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This Is RADIO LONDON!

And now -- RADIO LONDON! Today the same Gospel Jesus Christ brought to this earth almost 2000 years ago is heard booming throughout the British Isles! This section of God's covenant people may now hear the same Truth as that taught by Jesus Christ when He was here on earth! They may hear the same, identical message!

Ministers Ordained!

At the close of the 1965 Ministerial Conference, God's ministers returned to their local Church areas and regional offices around the world, with GOOD news! Phenomenal growth remains a living witness of the power God is manifesting through His work, and the barometer of growth is the ministry.

From Pasadena comes the report of SIX more dedicated men ordained to ministerial rank. Four of these, Messrs. Paul Royer, Reg Platt, Jimmy Young and Al Carozzo were elevated to the rank of full Preaching Elder. In-

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PHILIPPINES WORK GROWS

The following comments were received in a personal letter to a staff member in the Sydney Office. The news concerns the Work and general conditions in the Philippines. We quote parts of the letter which is dated De-

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Yes, three nights a week and soon -- seven nights a week -- at the prime time of 7 o'clock, the precious, LIFE-GIVING Gospel of the Kingdom of God literally THUNDERS throughout the spiritually DEAD and nationally dying land of Ephraim.

Like the life-giving water which flowed from the rock in the wilderness to give life to the thirsty Israelites (Ex. 17:6), the Truth of God today flows like a life-

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1965 MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE CONCLUDED!

The 1965 Ministerial Conference has ended! Once again God's ministers have returned to their pastorates, having concluded another vital and highly important series of meetings at God's College, Pasadena, end-time Headquarters of this, the Greatest Work on earth!

Once again, far-reaching decisions of major significance concerning the future development of God's Work have been made! Plans have been prepared plotting future steps to be taken by the Body of the Living Christ, as it fulfills the thrilling commission given it by the Great Creator of the Universe, the Maker of all mankind, God Almighty!

Brethren, we hope you remembered to pray daily for the success of this Conference. We hope you realized the importance of the meetings in God's eyes, and their tremendous benefit, not only to those ministers privileged to attend the meetings, but to the entire Church of God! Yes, to YOU, personally!

This year's Conference was attended

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RECORD ATTENDANCE -- Appearing to fill entire gymnasium, 1394 people gather for morning services at Headquarters during Ministerial Conference.



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EDITORIAL:

By Edward Tupper

Do you REALLY rejoice when you hear of ordinations in God's Church? You SHOULD be thrilled by such knowledge!

Let's be frank though, most of us feel only a passive, passing interest in ordinations, simply because of partial ignorance of the purpose and NEED for the ministry.

The world is filled with mind-searing, heart-rending, fear-filled problems. Problems which human knowledge alone cannot resolve, as can clearly be seen by the sky-rocketing crime and divorce rate, the jam-packed prisons and the burgeoning growth of mental asylums.

God isn't calling the wise and prudent of this world, but the not-so-wise -- loaded with problems, fears and frustrations. Many (and all should) are crying out for help, counsel and assurance. God's ministers are working NIGHT and DAY to explain and expound God's Word, God's Truth, GOD'S SOLUTION to their problems.

If every member could see the tear-moistened expression of gratitude or feel the bone-crushing handshake of thanks which God's ministers receive, they would shout for joy at every ordination. Paul said, ". . . How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things". How can this be done unless ministers are sent (same verse)?

Jesus Christ uses frail, weak human

instruments to do His Work! We need them and the world needs them! To the degree we rejoice at the knowledge of ordinations is the degree to which we have the love of Christ.

Today, in your very area, homes are plagued with demon influence, marriages are crumbling and, shocking though it may be, people still mutilate their bodies thinking they are pleasing God by removing the offending "member."

Such heart-rending ignorance can only be dispelled by the hearing of God's Truth but, ". . . how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom. 8:14).

So let's not take ordinations within God's Church lightly but give God thanks for His love and mercy toward us, and be more appreciative of the manifold blessings -- including more labourers for the tremendous task ahead -- a gracious and loving Creator is pouring out upon His Church!

Melbourne Club "A" Holds Dance

Early Victorian ladies and gentlemen silhouetted in black against a white background, "Old English" lanterns, balloons and streamers formed part of the decor around the walls of the Rechabite hall in Prahran when Spokesman Club "A" held an informal dance on Saturday, November 28.

The M. C. for the evening, Mr. Ken Slade, sported a handlebar moustache of matching vintage, and dispensed a store of amusing anecdotes in between dances.

The dancing was interspersed with musical items from Mr. Max McCrow on the piano, and songs by Misses San-



dra and Carol Morrison and Joy Mitchell.

Mr. Mike Bundy led the audience -- with actions -- through a march in wheelchairs down London streets with the "Chelsea pensioners," causing much hilarity.

A buffet style supper was served in an

adjoining room, and as with all happy gatherings in God's Church, the evening flew by all too quickly, everyone dispersing at 11:30 and expressing the hope that another such enjoyable occasion would soon be forthcoming.

Brisbane Spokesmen Visit Pineapple Farm

The not-long instituted Brisbane Spokesman Club recently held its first function, a visit to the very fine pineapple-growing property of fellow Spokesman, Mr. E. J. Walton at Beerwah, which is approximately 60 miles from Brisbane in the Glass House Mountains area.

Following is a report sent in by one of the happy participants:

"The property covers 75 acres bisected by a road; with the house on the



higher side at the foot of a steep hill, overlooking a lush and picturesque valley affording a fine and extensive view. If one has the ruggedness of a mountain goat, a really fine view of the Glass House Mountains also may be gained from the top of the aforementioned hill.

"In the morning after an enjoyable drive -- especially for those who seldom use this road -- soccer, net-ball and badminton were played, while those interested viewed the most ingenious machinery (much of which was designed and made by the owner), for planting and harvesting the pineapples.

