac so we thought we would be on our way on schedule. Two o'clock came and there was still no sign of anyone getting on board. Suddenly I heard a commotion at the ticket counter. Apparently the pilot and crew of the plane hadn't arrived yet. But worse still I overheard one irate passenger say that they had gone to the beach! One of the

ground staff said to the dismay of all that the plane would probably be delayed until around 4:00pm! Just at that moment the plane crew arrived. After sorting through the confusion we discovered the plane had not yet proceeded to Basco (Batanes). It had been about to leave for Basco earlier in the day (from Laoag) when PAL received a report that the weather there wouldn't allow them to land. They were told to stand by for perhaps an hour to await further instructions dependent on the weather condition. That had been at 11:30am. At 12:30pm, word came from Basco that the weather had cleared. They should have taken off then with (Please turn to last page)

SIX MEN APPOINTED TO HEAD CHURCHES AND DISTRICTS

MANILA — Effective April 1, 1976 Colin Adair, as Regional Director and Pastor of the Worldwide Church of God in the Philippines and Northeast Asia, appointed six men to head seven churches and ten districts in the Philippines. However, being newly created the district appointments are all in acting capacities at present.

Shown below are the various assignments:

DISTRICT I
(Ilocos Norte, Abra, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Mt. Province, Benguet, Pangasinan)

Pedro Ortiguero
Acting District Coordinator

BENGUET CHURCH
(Baguio City)

Pedro Ortiguero
Church Pastor

DISTRICT II
(Kalinga-Apayao, Cagayan Isabela, Ifugao, Nueva Viscaya, Qurino)

Pedro Ortiguero
Acting District Coordinator

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Bare Manila Church Organization

MANILA - In a memo dated April 26, 1976 Mr. Colin Adair, Pastor of the Metro Manila Church, made assignments for specific church functions. This way it is hoped everything will be done in order.

Mr. Jose Raduban, Assistant pastor of the Metro Manila Church, has been designated to take charge of the various functions and programs of the church here. Under him a number of men in charge have been appointed to coordinate activities in certain specific areas, as follows:

- Sports Activities - Marcelo Sayan
- Stage Shows and Performances - Hermilando Bauza
- Socials - Felix Manubay
- Youth Activities - Cesar Tan
- Physical Management of Church Services - Benjamin Ortiguero

Church Welfare Program - Samuel Librojo
Visiting Program - Jose Raduban

The Church clubs (Spokesman, YAC, Choir, Women's and Children's clubs), however, will be under the direct supervision of the Church Pastor, Mr. Adair, through their club directors, directress, presidents or other heads.

To avoid future problems which could result from improper assignment of responsibilities connected with any of the functions or activities of the Manila church, Mr. Adair explained the relationship that should exist between the clubs and the men in charge.

"Club heads are accountable to the Pastor," he said. "The men in charge, on the other hand, are accountable to the Assistant Pastor, Mr. Jose Raduban."

Mr. Adair went on to say: "Church activities are to be undertaken only through the Assistant Pastor, hence, through the men in charge. The clubs as a general policy should undertake projects only which are for the club members' benefit. However, if the clubs would like to initiate projects which will involve the church as a whole, the heads of the clubs should seek first the approval of the Pastor for such projects before they are implemented.

"If the project proposed by the club is approved, as a general rule such project will always be turned over to the Assistant Pastor for execution or implementation. In such cases the men in charge to be assigned by the Assistant Pastor to handle the project take full responsibility for the proper execution of the project. The man in charge in this case will have to work with the Club head who proposed the project. But the accountability rests on the man in charge and not on the head of the club. The club merely assists the man in charge in carrying out the project."

Manila Youths Present Successful DUB Show

MANILA -- "A marked departure" and "definite improvement over past shows in Church" seemed to be common remarks about a very successful Days of Unleavened Bread show put on by Manila's young people April 18 at the Girl Scout Auditorium here. An estimated 700 people (including many non-members) packed the 514 seater auditorium to overflowing.

This was the first DUB show titled in Tagalog ("Handog," meaning offer). It had dialogues mostly in Tagalog, with some English and a mixture one has called "Tagalish."

The three-act show revolved around the story of a group of vendors on the sidewalks of Carriedo in downtown Quiapo, Manila. The everyday scene of vendors hawking their wares, fending off arrogant buyers,

gypping innocent provincianos, or running away from the police was transformed in the dream of a roque, Bob, who somehow repented of his disguising as a U.S. sailor selling off shoddy watches to innocent passersby. In a heroic flush, Bob dreamed about elevating the lives of these vendors by engaging them as entertainers in a theater. In the dream the transformed vendors performed a variety show, which included a cabaret scene, excerpts from "Fiddler on the Roof" and a finale of pop tunes.

Under the over-all coordination by Mr. Jose Raduban, assistant pastor of the Manila Church, the show was managed by Charles Morrell. Assisting (among many others) were Ricky Lagniton and Frank Pedeglorio, script and stage; Mrs. Nora Pioquinto, music; Girlie Baguio and Auring Carlos, dance.



HILARIOUS HANDOG - The atmosphere at the DUB Show in Manila is well portrayed in the photo above, right, showing the audience enjoying the many laughable scenes such as that of the Chinese "taho" vendor, upper left, played by Mannix Cabaluna. Lower left, a female threesome perform "Cat Dance" from Fiddler on the Roof, as Philip Khalid fiddles in the background. (All photos on this spread by Jerry Ortiguero)

