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PASTORS RETURN FROM SUCCESSFUL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

MANILA — Mr. and Mrs. Colin Adair and Pike Mirto, taking separate flights, arrived here from what Mr. Adair described as the "best ever" ministerial conference May 18 through 20 at the Ambassador College Auditorium in Pasadena, California. The Adairs arrived May 30. (Mr. Adair has written about the conference in his "Current Events" column, this issue.)

Mr. Mirto came home two days earlier than expected. He was to have arrived May 28, but news about the ravages of typhoon "Didang" had made him apprehensive and sent him home by May 26.

"Mr. McCullough was giving me another week after the conference to stay at headquarters to absorb the operation of systems there," Mr. Mirto said. But he had to cut it short. "I didn't know what was going on back home. We tried to telex the office, but there was no answer," he explained.

(Actually, at the height of the typhoon the office couldn't have been contacted because of a general power shutdown to forestall any further deaths by electrocution from fallen live wires.)

In informal talks with the office staff and during the Sabbath services of May 29, Mr. Mirto gave some of his impressions of the conference and of the United States.

He described how the conference, in his opinion, resulted in a greater determination to work together as a team to get the commission of Christ finished. His firsthand exposure to the workings of the headquarters office in Pasadena and the thinking of the other ministers, he said, will help the Philippine and Northeast Asian Work adjust itself to the world-wide Work as a whole.

New Beginning

He mentioned that Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong had said that we are coming to a "new beginning" in the Work. "That could very well be the beginning of the end," Mr. Mirto remarked in his sermon, where he also reminded the brethren to set their priorities right once again. He impressed to them the fact, hammered by Mr. Armstrong at the conference, that God didn't just call us in this age in order to be saved; God has primarily called us to be a part of His Work of getting the Gospel out to the world before the end of this age.

Mr. Mirto also commented that he was impressed by the richness of the national heritage God had promised to Abraham and his descendants. It was not so much the extreme rich (upper class) of America, which our own here in the Philippines can well compare with, that impressed him, as it was the broad majority in the middle class. The average American is "rich" by our local standards, he said.

Orderly Society

Mr. Mirto was also impressed by the orderliness of the traffic in America. He remarked about the general carefulness drivers had on the road: "Cars would stop when a pedestrian is crossing or about to cross a street, something you'll hardly find in the Philippines."

CURRENT EVENTS

Colin Adair

PASADENA, May 20: Greetings brethren, from Headquarters. The best-ever ministerial conference in the history of God's Work ended this afternoon. That "best-ever" is not just a tired cliché in my estimation. The camaraderie, enthusiasm, oneness, and the presence of God's Spirit, was very evident throughout. Mr. Ted Armstrong commented that this was a new beginning and we are looking forward to good solid growth in the years ahead. There was loud applause at the afternoon session when Mr. Ted Armstrong announced a calendar year to date increase in general contributions of 12%.

At the start of the conference, Mr. Herbert and Mr. Ted Armstrong ordained Mr. Dean Wilson and Mr. Ronald Kelly to evangelists in God's Church. As you should know by now, Mr. Kelly is the new deputy-chancellor of the Big Sandy campus. Mr. Wilson is coming back to Pasadena after about fourteen years as head of the Canadian Work.

Many reports were given during the conference, including updates about the AICF and Human Potential. Also covered were clarifications on doctrinal administration, College updates, and of course a report from Mr. McCullough of the International Division.

Travel

My wife and I left Manila two hours late on Thursday, May 13. The Panam 747 had mechanical trouble and was delayed in Hong Kong. We managed to get ourselves upgraded to first class (at tourist rates) because of a promise made two years ago by the Panam Accounts Manager when we complained about the excess baggage charge made to us on our flight from London to Manila.

The flight was uneventful and we arrived in Honolulu at 12:50pm. Thursday morning. (For those of you thinking we flew so fast we arrived before we (Please turn to last page)

HOOD LECTURES TO EDUCATIONAL LEADERS

CEBU CITY — George Hood, acting pastor of the Cebu Church of God, gave his first public lecture here May 11. He spoke on the subject "Industrial and Agricultural Technology — Their Effects on Human Ecology" to some 36 graduate students and faculty of the Graduate School of Colegio de San Jose — Recoletos, one of the most prestigious educational institutions in Cebu City. Taking the summer classes here, the students came from different places in the Visayan and Mindanao Islands. They are leaders in their respective places, some of them being principals, supervisors, and registrars in their respective schools.

Mr. Hood vividly brought to light the negative effects of technology on the environment and their subsequent effects on the quality of human life. He stressed that the main problem in ecology is man. This is because of human nature. "Man," he said, "is bent

on getting whatever he can from nature without ever thinking of replenishing or refurbishing it. The result? — imbalance and destruction." His main sources of information for the lecture were the timely booklets entitled *OUR POLLUTED PLANET* and *AGRICULTURE IN CRISIS*. The facts and figures presented by Mr. Hood amazed his audience.

Near the end of the lecture Mr. Hood showed the booklets to the audience and suggested that they write to the Manila Office for their own free copies of the literature. The lecture was followed by an open forum. After a series of four questions or so from the listeners, the class professor hit the nail right on the head when she asked, "Do you mean to say, Mr. Hood, that the low-quantity food produced from low-quality soil will produce low-quality human lives?" Mr. Hood was quick to answer: "Precisely". (*Boy Ferolin, Jr.*)

THE MERALCO MIRACLE

By Nap Acebron

MANILA—After all that's been said and done, it's no understatement that the Meralco theater on Ortigas Avenue in Pasig, Rizal has opened to us through no less than a miracle!

Finally, through our dogged "follow-ups" of our request to use the elegant theater for our Sabbath services, we've made it. Starting June 12 (coincidentally the Philippines' Independence Day) we celebrate our liberation from the cramped meeting hall that the GSP Auditorium has already been for the last year or so. Finally we have succeeded in getting the Meralco to change its long-standing policy and to now allow non-purely cultural programs to be held in its theater. God has certainly worked out circumstances so that we can now have a roomy and high quality auditorium in which to worship Him.

The beauty and luxury of the Meralco Theater can be well glimpsed from Mr. Adair's comment in his sermonette during a Sabbath service at the Ambassador College Auditorium in Pasadena that the Manila church would soon be meeting in a theater similar to the Auditorium in quality.

Built in 1962 at the cost of about P10.5 million, the Meralco Theater (just the theater itself—not the whole Lopez Building and complex) offers the Philippine brethren a foretaste of the elegance that will be commonplace in the world tomorrow.

Facilities

The theater was designed for

fine cultural presentations like ballet, operas, plays and other musical programs. Naturally it has a spacious stage with an orchestra pit that can be elevated to stage level if desired. The acoustics are excellent. Its 1,010 seats are comfortably upholstered and have plenty of leg room. Fully air-conditioned, the hall is also fully carpeted. For accompaniment of our congregational singing and special music, there are two Hofmann pianos—a grand and a baby grand.

Besides beautiful and well-maintained comfort rooms, the theater is also equipped with a closed circuit television system. This makes it possible for mothers to take their babies out in the lobby and still watch the services on TV screens. Although still a way off, the system will serve us well when our numbers begin to overflow again.

No Eating Inside

In order that the fine facilities will not be soiled, the theater management prohibits the eating of food inside the hall. Those with infants should see that the babies are well padded with diapers and preferably fitted with plastic pants.

Services will be held every Saturday from 12 noon to 2 P.M. The hall will be open by 11 A.M. but should be vacated by 3 P.M.

The theater is about 500 yards away from the Epifanio de los Santos Avenue. Buses plying the EDSA route are plentiful, and the short walk should not harm

anyone. Buses coming from Divisoria and Cubao and going to Antipolo or Taytay (and vice-versa) pass Ortigas Avenue right in front of the Lopez Building.

Other Facilities

The Lopez Building and complex have other facilities available to Meralco customers for a reasonable fee. Among these are a recreation center consisting of:

- ★ an indoor basketball court
- ★ a softball/baseball diamond
- ★ an archery range
- ★ tennis and pelota courts
- ★ bowling lanes
- ★ a volleyball court

The complex also includes a canteen and a plaza which affords pleasant strolling. Atop the Lopez Building is the "Meralco Lighthouse," where social activities like dancing or banquets and dinner clubs may be held.

Cheaper Rate

For all its opulent furnishings, the Meralco Theater is being rented to us at a moderate price. In fact, it's that offer.

Theater in Makati, Rizal which cannot compare with the Meralco Theater in quality.

Indeed, considering that we are continuing to expand as a church, it has been by a miracle that we are able to use the Meralco Theater for our purposes. We hope the Manila brethren and others visiting from the provinces will appreciate this opportunity by properly using the theater's fine facilities.

charge and there would be no follow up.

