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A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME

By Herbert W. Armstrong
TUCSON, Ariz. — In the past two weeks, this world has entered into a "whole new ball game." The intervention of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan changes the whole world picture. Or, does it?

President Jimmy Carter has said this new development has given him a new insight and appraisal of Communist Russia. It gave me no such thing. I wrote 30 and even 46 years ago, the nature and the undeviating policy and commitment of the Communist Party, which runs the Soviet Union.

I wrote then that nothing will dissuade the Kremlin rulers but MILITARY FORCE that is SUPERIOR TO THEIRS.

In 1945 — 30 years ago — I was writing articles and making broadcasts comparing Communist Russia to a huge BEAR, lumbering along, kicking against doors. If the door caved in, the bear waddled on in, and once it planted its huge feet inside it would never move out unless driven out by a superior force. But, I then said, if a snarling bulldog

came growling viciously at the bear from inside, the bear would draw back and run lumberingly away.

The Russian Communists don't want a war they can't win. That's why for some years we had the Cold War. The United States was keeping even with them, or was superior, in armaments and nuclear warfare development. Even so, the Russians pushed at the United States as far as they safely could without endangering a nuclear showdown — which they would avoid at any cost.

I was saying over the air, and writing, back in 1934, that the communist unwavering strategy was, as a first offensive toward world domination, propaganda. They began sowing the seeds of their communist atheistic education all over the United States — especially among college professors and students. They invaded American university campuses, full force, and U.S. universities trustingly let them in. They made inroads into the U.S. government structure. The State Department was a fertile working ground for

their doctrines. The State Department official who authorized my credentials as a press representative attending the San Francisco (Calif.) Conference in 1945, where the charter for the United Nations was formed, was later convicted as a Communist spy.

The Communist permanent policy, to which all party members are solemnly dedicated, calls first for a war of propaganda (call it "education" if you will). Next, a war of nerves, or "Cold War," short of actual military offensives, then in countries where sufficient inroads have been made, such as South Vietnam, (See NEW BALL GAME, page 12)



TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY — *The First Amendment: Church vs. State*, a documentary produced by the Work's Media Services Department, was aired on KCOP-TV in Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 16., the first of its scheduled showings across the United States. (Photo by Roland Rees)

TV documentary on legal crisis shown publicly in prime time

PASADENA — "But the real issue has now surfaced. The whole question is: Who is the Lord? Is Caesar or Christ Lord?"

So proclaimed Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong Jan. 16 to the people of Los Angeles, Calif., in a taped documentary of the year-long crisis brought on by the State of California's attack on the Worldwide Church of God. Entitled *The First Amendment: Church vs. State* the hour-long documentary produced by the Work's Media Services' television department was aired on KCOP-TV in Los

Angeles during prime time.

Advertisements aired

Three advertisements were aired during the broadcast, including an offer of the booklet *This is the Worldwide Church of God* and an advertisement for Mr. Armstrong's book *The Incredible Human Potential*.

According to Bill Butler of the Work's Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) line, several persons outside of the Church called the advertised phone number to express their concern over what was happening to

the Church, including a Presbyterian man who wished to contribute financially to the legal battle.

Other callers included ministers and members of other churches who were deeply troubled by what the State was doing, and they expressed their hopes that the Worldwide Church of God would ultimately win its legal struggles.

The documentary chronicled the events surrounding the crisis, beginning with the installment of receiver Steven S. Weisman in early January. Black and white photographs of the receiver's men, attorneys Hillel and Rafael Chodos, and others rifling the files of Mr. Armstrong and Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader were shown, as well as personal interviews of the central figures in the crisis.

No stone unturned

"No stone was left unturned in backing up all the facts presented," reports Church Public Information Officer Kevin Dean. "Media Services used more than 12 hours of videotape and film in making the one-hour special, which resulted in a very factual, yet powerful and chilling documentary on the erosion of the individual rights of Americans."

The Church-produced television documentary was publicized with an advertisement headlined "Did January 3, 1979 Mark the Death Knell for Religious Freedom?" in the Jan. 16 Los Angeles Times (see advertisement on page 6).

Mr. Dean noted that "Special emphasis was placed on showing that rights of individuals are lost step by step, detailing the great danger that all churches face if the Worldwide Church of God is destroyed. Taped comments of Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Rader and others peel away the facade of 'justice' from the naked power grab of certain individuals on behalf of the State."

Plans are being prepared to show the documentary in major cities within the United States, with scheduled showings in two major California cities to begin the coverage. Film copies of the documentary are in the works for use in church areas worldwide, according to Mr. Dean.

75 additional students enroll as semester begins

PASADENA — As 430 students began the first academic session of the new decade Jan. 14, Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Ambassador College, said Herbert W. Armstrong, the college's founder, is pleased with the direction the college is now taking. Twenty former students have returned to finish their education here, and 55 new students are enrolled this semester making a total of 75 new students.

Enrollment stands at 21 students more than last semester, now that the sabbatical program has been discontinued and the ministers have been transferred to field assignments.

Many of the students enrolled this semester have come from around the world to attend, as Mr. McNair calls it, the only college or university that is "fully accredited by God." International students comprise about 22 percent of the student body, representing, among other countries, Australia, Canada, South Africa, Trinidad, West Germany, Tasmania, Colombia, New Zealand and England.

In addressing the student body in the first forum of the semester, Mr. McNair described the basic approach to education at Ambassador that this world does not understand.

"A threefold cord is not quickly broken," said Mr. McNair, quoting Ecclesiastes 4:12 and explaining that in addition to the development of the mind, or intellect, which is the only thing taught at colleges and universities of this world, Ambassador goes on to develop personality and character as well.

"Here at Ambassador we believe in the development of the whole man," Mr. McNair said. "If you would just develop what God gave you, I don't believe it would be possible to have a bad personality."

To help the new and continuing

students get acquainted, the Food Services Department opened the student center for an evening of free hot dogs and French fries Jan. 10.

Students to participate in dig

PASADENA — Ambassador College Deputy Chancellor Raymond McNair announced Dec. 24 that the college will again be participating in archaeological excavations in Jerusalem this summer, this time on the ancient City of David. Ambassador students last participated in 1976 in excavations on the Temple Mount there.

"We believe the students will help to further strengthen the iron bridge which has been erected between the

people of Israel and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and Ambassador College," Mr. McNair said. Twenty-four students will be chosen to participate in the dig, in conjunction with Hebrew University.

Richard Paige, Ambassador College faculty member who is coordinating the details of the college's involvement and who will be accompanying the students on the trip, added that the summer program is

"far larger" than just the dig.

Strengthening bridges

"We are trying to plan the program so that we'll not only strengthen the bridge Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong has built, but so the students will be able to get a greater feel for the events of the Bible by seeing the actual places biblical events occurred. . . . We hope the students will derive a great deal of importance that they will be able to share with the people in the local church areas and be able to contribute to the college community when they return," Mr. Paige said.

"The program provides an academic program of study of the Bible in its Middle Eastern setting and an introduction to the institutions and current problems of the Jewish and Arab communities in Israel."

He added that the 24 students chosen for the program will be required to take the seven units of courses offered during the summer and go on all field trips arranged for the group, but will also be encouraged to make personal sightseeing trips in small groups to other areas of interest, to broaden their awareness and knowledge of the country, past and present.

The students will be making a two-day stopover in London on the way to Jerusalem to allow them to adjust to a 10-hour time difference (See STUDENTS, page 6)



DIGGING UP HISTORY — Ambassador College students work at the archaeological excavation site on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem in the summer of 1976, the last time students participated in the dig. The college plans to send 24 students to work at the site this summer.

Tito: key to peace in Europe?

PASADENA — The last of World War II's great national leaders is fighting for his life. Marshal Josip Broz Tito, the 87-year-old chief of state of Yugoslavia, has had to undergo amputation of part of his left leg in order to prevent the spread of gangrene, which had set in after a blocked artery had restricted oxygen supply.

Initial reports indicate that Yugoslavia's "president for life" has weathered the surgery well. But his situation remains critical.

To Yugoslavia's 22 million anxious citizens, President Tito is Yugoslavia. He is the prime architect as well as preserver of the modern Yugoslav nation. More than any other individual, the World War II anti-Nazi resistance leader has been responsible for forging what there is of a common Yugoslav mentality.

One country, many peoples

The forcefulness of President Tito's personality has helped surmount the crazy-quilt social fabric of the beautiful Balkan country. Yugoslavia (which means "south Slavic state") only dates to 1918. Within its complex framework it contains six constituent republics, two autonomous regions, eight distinct ethnic groups, three major religions, three official languages — and even two alphabets. The republics of Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia, once part of the Ottoman Empire, have traditionally been eastward-oriented, while Croatia and Slovenia, once part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, have their roots in the mainstream of European culture.

Without a doubt President Tito has been the "glue" that has held Yugoslavia together. This fact is nothing



PATCHWORK NATION — Yugoslavia is composed of the six republics and two autonomous regions show here, indicative of the nation's patchwork of ethnic groups. (Artwork by Ron Grove)

short of a miracle. Murderous infighting between the two largest groups, the Serbs and Croats, during World War II led to hundreds of thousands of deaths. Croatia itself had its own puppet Nazi regime, bent upon purging its national area of minority Serbs and Jews. Crimes of the *Ustashi* government paralleled the excesses of the dreaded Nazi SS.

In 1971, long after the bitter memories of World War II had supposedly subsided, Mr. Tito had to put down an incipient revolt that almost split the country.

It is not without truth that some have called President Tito — himself part Croat, part Slovene — the "only true Yugoslav."

Biggest achievement — independence from Moscow

Marshal Tito's biggest single achievement, however, was his break with Moscow in 1948. He has always been a Yugoslav nationalist first, a Communist second. For 32 years the stubborn leader has pursued Yugoslavia's own brand of what could best be called "national communism." And over this same period Mr. Tito, more than any other individual, has been responsible for holding the Soviets at bay in Europe.