"In the afternoon -- after a "pot-luck" luncheon under the mango trees -- all and sundry piled onto a truck and were driven on an inspection tour; first over the home property and then across a creek to the other property.

"On arriving back at our starting point a vigorous game of soccer was resumed; even by some who had been playing in the morning. Altogether it was a most unusual game for many of us; having not played games since becoming members of God's Church. No one had his ear bitten off, nor was the referee molested. . . . Dreadfully sorry

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JOURNEY INTO SOUTHEAST ASIA !

Mr. C. Wayne Cole and Mr. D. Abraham have returned from their news-gathering, fact-finding tour of Southeast Asia! Their journey into this, the world's current No. 1 trouble-spot, was completed with the safe arrival of Mr. Cole in Sydney on December 18 (Mr. Abraham stayed over in Darwin for one day, arriving back in Sydney about 24 hours after Mr. Cole).



At Sydney airport before takeoff!

So ended a revealing, enlightening and eye-opening 22-day-tour of some of the world's major hot-spots, including South Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaysia!

The excursion into Asia was arranged when it was realized that such a trip may not be possible in the not-too-distant future, due to the deteriorating



Mr. Harry Karunatileke and daughter, Marcia, members from Ceylon

Meet Mrs. Kiran Jonas !

This month the Church of God News has pleasure in introducing to its readers one of the more distant (from Australia) members of the Body of Jesus Christ in Southeast Asia, Mrs. K. Jonas of Seremban, Malaysia.

Mrs. Jonas is the happy mother of six handsome and active children, whose ages range from 5 through 11 years.

Though an Indian by birth, Mrs. Jonas



Mrs. Kiran Jonas

has lived in Malaysia for over 12 of the last 17 years. She first travelled to Malaysia (then Malaya) with her husband in 1947, settling in Kuala Lumpur. However, after two years they were compelled to return to India.

In 1953 Mr. and Mrs. Jonas returned to settle permanently in Malaysia, and

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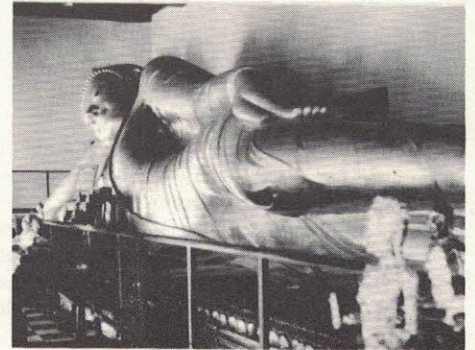


The Floating Market, Bangkok

worse though, the grinding poverty, the appalling lack of material sustenance, the heart-rending deformity, the sickening stench of disease and death, is passively accepted by most of the inhabitants.

The mind-killing, body-destroying, superstitious, demon-inspired religious beliefs held by the overwhelming majority of people existing in this area of the world, effectively stifles any desire within the natives to overcome their situation and circumstances.

They philosophize, "Whatever will be will be," shrug their shoulders and sit



The Reclining Buddha--enroute to Nirvana!

political/military situation which now prevails in the area.

And another factor which influenced the decision was the knowledge that Bible prophecy is now being fulfilled in Southeast Asia and God has commissioned His Church to warn the world of what is to come to pass before it happens (see Amos 3:7 and Ezk. 33:2-10).

The journey into Southeast Asia will assist God's Church in better fulfilling this important commission.

Both Mr. Cole and Mr. Abraham expressed concern and deep feeling for the people they saw during the tour. Vast masses most of whom were emaciated, hungry, under nourished, malnourished, illiterate, diseased and many -- especially children -- deformed, were literally packed into the cities and towns they visited.

The overwhelming pallor of squalor, poverty, dirt, grime and decay which lay like a squalid blanket over the entire area, was sickening.

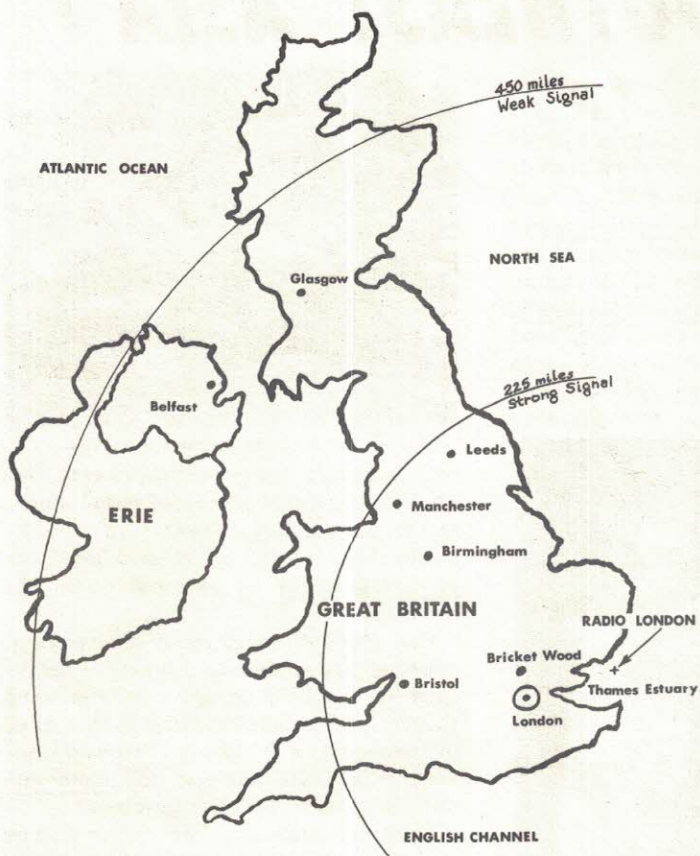
For the majority, filth and putrid dirt was intimately associated with their mode of living. Primitive housing with no amenities is considered normal throughout much of the entire area.