Enrico Benemérito, a Batangueno member, provided free accommodations to the Yackees as they went to the city the night before. He also guided the party to the Taal Lake Resort in the afternoon for a brief relaxation after a hard morning's work. The YAC A came home with their job done and already with 71 on-the-spot replies. (Eden Z. Fabricante)

BATANGUENOS TO RECEIVE THE MESSAGE

MANILA — The Manila Young Ambassadors' Club A distributed more or less 10,000 leaflets in Batangas City May 16, 1976, to give the people there the opportunity to know the free and informative magazine the Plain Truth. This was a promotional activity prior to Mr. Colin Adair's PT Lecture there on June 26.

The party was composed of nine ladies and 13 men one of whom was a former YAC member and the others were non-members. They were divided into four groups by Andrew Teng, the Club President, to be sure that people from all walks of life in that place would receive the PT leaflets. These groups were assigned in strategic locations of Batangas City: the church area, the business

area and the residential area.

The first group brought to its area was the one assigned to distribute near the church. They came just when the people were coming out after their Sunday mass. Almost everyone of the church attendees was seen with the PT leaflets in his hands.

The two other groups were brought to the business section. It was here that people seemed more surprised for they were in a place where they usually don't get something for free. Some who were hesitant to receive the leaflets for fear that the PT might be a subversive magazine or something else, later asked for more when they were told that the PT is an informative and widely circulated magazine and that it is free of

WHAT DIDANG DID

By Jun Rustia

MANILA — Typhoon Didang was expected to hit Northern Luzon that Wednesday morning, May 19th. Metro-Manila sky was clear and the storm was about 200 kilometers away east of Manila. Amidst the complacency, Manila was more or less caught unaware by the darkening sky later in the afternoon. It was so dark that 4:00 p.m. looked like early evening, yet sundown was more than two hours away. Strong gusty winds, probably a wayward part of the 120 km/hr center winds, sucked in heavy rains from the southeast monsoons. The bay area in front of the Ambassador College Office sprang into life from its tranquility and was ruffled with waves that looked like hundreds upon hundreds of charging, galloping white stallions.

Thousands of workers in both government and private sectors were either stranded in their offices or braved the howling winds and torrential rains in order to get home. Majority of commuters had to wade through murky floodwaters that ranged from ankle-deep to knee-deep and for

at a standstill, thousands of cars, jeeps, jeepneys, trucks and buses had great difficulty getting out of the horrible traffic snarls that undisciplined motorists themselves created — tempers, naturally, were short due to fatigue, hunger and thirst.

Some church members were able to reach home by walking distances up to 10 kilometers; those who were stranded in offices, public conveyances and other places were able to reach home only the following morning.

Floodwaters in most of Metro-Manila homes reached up to knee-deep; a few cases were up to three or four feet of water. Elsewhere in some parts of Central Luzon, floodwaters reached up to 10 or 12 feet. At least 700,000 persons were affected and damage to public works and property reached up to P500 million. Ongoing reclamation and flood control projects at this point were of little help. The waters, some

may put wryly, were bent on reclaiming Manila which is actually two feet below sea level.

The calamity brought out the best and unfortunately the worst in some Filipinos. The heartening responses for donations (now surpassing the million-peso mark), the cooperation and help extended to stranded motorists and others in need more than offset the deplorable actions of some — like hoarding, price-hiking, looting, and refusal of big trucks to ferry hitchhikers from thigh-deep floodwaters even for a distance of only a hundred meters.

So far, we have not received any report of heavy damage among church members — and we hope there was none — except for the great inconveniences they had to put up with. One inconvenience was, of course, getting soaked in the driving rain in order to catch a bus only to find out that the bus could just negotiate a distance of about six kilometers in 10 hours, just as Del Madrid, an office staffer, found out. He traced his way back to the office at 4:00am. where he found

gallon, Mel Argallon, Felisa Leong — all stranded. (Earlier, this writer, Frank Gonzales, Jerry Ortiguero, and Bien Macaraeg were also stranded at the office but left at about 10p.m.)

We received a telegram from Mr. Pedro Ortiguero, asking for food aid for the brethren in Northern Luzon, one of the hardest-hit areas.

Also, the floods resulted in the cancellation of the Spokesman Club meetings, Bible Study, choir rehearsal, chess and basketball games.

(Editor's Note: For lack of space, we could not give details of those who gave their account of the flood. Nevertheless, we would like to give special mention and thanks to the following persons: Caridad Cutaran, Johnny Barit, Charles Morrell, Amis Parane, Athos Parane, Claro Ting, Eugene Boone, Rod Espiritu, Mr. Victorino Tuangco, Rose Lu and Tessie Lagniton-Macaranas.)

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FLOODED—Typical among homes in downtown Manila, the Binuya family in Tondo shown in photo above had a taste of typhoon Didang's fury. (Photo by C. Binuya, Jr.)

MANILANS ESCAPE TO LILIW

MANILA — Sunday, May 2, two busloads of Manila Church members and their families escaped from the summer heat by going on an outing to Liliw Resort in Liliw, Laguna, a two-hour trip from here. More people came than could be seated in the buses, so some had to alternate between standing and seating.

The picnic was initiated by the Manila Ambassadors Club. Only with the Manila made arrangements with the resort beforehand.

Liliw Resort is a pleasant spot of escalated rushing waters (coming from Mt. Banahaw) engineered like swimming pools of varying depths. Scattered nuts and

cottages and coconut palms and other greenery surrounded the waters. Swimming in the waters was very enjoyable, despite the chilly temperature.

In the afternoon three games were led by Miss Danny Sison. The first was bread (ensaymada)-eating contest participated in by the young ladies. A second game — ball passing — was enjoyed by more than 20 men. The third game was joined in by both single and married men and women — "hit-the-spot." The lucky winner was Miss Willie Tamayao who struck the pot scattering all the coins, which the spectators scrambled after. (Roswinda Lu)

SPORTS

FALCONS RIP CONCORDS

MANILA — Falcons clashed with the Concordcs as the curtain raiser for the second round last May 8 at the Ayala hardcourt in Makati.

Executing an unbeatable strategy in the first half, the Concordcs' diligent quintet powered primarily by M. Quiray and the Valencia brothers banked 19 against the Falcons' 17, taking the upper hand in the first half. Yap, Matriano and L. Mendoza consolidated 14 in the third quarter while the Concordcs ebbed down to 34-25 after a shocking exhibition instigated by the Falcons' trio. E. Valencia however maintained his unwavering arms by sinking 8 baskets in a row but M. Quiray fouled out, leaving the Concordcs with a handicap in the decisive minutes. The favorable chance lifted the Falcons to a 43-37 victory. The Concordcs could have maintained their forces through proper shifting of players.

PRINTERS NIP PYRAMIDS

The Printers who emerged second place in the first round, recorded their first win for the second round after beating the Pyramids at the same place. Launching with only seven players, the Printers employed their usual acceleration in the first quarter. J. Ramos, B. Jimenez and M. Ostil, the Pyramids' wielded

defense, labored to recoup in the second quarter but At. Parane, conspiring with J. Boone and R. Rustia constructed an impassable margin, 28-16, at the close of the first half.

The Pyramids' seemingly dormant display declined in an attempt to reverse the aggravating situation. A. Buena sank 9 baskets while B. Jimenez built his fortune from a 15 ft. line, slicing the deficit down to 32-26 with 15 minutes left. The Pyramids' closest hustle did not lift them up further than 6 points behind when finally E. Boone, holding back in the first half, shifted and converted 18 scores from unhampered layups. Despite two printers fouling out, the remaining quintet prevailed with a 61-49 win. The Pyramids' fall resulted from ignoring their own strategy in unfavorable moments, and poor ball-handling.

CONCORDS EDGE PYRAMIDS, 40-39

The Concordcs' collapse before the Falcons was healed by their unexpected triumph over the winless Pyramids last May 29. Despite

inadequate reserves, the Concordcs' defending seven managed to pin down the opponent in the first quarter, 14-8.

However, B. Jimenez and A. Arellano blended 15, while Otillos, Ramos and V. Jimenez contributed 2 each in the second quarter to extol the Pyramids with 22-20 lead in the first half.

Ed Borja's conversion of 6 successive lay ups, jacked up the Concordcs in the first 5 minutes of the second half. The Pyramids, upholding their usual play, tried a tight grip and managed to retaliate up to the last quarter. The Concordcs, realizing the peril, strove in the remaining minutes and a final unexpected shot by E. Valencia registered a 40-39 score. A. Arellano, who picked the last ball, missed in a reverse lay up which could have resulted in a winning mark. Concordcs barely made their first victory.

PHILADELPHIANS BLOCK THUNDERBIRDS

Philadelphians succeeded in quenching the T-Birds' quest for possible dominion in the second round. Fil Santos converted 10 missless lay ups while Pioquinto exploded 10 points from a 15 ft. line in the first half, to mark the evening's high-scoring bout.