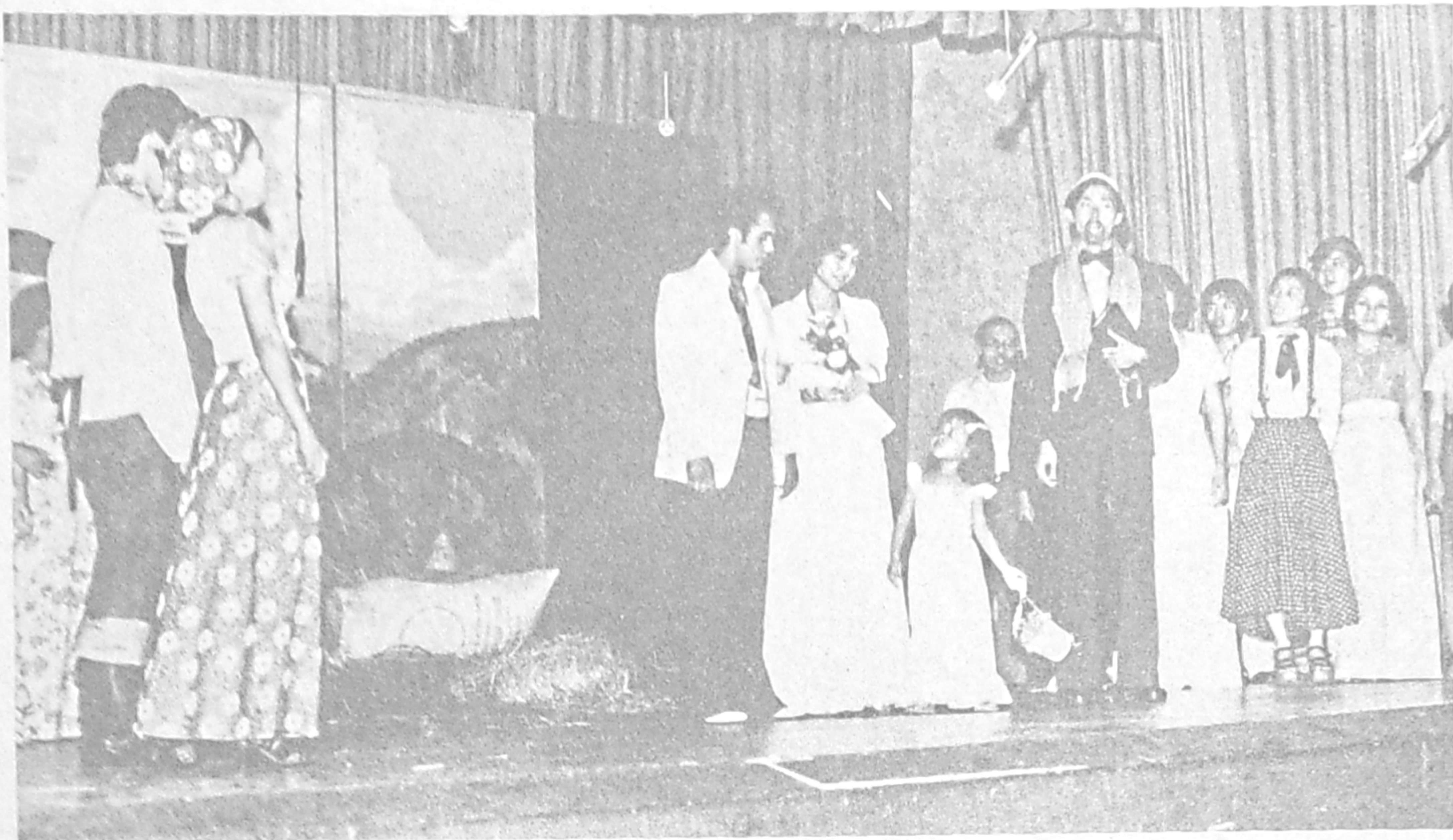


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1500 Observe Feast of Unleavened Bread

MANILA — The Church Administration here estimates about 1,500 people kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread in four church areas in the Philippines. This represents about a 6% increase over last year's attendance. (Reports received so far are incomplete.)

This year a new site was added — Cebu City, where some 68 brethren attended. The Manila

Church registered the highest attendance — 787 during the afternoon service on the first day of Unleavened Bread. Following behind were the Bukidnon Church with an attendance of 424, and the Pangasinan Church with 245.

Passover reports so far are those from Manila (465) and Bukidnon (248).

Church Holds Summer Dance

MANILA — The Manila Church held a dance which was at the same time a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. David Adair, who are leaving for Belfast, Northern Ireland May 1. The elder Adairs (parents of Mr. Colin Adair) have been here for a vacation a little over six months. Held at the SSS Social Hall in Quezon City April 25, the dance had for its theme "The Summer Is Green." Mr. Felix Manubay, one of the Manila deacons, was the overall coordinator for the night.

The Church Choir began the evening with an appropriate song, "The Green Leaves of Summer." For the first half dance music was supplied by selected members of the Philippine Air Force Band. Their free service was made possible through the help of Manila Church member Rico Benemerito, who is also a member of the band. In the second half Manila's Diplomats Combo had its turn to play. Miss Joie Medina led two games: Identify the Green Object and a revised version of the Pass the Flower. Refreshments were served by the Women's Club C.

During the intermission a brief entertainment portion was emceed by Charles Morrell. Fe

Angeles, backed up by selected Choir members, sang "For the Love of Him." The Jubilee Singers, accompanied at the piano by Rene Espinosa, also rendered "Love for All Seasons." The latest discovery of the year, The Fireflies (composed of young children of Church members), sang "The Green, Green Grass of Home." Modern dance exhibitions were performed by Athos Parane and Suzette Magallanes, and Joana Ordoña and company. Baby Manubay and Sally Roberto added a traditional touch with their Irish dance. A court scene satirizing the odd behavior of lawyers, a judge, a jury, plaintiff and defendant (a couple seeking divorce in this case) was depicted in a comedy skit prepared by Frank Pedeglorio. Mr. Colin Adair also rendered two songs which almost everyone danced to.

The evening was capped by the awarding of prizes to winners, among whom was Mr. David Adair. Farewell gifts from the Women's Clubs and the Church were also presented to the honorees. Although they had been bothered by the heat, the couple were grateful for the hospitable reception they had received.

DUB SHOW -- Top to bottom: The Jubilee Singers render "Sunrise, Sunset" at the wedding scene (portrayed by Charles Morrell and Carol Layug as the couple, Andrew Teng as the Rabbi, and Rey Ong and Prescy Cardona as the parents) from Fiddler on the Roof; Prescy Cardona belts out "Cabaret" as her girls show off their femininity; the children also dance as the Jubilee Singers sing "The Entertainer;" the singers again sing and dance in a finale of songs, including "Livin' Together."



THE SUMMER IS GREEN -- But for Mr. and Mrs. David Adair, shown at right in above photo, summer is very hot. Because of this, partly, the summer dance previously scheduled in May was moved back to April 25. The Adairs, including Mr. and Mrs. Colin Adair and son Andrew, pose shortly after arrival at the SSS Social Hall.

2nd Summer Camp Concluded

MANILA — Twenty-four young men and women from the Metro Manila Church returned from a memorable summer camp held March 28 to April 2 at Manila member Greg Isla's beach resort in Balayan, Batangas. This was the second summer camp sponsored by the Manila Church.

Although the ages of the campers ranged from 13 to 26, "surprisingly everyone got along very well with one another," reported Bien Macaraeg, Jr., who served as camp director.

