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Dear Ministers of Jesus Christ,

This will be the last issue of the "Pastor General's Report" printed before Passover. Most all U.S. and Canadian and some international ministers will receive it before then. The rest of you will probably receive it during Unleavened Bread.

As we take the Passover this year we need to keep in mind one very important difference between the sacrifice of the Passover lamb as a symbol of Jesus' death for the remission of sins, and the actual sacrifice of our Savior. The Passover lamb died at the designated time each year by a quick and merciful killing. Not so with the sacrifice of Christ. The death of Jesus was preceded by a sleepless night, a betrayal, a trial, mocking and ridicule, a horrible scourging and hours of crucifixion. We should take note of Jesus' example, that the taking of the bread as a symbol of His broken body precedes the taking of the wine as a symbol of His shed blood. Jesus suffered great physical and emotional agony ending in His death as a complete sacrifice, paying the full penalty of sin in our stead. As we are told in Hebrews 5:8-9, "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." Let's partake of this Passover deeply appreciating the transcendent purpose of Jesus' suffering and death in our place, that we might spend eternity with Him in perfection!

I'm sure you all took careful note this past week of the reaction of Europe to the American air strike against Libya. Wednesday, April 16, the LOS ANGELES TIMES ran a front page headline, "U.S.-Europe Split Worse Since Vietnam." Only Britain's Margaret Thatcher stood with the U.S. decision. And, of course, she was strongly criticized by the opposition in Britain's government, as well as by her own people. The Israeli government, which said it had not been warned of the strike beforehand, also stood in support of the U.S. action.

This whole incident has served to further alienate the U.S. and Britain from the NATO alliance. We see Europe again taking the tolerant, do-nothing appeasement position that

permitted the gradual but sure rise to power of Adolph Hitler in the 1930s. Europe's desire for its own defense capability apart from the U.S. can only be ultimately strengthened by these recent events.

Remind God's people that judgment is upon the house of God now. We do not know how much time we have left. But one thing is

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sure. Events are moving ever closer to the final crisis at the close of this age. The going will not always be so pleasant as it seems to be today. Revelation 12:12-14 tells us clearly that before the woman (or Church) is taken to "her place" where she is nourished from the face of the serpent, she will be persecuted (13). Stir up God's people to realize the need to be repentant, to change, to grow. Help them realize that God has called them out of this world! And, as I've said so many times, set the example yourself. God does hold you responsible.

But with it, encourage, uplift and show them they can do it. Be patient, understanding and gentle. But don't compromise with the truth. Show godly love and concern. Pray for your congregations. You are their shepherds. God will help you give them the nourishment and protection they need as you submit to Him.

I have instructed Mr. Les McCullough and Dr. Don Ward to apply for state certification so that we may operate the college in Big Sandy, Texas at least one more year. Last December, Mr. Herbert Armstrong wrote to the brethren that "the certification of the college requiring the pursuing of accreditation, the financial needs of the first commission of the Church and the needs of the ministry" made necessary the decision to close the operations of Ambassador College in Big Sandy, Texas. Since that time I have found that we can be certified for another two-year period without having to pursue accreditation.

This will allow the current freshman class to graduate in Big Sandy, and give us time to see what direction God will lead us regarding the future of the campus there. The state's decision on certification will not be final until July, but as of now we plan to operate next year. Of course, if certification is denied, we will go ahead with plans to allow qualified Big Sandy students to finish in Pasadena over the next two years.

I'm calling on you ministers to pray for God to lead me in these decisions, and to bless the recertification and coming year in Big Sandy.

I was able to announce the names this week of the student leaders for Pasadena and Big Sandy next year as well as a number of full-time and summer trainee positions. You'll read the details and names in the upcoming "Worldwide News." But I wanted to list just a few here for you now: Pasadena's student body president will be Roger Widmer; Big Sandy's student body president will be Cory Erickson. Full-time ministerial trainees will be Mr. and Mrs. Bharat Naker (Australia and India), Mr. and Mrs. Eke Udeagha (Nigeria), Mr. and Mrs. Larry Roybal (Mexico), Sio Oui Shia (New Zealand) and Mike Mitchell (Caribbean). Summer trainees will be Kevin Armstrong and Reese Edmondson (Canada), Nigel Bearman (England), Mr. and Mrs. Aldrin Mandimika (U.S.), Abraham Mathiu (U.S.) and Carlos Lester (U.S.). I'm sure all these will appreciate your prayers for their success in their new responsibilities.