The T-Birds' enduring five, however, displayed a vengeful counter-attack to keep pace with the Philadelphians' rally and installed 35 scores to record a tie in the first half. E. Baylosis, E. Quitariano and P. Chu banked two figures each to register 55 as their final score. Pioquinto, Santos and Tan, Philadelphians' double-figure hitters, merged 46 while B. Macaraeg and F. Dizon consolidated 14 making 60, enough to beat the T-birds with 5 points. The T-birds' wreckage was primarily attributed to their absence of substitutes. Nevertheless the Philadelphians experienced rough sailing despite their advantage. (E. Mellomida)

PROVINCIAL NEWS

CEBU CHURCH HOLDS FIRST MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT MEETING

CEBU CITY — For the 14 all-male people of God gathered at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. George Hood, it was a special "red-letter" mark in their notebooks.

This gathering was the fulfillment of the much-awaited program about the Human Resources Development, and the second swing in a series of "firsts" for the Cebu Church. Representation was as follows: two brethren came from Bohol province; two from Negros Oriental; one from Zamboanga del Sur; the rest from Cebu.

Eagerly, though rather bashfully, the brethren entered the Hoods' residence at Mr. Hood's beckoning a few minutes before the appointed seven o'clock that night of May 15, 1976. Happily, Mr. Hood is a very gracious host

and fatherly, so much so, that after he broke the "ice", so to speak, and turned on his two electric fans in the basement room where the meeting was held, coyness and the evening summer heat simply vanished.

In this first session about Human Resources Development, which lasted almost two hours, it was explained how the world sadly missed the essence of true leadership. Mr. Hood illustrated the two aspects of LEADERSHIP — The World's Way and God's Way — via a dog chain stretched across the front of his table. He demonstrated that when a leader, devoid of LOVE and CONCERN for others, kept pushing the chain to his desired end, the links in the chain (which represented those

being led) were in chaos and in confusion. Some of the links were overstrained by the pushing, while most were piling up upon one another, mostly in idleness, accomplishing nothing and getting nowhere.

Then, it was demonstrated God's Way: how, that when the chain is pulled to its destination, the leader stays up front leading the individuals to a desired end and guiding them by his example, the movement is easy, straight, quick and orderly! Every link in the chain equally shoulders the burden, equally strained and does its part! How easy!

Seeing this, everyone seemed to be awe-inspired by the simplicity of God's Way! Everyone saw in action the real "simplicity in Christ"!

Then Mr. Hood explained what true humility is and the importance of Godly love in leaders. After the class and during the refreshment period, Mr. Hood asked if some had questions. No one asked, for it seemed there were none to ask. All was clear and simple and great! (Julian R. Bahinting)

PICNIC IN PARADISE

By Julian Bahinting

CEBU CITY — A picnic was held in Paradise May 2 this year. Forty nine members and children in God's Church here joined its first social activity since the church in the Visayan Islands was established.

Paradise, so-called, is a housing village in Cebu City where George Hood, acting pastor here, resides. This village is fitted with a mini-park complete with a basketball court, two sets of seesaws, a "jungle gym" and chinning bar, six swings, a space for a volley ball court and a multi-purpose pavilion.

The villagers, especially the teenagers, had no inkling of what was going on in their park that Sunday, for no sooner had we started the merriment, than they

spontaneously gathered along the sides of the park in rapt attention wondering as to who and where we came from! Then Mr. Hood, their neighbor, came in.

By past nine o'clock, singly or in groups, the picnickers arrived and immediately the games were played. The volley ball tournament came first, then the skipping rope, the sack race, the banana-cue contest, the water brigade race, the calamansi race. Then, following lunchtime, there was an entertainment session with songs and dances, after which games of basketball and tugs-of-war delighted all.

Brethren from as far as the northern and southern tip of Cebu

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PICNIC IN PARADISE

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province, Bohol and Dumaguete City attended this first and successful social activity. It was almost the most carefree moment of God's people, had it not been for the following:

Just before lunchtime, Mr. Hood announced that the wife (non-member) of our new brother, Rafael Rosel of Cebu City, was soon to be operated on due to breast cancer and needed blood donations from the brethren. All the brethren seemed to be at a loss about the request - not only that the blood requested was of a rare type (AB), but I sensed that some had inner doubts. Happily, Mr. Hood came back some hours later with less worry on his face and announced that instead of blood, the brethren might donate any amount of money, plus his, to buy the needed blood. An hour

later the cash donations were more than enough.

Secondly, Mrs. Linda Hood, wife of our pastor, was unable to be with us because of her recurring backache. The interlude of entertainment, which was her brainchild, did go on but she did not witness the success of her endeavors, although she was confined at home just a couple of blocks from the frolicking people of God - and yet to us "she was very far". We missed her so much then.

About 4:00 P.M. Mr. Hood took group photographs, after which all pitched in to help clean up the park so that it was in better shape than when we gathered in the morning.

DISTRICT COORDINATOR BARES SEMIANNUAL ITINERARY

BAGUIO CITY - Pedro S. Ortiguero, acting district coordinator for Districts I and II announced his plans to visit outlying areas in his districts for the period July to December this year.

From July 28 to August 3 Mr. Ortiguero will be visiting in the provinces of La Union, Abra and Ilocos Norte. Then on July 31 he will hold a Sabbath service and Bible study at the Hotel Texicano, Laoag City.

From October 27 to November

2 he will be travelling around Cagayan and Kalinga-Apayao. On October 30 he will conduct a Sabbath service and Bible study at a member's home (Alipio Alunday) in Bulanao, Tabuk, Kalinga-Apayao.

Finally, from December 27 to 30 he will be in Benguet and Mountain Province. He will also hold a Bible study at the Bontoc Hotel, Bontoc, Mountain Province on December 29.

OPEN HOUSE AT BACAG

VILLASIS, PANGASINAN - During the Days of Unleavened Bread, the church-constructed Resthouse in barrio Bacag here was made an open house April 20. The Resthouse is being used as an alternate meeting place for Sabbath Services of the Pangasinan Church.

The Barangay chairman, coun-

cil men, and other barrio folks visited the Resthouse and attended the short service in the afternoon. Mr. Ortiguero spoke about the activities of Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God. The barangay chairman expressed gratitude for the Work's efforts to help people and for coming down to their area. (Vir Alvaran)

NORTHERN LUZON BRETHREN VISIT COLORADO FALLS

BAGUIO CITY - In the morning of April 18, Sunday during this year's Feast of Unleavened Bread, about 50 young people (all single except two) left the feast site in Binalonan, Pangasinan, for an

outing to Colorado Falls along the Kennon Road in Tuba, Benguet. The group was a mixed multitude of souls from 10 different provinces in northern Luzon.

After about an hour ride in

three Ford Fiera jeepneys, we got off at a bridge over a peaceful river. Upstream, about 100 meters away, was a succession of water falls. We halted at the first water fall on our way up. It flows down into a pool wide and deep enough for swimming. There we stayed and enjoyed the day. Many enjoyed swimming, others had a joyous sing-a-long, and others simply enjoyed exploring the scenery. (Soloman Moltio)

At Last

AN IDEAL HALL

By Cecille Sotomil

After reading Mr. Melendez' article on Manila's Dilemma - Where Shall We Meet Next Sabbath?, I was reminded of my long time desire to write about our own hall here in Iloilo.

I started attending services at the YMCA and the attendance ranged from 30 to 40. The Conference Room was just enough for our number then. Mr. Ortiguero's prophetic words that this Church would grow was fulfilled when we transferred to the River Queen Hotel Conference Room. Our attendance leaped to 70 plus.

From there we went to G.S.P. Building due to high rate of the River Queen Conference Room. Later we moved to the Teacher's building but we did not last long in this spacious hall since we transferred again to the Social and Cultural Hall of the Division of City Schools.

The ever moving Iloilo Church, at last, found an ideal place, being situated inside a school campus. The atmosphere is conducive to learning with a well ventilated and well lighted room. It has wide side doors.

More advantages we may avail ourselves of here are: a stage, which was not found in our other meeting places; just in front, below the stage, is a choir stand (sorry, no choir yet to use this stand!); and most of all we have also a piano - although until now nobody has volunteered to lend us his ten fingers to play it.

While the Manila Church has outgrown her hall, the Iloilo Church has barely occupied one third of her own. So while we continue to pray for a new meeting hall for the Manila Church - please help us with your prayers that God will add more people in this area, soon. Our latest attendance was 77! (The Manila Church finally gets the Meralco Theater June 12. See details in an article appearing in this issue - Ed).