Moscow has never forgiven President Tito for rending communist solidarity. Yugoslavs — whatever their ethnic origin — are therefore deeply concerned over his state of health. Viewing what the Soviets have just done in Afghanistan, the question on every Yugoslav mind is: Will the Soviets try to "reabsorb" Yugoslavia in the aftermath of President Tito's eventual passing from the scene?

Many experts believe that fear of Russia, in fact, is the single most important factor unifying Yugoslavia's disparate peoples today.

To the men in the Kremlin, Yugoslavia's own brand of communism sets a bad example. Politically, it shows that there can exist communist parties independent of Moscow's control — strictly a Soviet no-no. Moscow is supposed to be the fountainhead, centerpiece and guiding-light of the internationalist movement.

Economically, Yugoslavia's decentralized and profit-motivated "worker self management" system is, in the Kremlin's eyes, Marxist-Leninist heresy. Especially because it works far better than the

heavyhanded Moscow model!

In its foreign relations Yugoslavia has pursued a strictly neutral course. President Tito, in fact, was the founding father of the nonaligned movement, begun in 1961.

Thus, the view prevails in many circles that *someday*, the Soviet Union must put an end to the "Yugoslav Experiment."

Subversion, not invasion

Most political analysts do not be-

WORLDWATCH BY GENE H. HOGBERG

lieve that the Kremlin would be so bold as to invade post-Tito Yugoslavia outright. For one thing the Yugoslav People's Army is a formidable foe. Its commanders have instruction to repel any invader regardless of cost.

In addition, a national militia of anywhere from four to eight million (out of a 22 million population, remember) is prepared to slug it out with the Soviets or any other invading Warsaw Pact force. The militia — called the "all peoples national defense" — is geared to take full defensive advantage of Yugoslavia's mountainous terrain. So Yugoslavia is certainly no Afghanistan.

Moscow would have to choose another route — that of subversion.

Yugoslavia's greatest weakness is its susceptibility to internal ethnic division. To pacify the often conflict-

ing nationalities, President Tito and his advisers have attempted to give as much home rule as possible to each one. Each republic and autonomous region has total responsibility for its own economy, within a minimum number of federal guidelines. (The wealthier republics such as Slovenia and Croatia, for example, are required to financially assist projects in the lesser developed south.)

The whole country, from federal center to grass roots, is run by a multiplicity of decentralized units. Decentralization is the political key, as well, to Yugoslavia's future. President Tito has no designated heir. Instead he has arranged for a rotating

rule, outnumber Orthodox Serbs and Catholic Croats.

The problem got so troublesome that recently Mr. Tito himself had to pay a visit to Bosnia to tell certain Islamic clerics that their divisiveness would not be tolerated.

Croatian nationalism also remains a latent problem. Mr. Tito has had to occasionally purge the Croatian Communist Party ranks of ultranationalistic elements. He has also repeatedly rooted out pro-Moscow hardliners wherever he has found them.

Shockwaves for NATO

It is felt by many experts that instead of an outright attack, the Soviets will attempt, in the post-Tito era, to play upon rival nationalisms, perhaps to subvert one major group or republic; to try to split the country, rather than trying to bring the nation as a whole back into the fold.

Or, in the wake of Soviet-inspired chaos, some pro-Moscow hardliner could rise from the midst and issue, a la Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan, an urgent appeal for the Red army to come in and restore order.

Either way, Moscow's ultimate ambition is to gain land access to the Adriatic/Mediterranean Sea region. Soviet occupation of even a part of Yugoslavia would be a calamity far exceeding the Afghanistan takeover. Red army troops stationed directly across the border from NATO-aligned Italy would send shockwaves throughout all Europe. It would change overnight the entire structure of post-war Europe.

It might not happen — for awhile, anyway. But the declining health of President Tito is giving many people inside and outside of Yugoslavia great cause for concern.

Shoplifting not sport, but crime

Sgt. Sidney Lyle is director of crime prevention for the Odessa, Tex., Police Department. This article is printed in the general interest of our readers.

By Sidney Lyle

ODESSA, Tex. — Shoplifting is a crime, yet all too often this criminal activity is looked upon as nothing more than a type of sport that the merchants expect — and one that has become socially acceptable in many areas over the past few years. The truth is, that a sizable markup in the final cost of goods purchased is the direct result of shoplifting and pilferage. Some experts estimate that if all forms of shoplifting could be eliminated, the cost of merchandise could be reduced as much as 15 percent.

It is difficult to determine exactly the frequency of shoplifting. Some merchants, after apprehending a juvenile shoplifter, try to counsel with the offender. Then they turn him loose without referring the child to the

proper authorities. Those merchants are reinforcing the child's attitude that nothing happens even after he gets caught.

It is estimated that not more than 5 percent of the merchants in a given community will file charges on a shoplifter. The youngsters learn this and will avoid those stores that do file. The other 95 percent of the merchants are those who strongly reinforce the attitude that shoplifting is a "sport" and not a crime.

If you will take the time to ask your own school-age youngster if he is aware that some of his schoolmates shoplift, you will more than likely be surprised by the answer. Your child will tell you that he knows several kids who steal from stores, and that they steal because it is easy, and they don't get caught. Furthermore, when they do get apprehended by the merchant, they are never turned over to the authorities.

As a parent you can never be absolutely sure that your child is not or

never will be involved in the criminal act of shoplifting. However, there are three rules that we can follow to help us raise our children with a healthy and productive attitude toward avoiding this criminal activity.

First, explain that shoplifting is against the law and not a game. Tell them that going along with the gang is counterproductive and tends to lead to foolhardy, dishonest acts.

Second, know where your youngsters are and what they are doing. If they come home with money and valuables, find out where they got them.

And third, set a proper example for your children. When a child see you, his parents, obeying all the rules — all the time — he will look up to you as a responsible citizen who practices what he preaches.

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

"Why do I need to go to Bible study? Why do I need to study the Bible?" I'm sure every minister of God's Church has had to answer these questions from time to time from members and prospective members alike.

Several months ago I heard this story of the Good Samaritan. After you have read it, I think you will agree that it is justification for local church Bible studies, personal Bible study — or any other effort to give a clear understanding of the Word of God.

It seems that a self-taught Bible livin' man, who had attended church off and on for some time, but was unable to read and write, was asked by a new member to explain the story of the Good Samaritan. Here is his explanation:

"Once there was a man travelin' from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among thorns, and the thorns sprung up and choked him. An' as he went on he didn't have no money, and he met the Queen of Sheba, and she give him 10 talents of gold an' 10 changes o' raiment. An' he got in a chariot an' was drivin' furiously when he was under a big jumper tree, an' his hair caught on a limb of the tree and he hung there

many days, and the ravens brought him food to eat and water to drink, and he ate 5,000 loaves and two fishes.

"One night when he was hangin' there asleep, his wife Delilah come along and cut off his hair, and he dropped and fell on stony ground. But he got up and went on, and it began to rain, and it rained 40 days an' 40 nights, an' he hid himself in a cave, and he lived on locusts and wild honey.

"Then he went on 'til he met a servant who say, 'Come, take supper at my house, and he made an excuse and said: 'No, I won't. I have married a wife, an' I can't go.' An' the servant went out in the highways and the hedges an' compelled him to come in.

"After supper he went on and come down to Jericho. An' when he got there he look up and saw ole Queen Jezebel sitten' down way up high in a window. An' she laugh at him, an' he say, 'Throw her down, an' they throw her down. An' he say, 'Throw her down again!' And they throwed her down 70 times seven, and of the fragments they picked up 12 baskets full, besides women and children, and they say, 'Blessed are the piecemakers.' Now, whose wife do you think she will be in the judgment day?"

Letters TO THE EDITOR

China visit exciting

I just wanted to express my thanks and appreciation for all the hard work that makes it possible for me to receive *The Worldwide News*.

I've been looking at the pictures of Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong's visit to China. Seeing them and hearing the tapes is more exciting than seeing man's first step on the moon. We have seen a miracle from God, not anything man has done.

It's not hard to see where God is working and who His apostle is.

Carolyn Comer
Elk City, Okla.

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Late 'WN'?

Could you answer why some issues of the *WN* were published three weeks apart during this past year instead of two? Perhaps it was due to the newspaper shortages, but I was going bananas over not knowing exactly when to

expect my next issue of the paper.

Michael E. Brandenburg
Pleasant Plain, Ohio

There are several reasons why readers may experience a delay in receiving *The Worldwide News*. In addition to unexpected spot paper shortages and mail slowdowns, the *WN* is only budgeted for 24 issues every calendar year. During the receivership, several extra special editions were published to keep the Church informed and some issues were sent to co-workers as well as members. In order to keep costs at a minimum, an occasional issue must be spaced between three weeks instead of two.

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A letter from home

You and your staff do really put out a wonderful paper. It is like a "letter from home."

"Just One More Thing" I really ponder the thoughts you put across... "Forum" and "Worldwatch" are tremendous. What other people of the Church are doing draws us so close together.

Esther Arenz
Wauneta, Neb.

Subscriber development's goal to bring readers to involvement

By Norman Shoaf

PASADENA — In line with the ongoing Church function to make itself readily open and accessible to as many as God will call (Acts 2:39), the subscriber development section of the Work's Mail Processing Center was established in July, 1976, explains Richard Rice, director of Mail Processing. Its goal is to use the Work's literature in a systematic, step-by-step approach to help regular subscribers, donors and co-workers develop greater involvement with the Church and the great commission.

In full swing

Now, 3½ years and more than 15 million advertising packages later, the subscriber development program is in full swing and is producing fruit for God's Work.

"As the Church of God, we have at this present time a very special calling: to get behind Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong and help proclaim the Gospel to this world and to aid in the spiritual development of those whom God will call into an active participation in His Work," says Mr. Rice. "It's largely the personal interest that we as an organization show that can determine the quality and swiftness of response from those we reach."

