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REPORT-BAYLEY'S WORLD-WIDE TRIP

As most of you Sydney brethren will realise, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bayley and their daughter, Miss Nancy Bayley, were absent from Australia for over 5 months recently during which time they were privileged to take an extensive overseas tour, including visits to many far and distant lands. Upon their return, Miss Bayley wrote the following report.

"We left Sydney on March 10th, crossing the Pacific to Long Beach, California, where we observed the Passover held at Pasadena. From there we travelled through California to Vancouver, B. C., thence through the Canadian Rockies to Calgary and Edmonton, where we spent some time visiting and tripping back into those wondrous mountains.

"We next skirted the Great Lakes, travelling into Ontario to Toronto and Hamilton. By now we were experiencing spring in the Northern Hemisphere. . . . Our visiting took us to Niagra Falls. . . .

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STUDENTS LEAVE FOR BRICKET WOOD

The tremendous blessing and opportunity to become college-trained, bonafide Ambassadors for Christ has been extended to several more young residents of the Southern Hemisphere this year. At least ten new students are leaving their native homelands for Bricket Wood, one of the happiest places on earth today -- where students learn to get in step with God's ways leading to real success and happiness. This Australian-New Zealand assemblage will raise the total Aussie-Kiwi population in Bricket Wood to about TWENTY-ONE.



Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong
Dining on board S.S. United States.

MR. & MRS. ARMSTRONG RETURN TO PASADENA

After spending several months at the College at Bricket Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong have returned to Headquarters at Pasadena, where their arrival was eagerly anticipated. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were accompanied on the return journey by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chapman and family and Miss Sheila Costello, the first young lady granted a transfer from the Bricket Wood campus to Pasadena. Mr. Chapman is to establish residence in Big Sandy, Texas, where he will supervise the construction and operation of a radio studio which will soon be built as a

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Most of this year's students sailed from Sydney, Tuesday, 13 August, aboard the Italian Liner "Fairsky." Their trip was to include stops in New Zealand, Singapore, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt and Italy. In Italy they plan to leave the voyage and tour Europe on the final leg of their 12,000 mile journey. Their trip to date is reported to be packed with unforgettable experiences and blessings. Among those being admitted this year are:

Kevin Benefield, Melbourne Church member. After failure to succeed in chemistry, his life at a low ebb, Kevin first heard the inspiring WORLD TOMORROW broadcast in November, 1960. Until recently he worked as a bank clerk. Douglas Cox, a Tasmanian, came to Sydney January, 1963. In Tasmania he attended a university, worked in copper mining, and was a thoroughly devoted enthusiast of mountain climbing. While beginning university studies, Douglas was also earnestly seeking to understand the Bible. Not being able to understand he asked God to show him the truth and soon noticed Mr. Armstrong's ad in Reader's Digest.

Karl Karlov, Estonian, born in Augsburg, Germany, noticed a small advertisement in a newspaper wrapped around some greengroceries in Sydney. Since that first contact his entire fam-

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EDITORIAL-

By Clarence O. Huse

God's ministers are to bring YOU meat in due season -- instruction at the proper time (II Tim. 4:2). "Three times (seasons) in the year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which He shall choose; in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Tabernacles..." (Deut. 16:16). These times comprise the three main seasons of the year during which God's seven annual Holy Days occur -- in the spring (Passover, Unleavened Bread), in the summer (Pentecost) and the fall (Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles, Last Great Day). Of course the seasons are reversed here in the southern hemisphere.

God's festivals are not VAIN and EMPTY like the world's pagan holidays. They are NOT a waste of time! God instituted them for the INSTRUCTION and EDIFICATION of His people -- those being called at this time and TRAINED for positions of service in His Kingdom. Have you ever realised, brethren, that each of you, regardless of age, is a DISCIPLE of Jesus Christ? A Disciple is a student or learner, one who needs to be TAUGHT. Isn't it paradoxical how some will obey the command to attend; and in so doing, will jeopardise jobs, risk family strife, travel great distances, overcome all obstacles, and then, GO BACK HOME EMPTY because they failed to glean these PRECIOUS TRUTHS. It takes more than just physical presence at these festivals to make YOU a profitable disciple of Christ.

There must be DOING on your part.

A good student does not trust everything to his memory; neither should you. You are only kidding yourself if you think you can possibly retain everything you will hear. It takes TIME for your mind to properly digest and put into practice the knowledge you will receive. And, with the continual receiving of more "meat" daily, you simply cannot accomplish this at the Feast. You need to record this information and instruction for later review. This is where the valuable tool of note-taking comes in.