DAVAO CITY SPOKESMAN CLUB FORMALLY ORGANIZED

DAVAO CITY - Fourteen excited and eager brethren gathered on the evening of April 24 after Sabbath services here. The setting was the Conference Room of "Sitti Hawah Restaurant". Purpose of the gathering was the organization of the "Davao City Spokesman Club". The meeting was attended by the people from Davao Oriental, two from Cotabato and the rest from Tagum and this city. The officers as announced by Mr. Edmond Macaraeg, Club Director, are as follows:

- President Mario S. Dulguime
- Vice-Pres. . . . Marcial Billacura
- Secretary Eleazar Flores
- Treasurer Gaspar Ruferos
- Sgt.-at-arm Jorge Reyes

One month before the formal organization there was an orientation about the club and the temporary president, topicmaster,

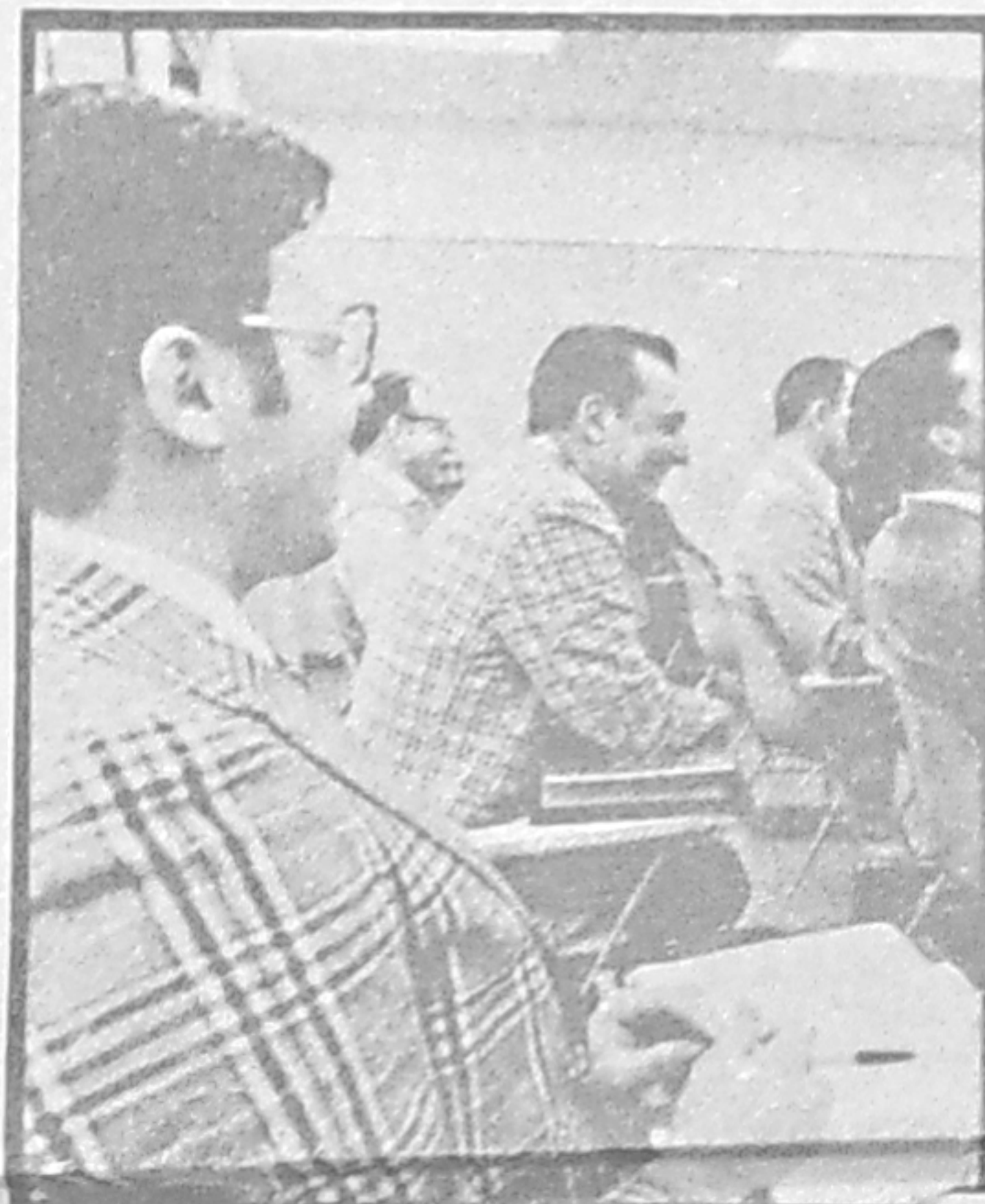
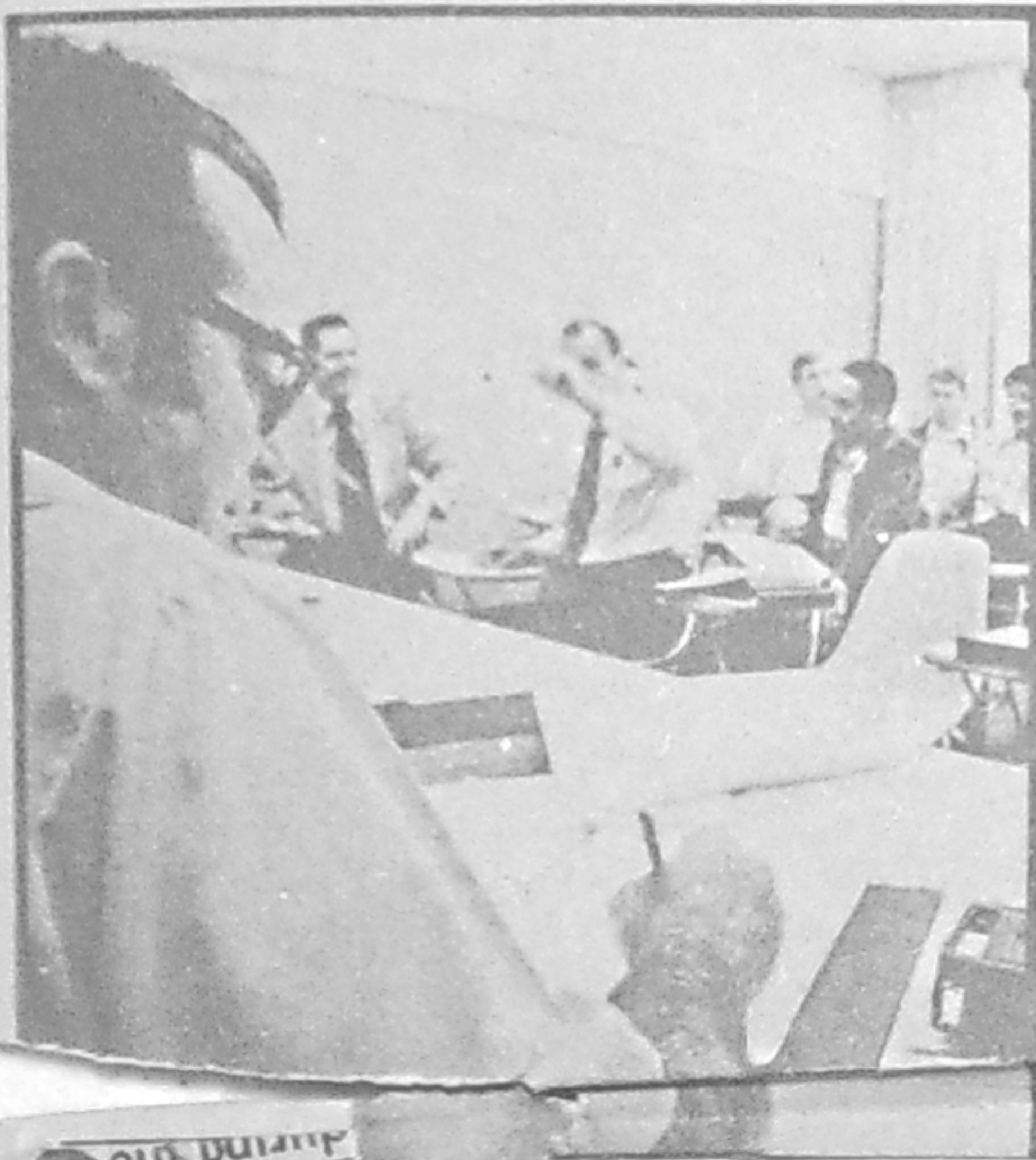
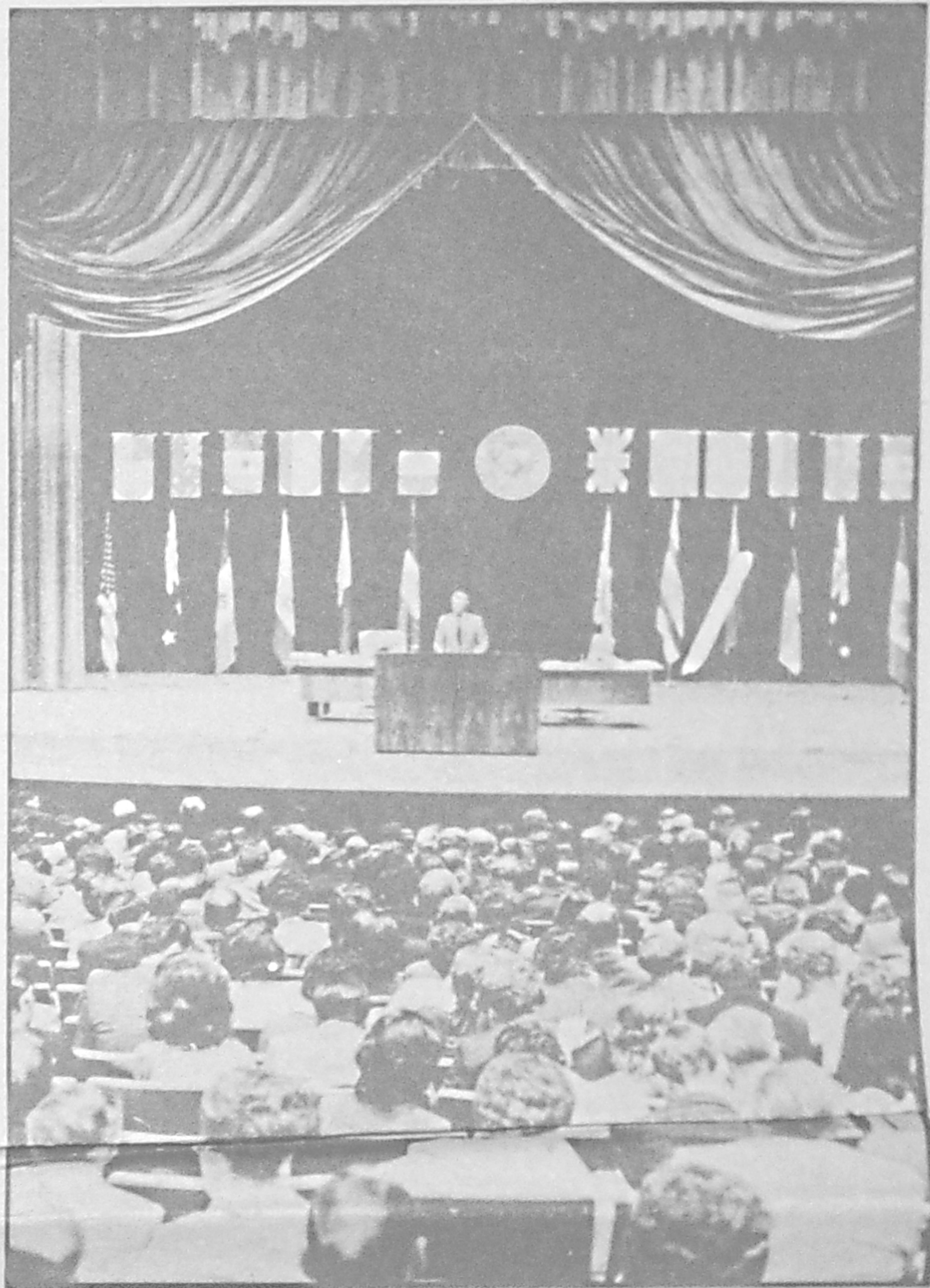
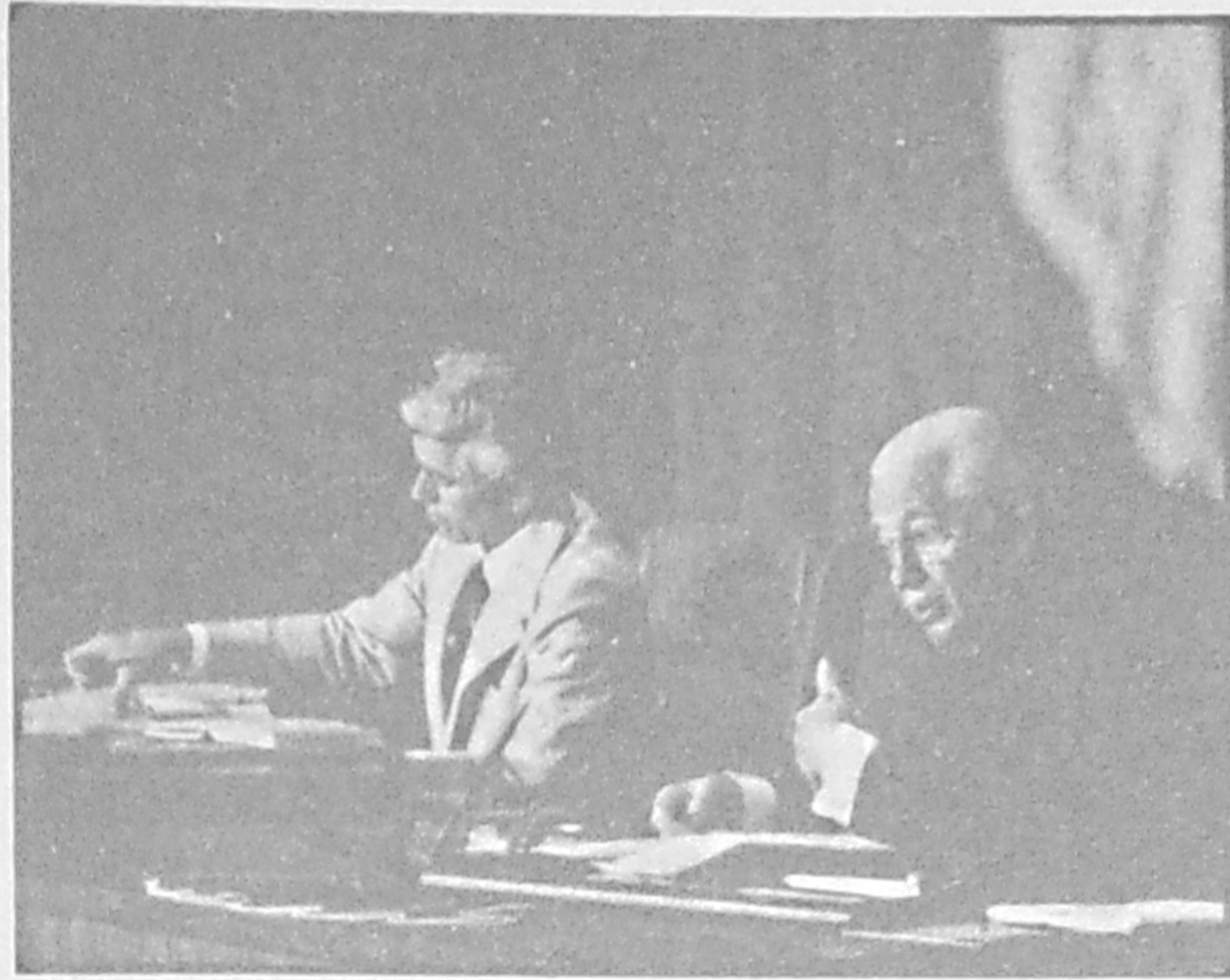
toastmaster, speakers and evaluators were designated. Title of the speech was lesson one, "This is my Life".