Because the Work communicates with the public through a variety of media — radio, television, magazines, booklets, spot commercials, *Plain Truth* coupons, news-



LITERATURE CATALOG — This literature catalog, advertising and offering booklets, reprint series, *The Plain Truth* and the Correspondence Course, is sent to new *Plain Truth* subscribers.

stands, magazine advertising and gift subscriptions — a sizable number of new *PT* subscribers have only limited knowledge of Mr. Armstrong, the

Church and true Christian doctrine or the Work's commission.

This subscriber development, with Mr. Armstrong's approval, aims to introduce the Worldwide Church of God and Mr. Armstrong to new subscribers as quickly as possible and advertise the Work's most important religious literature in progressive steps, Mr. Rice says.

Letters, booklets, Article Reprint Series, Sermon Summaries and other types of literature (much of it drawn



REPRINT SERIES — Shown above are some of the Article Reprint Series produced by subscriber development from material in the Work's publications.

from articles and booklets written by Mr. Armstrong) are used to serve a mailing list comprised of people at different levels of involvement with the Church and to explain the Work's many different arms — the Church, *The World Tomorrow* program, *The Plain Truth*, the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and Ambassador College, among others.



SUBSCRIBER DEVELOPMENT SECTION — Above, from left: Wayne Pyle, who compiles statistics and analyses for the Mail Processing Center and subscriber development; Mail Processing Center director Richard Rice; and Cindy Nice, who oversees implementation of subscriber development ideas and programs, discuss *Update*, a monthly publication sent to donors and co-workers. Below left: Mrs. Nice checks the progress of work on an issue of *Update* with Tom Mahan of the Work's Publishing Services Department. Below right, from left: Claudine Woodie and Al Garrett, who assist Mr. Pyle in statistics and mail analysis, Mr. Rice, Mrs. Nice, Mr. Pyle and Marietta McFarland, assistant to Mrs. Nice, handle the many functions of the subscriber development section. [Photos by Roland Rees]

"We are a service-oriented department, and subscriber development is simply an expression of that approach," states Mr. Rice. "Mr. Armstrong has taught for years that the give way of life is the one of which God approves. Through our literature offers and our letters we give them [new subscribers, donors and co-workers] a deeper understanding of the Work and its goals and hopefully help them grow more quickly to a greater spiritual involvement with the Work."

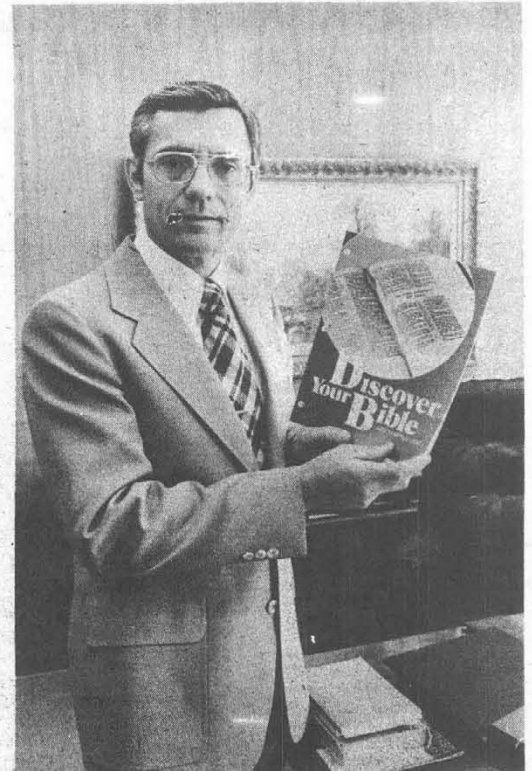
Every dollar spent in producing and mailing the enormous amount of material used in subscriber development returns \$13.46 to the Work, according to the most recent statistics, says Wayne Pyle, who handles statistical analysis. And whereas the average direct mail piece in general advertising pulls a response of only 2 percent, subscriber development's mailings have drawn a "basic 10 percent response," according to Mr. Pyle.

Response to one advertisement for the Work's 700 series literature — an article reprint group on the fundamental steps in conversion — drew a co-worker response of 33 percent.

Readers served

Readers served by subscriber development fall into four categories, according to Cindy Nice, who implements the various parts of the program, under Mr. Rice's supervision:

New subscribers. A person who asks to receive *The Plain Truth* for the first time will be sent an introductory issue and a six-month subscription. New subscribers also receive one of Mr. Armstrong's semiannual letters and a catalog advertising many of the Work's booklets and other literature



DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR — Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center and subscriber development, shows one of the early Article Reprint Series produced by subscriber development. [Photo by Roland Rees]

on various subjects.

Primes. A new subscriber who renews his *PT* subscription after the six-month trial period becomes a prime and is started on a 12-month progressive literature program. Flyers and response cards are mailed to primes every two months advertising various pieces of the Work's literature "from milk to meat," says Mrs. Nice. Offerings range from *What Is the True Gospel?* with the first mailing to a reprint series on conversion with the sixth. Primes also receive two of Mr. Armstrong's semiannual letters.

Donors. One donation to the Work places a person in this category. The donor is mailed a donation letter from the pastor general and continues to receive Mr. Armstrong's semiannual letters and the regular literature flyers until the 12-month literature program is completed.

Donors also receive a monthly newsletter containing an article featuring Mr. Armstrong, condensations of *Worldwide News* stories and advertisements for Article Reprint Series.

Co-workers. A person who makes two donations to the Work within a six-month period becomes a co-worker. In addition to regular receipts offering Sermon Summaries from ministers of the Church, co-workers receive Mr. Armstrong's monthly co-worker letters and his semiannual

letters and the monthly newsletter, and continue to receive the literature flyers until the 12-month cycle is finished.

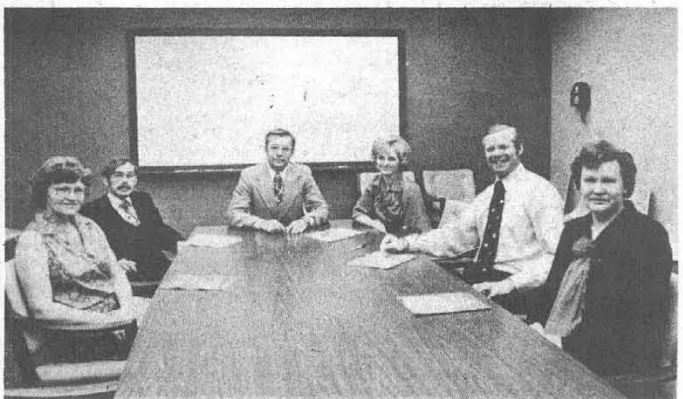
Planting the seed

Only a small percentage of new subscribers go through the program and actually become Church members, Mrs. Nice points out. But it presently takes an average of three years for a *Plain Truth* subscriber God may be calling to become a member, and subscriber development has only been functioning for 3½ years. The program should soon start seeing more results in this area, says Mr. Pyle.

Subscriber development hopes to reduce the present average period of three years to 1½ years or less, reports Mr. Rice.

"However, we can only do so much," says the Mail Processing director. "We can plant the seed, water, fertilize and cultivate the ground . . . spread the Word of God and offer personal help and encouragement in systematic steps. The field ministry can take over at a given point and work with these people on an individual basis. We can do everything within our human power to help bring people along."

"But ultimately, only God can call and convert those whom He chooses. It is He, and He alone, who gives the increase."



FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

This issue's "Forum" is the continuation of a question-and-answer session by Stanley R. Rader, the Work's treasurer and general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, in Pasadena Dec. 13. Mr. Rader's comments cover various aspects of the present state of the Church.

Mr. Rader, in the last forum you made reference to a document you wanted to publish about the court case and your part in it. And you said you weren't sure you'd publish it independent of your testimony in the court because it might damage First Amendment rights. Will this be like that?

I am advised that it will not, because we're publishing it in our own forums for our own use and, of course, for our own ministers. That's what I was referring to.

Will it be possible to show some of the raw film footage from China in the Auditorium sometime in the near future?

Well, I think we will be able to do that soon. Although in justice to the trip, I don't think raw film necessarily is the best, but I understand the TV people will be working on getting something ready to be shown very quickly. And we're hopeful that on Jan. 4 — we're planning on having a field day? Are we going to plan on something for that day?

At the Bible study.

That's Friday, so we can do it on Sunday. Is it possible?

I think we have the dance, Mr. Rader. The dance is on Sunday evening. We have the dance at the Hollywood Palladium.

Well — I'll leave it to others to work out when would be the best time. But it would seem that we should have some kind of gathering at that time. The Auditorium could be opened to people. I don't know if it will be that week or the following week or sometime. But I'd say that the television people probably need three or four weeks to get [the film] into good shape.

They have 33 hours of film just from one of my visits and probably about the same amount this time, so it has to be edited very well. I mean, just to show the raw film I think would not only take too much time, but would not do justice to the trip. But every bit of it was covered, everything that Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong and I did together was taped.

Will any of this be put on "The World Tomorrow" program?

Oh yes, definitely. It'll be integrated all throughout the coming year. And soon.

Thank you, Mr. Rader. In reference to the China trip, will this be used in the court case to our advantage and how?

Well, I think that everything that we've been doing works to our advantage. I mean, we haven't changed our modus operandi one whit since the lawsuit began. We've continued to do God's Work as Mr. Armstrong has seen it necessary to do God's Work. And we've been conforming to the same schedule and the same manner of operation all during the year.

I think what it will do is show the court that our reputation worldwide is above reproach . . . even if we can't get respect from some Los Angeles "Superior" Court judges, some of whom don't even know that there is a Constitution. We're getting the respect for our institutions as well as for our leadership worldwide.

And just by remarkable coincidence I've been lecturing to the elite University of China on the subject of constitutional law. By the way, I had my secretary send a copy of that speech to every judge in the Superior Court. Isn't that right, Mrs. [Virginia] Kineston? And we're going to continue teaching them. What they don't

know about the Constitution maybe we can help them learn over a period of time.