Activities included swimming, boating and fishing. "Our fishing, however, did not prove to be very encouraging. We did not have the facilities for fishing in the deeper portions of the sea. It seemed that the fishes were a bit shy in the area where we fished," Mr. Macaraeg said. But at least two of the men caught some 5-inch lapu-lapu!

The campers also underwent an abbreviated Red Cross First Aid Course, conducted by a local instructor, Amante Moog, Mr. Moog

turned out to be a PLAIN TRUTH reader.

Another activity was instruction in the fundamentals of archery given by one of the nation's good archers, Steve Maranga, through previous arrangement with the National Archery Association of the Philippines, which provided the equipment. Mr. Maranga was quite impressed with the behavior of the young people. "They are so friendly to everybody, so natural and so warm you'll immediately feel part of them," Mr. Macaraeg recalled him saying. Mr. Maranga later joined the campers in a volleyball match.

Marc Sayan assisted Mr. Macaraeg in directing the camp. Also on hand to help in the needs of the campers were Mr. Isla, and Balayan brethren Mr. and Mrs. Larry de los Reyes and Zosima Andaya.

Mr. Macaraeg said the campers broke camp reluctantly. "They were asking for an extension of a few days more."



SUMMER CAMPERS, above, pose for posterity in front of banner (donated by 7-Up through Atty. E. Quitoriano). Below, left: a cooking session with Sally Roberto and Baby Manubay is under way, as eager tasters stand by. (CONTACT photos)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MANILA MARCH CALENDAR

SABBATH SERVICES —
Every Saturday
1 P.M., GSP Auditorium
P. Faura, Manila

BIBLE STUDY —
May 12, 26, June 9
7 P.M., GSP Auditorium
BAPTIZING SCHEDULE —
May 10 (Watch for details at service of April 10)

SPOKESMAN CLUB —
Club A (Every Sun.):
6:30 P.M.

Club B (Every other Tues.):
May 11, 25, June 8
7 P.M.

Club C (Every other Thurs.):
May 6, 20, June 3
7 P.M.

All at the Ambascos Office

BIBLE CLASS —
May 4, 18, June 1
7 P.M., Ambascos Office

WOMEN'S CLUB —
No meetings in May.

SABBATH SERVICES IN THE PROVINCES

BAGUIO CITY —
May 8, 22, June 12; 9 A.M.
Estigoy Bldg. (or check with Mr. P.S. Ortiguera — Tel. 64-57 — for exact place)

CEBU CITY —
May 1, 15, June 5
10 A.M., 1:30 P.M.
CPSTA Meeting Hall
Cor P, del Rosario-Jones

ILOILO CITY —
May 22; 9:30 A.M., 1 P.M.
Social & Cultural Hall
Division of City Schools Bldg.
Cor. Mabini-Gen. Luna

NAGA CITY —
May 1 (Moved from April 17),
June 19; 10 A.M.
Lindez Hotel Deck
URDANETA-DAGUPAN CITY —
May 1, June 5

9 A.M.
ACA Farmer's Hall
Nancayasan, Urdaneta
May 15; 9 A.M.
Teacher's Memorial Hall
Dagupan City

DON CARLOS, BUKIDNON —
Every Saturday, 1 P.M.
WCG Building
KIARA, DON CARLOS, BUKIDNON —
Every Saturday, 10 A.M.
WCG Building

MANIKLING, LUPON, DAVAO OR. —
May 1, June 5; 10 A.M.
WCG Building
(Behind Far East Inst.)

TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE —
May 8, June 12; 10 A.M.
WCG Building
(Behind Dulguime Residence)

LANAO, KIDAPAWAN, NO, COTABATO —
May 15; 10 A.M.
Ruferos' Residence

DAVAO CITY —
May 22; 10 A.M.
*Orchid Room, Imperial Hotel
C.M. Recto Ave. (*Notice new meeting hall)

OUTLYING BIBLE STUDIES

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BACOLOD CITY —
May 23; 1 P.M.
Social Hall
Rizal Elementary School
Cor. Rosario-San Juan

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY —
May 1, June 5
10 A.M.; Ambassador Hotel

LUCENA CITY —
May 16; 9:30 A.M.
GSP Auditorium

KORONADAL, SOUTH COT. —
May 16; 1 P.M.
Samahang Nayon Hotel

SAN FERNADO, PAMPANGA —
May 2, 9:30 A.M.
St. Cecilia's Hall
Sta. Scholastica's Academy
None on June 6

BUTUAN CITY —
May 1, 15; June 5; 10 A.M.
179 Langihan Street

REMEMBER JUNE 6

That's when we observe the Day of Pentecost this year, Sunday, June 6. To those who are able to attend church, be sure to listen to announcements as to meeting places and times. Also, don't fail to bring your food and your holy day offering.

Those in Manila will meet at the Social Hall, SSS, Quezon City, for all-day services starting at 10 A.M.

Since June 6 coincides with its regular schedule the outlying Bible study in San Fernando, Pampanga will be cancelled on that date. Instead all those who normally attend there are invited to come to the Feast in Manila.



Laoag Gets...

(Continued from page 1)

when Mr. Adair and Governor Keon on world politics and the chances for world peace. Mr. Adair told the governor the final solution.

Friday morning, Mr. Adair was guest at the NLTC. He addressed a combined meeting of some 200 teacher-scholar summerians. He spoke on "The Keys to Teaching Moral Values." The entire lecture was taped for replaying to the faculty and student body of NLTC during regular semester.

Like the Kiwanis International, the Rotary Club luncheon was postponed to another date. In a cable to Manila, Mr. Paulo Formentes, Rotary Club President, sent his apologies "BUT WILL BE DEEPLY HONORED TO HAVE MR. ADAIR AS OUR SPEAKER ON A DIFFERENT DATE STOP REGARDS"