The evening was fraught with tensions as this was the first time for most of the members to actively participate in a formal organization, giving their speeches and evaluations. The "Most Effective Speaker" award was given to Pacito Abanes and the "Most Helpful Evaluator" award was garnered by Marciano Moning. Felipe Casing and Marcial Billacura were the topicmaster and toastmaster, respectively.

True to all beginners, there are still flaws to be corrected, much improvement to be made. But, hopefully, after several training sessions, we will emerge more polished speakers with dynamic personalities. (Mar Dulguime)



KORONADAL BIBLE STUDY. - Picture above was taken during a Bible Study at Samahang Nayon Hotel (formerly Royal Hotel) in Koronadal (Marbel), South Cotabato on April 18, 1976. This monthly Bible Study which started only this year is being held on the Sunday immediately following the third Sabbath of the month starting at 1:00 P.M. Standing from left to right are: two children of Mrs. Andrea Manalo, Mrs. Andrea Manalo, Miss Evangeline Mijares, Antonio Mendoza, Marciano Moning, Alcedes Panganiban, Isaac Panganiban, and Placido Manzano. Seated at the Center is District X Acting Coordinator, Edmond D. Macaraeg, who conducts the Bible Studies. Not in the picture, but who are members in South Cotabato are: Valentin Asuncion, Jose Mijares, Carlos Enumerables, and Emilio Juson. (Photo by Ernesto Elisan, through the courtesy of Alcedes Panganiban.)



PASADENA PASTORAL MEET—Scenes similar to those shown in photos here from the 1974 Ministerial Conference were found at this year's conference May 18 to 20. The Philippines was represented by Messrs. Colin Adair and Pike Mirto. (GN photos)

THE HOMEMAKER

SKIN CARE

At a glance, the general health of the individual is reflected through the skin, and the skin, of all body organs, is the mirror of our health. Clear and radiant skin does not happen by chance. It takes a lifetime care and effort. It means a healthy state of mind, proper nutrition, adequate rest, regular exercise and regular skin care.