Question [Unclear] about public knowledge of China trip.

Well, I don't know how much the general public is aware of the matter as of yet. We did let Associated Press and the Los Angeles Times know about the visits by repeated news releases sent from China. But we don't know whether AP has picked it up anywhere. We know the [Pasadena] Star-News picked it up here. And the word is probably out.

I know the State Department in Washington knows that we were

Personnel director to a separate office on a separate floor and to allow that department to kind of free-wheel.

That was one of my many mistakes, and so it's now become part and parcel of the entire organization and tied closely to the people who handle all of the financial affairs. Basically Mr. [Jack] Bicket and his people are supervising that entire area again. Doesn't that answer it?

Regarding the decision that Judge [Laughlin E.] Waters is supposed to render either today or tomorrow, regarding the case, what would be our course of action if he does not rule in our favor?

Well, if he doesn't rule in our favor, we'll then ask the 9th Circuit for emergency relief again just as we did last time, in which case they might grant it. In the meantime, we have people preparing writs to the Supreme Court of the United States on the same issue and we'll request for a stay as well. We'll just have to play it by ear.

Is the foundation playing some role in bringing about contact between Israel and the People's Republic of China?

Well, not really. I have been very

and he has kept strong and he has taken on a good regimen, you might say, by being able to pace himself, by being just a little bit removed from the pressures that he might have if he were here. And by the fact that if he were here, people would maybe tend to disturb him more than is necessary. That could set him back.

So we're hoping by the late spring or early summer, when we have plans for a ministerial conference, by that time the case will have subsided a bit, and he would not be under that pressure. Remember he has been able to get a lot of work done, a tremendous amount of work done, by being in Tucson [Ariz.]. It's been very helpful for him to be there. It was really a godsend.

And when one looks back at the lawsuit, I think it was a blessing that he was in Tucson and residing there when this lawsuit broke. So I don't think any of us should be under some inner compulsion to force him to come here prematurely.

He has as much contact now with Church members throughout the world from Tucson as he does from Pasadena. And headquarters is where he is. The business headquarters and

representatives aren't invited by us to those special occasions, is it not true, or is it the Chinese government that does the inviting?

No. The Chinese government doesn't invite the ambassadors. We invite the ambassadors. We invited them to this dinner also. There were some 22 different members of the Chinese government. That's a dinner that we sponsored [for them] to meet Mr. Armstrong and the foundation and also the Japanese congressmen.

The time before it was the Liberian ambassador who extended the invitation to his colleagues in the ambassadorial corps. The ambassador from Liberia was the dean of the ambassadorial corps, which meant that if he sent an invitation they'd be more than less likely to show up.

Thank you, sir. I was interested to read in the Pasadena "Star-News" where it mentioned that the bill was footed by the Chinese, and I hope the attorney general saw that.

In all my prior visits the bill was footed by the government. On this occasion they were supposed to follow my instructions, which were to pay for Mr. Armstrong and for Mrs. Armstrong, but I told them that we wanted to pay for everything else. So those were the instructions that they were supposed to follow.

We're too big a delegation. We have to be treated the same way as Japanese congressmen. The Japanese congressmen who went with [Masayoshi] Ohira had to pay, but Ohira himself and his immediate aide did not have to. But I made it plain that we were too big a group.

You see, by the time we got through we had 22 people in our party. Whereas they had invited originally Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Armstrong, my wife and me. How do I go from four to 22? So I said, don't worry about it. We will take care of our own. We have special needs, special requirements, etc.

But on my other visit, they paid for my airline transportation. They paid for my hotels in the country. One time I stayed in the Peking Hotel at my choice. I wanted to see what was there in a certain way. And I wanted to be treated as a tourist to see what a tourist would be treated like. And I insisted on paying my way there and for my staff at that time. So there was a slight error in the reporting. But it's an error that works in our favor for a change.

But if Mr. Armstrong and I and our wives had gone alone, they would have paid for everything. But I made

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there because they have been very helpful. The United States Embassy in Tokyo called me and asked me if there was anything they could do to help us during this visit because they knew that we were coming to China.

Everybody in China was very helpful to us on the American side. And therefore they know who we are. And they know what we do. What conclusions they draw from it, that's something altogether different. But, I think they realize that we have accomplished something rather quickly.

Thank you, Mr. Rader. Is it true that leaders of other religious organizations have tried to meet with the leaders of China and failed in recent years?

I'm not sure of that at all. I don't think that they have met in recent years. I understand there have been efforts made to schedule a visit of the pope to China in the near future. And we haven't heard of any other evangelist, for example, who has gone to China.

But let's remember Billy Graham, for example, went to Romania, but five years after Mr. Armstrong went there and so on. So this is not the first time we've been the first person in a certain place. But I haven't heard officially that others have been denied access although the pope is working, we understand, on such a visit. That's been made public.

Would you comment on the recent department consolidations?

On the consolidations? Which departments are you referring to?

For example, the Personnel and the Feast Departments.

Both the Feast Department and the Personnel Department were historically integral parts of the Business, Accounting or Data Processing Department, whatever you want to call it. And sometime in the recent past, the Festival Office was sent down to Texas to give the Texas campus something more to do, some more involvement in the Work.

So that was an artificial means of giving the Texas area something to do, because what was being handled in the Pasadena area within the Business Office was now just taken out and put in Texas for no good reason. It was brought back in and then after a period of time, made an integral part of where it came from to begin with.

Personnel Office was the same type of thing. Personnel was an integral part of the Business Office until, as I recall, sometime in the spring of 1978, and then I thought it might be a good idea to move our

vocal, myself, and the subject did not come up at all during Mr. Armstrong's visit. But I have been very vocal in talking about Israel and China. I've done so kind of deliberately because I felt that there was much that Israel had to offer China. And Israel does have a system, a so-called kibbutz system, which is similar to what China is attempting to do on a much larger scale. And they've had great success in the kibbutz system and in their cooperative farming and marketing practices, which China is just now beginning to experiment with and not having the same kind of success.

I've also mentioned the statement of [David] Ben-Gurion that he made shortly before his death that the center of the world, geopolitically speaking, is China. That kind of offended people from Western Europe and other parts of the world, but I used that to indicate that a prominent Israeli had recognized the importance of China.

And I have used our relationships with Israel and the Arab world to repeatedly show the Chinese that we are people of good will, not because we say so, but because we're able to deal with the Arab nations and the Israeli nations. And they know we go back and forth one to the other.

So I've mentioned Israel quite prominently. But they don't have relations now, and it's a political problem. But we tried to stir up a little bit of friendship that way or interest, not only just by mentioning the foundation, but I mention it and mention Mr. Armstrong's interest and so on.

Are you still planning on teaching a course next semester?

Yes, I am. I'll probably miss a lot of the lectures, though, but I'll try to have a lot of outside assignments. You know, I used to do that when I was teaching at SC [University of Southern California]. I would go away for two weeks and give a written assignment. So I assume we could do the same thing here. But I'll try to miss fewer classes.

Last Bible study Mr. Armstrong in his telephone conversation in the Auditorium expressed his desire to come to Ambassador College. Do you know when he may be able to come back to the college itself?

He could come back now, but I think it's a question of a more practical nature. First of all, if he were to come back now with the case being where it is, he's liable to be harassed. We shouldn't make it easier for his being pestered and bothered and diverted from the Work.

Then, of course, he has kept well

everything really is Tucson now also. So, I mean, he's not in the wrong place at the wrong time, is what I'm trying to suggest. He's getting the Work done.

I know how all of us would like to see more of him here. I haven't seen as much of him in the past year as I would like to, but others have. And they see him constantly.

Mr. Rader, has there ever been extended to you an invitation from any of the Scandinavian countries?

Yes. We had at this most recent banquet at Beijing, the ambassador from Sweden. He was very friendly, and I was able to talk to him, because I have had several invitations in the past, not from the government, but from some very prestigious private institutions doing charitable work. I mentioned their names and he knew them.

And then at the last invitation we had the ambassador from Finland. So there's two. Of course, we have had in the past invitations from Denmark, but we just haven't had the chance to

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get there. But I was able to tell them that we have churches in those areas. At least I mentioned that we had churches in Norway and Denmark. I couldn't remember if we had them in Sweden and Finland.

I was very pleased this time, the French ambassador was there. They don't all show up at any one time. From Western Europe this time we had France. We had Sweden, as I said, and Switzerland. Last time we had Spain. We also had Belgium this time, so it was interesting to talk about our relationship with Belgium. Last time we had Italy and Spain; we did not have Belgium. I forget the ones we had, but it varies.

I went through with the schedule so there was a certain duplication. Some people wanted to come back the second time. Others didn't, and others were busy. So you can't tell. And December is the month of home leave for some of the people. They get to go back home in December, so it varies.

Typically, those foreign rep-

resentatives that they not try to pick up the cost of our delegation, because the cost becomes prohibitive in a way. In other words, we're trying to follow Mr. Armstrong's principle. We're there to give, not to get. We bring in 25 people, and you're running up a big bill — too big. But they have been very cordial.

Anything else? But anyway, it's none of the attorney general's business, furthermore. We've always paid our own way in other places, and we'll continue to do so, whether he likes it or not.

Mr. Rader, with the addition of television facilities in Mr. Armstrong's home, does that mean that TV will have a more prominent role in the Work in the future?

We had planned originally just on a radio studio, but we're now going to go ahead with radio and television. TV already has a prominent role. It's one of our biggest budget items.

It just means that maybe Mr. Arm-

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Treasurer meets with ministry, members in England, New York

PASADENA — Church treasurer and evangelist Stanley R. Rader returned here last week after a 13-day trip during which he visited the ministry and spoke to the brethren in Radlett, England, and in New York.

Mr. Rader, personal assistant to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, left Pasadena Jan. 7, after taking part in Southern California church activities to commemorate the first anniversary of the State of California's attack on the Church (WV, Jan. 14). After a stopover in New York, he arrived in England Tuesday evening, where he was met by Frank Brown, regional director of the Work in Great Britain.