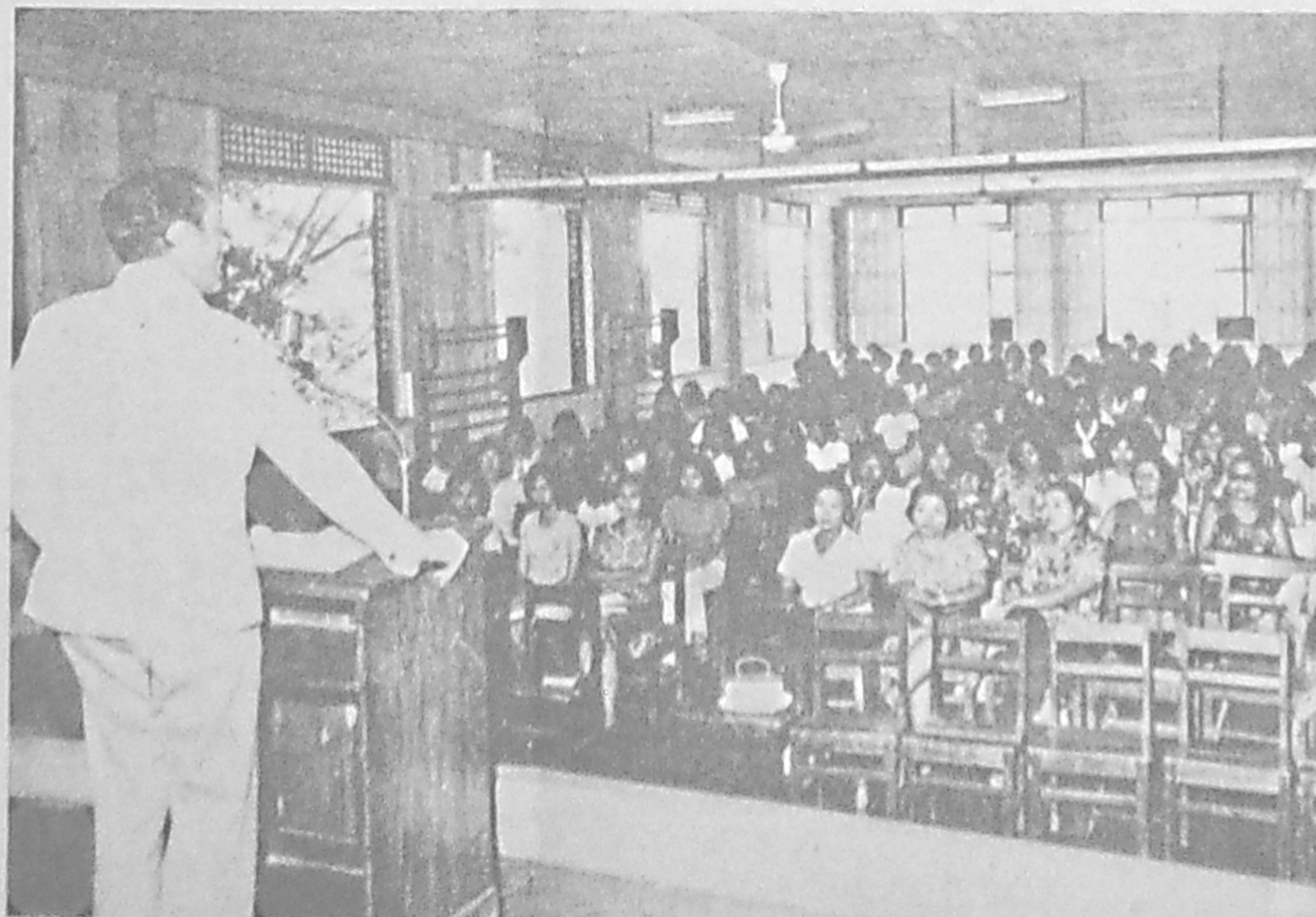
Then at 6 p.m. the film "Herbert W. Armstrong — The Ambassador for World Peace" was shown and was monitored live in Ilocano by DZVR to radio listeners. In spite of a stomach problem, Mr. Adair launched into his lecture whole heartedly and

powerfully. After citing the sad "state of the world" he said "YES! there will be World War III! Unless we do something to reverse the trend, mankind will experience another war that will end all wars. And unless God Almighty intervenes, there won't be any world for our children to inherit."

"But thankfully, there is good news. Like an astronaut, Jesus Christ, the President of the coming World Government, will come down and stop mankind from annihilating himself from this planet. He will declare martial law throughout the world."

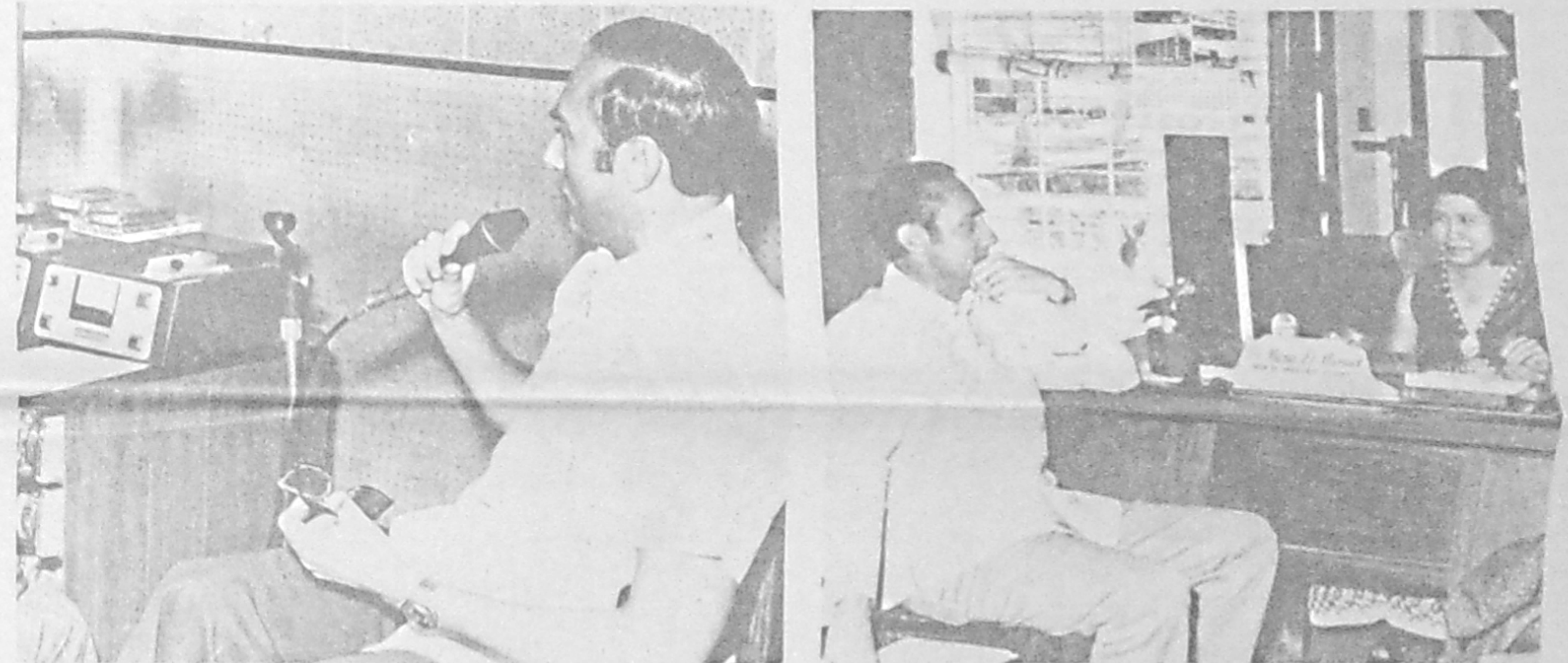
For the follow-up the next day, there were 27 people who came, 20 of whom were interested nonmembers. They asked much better questions than in any open forum in all previous PT Lectures.

