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Mr. Armstrong completes Mideast trip

PASADENA — Herbert W. Armstrong returned to his Tucson, Ariz., home Dec. 21 following what he termed six "busy and eventful days" in Jerusalem, his first trip abroad since August, 1977.

Looking healthy and strong for the trip that began Dec. 11, Mr. Armstrong kept to a quick pace of activities that included meetings with

inauguration of the city's new downtown park, the Liberty Bell Park, to honor Mr. Armstrong for his role in making the facility possible.

In a formal ceremony complete with band, Mr. Armstrong gave a short speech as the American flag waved beside that of the Israeli.

A stone sculpture bearing Mr. Armstrong's name was unveiled at the entrance to the park in recognition of Mr. Armstrong's sponsorship of the children's playground area.

tional Cultural Foundation and is doing a good work in bringing about an active friendship between Arab and Israeli youth."

Accompanying Mr. Armstrong was his wife Ramona, treasurer and personal assistant Stanley Rader and

his wife Niki, staff members and four members of *The World Tomorrow* television crew, who filmed all of Mr. Armstrong's activities for future TV programs.

Among those Mr. Armstrong met and had audiences with were Prime

Minister Begin, President Navon, Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin, leader of the opposition Labor Alignment Shimon Peres, Speaker of the Knesset Itzhak Shamir, Moshe Kol and Gideon Hausner, leaders of the

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Israeli President Itzhak Navon, Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan.

Numerous special luncheons, dinners and banquets were given in honor of Mr. Armstrong, who was in Jerusalem to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Work's relationship with Hebrew University and the Israeli Archaeological Society.

On Dec. 17 Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek arranged for a special

Doing a good work

The same day, Mr. Armstrong was honored by having a large paved court named the "Herbert W. Armstrong Square" at the entrance to the International Cultural Center for Youth (ICCY) building.

Founded by Eleanor Roosevelt and former minister of tourism Moshe Kol, the ICCY, said Mr. Armstrong, "has been almost wholly supported in the past 10 years by Ambassador College and the Ambassador Interna-



COMMEMORATIVE DINNER — Herbert W. Armstrong speaks at a dinner sponsored by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek in commemoration of 10 years of cooperation between the Work and Hebrew University and the Israeli Archaeological Society. (Photo by Dick Quincer)

'Good News' returns to magazine format

PASADENA — The preview issue of the newly revived *Good News* magazine, announced earlier by Herbert W. Armstrong, will make its debut around Jan. 5, according to Dexter H. Faulkner, managing editor of the publication.

Mr. Armstrong, editor in chief, said that the magazine is designed to help bring inspiration and encouragement to God's people, and help them face the trials of this life. The first issue of the glossy, full-color magazine, which will appear 10 times a year, contains 32 pages of material relating specifically to the "strong meat" of the Word.

In a cover letter for the January *Good News*, Mr. Armstrong said: "... the need for a publication to feed the flock with strong spiritual meat is evident. Those already begotten with God's Spirit and those who are being called must be shown how to continue in the true Christian lives they have begun."

The new periodical will be mailed to members and co-workers alike, with a circulation of approximately 120,000 worldwide. Previous *Good News* editions (tabloid) were not made available to co-workers, but Mr. Armstrong feels those actively involved and supporting the Work should be privileged to the information that the magazine contains.

The format of *The Good News* will allow five to seven articles per issue, along with several feature sections.

Each issue will begin with a personal from Mr. Armstrong and a lead article by him or another top executive in the Work. Support articles by other leaders in the Church will include sermon summaries from ministers around the world. The editorial philosophy of the periodical calls for several short, straight-to-the-point articles on topics vital to the Christian's storehouse of knowledge, according to Mr. Faulkner.

In the January issue, for example, Dr. Herman Hoeh explains Peter's

vision in Acts 10, and readers can find a key to making the seven laws of success work for them. Also, a photo essay and compiled statistics graphically portray the accomplishments during the 45 years of this Work.

Depending on the time it takes for postal delivery, the magazine should reach most subscribers by the middle of January.

The revival of *The Good News* magazine has also prompted the beginning of *The Worldwide News* again, with this issue. The newspaper was changed to *The Good News* in June of last year.

Complete full-color coverage of Mr. Armstrong's Middle East trip and meetings with Israeli leaders will appear in the February *Good News* magazine.

Pasadena gears up for conference

PASADENA — Plans for the ministerial conference Jan. 15 through 18 are being finalized here, according to C. Wayne Cole, director of the worldwide ministry.

Herbert W. Armstrong, just back from a six-day trip to Jerusalem (see story, this page), is expected to conduct plenary sessions all four days of the conference. Ministerial workshops or specialized lectures are not being included this year.

Mr. Armstrong, now at home in Tucson, Ariz., is preparing for the conference and has a number of subjects he would like to address himself to, according to Mr. Cole.

"We are going to take our cues

from Mr. Armstrong," said Mr. Cole regarding the possibility of sessions other than those planned by Mr. Armstrong.

Unlike previous conferences, only pastors or elders who act as pastors in their areas are being invited to attend. At this writing (preliminary figures supplied by the Ministerial Services Department) 242 pastors and associate pastors are coming from the United States, 78 from Canada, 33 from Australia, 19 from Great Britain, eight from France, six from New Zealand, three from Asia and three from the Philippines. Additional men will be coming from other areas, but specific information is not

yet available at time of publication.

The majority of ministers will be housed by members here who are opening their homes to the visiting men and their families. Already 80 percent of the ministers have been assigned to members' homes, according to the Ministerial Services Department.

Students of Ambassador College are planning a dinner-dance for the ministers and their wives, and the Ambassador Women's Alliance, a women's organization of the Pasadena churches, is sponsoring a tea Jan. 17 so ministerial wives can renew old acquaintances and form new friendships.



YOU CONFERENCE — A delegate to the International Youth Conference participates in a question-and-answer session. (Photo by Roland Rees)

550 teen delegates gather in Pasadena

By Dennis R. Robertson

PASADENA — Youths from around the world converged on Pasadena Dec. 22 through 27 to participate in what Youth Opportunities United (YOU) calls the most important event of its yearly schedule — the 1978 International Youth Conference.

Five hundred fifty youths, representing all 50 states of the United States and 17 other countries, attended the five-day conference at the Ambassador College campus. The youths represented YOU programs in 290 churches in America and 14 in-

ternational churches. Of the total, 40 youths attended from countries outside the United States and Canada.

Delayed by weather

Conference attendees, who in most cases were presidents or vice presidents of their YOU chapters, began arriving here Dec. 21. Several hundred were late, however, because of delays in airports across the country as a result of fog and/or ice and snow. But all participants eventually (See 550 TEEN DELEGATES, page 6)

Mideast treaty: peace or empty promises?

By Stanley R. Rader
PASADENA — Just one week ago I was visiting with Arab friends in Bethlehem, Judea. Today, I read the headlines of my morning paper and they cry out: "Iranian riots extend year of Holy War"; "Negotiations shaky as Vance returns home"; "Christmas Eve finds hope and fear around the world."

Yet other headlines proclaim: "Christmas glows with the spirit of love"; "Pilgrims flock to Christ's birthplace"; "President Carter thankful."

More fear than hope

But unfortunately this day once again portends for mankind more fear than hope, more sadness than

jubilation.

Why must this be so? Why can we find no solution to the problems that have plagued mankind for the past 6,000 years? The answers are simple, but are neither discerned by the many nor heeded by the few who are fortunate enough to be privy to them.

Man has rejected God, God's way of life and His laws. And for 6,000 years man has tried to build his own civilization in accordance with his own ideas about right and wrong, with his own list of priorities and his own concepts of government, education, religion and law.

During our week in Israel, Herbert W. Armstrong and I discussed the progress of the peace negotiations between our Israeli and Egyptian

friends — negotiations that were apparently all but concluded three months ago at Camp David — negotiations that followed in the wake of President Anwar Sadat's much-heralded visit to Jerusalem some 13 months ago; negotiations that were to be reduced to a final peace treaty on or before Dec. 17, 1978 — the very day our official schedule in Jerusalem was to begin.

But it was not to be so. During the 90-day period following Camp David, problems between the two nations appeared — problems that the two Nobel prize-winning leaders could not resolve, despite the greatest pressure from U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his sec-

retary of state, Cyrus Vance.

Why no peace

Why? Because, as Mr. Armstrong told Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, leader of the opposition Labor Party Shimon Peres and others, man has for too long been operating on a "get" rather than a "give" principle — a "get" principle that must surely lead to a breakdown of negotiations and to more violence, more conflict, more greed, more hatred and unhappiness, not only in Israel and in Cairo, but in the entire world.

What are the specific differences that have appeared since the Camp David accords — accords that led the

lived and labored under communism — to at least warn of the danger of collaborating with Marxist movements. It is not felt, however, that John Paul II will risk an open confrontation with the liberationist clerics.

Papal mediator

The most interesting example of the Vatican's new activism in world affairs, however, concerns the naming of a papal envoy to help mediate in a border dispute between Chile and Argentina. It is the first time in nearly a century that a pope has attempted to settle an international dispute. Pope Leo XIII adjudicated a Spanish-Portuguese dispute over the Caroline Islands in the Pacific in 1885.

Regarding Chile and Argentina, the two Latin (and heavily Catholic) neighbors have been threatening to go to war over the control of three tiny islands in the Beagle Channel at the tip of the South American continent. Last year Argentina rejected an International Court ruling that awarded the islands to Chile. The islands are virtually useless of themselves, but have strategic and commercial importance, since the nation that controls them will claim large and rich fishing grounds in the South Atlantic.

Both the disputing countries have accepted Pope John Paul's offer to help settle the dispute, which goes back about 100 years. Cardinal Antonio Samore, 73, has already left the Vatican for Argentina on the first leg of a diplomatic shuttle that could carry him back and forth between Buenos Aires and Santiago, the Chilean capital.

Now, what ever happened to that earlier profession that "we have no intention . . . of participation in the working out of temporal affairs"? Today Latin America, tomorrow . . . ?

Correction

It's evident we are not perfect yet. In the Dec. 18 issue of *The Good News*, page 9 listing of the Worldwide Church of God full-time international ministry, we should have included Herbert W. Armstrong as pastor general and C. Wayne Cole as director of the international ministry.

It should also be noted that Martin Bode is office manager of the Bonn, West Germany, office, not regional director of the German Work. That title belongs to Frank Schnee.

In the article "Seven Proofs of the True Church," in our Dec. 4 issue, the Day of Atonement is referred to as *Rosh Hashana*. This should be *Yom Kippur*. *Rosh Hashana* is the Feast of Trumpets and the Jewish New Year.

We regret these errors and hope these corrections will set the record straight for the benefit of our readers.

Two-tier Common Market; political pope

EEC: the strong and the weak

PASADENA — Two developments in Europe are worth paying particular attention to at this time: the trend toward a two-tier Common Market and the political activism shown by Pope John Paul II.

French pursue West Germany

The European Monetary System (EMS), scheduled to start Jan. 1, 1979 (a last-minute snag may postpone it), is almost solely a product of the efforts of the West Germans and the French. The two trans-Rhine powers dominate Europe and the Common Market.

While West Germany is the more powerful of the two, France is not far behind. France's economy has grown at a faster pace since 1974, and the French GNP (gross national product) is now within 15 to 20 percent of West Germany. French per-capita purchasing power is already superior to West Germany. The French economy is the world's fifth largest, surpassed only by the United States, the Soviet Union, Japan and West Germany.

Position open in television

PASADENA — There is a position open for a television-maintenance engineer at headquarters. Applicants must have training and experience that includes: a thorough knowledge of electronic principles, transistor circuitry, the various families of integrated circuits, digital principles and circuits, ability to use meters, scopes and other test equipment, and the ability to practically apply all of the above in troubleshooting and repairing equipment.

It would be helpful, but not necessary, for applicants to have experience in broadcast engineering, computer technology and/or micro-processors. Duties would include troubleshooting and repairing: videotape recorders, production switches, computerized editors, various equipment interfaces, computerized titling and graphics equipment, TV cameras and monitors.

Previous applicants, who are still interested, are urged to send resume updates.