Meets with ministry

Mr. Rader held several luncheons with the ministry in Britain, bringing them up to date on Mr. Armstrong's activities, the background and status of the Church's lawsuit and other areas of interest in the Work. The Church treasurer was honored Jan. 9 at a private dinner in London's Travellers Club (see story on this page).

On the Sabbath, Jan. 12, Mr. Rader spoke to some 700 brethren from six area churches at the Pavilion in Hemel Hempstead, England.

"The Work in Britain is very, very dear to him [Mr. Armstrong]," Mr. Rader told his audience. "Bricket Wood was something very close to him for many years, and although you might not be aware of it, it was also very close to me. I actually worked with Mr. Armstrong and helped acquire every single piece of property that was once part of our magnificent campus.

"I spent many weeks — many months, in fact, cumulatively — over the years with him in England. My wife, with Mrs. Loma Armstrong and I and Mr. Armstrong, can remember many days, weeks and months in England. Mr. Armstrong never stops thinking of God's people in this wonderful area."

Mr. Rader recounted the background and details of the pastor general's illness some 2½ years ago and reminded the British brethren of God's miraculous intervention on

behalf of Mr. Armstrong.

"It was a very, very close call. It was actually a miracle," said the evangelist. "Mr. Armstrong has written that he in fact did stop breathing. His heart did stop beating. I was there! I never missed a day, a critical moment. But he did come out of it. It was critical for about three weeks and then in a miraculous way, he began to make a strong and immediate recovery . . . God intervened to save his life so he could continue to do God's Work and fulfill the great commission."

The Church treasurer recalled how his relationship with Mr. Armstrong began when he was called in to deal with a problem the Work was having with the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Rader pointed out that he had warned Mr. Armstrong of the inevitability of persecutions like the present one almost 25 years ago.

"I told him then that if he was correct, that if in fact he was being persecuted, not because the government thought he was doing something wrong, but because he was speaking out as he should, boldly, not timidly, he would be persecuted some time down the line. I further told him that he would be persecuted by a more direct attack than through the Internal Revenue Service, which was an indirect attack."

Commenting on the real intent of the State of California in the present case, Mr. Rader stated: "Mr. Armstrong has summed it up very nicely. This is not a lawsuit; this is an effort on the part of the State of California — the most powerful state in the Union, a state so powerful that it would rank sixth or seventh among all nations in terms of gross national product — to destroy the Work of the living God. And short of that, to rule it. Mr. Armstrong has boiled this issue down to: Who will rule the Church — Christ or Caesar? We all know the answer — even here in England where the same issue is not before us. Only Christ is going to rule the Church of the living God."

Brethren encouraged

The British brethren were much encouraged by Mr. Rader's visit and

message, according to reports from England. Mr. Rader returned to New York Jan. 17.

There, on the Sabbath, Jan. 19, Mr. Armstrong's assistant met with eight area ministers and most of their wives at a luncheon.

He then spoke to 967 brethren from the Long Island, Manhattan and Brooklyn-Queens churches at combined Sabbath services in Manhattan, responding to a long-standing invitation from Church officials in that area. Mr. Rader again commented on what Mr. Armstrong is doing at the present and why, giving Church members there an inside glimpse at the activities of the pastor general.

"We got some very good, in-depth insight into what has taken place," said Frank McCrady, senior pastor in the New York area. "We all enjoyed seeing him [Mr. Rader] personally and having him speak to us. There was no doubt in the minds



MEETING MEMBERS — Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader meets members after combined services for six churches in Hemel Hempstead, England, Jan. 12. [Photo by Philip Stevens]

of those listening as to the deep respect and love Mr. Rader has for Mr. Armstrong. He's quite a man."

Mr. Rader's message to the New York brethren was "very positive" and earned him "quite a round of applause," according to Leslie Schmedes, pastor of the Brooklyn-Queens church.

Mr. Rader was pleased with his

trip, reported John Kinston, his assistant. The Church treasurer is scheduled to return again this month [January] to the People's Republic of China for an extensive series of speaking engagements, according to Mr. Kinston.

Arrangements for further travels by Mr. Armstrong, said Mr. Kinston, are "still in the works."

Dinner honors AICF, Mr. Rader

By Frank Brown

LONDON — Stanley R. Rader, executive vice president of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF), was honored Jan. 9 at a private dinner in the Travellers Club, an exclusive gentlemen's club here.

The host for the dinner was the Honorable Terence Pritt, an author and journalist and expert on European affairs.

Mr. Rader told a group of 12 guests about the foundation's activities around the world with special emphasis on the recent contacts in China. He also made it clear that the foundation's many projects and activities around the world are based on the principle of "giving" rather than "getting."

"We are not trying to convert anyone, but man's government is destined to fail," he declared, "and only the establishment of the Kingdom of God will solve mankind's problems." This, he stated, was the message we are taking to the world. However, we are not sitting on the sidelines rooting for the destruction of society and want to help wherever possible, he said, by building bridges and developing mutual understanding among nations.

Much interest was shown in his comments and a lively question-and-answer session followed his remarks.

'Quest/80' introduced

Quest/80 magazine was also introduced to the group, who re-

ceived it with enthusiasm.

Among the guests were Lord Greenhill, former head of the British Foreign Office, Lord Mancroft, an influential member of the House of Lords, Patrick Cosgrave, formerly personal adviser to English Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and Sir Bernard Braine, one of the most respected members of the House of Commons, together with other journalists and authors. Also present was First Secretary Kubayashi of the Japanese Embassy in London. The foundation was also represented by Frank Brown, regional director of the Work here, and Francis Bergin, business manager.

Joint project

Mr. Rader mentioned in his re-



(Continued from page 4) strong will be able to — he's hoping to get back on daily radio. And I think he could easily do that. And on television I think he will keep to a schedule as soon as the facilities are built. I think with the facility right there, he will be able to keep to that schedule.

In the past, trying to do it in the church facility on Saturday has not been good. It hasn't even been good for programming, and turning his house upside down for a day is also a little bit disconcerting. But having a studio

marks that the foundation would be undertaking a joint project on drug abuse and alcoholism, both of which are growing problems in the United Kingdom and Europe. Sir Bernard Braine is the chairman of the House Committee on Alcoholism, and the foundation will be working closely with him and his staff in the preparation of educational material to help combat these increasing problems.

Mr. Rader expressed his pleasure with having had the opportunity of meeting such a distinguished group and hoped that other opportunities would present themselves in the future. He will be writing a fuller report on his own impressions of the dinner, to be published in the near future.

to walk into, I think he'll be able to do programing, at least get out maybe 30 tapes every year.

TV will continue to have the same prominence that it has today. I just don't understand your question. It hasn't been a question of a lack of facilities. This is a question of whether Mr. Armstrong will be able to do his programing, make his programing easier. He'll be able to do it more easily.

Anything else? But daily radio, for him, I think, is very exciting. That was his own suggestion, that with the studio facilities there he thinks he could do a daily radio program, at least five a week, which I think would be interesting.

I was wondering, Mr. Rader, whether we're going to have an opportunity to hear any forums of Mr. Armstrong's addresses to the Chinese leaders. And we heard one last Saturday. Are we going to . . .

What did you hear Saturday? I don't know what was heard.

The first banquet

Then you've got a second banquet coming up. You've got a second banquet this Sabbath. Then of course, it's all on film, which you will be able to see later. But then they also Friday night got Mr. Armstrong's impromptu call from Tokyo.

I hope we covered enough ground for you, and I think you'll be very excited to read Mr. Armstrong's material. You'll get a very vivid description of what has been going on, and, as I said, maybe we'll get a good result this time from a federal judge. We may even hear some time today. If so, we'll let everybody know. Thank you.

Auditorium's orchestra honored by city council

PASADENA — The Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, resident orchestra of the Ambassador Auditorium, was honored Jan. 18 by the Los Angeles, Calif., City Council. President Pro Tem Joel Wachs presented the orchestra's music director, Gerald Schwarz, with a City Council Resolution in honor of the orchestra's selection as the official United States representative of American orchestras at the 1980 XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, N.Y. Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley conveyed his desire to honor the orchestra, although he was unable to be present.

After the presentation ceremony, the orchestra played two movements from J.S. Bach's *Concerto in D Minor*, with surprise guest conductor councilman Wachs wielding the baton for the second movement.

After the performances at Lake Placid, the orchestra has been invited to make debut appearances in Carnegie Hall in New York and the Kennedy Center in Washington, according to Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF) representatives. The orchestra appeared several times in the Auditorium after becoming the resident orchestra, and has performed with tenor Luciano Pavarotti in

an AICF-sponsored concert in the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. The orchestra has been invited to Switzerland, Austria, West Germany, France and England, and plans a European tour this fall, sponsored in part by the Ambassador foundation.



AICF RESIDENT ORCHESTRA HONORED — The Los Angeles, Calif., Chamber Orchestra performs J.S. Bach's *Concerto in D Minor* in the Los Angeles City Council chambers, left, and music director Gerald Schwarz holds the resolution presented to the orchestra in honor of its selection as the official U.S. orchestra representative to the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y., right. [Photos by Roland Rees and Warren Watson]



Court dismisses State's charges against accounting firm in suit

PASADENA—The California attorney general's office was dealt a "significant" setback Jan. 22 in its lawsuit against the Church, according to Jack Kessler, managing partner of the Rader, Cornwall, Kessler and Palazzo accounting firm. Mr. Kessler, a Pasadena Church member, announced that after a year of legal battles, commissioner Arnold Levin in Dept. 66 of the Los Angeles, Calif., Superior Court has granted an ex parte motion to dismiss the lawsuit against the accounting firm.

The State's lawsuit was dismissed as a result of demurrers filed by the law firm of Kessler and Palazzo, who represented the accounting practice. A demurrer is a legal pleading that states in effect, regardless of facts, the complaint filed against the defendant does not state a legally cognizable "cause of action" (i.e., the case is not suitable for hearing in a court of law), that there may be a "misjoinder of parties" (i.e., the complaint names the wrong defendants), or that the complaint is unintelligible to the point it is impossible to answer.