After a long delay of our 2:05 flight (see CURRENT EVENTS), we finally boarded PAL at 5:40 pm. for Manila. As Laoag glimmered on the horizon, our hope buoyed up — that true to its name Laoag will indeed be the "City of Light" for God's Work in Northern Philippines.



Laoag Lecture in Pictures

Left: Gov. Elizabeth Marcos-Keon chats with Mr. Adair on world situation as Nap Acebron and the Governor's secretary look on; Right, going clockwise: NMPC man Ralph Salvatierra interviews Mr. Adair for "Pulong-Pulong Sa Kaunlaran" program; Dean Maria Manuel of Northern Luzon Teachers College entertains Mr. Adair prior to his lecture to teachers and scholars there; Rolly Albano, station manager of DWLW, interviews Mr. Adair on his regular morning program. (All campaign photos by Jerry Ortuero)



Bottom, left going right: Mr. Adair gives a talk on "Keys to Teaching Moral Values" to a group of teachers and scholars attending a summer session at the NLTC; a part of the solid Ilocano audience sits glued listening to Mr. Adair's PLAIN TRUTH Lecture; Mr. Adair at the start of lecture asks the audience to listen to what he has to say.



MINISTER VISITS IGOROT COUNTRY

BAGUIO CITY - Last February 20, 1976, Mr. Pedro Ortiguero (resident minister in Northern Luzon) left Baguio for a trip to Lias, Barlig, Mountain Province. He was accompanied by three Baguio Church members: Mr. Daniel Ledda, Mr. Pasgado Guiles and this writer. We were going there to visit Mr. Donato Mogar (a baptized member in Lias), and to meet a prospective member from Natonin, Mt. Province.

Our trip to Lias gave us a taste of adventure.

From Baguio, we traveled by bus in seven hours a distance of 146 kilometers through mountains and cliffs to reach Bontoc, the capital of Mt. Province. After a night's stay there, we took a mini-bus for Barlig, a remote town east of Bontoc. Our ride took us through steep and high mountains and thick forests before we finally reached Barlig town proper, where we viewed its countless rice terraces built along both sides of a crystal clear flowing river. The view was so wonderful that Mr. Ledda said he didn't need to go any more to Banaue to see the rice terraces there.

From Bontoc to Barlig proper, we had already travelled 35 kms. Yet we had to travel 16 kms. more with the road becoming tougher and rougher towards our destination. Suddenly, our ride stopped. It was the end of the road. Beyond it the road is still under construction. From there,

we hiked about two kms. to have at last found ourselves in the isolated barrio of Lias.

Lias is located at the bottom of mountains surrounding it. It is isolated from Barlig proper and other barrios by towering mountains and rain forests. There are no head-hunters here as some people in the lowlands may still believe. Instead we found out that some of the barrio folks are game hunters. They go out hunting with their spears for wild pigs and deer.

We arrived in Lias afternoon of March 1. We were accommodated in a house prepared by Mr. Mogar. He worked much for our reception with the cooperation of some youngsters and also old folks in the barrio. He is very influential in his homebarrio, being once a municipal councilor and a Roman Catholic catechist teacher. They expected us to arrive the following day. So unfortunately, they were not able to put up a welcome arc which they were preparing to honor the visit of God's minister in their soil.

In the evening of our arrival, a welcome program was held for us. First, the barrio captain of Lias Silangan (Eastern Lias) gave a short talk. Then we were entertained with songs rendered by a teenage group and another group of children, both of which were organized by Mr. Mogar.

The following day, we had a close up look of the barrio and talked with some of the native

folks, while waiting for the prospective member from Natonin. Just before evening supper was tendered us by a retired PC 2nd Lieutenant at his home. He was a comrade of Mr. Guiles (who was with us) in the Korean war. They have always been good friends.

In the evening, we got ready for a very important event we had not expected earlier. Mr. Mogar had arranged with the school head teacher (herself a native of Lias) and some barrio officials that a public meeting be held in the school in which Mr. Ortiguero would speak to the barrio populace. Such meeting was carried on as planned. About 50 people gathered in a classroom of the school. The meeting started 9:00 p.m. The barrio captain of Lias Kanluran (Western Lias), a retired Sanitary Inspector, gave an opening talk. After a song number by a group of young people of the community school, Mr. Ortiguero was called upon to speak. First, he explained why we were there and what is the work of the Ambassador College Agency. Then he proceeded to speak on the purpose of human life. He dealt much with the question "Why were you born?" He spoke in Ilocano which everyone could understand. His speech lasted a little short of one and a half hours. After that was an open forum. Then a closing remark by the school head teacher. We finished at 11:00 p.m.

The following morning of March 3 was time for us to travel back home. Just the same, we left Lias that morning, very happy and grateful that God's Work had been exposed and God's purpose for man preached in that little corner of the world. (Solomon Moltio)

First Wedding in Ilocandia

BAGUIO CITY - Last March 17 at 9:30 A.M., Mr. Pedro Ortiguero performed the wedding ceremony of Mr. Jovencio Padron and the former Miss Carmen Suetos. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. Padron's brother Angel in Bacarra, Ilocos Norte. About 50 people attended, eight of whom are baptized members in

Ilocos Norte.

Mr. Padron is a native of Libtong, Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, while the bride hails from Gonzaga, Cagayan. Theirs was the first wedding ceremony in all Ilocandia officiated by Mr. Ortiguero as minister of the Worldwide Church of God. (Solomon Moltio)

Singles Shindig in Cebu

An estimated ninety percent of the eligibles attending the Cebu Church had their first unofficial social gathering for this year last March 7, Sunday night. After the Sabbath services of March 6 when word and invitation was spread around about the affair there was much anticipation in the air.

