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Worldwide Church of God begins Feast of Tabernacles

Some of the 15,000 Worldwide Church of God members register for festival services in Mount Pocono.

MOUNT POCONO — Herbert W. Armstrong, founder of the Worldwide Church of God, opened the eight-day Feast of Tabernacles Sunday by delivering a sermon to 15,000 members at the mammoth festival site north of Mount Pocono.

Armstrong in addressing the massive gathering, said, "The here are just a portion of the 30,000 followers throughout the world who are celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles at this time."

The 15,000 members converged onto the 125 acre festival site throughout Sunday for the first official day and will remain until Oct. 11.

Special welcome to Worldwide Church of God edition included in today's The Pocono Record.

Using the great number present as a jumping stone to describe the history of the Worldwide Church of God, Armstrong said, "In 1927 there were only two believers, myself and my wife, now the word is being spread to all corners of the world."

The use of the radio media has greatly expanded the reaches of the faith and Armstrong is quick to express his appreciation.

"In 1933 God opened a great door to our cause with us being possible to transmit the 'word' to distant parts of the country by radio.

"Today because of what he has created, we buy more radio time than anybody in the U.S." he said.

After taking into consideration the historical aspects of the Worldwide Church of God, Armstrong made sure all who are taking part in the Feast of Tabernacles are doing so because, "this is the greatest time of rejoicing you should be experiencing this year."

The reason for the joyous occasion, Armstrong said, while relating to verses of biblical scripture, is for the next coming of Christ.

"Jesus Christ is going to come soon but he is going to have to force people to do what is good for them," he said.

Explaining his statement Armstrong believes today's people are so wrapped up in a confused society which has lost all relationship to good moral living.

Believing a one world government is the answer to the world's chaotic state and citing the possibility of a utopia, he said, "Scientists say a one-world government is the answer to all our problems but they also say such a government is impossible. I want to know why?"

The pastor general continued his sermon by saying when Christ comes he is going to unify the world and "the government of God which has been taken away will be restored.

"We have to look forward to this utopia time, that is why we're here rejoicing tonight."

Influencing the audience many other religious leaders have used ridicule in trying to stop him from spreading the true word. Armstrong referred again to the bible and said "but they laughed at them; and reduced them to ridicule, in what the bible says was done to the apostles and other followers of Christ who tried to preach his teachings.

The people attending the festival are from Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont and the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick, Ontario, Nova Scotia and Quebec.

Services are scheduled throughout the remainder of the week with most of the proceedings beginning at 10 a.m.

Today's morning service is to open before Armstrong, along with his son, Gomer Tod.

What's news

(Dow Jones-Ottaway News Service)

Better relations needed

HONG KONG — The Soviet Union said China today it is "deeply convinced" of the need for better relations because it "would meet the vital interests" of their two countries.

The Soviets made the gesture in a message issued by the president of the Supreme Soviet and Council of Ministers of the USSR to the Chinese government to mark the 22nd founding anniversary of China. The message was broadcast by the New China News Agency.

Treaty price charged

TOKYO — A retired American diplomat says the United States forced Japan to recognize the Nationalist Chinese government of President Chiang Kai-shek as a price for getting a World War II peace treaty.

John K. Emmerson made the statement in an interview published Monday in the mass circulation Mainichi newspaper of Tokyo. He served in China during World War II, and for many years was counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo.

Focus on Mideast

WASHINGTON — Rogers is expected to concentrate heavily on the Mideast crisis in his major policy speech before the UN General Assembly today. The Secretary of State also is expected to reaffirm the U.S. policy that both Taiwan and Communist China should be represented in the UN. Many delegates were in agreement that the U.S. faces hard going with its two-China policy, and a few predicted outright that Peking would be seated, and Taipei expelled, before the end of the current General Assembly session Dec. 21.

Envoy implicated

TRIPOLI — The U.S. envoy to Libya first encouraged and then betrayed about 100 young Army officers who allegedly conspired to overthrow Premier Col. Moammar El-Khaddafy, according to a report published in the usually well-informed Arab newspaper Al-Nahar. The report couldn't be confirmed by other sources, but it followed other Arab reports of an attempt to assassinate Khaddafy.

Declines court consideration

WASHINGTON — Nixon's Supreme Court nominees are likely to be members of the federal judiciary, Rep. Poff, the Virginia Republican considered the leading contender for a Supreme Court seat, asked that his name not be considered because "it appears the confirmation process would be protracted and controversial."