Little or no food is almost "par for the course." To make matters much

amidst the dung, dirt, grime, filth, stench, flies and death, to "contemplate"! This is "LIFE" in Asia! A passive acceptance of the horrifying conditions, in the belief that poverty purifies the soul, and that they are passing through a series of "re-births" (reincarnation) into the great and nebulous state of "nirvana" (never being born again!).

As further reports on the tour will be printed at later dates, it should suffice to say here that the journey through Southeast Asia, which covered 19,000 air miles, spanned 9 countries and visited 12 cities, was highly successful, and will prove of lasting benefit to God's Church.

A wishbone has never taken the place of a backbone.



Map shows approximate location of RADIO LONDON in Thames Estuary

giving stream throughout the United Kingdom, bringing to that spiritually-starved land the one and only message of peace, hope and life!

Bringing the regenerating and life-giving qualities of God's Holy Word to this sin-sickened, war-weary land! As Mr. Armstrong said, "At last the cobwebs will be brushed away from some British minds!"

RADIO LONDON is what is known as a "Pirate" broadcasting station, but in reality this is not correct. The station is, in fact, an extra-legal station (i. e., it is neither regulated nor sanctioned by law. The ship is actually anchored in the Thames Estuary outside the internationally recognized three-mile limit, and so does not come within the scope of and is not controlled by British law).

RADIO LONDON is a powerful 50,000 watt station (though currently only using 20,000 watts of the power), with a strong signal extending 225 miles from the ship-board transmitter, and a weak signal extending a further 225 miles!

The station owners claim that a good, strong signal can be heard by over 37,000,000 of the 60 plus million Britons!

And, to catch dial-twirlers listening to the B. B. C. stations, they have selected a dial spot half-way between the Light and Home frequencies of the B. B. C. network!

RADIO LONDON means that the Church areas of London, Bricket Wood, Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds will be blanketed with a strong signal; while a weak signal might be picked up as far away as Glasgow and Belfast!

And Brethren, listen! God Almighty, the Supreme Ruler of the universe, the Great God who says He opens doors which no man can shut and shuts doors which no man can open (Rev. 3:7), opened this MAJOR door to proclaim His Gospel to Ephraim, EXACTLY TWELVE YEARS to the VERY WEEK after He first sent His Truth into England during the first week of January, 1953! During the first week of January, 1965, The WORLD TOMORROW thundered forth from RADIO LONDON (an appropriate name for the station beaming God's Word throughout England, for the "don" in "London" is from the Hebrew, "dn," and means "to judge"! As Jesus Christ said, the WORDS which He spoke will JUDGE mankind -- including Ephraim -- in the last day -- John 12:48! Today, the same Jesus Christ IS JUDGING HIS PEOPLE, sending the very same words He spoke while He was here on earth throughout Ephraim via RADIO LONDON! And, as the Scriptures state, Ephraim is found wanting!)

Imagine, Brethren! TWELVE YEARS to the very week, God opened this MAJOR door of radio into the land of Ephraim! God opened the door in His own good time! No man could possibly have figured this out and arranged it.

But then, consider this! God opened time on RADIO LONDON with only an-

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Fun and Games at Upper Yarra.

On December 13, 137 of the Melbourne Church brethren journeyed 65 miles to picnic beside the Upper Yarra Dam, in delightful rural surroundings.

True to form, the weather varied from very warm to showers, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of those attending.

Softball, volley ball and other games were enjoyed in the morning, and at 12:30, everyone gathered in an excellent hall adjacent to the sports-ground to ask God's blessing on the food, following which a delicious lunch was served.

After fine food and happy fellowship,



An exciting finish!

all returned with renewed energy to participate in a well organized program

of sports for all ages.

These comprised sprint races, sack races, relay races, tunnel ball and several variety races, conducted by Mr. Alan Laughlan.

About 5 p. m. the picnickers reluctantly started on their scenic drive home through Warburton, all appreciating the blessing of healthy exercise and fellowship enjoyed among God's people in such beautiful natural surroundings.

The kindergardener of the 1960's, learning his alphabet by the association method, repeated, "A is for atom, B is for breakdown of conference, C is for countdown. . . ."

Melbourne Spokesmen Go Fishing

An exciting and rewarding fishing trip was held recently in Melbourne, when Spokesmen from both "A" and "B" Clubs hired two boats and, leaving Frankston Pier, headed out into Port Phillip Bay.

Though the afternoon clouded over a little, neither that nor the heavy swell deterred the fishermen.

Mr. Les Morley took top honours for the largest fish, a fine flathead.

The evening found weary but happy members totalling up their catch and reflecting on a profitable day, fishing on Port Phillip Bay.

CHURCH ESTABLISHED IN NEWCASTLE

We are now blessed with a FOURTH Church here in Australia where many more of our brethren can regularly congregate and fellowship together. This newest Church is in Newcastle, situated in the rich Hunter River basin just 105 miles north of Sydney.

Mr. C. Wayne Cole, Director of the Sydney office, was present for the memorable, initial service on 23 January. The meetings are being held in Blackall House, 30 Newcomen Street, downtown Newcastle. The first service started with a very encouraging attendance of SIXTY-TWO. For the benefit of the many new brethren, Mr. Cole commenced the services with a foundational-type sermon.

Mr. Cole will be assisted by the three Local Elders at Sydney in pastoring the new Church -- Messrs. Huse, Simpkins and Abraham. The new Church will also provide additional sermonette opportunities for several in the Spokesman Clubs who have developed in dedication and leadership.

Looking back, the last Church to be started here in Australia was in Brisbane. It changed from a bi-weekly Bible study to a full-fledged Sabbath service on 22 June, 1963. Ninety-eight attended that first service. Prior to that, Mr. Tony Hammer moved from Sydney to Melbourne in 1961 to begin services there on 15 June with over thirty attending. The original Church in Sydney started out with thirty in attendance, in 1960. Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, the original Director of the Sydney office, was its first pastor.