First demurrer filed

After being served with the complaint Jan. 3 of last year by then-deputy receiver Hillel Chodos, the law firm representing the accountants

filed their first demurrer Jan. 19.

On Jan. 29, 1979, the court stated that the complaint served by Mr. Chodos did not state a cause of action, was unintelligible and vague, and misjoined the accounting firm as a defendant, said Mr. Kessler. The State was then given 30 days to replead their case by filing an amended complaint.

The State did not file an amended complaint for more than two months. After other delays and further extensions, the second demurrer was sustained against the State June 15, according to Mr. Kessler.

The State was again given an opportunity to amend their complaint, and the third demurrer was sustained against the State Nov. 15.

Dismissal motion granted

After additional legal maneuvering on behalf of the attorney general, an ex parte motion to dismiss the case was granted Jan. 22 by commissioner Levin in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Mr. Kessler summarizes the significance of this motion as follows: "First, the motion was made only on behalf of . . . the defendant accounting firm (Rader, Cornwall, Kessler and Palazzo). Second, even though the dismissal [of the lawsuit against the accounting firm] arose strictly

from procedural grounds, it has the same force and effect as a verdict after trial. Third, the attorney general will undoubtedly appeal the verdict. The standard review in this case, however, is that if there is any defect in the State's complaint that could have been cured by amendment [to the original complaints], then the verdict will stand and there is no chance to amend. Fourth, because the accounting firm is now finally out of the case, it can pursue a federal court action and not to run into the 'abstention doctrine' that Judges [Robert] Firth and [Laughlin] Waters have interposed before the Church; there is no 'concurrent state court proceedings wherein the same issues could be raised.' Fifth, and perhaps most importantly, in a suit for 'an accounting,' it is more than a little strange that the State is unable to plead a case against the accountants [of the Church]. If their [the accountants'] reports have already been admitted into evidence (and they have), it seems silly for the State to keep insisting that they still need a 'true accounting' of the Church's affairs so that they can 'determine what other relief might be appropriate.'

[The question arises] if the accounting they [the State] already have is false, why don't they [the State] sue the accountants?"

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GRADUATION — Ambassador College Deputy Chancellor Raymond McNair and Mrs. McNair, center, pose with, from left, Van Baker, Lisa Damour and Deborah Minke, who were awarded the diploma in Biblical Studies, and Gene Nouhan, who received his bachelor of arts degree, at commencement exercises Jan. 8. (Photo by Roland Rees)

Four receive diplomas in graduation ceremony

By Dennis R. Robertson

PASADENA—Four Ambassador College students were honored Jan. 8 at special commencement exercises on the Pasadena campus, after completing their course requirements during the fall semester.

Eugene Nouhan, 25, of Livonia, Mich., was awarded the bachelor of arts degree after four years of study. The other graduates each received a diploma in Biblical Studies, which represents one year of theological instruction. They were: Van Baker, 30, of Bloomington, Ill.; Lisa Damour, 22, of Sheridan, Wyo.; and Deborah Minke, 19, of Yorkton, Sask.

Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Ambassador College, presided at the ceremony. He was assisted by Greg Albrecht, dean of students, and William Stenger, registrar. In comments to the graduates, Mr. McNair stressed the advantages afforded any graduate of the college, whether he or she graduates in a large

class or a group of four.

"It should be remembered," he said, "that Ambassador College is more interested in producing a quality product like the Rolls Royce—even in limited quantities—than some mass-produced contraption that may later have to be recalled."

The graduation ceremony took place in Ambassador's faculty lounge, located on the second floor of the Student Center. The four students expressed their appreciation for the time and effort taken by those involved to provide them with a traditional graduation exercise.

Gene Nouhan, the only student who received an undergraduate degree, previously thought that there might not be a ceremony at all, as he was the only one to complete his four-year degree this semester. He said afterward that the ceremony, and particularly Mr. McNair's comments, made him feel that the college really cared about him.

Ministerial assignments listed

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong has completed the new ministerial assignments and transfers, and approved them for release, reports the Ministerial Services Office here. All of the ministers have been notified of the changes and will begin the process of transferring in the near future, according to Ministerial Services.

The transfers and assignments for the U.S. and international field ministry are as follows:

Lyle Greaves from sabbatical to Abilene-San Angelo, Tex.; Dave Mills from Asheville, N.C. - Greenville, S.C., to Albany-Salem, Ore.; Jim O'Brien from Nashville, Tenn., to Amarillo, Tex.; Charles Groce from sabbatical to Asheville; Larry Salyer from Washington, D.C., to Pasadena (Auditorium A.M.); Al Mischnick from Lake Charles, La., to Bakersfield, Calif.

Kent Fentress from sabbatical to Bowling Green, Ky.; Jack Pakozdi from sabbatical to Cincinnati (North), Ohio; Tracey Rogers from sabbatical to Cleveland (West), Ohio; Bill Jacobs from Jonesboro, Ark., to Erie, Pa.; Bob Smith from sabbatical to Fort Worth, Tex.; Ron Laughland from Pasadena to Glendale, Calif.

Ron Jameson from sabbatical to Greenville; Burk McNair from Pasadena to Houston (West), Tex.; Selmer Hegvold from sabbatical to Pasadena (Imperial); Richard Parker from Albany-Salem to Jonesboro; Elbert Atlas from sabbatical to Los Angeles, Calif.

Rowlen Tucker from Lexington, Ky., to Memphis, Tenn.; Bob Bertuzzi from Seattle-Kent, Wash., to Orlando-Melbourne, Fla.; Greg Sargent from Cleveland (West) to San Antonio, Tex.; Dennis Luker from Pasadena to Seattle-Kent; Sherwin McMichael from Pasadena to Washington, D.C.; Leroy Cole from Denver, Colo., to San Jose, Calif.; Judd Kirk from San Jose to Wichita, Kan.; Gerald Aust from Wichita, Kan., to Portland (West), Ore.

The following men have been assigned as associate pastors in these churches:

Jeff Booth to Chicago (West and

Northwest), Ill.; John Robinson to Columbus, Ohio; Wayne Dunlap to Dallas (North), Tex.; Greg Johnson to Eugene, Ore.; Mark Robinson to Glendale.

Gene Bailey to Greensboro, N.C.; Curtis May to Pasadena (Imperial); Ed Smith to Long Island-Manhattan, N.Y.; Ralph Orr to New Orleans,

La.; Jim Turner to Phoenix, Ariz.; Dan Hall to Richmond-Norfolk, Va.; Glen White to Seattle-Kent; Tom Tullis to Wichita.

To be assigned to the international ministry this summer are Bill Rabe and John Kurnick, Canada; John Larkin, Australia; and Barry Bourne, Great Britain.

Students

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from Los Angeles, Calif. They will make their home for the following weeks in the Jerusalem International YMCA, across the street from the King David Hotel in the new sector of the city. It is centrally located on a main bus route and is an easy walk to the old city.

Digging will begin at 7 a.m. June 4 and will run until 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday, ending at noon on Friday, for the duration of their stay in Jerusalem. According to Mr. Paige, digging will begin on Sundays at 8 a.m.

On-site instruction

Lectures or classes will be conducted two afternoons a week, and the units earned will be creditable at Ambassador College. Three units will be awarded for the archaeological field work, with a lecture one hour a week plus on-site instruction. Three units will be taught on the historical geography of the Holy Land, which will cover the Old Testament, intertestamental and New Testament times, and one unit will be given for instruction in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the country today.

"Most of the lectures will consist of museum visits or trips to the actual sites," Mr. Paige said.

Traveling to sites is simplified in Israel by the comparative smallness of the area in relation to larger countries like the United States. Tel Aviv-Jaffa is a one-hour drive from Jerusalem, Bethlehem is seven miles and Jericho is 12 miles, according to Mr. Paige. The entire length of Israel from Dan in the north to Beersheba in

the south is about 150 miles.

Among the places the group will visit are: the south and west sides of the Temple Mount, Hezekiah's Tunnel, the Dome of the Rock, the Garden Tomb, Gordon's Calvary, Yad VaShem (a memorial of the Jewish holocaust of World War II and a center for studies of the holocaust), Megiddo, Masada, Engedi, Samaria, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Gilboa, Caesarea, Nablus (biblical Shechem) and Jericho.

Mr. Paige said Sabbath services will occasionally take place in appropriate areas in Jerusalem like the Mount of Olives.

'Stimulating summer'

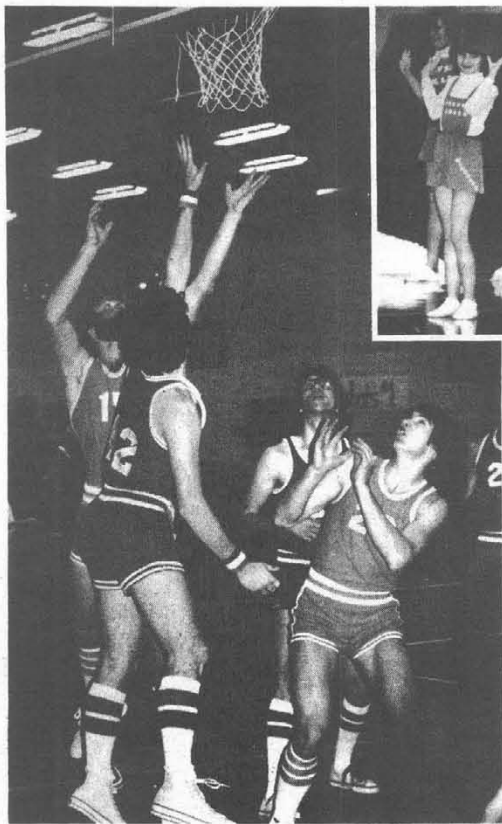
"We will try to make it the most exciting and stimulating summer the students can ever have," Mr. Paige said. He is also trying to arrange folk dance lessons for the students.