Send applications to:

Tony Murphy
Ambassador Television
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91123

French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing told his countrymen in a televised address that it was his government's goal to catch up with the West Germany economy in 10 years. He said that a Europe dominated by Germany alone is "unacceptable."

'Iron and miry clay'

What we are seeing in the Common Market today is a definite trend

WORLDWATCH BY GENE H. HOGBERG

toward what has been called a two-tier community. In the first tier are located the Germans and the French along with other strong economies such as Belgium and the Netherlands.

In the second tier are the weaker economies such as Britain (who decided not to join the EMS) and Italy and Ireland. The latter two finally decided to link their fates with the EMS — but only after being promised additional aid from Bonn, Europe's paymaster.

In addition, three countries are knocking on the EEC door. If admitted, all three — Greece, Spain, Portugal — will join the second-tier rank. (Greece may be admitted by Jan. 1, 1981, the others a year or two later.) Each will need financial help and long transitional periods to help their economies adjust to the competition expected from the stronger members. The Portuguese economy is especially weak. A third of its population works on the land — yet Portugal spends a billion dollars a year in agricultural imports. Both Portugal and Italy are politically weakened by strong Communist parties.

One is reminded of the prophecy in Daniel 2:41, referring to the final, 10-toed resurrection of the Roman Empire: "And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken."

Tower of Babel

The Common Market is experiencing growth pains that not all its current members are pleased with. Administratively a larger EEC could be unmanageable. Says an EEC Commission staffer: "When we were a six-nation Community things were manageable. With nine countries, it became a more cumbersome place to run. With 12 countries, it will be an

unholy mess."

The problems could begin with simple communications. There are currently six official EEC languages — English, German, French, Italian, Dutch and Danish. When the Irish came in Jan. 1, 1973, they refrained from insisting on official status for Gaelic, though copies of EEC legislation are translated into it. However, the Greeks, Spaniards and Por-

tuguese, all utilizing proud, historic tongues, are not likely to exercise such restraint. By adding these three languages, the EEC bill for translation would approach \$40 million a year, just for the spoken word. Scores of professionals would need to be added to translate the increased stream of documents.

The Council of Ministers, which sets most of the EEC's policy, could crack under the additional weight. By law they must reach unanimous approval on major issues — perhaps impossible with so many countries expressing divergent interests.

Viewing the dubious prospect of expansion, *Newsweek* reported in its Oct. 23, 1978, issue, "the challenge . . . will be to keep the growing European edifice from becoming a Tower of Babel." Read the 18th chapter of Revelation concerning a worldwide trading power called "Babylon the great."

The activist pope

In his inaugural address last fall, Pope John Paul II said that "we [the papal plural] have no intention of political interference nor of participation in the working out of temporal affairs."

Something has obviously happened since. According to a Reuter's dispatch of Dec. 24, 1978, "the pope has strengthened in the past few days the impression that during his reign the church will be at the center of international affairs."

There are several factors behind the change. For one, Pope John Paul on Christmas Day at St. Peter's in Rome read Christmas greetings to "each and every human being" in 24 languages including Arabic, Chinese, Russian and, of course, English.

A few days earlier the pope confirmed that he would travel to Mexico in January to attend a conference of Latin American bishops. Some experts feel the pope may try to defuse the overly Marxist "theology of liberation" espoused by many in the Latin American clergy. He may use his experience — that of one who has

Nobel prize committee to award jointly to President Sadat and Prime Minister Begin the Nobel Peace Prize for 1978? There are many specific differences but all involve one major point. Does Egypt intend to enter into a real peace treaty with its neighbor Israel? Naturally when the representatives of the two parties began to negotiate some months ago, they were justifiably concerned with the bona fide intentions of their counterparts. Many treaties between nations have been broken in a summary and unilateral fashion, and the resulting havoc has cost the lives of multiple millions.

Israel has been concerned from the beginning that any peace treaty must be entered into with the utmost good faith by the government of Egypt. Under no circumstances can Israel consent to giving up territories in the Suez and the West Bank (in addition to the Gaza Strip) unless the treaty with Egypt would have precedence over any prior obligations of the Egyptian government to neighboring states. Treaties do exist that call for Egyptian participation in the event other Arab states should enter into armed conflict with Israel.

The Israelis claim that the Egyptians have failed to make it apparent to all that a peace treaty with Israel would take precedence over all other existing treaties, limiting Egypt's obligations to its Arab neighbors under those treaties to situations where Israel is "the aggressor." But, the Israeli experience has been, and the world must remember, that Israel when attacked has been labeled by those attacking and others in the United Nations as the aggressor, despite all evidence to the contrary.

A real peace

Israel knows that it cannot afford to lose its security in exchange for empty promises. Israel also knows that it cannot afford to lose even one war. Hence, all the more reason for the Israelis to be concerned that the Egyptians mean to enter into a real peace treaty, not a treaty of "non-peace."

We wonder how much, if at all, these various leaders of the beleaguered State of Israel, in their efforts to find a just, equitable and real peace with their neighbors, will heed Mr. Armstrong's warning that only the "give" principle will produce the results they so eagerly have anticipated for 31 years.

Only God's laws, laws based upon love of God and love of neighbor, will permit them to experience what all people of goodwill so avidly yearn for — peace and prosperity, health and happiness for people everywhere.

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Mr. Armstrong completes Mideast trip

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opposition Independent Liberal Party, Professor Benyamin Mazar and Dr. Josef Aviram of Hebrew University.

Mr. Rader termed the trip "eminently successful" and "truly remarkable." A peace agreement that was to have been, but was not, signed within the Dec. 17 deadline and funeral proceedings for former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir did not seem to affect Mr. Armstrong's itinerary.

Mr. Rader pointed only to the meeting with Mr. Begin as one that did not go as scheduled.

"Mr. Begin was tied up with some people from the European Economic

Market. We had to make a decision as to whether we should wait and take a chance on offending not only the president of Israel, but other dignitaries who were assembled at the presidential palace for what was to be the final tribute to Mr. Armstrong and another decade of effort.

"At the last moment I sent the TV camera people away and told them to get on to the presidential residence, and we would wait another 10 or 15 minutes at the most. Hopefully during that period we would see Mr. Begin," said Mr. Rader.

No sooner had the camera crew left than the prime minister came out of his office, related Mr. Rader. On the whole, "everything worked out

very, very well," he said.

Back at work

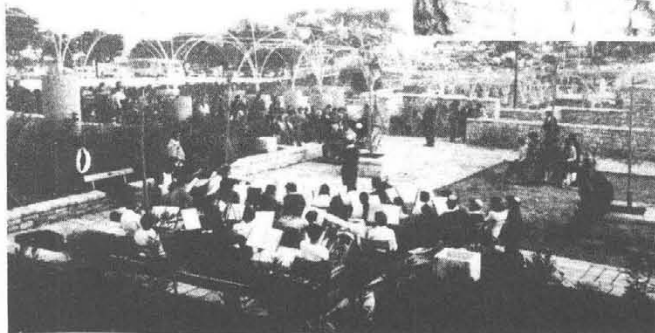
Mr. Armstrong is now back at work in his Tucson home where he has already written a semiannual letter to all co-workers and members of the Church. In the letter he states he hopes to finish for publication five new books this year.

Mr. Armstrong also announced he is scheduled to return to the Middle East in late February for a meeting with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in either Cairo or Aswan, Egypt. Plans now call for a visit to Tokyo in April.

"I am happy to be back in harness once again," said Mr. Armstrong.



MIDEAST TRIP — Clockwise from below: Herbert W. Armstrong and Stanley R. Rader meet with Itzhak Shamir, speaker of the Israeli Knesset; Mr. Armstrong speaks at a Hebrew University luncheon given by Professor Benyamin Mazar and Dr. Josef Aviram of the university and Yigal Yadin, deputy prime minister of Israel; Mr. Armstrong's party attends the inauguration of Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Park; Mr. Armstrong meets Moshe Kol, former minister of tourism and a present leader of the opposition Liberal Independent Party; Mr. Armstrong talks with Israeli President Itzhak Navon; members of *The World Tomorrow* television crew record Mr. Armstrong's meeting with President Navon. Below center: a plaque in honor of Mr. Armstrong for his aid in establishing Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Park. (Photos by Dick Quincer)



FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

This issue's "Forum" is a result of an employee meeting Nov. 22 in which Stanley R. Rader, general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, fielded questions concerning many aspects of the Work and its activities. "Forum" will feature these sessions whenever they occur by running excerpted transcripts of discussions, questions and answers that we feel reflect the interest of our readership about developments within the Work.

For the last two years we have been hearing about an employee pension plan. Could you comment on this?

We have an outstanding personnel department now. Mr. [Ted] Gould and Mr. [George] Warner are right on top of that situation. We hope that within not too long a period of time they will have some definite programs to submit to Mr. Armstrong. We hope at that time to be able to move into a pension plan to give to most of the people here, who have a bonified concern for their needs if the Work doesn't end within their lifetime or if they find there is more time to go before they can consider themselves in no further need of those material things. We are working on it, and we have a well-staffed personnel department now. It's building and becoming as knowledgeable as any in the country. Matching the knowledge they will have with the resources we have, I think we will be coming up with something within the near future. In the meantime, for persons who have for one reason or other separated from the service, I think you will find we have been meeting in most cases the industry standards.

Is the Big Sandy campus finally sold?

We hope so. We have just notified the offeror and have deposited a half million dollars in the bank. We trust that the check will be good and that they will manage to close the contract upon or before Dec. 31 as promised. We are now in what they call the executory phase of the contract. That is, everything is in the works. The promises have been exchanged. We promised to deliver and they promised to pay. If you look in the law books, you will find sometimes it doesn't work out so smoothly. But we have reason to believe we are dealing with the people who want the property, and the price is one that we consider fair. If everything works out well, by Jan. 1 property will have exchanged hands. That's just as of this morning we deposited the funds. Your question is very timely.

How concerned is Mr. Armstrong about his health?

Mr. Armstrong is very concerned about his health. As he put it, God has taken particularly good care of him, and he is relying, even more than most of us, on that. We are all in the hands of God, as far as that is concerned — the entire future is His. None of us have any guarantees that we will see tomorrow. But Mr. Armstrong has faith that God will keep him strong. He works so hard now at what he is doing that I now believe travel will probably get him working closer to a normal day — maybe something like 10 hours. He's changed his mind on that, and I have changed my mind on that, too. That travel would probably get him away from his typewriter and the telephone.

Mr. Rader, are we planning to use the old broadcasting recordings on a long-term basis?

Radio is something we are studying very carefully. Radio is just not the medium it used to be 40 years ago, 30 years ago, 20 years ago, even 15 years ago. The cost of radio has escalated. We are now spending

money on daily radio for 100 stations at the rate of \$2.5 million per year. Which is an enormous figure when we consider what we used to spend for maybe 300 or 400 stations. And the radio audience is not the same kind of audience, particularly in the markets we are on. We are not buying time on religious radio stations where hour after hour all you are getting is one religious program. We are trying to buy time where the format is otherwise designed to attract a normal radio audience. How much time do you listen to the radio yourself?

Drive time.

That's right, drive time, that's what it is designed for. Drive time, maybe some shaving time, beach time. So it's music and it's news, that type of thing. The market has changed, that's why we want to shift as much money as we can, ultimately, from radio into television and also the print medium. That's why we want to build a second program so we have Mr. Armstrong's sermon going out with great power and also *The Plain Truth*, if it works. If that pilot gives us reason to believe we are going to have a uniformly good, outstanding television program, which will present clearly and fully, graphically, vividly, but in the television electronic way, the truth contained in *The Plain Truth*, we will register with that much more impact.

Mr. Armstrong, if we stay on radio, will probably begin to make new programs at least on a weekly basis, because we would never leave radio completely. We would stay at least on a Sunday only basis regardless, and he would make programs designed for that. In the meantime, there is a whole public out there that has never heard the old programs. Those people that do tune in are get-

ting the expenditure of that kind of funds for 30 minutes. But the five-minute program didn't work at all, so it was abandoned rather quickly.

What about the religious stations? Have you thought about them?

I've always been one who, over the years, has always urged that. I have always said we shouldn't kid ourselves. If there is a religious audience there, and they are listening day after day, hour after hour, then we should try to get into those markets. By not being there we are letting that market go by default. So we will consider using those religious stations.