Newcastle is only the BEGINNING. Other Churches are needed as second Churches in the Melbourne and Brisbane areas. Then there are those more distant population centres scattered about this vast continent, which could right now produce enough people to warrant a Church if the additional manpower were available.

Adelaide, Perth, Hobart and Auckland, New Zealand, have no local Churches or resident ministers even though previous baptizing tours to these areas have produced a bountiful harvest. Brethren, PRAY for those faithfully waiting for the blessings of a local Church.

Thank Jesus Christ for this new Church in Newcastle; and those of you living in that area, attend these weekly services. Let's not be guilty of showing contempt to Christ by failing to use the blessings He showers upon us.

Self portraits are generally coloured.

CONFERENCE

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primarily by the leading ministers in God's Church, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, the Evangelists and area Superintendents. There were a few other ministers present, but as this was the "other" year when mainly the leading ministers only would journey to Pasadena, most of the ministers pastoring local Churches were not present.

This year also, the ministers' wives were privileged to travel with their husbands to the Conference, a blessing for which they all felt deeply grateful.

Though the Conference is now over, Brethren, don't feel you are no longer obligated to pray for the matters discussed at the Conference, or for the decisions which were made.

You should still pray for God's guidance upon His ministers. Ask God to direct His servants as they execute His will! To lead them in effectively carrying out the decisions arrived at. To help them in putting the various decisions rendered at the Conference into speedy and efficient effect!

Remember the words of the Prophet Samuel: "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should SIN AGAINST THE ETERNAL in ceasing to pray for you" (I Sam. 12:23).

Brethren, this principle most certainly applies to you! If you fail to pray for God's Work, for His guidance and inspiration on His ministry, for His leadership upon His Great Work, then **YOUR SIN IS AGAINST GOD!**

May the Almighty help each of you to joyfully and willingly fulfill this grave responsibility, one which rests not only upon you as an individual, but upon all God's people!

Mr. & Mrs. Simpkins To U.S.A. and Back

On 5 January, after 3½ years of serving in the Sydney Church and office, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpkins and their "Australian produced" family boarded a Pan Am 707 jet bound for Los Angeles International Airport to commence their overdue month's holiday in the U.S.

The postponement of their trip was due to Gordon's arrival, their six-month-old son. He and his sister, Marilyn, aged 3, were able to visit with their grandparents for the first time.

Mr. Simpkins, a Local Elder in God's Church, should be familiar to most of you brethren. He has written many of you letters through the Letter Answering Department, visited with a number

of you while on baptizing tours in New Zealand, Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and here locally, and preached to you sermons and sermonettes at God's Festivals and occasionally in the local Churches.

The Simpkins spent the first half of their holiday in Pasadena, to allow Mr. Simpkins the unmatched privilege of attending the Ministerial Conferences.



Leaving there they flew to Kansas City, Mo., where they were met by Mr. Simpkins' parents. From Missouri a car trip to the college in Big Sandy afforded them the opportunity of visiting the new campus. Next to Dallas, then a flight to Portland, Oregon, the home of Mrs. Simpkins' parents. They then returned to Sydney, arriving the 4th of February.

Welcome back, Mr. and Mrs. Simpkins. We trust you had an enjoyable trip in the U.S.!!

BRISBANE EXCURSION

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old chap, did I bump you then? Toward evening the ladies watched from the sidelines and -- watch as one may -- not a single bottle was hurled; so to finish off a perfect day, we all returned to the house and partook of sliced pineapple and watermelon.

"The sincere thanks of all members was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walton and family for making possible such an enjoyable occasion."

How bitter my cup!
How darkly I frown!
Each month I pay up
what I didn't pay down!

When debtors once have borrowed all we have to lend, they are very apt to grow shy of their creditors' company.

Beautiful Set Presented To Mr. & Mrs. Winner

On November 28 Melbourne Spokesman Club "A" held an informal dance to which all the Church brethren were invited.

During an interval between dances Mr. David Neil, deacon in the Melbourne Church, called the gathering to order, and with an air of mystery, requested Mr. and Mrs. William D. Winner to step forward.

After expressing appreciation of Mr. Winner's dedication, untiring help and deep concern for all the Melbourne



brethren, Mr. Neil presented Mr. Winner -- who had been completely unaware of the intended presentation -- with a handsome silver salver and crystal decanter and glasses.

In accepting the gift on behalf of Mrs. Winner and himself, Mr. Winner thanked Mr. Neil and those present with warmth and feeling, and while refuting any real justification for receiving such a token of esteem, said he and Mrs. Winner would treasure it always, realizing the real quality of this truly beautiful gift.

Baptisms in Melbourne

It is with great joy we announce that since the Feast of Tabernacles, fifteen brethren in the Melbourne Church have come to full repentance, accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and been baptised.

They are: Mr. Harry Berns, Mr. Barry Firth, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Laughlin, Mr. John Meharry, Mr. Ian Willis, Mr. George White, Mrs. Don Williams, Mrs. V. Pope, Mrs. C. Horne, Mrs. J. Broekstra, Mrs. J. Orford and Mr. John Mitakakis.

God's people join in extending to you all a hearty WELCOME to God's True Church!

May each of you grow continually in wisdom and knowledge, being made and kept perfect to the soon-coming of the great and glorious Kingdom of God, at the return of Jesus Christ.

Mrs. JONAS—Continued from Page 3 their six children were born in that country.

In 1961 Mr. Jonas died, leaving his young wife with the heavy responsibility of raising their six children.

Mrs. Jonas decided to return once again to India, but after only a 5-month stay, increasingly difficult living conditions in that country necessitated her return to Malaysia, where she has since remained.