We are thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Hood for allowing us to use their place at Paradise Village as the locale of the party. But with Mr. and Mrs. Hood in Manila to attend the Ministerial Conference it was Juliet Macaraeg who ably took the place of the hostess. Juliet knew her way around the place very well since she works during the daytime at the Hood's household and takes care of the house whenever the Hoods are away. Of course we understand that some of the girls were there to assist in preparing quite a lot of cookies, fried bananas, banana chips and other items which went well with the cold beer and uncolas.

The party started at 6 and lasted till 9 in the evening. We had

to break up early because transportation from the place is difficult in the late evening. Mr. Hood's stereo system lent itself superbly to the occasion. And surprisingly the latest non-stop long-play album on the Salsa and Hustle was included in Mr. Hood's sizable record collection. Yet only some few feet - Girls' Feet - tapped to the rhythm of the music. The boys were busy with table games. Or were they just out of tune with the latest dance craze? Anyway, the SHINDIG is only the beginning of the Social Activities for the Cebu Church this year. Future Socials will be designed to involve the whole Church, young and old alike. Some socials will be tailored to the needs of the teeners, some for the Seniors.

By the way, that ninety percent amounted to only fourteen men and women members and prospective members. That is pretty indicative of how small the Church in Cebu still is. But what a good time and clean FUN we had! (Noly Merida

and Bien Petargue)

GTA Tape Almost Cancelled

By Tex Benitez

DON CARLOS, BUKIDNON -- It was a bright but lonely day for my departure to Cagayan de Oro March 6. Usually a team of three or more persons goes down every first Sabbath of the month to conduct a Bible Study there. However, this time it was different.

Mr. Encardio Benitez (pastor of Districts 8 and 9, which includes Cagayan de Oro) was called unexpectedly for a ministerial conference in Manila with Mr. Leslie McCullough, director of the International Division of God's Church. Mr. Juanito Gapul was left to carry on the services in Kiara and Don Carlos, while I became a "lone ranger" in Cagayan de Oro. Of course my wife was with me.

We arrived at the Ambassador Hotel thirty minutes after Mr. Benitez had left for the airport. I missed him. However, I had his final instructions for the BS the following day. I was to give announcements only and play the GTA tapes on the subject "The Spirit of Giving." The tapes had been scheduled for playing even if

Mr. Benitez were present that Sabbath.

While in our room I glanced at the five items on my reminder list. One of them was to check the tape recorder, if it was still in good condition after the long travel. I played the cassette tapes for about ten minutes and they were all right.

The following day, Saturday, I prepared the announcements and got the service hall ready. I pulled the tape recorder from my suitcase. To my horror, I found out that the tapes had been all mixed up, scrambled very badly as could be seen through the transparent case. I played a tape but it wouldn't move, whether on rewind or forward, as if it had been pasted on both sides. I tried again several times, but the tape almost snapped; it was locked so tight inside the case that it couldn't move. "Somebody has gone to our room and done all this evil," I said to myself. But the tapes had been placed inside my trouser pocket and were all right when I last looked at them.

If anybody had done the evil,

he must have been inspired by Satan the devil. There was something inside I didn't know which tangled the tapes. Perspiration rolled down my cheeks as I almost ran out of time. "How could Mr. Armstrong speak this Sabbath on this very important subject if this is the situation!" I muttered to myself. "Satan is trying to prevent him from speaking because he has the spirit of getting." But with God's intervention I was able to fix the tapes in time.

As I turned on the volume, Mr. Armstrong's "Greetings, brethren..." boomed in the service hall. The 54 people in attendance listened attentively for one solid hour without interruption.

After the service the brethren rose up and turned in their offerings. I was surprised because we never solicit or collect money in all Bible Studies we have had since the beginning. I realized how effective was the sermon of Mr. Armstrong. The people responded immediately. But the dragon (Satan) was wroth with the cassettes knowing that he has but a short time!

What Passover Is To A Single and Scattered Member

by Cecille Sotomil

I partook of my first Passover amidst confusion. We knew less then, and just like other babes in the truth we were corrected. Imagine, there were twelve of us (looked like the 12 apostles) who partook of it in just one room, without the minister around. And the funniest part was - we only washed our one foot. I laugh everytime I recall that mistake. Yes, today we know better.

Then my next Passover was taken at the second floor of a brother's home. I took it alone inside a lonely room - wish there was somebody to share it with me. This time no more of that footwashing!

My third Passover was observed at the same place and same time.

As usual, I was alone on a "lonely table just for one."

And just as the instruction states, I conducted my own service. I was my own minister. I prayed over the bread and wine. I read the passages in the Bible and then I rendered a solo of the hymn.

This year, I took it again in a brother's home since I have no private room to observe the ceremony at home. We are all girls and our parents have assigned us a dorm-like room. One of my younger sisters even sipped my wine when she first saw it and took some unleavened bread. So how can I take it solemnly in that environment? That's why every time the Passover comes around, I pack my things and off I go.

A Visit To Maragatas

By Felipe Casing

LUPON, DAVAO ORIENTAL -- One bright and sunny Sunday, April 4, 1976, the Supervisor of District X (the Davao and Cotabato provinces) Mr. Edmond D. Macaraeg, together with Mr. Marciano Moning, my father Mr. Pedro Casing, and I took a white Fiera jeepney to visit Magaratas, a barrio here. Waiting for a visit by one of God's servants in that once critical spot were three families in the Church who had braved the recent troubles between government and rebel elements there. We reached the place after nearly an hour of travelling over dusty and rugged roads. We were elated by

radiant smiles that welcomed us, and tight handshakes that led to many hours of pleasant conversation.

After an hour or two, we sat for lunch. Lively conversation continued as one member told us we were eating venison. Venison? We wondered how and where they got the meat. "I haven't tasted venison in 20 long years," Mr. Macaraeg remarked, "Only to meet it here." Was it just plain coincidence, or did a Superior Force cause the deer to wander from the woods and be taken for that important occasion?

After lunch another dish was served. This time it was spiritual

"venison" -- meat everlasting that gives satisfaction to a hungry soul. Nineteen souls (13 adults and 6 children, all from Maragatas) listened intently as Mr. Marciano Moning of Tagum, Davao del Norte related current developments in District X and expounded on Christian living, encouraging everyone to hold on until the end.

After some vocal solos, guitar selections and other numbers, Mr. Eleuterio Rizalosa, one of the leading members there, introduced Mr. Edmond Macaraeg. The brethren received him with high cheers and animation. He briefed them about Manila headquarters news, international events, changes to cope with, about Mr. HWA, Mr. GTA and other things, thus keeping us abreast of recent developments in the Work.