Experiments have PROVEN that the more of your senses you incorporate the greater your ability to retain knowledge. Taking notes helps you to CONCENTRATE on what's being said -- it forces your mind to THINK! Distractions and drowsiness will also prove to be less of a problem.

After the services are over and you are waiting in line to be served, talk about what you have just learned. Discuss the sermons and sermonettes over the meal table -- let them be the topic of your conversation. The more you discuss God's Word with other brethren, the more you will retain yourself -- REPETITION is a key to learning. Remember, brethren, God holds each of us accountable for this LIFE-GIVING KNOWLEDGE that is disseminated during His festivals. You can "get it" if you really want to. Don't allow it to slip through your hands by being neglectful.

Now, let's notice some principles to apply in taking proper notes. Some people's notes are utter confusion -- they cannot even comprehend what's been written themselves. God is NOT the author of confusion! Slivers and scraps of paper or pieces of torn envelopes won't do the job right. What you need is a good permanent notebook. Those having a spiral-wire binder with cardboard covers are popular. Such a notebook will keep your notes permanently and neatly in order, and in one place. Next, try to avoid taking notes in pencil, especially the soft-leaded pencils. Ballpoint pens are very inexpensive and will produce a permanent, more legible set of notes.

Now that you have the necessary tools -- pen and notebook, the exact method depends on you. These are YOUR notes -- they're for YOUR study and review! Whether you print, write longhand or shorthand is up to you. Strive for balance. Many either write too much or not enough. After you have the speaker's name, date and subject of his sermon, don't just put down a list of scriptures by themselves. This won't help you later. After you've put down the scripture, write the thought or the point

the speaker is bringing out about this scripture. How is he applying it? Don't crowd your notes, leave a little space between scriptures so you can come back later and add points that come to your mind.

If you are still unsure or if you have additional questions, don't hesitate to ask for help. Any of those men giving sermonettes and assisting with the song leading will be able and happy to assist you.

Our forefathers continually FORGOT God's laws and consequently had to suffer punishments and captivity. Let us not be guilty of the same thing by failing to take and then USE thorough, accurate notes!

Mr. & Mrs. Armstrong

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part of the soon-to-be-established third campus of Ambassador College.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong had a short stop-over at New York, before embarking on the last leg of the long journey "home." The return of God's leading minister to Pasadena will, as usual, bring renewed activity and further expansion in this Great Work of God. You brethren are all exhorted to continually pray to the Almighty for His blessings, guidance and direction upon His servant that he may have the wisdom, understanding and strength necessary to fulfill his important office.

BAYLEYS

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"We returned to Toronto, then travelled on to Montreal from whence we steamed down the St. Lawrence and across the Atlantic, calling at Greenock in Scotland, then to Liverpool, England.

"... From our headquarters in Liverpool we visited the Lakes District, the Midland Counties, Stratford-on-Avon and Wales. One of my cousins accompanied me on a tour to the Continent, which took us through Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France.

"Our last week was spent in London and in making a visit to Bricket Wood with its glorious English setting. The arrival of the students now on their way to Bricket Wood is being eagerly awaited by the Australians at present studying there."

Miss Bayley relates how they returned to Australia by ship, via the Suez Canal, the Red Sea (passing the point where God led Israel across the dry sea-bed), India, Singapore, and Fremantle.

She concludes, "We arrived in Sydney on August 14th, happy to be home after the privilege of such a tour and thankful for the protection we had always been given."

BITS 'n PIECES

Members of the Sydney congregation attending a recent Wednesday night Bible Study, felt chills running up and down their spines when Mr. C. Wayne Cole told them to take pen and paper and prepare to answer a test he was about to give them! With pale faces and trembling hands, the "class" waited with abated breath for the first question -- "Name three references in the Bible emphasising Church Government." After the test, which included 10 questions in all, those who participated gave a sigh of relief when Mr. Cole said he would not correct the answers personally, but would allow each individual to correct his own. However, fair warning was given to all present to BE PREPARED for further tests at future Bible Studies!

● From the States, Mr. and Mrs. Di-bar Apartian announce the arrival of their first child -- a boy! Phillip Gregory weighed 8 lb. 4 oz. at birth, when he arrived on the scene about 7:00 p.m. on 2 September. Mr. Apartian is a minister in God's Church, a professor at the College in Pasadena, and is the Director of the French Department and speaker on the French radio programme of The WORLD TOMORROW. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Apartian, and may God grant you continued blessings!

● Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Cole were host and hostess to ten young ladies and gentlemen, when they invited them to their home for dinner one evening recently. A serving of delectable home-made American style ice-cream was the "ne plus ultra" of the delicious meal, and was followed by some real "old style" community singing which was enjoyed by all. The group left thankful for the wonderful evening and opportunity for fellowship afforded by the Coles.

● Mr. John Rozentals has recently made a big move -- from Perth, Western Australia, by plane via Adelaide and Sydney all the way to Brisbane, Queensland! Mr. Rozentals reports that he is happy to become a Queensland-lander, and is especially happy to have the privilege of attending the Brisbane Church.

● All you brethren will greatly rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. Van der Wende in the fact that God has restored the health of Mrs. Van der Wende to such an extent that she is able now to be up and about for a few hours daily. The Van der Wendes are very grateful for your prayers and concern for her healing, and hope that God will enable Mrs. Van der Wende to meet all of you at the

coming Feast of Tabernacles.

● Miss Cheryl Tupper was a guest in the Steel's home at Cabramatta during the recent school holidays and according to reports, together with Rosemary Steel, Cheryl had a royal time during a well-planned week crammed with activity. Diversions included visits to historic sites, an art gallery, and the Botanical Gardens, while picnicking, hiking, ice skating, baking, and a trip to the city to see "The King and I" helped make it a holiday to be remembered.

● The Kerridge family happily announce the birth of a daughter, Robyn Marie Kerridge, with vital statistics as follows: Date of birth, 30 July; Time, 11:30 a.m.; Weight, 6 lbs. 2 oz.; Length, 16 inches. Congratulations to the Kerridges!

● The latest addition to the Brooks family of Sydney brings the total number of children in the family to six, and Darlene Michel, being of the female gender, has helped maintain the unanimity shown in the previous births of five girls, to the temporary disappointment, we hear, of at least one member of the family who was hoping for a brother! Darlene Michel made her first appearance at 3:32 a.m. on 27 August, weighed 7 lb. 9 oz., and was 21 inches long. We all join in extending congratulations to you, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks!

● Many in God's Church will be saddened to hear of the recent death of Mr. James McCrann. Mr. McCrann, who had no relatives in the eastern states, was buried on Thursday, 12 September, after a service conducted by Mr. C. Wayne Cole.

DEMANDS HEAVY FOR CHILD-REARING BOOKLET

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's recent Semi-annual Letter offering the new, large booklet "The PLAIN TRUTH About CHILD REARING" has resulted in a veritable flood of letters at the North Sydney office of God's Work. Although slightly less than the response to Volume II of The Bible Story last year, it is nonetheless very encouraging.

To date, about 8000 cards or letters have been received requesting the vital booklet. The following statistics will give you some idea of the quantity involved in this many letters. If they were placed in a single stack, one on top of the other, they would stack to a height of 22 feet or, if placed end to end, they would make a row of letters 3/4 of a mile long!

We certainly hope the information contained in this booklet will be applied, and that the readers may reap more of the blessings that come with obedience to God.

MINISTER Elevated In RANK

The recent elevation in rank of Mr. Robert Hoops from a Local Elder to a Preaching Elder will be warmly received by all of God's people. Mr. Hoops, who faithfully serves the Living Jesus Christ at Akron, Ohio, graduated from Ambassador College in 1959. He first served, with his wife Dorothy, in the Pittsburgh area assisting Mr. C. Wayne Cole who was then pastor of the Pittsburgh and later the Akron Churches.

With the higher office goes greater responsibilities, and the consequent need for greater help from the Source of Strength and Wisdom, God Almighty. God's people scattered throughout Australia join with their overseas brethren in extending congratulations to Mr. Hoops, and our hope is that he will become an even more effective tool in the Eternal's hands in the years to come.

More Baptisms In Melbourne

Four new members were added to the Melbourne congregation of God's Church on 21 July, when Mr. Winner baptised Mrs. Wendy Hooper, Mr. John McGrath, Mr. Derk Witzand and Mr. Keith Crouch.

Mrs. Hooper has been attending Church for about five months. She first heard the Truth on The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast about a year and a half ago. She sold her business, a hairdressing salon, to avoid working on the Sabbath and also, as she says, "so that I could be a true housewife."