On another subject, President Reagan and the U.S. State Department have again warned Americans to "exercise caution" in international travel. In accordance with these warnings, I feel our United States brethren

should avoid any of the airports cited by the State Department in planning Feast travel this year. While a non stop flight to Tel Aviv would probably be quite safe, most other Middle Eastern, Mediterranean or southern European airports may not be. London, as well as airports behind the Iron Curtain, would probably be safe as well. But any side trips before and after the Feast in Israel should be planned carefully to avoid potential danger.

Finally, after Unleavened Bread the "Pastor General's Report" will become a biweekly publication. This issue will be the last weekly edition. All material currently in the publication will remain, so each issue will be slightly larger. However, we hope that by publishing bi-weekly you will have more time to digest all the contents. We plan to mail on Wednesdays so that most of you will receive your issue before the Sabbath. Mr. Richard Rice's as well as Mr. Gene Hogberg's material will appear in every issue.

Again, thank you for your prayers. Let's carry on the Work with ever increasing zeal and enthusiasm.

Sincerely, in Jesus' name,

Joseph W. Tkach

FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

DISTRICT FAMILY WEEKENDS; HOLY CALENDAR; ANNOUNCEMENT;
PRAYER UPDATES; INTERNATIONAL NEWS--New Zealand, Caribbean, French

District Family Weekends Now that most Y.O.U. districts have completed their family weekends it seems appropriate to comment on some of your questions and suggestions. One item that comes up regularly is the problem of organizing District "Family" Weekends without neglecting the "Family." Often we create a very tight schedule of ball games in separate gyms for various age groups. Or sometimes the boys are playing at one location while the girls are playing at another. This leaves parents in a quandary--or, as they might put it, "a no-win situation."

Compounding that, some coordinators and pastors have included other activities or distractions for the adults themselves. This is especially true of weekends on which multiple seminars are scheduled, with parents and youth choosing which they will attend. While most of the seminar subjects are very profitable, they once again divide the time and focus of the family.

Our initial intent in creating District Family Weekends was to encourage family participation and build family relationships. This was to be done through activities which promote COMBINED participation of parents and their children--for example, Bible Bowls, father-son basketball, mother-daughter volleyball, square dancing or any number of games and activities that could be so combined.

I am reminded at this point of the open house held recently at Imperial Schools. After demonstrating a Thai folk dance, the Thai guests invited participation by the audience including Mr. Tkach. He went right out onto the floor and did a very commendable job of copying the steps and movements of the Thai dancers. Most of us would have been too embarrassed to do such a thing. Why? Because of vanity and having the mind on the self rather than being willing to learn and grow through new experiences. Naturally, many of God's people hang back from trying something new. And though we certainly shouldn't force them to, we should create an environment of fun and fellowship that encourages participation.

Over the years some fine organization has gone into the tournaments that have been held. All this has helped to boost the morale and interest of those youths who are inclined toward athletics. No doubt it has also built some confidence and peer identity. But are we missing a most important opportunity on these special occasions? Can we accept the CHALLENGE now being put forth by Mr. Tkach to build the Church into more than a team? How? By building it into one large worldwide body--the body of Christ. Notice I John 1:3: "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

That fellowship with God is on His wavelength, not ours. We naturally were on Satan's wavelength, which is the way and attitude of "get." It is the way of competition, which is subtle and insidious, getting for self by putting others down. Do we still allow this spirit of competition to pollute our thinking and limit our initiative in youth activities? Do we make the sports contest the focal point of virtually every District Family Weekend to the exclusion of other wholesome, family oriented activities? As some have said, the involvement of many families consists of transporting their child to the game and sitting in the bleachers. For other parents it's working the concessions stands. If this is true, then the term District Family Weekend is surely a misnomer.

We all realize that many parents will not want to be as actively involved as their teenagers. It is also true that most parents enjoy watching their young people play ball. But for 24-36 hours? And that with little time or occasion for close contact or conversation with their child!