Are there any other archaeological projects that we have been involved in besides Jerusalem?

Oh yes, we have a dig in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt, where we are cooperating on a minor basis with the Waseda University. That's in the neighborhood of Luxor just across the Nile, and that's quite a project. But our contribution is very limited.

We are the total support, except for the methodology, for an important dig in Syria. The team is there digging right now. Dr. [Herman] Hoeh visited the area recently. I think he reported it in one of our publications. At any rate it's an important dig that heretofore was supported 50-50 by the Kress Foundation and Ambassador. The Kress Foundation's chairman is Franklin Murphy. Dr. Murphy was the former chancellor of UCLA [University of California, Los Angeles] and is now chairman of the board of the Times-Mirror Corp. They're publishers of the Los Angeles Times, the biggest institution of its kind in the world. And for three years we shared the cost with them. The entire dig is carried on by the School of Archaeology of UCLA, but this year the bylaws of the Kress Foundation didn't permit them to fund their portion of the dig beyond three years. They will come back in next year and take over the entire funding. But to give the dig uninterrupted financial backing we picked up the slack this year, while their bylaws did not permit them to fund, and next year we will drop out. Then we will go back in on a 50-50 basis. Those results are constantly being published in areas where you might not come across them, not being a scholar in that field. But the findings also are on display at the museum in Damascus. It's well received. It's a very important dig. In

first we were looking at a spring target date, and now we have moved it up to Feb. 5. We have been that successful in working the distribution system. And some of the books will be condensed into booklet form.

What is the newsstand progress?

It's doing very well. We have one of the most effective tools there in the entirety of the Work. Much of it has been as a result of a tremendous amount of knowledge and leverage that we have picked up as a consequence of being publishers of *Quest* magazine. We can get rid of every issue, and there are demands for more. But we have not freed up the budget as yet to get out more. But we are getting rid of a million *Plain Truths* every month, with the demand far outstripping the supply.

Are we still in Europe?

Europe, I'm not on top of. We don't have as much going out there at all. I am talking about the U.S. at the present moment. The system of distribution is much different in the U.S. It's a much bigger area; there are many more magazines. The competition is fierce, but we have had tremendous success. We have a very fine group of people that are very much dedicated to doing the Work in that area, and they have been totally imaginative as well as energetic and thorough. If we would give them the budget for another million copies we could get another million copies out. We are going to be pushing toward that. Naturally, if we go into this *Plain Truth* television program, that will immediately make the demand even that much greater.

Will there be any film coverage of Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Begin?

We will have four of our people on their way to Israel almost any day. They are from our television crew under Mr. Dick Quincer's supervision. They will cover everything on 16-mm. with sound, I hope, and there will be camera and film where lighting conditions will be adequate. We hope to have full coverage and be able to use it not only as part of our television show but to send out to the Church as well.

(A question to do with the possible reason Mr. Rader has high blood pressure.)

No, I didn't say it caused high blood pressure. I think the work and the stress may have caused that. So, we have an organization that sometimes manufactures problems for itself. And I would say that's about as

have to be up to that entire European operation, and we are doing it at the present moment. Making plans, for the years '79 and '80.

Is there any possibility to reconsider the press operation here or was that a mistake?

Well, I don't believe it was a mistake. Mr. Armstrong was always much opposed to it from the beginning. He never wanted to get into the press operation beyond those small letterpresses and the like, to do more or less in-house type things that any organization of our size would have.

But strong pressure was brought to bear. All the wrong reasons were stressed. Some of them were ludicrous. Mr. Armstrong and I together fought the movement, went on record that it was a mistake. But sometimes you simply are compelled to make the mistake because so many other people are certain they are right even though they are wrong. We should have never been in it. It took us some time to get out, so I am sure we would never go back into a large-scale press operation. The way I described it at the time is that, no matter how clean your dog is, the dog is going to attract fleas. There is no question about it. But you don't take the dog and go out and deliberately seek the fleas so you can start having a flea collar and whatever else is needed to combat the condition.

With the press that is all we did. We suddenly had labor management problems. It cost us more to produce the magazine than it was costing us before. And we were having delays and problems with meeting paper shortages, ink shortages and what have you because our own leverage wasn't as great as that of a larger printer. Some of the arguments were, as I said, ludicrous for a press operation. The idea being that we didn't dare trust our *Plain Truth* to an outside publisher. Some union member on the line might see it and refuse to publish it, and it wouldn't get out.

That was believed around here 17 or 18 years ago. But the way the world really works out there is that people stand in line to get such an account. It's an important account with any publisher, any printer. And it's a problem dealing with the outside or the inside, but it's much less of a problem dealing on the outside.

We didn't go into the press operation in England because we wanted to. The mistake was made by the same people, and they tied us up for 30 or 40 years. We have tried unsuccessfully to get rid of the press and get rid of the long-term lease, but we were unable to. So having it and being stuck like the fellow falling out of the aircraft — that was the condition. We tried hard to get rid of everything and just couldn't do it. Then we said: "Okay, now we have to make the best of it. Let's try to land on our feet." And we did. So, having landed on our feet there, after that much effort, doesn't mean we want to go out and try it again here. I don't think it would be a good idea.

You see the quality of *The Plain Truth* and *Quest* magazine and what have you. We don't have any trouble getting a quality product at the right price. And even though there are problems with getting paper and finding holes in the publisher's schedule to put in the new publications as they might come along, we have a very able group of people here who, working in coordination with editorial, do see that what we have to get out gets out.

Is there any progress on the employee suggestion program?

I don't think so. I thought that I had said that if there were no employee suggestion programs that could be formalized by the department managers and there was no such thing as an employer or employee suggestion box, they could consider that I would be such a box. Thank you very much, and we will see you in about six weeks.

"We are going to have a strong, cooperative advertising campaign . . . to push Mr. Armstrong's books in a very aggressive manner — to get his books as widely known over a period of time as Billy Graham and others."

ting something for the first time. You may have heard it for the second time, but the program isn't designed for you; it is designed for the person who has never heard it before. But that audience has changed quite significantly. That plus the cost of radio makes us wonder whether we shouldn't try to spend the money to reach the audience where it actually is. It is kind of like accepting conditions as they are rather than as you like them to be. My best example is that of a man who jumps out of a plane and his parachute doesn't work. He is not going to be able to climb back in the plane. Gravity is a condition, and we have to accept it. It is there, and he is going to hit the bottom, and there is no way to change it. So we have to start recognizing things as they are rather than as we perhaps would like them to be. Radio is one of those things. That was one of the reasons that an ill-fated somewhat aborted effort was made to switch from a 30-minute to a five-minute program some time ago. There was a recognition that there was not any market that would war-

terms of biblical tradition, it may be second only to what we have been doing at the temple mount.

Mr. Rader, will any of Mr. Armstrong's books be condensed into booklet form?

Yes, I believe they will be. By the way, the launch date for Mr. Armstrong's commercial for trade publishers edition of *The Incredible Human Potential* has been moved up to Feb. 5, and we will be in the major bookstores around the country.

The largest chain of bookstores is the Walden chain. We have 1,200 stores, and we will be in all of them with prominent visual displays at the most strategic, what we call P.O.P. (point of purchase), areas in the store. The next largest is the Dalton chain. They have 700 and we expect to be in those stores as well. We are going to have a strong, cooperative advertising campaign between the stores and us, Everest House, to push Mr. Armstrong's books in a very aggressive manner — to get his books as widely known over a period of time as Billy Graham and others. So it's a very big effort being made. At

nice a way of putting it. And as those problems surface, and we go to work on them, we "kill the dragon." But since you know it's really not a real animal, and it never really was a serious threat, there isn't any sense of satisfaction at having slayed it. It's kind of a futile exercise, but that is what we have to do periodically, kill the new dragon.

Are there any plans to gear up the Work in Europe?

Yes. We have a study that was just completed of all of the European offices. I haven't seen it yet, but I will be getting it sometime today. Several men have been transferred to the European area, who have worked there before, and will be doing more in that area. You know the press operation in England is the only place today where we have such an operation. It is not only furnishing the foreign editions of *The Plain Truth* to the world, but it is supplying Canada and the eastern part of the U.S. with their *Plain Truths*. It is an important operation, and they are operating at a profit. They are taking in outside work and doing very well. So we'll



MEMBERS AID REFUGEES — French member Bernadette Claude, left, helps Vietnamese refugees in Paris. Two little refugees, right, try on clothes provided by the Red Cross. (Photos by Michel Robert)

Members lend a helping hand

Feed, clothe refugees

By J. Le Houedec, B. Claude and M. Kneller
PARIS — Following the withdrawal of United Nations and American troops from Vietnam, the local masses, from soldiers to fishermen, have come under the control of new masters. But as conditions worsen and tolerance of the new regime lowers, the number of refugees fleeing to neighboring countries has been rising sharply.

In a valiant effort to escape, 2,500 refugees boarded a freighter ship, the *Hai Hong*, and left Vietnam in mid-October. After two weeks at sea, they arrived Nov. 9 in the territorial waters just off the Malaysian coast. Permission to dock was refused as well as all assistance of any kind to the sick and suffering passengers on board.

In a matter of days this local refugee problem became an international incident.

Finally, the last week in November, the problem was calmed when France, the United States and Canada agreed to accept those crowded on the unsanitary *Hai Hong*. About 220 of the original 2,500 refugees were allowed to enter France.

Coincidentally, the Paris church in its program of good works had previous contact with the Red Cross Center where the refugees arrived. Members had helped the needy and underprivileged, when called upon to do so. So when the pending arrival of the Vietnam refugees was communicated to the Center, Madame Frugier, the director, immediately contacted us, *Le Monde a Venir*.

The *Hai Hong* refugees accepted by France arrived on Nov. 30 in Maisons-Alfort, a Paris suburb. Several Paris Church members were on hand to help feed and clothe them.

Following are descriptions by two of the women working in the Center that day:

Here they are

Deeply moved, we waited for them. In the cloakroom everything had been prepared for their arrival — even small bags of candy and somewhat used toys for the younger children.

At last, the door opens and *les voilà* (here they are).

They enter by family, that is, if the whole family had managed to escape and was still alive. The men went to the side of the room prepared for them. The women and children came towards us. Many were crying. We

tried to console them, sometimes in vain, with tenderness and ingenuity. You could read in their eyes: What's going on? We're afraid.

As rapidly as possible we fitted them with shirts, sweaters, pants, the basic necessities that we could pull from the overloaded boxes. At times, it was difficult to find what we were looking for. The room was not large, and we were constantly brushing one another.

The clothes that fit them were put in a big plastic bag and when the entire family had been clothed they went to the dining room with their enormous packages of clothing, blankets (when available), toys, etc.

There was little rest, perhaps a moment or so, and then once again the door opens, another family enters and we start once again calming the chil-

dren with a warm sweater, a pair of long trousers and sometimes a broken toy.

But in all this, they weren't the only ones that received. They offered us their smiles, their childlike joy in response to the bare necessities that they had received.

I'll never forget one little girl. In leaving, she smiled and said one word, probably the only French word she knew: "Merci!" (thank you).

A fantastic experience

The first person I helped was a man who arrived in lightweight summer clothing, visibly shaking. He spoke a bit of French (the only one I heard who did). Once clothed warmly from head to foot, he looked me in the eyes, smiled from ear to ear and said, "You have given me courage."

The next arrival was a woman with her 13 children. She was thankful to have escaped such a desolate situation with all of her children . . . All were

not so lucky. Personally, I clothed four young orphan children.

Another lady, obviously a widow, arrived with her three children and elderly mother. Suffering was written on each face. Their young boy was badly undernourished. The pencil-thin, frail arms were in marked contrast to his swollen stomach.

For the most part, they arrived here in France with little or nothing on their backs. They were free, but their freedom started out cold and uncertain.

Behind their sincere smiles, content to have only the minimum, must have been memories of terror, anxiety, hunger, sickness and war unspeakable.

Later on that same day on my way home, I met a Vietnam woman who had been living in France for some time. She told me: "I was born in war. I lived in war. I have been in France about 10 years but in my country it is still war, war, war . . . They have nothing. Regularly I send medicine to my sick mother. Hopefully she receives it . . ."