Soon after her return to Malaysia, Mrs. Jonas was introduced for the first time to The PLAIN TRUTH magazine, by a close lady friend.

About 11 months, many booklets and PLAIN TRUTHS later, Mrs. Jonas was convinced that this was indeed the True Church of the Living God, founded upon the prophets and the Apostles with Jesus Christ Himself as the Chief Corner Stone. Immediately she requested baptism.

A memorable and historic event in Mrs. Jonas' life occurred on December 25, 1962. On this date, while the so-called "Christian" world was engaged in its annual ritual of debauching, debasing and gluttoning itself in its major annual pagan festival, one of God's servants, Mr. C. Wayne Cole, Southeast Asian Regional Director of the Greatest Work on earth, was baptizing Mrs. Jonas for the remission of her past sins, and soon the Ever-living Creator of the universe added her to the Body of Jesus Christ on earth. This was one of the happiest days in Mrs. Jonas' life.

Mrs. Jonas, who is an experienced teacher, is back at work teaching in order to support herself and her family. She recently wrote that though they enjoy a certain amount of prosperity in Malaysia, living conditions are steadily becoming worse as the cost of living increases.

She also mentioned the increasing incidence of juvenile delinquency, disrespect for authority, immorality, theft, etc., which is now occurring in Malaysia. People there are also suffering from unusual weather, floods and fires, she added.

Mrs. Jonas said she finds the lack of fellowship with others of like faith discouraging at times, and then has to struggle so much the harder in overcoming her human nature.

Both Mr. C. Wayne Cole and Mr. D. Abraham had the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Jonas (the second time for Mr. Cole) during their recent Southeast Asian tour, which they both deemed a pleasure.

Before closing, The "News" would like

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Couple Wed in Sydney

On Wednesday evening, December 30, 1964, Sydney members had the special treat of witnessing another wedding



conducted God's way.

Immediately following Bible study, which terminated at 8:00 p.m. that evening, Mr. Robert Pavolvskis and Miss Christine Quinsey were united in marriage.

The simple yet beautiful ceremony was conducted by one of God's Evangelists, Mr. C. Wayne Cole, the local director of the Sydney Office and pastor of the Sydney Church.

The Institute of Builders' hall was filled with the music of the wedding march that evening as Mr. Pavlovskis and Miss Quinsey walked slowly down the aisle followed by Mr. Forest Finlay, best man, and Miss Jessie Emmett, bridesmaid.

Miss Quinsey was dressed in a beautiful pink applique linen dress of street length and carried a bouquet of white flowers. Miss Emmett, as bridesmaid, wore a powder blue sheath, also of street length and carried a bouquet of pink, white and blue flowers.

The hall was decorated with white gladioli and other assorted pink and blue flowers which accented the pink, white and blue theme. The front chairs were also decorated with white crepe paper bows.

It was a joyous and long-awaited day for the Pavlovskis and the whole Church rejoiced with them. On behalf of the entire Body of Christ in Australia, we extend happy congratulations to the newly-weds.

Some things never change--that's the trouble.

A man sitting on the stool at the counter of a corner restaurant overheard one chef say to another, "Take over for a while, Joe. I'm going out for lunch."

Meeting of Ministers in Sydney

Under the direction of Mr. C. Wayne Cole, Regional Director of the Work in Southeast Asia, a local Ministerial Conference was held from February 2 to February 9. Since Mr. Cole and Mr. Frank Simpkins only attended the Conferences held at Headquarters in Pasadena, it was felt wise to hold a few local meetings in order to discuss the agenda followed in Pasadena for the benefit of those who did not attend, as well as to discuss local problems.

Mr. William Winner, pastor of the Melbourne Church, and Mr. Royston Page, pastor of the Brisbane Church, with their wives and families both arrived in Sydney -- Mr. Page on Sunday January 31 and Mr. Winner the following day -- after receiving a very surprising but much appreciated invitation from Mr. Cole.

For the Winners and the Pages it was another opportunity to visit God's Headquarters in Southeast Asia, and to see first-hand the growth and development that has taken place.

During the conferences much necessary and needed advice was gained. The theme of the meetings may be summarized in three major points which are as follows: (1) There simply is no handbook of rules for the ministry. Each problem must be handled according to the particular circumstances. (2) Where the responsibility of the ministry begins and ends and where the responsibility of the members begins and ends. The ministry is to teach and be an example but is not here to drive and make decisions for the members. (3) The need for the use of greater wisdom by the members of God's Church as a whole, and especially by the converted mates in showing more love and consideration for their unconverted mates.

One of the major highlights for the Sydney brethren was the opportunity to once more hear inspiring sermons

from both Mr. Winner and Mr. Page. On the Sabbath of the 6th February, Mr. Page gave a split sermon on keeping your eyes on the goal and wanting to change this world. Mr. Winner gave a split sermon on the true meaning of carnality. It was a special treat for all who were able to attend.

Social occasions were also provided during the conference, including a visit to the theatre on Thursday, February 4, by the ministers and their wives.

On Sunday the 7th February, all the ministers were invited over to Mr.

Cole's home where a meeting was held in the morning with the wives present. In the afternoon, Mr. Cole showed slides of the trip into Southeast Asia and of the Ambassador College Campus, together with a few of the Philippines which Mr. Guy Ames had sent down.

Mr. Cole with all the other ministers thought that it was a very successful conference. It was an inspiring occasion, as well as being profitable in helping solve many of the local problems and questions.



FRONT ENTRANCE -- Daylight view of magnificent main entrance to new gymnasium.

Headquarters Church Moves Back to Pasadena Campus

For the first time in over eight years, since September, 1956, the Headquarters Church is now meeting regularly on the Ambassador College campus. December 4 marked the first service held in the new, million-dollar physical education facility as 1120 people (an all-time attendance record) assembled for the Friday night Bible study.