Do we have the creativity and initiative to make real improvements the next time around? Have we tapped the resources of our local members? I see no reason why these special weekend activities can't take on more of the feeling of a church social, summer picnic or camp-out where everyone works and plays together to build strong bonds of fellowship. That doesn't mean we should exclude ball games or tournaments! But we should re-evaluate the concept that more is better. With a little brainstorming and a lot of hard work, I believe we can make the District Family Weekend functions anticipated and enjoyed by the whole family. And at the same time we can build and strengthen relationships within both the physical and the spiritual families.

It may be some time before you have the opportunity to put these thoughts into action, but I wanted to plant the seeds in your mind now. Even as we

observe these Spring Holy Days we must be examining ways to draw closer to God in every facet of our lives. For those of us in the ministry, that includes examining how we do God's Work. As we become more unified through submission to Christ's will, He will bless our efforts even more abundantly. Let's begin to think now about this responsibility of promoting family unity. It is one of the most urgent needs of God's Church in this age.

Questions on Calculating the Holy Calendar Recently, many local pastors received an unsolicited and unsigned document from a source titled "Promise Liberty." This letter addressed an alleged discrepancy in the Church's use of the Holy Calendar and calculation of the month in which Passover occurs. Since some pastors have received questions regarding this subject, we are making available a brief write-up that explains the false claims of this document. If you would like a copy, please contact Church Administration.

*** TO BE ANNOUNCED IN ALL U.S. AND CANADIAN CHURCHES ***

Krakow Feast Transfers

Applications are still available for brethren interested in keeping the Feast of Tabernacles in Krakow, Poland. Please write immediately to the Festival Office, 300 West Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91129 or write or call the Bonn Office at Ambassador College, FOT Krakow, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, D-5300 Bonn 1, West Germany. If you have already requested an application, please submit it as soon as possible.

Prayer Updates Carrol Miller would like to convey his appreciation to his fellow ministers and wives and hundreds of brethren for their prayers, cards, flowers and encouragement during the long illness of his wife Peggy. Death came at about 10:15 Monday night, April 14. Peggy was a wonderful example of courage and faithfulness to all of us and was able to assure the family of her love early in the evening before she fell asleep. She will have the complete healing she firmly believed God promises in the next moment of her consciousness, when Christ returns.

I know all of you have been praying for Mr. Elijah Chukwudi. Mr. Frank Brown reports: "Lateef Edalere informed us on Sunday [April 13] that Mr. Elijah Chukwudi died earlier that same morning. He had appeared to make some remarkable improvement during the last two months but had a relapse about two weeks ago and began to suffer increasing pain. He lapsed into unconsciousness early Sunday morning and died about an hour later. Mr. Edalere is looking after all of the funeral arrangements." Please remember Mrs. Chukwudi and her three children in your prayers.

International News

From New Zealand During February the brethren in all Church areas in the region were able to see video tapes of Mr. Tkach's January 18 sermon, as well as the "Tribute to Herbert W. Armstrong" telecast and Mr. David Hulme's first two programs. Everyone was greatly uplifted and inspired to see the way the Eternal is dynamically leading His Work.

God has continued to bless us with a phenomenal beginning to 1986. February's income was up 43.2 percent over the same month last year, and incoming mail was up 145.3 percent.

In last month's "Comments" we described our incoming mail increase of 102 percent as "staggering." We're still trying to find a suitable adjective to describe this month's 145 percent increase! Year-to-date mail is now up by 120.7 percent, and income up by 27.8 percent.

Year-to-date outgoing mail is up by 61.1 percent, so the activity in the office has been up in all areas! Another healthy sign is that new visits are up by 80 percent so far this year.

The major contributing factor to the mail increase is the excellent response to Mr. Armstrong's semiannual letter offering "Mystery of the Ages." Almost 14,000 requests for the book have now come in, with the offer to "Good News" readers bringing a 53 percent response and the semiannual letter bringing in 27 percent so far.

We're very grateful that the Eternal has blessed us with such fine income increases to start the year, because a new raft of inflationary measures are about to strike us. Postage charges are going to rise substantially on May 1. Our postage bill consumes about 10 percent of our first-account income, so these increases will hit us hard. Postage for "The Plain Truth" will rise by 30 percent, and for other mail the increases vary between 20 and 28 percent.