Mr. Macaraeg wanted to stay

Had they perhaps overlooked the conditional clause in my office order, not to proceed if a certain section of the road was not passable?

Morning of March 10 the mechanic and auto service man met my eyes. The C.E. Aide I, beaming with a smile, related about how they could have had a fatal accident had they fallen into the deep precipices with the topography of the Baguio City route. They couldn't explain why it seemed that an unseen hand steered the wheel of the Dodge Pick-up right on the edge of the road and cavern. Six inches further from that point, and it would have been the end of eight lives! (Some passers-by rode with them because of unavailable transportation along this road.) The driver's presence of mind by applying his feet to the brakes when his hands worked to no avail saved their lives. And it came home to me.

They left the Capitol grounds with my silent prayers to our Great God that guardian angels would accompany, watch, protect them and give guidance especially to the driver. Failure in that mission due to accident would have involved me and P6,000.00 plus for each employee's life!

longer and say more to the brethren, but the jeepney's horn kept on blowing. He hated to cut short the conversation but we had to speed up or else miss the trip. "I shall return and meet you again," he told the brethren on parting.

Mr. Macaraeg has been wel-

comed and accepted in all places during his visits in Davao Oriental. He can talk in the vernacular (Cebuano, Tagalog and Ilocano), so there's no communication gap with the brethren here. Surely God knows our needs, and we thank Him for sending His servant to us, even just once a month.

SPORTS

THUNDERBIRDS DOMINATE FIRST ROUND

In a final clash for dominion in the first round, the Thunderbirds whipped their closest rival, the Concords, in their second collision last April 11 at the YMCA-Makati hardcourt.

Armed with two victories, the Concords made a daring onslaught in the opening, posing a dreadful threat to the staggered Thunderbirds. Leaning primarily on the shooting arms of M. Quiray, C. Valencia, and D. Rimando, the Concords installed a 23-32 lead in the first half. But the reds' momentary tolerance of the Concords' seemingly triumphant attempts expired in the second half.

To the sardonic grin of Concord cheerers, a furious rally by the Thunderbirds headed by P. Chu and E. Baylosis reversed the tide in a spur of 10 minutes. M. Quiray's 18 points to exalt the Concords in the first half were totally wiped out by P. Chu's 20 points in the second half. (Baylosis, however, banked the highest overall record of baskets, most of which were a result of P. Chu's perfect fastbreaks.) The Concords' stubborn refusal to block the usual T-Birds' strategy, pushed them down to a 50-38 gap in the last 5 minutes. Although E. Quitoriano, who contributed 14 points, fouled out he nonetheless augmented the Concords' try for recovery, narrowing the margin down to 12 points with 3 minutes remaining in the ballgame. Inspired in the decisive minutes, Thunderbirds prevailed with 16 points margin over the Concords, 65-49.

T-BIRDS EDGE PRINTERS

The first festival entertainment

occurred at the same basketball court last April 15. The Printers, who recently lashed back at the Falcons with a convincing win, collided with the T-Birds in a special DUB evening match. It was the T-Birds' last barrier to crush in order to gain complete supremacy in the first round.

The aggressive T-Birds, almost solidly equipped with men matured in the field of basketball, soared to a towering lead in the first half. P. Chu, who abstained from relaxing in the entire ballgame, labored with 15 points while E. Baylosis and E. Quitoriano blended 17 points, leaving the young cagers with 31-17 deficit in the first half.

However, the Printers' retaliation in the second half sparked an encouraging hope for the evening's spectators, who mostly favored them. Crawling gradually to overcome the deficit, the Printers rallied to a final blaze, taking advantage of the T-Birds' waning performance. The Reds, shattered by the unexhausted Printers, stagnated in the last 10 minutes causing the wide margin to melt to a mere 50-44. Moved by the encouraging yells, the Printers shifted to their primary quintet who gave a close chase in the remaining five minutes and nearly made it, but the T-Birds realizing their crown was at stake, played in a defensive style and let time run off.

The minutes closed with the board registering 52-48, a slight 4-point margin in favor of the T-Birds. The Printers' loss was attributed to their many misses and poor rebounds despite their excellence in ballhandling. (E. Mellomida)

Miracles Still Happen

By Antilla Tambis

Naval, Leyte -- These days many people -- government employees or not -- are invited to seminars. Our bosses are not exempted. So, March 5, I was designated In-Charge-of-Office of Biliran Engineering Office, to take charge March 8-12.

Before my superiors left, all our equipment was grounded but they gave me verbal instructions to do a great job. As a Sub-province, we were only given the old machines. Most are under repair.

So, in order for the equipment to function in one week's time, emergency purchases of gasoline, fuels, oils, etc. were made.

It's not only an uncommon thing to take charge of an engineering office, but more uncommon, clumsy and quite difficult for a woman in God's Church to do so. You see, we know that women are supposed to be under men's authority. But there's none other to do the job here in emergencies like this.

In that one-week time, it was my great desire to have the roads properly maintained and im-

proved. So I counseled with and requested the help of the man next in rank and told him my plans. It was my profound hope then, that the Bulldozer, Road Grader and U.S. Air Force Dodge Pick-Up would be in running condition. It was also told that within one week's time they would be "plowing" the roads.

So with the OIC's verbal instructions, an office order was made March 8 to repair the machines and deliver crude oil and batteries.

It was not only a real challenge and inspiration to see them work but at the same time heart-throbbing, sickening and frustrating to be giving orders to men if it endangers their lives with our own involvement.

As 4:00 o'clock P.M. March 9 struck, I was beginning to be worried and deeply concerned. The four men -- one Civil Engineering Aide I, one driver, one mechanic and an auto serviceman -- had not returned yet from delivering batteries to the Bulldozer, 16 kms. away, along very rugged roads. What must have happened to them? Did they have a breakdown?

All About Eggs

The Food & Nutrition Research Center provides the following vital information about eggs:

How to Determine Freshness

1. The egg yolk of a fresh egg is barely visible against a strong light.
2. Fresh eggs sink horizontally when placed in cold water.
3. A fresh egg has a rounded yolk when broken in a plate.

How to Store Eggs

1. Buy eggs with clean shells to avoid the extra job of washing them. Moreover, washing increases the chances of contamination because it removes the natural protective coating of the shell.
2. Eggs are best stored in a refrigerator with the rounded end up.

Other Pointers

1. The color of the shell does not affect the nutritive value of

the egg. Breed affects the shell color.

2. Cooked egg whites are more easily digested than raw egg whites. Eggs should be cooked because raw egg whites contain "avidin" which prevents the absorption of a B-vitamin, biotin.