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Entirely unexpected

I'm delighted to read the new *Good News* with more of the Bible and the faith and the Church. In Mr. Rader's article in the Nov. 6 *Good News*, I was given something entirely unexpected to think about: that God had caused Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong to see what would happen to the Church without him. One of my favorite writers in *The Good News* and *The Plain Truth* is Gene Hogberg. One doesn't read anything in the press as he writes for us. Thanks Gene Hogberg . . .

Mary C. Harris
 Penfield, Pa.

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The *Good News* article about the new pope and the German leader was very interesting to me.

Mrs. J.K. Zeigler Jr.
 Orange Park, Fla.

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Spiritual meat

I am really glad to hear about *The Good News* coming back in magazine. With all that we are bombarded with all week, it is nice to be able to read some "meat" to get us through the week.

Mrs. R.L. Vandemark
 Ducor, Calif.

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Many, many thanks for sending me *The Good News* with its meaty articles. I'm looking forward to *The Good News* magazine.

Mrs. James Mancoso
 Cleveland, Ohio

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How delighted and happy I am about *The Good News* magazine being started once again. I missed it so much when discontinued and longed for the day when it would come into our homes again. All of us need all the spiritual food we can get these days.

Mrs. Al Kocurek
 Kearny, Ariz.

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So thankful to get *The Good News* today. Really appreciate the spiritual food it brings us.

Lois Dees
 Shreveport, La.

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If you would like to send in your comments please write: "Letters to the Editor," *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

Unleavened Bread



EDITORS CAUGHT FLAT FOOTED

The Worldwide News has decided once again to publish unleavened-bread recipes before the spring Holy Day season, but we need your help.

Wouldn't you like to share your favorite recipes for bread, cookies or cakes — minus leavening agents, of course — with *WN* readers around the world? Well, here's your chance.

Just send your favorite recipe (please limit to one):

"Recipes"
The Worldwide News
 Box 111
 Pasadena, Calif., 91123

Be sure to include your name and address. We will publish as many recipes as space allows. Send as soon as possible. Recipes received later than Feb. 21 cannot be included.

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550 teen delegates meet in Pasadena

(Continued from page 1) did make it in time for the special youth Sabbath service in Ambassador Auditorium Dec. 23. Jim Thornhill, director of YOU, gave the sermonette. C. Wayne Cole, director of the ministry worldwide, gave the main message. The previous evening a Bible study was held for the representatives, conducted by Vernon Hargrove, pastor of the Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., churches.

Leadership sessions and workshops covering a variety of subjects began Sunday at 10 a.m. with Dr. George Geis, a faculty member at Ambassador College, speaking to the delegates on peer pressure and leadership. Each day of the conference was filled with guest lectures in the morning and afternoon and workshops in between. A break for lunch was the only free time available.

Leadership workshops

Five workshops were conducted simultaneously in different locations around campus, with each workshop attended by approximately 120 youths. The workshops covered topics relating to the youths' role as leaders, including sessions on personal presentation, career planning, organizing local chapters, activity organization and news reporting.

Special guest speakers included model agency representative Alys Swan teaming with actor Jack Ferrel on personal presentation; Dr. Marty Baren, a pediatrician, on health and leadership; Ron LaFlore, a former prison inmate who now plays center-field for the Detroit Tigers, on overcoming negative backgrounds; and

Paul Yearout, a professional lecturer who has spent 20 years working with youth, on morality and leadership.

Guest speakers representing Ambassador College or the Church included Dr. Geis, Dr. Robert Oberlander, David Antion, Mr. Cole, Raymond McNair, Greg Albrecht, Mr. Thornhill, Joe Horchak, Dan Bierer, Tim Love, Dennis Robertson, Les Stocker and the YOU headquarters staff.

Questions and answers

In addition to the regular programs and workshops, a question-and-answer session by Mr. Cole on Monday answered the youths' questions about the Church, dating and related

topics. Special meetings were held for each of the regional coordinators and the representatives from his area, and there was a presentation by college officials on Ambassador College.

All of the representatives were housed on the Ambassador College campus, with many of them sleeping on pallets and mattresses scattered around the floors of the dormitories. Meals were eaten in the Ambassador Student Center.

A trip to Disneyland Saturday evening, plus two disco dances and a novelty Olympics filled four of the five nights of the conference, which concluded Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 4 p.m.



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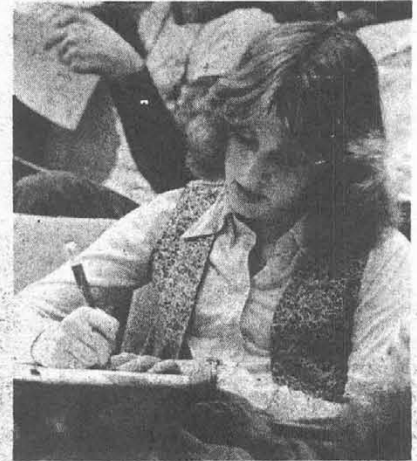
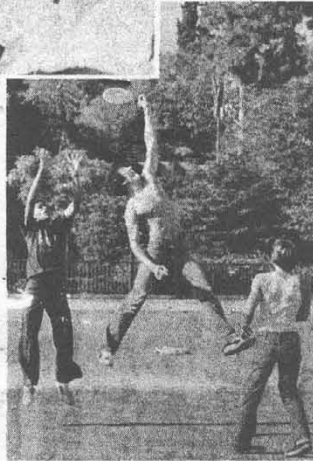


YOU REPRESENTATIVES — Above: A novelty-Olympics contestant finds apple bobbing harder than it looks. Clockwise from left: Another contestant strains in a balloon-blowing contest; professional baseball player Ron LaFlore signs autographs after his speech; Charlene del Gaudio of Howell, Mich., gets a souvenir snapshot; YOU director Jim Thornhill discusses YOU's objectives; Australian representative Geoff Robertson discusses the YOU program in his country; teeth go through the serving line in the Ambassador Student Center; lecturer Paul Yearout discusses morality. [Photos by Roland Rees and Scott Ashley]





NATIONAL CONFERENCE — Above: Dr. Robert Oberlander, director of career services for Ambassador College, conducts a planning workshop for YOU delegates. Clockwise from top left: Two YOU representatives attend a session on YOU's Career Educational Program; C. Wayne Cole, director of the Center for the Worldwide Church of God, conducts a question-answer session for the teens; a chapter representative takes part in one of the presentations; three teens enjoy some of the Southern California weather during the conference; delegates arrive on the Ambassador College campus for the conference. [Photos by Roland Flees and Matthew Faulkner]



Tacoma nets championship in volleyball finals

By Dennis R. Robertson

PASADENA — The Tacoma, Wash., Trojans charged back from a first-game loss to win the national title here in the fourth annual national volleyball tournament Dec. 16 and 17.

In the first match the evening of Dec. 16, Tacoma's Lynn Larson spearheaded a comeback in the first game to close within 3 points of the Houston, Tex., Volley Dolls, but Houston's momentum carried them to a 15-11 victory. The Trojans came back to win the next two games and finished the evening with a match victory.

The Youngstown, Ohio, team took the second match of the double-elimination tourney that evening by defeating Sioux Falls, S.D., 15-10 and 15-13. On Dec. 17 Tacoma dominated the Youngstown team in the third match with two victories of 15-5 each. In matches four and five, Houston eliminated both Sioux Falls and Youngstown, each having lost previous matches.

In the rematch between Houston and Tacoma for the championship, the Trojans again lost their first game, but came back to edge the Dolls 15-12 in the second game and take the championship with a 15-4 win in the third game.

Members of the winning team are Darcy Derrick, Melody Durand, Carol Groves, Shelly Goethals, Lynn Larson, Michelle Novak, Sherry



VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS — The Tacoma, Wash., Trojans took first place in the 1978 YOU girls' volleyball championship Dec. 16 and 17. Team members are, from left, on shoulders: Carol Groves and Sherry Palmer; back row: assistant coach Theresa Goethals, Melody Durand, Shelly Goethals, Julie Goethals, Eloise Pate and coach Sharon Streit; front row: Lynn Larson, Darcy Derrick, Karen Schow, Michelle Novak and assistant coach Lena Hathaway. [Photo by Klaus Rothe]

Palmer, Eloise Pate, Karen Schow and Julie Goethals. Coaches for the team were Sharon Streit, Theresa Goethals and Lena Hathaway.

This year's tournament marked the first time that only four teams had competed in the national finals. Previously eight teams were included, but due to the recent restructuring of YOU's U.S. regions (which went from eight to 12), triregional tournaments were played and the winners from each of the four areas qualified for the national play-offs. This is also the first year that the tournament has been held in Pasadena. Previous sites were Big Sandy, Tex., and Kansas City, Mo.

Lynn Larson of Tacoma was named the most valuable player at an awards banquet Dec. 17 in the Ambassador College Student Center. All-tournament players were Karen Lutes, Michelle Machin and Tami Michon of Houston; Shelly and Julie Goethals of Tacoma and Anita Gloe of Sioux Falls. The four teams were jointly awarded the sportsmanship award. Each team "had such great attitudes and were so unselfish, we decided that every team should be given the award," said Rick Guthy, assistant director of YOU.

After the presentation of awards, Star Clarke, a member of the University of Southern California volleyball team, spoke on what it takes to be a good volleyball player.

Cassettes bring church home

PASADENA — Being separated by 7,000 miles from the German brethren doesn't daunt the director of the German Work, Frank Schnee, from maintaining contact with his congregations scattered throughout the Federal Republic of Germany, Austria, Switzerland and East Germany. He just works a little harder to twice monthly send his voice on cassette to more than 400 German members unable to hold Sabbath meetings every week.

The cassettes contain Bible studies in the German language, a program started two years ago by the 50-year-old director who is best known as Herr Schnee. Now living in Pasadena for sabbatical studies Mr. Schnee is continuing the programs because he says the tapes fill a big

gap between formal services held only once every two weeks in Germany.

Brethren receive the tapes, recorded in Pasadena, on the Sabbaths they meet in one of the 16 churches. Once back home, members can listen to a 90-minute cassette at their leisure. Many do so on the Sabbath when there are no meetings, gathering around a tape recorder with an open Bible.

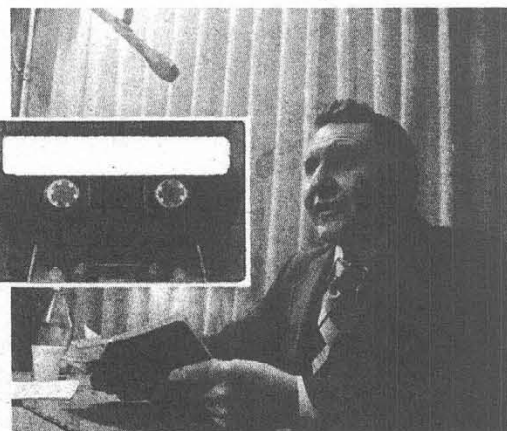
The cassettes do not, of course, replace church services, but for now they seem to be a much-appreciated substitute in keeping in touch where small congregations, large distances and a shortage of ministers make weekly meetings impractical.

Mr. Schnee points to some surprising fringe benefits. Some uncon-

verted husbands and wives, who don't care to come to church with their spouses, are now listening to the tapes. "A lot of people are coming into contact with the Work who would never have done so any other way," says Mr. Schnee.

Another benefit is the first-hand news from headquarters relayed by Mr. Schnee. From his vantage point he passes on bits of information as they develop before launching into a book-by-book study of the Old Testament.

'HERZLICHE GRUESSE' — Frank Schnee greets German brethren in a cassette program from a studio in Pasadena. (Photo by Klaus Rothe)



IN A ONE-HORSE OPEN SLEIGH

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

Heavy snow had fallen all night. When Major bounded outdoors to help Grandfather Wilson and Jim take care of the farm animals, it lay in great sparkling hills and valleys. The sculptured drifts caved in under Major's paws as he plunged into them, and he leaped and rolled and took big bites of the snow. It was wonderful. By the time the chores were finished, and paths were scooped to the barn and hen house, Major's paws were numb. His ears and nose tingled with cold.