On October 1, the government is introducing a tax on virtually all goods and services purchased in New Zealand. This will increase many of our expenses by 10 percent overnight!

Once again we are seeing in operation the old adage that "The Eternal giveth...but the government taketh away!" But we know that God has power vastly greater than that of human government, and He will make sure His Work gets done!

(Submitted by Peter Nathan, Regional Director)

From the Caribbean Millie and I were at the Refresher Program from January 29 through February 11. This is the fourth refresher for us, and it is truly amazing how the staff can make each program different. The lectures were spiritually uplifting and very helpful. After the session ended we stayed for the Festival Coordinators' meetings.

The new programs are being aired and the results are truly startling. The mail receiving office in San Juan does not normally receive a large number of responses from the television stations we serve, but beginning with the special commemorative program on the life of Mr. Armstrong and continuing with the new series of programs, our TV responses have just about doubled.

In August of 1985 WSJU-TV, San Juan, changed the "World Tomorrow" program from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. The effects of this action were felt instantly as Sunday morning responses fell over 50 percent to an average of 6-8 calls per program. Written responses flagged as well. The lower response rate was discouraging to our telephone volunteers and we noticed that their zeal for participation began to wane.

But after Pastor General Tkach's exhortation "not to just hold our positions, but to move forward," the volunteer telephone answering team here in Puerto Rico had a very exciting experience. In February everything changed. After the powerful response to the tribute program in the United States we went on the spiritual offensive.

Mr. Weeks conducted a telephone response seminar. He covered the fundamentals of telephone response, but also exhorted the volunteers to pray earnestly about their jobs and the overall success of the "World Tomorrow" program. He encouraged them to take their jobs seriously and that if we all do our part then God will bless our efforts. To our very pleasant surprise, the very next week WSJU-TV aired the tribute program at 8:00 a.m. Though minuscule compared to Pasadena's response, our response that Sunday leaped to 32 and through the remainder of the week we received an additional 19 calls for a total of 51.

Since February 9, "the World Tomorrow" has continued to air at 8:00 a.m. and there is also a good chance that we can even get a 9:00 a.m. time, though that is not definite. Needless to say, our telephone volunteers are all very excited once again and have received a wonderful example of what can be done if we all do our part and have faith in God's power to open doors.

(Submitted by Stan Bass, Regional Director)

From the French Office Activity and encouraging progress has characterized God's Work in the French-speaking countries during January and February.

This week we again started receiving mail from our Port-au-Prince, Haiti office. Our deacon, M. Jove Jean-Pierre, wrote that for a while he did not consider it safe to go downtown to collect the mail at our post office box due to the looting and rioting.

Circulation of "La Pure Verite" is 31 percent above last year at approximately 190,000 subscribers. The total circulation, including the newsstands, is presently 282,750. The French "Good News" ("La Bonne Nouvelle du Monde a Venir") is 105 percent above last year's circulation with currently 34,000 subscribers.

Members are up 8.6 percent, reaching 1,506. Our list of prospective members is up 51 percent at 264.

For 15 days in January, the French-speaking churches in Switzerland and France held a family ski camp in the Swiss Alps at Verrieres. A total of 100 people came to the camp. Activities for the young at heart and limb included skiing, swimming in an indoor pool, ice skating on Lake

Tailleres, hiking in the mountains and a visit to a music box museum. Several Swiss-German brethren also came to participate. Every night Mr. Bernard Andrist, pastor of the Geneva and Neuchatel churches, conducted a Bible study to complete the refreshment of the inner man.

The waiting-room program in the Quebec City church area, pastored by Mr. Bob Scott, has been producing very good results. So far 229 positive responses have been received for a 70 percent oui from all the waiting-rooms contacted!

According to Mr. Sam Kneller, our pastor in Paris, the average weekly Sabbath attendance is now up to 229 persons, which is 5 percent more than last year. The hole in the ranks created by forming the Rouen church of those who previously attended at Paris has thus been completely filled with new members.