Mr. McGrath is a teacher with the education Department and has been attending Church since April this year. He was first attracted by the Reader's Digest ad about the British Commonwealth in prophecy. Mr. McGrath says that he is overjoyed to KNOW that he is in God's Church.

Mr. Witzand emigrated from Holland in 1953 and listened to the broadcast for about eighteen months before attending God's Church. He has been in regular attendance in the Melbourne congregation for about a year now. Mr. Witzand spent three years in the Dutch army in Indonesia before coming to Australia and now works in the mail section of the P.M.G.

Mr. Crouch is a final year Science student at Melbourne University and has been listening to the broadcast for about two years. He is a regular visitor to the Melbourne Spokesman Club and intends to apply for entrance into Ambassador College next year.

The Melbourne Church extends to all of you a warm welcome.

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ily has been added to God's Church and now Karl is bound for Ambassador College.

Judith Lehmann, Sydney Church member and employee in God's office, was primarily interested in drama and sport until just after high school when her family began attending services. Judith emphasised that she had previously never thought of being accepted in Ambassador College and being partaker of such opportunity and responsibility.

Lynette Payne, Sydney Church member and employee in God's office originally hails from a sunny Queensland farming area. She began to hear The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast with her family about two years ago and swift-moving events since that time have afforded her opportunity for tremendous growth in preparation for God's College.

Colin Sutcliffe, married member of the Sydney congregation, has been a successful businessman working mainly in the fields of animal husbandry and agriculture. This work was punctured by two years spent as a Navy telegraphist during World War II. Two years after becoming acquainted with the Work of God through Reader's Digest, Mr. Sutcliffe is busily disposing of property to

resettle with his wife and two daughters in England near Ambassador College. Plans are that Mr. Sutcliffe will be flying to England via America and a visit to God's Headquarters at Pasadena in mid September. His family will join him after the Feast of Tabernacles.

David Tarleton, member of the Sydney congregation, worked until recently in a large firm of chartered accountants. Prior to this, his career as a Merchant Navy man was cut short by persistent sea-sickness. His first contact with God's Work was in 1960.

Jeannette Whalan, of the Sydney congregation and God's office, terminated a nursing career March, 1963, to pursue goals God has set for her. She first heard Mr. Armstrong in nurses' quarters when another nurse was dial-twirling. She sent for prophetic booklets revealing frightening conditions ahead and had every foundation rocked. Shortly thereafter a 600 ft. fall in a skiing accident prompted her to study more seriously and inquire into Ambassador College. This brought personal contact with the Sydney office, change of occupation, and change of continents for opportunities unlimited.

Lyle Johnston, wife and daughter, and at least one other New Zealander are slated to become the first Ambassador

College students from this lush, scenic pastoral nation. Mr. Johnston and family joined the seven students from Sydney and Melbourne when the "Fairsky" docked in Wellington, N. Z. No further particulars about those from New Zealand are available at this time but we can rejoice with them as New Zealand is now to be represented at Bricket Wood.

Though we may joke about a "little Australia" at Bricket Wood, these students are not going to represent Australia or New Zealand but to be trained to live more full, abundant lives representing Jesus Christ as college-trained Ambassadors for the Kingdom of God. They are ironing out their personality problems and are learning more perfectly to discipline their minds and bodies to become more effective tools in God's hands to serve their fellow man.

Some of these very students may in the near future return to Australia and New Zealand to serve among their own people. All of us should be with them in our prayers for their dedication, yieldedness and success.

Ministers' Visit Inspires Spokesmen

On Saturday night 24 August, the Sydney Spokesman Club was privileged to have as its honoured guests two members of the Ambassador-Spokesman Club Executive Committee, Mr. Roderrick C. Meredith and Mr. David Jon Hill. The presence of two ministers from Headquarters provided stimulus to the whole club, and helped result in a lively and interesting programme.

While the opinion slips were being tallied, Mr. Hill addressed the members on future plans for the club manual, and urged the Spokesmen to give some thought to suggested club projects which would be of benefit to all clubs worldwide, and so could be included in the manual as approved by the Executive Committee.

Mr. Meredith gave the overall evaluation on the evening's proceedings, in which he urged the Spokesmen to learn to think according to Bible principles. He said members should be learning to express themselves intelligently. He reminded them that the Spokesman Club can be of assistance to each one in God's Church, helping them learn how to better serve.

Mr. Meredith commended the club for its zeal and drive, and admonished each member to continue striving for the perfection that is exemplified in Christ Jesus.