In the kitchen Grandmother Wilson came toward him with a blue towel. He tried to catch a corner of cloth in his teeth as she rubbed him all over with it. She tickled his chest when she was finished, and he licked her cheek with a big wet kiss to thank her.

Curled warm on his rug in the corner, Major listened to the talk as Grandfather and Jim sat at the table drinking hot chocolate and discussing the snow and blocked roads.

Snowed in

"I don't see how your Dad and Mom and Susie will be able to get to the farm today," Grandfather said, his cup clinking down on the saucer. "Not unless the snowplow goes by."

"I'm supposed to have a math test in school tomorrow," Jim said with a little smile. "But I don't mind missing it. If I'm not home I'll have a good excuse. And I know it'll be hard."

Grandfather squinted his eyes as he studied Jim's face. "Jim, my father always told me not to make excuses. He said they're worse than a lie because an excuse is a lie that's being guarded."

"Yes, sir. I hope I get home so I can take the math test tomorrow."

"That's the spirit. Did you bring your math book in your overnight luggage?"

"No, sir."

"Then we'll try to see that you get home in time to do some studying this evening. You'll never dread a test when you're prepared for it."

The morning passed as Jim and Grandfather played checkers in the front room by the crackling fireplace, and Major dozed on his rug. Grandmother kept busy in the kitchen preparing for company she hoped would come at noon. Her mixer whirred, the timer on the stove buzzed, and she



took out two brown loaves of bread and poked at the roast beef and potatoes in the oven.

Grandfather looked out the window now and then, hoping the snowplow would go scraping by. He finally went to the telephone to try to reach Jim's parents, but they did not answer. They were on their way.

The clock on the mantle struck 12, and Major stretched, rose and padded into the dining room to watch Jim help Grandmother set six places at the table.

Stuck in a snowbank

The telephone rang. Grandfather answered it, and when he hung up he was smiling. "That was your father, Jimmy. The main highways have been cleared fine. But when they turned off onto our graveled road, the car got stuck in a snowbank in front of Mattson's place. He's calling from there. Everyone's safe and warm."

Smiling, Grandmother nodded her head. "I suppose Ted will pull them out of the drift with his big tractor?"

"Ted isn't back from that conference in Washington, D.C. Lib is the only one home right now. So I'll get on over there with my tractor and pick them up. Can you keep the dinner on hold for a while, Jennie?"

"I'll be glad to."

Grandfather, Jim and Major went outside and tramped through the snow to the machine shed. Grandfather pushed back the huge rolling door, and Major trotted inside the warm building. He sniffed at dark spots of grease and gasoline, weaving in and out to the back of the building where Grandfather had stored old equipment he no longer used.

Grandfather Wilson had a hard time getting the red tractor started in the cold, but at last it roared into life.

Pop! Pumm, pummm pummm!

"Woof!" Major tried not to bark, but he couldn't help it. The big thing was a frightful monster. "Woof! Woof!" He kept his distance as the tractor came out of the building with Grandfather and Jim on the seat together. The roaring was terrible.

But the noise stopped suddenly. The tractor would go no farther. Grandfather worked at the gears and the ignition, sputtering under his breath. "Something's wrong with this thing. It sure picked a fine time to get temperamental." He climbed down from it, and Jim followed. They went back to the house. Major trotted behind.

Queenie to the rescue

"What are we going to do?" Jim

asked as they stomped into the kitchen and stood on the rug by the door.

"I've got an idea. Jenny, ring up Wendell, will you? Ask him if I can borrow Queenie."

Grandmother looked up as she stirred mashed turnips in a pan on the stove. "Queenie? Wendell's old horse, Queenie? What for?"

"For the snow."

Grandfather waded on up the hill to the neighbor's house while Jim and Major waited in the kitchen.

When Grandfather came back, he was riding bareback on a solid white mare with black markings on her forehead. There was gray in her muzzle, but for her age she still stepped lively. Great white clouds puffed from her nostrils as she pranced into the back yard.

Major yapped with delight as he raced around her. She shook her head and mane at him and after that grandly ignored him.

Hitching up the sleigh

Grandfather tied her to a post by the gate for a few minutes. Then he and Jim dragged a dusty old sleigh out of the machine shed.

"Major, look!" shouted Jim. "We get to ride in this one-horse sleigh to pick up Susie and Dad and Mom!"

"Woof!" Major barked approvingly.

As they hitched the horse to the graceful sleigh, Grandmother came out of the house. She had pulled a stocking cap over her gray hair, and a coat covered her shoulders. "I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw you hitching up this sleigh!"

"Don't get too close to Queenie," cautioned Grandfather. "I'll take you for a ride after dinner."

"Is that a promise?"

"It is," Grandfather said solemnly. "Giddap!"

They started out the driveway and turned down the road.

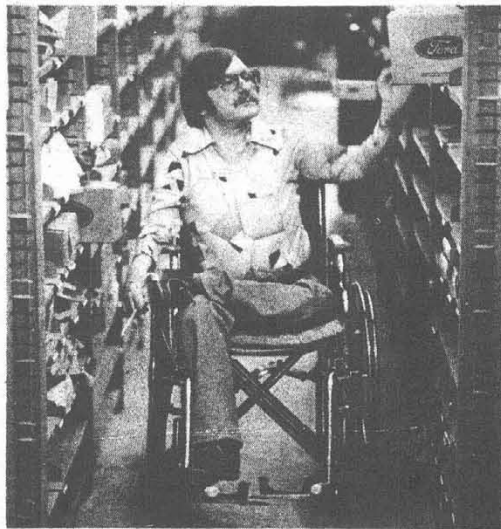
Major trotted behind the sleigh, but his short legs couldn't keep up with Queenie's regal stride. Grandfather stopped the sleigh. "Whooh-ah, Queenie! Come on, Major. Jump up here with us."

Major sprang up over the side and landed in Grandfather's lap. Jim pulled him down between them, and Grandfather said, "Giddap!" again.

As they glided smoothly along over the drifted road, Grandfather gave Jim the reins. "Hold her steady."

"Yes, sir. I will." Jim sat straight and proud. "This is the best idea you ever had, Grandpa."

"Woof!" agreed Major, and he smiled.



PARTS MANAGER — Midland, Mich., Church member Wally Nevels checks parts at his job at an automobile dealership. [Photo by Richard VanNostrand, courtesy Bay City, Mich., Times]

Desire, determination go far for handicapped polio victim

By Nancy Clay
BAY CITY, Mich. — Looking for inspiration? Then meet Wally Nevels. Nevels had polio when he was 1½ years old and gets around very well, thank you, in a wheelchair.

Nevels says his handicap is probably "easier to accept than most," because it's all he's ever known.

Polio causes deterioration of the muscles. Nevels, who grew up in Kentucky, has feelings in his legs and use of all his vital organs. He was in and out of hospitals for 4½ years.

"My parents had the right idea though. They made me do as much as I could for myself. Sometimes parents favor a kid with a handicap. Mine didn't and I'm really glad," says Nevels, one of 10 children in the family.

He always went to public schools and tried to participate as much as he could despite his handicap.

This article, excerpted from an article about a member of the Midland, Mich., church, is reprinted by permission from the Bay City, Mich., Times of April 2.

"But it wasn't always easy. Sometimes I got down. In high school especially, there's so many things I wanted to do. . . Sure I got down in the dumps, but I didn't stay there long," he says.

He went to business school for 2½ years and worked for a while doing books at a car dealer's. His brother worked at Delta Ford in Bay City and he came here.

"I began looking for work in bookkeeping. I told people I could do anything that anyone else could," he says. He couldn't drive, however, and eventually wound up at Vocational Rehabilitation Services, a division of the State Department of Education. They sent him to Ann Arbor [Mich.] to learn to drive with hand-controls.

Then he was hired at Delta Ford, partly through his brother's influence and because he was qualified. Most car dealerships are all on the ground floor, so barriers weren't a problem.

Nevels supervises seven employees. As parts manager he's responsible for all ordering, inventory and "mountains of paperwork."

"Sure I have some limitations here. This department is double-decked, and I don't go upstairs very much. I designate that to the other guys," he says.

Desire and determination needed
 He feels he's treated like other

employees — "chewed out when they think I should be chewed out," and left to run his own operation.

"All you need is a little desire and a little determination and to realize your limitations."

Work is fine, but Nevels has experienced some frustration with other aspects of his life. "Do you think I could get into Sage Library? There's no way. I don't go downtown too much either. Malls are easier for me," he says. More buildings are being built barrier-free, but many existing ones are not.

Nevels and his wife Brenda have a daughter, 3½.

"I'm sure the time will come when my daughter will ask me to go camping or something like that and I just will have to tell her we can't do that," he says. But right now, things are fine and he appreciates the honesty of children.

At home it bugs him when Brenda has to do traditional "men's work," like mowing the lawn or washing windows outdoors. "I get frustrated and think I should do that, but Brenda has never said a word."

"An independent cuss"

Before they married, Nevels and Brenda discussed his limitations.

"I've always kept myself active. I know a lot of handicapped people who are very bitter, and they don't even try to help themselves. Adults sometimes stay in their own cubbyholes, because sometimes other people are cruel. Looks, which we get, often say more than words."

But Nevels describes himself as "an independent cuss;" and he doesn't let other people bother him. "I can understand both sides."

90-year-old's life 'uncluttered'

By Richard H. Calenius
NEW YORK — "When I go there'll be only two bills, the gas bill and the phone bill." This remark is typical of the energetic, inspiring, remarkable lady who made it, Elsa Virchow.

Miss Virchow, a member of the Brooklyn-Queens (N.Y.) church, observed her 90th birthday April 4, 1978. At the party held in her honor at the home of Norman and Maria Champagne April 1, Elsa could reflect on an eventful and interesting long life.

Elsa Virchow was born April 4, 1888, in a Prussian town. The oldest of three children and daughter of a landowner, Elsa still happily recalls many of her youthful experiences. All wasn't so pleasurable, however.

One evening Elsa strode into the kitchen and asked her mother about dinner. "We're having eels tonight," her mother said, gesturing to the big pot on the stove.

"Eels? — I don't like eels!" said Elsa.

Just about then, as if overhearing her, one of the slimy eels jumped from the pot and slithered on the floor! Elsa screamed and ran from the room.

Among the factors that may have contributed to her longevity is mountain climbing. In the early 1900s women mountain climbers were even more rare than they are today, but that didn't really bother Elsa; her spirit of adventure spurred her on. "You have to have a challenge to keep you going," she said.

One of her challenges was climbing, along with a guide and another man, up a 3,912 meter (about 13,040 feet) mountain near St. Moritz, Switzerland. When her group reached the top and traversed to the point to descend, an avalanche cut them off and they were forced to slide down toboggan-style coupled together. Elsa was only the third woman ever to have climbed to the top.

Across the Atlantic

After World War I, Elsa's attention turned to living in America. "What if I could go there and work; wouldn't that be something?" When she boarded the ship, Elsa began to turn her dreams to reality. But in 1925 when she set foot on U.S. soil in New York, she didn't know what the future held.

Having studied English in school and being interested in children, Miss Virchow decided to apply for

position of governess, a position she had held in France and Switzerland.

A positive attitude she lacked not. Elsa recalls when she once entered a room of dejected women job-seekers. She said something like: "What are you all so sad for? How do you expect to get a job looking like that?" Needless to say, she landed one right away.

During her 58 years as a governess, Elsa worked for many famous people, including the nobility and Hollywood stars.

In 1961, Carlton Smith, who served the New York City area, baptized Elsa. She joined a group of about 150 people meeting in Manhattan.

Two weeks later she suffered a bad fall. "I climbed mountains — never fell — but I fell in my own place here," Elsa said. At first she couldn't

walk, but she asked God for help and five weeks after the fall she was healed. Elsa remarked recently, "When you go through that, you are not caring for any material things."

Life style now

Despite her 90 years of age, Elsa has an alert mind and fit body. A believer in exercise, she walks at least one mile a day and often passes up using the elevator to walk up the five flights of stairs to her apartment. "You see, that keeps you limber," she said.

Today Elsa Virchow rents a spacious two-room apartment in Queens, New York. Today, as her many yesterdays, she has few possessions, preferring an uncluttered life. Today Elsa Virchow can reflect on a long, vibrant, interesting life. And today Elsa can look forward to many tomorrows.