Officer's record reviewed

WASHINGTON — Army Secretary Froehlke is reviewing Lt. Col. Anthony B. Herbert's file to determine whether the much-decorated officer, now facing forced retirement, was unjustly relieved of his command. Herbert claims his career-promising career was turned into a shambles after he accused two superior officers of covering up combat atrocities in Vietnam. Congressional source say Froehlke's review is based on information brought to his attention only last month, including a Tiger Army recommendation that a damaging efficiency report "be expunged from the record."

Hospital waiting list grows

WASHINGTON — Veterans Administration hospitals have built up a waiting list of 6,300 patients, even though they are rejecting 40 per cent of the applicants. The waiting list has more than doubled since Jan. 1. The situation reflects the growth in veterans rolls resulting from the Vietnam war, plus the fact that World War II veterans are growing older and need more medical care, officials said.

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Weather

Local Forecast: Partly cloudy and mild. High in the 70's. Probability of precipitation, 10 per cent. Sun rises at 6:58 a.m., sets at 5:29 p.m. Record Weather Pattern On Page 17.

Good Morning

Now there's a cure for baldness: HAIR.

No stock market report today

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Thieu gets confidence vote

Secrecy of ballots in doubt

Election analysis by UPI

SAIGON (UPI) — One way or another, President Nguyen Van Thieu has won — at least to his own satisfaction — a vote of confidence from the people of South Vietnam.

Thieu claimed all along he was doing it the hard way, running in an open, American-style election with televised speeches and campaign posters and allowing forty in a secret ballot.

His opponents pointed out that, for one thing, he was the only candidate running. And for another, not every one was satisfied that it was a genuinely secret ballot.

The president's two chief adversaries, Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky and Gen. Dương Văn "Big" Minh, dropped out of the race more than a month ago charging in advance the election had been rigged. They called it a farce and a fraud.

Technically, it was a secret ballot. In Kien Hoa province in the Mekong Delta, for example, citizens voted in curtained booths. But they had to deposit their ballots in public ballot boxes in one basket, anti-Thieu ballots in another.

Thieu said before this year's election that he would consider it a vote of confidence only if he won the votes of more than half the 5,952,000 registered voters.

This approaching the 50.3 per cent that the man his pals overthrew, the late President Ngo Dinh Diem, piled up in 1956 in a referendum against playboy Emperor Bao Dai.

Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., said he would oppose restoring authorization for a graduated income tax to pay increased pay.

Also, should the Senate approve the proposal, it will be at least 1973 before the proposed amendment could go to a statewide referendum of the voters. Any amendment must pass two separately elected legislatures, which means it would have to come up for action again before the 1973 General Assembly. This is its first year in the legislative mill.

Meanwhile, officials of the 2.3 per cent flat income tax enacted in late August will continue to bother the General Assembly for some time.

Legislation to give the poor, the aged and the disabled a measure of relief from the flat income tax is on the House calendar.

It would exempt such individuals, providing they earned less than some specified annual. Currently the bill specifies $2,500 for a couple and $2,000 income for an individual. But that could be changed.

The bill must be worded exactly to spell out the definitions of "poverty and disabled" if it is to meet constitutional tests.

Agreement on a wording may take several months. Those persons who eventually may be exempted from the tax will continue to pay the current flat income tax and will have it deducted from their paychecks.

The exemptions will be retroactive so they will eventually have the amounts being withheld refunded. But that process could take additional months.

A vote could come this week in the House on a prison reform bill sponsored by House Majority Leader K. Leroy Irvin, D-Allegheny.

The bill would require the Bureau of Corrections to establish a rehabilitation program for each prisoner based on individual needs. It would also eliminate mandatory minimum sentences for offenses which carry four-minimum sentences of two or more years.

In addition to the tax question, both Congressional reapportionment and changes in the election code will take up much of the legislators' time. The members will be subjected to constant pressure until they resolve those three sticky questions.

The assembly must cut two Congressional districts to bring Pennsylvania's delegation down to 25. Until the 1970 census figures showed a shift in population, the Commonwealth had 27 representatives — 14 Democrats and 13 Republicans.

The state legislature could shuffle figures to give the Democrats an even-sider emerge ness that fairly ruled both chambers.