After about four weeks of digging, the students will take a tour to areas in Galilee, the Coastal Plain and the south that were not visited while in Jerusalem. Mr. Paige said he hopes they will also be able to go to Mt. Sinai, which is now under Egyptian sovereignty, and hike to the top of the mountain.

The group will be returning to Los Angeles July 16.

Students will be expected to pay their own air fare and expenses during the London stopover, which Mr. Paige estimated at \$875, but will receive full-tuition scholarships for the fall semester and will receive the seven units earned during the summer at no cost. Other transportation costs and room and board will also be covered.

Ambassador College has been involved in archaeological and cultural exchange in Israel since 1969.



AMARILLO TOURNAMENT — From left: Big Sandy, Tex., Challengers and Denver, Colo., Bullets battle it out in the first round of YOU Division I basketball; the Denver Dolls perform a dance routine; Bea Dickinson of Big Sandy elicits support for her team; the Amarillo, Tex., cheerleaders perform a cheer to win second place in the cheerleading competition. [Photos by Sheila Graham]

Basketball tournament draws 63 teams from 21 church areas

By Sammy O'Dell
AMARILLO, Tex. — "We've had highly successful tournaments the last five years, and we had an even better one this year," commented Jeff Booth, pastor of the Amarillo congregation. "In 1977 we had 36 teams from 17 churches participating, while last year there were 52 teams from 20 church areas. This year there were 63 teams from 21 church areas. It is now the largest basketball tournament in the Church."

Amarillo's sixth annual invitational tournament took place Dec. 22 and 23 in the West Texas State University's (WTSU) Activity Center in Canyon, Tex. The WTSU Activity Center has four courts side by side under one roof allowing four games to be played continuously throughout the tourney. The campus field house was used for volleyball, cheerleading and other basketball competition.

On the Sabbath evangelist Ronald Kelly, pastor of the Denver, Colo.,

church, delivered the sermon before an audience of 1,045 brethren.

Big Sandy, Tex., won in men's basketball, while Wichita, Kan., came in second. Wichita had won the men's division for five consecutive years, until Big Sandy dethroned them this year. And in YOU Division I, Amarillo had to settle for the second place trophy as Big Sandy fought to first place. In YOU Division II boys' basketball, Wichita won the first place trophy, and San Antonio, Tex., took second. Amarillo won first place in the preteen division, while Denver captured second.

YOU girls' basketball saw Dallas, Tex., emerge victorious, with Big Sandy winning second prize. Big Sandy defeated Oklahoma City, Okla., in the championship game in women's volleyball. In YOU cheerleading, the Denver team won the first place trophy, and the Amarillo squad second place.

The Best Sportmanship trophies went to the following teams: Wichita for girls' basketball; YOU Division I, Houston, Tex., North; Division II, Dallas; San Antonio for women's volleyball; and San Antonio in men's basketball.

The Girls' All-Tournament Basketball Team was composed of Amy Thomas, Most Valuable Player (MVP) (Dallas), Tyana Kissinger (Big Sandy), Tania McChisney (San Antonio), Melena Jones (Fort Worth), Leana Turner (Oklahoma City), and Beverly Bell (San Antonio).

The Women's All-Tournament Volleyball Team was made up of Amy Allen, MVP (Big Sandy), Also making this team from Big Sandy were Bekah Nelson, Cathy Black and Becky Allen. Pat Meyer (Oklahoma City) and Mary Ann Aust (Wichita) also made the team.

Gary Mooneyham of Big Sandy won MVP in the men's division. Others making the team were Henry Mez and Richard Scherf of Wichita, Randy McIver of Dallas, John Jones of Big Sandy and Bryan Rader of San Angelo.

In Division I, Jeff Wellmaker was the MVP from Big Sandy. Others making the team were Alan Jones, also of that area, Monte Lindquist of Denver, Marc Dufur of Amarillo, Mike Machin of Houston West and Gary Welch of Houston West.

For YOU Division II, the All-Tournament Basketball Team was as follows: Ron Allen of Wichita was MVP, Tom Woodbridge, also from Wichita, Charlie Jones and Warren Mays, both of San Antonio, Mike Godwin of Fort Worth, Tex., and Matt King of Amarillo.

The Amarillo brethren opened their homes to accommodate the participants, who came from as far as Houston, 610 miles away. Summing up, Mr. Booth remarked, "The cooperation among the brethren was the best we've ever had."

Essay contest helps children prove beliefs

By Scott Moss
FORT WORTH, Tex. — As any Church member with school-age children knows, the Christmas season can present certain problems. Our children face an educational system that puts heavy emphasis on the various pagan holidays, and they often must come up with an answer to their peers and teachers as to why they don't participate.

To promote greater awareness on the part of the children themselves of the documented truths about Christmas, and to help them research and internalize these truths, the Fort Worth church sponsored an essay contest with a theme of "Why I Do Not Celebrate Christmas."

Cash prizes were offered as incentive to write the best paper of each of three age groups: \$10 went to the best entry from grades 3 and 4, \$20 to the winner of the grades 5, 6 and 7 group and \$40 to the best paper from the grades 8 through 12 category.

Contestants were encouraged to research the question from books, periodicals and encyclopedias rather than to simply quote directly from Church literature. Parents were encouraged to help their children look up the facts and think through the logic, but no parental writing was allowed. Each paper was to be the sole work of the author.

The author's names were removed from the papers to ensure complete objectivity in grading and the judges were four members with no children in the running. Sixty percent scoring weight was given to research, 20 percent to creative use of language and 20 percent to grammar and spelling. The winning authors read their compositions in services Jan. 5.

The winners were Krista Kay Fairrel, 9, daughter of Earle and Kay Hart; Treyon Bradford, 13, daughter of Larry and Beth Bradford; and Rhonda Bradford, 15, of the same family.

Members' reactions to the exercise were all very positive. Alton Head, a longtime member and deacon, said "I thought they were great! Obviously the kids did a lot of work and the papers were well documented."

Another longtime member, Diana Keener said, "I thought they all did a very good job, and an excellent job of standing in front of all those people and reading their papers in church."

Following are excerpts from the three winning compositions.

"Why I Don't Believe in Christmas"

By Krista Kay Fairrel, age 9

To begin with, it doesn't say anywhere in the Bible to observe Christmas. Second of all, we all know Jesus wasn't born in the winter season . . .

Nobody knows the exact time of the birth of Christ. Not even Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong knows. Nobody knows, except God and Jesus . . .

When Christians first came to America the people rejected it because they thought it was pagan, but slowly it became commercialized and popular . . .

Most scholars believe the Christian teachings of the birth of Christ have been combined with the pagan teachings of the rebirth of the sun god in order to make it easier for the pagans to become Christians.

God describes the Christmas tree in Jeremiah 10:2-4. It says, "Learn not the way of the heathen."

In Amos 5:21, God says, "I hate, I despise your feast days."

I want to please God, so that is why I don't believe in Christmas.

"Why I Don't Celebrate Christmas"

By Treyon Bradford, age 13

The exact date of Christ's birth is not known. Early Christians did not celebrate His birth because they thought of anyone's birthday as a pagan custom. For many years different dates were used to celebrate Christmas because no one knew when Christ was born . . .

Saint Nicholas served as a bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, in the A.D. 300s. He became the patron saint of children. His feast day is Dec. 6, and he was believed to bring gifts to the children on the eve of that day. Soon he became the gift giver at

Christmas time, acquiring many different names from each country. Santa Claus gets his name from the early Dutch settlers in New York who called Saint Nicholas Sinter-claus. The legend of Santa entering through the chimney developed from an old Norse legend.

Dec. 25 (became) part of the church calendar because instead of Dec. 25 being celebrated as the birth of Christ it was the very day . . . on which the pagans for centuries had celebrated the birth of the sun god. The celebration of the sun god was pagan and . . . not one of God's days to celebrate . . . it as the fifth century when the Roman Catholic Church commanded that the birth of Christ be observed forever on Dec. 25.

The exchanging of gifts at this season was a part of the pagan Roman Saturnalia. When the wise men came to see the Christ-child they presented to Him gifts so this is where they probably got the custom of exchanging gifts. The wise men did not exchange gifts among themselves. They only presented their gifts to Jesus who was born king of the Jews. It was an Eastern custom to present gifts when coming into the presence of a king. These gifts were not birthday gifts . . . All these things will prove the paganism and why I don't celebrate Christmas.

"Why I Do Not Celebrate Christmas"

By Rhonda Bradford, age 15

The first mention of the keeping of Christ's birthday appears about A.D. 200. For several years, many different dates were used . . . The early Christians of Egypt celebrated Christmas on Jan. 6 and many of them still do today. The exact date of Christ's birth is not known . . .

The Puritans, in 1643, regarded such celebrations as pagan and outlawed the observance of Christmas in England. Colonists in New England copied the laws. The blue laws of Massachusetts Bay and New Haven of Massachusetts even outlawed mince pies . . .

The Christmas tree is referred to in

the Bible about 10 times. The "green" tree has been associated with idolatry and false worship . . . the "green" tree refers to an evergreen or a tree of that family . . .

Dec. 25 is definitely not the date of Christ's birth. At the time of His birth, the shepherds were living out in the fields with their flocks. However, the shepherds in Palestine do not abide in the fields during the winter season because it is way too cold . . .

Another proof is that at the time Jesus was born, Joseph and Mary had gone to Bethlehem to be taxed. There are no records that people were taxed in the middle of the winter. But there is evidence that taxes were paid in the fall season of the year. This was the best time of the year for taxes, because this was at the end of their harvest. Also when Joseph and Mary made this trip, it was the time of a great feast at Jerusalem . . . According to Josephus, during the feast, not only was Jerusalem full, but also the towns around it, including Bethlehem. So the crowds were so huge, there were not enough rooms in the inn, so they had to stay in a stable. This seems to indicate that Joseph and Mary not only made the trip to pay taxes, but also to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. This evidence given would clearly indicate the birth of Christ in the fall — not Dec. 25.