Madame Jane Simonin of the Paris sub-office writes us that the harvest has begun to come in with the Chevalet-presentoir program (Easel-cardholder) in France. With just two or three stands thus far placed in France, we already have received 125 requests for subscriptions to "La Pure Verite."

After months of patient anticipation, the French Department in its Pasadena headquarters has received the Bedford pagination computer system. A giant step forward should soon be realized in saving time, money, typographical errors and related character-building moments--we hope!

Several public Bible studies have been held by the French-speaking ministry during the last two months. In the Bordeaux region of France, Mr. Bernard Audoin conducted at Agen two Bible studies on February 9 and February 16, attracting respectively 15 and 14 interested French PT and GN readers.

Mr. James Muir conducted a three-part series of Bible studies in Lyon, attracting 25, 38 and 18 persons respectively for this series, which ended on February 2. Most of those attending the last study also came for the first two studies. Many good questions were asked.

Following my two public conferences at Fort-de-France, Martinique, Mr. Eric Dubois conducted two follow-up Bible studies which attracted 28 on February 2 and 34 persons on February 9. Mr. Gilbert Carbonnel, arriving back safely from Haiti where he had accompanied me, also conducted follow-up Bible studies. There were 20 people from the outside attending the first of these studies.

During the spring Holy Days, my wife and I will travel to French Europe. We will hold two public lectures in Switzerland. Also, an assembly of all members in Switzerland, including the Swiss German brethren, will take place. Afterwards, we will hold other public Bible lectures in Lyon, Strasbourg and Paris.

(Submitted by Dibar Apartian, Regional Director)

--Larry R. Salyer, Director of Church Administration

EDITORIAL SERVICES

"YOUTH 86" UPDATE; Y.E.S. LESSON PROGRAM GROWING;
 "WORLDWIDE NEWS" UPDATE

"Youth 86" Update The circulation of "Youth 86" is now around 230,000. That's about 10 times as many as it started with. The magazine goes into 138 countries and territories. About 48,000 copies go into libraries in the United States and another 17,000 in Canada. Also, 13,500 copies go on newsstands in Canada. The copies in libraries add between 2,000 and 4,000 new subscribers each month. More than a thousand new subscribers to "Youth 86" have been added, and responses aren't complete yet, from running the article "Are You Sure Everybody's Doing It?" in the April "Plain Truth." Hundreds of letters have come in, showing we have quite a few teens reading "The Plain Truth" as well.

"Youth 86" continues to get positive responses. A reader from Trinidad and Tobago writes, "Your magazines always seem to come at the right time when I'm in need of some help or guidance over a problem or situation."

A reader in the Philippines writes: "Your magazine really helps me a lot--in different ways. The lessons in it teach me how to overcome problems, forming good habits and traits. They brighten my murky and perplexed mind and stir me to do the right things."

As always, we appreciate those of you in the international areas sending us suggestions and news clippings of interest to teens. We want to continue to try to make the magazine as international in interest as possible.

Even though we are right now at the Passover season, we are planning for the Feast of Tabernacles edition of "Youth 86." We are planning to include in the magazine an eight-page Feast supplement that will be sent only to young people in the Church. We would appreciate any suggestions for articles or Church-related questions teens have asked. Please send this material to us in the next three weeks.

The Ambassador College magazine writing class we're teaching here in Editorial is really bearing fruit. In the August issue of "Youth 86" we have three of our students' articles included. Other student articles are scheduled for later issues.

YES Lesson Program Growing The Youth Educational Services (YES) program has grown tremendously in the 1985-86 academic year. More than 30,500 students are enrolled in the program worldwide. Enrollment for non-Church youths is more than 12 percent in the United States and more than 9 percent internationally. This is a record enrollment for this period of the year. Youth Bible Lessons are now being translated into French, Dutch, German and Spanish.

"Worldwide News" Update The "Worldwide News" staff is working on the final issue you will receive before the Spring Holy Days. Featured in the April 21 issue are charts showing various statistical records broken by the Church and the 25th anniversary of the Vancouver, B.C., regional

office. We are very pleased to be able to include Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's "Personal" in the paper now. Please encourage members to faithfully read "The Worldwide News" for spiritual food and as a prayer list for God's Work.