In making the announcement of the move the previous Sabbath, Mr. Armstrong said, "There is a certain regret in leaving the Shakespeare Club after so many years but it will be very nice to be in our own building on our own grounds."

"Years ago services were held in the library building of the college. The library WAS the college in those days,"

Mr. Armstrong declared!

Altho the congregation did not even fill the one main room of the library at first, growth became the keynote. Soon the speaker stood in the doorway between the two downstairs rooms. Next, stairs themselves became occupied with people. Finally the whole second floor bulged with listeners as loudspeakers carried the words of the unseen speaker to them. Another meeting place had to be found.

And so it was that in September of 1956 the Headquarters congregation moved to its new home, the Shakespeare Club auditorium. Growth continued to be the keynote. A clear illustration of this is the fact that since then the following churches have been raised up to take care of the overflow from the Headquarters congregation: Los Angeles, North Hollywood, El Monte, San Bernardino, Long Beach, and Santa Barbara!

But, now God has supplied a new and larger meeting place for His Headquar-



NEW HOME -- Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong making announcements to Headquarters congregation during historic first Sabbath service. It has been eight years since the Pasadena Church assembled on the Ambassador campus for regular services.

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Mrs. JONAS — Continued from Page 6 to introduce Mrs. Jonas' six children, starting with the eldest, through to the youngest. First of all there is Vida,



Mrs. Kiran Jonas' children.

who is 11 years old. Next comes Florence, 9, then Clarice, 8, Elizabeth, 7, Cynthia, 6 and Cyril, 5. And a big hello to you children from all the Church of God News readers!!

Finally, Mrs. Jonas would surely be delighted and thankful if any of you brethren were to write her a letter now and then. Being so alone and isolated and charged with the responsibility of training her family, I am confident that Mrs. Jonas would appreciate hearing from any of God's people, as they find time to drop her a line or two.

Perhaps some of you widows would welcome the opportunity to communicate with Mrs. Jonas. Also, some of you older women, some of you younger ladies and some of you with young families. You too might like to write her occasionally, and let her know that there are others who have deep Christian love and concern for her.

For those of you who want to avail yourselves of the pleasure and privilege of writing to Mrs. Jonas, the following address will find her: Mrs. Kiran Jonas, 132-B Hospital Quarters, General Hospital, Seremban, Malaysia.

If you wake up and find you are a success, you haven't been asleep.

Melbourne Clubs Combined Meeting

The FIRST combined Spokesman impromptu session in Melbourne was successfully held on the evening of October 24.

Mr. William D. Winner, Director of both Melbourne Clubs, said the evening

was "interesting and enjoyable" -- overall, a feeling shared by every member present!

"B" Club president, Mr. M. H. Kernot, opened a brisk business session with the best contribution coming from "A" Club president, Mr. Charles Gover. The "B" Club treasurer, Mr. J. H. McGrath, was blessed with the opportunity of leading the Clubs in Table Topics, and gave an excellent performance. Mr. Max McCrow gave the best contribution to this session.

A member of only a few weeks, Mr. Ian Willis, did a good job as Toastmaster, while the first speaker, Mr. S. Ordon, was evaluated as the Most Effective Speaker of the night. He related some first-hand experiences at the hands of the Gestapo during World War II.

The Most Improved Speaker, Mr. Mike Bundy, gave a very colourful description of a ship steward's day in a mid-ocean storm. As a result, most of the Spokesmen decided it would be healthier to stay on firm ground!

The Most Helpful Evaluator of the night was Mr. G. Ames ("A" Club secretary).

Mr. Winner afterwards told members that he looked forward to these combined meetings. He stated that the interest was good and was sustained throughout the evening. He stressed the need for the members to increase their word power by developing a good vocabulary.

MELBOURNE PICNIC AT SEAFORD

Melbourne Spokesman Club A organized a picnic at Seaford, just a few miles from Melbourne, on December 25. Despite a very wet night and an overcast sky in the early morning, not a drop of rain fell on the large group of picnickers all day. The sea was smooth and afforded a cool, refreshing change from the sunshine which, even so, produced a "lobster" tinge on many overexposed faces.

While others bathed or enjoyed fellowship, most of the men played an unorthodox game of cricket; at one stage there was a stealthy creeping away of some of the cricketers to start a game of softball further up the beach. The would-be deserters furtively rejoined the cricket game after they had been observed spending some time searching fruitlessly for something in the dense ti-tree.

After lunch ("bring-your-own" style) Mr. William Winner showed the men a variation of American football; because of inexperience more time was spent

planning strategy than in actual play, but with this and one or two other organized games the group dispersed about 4:30 p.m., after a very enjoyable day.

Anatomy Lesson. In a human being, the wishbone is located just under the hat.

ORDINATIONS

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cidentally, Mr. Reg Platt is a Londoner, another Englishman God is preparing for greater service in His Work.

The two remaining ordinations were those of Mr. Donald Waterhouse -- younger brother of Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, God's Evangelist in charge of the South African Office -- and Mr. David Bierer. Both were ordained to the office of Local Elder.

For some of our readers with numerical tendencies disappointment may be felt over the apparent insignificance of the number of ordinations, but wait!

Records show that at the time of the Conferences God's Church had a total of 126 ministers, which adds up to 9. Then six ordinations makes the number 132, a total of . . . 6. Of this grand total the number of Englishmen is -- why of course, 6. And, further, in the near future MORE ORDINATIONS ARE PLANNED. How many? You're absolutely right. . . 6! And the then grand total of 138 ministers will add up to 12!!

Food for thought? Yes. Interesting? Why of course. But let's not be sidetracked. First we should contemplate the blessing to the Work these ordinations mean, and thank our God sincerely.

Advice is seldom welcome, and those who need it the most usually like it the least.