NINETY YEARS OLD — Elsa Virchow stands ready to cut a cake at a party in honor of her 90th year.

Canadian desert home for German tank crews

By Neil Earle
BRANDON, Man. — Treads sank metal teeth into the sandy knoll as the tank's cannon slowly leveled toward the target. Swiftly accelerating, the beast lurched forward and drew within range, its Iron Cross barely visible through the maelstrom of dirt and sand. . . A new war movie? A scene from *Desert Rats* or possibly an excerpt from Erwin Rommel's memoirs?

No! Believe it or not this scene takes place regularly on the quiet Canadian prairies. The West German government is spending \$6 million every year on tank training in Shilo, Man., a Canadian artillery base just 15 miles east of here. Ninety-six thousand acres of desert land between Brandon and Winnipeg, the largest glacial-formed desert in the world, have been the summer home for 60 Leopard tanks since 1974.

Forty German officers and their families live year-round on the base. Each summer eight groups of 650 troops each simulate desert warfare at Camp Shilo. West Germany is too congested and not of suitable terrain for ideal tank maneuvers.

"Once every war"

And the Leopard needs room! Smaller than the famous 56-ton Tiger of World War II fame, the Leopard, and its offspring, the Leopard II, is still considered the acme of NATO tank forces. Its speed? Forty miles per hour. Gun range is 4 miles, in spite of terrain, with the 105-mm. cannon

keyed on to its target with an electronic gyro.

The Mercedes engine can be completely changed in 20 minutes, and the standing joke is that the oil needs changing "once every war."

Interestingly enough, three Church members earn their living at Camp Shilo, a base that possibly owes its existence to the German presence. Plumbing supervisor Ross Hamilton, carpenter Mike Belinsky and janitor Bob Wittingham are all members of the Brandon congregation of the Worldwide Church of God. This has led to some interesting situations.

"I even took a night course in German to parley with them," says Mr. Hamilton, "but most of the officers speak English. Some of the soldiers have joined the Wildlife Club and started to play hockey."

Little adverse reaction

Relations are very smooth — epitomized by the German tricolor flying side by side with the Canadian maple leaf outside base headquarters. The *Bundeswehr* pumps about \$2 million per year into the local economy, so there is little adverse reaction in Brandon and Winnipeg to the camera-carrying German soldiers in field grays on the city streets.

All very interesting — and all helping to make world news and Bible prophecy come alive for at least three members of the Brandon church.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

FRESNO, Calif., brethren were entertained Dec. 2 by the Ambassador College Choral under the direction of Ray Howard. The 65 singers made the trip in two buses, then stayed to enjoy the evening festivities planned by the Fresno brethren. After a barbecued beef, goat and turkey dinner and a cake auction, tables were removed and the crumbs swept out of sight so young and old could dance to the music of the Southern Knights. Frank Schnee, who is at headquarters on sabbatical, was guest speaker at the Sabbath service. *Vi Stainthorp.*

Brethren of the **TORONTO (Ont.)** West church continued to enjoy their new Sabbath service format Dec. 2, having Bible study from 1 to 2 p.m., refreshments and fellowship from 2 to 2:30 p.m., and church services from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Bible studies are the first and third Sabbaths of each month. The first weekly announcement bulletin was distributed at the Sabbath service, a part of the new format introduced by area coordinator Richard Pinelli, pastor Tom Ecker and local elder Percival Burrows. *W. Moore.*

A record 217 people attended the **ROCHESTER, N.Y.**, Sabbath service Dec. 2. Attendance has increased by about 30 percent in the past 18 months. After the sermonette by deacon John Peterson and the sermon by pastor Dave Pack, brethren fellowshiped over coffee. *Jake Hannold.*

The **ANNISTON** and **GADSDEN,**

Ala., churches got together for their first social of the season Dec. 2. Pastor Bill Winner had planned a slide show on Australia but was unable to present it because he had a serious throat problem. So the brethren enjoyed an impromptu square dance after a scrumptious potluck supper. *Tiny Johnson.*

Brethren of the **BRAINERD, Minn.**, church gathered at the Birchwood Inn at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 18 for a caravan drive to the home of Gary Hanson for a surprise housewarming. A potluck supper rounded out the evening. *Phyllis Hagquist.*

Gas lamps, grillwork and balconies set the scene for the Dixieland social and dance of the **LITTLE ROCK, Ark.**, church Dec. 2. The New Orleans atmosphere was augmented by a seven-piece Dixieland band. During intermission ministers Fred Kellers, Ken Mattson and Ray Wawak and Gene Griffin and Ray Taylor presented the entertainment, a take-off on *Sesame Street*. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zahn won the waltz contest and were awarded an album of waltzes by the Lawrence Welk orchestra. Mike Snellson won the door prize, a framed picture of a river steamboat. The Over-50 Club, also known as the Happy Whistlers, were cosponsors of the evening's activities.

Wall-to-wall applause from members and friends of all four **CINCINNATI, Ohio**, churches greeted the performers of the 1978 "Cincinnati Variety Show" Dec. 2. Ed Smith, area coordinator and pastor of the Cincinnati North church, was master of ceremonies for the two-hour extravaganza. To the accompaniment of the house band, more than 100 entertainers and behind-the-scenes heroes kept an appreciative audience laughing, clapping

and cheering. All four church pastors took part in skits and singing. One skit about a small-town kangaroo court featured Mr. Smith, sporting a cranium carpet, as the judge; slim and trim Jeff Barnes, West pastor, as an overlunging deputy sheriff; and honey-toned Reinhold Fuessel, East pastor, as a foghorn-voiced bailiff. South pastor Doug Taylor did a parody on "Big Bad John" called "Big Fat Wong." Nine imaginative teens from the South church, with the aid of a strobe light, did an old-time movie pantomime. Refreshments sold during intermission helped replenish the activity fund. *Dick Byrum.*

The **PORTLAND (Ore.)** East "Post-Feast Funfest" was presented by the church's YOU group after the Sabbath service Dec. 9, combining the efforts and talents of the YOU members and older members up to age 65. Local elder Randy Stiver organized and directed the fun and talent show. Musical features included the junior YOU choral, the YOU hula dancers and special guest stars Roy Rogers (Norm Desjardins) and Gene Autry (Jim Qualls). A suspenseful "judgment day" drama unfolded as St. Peter (acted by pastor Jim Haeffel) sent unfortunate member Cliff Mathisen to the "other place" amidst the gleeful chuckles and provocations of pitchfork-wielding Jim Qualls. *Paul Haily.*

Two hundred brethren of the **BELLE VERNON, Pa.**, church remained after the Sabbath service Nov. 11 for the season's first social and to surprise Mr. and Mrs. Frank "Ben" Blosser in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary. The Blossers were given gifts, flowers and a decorated three-tier cake. They were baptized in 1960 and first attended Sabbath services in Pittsburgh, Pa. The couple has three sons, one grandson, three granddaughters and two great-granddaughters. One son, R. Malcolm, is also a member of the Church. Dance music for the social was provided by The Phoenix. Entertainment included the "Oldfied Game," patterned after television's *Newlywed Game*. *Peggy Henry.*

CLUB MEETINGS

In the environs of the Eko Holiday Inn, Victoria Island, **LAGOS, Nigeria**, the first Spokesman Club in Black Africa was inaugurated on Nov. 18. Twenty-nine faces testified to the enthusiasm among the members, who plan to meet after services on the third Sabbath of each month. Five club members gave icebreakers at this first meeting, and director Harold L. Jackson said in his overall evaluation that he was enthused at the potential of the new club. *Lateef A. Edalere.*

The **PLYMOUTH, England**, club has begun again after its summer recess and one of the first events for members was a walk through some of the quiet Devonshire villages on Dec. 7. Going through the villages of Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo, members skirted the estuary of the River Yealm, thoroughly enjoying the quiet beauty of the countryside. The walk concluded with lunch at the Ship Inn in Noss Mayo. Bill Deakins is president of the club. *John Collins.*

Twenty-two enthusiastic men gathered Nov. 30 for the first meeting of the



INAUGURAL MEETING — Above, 29 members of the Lagos, Nigeria, Spokesman Club pose for a picture at their meeting Nov. 18, the first Spokesman Club in Black Africa. Officers for the new club are, below, from left: John Adebayo, sergeant at arms; J.A. Adedapo, treasurer; Elijah Chukwud, vice president; Harold L. Jackson, director; Lateef A. Edalere, president; and Plus Onwuamadike, secretary. (See "Club Meetings," this page.)



ROCHESTER, N.Y., Spokesman Club. This year's club will have a leadership theme and will meet every fourth week for a book report on leadership, a sermonette, an assigned speech, an open topic speech and an icebreaker. Officers are Dick Mitchell, president; Ihor Kulbida, vice president; Bob Murphy, secretary; George Robinson, treasurer; and Jake Hannold, sergeant at arms. Director is pastor Dave Pack. *Jake Hannold.*

The first meeting of the Sault Breakfast Club of the **SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont.**, church was Nov. 26 at the Windsor Park Hotel, with 27 adults in attendance. After a film and discussion on the subject of stress, the members adjourned to the Elizabeth Room for a buffet brunch. *Gary King.*

Eight ladies of the **BRAINERD, Minn.**, church met at the home of Mrs. Bob Roufs in Grand Rapids on Nov. 27 for a luncheon and to make plans for the year's activities of the church's Women's Club. Subjects planned include bread and pie making, wills and trusts, crocheting, and detection of breast cancer. The club members also decided to buy a concordance for the church's library. *Phyllis Hagquist.*

SINGLES SCENE

The new **CLEVELAND, Ohio**, singles club, United Singles in Service Involved (USISI), sponsored its first dance Nov. 25. More than 130 singles from 17 church areas rocked until 1 a.m., with some of the visitors coming from as far as Georgia, Iowa, New York and Canada to hear a stimulating mixture of pop, rock and

swing. The USISI plans another dance in May. *Jeffrey J. Smith.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

A contingent of **MURFREESBORO, Tenn.**, YOU teens and several adults with chain saws took to the woods Nov. 19 in a woodcutting adventure that netted many ricks of wood for sale, most of them going to Church members. Money from the project will help fatten the YOU kitty, which will also be helped along by a fruit sale now under way. *Everett Corbin.*

Sabbath responsibilities of the **WOODBRIDGE, N.J.**, church were turned over to the young people on YOU Day, Dec. 9. From being on the welcoming committee to ushering, giving the special music and opening and closing prayers and song leading, it was a Sabbath that illustrated the teens' responsibility and willingness to serve. The sermonette was given by Glenn Williams, YOU president, and pastor Richard Frankel gave the first of a two-part sermon on the relationship of parent and child. *A.L. Legg.*

Good grooming was the subject of the **PALMER, Alaska**, Busy Betsy meeting Nov. 26. Cleanliness was emphasized and a special demonstration on nail care was given by Mrs. Dick Eckman. The girls were also shown the proper way to care for their clothes. Two officers were appointed: Mandy Eckman was given the job of treasurer and Teresa Wilcox was put in charge of the Busy Betsy scrapbook.

The church's Trailblazers also met the same day for an afternoon of ice fishing on Rocky Lake. Enough fish were pulled in to feed all the boys and their dads. John Orchard did the honors of frying the fish and potatoes for everyone. *Linda Orchard.*

SPORTS

What do karate, hot dogs and basketball have in common? They were all factors that made the **EVANSVILLE, Ind.**, invitational tournament, attended by three YOU teams and two men's teams, so successful. Louisville, Ky., was the victor over the YOU teams, and Evansville won the men's tournament by defeating Louisville. The team from Paducah, Ky., also participated.

Before the championship game a karate demonstration was given by two black-belt instructors and their children. The Evansville YOU members sold hot dogs and other refreshments throughout the day. *Wilma Niekamp.*



NEW CONGREGATION — Eddie and Irene Eckert, longtime deacon and deaconess, traveled from their home in Tucson, Ariz., to assist at the first Sabbath service in Flagstaff, Ariz., Nov. 11. Services will be held twice a month at this mountain town high in the pines. John Amos, Prescott, Ariz., pastor, will minister to the new congregation.