To take proper skin care, first determine what skin type you are — oily, dry, normal or combination. As soon as you determine which group you belong to you will easily know what proper care is called for.

A simple way of diagnosing your own skin type is by pressing a clean tissue over your face. From the Prue Acton Cosmetics reprinted from the Bulletin Today, here are some helpful tips: At night, before going to bed, wash your face with soap and water and leave overnight free from any skin care preparations.

In the morning, take a clean tissue and press it to your face, molding it gently to the sides of the nose and down over the chin. Leave for a moment, then remove and examine.

If the tissue is dry and clean with no grease marks, you have a dry skin.

If it bears very slight, often oily stains, your skin is normal.

If it bears clean indication of oil in a "T" shape across the forehead and down the center, your skin is the combination type (i.e. dry and oily).

If the oily marks are spread all over the tissue, your skin is oily.

Before we go into the basic rules on skin care, let us review the symptoms of four skin types.

Oily skin is common among people under the age of 25 although the condition can persist through the years. It is generally coarse in texture with enlarged pores and a tendency towards blackheads and blemishes, and "orange peel" patches. Makeup tends to cake and change the color.

Normal skin is supple, fresh and free from blemishes with a velvety feel and "invisible" pores.

Dry skin, the most common

skin type, tends to have flaky patches especially when exposed to sun and wind. Although dry skin is usually fine-textured, makeup does not blend in smoothly due to its tight stretched surface.

The "combination" skin is basically dry but with an oily panel running down the center of the face, from the forehead down to the chin. The skin may be flaky on the cheeks and around the eyes with a tendency towards enlarged pores and blackheads in the oily areas.

Regular skin care means not just today but everyday, so that it becomes as natural as brushing your teeth — the cleansing, stimulating and nourishing of your skin.

(The four most destructive enemies of your complexion are alcohol, crash diets, excessive sun and the lack of or faulty skin care.)

Proper skin always begins with cleanliness. And cleanliness begins with clean hands since the hands pick up a lot of germs which you could easily transfer to your face. So always wash your hands thoroughly before applying any beauty preparations. This includes fingernails which are also storehouses of bacteria.

Be gentle to your skin. Over-vigorous rubbing may stretch the facial muscles and make them sag. So, when applying cleansing agents, spread gently over, using gentle upward and outward motions. Wipe off with tissues, again with upward motions.

Those are fine pointers. Proper use of some skin preparations and regular skin care help, but these are not a substitute for the basic rules mentioned above in achieving clear and radiant skin, not just for women but for the entire family. (Gema Matilac)

RENT-A-BOOK PROGRAM NOW A YAC "B" PROJECT

In the pursuit of its purposes namely: personality development, proper recreation and Christian fellowship, yieldedness to God's Government and harmony in working together in an atmosphere of unity and friendship, one of the Young Ambassadors Club-B's outstanding policies is to serve and to help.

Last February 24, upon the approval by Jose Raduban (assistant pastor of the Manila Church), YAC "B" formally took over the Rent-A-Book Program which was formerly under the Human Resources Information Center. YAC "B" is very grateful and elated to undertake this Book Program because it offers the Club a good opportunity to serve our peers, the youth, in the Church especially our co-students.

The Book Program operates like a Book Loan system you find established in almost all universities and colleges throughout the country. Its primary purpose is to help the students who cannot afford to buy the expensive prescribed textbooks through a loan system. The rent period depends on how long the borrower will use the book. Usually, it is on a semester basis. The rent price of the book is generally estimated based on the financial capacity of the borrower and the current price of the book. However, the former is considered more than the latter factor. So far, the rent price of one book ranges from a maximum of P5.00 to a minimum of P2.00. Of course, the borrower is financially liable to the Club in case of damage or loss.

As of this date a total of 175 books which belong to 19 owners are available for rent. And it has been observed that most of the books that are wanted for rent are just not yet available. So, here is now your chance to HELP our young people in their education to prepare them to become effective leaders in the theocratic government soon to be reestablished here on earth.

Who knows the wanted books could belong to you? For all you know, here, YOU COULD EARN WHILE YOU SHARE. How? Well, fifty per cent (50%) of the rent price goes to YOU. How would you like to have an extra few Pesos jingling in your pocket?

If you noticed above there are only 19 owners who lent their books so far. Some of them are donors. I believe the Church has more than 19 members who own books which our students can avail themselves of.

The Book Program aims to have more than a thousand books for rent. And this could be easily achieved if you share with us even some of your cherished books by lending or donating them to the Book Program.

To join the program, here's what you have to do: On a clean sheet of paper write your full name, address, phone number/s and below, the titles of the books with their corresponding authors.

Give the paper to Jose Binuya, the Program's new Project Manager; to Marinel Talon, the

Librarian; or to any YAC "B" officer.

If you want to rent, just submit to Jose Binuya or to any YAC "B" officer a list of books with their authors together with your name, address and your phone number/s.

The Book Program is only one of the on-going fund raising projects of the YAC "B". Aside from this, we have the following projects: Buy and Sell Used Postage Stamps, Manufacturing and selling of Food Delicacies and Dressed Chicken Selling capably handled by the Club's business-minded Managers Gil Llaneza, Anrie Saria and Joe Luzuriaga respectively. Interested parties can contact them for further information. They'll be glad to deal with you.

The Club seeks to establish a warm, close and meaningful relationship with you. And we hope to attain this through service. Fortunately, the YAC "B" is again given this year the privilege to handle the following Church-sponsored projects namely: Church Bazaar, Family Night and, for the first time, Children's Party. Amis Pa... Am Matriang the Club's Sgt.-at-Arms, and the Club President and preparations are now underway for these projects.

YAC "B" hopes that your wholehearted support and cooperation you tendered to us last year will multiply many times over this year to assure the success not only of these projects but more so of the entire Feast of Tabernacles 1976. (Rio Dayao)

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MINUTES AWAY FROM DEATH THE SECOND TIME

By Antilla T. Tambis

It was in 1966 that I had my first rendezvous with death when the Doctor administered Penstrip injection without a blood test. But human failings do not stop even after a person's conversion.

Taking no food due to mouth infection for the third day--Saturday, March 27, 1976-I decided to go to the dentist to lessen my affliction on the Sabbath and to have him fill my decayed molars on the side where there was no infection. Though I had informed him that I am allergic to Penicillin or any other injection, he prescribed Unimycin capsules in place of injection and treated the infected side of my mouth with Pyrosan.

Arriving home and very hungry, I devoured fruits and cakes and tuba with carabao's milk and sugar to revitalize my weakened state. A few minutes afterwards I began to feel the same form of weakness I suffered in 1965. Barely strong enough to reach the bench, I sat down and requested the help of a cousin to heat water for me to counteract the effect of the capsule tablet I took after lunchtime that day. But it seemed it was too long to wait for her. Fate intervened by having my youngest brother pass by. I was sitting on the bench almost unable to draw breath and too weak to go to bed or reach the thermos bottle for hot water. My brother was amazed at my pale face and asked what was

happening. I did not have the guts to answer him anymore. To me it seemed my "Last Farewell" to him and I thought of my mother who was in Manila. I thought of a sister-in-the-faith who came to visit me from Mindanao whom I wanted to see the other day. I thought of the civic activities I am involved in. And I thought of myriad thoughts of how artificial respiration was done by my parents 11 years ago.

It was the day before that I mailed a letter to Mr. Adair requesting prayer for the same malady. And hours had passed since I read of how healing was administered by God on people who have just sent a letter of request for prayer.

And as I sat on the bench feel-

COUPLE NAMED MOST OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

DONSOL, SORSOGON - Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jimenez, members of the Worldwide Church of God teaching in a public elementary school here, were recently cited as the first two among four outstanding elementary grades teachers for their district. The Jimenezes have been members of this church for the last six years. They have seven children--three boys and four girls.

"It was a great surprise to us looking back on those past years when we were always at odds with our District Supervisor," said Mrs. Jimenez, who described their continual problems with being asked to attend conferences and meet-

ings on the Sabbath.

"There were many, many instances that at first were so discouraging making us downhearted, but with God's help we were able to get over them," said Mrs. Jimenez. "In spite of these, we showed our Supervisor we were loyal to him, always ready to give the best of our service."

"Finally last year, he called for us to help with his reports and we showed him we were more than willing to do so. We never changed in our respect to him and we knew he was finally convinced that we were not against him. We were just sticking to our principles which God had taught us."

ing numb and cold and sweating out the sweat of death, I felt the pangs of guilt. My blood already clotted as sweat ran down and artificial respiration was administered. The Church doctrines I had known for years came ringing to my senses. And I asked the question of whether I was guilty or not. Of whether God still would, at that very moment, give me a chance to live and no longer

depend on the aid of medicines though how mild the application on my allergy. I waited for God's verdict of whether He was going to give me a chance to live again and recuperate. Of whether it was His will really that I should only depend on Him for healing due to the extreme allergy I had from any kind of medicine.