The decision on what revisions should be made in the election of delegates to the national conventions could significantly alter the face of presidential politics in the Commonwealth.

The Republican party has not yet adopted a stand on the revisions, but the Democrats have listed a series of changes they want instituted.

The Democratic State Committee has adopted a resolution calling for 75 per cent of the 182 Pennsylvania delegates to the Democratic convention to be elected, 15 per cent chosen by the elected delegates, and 10 per cent appointed.

A young South Vietnamese girl casts her ballot in South Vietnam's presidential election Sunday.

Plurality surprises officials

SAIGON (UPI) — President Nguyen Van Thieu and his "democracy ticket," running alone in South Vietnam's presidential election Sunday, piled up a 93.5 per cent plurality of the first 925,000 votes counted, the government said.

Spokesmen said the turnout was heavy despite Communist rocket attacks, public health explosions and demonstrations.

Thieu and his running mate, Vice Presidential candidate Tran Van Huong and alternate Tran Thien Khiem, campaigned unopposed after his two major opponents dropped out charging the election was rigged. They were Gen. Duong Van "Big" Minh, leader of the 1963 coup against Ngo Dinh Diem, and Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky.

The president said several times in nationwide broadcasts during the campaign that voters could cast their ballots against him by defacing them or dropping empty envelopes into the ballot box.

He asked for a "vote of confidence" from the people, but the results available in Saigon Sunday night and early today extended even the predictions of his advisers. Hoang Duc Nha, his private secretary, spokesman—and nephew—had said he probably would get about 65 per cent of the vote.

The vote ran as heavily for Thieu that the government ordered the returns dropped from the national television network late Sunday night — presumably until the returns could be checked. Vietnamese sources said Nha ordered the network to stop reporting votes until today.

There were several known discrepancies. The official election center in Saigon reported complete returns from the city of Da Nang by 8 p.m., showing that Thieu got 14.4 per cent of the vote there.

But UPI correspondent Robert Ruhlman, reporting from the country's second largest city, said at 11 p.m. officials at city hall there had not even finished tabulating the number of persons who voted, and counting of ballots for Thieu would not begin until the morning.

The court there was delayed because Du Hong was submerged in a wave of violence organized by the militant Ao Quang Buddhist sect that lasted most of the day.

In Hien Hoa province south of Saigon in the Mekong Delta, heavily infiltrated with Viet Cong, voters told UPI correspondent Barney Seibert they went into the booths in twos and threes "because we're afraid to go alone."

First of three legal steps

State may act on tax law

HARRISBURG (UPI) — The 1971 General Assembly, which reconvenes today, this week could complete the first of three steps to legalize a graduated state income tax in Pennsylvania.

A House — passed proposed amendment to the state Constitution could come up for final action in the Senate. But before a final vote is taken, there is certain to be an attempt made to revise the proposal to bar any graduated tax imposed at the local government level.

Economy controls to brake rising doctor, hospital costs

WASHINGTON (UPI) — HEW Secretary Elliot L. Richardson said Sunday that the second phase of President Nixon's economic program will include some kind of controls on doctor and hospital costs, as well as legislation to provide a more government structure to brake rising medical costs.

"Yes, there certainly will be," Richardson said when asked during an interview whether the administration planned some means of dealing with the cost of medical services.

Nixon is expected to announce his plans in mid-October for the period following expiration of his 90-day wage-price freeze Nov. 13.

Richardson, the secretary of health, education and welfare, was interviewed on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press."

Richardson said that in "comparatively few" communities there have been problems created by the use of boxing to achieve school desegregation. But he said busing was working well, not necessarily because of its merits, but because of "the good sense and dedication of the people."

He repeated his support of President Nixon's policy that busing be held to an absolute minimum consistent with Supreme Court rulings. But he also said HEW's policy was to enforce civil rights legislation and end discrimination in education.

On other matters, Richardson said:

—The proposal for city-suburb school consolidation could raise "all kinds of problems," such as local autonomy and community pride, and should be left to the communities themselves to decide.

—"We've made it clear that we're willing to pull out all the stops to get action by the Senate this year" on Nixon's welfare reform proposal, which has passed the House.

—He favors coping with the specific health problems involved rather than lower the Social Security eligibility age for blacks, Chicanos and American Indians, whose life expectancy is much lower than white's.

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