PHILIPPINES — Continued from Page 1

cember 28, 1964:

"Now for some more good news! We have just received authorization from Headquarters to accept three more stations on a nightly basis. They are all three in new areas that we have not been covering before. They are Bukindon in the heart of Mindanao Island and Legaspi City and Sorsogon on the southern tip of Luzon Island. Now we will have nine stations here in the Philippines.

"During Mr. Waterhouse's recent visit here we hired another employee for the office here. So now our staff consists of 5 employees here in the Philippine office. Our mailing list is now 28,000

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BITS 'n PIECES

It gives us pleasure to announce the birth of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Cole's third child. It's a boy! Richard Allen Cole came into the world in quick smart order on the morning of January 27. The



Meet Richard Allen Cole

labour and birth occupied less than an hour's time; the birth itself occurring at 3:10 a.m. The weight of the child was 6 lbs., 12 ozs. Richard Allen took his place in the Cole family along with his brother and sister, Randy and Patricia. All are doing well. We offer our special congratulations to the Coles!

● Sabbath service meetings are currently being held in Anzac House at the regular time, Sabbath afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. It would be a wise thing, however, for any members from outlying areas planning to attend a service in Sydney to call in or write us beforehand to make certain of the meeting place and time.

● Most of the Sydney Congregation was not aware of Mr. Waterhouse's second -- albeit very short -- visit to Australia in early December, until it was announced in services. He made a brief stop in Sydney on his way from the Philippines to South Africa.

● In connection with the admonitions contained in Mr. Cole's letter announcing the tour into Southeast Asia, the Sydney Bible study has had some lessons in world affairs and geography during his absence. A map displaying the route to be taken by Mr. Cole and Mr. Abraham was posted where all could view it both in the Bible study and at Sabbath services. One Bible study included three movies. The subjects included a brief history of India, Nationalism in Southeast Asia, and the "Quiet War," which dealt with the South

Vietnam situation.

● Dr. and Mrs. Charles V. Dorothy have become parents for the fourth time. An 8 lb. 14 oz. son was born to them on December 19, 1964. The name was not available before press time. Dr. Dorothy is Dean of Instruction at Ambassador College in Big Sandy, Texas. The Church of God in the Australian area sends its congratulations and best wishes to the growing Dorothy family.

● Many of you will be interested to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hammer now have a son! Further details are not available at this writing.

● Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin D. Ortiguero of our Manila Office are now the happy parents of a baby girl, Phoebe Rhoda. She was born on November 8, 1964, at 5:10 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 8 oz. As an interesting sidelight, you will remember their wedding was the first ever performed in the whole history of the present era of God's Church in Manila, the Philippines. The ceremony took place last February as Mr. Pedro S. Ortiguero reported in this edition of the Church of God News. Congratulations to the happy trio!

● Happy news from New Zealand! Mrs. P. H. Gerraty has written us giving limited details of a "lovely new daughter" God has blessed her and her husband with. In fact, that is the limit of the details we have to date. Nevertheless, Congratulations to the Gerraty family!

● Mr. Clarence Huse, local elder, Sydney, and family have recently moved into a new home. Having moved from the Lane Cove area, they now reside in a newly developed area in North Ryde. For those needing to contact Mr. Huse, the new phone number is: 88-5146.

● Mr. and Mrs. R. Orchard of East
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HEADQUARTERS CHURCH

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ters Church. For a while at least, the church can now expand in numbers without bursting at the seams. Altho, as sure as God continues to give the increase that day will come. Perhaps by then the new church and college auditorium will be completed and once again Headquarters will move into a larger, finer home!

But in the meantime, tho, what a beautiful, well-lighted place we have now!! Let's deeply appreciate and be thankful for the luxurious facilities God has given to us.
Courtesy Headquarters Edition Church of God News.

Melbourne Member Dies

Word has been received from the pastor of the Melbourne Church, Mr. William D. Winner, of the death of one of the founding members of God's Church in that city.

He was Mr. Janis Lesins, who died on Friday afternoon, December 11, following a prolonged illness.

Mr. Lesins is survived by his wife, one daughter (both of whom are members of the Church of God) and two sons -- Martin and Andre (who also attend Church regularly).

Mr. Lesins was first contacted by Mr. Tony Hammer and Mr. Dexter Faulkner during their 1961 baptizing/visiting tour to Victoria, and both he and his wife were among the first few attending services at the founding of the Melbourne Church.

On behalf of God's people in Southeast Asia, the Church of God News extends deep sympathy to the bereaved family, with the comforting assurance that the day is almost at hand when "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first" (1 Thes. 4: 16).

Picnic at Wattle Park

Because of its handy location and beautiful setting and facilities, Mr. William Winner again chose an area of Wattle Park for a Melbourne Church picnic on Sunday, November 1.

The weather could hardly have been improved on and contributed to what was perhaps the most enjoyable picnic yet. Approximately 158 people attended the outing and most had a lot of fun participating in the variety of games which were played, including baseball, volley ball, table tennis and some "Olympic Games" such as shots, javelin, discus and even boomerang throwing!

Two teams of married men and women opposed two teams of single people in baseball and volley ball.

It may have been that age rather than marriage was the deciding factor, but certainly the single people outshone the married.

Lunch was "Feast Day" style, with everyone helping themselves from delicious, laden tables. (It was suspected that later even some little boy strangers entered into the spirit and helped themselves from our abundance!)

Games and fellowship finally wound up about 5 o'clock bringing to an end a very happy and harmonious day.

Radio London

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other SEVEN years of this last 19 year time cycle still to be completed! TWELVE is God's number denoting commencement, establishment, opening, starting, etc., while SEVEN denotes perfection or bringing to perfect COMPLETION!

For the past 12 years God has been establishing His Work in Ephraim! Now for the next 7 years -- the LAST 7 years of the LAST 19 year time cycle -- God is going to bring His Work in Ephraim to PERFECT COMPLETION! He is going to FINISH the Work which He started 12 years ago!