He answered and I am still alive to tell you about it.

GIVE A REASON

By Cecilia Sotomil

"What's the Key?" "Give us the key now!" Murmured some of the clamorous, importunate and impatient teachers who were listening to Mr. Adair's speech during his lecture-seminar on The Key to Teaching Moral Values in Bacolod last February. Though a bit irritated by their behaviour—being a teacher also—I was curious to hear what the key really is. Suddenly Mr. Adair blurted — as if he himself had heard the question: "The Key is —" then he paused, "give a reason."

He expounded what he meant by giving a specific example. "Don't tell a boy, don't steal, don't lie, etc. but rather explain to the child by citing situations like this. If your own pencil or crayon will be taken or stolen by your classmate, how would you feel? So, don't do the same thing to him. The child will always ask why to satisfy his curiosity and teachers should not just answer them, 'because I said so', but must give a reason behind the moral." Mr. Adair also clarified the real meaning of morality because people tend to associate "immorality" only with sexual perverting to the

total moral conduct and behaviour of a person in his everyday life.

I was readily able to apply what I have learned from that lecture when an 8 year-old posed this question, "Why can't we eat pork?" I did not just answer him, "because it's unclean", since I was sure he would reiterate another "Why?" Instead I gave him the account that God instructed His people not to eat pork because it

is unclean. It is unclean in the sense that swine were not intended to be eaten. God has a reason for creating them: They act as garbage disposal units.

I also pointed to him the cases of people who get sick because of eating pork due to its unfitness as human food. The young alert boy nodded his head with a picture of satisfaction on his face, and then thanked me. Thus, I found that giving a reason DOES satisfy!

HOW TO TUNE-IN TO WORLDWIDE NEWS

By Samuel V. Mercado

A receiving officer and news reporter who works with the Department of Public Information in Zamboanga City requested me to explain further how he can hear the foreign broadcasts (CONTACT January, 1976). To those who would like to watch world news and be informed of the current developments in step-by-step diplomacy, the violated and never-ending cease fire agreements, the rise and fall of a country or a coup d'etat, American political campaign, CIA or KGB exposes, natural disasters, sports, technological developments, etc., there are simple factors to consider in listening to foreign programs by short wave radio receiver.

The timely newscasts are transmitted every hour by almost all the radio stations. Fifteen minutes

later, the news is followed by a variety of talks and musical programs. The Voice of America, for instance, transmits its programs from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 21:00 midnight (Philippine time) in the 49, 31, 25, and 19 meter bands. Similarly, the British Broadcasting Corporation and Radio Australia use the same bands but at different time lengths. Radio Moscow operates its English transmissions for only two hours daily at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or 0800 to 1000 hours GMT (Greenwich Mean Time). Try the American Forces Radio and Television Service for unique reporting and informative features in the 49, 25, and 19 meter bands at almost the same time as the VOA's.

For good reception switch from one band to another and slowly

MILESTONES

BIRTHS

ILOILO CITY — Ed Allen Rodrigo, May 17, 1976, born to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodrigo.

LABO, CAMARINES NORTE — Gad Liwanag, March 22, 1976, first child of Isidoro and Iluminada Liwanag.

LEON, ILOILO — Chloe Mae Palmero, May 15, 1976, born to Mr. and Mrs. Geronimo Palmero

MARRIAGES

MANILA — Manuel Uy and Mely Barbacena were married May 4 at 10 Aries, Bel-Air, Makati, with Mr. Jose Raduban officiating.

MANILA — Dominador Guevarra and Josephine Bantolo were married May 9 also at 10 Aries, Bel-Air, Makati, with Mr. Adair officiating.

turn the dial between frequencies. Notice that some stations broadcast the same program in two or more frequencies. Technically stated, the higher the sun rises, the higher the number of the frequency must be for clear listening.

One can get in contact with international news and other programs by using a portable or any radio with short wave bands. To operate effectively an SW receiver, the listener must extend the telescopic antenna or connect a 2 to 5 meter long single small wire to the antenna terminal and hang the other end to the ceiling, wall, or post. Be sure the wire is not tied to conducting materials such as iron, metal, or tin sheet. Also, place the antenna wire away

from electrical installations to avoid interference.

To the new SW listener, as you patiently and habitually tune-in, you will discover that the broadcasts from Russia, U.S., Red China, Japan, West Germany, Britain, and other developed countries are the true "university of the air" liberal arts courses which are freely offered to those who care to know. Even to the listener living in the remotest barrio or village in the country, he is as well informed as the newspaper editor, columnist, network newscaster or university professor in the biggest city.

Why not try it? "You have nothing to lose but everything to gain."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MANILA JUNE CALENDAR

(see details under Club B)

(Both Clubs B and C will recess after June 20)

SABBATH SERVICES —

Every Saturday
June 5; 1 P.M.
GSP Auditorium
P. Faura, Manila
June 12, etc.
12 Noon, Meralco Theater
Pasig, Rizal

BIBLE STUDY —

June 9, 23, July 7
7 P.M., GSP Auditorium

BAPTIZING SCHEDULE

June 14 (Watch for details at service of June 12)

SPOKESMAN CLUB —

Club A:
June 13 Ladies Night
Silangan Restaurant
Cultural Center of Phils.
Manila, 7 P.M.
(After this club will recess)

Club B:
June 8; 7 P.M.
Ambascol Office
June 20 Ladies Night
(combined with Club C)
Marco Polo Restaurant
Mandaluyong, Rizal
6:30 P.M.

Club C:
June 3, 10, 17; 7 P.M.
Ambascol Office
June 20 Ladies Night

BIBLE CLASS —

June 1, 15, 29, July 13
7 P.M., Ambascol Office

WOMEN'S CLUB —

Club A: June 13
2 P.M.

Club B: June 22
7 P.M.

Club C: June 27
2 P.M.

All at 10 Aries, Bel-Air

SABBATH SERVICES IN THE PROVINCES

BAGUO CITY —

P.M. Services — Every 1st
and 3rd Sabbath each month
June 5, 19, July 3

3 P.M., 86 Malvar St.,
Trancoville, Baguio City

A.M. Services — Every 2nd
and 4th Sabbath each month
9 A.M., Quirino Hall

Teachers' Camp, Baguio City

CEBU CITY —

June 5, 26 (Note date change)
July 3; 10 A.M., 1:30 P.M.

CPSTA Meeting Hall
Cor. P. del Rosario — Jones

DAGUPAN CITY —

Every 3rd Sabbath — Service
only, June 19; none on July 17
9 A.M., Teacher's Memorial Hall

Bible Study — June 8, 22;
July 6, 20; 6:30 P.M.

Teacher's Memorial Hall

ILOILO CITY —

June 19 (Note date change —
Mr. Adair coming)

July 24; 10 A.M., 12 Noon
(Note new time for service)

DPS Social & Cultural Hall
Cor. Mabini-Gen. Luna

NAGA CITY —

June 19; 10 A.M.
Lindez Hotel Deck

URDANETA, PANGASINAN —

Every 1st Sabbath — Service
only, 9 A.M.

June 5 — ACA Farmer's Hall
Nancayasan, Urdaneta

July 3 — Bacag Church Resthouse,
Bacag, Villasis

Bible Study — June 10, 24; July
10, 24; 6:30 P.M.

Bacag Resthouse, Villasis

July 17 — Service will be held
at ACA Farmer's Hall,
Nancayasan, Urdaneta, instead
of in Dagupan — minister from
Manila coming.

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. —

June 5, July 3;
10 A.M. WCG Building
(Behind Far East Inst.)

TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE —
June 12, July 10; 10 A.M.

WCG Building
(Behind Dulguime Residence)

LANAO, KIDAPAWAN, NO. COT.
June 19; 10 A.M.

Ruferos' Residence

DAVAO CITY —

Every 4th Sabbath — Jun 26,
July 24, etc.; 10 A.M.

Orchid Room, Imperial Hotel
C.M. Recto Avenue

OUTLYING BIBLE STUDIES

BACOLOD CITY —

June 20, July 25; 1:14 P.M.
(Note new time)

Rizal Elementary School
Cor. Rosario-San Juan

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY —

Every first Sabbath — June 5,
July 3, etc.; 10 A.M.

Ambassador Hotel

LUCENA CITY —

Every 3rd Sunday — June 20,
July 18, etc.; 9:30 A.M.

GSP Auditorium

KORONADAL, SOUTH COT. —

June 20; 1 P.M.

Samahang Nayon Hotel

SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA —

(None on June 6 — all invited to
attend Feast of Pentecost in
Manila) July 4; 9:30 A.M.

St. Cecilia's Hall
Sta. Scholastica's Academy

BUTUAN CITY —

Every 1st and 3rd Sabbath —
June 5, 19, July 3, 17; 10 A.M.