STARS IN STRIPES — The Eugene, Ore., girls' volleyball team put on a stunning performance Nov. 19 in Portland in its successful bid for the Oregon district title. The girls defeated all three of their opponents without a loss. Members of the team are, from left, front row: Lynn Harmon and Joyce Young; second row: coach Dell Hanson, Robin Hanson, Sally Young, Mitch Stevenson and Cherelle Glover; third row: Lisa Strelow, Pat Harmon, Margie Beeton, Jenni Hanson, Sue Lang, Janelle Glover and Cathy Bruce. [Photo by Woody Corsi]



HARMONY — The quartet of, from left, Ed Smith, Rich Daulton, Marv Staggs and Marlin Fannin do a Statler Brothers number at the Cincinnati, Ohio, variety show Dec. 2. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ALANIZ, Ralph and Norma (Rodriguez), of Columbus, Ga., boy, Gabriel, Oct. 19, 10:43 a.m., 7 pounds, first child.

BEATH, Ross and Gaye (Halford), of Bathurst, Australia, boy, Benjamin Ross, August 18, 5:15 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

BOHONIK, Nick and Virginia (Jones), of Salina, Kan., boy, Kelly Aaron, Dec. 1, 7:43 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

BURSON, David and Patty, of Hattiesburg, Miss., boy, Eric Shawn, Dec. 6, 10:20 p.m., 9 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BURTON, Mike and Sue (Raymer), of Reading, England, girl, Michael Anne, Nov. 2, 8:30 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 4 girls.

COCO, Angelo and Ginny (Trump), of Churubusco, Ind., boy, Bryan Robert, Nov. 26, 10:35 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

COLE, Lonnie and Sue (Ware), of Chattanooga, Tenn., boy, Shaun Martin, Nov. 29, 4:37 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

COOPER, Henry and Rosemary of Dublin, Ireland, girl, Judith Abigail, Nov. 14, now 4 girls.

DEAN, Dennis and Conni (Johnson), of Cleveland, Ohio, girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Nov. 16, 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

DE PALMA, Frank and Rose (Delillo), of Nassau, N.Y., boy, Cataldo Frank, Nov. 9, 1:30 p.m., 10 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

DIKEMAN, Loren and Betty (Wilson), of Asheville, N.C., girl, Maria Louise, Nov. 30, 9:57 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 girl.

DOHERTY, Frank and Gretchen (Bartlett), of Syracuse, N.Y., girl, Sarah Chamberlain, Nov. 29, 12:29 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

FULCHER, Arthur and JoAnne (Jenkins), of Jefferson City, Mo., boy, Bryan Arthur, Nov. 13, 9:06 a.m., 5 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, first child.

GREGOIRE, Joseph F. and Gertrude (Luo Lewis), of Dominica, West Indies, boy, Stanley Francis, 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HAMMER, Lyndon and Kitty (Pursell), of Roseburg, Ore., boy, Davin Joel, Sept. 29, 6:45 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HAROLD, Bruce and Gale (Langston), of Evansburg, Ala., girl, Angel Mary-Louise, Nov. 20, 9:17 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

HARWOOD, Don and Bonnie (McPherson), of Edmond, Okla., girl, Pauline Tiboris, Sept. 7, 3:16 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

HERUTH, Dennis and Gail (Menton), of Duluth, Minn., boy, Isaac James, Dec. 10, 4:12 p.m., 5 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JOHNSON, Neil and Coral (Leach), of Oympse, Australia, girl, Jennifer Grace, Nov. 5, 5:45 p.m., 13 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 girls.

KORTHUIS, Roger and Barbara (Ella), of Seattle, Wash., girl, Kristan Janelle, Dec. 5, 1:40 a.m., 9 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

LEE, Jim and Linda (Corrill), of Pasadena, Calif., girl, Alisha Anne, Dec. 2, 12:43 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

MAGLIO, Larry and Debbie, of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Rachel Beth, Dec. 4, 12:07 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MARTIN, Clarence and Lillian (Granberry), of Detroit, Mich., girl, Anita Michelle, Nov. 20, 9:43 p.m., 6 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MILLS, Rudolph and Angela (Henry), of Castles, St. Lucia, boy, Wade Stewart, Nov. 1, 5:50 a.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

MITCHELL, Robin and Janet (Adams), of Southampton, England, girl, Mary Louise, Nov. 15, 11:58 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

POWERS, Jeffery and Diana, of Coffeyville, Kan., girl, Jennifer Michele, Nov. 22, 3:36 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

SILCOX, Andrew and Dana (Lindsay), of Brackett Wood, England, boy, James David, Sept. 1, 7:17 a.m., 10 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

SPLITT, Wayne and Jill (Schofield), of Harmosa, S.D., boy, Heath Wayne, Aug. 29 (adopted Nov. 28), 4:30 p.m., 7 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

VELTING, Richard and Nancy (Matthews), of Dallas, Tex., girl, Davina Ruth, Dec. 8, 7:04 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

WATKINS, Larry and Carole (Frank), of Little Rock, Ark., girl, Tricia Irene, Nov. 18, 8:30 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

WIENENHEFT, Wilson and Vicki (Holmberg), of Arlington Heights, Ill., boy, David Alvin, Nov. 17, 9:20 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WOODBIDGE, Don and Jacque (Harvey), of Wichita, Kan., twin girls, Teresa Diane and Danielle Renee, Oct. 5, 5:53 a.m. & 6:24 p.m., 5 pounds 10 ounces and 6 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, first children.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt L. Schneider of Lincoln, Neb., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Amy Lavonne to George E. Bryan of Tyler, Tex. A June wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cubert of Kilmore, Ireland, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Ann to Michael Monrohy of Blessington, Ireland.

Barry Henry of Riston, La., and Paula Ridgely of Baltimore, Md., would like to announce their engagement. A Jan. 20 afternoon wedding is planned at the Monroe church facility, Monroe, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan of Elizabethtown, Ill., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Leah to Roger Schmidgall of Bloomington, Ill. A Feb. 18 wedding is planned. The bride and groom are members of the Peoria, Ill., church.

WEDDINGS

Charles W. Appell Jr. and Candee D. Ewall were united in marriage Oct. 8 at Denver, Colo., by Leroy Cole, Denver minister. The couple spent their honeymoon and Feast of Tabernacles in Kenmare, Ireland.



MR. AND MRS. PAUL WRIGHT

Paul Wright and Jacqueline Griffiths were pronounced husband and wife Oct. 14 by Robert Harrison, pastor of the S. Wales churches. The bride is the daughter of Ron and Ivy Griffiths of Tonyrefail, S. Wales, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wright of Cumbria, England. Don Carlson was best man. The bridesmaid and page boy were Lisa and Leigh Christopher. The couple will live in Middlesex, England.



MR. AND MRS. N. TEN BROEK

Teresa D. Wendling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wendling and Nelson W. ten Broek, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. ten Broek, were united in marriage Sept. 3, at the Ambassador Auditorium. The ceremony was performed by Dave Albert, pastor at the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church. John Lyons was best man and Suzanne Moxley, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The couple now resides in LaVerne, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. DARRELL MEEKER

Kathy Adams of Columbia, Mo., and Darrell Meeker of Prairie Village, Kan., were married Sept. 24 in the Festival Administration Building at the Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. George Meeker, pastor of the Springfield, Mo., church, officiated. Tom Adams was best man and Theresa Smothers was matron of honor. The couple presently resides at 1609 Windsor, Apt. 7, Columbia, Mo., 65201.

Judith Ann Amos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Amos of Wheeling, W. Va., and Michael Howard Sumner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Sumner of Alpena, Mich., were united in marriage Oct. 8 in Bridgeport, Ohio. Maurice Pretoroff officiated. Alexa Amos was maid of honor and Jeff Lady was best man. The couple will reside at 515 1/2 Miller Street, Alpena, Mich., 49707.

Linda Susan Wallace and Michael D. Crist were married Dec. 7 in Shawnee, Okla., in a double-ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Wallace of Shawnee. The groom is the son of Major and Mrs. Kampus W. Crist, USAF (Ret.) of Albertville, Ala. David G. Borman served as best man. Peggy Belort, the bride's sister, was the matron of honor. David D. Dobson, a minister at the Oklahoma City church, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Crist will work and reside in Oklahoma City.

Melvin L. Carlson of Randolph, Kan. (Topeka church), and Linda Groves of Drexel, Mo. (Kansas City South church), were married Nov. 16. The ceremony was performed by Jim Riedus, pastor of the Kansas City South Church, at his home. Attendants were Bill and Nola Whitley of Drexel. The Cartons' address is Rt. 1, Box 6, Randolph Kan., 66654.

Bill Gordon, minister of the Duluth, Minn. church, performed the wedding ceremony of Judy Beckstrom and Kevin Korzenowski Dec. 9 immediately after Sabbath services before a surprised congregation. The bride's sister

Debbie was bridesmaid and John Edmond was best man. Judy and Kevin were baptized two days later.

Mr. Chua Lean Hong and Miss Chin Koon Han, both from Malaysia, but now living in Britain attending Cardiff University, were united in marriage at the home of Liverpool pastor David Magowan Dec. 9. The couple will reside and attend church at Cardiff, S. Wales.

Cornie Lorraine Mullett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mullett of Coville, Ohio, and Terry Lee Rasi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorain Faust of Toledo, Ohio, were united in marriage Dec. 16 in Toledo. Bruce Vance, minister in Detroit, Mich., performed the ceremony. The couple is living in Toledo.

ANNIVERSARIES

To my one and only — For two years we've had our good and bad times (mostly good ones). We have our four boys plus one girl to raise in God's way and to give our love to them and each other.

The last two years have been a fruitful period, and I hope for many more years together. Happy second anniversary Dec. 22. With all my love, Gale, Evansburg, Ala.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Becker: Congratulations on your fourth anniversary. Love, Mom and Dad.

Mom and Dad — happy anniversary. Wishing you many more years of happiness, from all your kids with much love. Fred, Keith, Bobby, Randy and Gerlie.

Mom and Dad: Happy 27th anniversary. Hope you have at least 100 more. Love ya Ma. We all love both of you. Bobby, Becky, Bob, Helen, Mike, Diane. Tom and all five grandkids.

For 13 years of love and five lovely children — happy anniversary! You've already given me enough beautiful memories to last a lifetime, and it's only just begun for us. Love forever, Charlotte.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vigil Page on Jan. 19: Happy anniversary, Mama and Papa. If I weren't for you I wouldn't be here. Lots and lots of love to you both from little Damien.

Longbottom, 76, died Nov. 23 of an apparent heart attack after a prolonged illness.

Mr. Longbottom was a member of the Youngstown, Ohio, congregation, along with his wife and two daughters. He was baptized in 1973.

ERIE, Pa. — Judy C. Shimek, 44, wife of John Shimek of Geneva, Ohio, died unexpectedly Nov. 29. Mrs. Shimek attended church with her husband in Erie. She is survived by two sons, Michael and Steven; a sister, Karen Meadows; and her mother, Margaret Cone.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Danny Lee Justice, 22, died Nov. 27 in a one-car accident. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan J. Justice, members of the Little Rock church.

Mr. Justice is survived by his parents, a brother, sister-in-law, two nieces and aunts and uncles.

Obituaries

COLUMBIANA, Ohio — Raymond

Members, youths recognized

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A fifth-grade Normanly Elementary School student received the outstanding award in the first annual Jacksonville Fire Prevention Poster Award contest Nov. 3.

Russel Shiver's poster of a child playing with matches with the word *no* over the top of it was selected as the top poster of an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 that were submitted during a contest held during fire prevention week.

Russel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Drexel L. Shiver, was presented a medalion in the auditorium of the Florida Publishing Co.

Medallions also were presented to first, second and third place winners by Fire Chief Russell Yarbrough and

nation. During the Feast of Tabernacles this year at Norfolk, Va., Greg participated in the golf championship and placed first. This championship was not a YOU activity, but was open to all Church members.

CANTON, Ga. — Norman Zimmerman, 17-year-old senior at Cherokee High School in Canton,



NORMAN ZIMMERMAN was chosen to appear in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* in 1978.

Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Roy Zimmerman of Canton, was selected for high achievements in academics and leadership in school activities, athletics and community service. He won first place in the Cherokee County Voice of Democracy speaking contest in 1977. The topic of his speech was "My Responsibility to America."

Norman is on the Youth Oppor-

tunities United basketball team and was a member of the all-star divisional team last year. He is president of the Rome, Ga., YOU chapter and attends the Rome church with his family. Norman hopes to attend Ambassador College.

HURON, S.D. — Kevin Rolle, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rolle of Huron, was inducted into the National Honor Society in ceremonies Nov. 21. He maintains an average of 3.95 and is active in art club in school.

Kevin is also an active member of the Youth Opportunities United (YOU), Watertown, S.D., chapter,



and was selected to attend the YOU conference in Pasadena this year. His main interests are art and sports. He plays on the YOU basketball team. His parents are members attending the Watertown church.



RUSSEL SHIVER certificates by Fire Marshal W.W. Fish Sr.

Assistant school superintendent Billy Knight gave \$25 savings bonds to the winners. The bonds were provided by area banks and insurance companies. The medallions were made available by the Atlantic Banks.

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — Greg Vallet, an active member of Youth Opportunities United, participates in



GREG VALLET

many sports, not only at church, but at the school he attends. Greg has had the opportunity to make three trips to Big Sandy, Tex., and Pasadena to participate in three different YOU sports: bowling, basketball and golf.

Last year, Greg came in second in golf; this year in the golf competition at Big Sandy, he placed third in the



TWO PRESIDENTS — Cor Grieve, left, and Frank Saxen, both members of the Fairfield, Calif., church, have been elected presidents of their Kiwanis clubs in Napa and Antioch, Calif., respectively. The Kiwanis clubs are international community-service organizations. Mr. Grieve has been a Church member since 1964 and Mr. Saxen since 1970.

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

UPDATE

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Dean Wilson, regional director of Australia and the Far East, and Chris Hunting made a six-day visit to Southeast Asia Nov. 16 to 22, first traveling to Singapore for a Friday-night Bible study and morning Sabbath service, then to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for afternoon services and a dinner with a number of the members and **Yong Chin Gee**, pastor of the Malaysian and Singapore churches. Forty-six attended the services in Singapore and 90 in Kuala Lumpur. **Teo Sr.** and his eldest son, **Poh Chim**, came from Kota Bharu, Malaysia, for the special visit.

After visiting the two areas Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hunting continued on to Rangoon, Burma, where Mr. Wilson was able to meet for the first time with **Saw Lay Beh** and a few other brethren there, later returning to Australia by way of Calcutta, India, and Hong Kong.

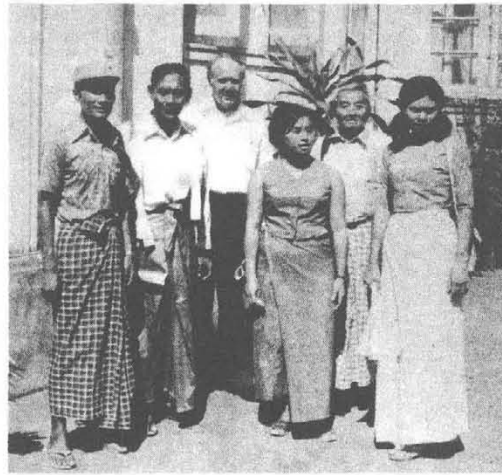
PASADENA — Members of the four Pasadena area churches took advantage of the New Year's Day Rose Parade to earn money for church activities planned for this year.

Members joined students of Ambassador College to help in parking, ushering and selling of programs, food and photo supplies.

This year's Rose Parade, the 90th in its history, makes its way alongside Ambassador College on Orange Grove Boulevard.

Money earned as a result of the parade will be divided among the college and the four Pasadena churches. The number of volunteers from each congregation will determine the amount of money each church receives.

According to **Greg Albrecht**, Ambassador College dean of students, Rose Parade revenues are expected to net \$25,000.



BURMESE BRETHREN — Dean Wilson, regional director of Australia and the Far East, met with some of the brethren in Rangoon, Burma, on his six-day trip in Southeast Asia. Shown are, from left, Vi Kia, Saw Lay Beh, Mr. Wilson, June Aye and her father, U Saw Hla, and Deborah Ba Saw. (See "Update," this page.) [Photo by Chris Hunting]

Work builds 'PT' coverage in Britain

By Martin Keen

LONDON — The Work has begun to take display space at exhibitions in the United Kingdom to increase the regional impact of its message. This is in addition to an improved package of three audiovisual subscriber lectures and a separate, brand-new series of public lectures to be held in conjunction with intensive back-up promotion in selected towns.

'PT' promotion

In a sustained effort to increase the circulation of *The Plain Truth*, circular brochures will be offered at PT-exhibition stands inviting those interested to write in for a six-month trial subscription. Initially, 150,000 brochures have been printed for distribution. Some will be used for door-to-door coverage in areas where lectures are planned.

"There are a number of avenues available to us to promote *The Plain Truth* in this country," said Ernie Winchester, promotions manager of the Work in the United Kingdom. "Instead of spreading our net far and wide and thereby weakening our impact, we are concentrating our efforts on prime target areas, which will enable us to build *The Plain Truth* subscriber file. Continued analysis has proved that promoting *The Plain Truth* directly is at the present time the most cost-effective way of spreading the Gospel in the United Kingdom. While there is a definite and necessary place for subscriber and other presentations, these should be coupled, where possible, with promotions aimed at encouraging brand-new people to read *The Plain Truth*."

Exhibitions in which we have already featured are the Ideal Home Exhibition, Norwich, England, (Nov. 7 to 11) and the Home Improvement and Leisure Exhibition, Plymouth, England (Nov. 14 to 18). The season then restarts in March at the Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, London. About one million people are expected to attend. Definite bookings have been made for Ideal Home Exhibitions in Southampton, Manchester and Liverpool, England (April 3 to 7, April 10 to 18, and May 15 to 19, respectively).

By way of backup to the exhibitions in Norwich and Plymouth (in addition to newspaper advertising) 20,000 brochures were distributed to selected homes in each town. Response is beginning to flow in. Over the coming winter and spring the towns of Luton, Northampton, Harrow and Cambridge, England, will receive 10,000 brochures each.

Subscriber lecture series

This year we are adding a visual dimension to our series of subscriber lectures by featuring a color-slide presentation at each location. The series will consist of a basic package of three lectures on the theme "The Incredible Human Potential." Although there is a unifying theme to the series, we have tried to ensure that each lecture contains important knowledge in its own right on a subject of vital interest to the individual and to the family as a whole. Titles are "The World Tomorrow," "Why Were You Born?" and "What Is Real Christianity?"

Public presentations will follow around two months of intensive promotional activity in each area, and will consist of back-up newspaper advertising, door-to-door brochure distribution, cinema commercials, displays (in shopping centers, railway stations, etc.), an exhibition (where appropriate) and a press conference.

Shadow of Baghdad haunts peace

By Moshe Ben Simcha

JERUSALEM — The award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, so reminiscent of the same award to Henry Kissinger for "ending" the Vietnam War, did not bring any of Israel's other neighbors nearer to the negotiating table. While the American media follow with bated breath the movement of superstars Begin and Sadat, a far more important summit meeting was almost entirely overlooked.

'Just peace' defined

With the strong support of Saudi Arabia, a pan-Arab summit was held in Baghdad, Iraq, Nov. 2 to 5 to discuss responses to the likely Israel-Egypt agreement. After four days of talks, the summit agreed that the Arab world was committed to a just peace. This "just peace" was then defined as total Israeli withdrawal from all territories occupied in the Six-Day War of 1967 "including Arab [East] Jerusalem [the historic Old City], and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state."

As is usual in Middle East affairs, probably the most important developments at the Baghdad summit were below the surface. Reports from the Iraqi capital stated that the summit passed several secret resolutions for a united Arab action against Israel in the future. These included the allocation of a multibillion dollar fund to build up the military might of Syria, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Strong Saudi financial and diplomatic support to build up such an east front against Israel has been coming for four years. After Baghdad, we can expect to see it radically stepped up.

But an ever more striking effect of the summit was that Iraq — long the extremist hothead of the Arab world — came in from the cold. Their most bitter enemy has been near-neighbor Syria. For the past three years, a ferocious underground war of assassination, sabotage and public abuse has been waged between the regimes in Damascus, Syria, and Baghdad, both of which laid claims to being the only pure and true brand of revolutionary Arab socialism.

But now both President Hafez Assad of Syria and President Ahmad Hasan al-Bakr of Iraq have recognized that the Camp David accords amount to what King Hussein of Jordan termed as pulling Egypt out of the Arab confrontation with Israel. A united front against the common Zionist enemy was clearly called for, and only the excuse of a common foe could allow both Mr. Assad and Mr. al-Bakr to settle their destructive squabbles without loss of face.

Arab unity without Egypt

According to Professor Moshe Ma'oz, research director of the Hebrew University's Truman Institute and one of Israel's leading experts on the Arab world, in a Nov. 3 Jerusalem *Post* interview: "Perhaps the agreement concluded by Assad and al-Bakr signifies . . . that the hour of mutual interest and joint action is at hand."

What did Professor Ma'oz mean by "joint action"?

"I only wish I were wrong," he explained, "but I'm afraid that the belief that without Egypt no [Arab] military option exists is naive and misplaced."

Figures from London's Institute of Strategic Studies bear Professor Ma'oz out. Even without anyone else, Iraq and Syria together — both of which have been armed to the teeth by Russia and are firmly in Moscow's diplomatic orbit — can field 400,000 men, 4,000 tanks and more than 750 aircraft against Israel. These figures have been questioned, but only as being *too low!*

Syria and Iraq would not have to go it alone. The 1975 joint military command between Syria and Jordan continues to function. Saudi money, even before the Baghdad summit, has been flowing for years to build up both Jordan and Syria against Israel. The conservative Saudis have been struggling for years to bring Iraq back into the mainstream Arab fold.

Thus the November summit at Baghdad marked a giant step towards pan-Arab unity against Israel without Egypt and towards a military build-up that threatens more than ever before the existence of the Jewish State — the only tribe of Israel in full awareness of its biblical identity.

Threat to Israel prophesied

This menace was foreseen 2,800 years ago. In listing the end-time iniquities of Damascus, capital of Syria, the prophet Amos cried: ". . . They have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron" (Amos 1:3). Today the north of biblical Gilead is the Golan Heights, a slender 10-to-15-mile-wide stretch of highland held by the Israeli army and the scene of fierce battles between Israel and Syria in 1967 and 1973.

All of this gives a terribly modern ring to the frightful warning of God through Hosea, Amos' contemporary, that ". . . it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel" (Hosea 1:5).

Before our eyes, the valley of Jezreel lies under the tank muzzles of a mighty and savage foe, and that day, the day of God's judgment on all His sinning tribes of Israel, draws ever closer. The mindless chants of "peace, peace" when there is no peace can only fulfill the bitter prophecy of Jeremiah: ". . . Ah, Lord Eternal! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul" (Jeremiah 4:10).

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PASADENA — The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) recently presented its citation award for advertising design to Ambassador College for a college advertisement submitted to the council earlier this year. The Ambassador entry was reprinted in the November, 1978, edition of *CASE Currents*, the Council's monthly journal.

The ad featured sophomore **Dawn Jackson** and originally appeared on the back cover of the March, 1978, issue of *The Plain Truth*. It was one of a series of similar ads designed as part of a student recruitment campaign under the direction of **Leslie E. Stocker**, director of college relations.

Greg Smith, *Plain Truth* art director, produced the graphic design for the award-winning ad, while selection of the student and copywriting were done by **John Zahody**, assistant to Mr. Stocker.

"With the principles and values for which Ambassador stands," said Mr. Stocker, "we have a powerful natural resource that isn't hard to sell."

Why go to College?

Ask Dawn Jackson College offers me many learning opportunities and social experiences I couldn't get anywhere else. And I appreciate the chance I have to get to know people whose customs and points of view are different from my own.



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AWARD-WINNING AD — The Ambassador College ad on the back cover of the March, 1978, *Plain Truth* won an award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and was reprinted in the Council's journal. (See "Update," this page.)