Brethren, we should all REJOICE at the thrilling manner in which God Almighty is moving to conclude the Great Commission Jesus Christ gave to His Church nearly 2000 years ago!

We should all be deeply grateful to the Almighty for opening RADIO LONDON for the proclaiming of His Gospel -- the GOOD NEWS of The WORLD TOMORROW -- to our brothers in Ephraim!

Remember to PRAY for this station! Ask the Almighty to keep this station open for the preaching of His Word! Ephraim needs it, the whole world needs it!

And Brethren, BE EARNEST! Put your HEARTS into your prayers, and God WILL HEAR, and He WILL ANSWER (Jer. 29:13; James 5:16)!

BITS

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Maitland, N. S. W., very happily announce the birth of their first child. The date of the birth was not given. However, it's a fine, healthy girl -- she weighed 9 lbs. 11 oz. and was 23 inches long at birth. Mrs. Orchard had some difficulty but the whole family is now doing well. The name chosen is Suzette Margaret.

● The Melbourne Church proves it is a growing Church -- we are happy to make the following announcements: Mr. and Mrs. George White became parents for the sixth time on 19 November, 1964. A daughter, Carolyn Ellen, was born to them on that day at 3:50 a. m. Mr. and Mrs. Webb of Strathmore became parents for the fourth time with the birth of their fourth girl, Angela Louise. She was born at 11:15 p. m. on 24 November, 1964. Our warmest wishes to the Whites and the Webbs.

● Tennis, anyone? At least two groups of Sydney Church members meet each Sunday to play tennis. One group meets during the day, the other in the evening. If any in the Sydney Church is interested, see Mr. Pye or Mr. Brian Eveille for details.

● Miss Jessie Emmett of the Sydney

Office recently entertained some friends in Australia on holiday from the United States at a late, semi-formal evening supper, in her flat in Kirribilli. Mr. Bill Myers, of the Letter Answering Department, was acting host.

● Further news has come to hand concerning the expanded family of Mr. Tony Strudwick -- it seems there has been an "additional addition" (see last Church of God News). We hasten to add, however, that Mrs. Strudwick was elsewhere at the time. What passenger could be so important as to warrant a back seat tour of the more fashionable section of New Farm and then across to Norman Park? It was none other than an expectant goat!! Nevertheless, it could have been worse -- the goat could have been sitting in the front seat! Family -- goat, kid and all -- are doing fine, thanks!

● A letter was received recently from Ward II of the Perth Hospital; it was a letter of thanks to the Almighty God for healing. The doctors feared pneumonia -- Mrs. A. I. Butcher feared God and followed His command regarding healing. She was healed! The infection in Mrs. Butcher's lungs came as a result of a harrowing experience she went through the previous Sunday, 17th January. At the beach she got into difficulties and was swept out to sea and was almost washed onto a reef. But she was rescued and rushed to hospital. One of God's ministers was contacted and Mrs. Butcher reports the severe pain she had was gone Sunday evening, even though the anointed cloth didn't arrive until Tuesday afternoon. And she was awaiting release from the hospital on Wednesday, although the doctors had told her husband she would be in hospital for a week. Mrs. Butcher wishes to thank all those persons who visited her and sent flowers -- not only for brightening her life and the whole ward, but also for the lift it gave to an elderly lady in the next bed. We rejoice with you, Mrs. Butcher, and give God thanks for His merciful deliverance during your trial.

● Mr. Roy Page, pastor of the Brisbane Church of God, and family have recently moved from their flat into a spacious home at Stafford. God showed His approval by granting them special favour with the owner -- the rent was lowered by a pound and they were given opportunity to occupy the home before others who were interested. The home, located on a hillside, incorporates many advantageous amenities, including a fine kitchen, three bedrooms, a broad verandah, a large enclosed patio, barbecue, a workbench with a comple-

ment of tools, etc. The amazing thing is that all this is costing them one shilling! -- that's the price above that for the former flat in New Farm. God is truly bountiful and knows how to help His servants serve others more effectively.

● Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Battles, ministering in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas area, are now the happy parents of a long-awaited son, Jon Byron. The child was born on 2 December, 1964, and weighed 8 pounds. As a point of interest Mrs. Battles is Mr. Clarence Huse's sister.

● Mr. and Mrs. Couston of Brisbane announce the birth of their fourth child. Under threat -- in accordance with the law -- of being delivered by instruments (because of Mrs. Couston's exhaustion, sustained pressure, pelvic obstruction, and the doctor's fear that the baby had only a few minutes to survive), Gillies Couston became a new member of a very happy family by a normal birth. You see, God heard the prayers of his servant and those praying for Mrs. Couston, and honoured their faith in trusting Him just that little while longer. A very astonished doctor put away his instruments and recorded that Gillies Couston was born at 10 a. m. December 22nd, weighing 8 lbs. 14 oz. Mother and child are completely unharmed and in the very best of health.

● Thoughtfulness on the part of an unknown benefactor has resulted in the provision of a nappy service for Mrs. Couston immediately on her return from hospital. . . what more could any mother wish for at such a time. Thank you, whoever you are, from Mr. and Mrs. Couston.

Philippines—

Continued from Page 8 and we have already received nearly 12,000 requests for the new book. They will all be sent from Headquarters.

"We are having some very good weather here right now tho many parts of the country continue to have rain which is ruining the harvest season. It looks like next year will be a rough one for many thousands here. Already many have become homeless with the recent typhoons. One man sent a telegram to us requesting relief for the flood victims in his area. The weather is upside-down with wet harvest seasons and dry planting seasons. In addition to the troubles from the weather next year is a presidential election year and promises to be a violent one. It surely is good to have God's protection in a place like this and especially in the months to come."

Make sure YOU pray for the success of God's Work in the Philippines!