3. Raw and cooked eggs have the same food value.

4. "Balut" and regular duck's egg have similar nutrient content except for Vitamin A and calcium, which are slightly higher in "balut".

5. Two to three eggs a week would be sufficient for one's diet.

On Cooking Eggs.

1. Cook eggs under low to

medium heat to keep them from becoming tough and discolored.

2. Immediately plunge hard-boiled eggs into cold water. This shrinks the egg and makes for easy removal from the shell. It also prevents the green discoloration around the egg yolk.

FILTER TIPS FOR GARDENERS

A member of the Henry Doubleday Research Association says that the filter tips of cigarettes provide the richest source of a home-made insecticide that is spent in two days, spares the aphid-eating ladybird and its larvae, and is harmless to birds.

Instructions include simmering 2 oz. of filter tips in a quart of water for half an hour, adding more water as it boils away, until a clear brown liquid is obtained. This should be strained through a nylon stocking and diluted with 4 quarts of water for tough pests such as caterpillars, and 6 quarts of water for aphids.

This tip for using up filter tips comes from "The Guardian". So if you garden and have a cigarette smoker in your family, save those filter tips! This may be the only useful or beneficial function that cigarettes can provide.

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THE HOMEMAKER

Current Events

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the passengers then waiting at Laoag. But where was the crew? As mentioned, at the beach! Rule number one broken: never leave the plane. So the captain was to blame. If he had been standing by as ordered, he could have departed at 12:30pm. Now they had just arrived at 2:00pm. More complaints, very vocal, were made by the Manila-bound passengers. Suddenly we were told the plane was proceeding to Manila. This was about 2:30pm. Happily, we walked to the final check place. Our hand-baggage was searched as usual and we walked to the edge of the tarmac to await boarding clearance. After a few minutes one of the ground-crew bounded past us and on to the plane. He came back moments later to inform us that Manila had ordered the pilot to proceed to Basco! Surely, our patience was being severely tried. Our baggage was unloaded again and the baggage of the Basco passengers put aboard. The flying time to Basco is one hour, and one hour back to Laoag. That was a confirmed two-hour delay. Then you have to add at least twenty-five minutes

for the turn-around. That's another fifty minutes. So we reckoned on a total of three hours delay. We did not begrudge the Basco passengers their journey. Many had been waiting longer than us, and many people in Basco had been stranded there many days due to the weather. Also supplies were badly needed up there. What we were more upset at was the irresponsibility of PAL and especially the captain of the plane. PAL should have contacted us at our hotel to inform us of the delay before we left for the airport. The captain should not have left his aircraft and gone to the beach. Not one word of apology was received from anyone until we personally "had it out" with the first officer just after we were told the plane was going to Basco first. He was very polite about it all but said he and the crew were just following instructions from Manila, rather like a bus driver who is told where to go by the bus operator (to use the first officer's own analogy). So — we went back to the stifling heat of the airport enclosure and managed to "extract" from PAL

some much needed refreshment which they surely owed to us for keeping us delayed so long. After a while, we managed to get up to the flight deck of the Control Tower where we chatted with the operator and enjoyed the air-conditioning in the place. When I say "we" I mean Mr. Acebron, Jeremiah Ortiguero, and myself. The other passengers didn't know where we were! At least it helped pass the time.

At about 5:20pm, the plane returned from Basco and by 5:50pm, we were on the air and heading for Manila where we landed at 7:10pm.

I hope this account of PAL's irresponsibility helps to augment Mr. Raduban's sermon which he gave at the Manila church last sabbath. I listened to it on tape on Sunday and thought it so applicable to many of you that I am having it sent out to the outlying churches. What we need in God's Work more than anything is really responsible people to be leaders. Don't follow PAL's bad example which seems an indication of many people in the Philippines. The Work here is starving for good leaders. We are doing all we can to develop them, but you as an individual must make every effort to inculcate responsibility in your own life.

Laoag Lecture

The Laoag lecture was very successful in spite of limited pre-campaign publicity. Full details are given elsewhere in this issue. Laoag is the last P.T. lecture until after I return from the Pasadena conference. Next on the list is the city of Batangas.

Ministerial Conference re-set

The Headquarters conference has been rescheduled for May 18 through May 20. My wife and I will be leaving on May 13 and returning to Manila on May 30 after stopping off in Guam and Hong Kong to visit with our members in that area. Mr. Mirto will also be going this year to the conference, although he will be travelling separately on a special discount rate. Even ours is an excursion fare. We try all ways we can to save money in these days of expensive travel.

Mr. Ted Armstrong has announced a restructuring of the field ministry in the United States. For those of you who don't get the Worldwide News Mr. Armstrong has re-emphasised the first commission of preaching the gospel which is the job of the Church. As he said, ministers are to minister, and businessmen to do business. Many of our top evangelists have, over the years,

been tied to executive jobs (very necessary as the Work grew) and their ministry has diminished. The new thrust is to have these men go out and pastor churches and oversee areas. Some of the changes are Mr. Ronald Dart who has been appointed to co-ordinate the ministry in the United States. His position as deputy chancellor of the Big Sandy College has been taken over by Mr. Ronald Kelly. Mr. Norman Smith, for years head of the TV and Radio Departments, is going out to the field ministry. I can't mention all the appointments, so suffice it to say that from now on those whom God has called to the ministry will fulfill that calling and administrative jobs will be filled by others. That is the essence of the changes. Everyone is very excited about the changes which should provide good growth potential in the Church of God. Emphasis will be given on campaigns, Bible studies, and the real job of witnessing to the peoples of the world about God's plan. Mr. Ted Armstrong has also planned to increase considerably radio and television coverage and aim at the goal of being number one in that field. Right now we are not. It may take two or three years, he said, but we will attain it. I hope to have more details to give you on my return from the Conference.

Days of Unleavened Bread

Not all reports have yet been received from the provinces, but it seems we had an excellent Feast period everywhere. Here in Manila we had an attendance of over 700 on the first Holy Day, with about 465 taking Passover. The Passover figure was 15% increase over last year. The first day offering was 44% plus over last year and the last Holy Day showed an increase of 69.5% over last year, thanks to a large single offering. It is certainly good to see the way most of you are responding to the financial needs of the Work here. Already we have drawn up a two-year plan for campaigns which will tax our energies but will, at the conclusion, mean that the Philippines will have truly heard the witness. With it we hope God will call many more people to help us in this huge task and we can see the Church mushroom in growth. My next CURRENT EVENTS will come from Pasadena where I will give you news of our trip and happenings at Headquarters.

Six Men...

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