Ong Yiu Elementary School
Near 179 Langihan St.

DAY OF PENTECOST (June 6)

MANILA — 10 A.M., 2 P.M.
Social Hall, SSS Building

Quezon City.

URDANETA, PANGASINAN —
10 A.M., 2 P.M.

ACA Farmer's Hall
Nancayasan, Urdaneta

CEBU CITY —

10 A.M., 1:30 P.M.

Location to be announced — or
contact Mr. Hood, tel. no.

9-49-64 (Mr. Adair coming)

OTHER AREAS: please see your
pastors for details.

PUBLIC LECTURE

BATANGAS CITY — June 26;
7 P.M.

(Place to be announced)

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Davao City 9501

ORTIGUERO, PEDRO
86 Malvar St., Trancoville
Baguio City 0201
Tel. 64-57

Current Events

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started, remember that we crossed the international dateline and gained a day!).

That evening we dined with Mr. & Mrs. Tom Blackwell. Mr. Blackwell is pastor of the Honolulu church. We learned that they are planning to return to the U.S. mainland later this year, to a new assignment in Harrison, Pennsylvania.

On Friday my wife and I rested on the beach and after lunch did some shopping. Later in the afternoon we met up with Mr. Mirto at the hotel and dined together that evening. I will leave it to Mr. Mirto to tell you all about his trip.

On sabbath we attended the Honolulu church. Because of my physical condition (stomach problem) I gave only the sermonette, the subject of which was the state of the Philippine Work. Mr. Mirto gave the sermon on the law which was very well received by the brethren.

Our flight to Los Angeles left only about ten minutes late on Sunday afternoon. With the long line at the check-in counter and with only one clerk there, it took us half-an-hour to get through. We thought the plane would never leave on time, but miraculously it was only a little late, as mentioned. The crowd going through the security-check reminded me (alas) of the struggle for buses in downtown Manila! Travelling these days is no fun, thanks to would-be hi-jackers.

Arrival

It was 9:50pm. when we landed at Los Angeles International Airport. Mr. Mirto had only just got in about ten minutes ahead of us on another flight, thanks to his flight being an hour late. Actually, it worked out better that way, saving him an hour long wait for us. But we had to wait until 11:00pm. for the bus to Pasadena. We arrived at the Pasadena Hilton, our dropping-off point, just a few minutes short of midnight. There we were met by College transportation and taken to our hosts' homes.

The week has gone very quickly. It was good to meet old friends and colleagues and meet new ones. Tomorrow Mr. Mirto and I will be seeing different department heads to discuss various aspects of the Philippine Work. Also there is an informal luncheon at the Student Center for all international directors to get together with those involved with the Plain Truth. We will be at the auditorium for the sabbath service and

then we leave early Sunday morning for Hawaii on the first leg of the trip home. We have enjoyed our stay but are missing Andrew and looking forward to seeing him again.

Exciting News

On Friday we had a very busy day. From about 9:30am. to 5:00pm. we visited different people and accomplished a great deal. The spirit of co-operation was very evident throughout.

We talked first with Brian Knowles, managing editor of the Good News. Having discussed various things with Mr. McCullough Thursday morning, we wanted to get Brian Knowles' feelings on our plan to print the Good News magazine in the Philippines so we could greatly expand our list. Right now the magazine is being sent to us from Pasadena and it is not possible to increase the circulation. A decision on this should be forthcoming soon. Actually, Pasadena is planning an eight-page GN supplement insert for the Plain Truth. If we don't print the GN, we will obtain the supplement and stop printing our present P.T. supplement.

We called next on Walter Dickinson, assistant to Mr. McCullough, and discussed a few aspects of the office. One exciting outcome of our conversation was that the TV department is now in a position to supply us with the Garner Ted Armstrong television program! We will receive past programs which Mr. Mirto and I have personally chosen out of two large files. We had to be careful to choose programs which were not dated, as they go back as far as 1973. We will start with the earliest and progress to the latest. We have picked more than two years worth of telecasts and there are some very interesting programs coming up. The deal with the station (probably channel 9 or 2) will be the same as when we were on before from 1971 to 1972 — barter only, letting the station keep the videotape after showing the program. Only Manila will be able to have the program as the provincial stations do not have the equipment to show the videotapes. We hope to begin as soon as possible, probably within a month or so.

With this good news we went over to the Television Department and spent quite a while discussing our needs. They are going to help us out with script for our local campaign film which

will be attached to Mr. Armstrong's movie shown before the P.T. lectures.

After lunch we talked with George Geis of the Theology Department about the possibility of him working out a program for our local leadership training classes. It appears to be a rather large project but he promised to see what he could do. Most of it will be left up to us to develop. We are actually getting together a program to send to the local areas of the Philippines for the use of the ministers there.

Finally we had a chat with Dr. Kuhn about the opportunities for the AICF in the Philippines. Right now the foundation is concentrating on building in the U.S. and Canada, and right now no plans are in the offing for foreign areas as regards cultural and charitable activities. However, Human Potential magazine can be promoted here and we will be seeing what we can do to get perhaps 1,000 circulation or more. We have brought home with us a few extra copies and we plan to give one each to the President, the First Lady, and the President's mother.

Sabbath

I had the opportunity to give the sermonette at the auditorium sabbath afternoon. Dennis Luker, who gave the sermon, kindly gave me thirty minutes instead of the customary fifteen minutes. However, I took only twenty-five minutes to give the Headquarters brethren news of the Philippine Work and especially the lectures.

Mr. Luker spoke about the Work in the South East Asia, especially of his recent trip there with Mr. Halford. He highlighted the conditions of the brethren in Burma and frankly most of you brethren here in the Philippines are rich in comparison to those in Burma. I won't comment further as I'm sure Mr. Luker will have an article about it in the Good News or Worldwide News in the near future.

We had dinner Saturday evening in a Pasadena restaurant with Mr. Gerald Waterhouse. He is moving to Texas to pastor a

church and become senior pastor in the area. He said to be sure to give his regards to all you brethren in the Philippines and express his happiness at the way the Work is growing here. We also met the Ames and the Dockens and they too send their love to you all.

Schedule Upset

Hongkong, May 29

Here we are in "Little China" on the last leg of our trip. We left Los Angeles Sunday morning at 9:30 and arrived in Honolulu at 11:30am. their time. We stayed a day longer than planned "thanks" to typhoon Pamela which devastated Guam. We had planned on calling at Guam to visit with two brethren there but were informed by the airplane that the government there was discouraging visitors because of water, food, and power shortage. Not wanting to add to their problems, we decided to skip the visit. We were sorry not to have seen our members there but I plan to write them soon to see how they fared during the typhoon. The newspapers reported \$300 million damage had been done by that angry lady and it might take thirty days to restore full electric power.

Speaking of typhoons we were sickened to hear that Central Luzon again suffered terrible flooding from the latest typhoon. Yesterday's Hong Kong Standard mentioned that road traffic between Manila and the north was cut off. It breaks you up to think of all the damage done to towns, cities and highways, just after reconstruction work had been completed on the roads, and new dikes built to withstand the very floods that broke them. It just seems the Central Plains will never see the day they can keep above water when typhoons sweep across. I hope the brethren were spared, but if it was as bad as 1972 then I'm sure some have suffered. If any of you reading this are in this category, be sure to let us know how we can help you.

Our flight from Honolulu to Hong Kong took sixteen hours including time spent on the

ground. On Guam the plane (747) was about to take off when the captain reported a malfunctioning navigation system and said he didn't know how long it would take to fix it. One hour later he said they were going to proceed and informed us that the plane had three navigation systems and they were allowed to proceed with two. Thankfully we left just one hour behind schedule.

Third Sabbath

We spent our third sabbath away from home with Jimmy Wang and Ma Ming Tack, our two members here. Many of you will remember Jimmy from the Feast of Tabernacles last year. He sends his regards to you all. Next month's CONTACT will feature a biographical sketch of Jimmy to introduce him to you all. Ma Ming Tack has not attended a feast yet but he keeps hoping he can make it one day. In fact, he hopes he can make it this year to Baguio.

Final Day

Today, May 30, we fly home. We are excited to be going home again and especially excited at the thought of seeing Andrew. If you haven't been away from your children for longer than a day or two you don't know what it is like to miss them. We have been gone seventeen days and anxious to get home.

One last thing in closing this column. We were shocked to hear of yet another hi-jacking of a PAL plane in Mindanao and especially upset at the outcome (though we know the government had to stand firm and take strong action). Please remember that those of us in the ministry have to do quite a bit of flying throughout the Philippines. My wife, Andrew and I will actually be going to Cebu for the Pentecost weekend. I know all of us would appreciate your continual prayers for our safety and the safety of other brethren who may be flying in the future.

It's been a profitable trip and we all look forward to the best growth ever in God's Work worldwide this coming year.

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