--Dexter Faulkner, Editorial Services

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE UPDATE

On Tuesday, April 15, Mr. Joseph W. Tkach spoke at the weekly Ambassador College Forum. His subject centered around John F. Kennedy's admonition, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." He applied that principle to the students and their relationship to A.C.

He stressed the importance of it being "More blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Mr. Tkach then admonished the students to give full measure--fully preparing themselves so that when they are needed, they will be ready to serve in God's Work, or wherever their lifetime job may be.

The Big Sandy campus was also hooked up to the Forum address so students and staff could listen in. During the address, Mr. Tkach mentioned that the Big Sandy campus will be kept open at least one more year to give the freshmen a chance to graduate, if the state of Texas grants the college there the proper certification. "This [certification] will buy us at least one more year or perhaps two years to determine where God and how God is going to lead us to make further decisions," said Mr. Tkach.

After Mr. Tkach's Forum address, he announced the names of next year's top student leaders, then read the names of students who will serve in Jordan, Sri Lanka, Syria, etc. The students and faculty were all inspired by the Forum.

"The Worldwide News" will list the students who have been selected to serve in one capacity or another. Many of you ministers will be acquainted with one or more of these students, and will, I am sure, be happy to know that they are making good at Ambassador.

We here at Headquarters hope and pray all of you ministers and your congregations will have a happy and blessed Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread.

--Raymond F. McNair, Deputy Chancellor

MAIL PROCESSING UPDATE

MEMBER, CO-WORKER, DONOR GROWTH;
U.S. BAPTISMS; COMMENTS

Member, Co-Worker, Donor Growth Worldwide growth in the number of members, co-workers and donors in the first three months of this year has been very positive. The number of newly baptized members and co-workers added is the highest in many years. The following chart compares the figures for the first three months of last year with this year:

<u>Number Added</u> <u>(Jan. to Mar.)</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Members	1,384	1,490	7.7%
Co-Workers	9,856	11,903	20.8%
Donors	15,028	15,889	5.7%

Current worldwide totals for these groups are as follows:

Members	81,401
Co-Workers	91,937
Donors	148,328

As a note of interest, members of God's Church live in 115 of the 202 countries and territories around the world. Local churches meet in 55 different countries.

U.S. Baptisms We are happy to report that baptisms are quite high for the first quarter of this year! A total of 1,032 people were baptized in the United States from January through March. This represents a 15.2 percent increase over the same period last year, when 896 were baptized. These counts have not been this high for the first quarter of any year since 1975.

We would also like to mention that visit requests are continuing to be made in record numbers. Last month we reported a 40 percent increase in visit requests. This month the increase has jumped to 64.8 percent. The year-to-date count is 5,461.

Telephone responses in the Caribbean islands have also increased dramatically. Trinidad, which has three lines, received 1,491 calls in January and 1,998 in February.

Comments We are now receiving a number of questions about Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread. One reader said that the knowledge of these days is "like a burst of sunshine after a lifetime of darkness." Many are convinced that they should start keeping God's Holy Days and have asked how to properly observe them. Here are some of the letters:

"I have been receiving 'The Plain Truth' for several years along with numerous booklets. Now I am disturbed and troubled because we do not keep God's Sabbaths and Holy Days. I have a burning desire to expose my children to the true Church and its teachings because I want them to be happy--not lost, desolate, and confused.

"We currently attend a Methodist church on Sunday. The people there are very nice, the preacher is thought-provoking--but we're keeping the wrong day and the wrong 'holy' days! What a dilemma!"

Kernersville, North Carolina

"I would like to attend Passover services this year. Can you please let me know where they are held in my area? I have been a subscriber to 'The Good News' and 'The Plain Truth' for over a year now, and for the first time in many years, the Bible does not leave me in utter confusion."

Miramar, Florida

"Could you please tell me specifically how to observe the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread? Are you supposed to eat crackers? Do you have other food also? I was raised a Roman Catholic, and I don't know how to celebrate God's real Holy Days. I received your calendar, but it doesn't say exactly what to do. Are there any churches in western Pennsylvania?"

Van Voorhis, Pennsylvania

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

Editor's Note: The next issue of "Pastor General's Report" will be published May 14, 1986.