The largest pagan religious cult which celebrated Dec. 25 as a holiday throughout the Roman and Greek worlds was the pagan sunworship — Mithraism. This winter festival was called the Nativity — the "Nativity of the Sun." Not only was Mithra, the Sun god of Mithraism, said to be born at this time of the year, but Osiris, Horus, Hercules Bacchus, Adonis, Jupiter, Tammus, and other sun gods were also supposed to be born at what is today called the "Christmas Season" — the winter solstice.

All of these things that I have covered prove to be pagan customs and is why I and many others do not celebrate customs of Christmas.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The Lincoln Neighborhood Community Center was the site of the **BROOKLYN-QUEENS, N.Y.**, church's annual Dec. 25 white elephant sale and talent show. The event was termed "by far the most successful" financially by pastor Leslie Schmedes. Utilizing Mary Roberson's ideas, the Ladies Club sold freshly made carrot, apple and orange juice while Roy Taylor vended exotic herbal teas.

Nick and Nertha Gall were the lucky winners of a silver jewelry box donated by John Tamburello while Dora Clark won a beautiful Afghan made by Maude Hatch



MEMBER HONORED — Mary Whitaker of the Cumberland, Md., church admires a cake presented to her by members there honoring her for her achievements at an after-service social Dec. 22. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

for the twin raffle. Proceeds from the raffle will be used in an outreach effort to supply food to needy people in the local community. *Richard H. Calcutt.*

The **CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.**, congregation honored their pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Kafourek, for their 10th wedding anniversary Dec. 1. Members with handicraft talents made such gifts as quilts, crocheted table cloth, ceramic wash basin with pitcher and also a ceramic-encased electric clock to match and oversized Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls for the Kafourek children. Other members contributed toward the cost of the material. Refreshments included an anniversary cake baked and beautifully decorated by Sharon Null. Lou Alexander worked tirelessly in organizing and bringing together the talents of many people involved. *Haydn A. Fox.*

The first winter social of the **CARMARTHEN, West Wales**, church took place Nov. 24. The social featured an unusual spiritual lesson as Church members participated in a game entitled "Chinese Whispers." A message was passed "confidentially" by each of almost 40 members from organizer Mick Townsend, who confided to the first listener that "Lloyd George knew my father!" The looks of disbelief and incredulity on members' faces as the message was whispered to them indicated that most of them would give no credence whatsoever to such hearsay! Somewhere along the line, the rumor was promptly scotched and another started in its place — with the result being "Something's out in Cardiff." The transformation of the first message to an entirely different message through only 40 people served as a powerful reminder of how hearsay can become totally distorted along the way. *Christopher Murray.*

The **CHICAGO, Ill.**, Southeast church enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship at the annual Penny Fair-Coney Island social Dec. 15. There were many kinds of games for young and old alike, including Bozo's grand prizes, and a penny toss and others for the youngsters, a beauty spot and clown-face booth for young girls, and an opportunity to become Superman or Superwoman at the fun photo booth. Adults enjoyed themselves by testing their reflexes at the TV pong game, archery booth and many others.

Men also enjoyed a measure of fun in the nail-driving, log-sawing and pie-eating contests, while the women competed in the diaper-changing, nail-driving and tricycle contests. *Linda Hallilar.*

The **CLEVELAND, Ohio**, West church held its annual square dance and talent show Dec. 16 at Gargus Hall. icy

weather conditions didn't prevent 178 East and West Church members from enjoying a hand-clapping, foot-stomping session of square dancing directed by Walter Biesner. The talent show followed, with members singing, dancing and even singing in deaf language various popular songs to the enjoyment of all. Performers and audience alike then broke for dinner, sampling hot dogs, sloppy joes, baked goods and cider prepared by the mothers of the Girl's Club.

More square dancing and the second act of the talent show followed, ending with a hilarious "Tahitian War Dance" performed in authentic grass skirts by members Ann Rolko, Dan Abbott, Ray Williams, Tom Kruse and Rick Siwinski. The local YOU chapter provided cleanup. *Colleen Gus.*

Dec. 22 was "Mary Whitaker Day" for the **CUMBERLAND, Md.**, church as members honored the efforts and achievements of Miss Whitaker following services. Pastor Terry Mattson presented Miss Whitaker, who is confined to a wheelchair because of arthritis, with a graduation cake in honor of her completion of an accounting course at the West Virginia Rehabilitation Center.

Programs for the event included two poems written by Miss Whitaker entitled "The Meeting Tree" and "Ode to the Brethren." Mary Whitaker's remarkable attitude in the face of many trials is an inspiration to all who know her, and the brethren organized the event to express their love and appreciation. *Carolyn Paines.*

Six hundred sixty-one people from the **ENID, ADA, LAWTON and OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.**, churches gathered in Oklahoma City to hear Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong speak by telephone from Tucson, Ariz., in the special anniversary weekend services Jan. 5. After services, brethren remained for a tasty potluck supper. Afterwards, 325 people enjoyed the Walt Disney movie *The Apple Dumpling Gang*, with popcorn and refreshments, to close the memorable day. *Linda Mariano.*

Neither snow nor sleet or rain kept the **FLORENCE, S.C.**, brethren from their appointed social Jan. 5. After a gloomy Sabbath day, members gathered to enjoy a picnic-style meal at the Darlington Fiber Industries recreation center. After the meal, ice cream, dancing and various games were enjoyed to the delight of all. *Charles B. Edwards.*

Sunshine and temperatures in the 70s graced the **GAINESVILLE, Fla.**, church social Dec. 23 as 68 brethren enjoyed softball, volleyball and various races for prizes. A meal featuring homemade chili was devoured by those present and ribbons for the race winners were handed out. After lunch the activities continued until sundown, when a tired but happy group departed for home, ready for a good night's rest. *Leon Wiggins.*

Two hundred seventy people partook of a spaghetti dinner prepared by Carl and Linda Lail to begin the **LENOR, N.C.**, church's dinner and costume dance Jan. 5. Several costumed cowboys and cowgirls joined in for a square dance exhibition and live entertainment under the direction of Wes Medord, master of ceremonies.

Tom and Martha Fax received the first place award for best costume, with Deanne Clevenger taking high honors for the children's division.

The Lenior Ladies Club got into the act by selling sweets and pastries at a church fund-raiser to round out the enjoyable evening. *Connie Hartzog.*

Dec. 29 proved to be a complete day for the **MONTREAL, Que.**, French-speaking church and traveling guests from the **SHERBROOKE and WINDSOR, Ont.**, churches. After Sabbath services in the Lucien Page Polyvalent High School auditorium, many brethren remained for a potluck dinner and fellowship. After the meal, members enjoyed several games, including volleyball, dodgeball, gymnastics and a go on the ever-popular trampoline. Bingo was played by those desiring to try their luck with the numbers. Later, athletes and bystanders alike reconvened to view *On S'fait La Valise, Doc-teur?*, better known in English as *What's Up, Doc?*, a slapstick comedy film starring Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal, for two hours of guffaws, snickers and chortles. *Dominic Vincelli.*

Members of the **NOTTINGHAM, England**, church got together Dec. 21 for their second church benefit sale of the year. It was an enjoyable day with plenty of fun for those present. Fresh vegetables, homemade cakes, toys, novelties and other interesting items were displayed for the brethren. After cleanup, it was announced that a sizable profit had been

made — a happy end to the day. *Ron McLaren.*

Thirteen senior members of the **RENO, Nev.**, church met Dec. 30 at the home of Bruce Loper in Steamboat Valley for a session of charades and bingo. Those attending brought graduation and wedding pictures for comparison between today and yesteryear. A game of hearts followed a delicious potluck meal, and prizes were awarded to Eleanor Blakney and Jack Phelan. And a surprised Bob and Clara Wright presented a 31st wedding anniversary cake and card. *Barbara Springmeyer.*

The **SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont.**, church held its annual winter social at the home of Keith and Joanne Jones Dec. 30. Mrs. Jones provided fresh hot chili for everyone while other women cooked up the desserts.

Cold temperatures provided perfect conditions for broomball and ice skating, as others preferred the cozy warmth and fellowship over a game of cards. Pastor Gary King and his wife led a lively sing-along to cap off the evening. *Pam Shaugnessy.*

The Hancock home served as a gathering place Dec. 8 for a games evening for all the **SOUTHWEST ENGLAND** churches. The home soon saw more than 30 brethren locked in mortal combat over cards, draughts, dominoes, chess and other games. Refreshments provided a respite for the victors and the casualties between games, and that all-important ingredient of fellowship made for a splendid evening. *Francis and Valerie Cann.*

The **SPRINGFIELD, Mo.**, church held its annual winter social Dec. 2 at the Springfield Boy's Club with 100 enthusiastic brethren in attendance. A tasty meal of hobo stew and hoolaulea dessert was followed by a talent show. Afterwards, fellowship and a cleanup ended the memorable evening. *Larry G. Harmon.*

"One of the best we've had" echoed the opinion of the **TRENTON, N.J.**, church of the potluck luncheon Dec. 29. A potluck was substituted in place of the usual organized affair in which members write on a sign-up sheet what they will bring, but despite fears that variety would be lacking, the turnout provided a perfect variety and quantity of tasty edibles. *Jim Stokes.*

The **VANCOUVER and SURREY, B.C.**, churches combined for an evening of sports, games and dancing at Simon Fraser University Dec. 25. Activities for the more energetic included swimming, racquetball, volleyball, basketball and table tennis, while others enjoyed fellowship or pitted their skills in card games. During the evening sandwiches, cakes and coffee was served, followed by a lively square dance directed by David Moss and disco dancing to recorded tapes. *Lorna Lukinuk.*

Two hundred fifty brethren of the **VISALIA, Calif.**, church honored Church member Phil Nelson with a surprise retirement dinner Dec. 29. Mr. Nelson was surprised when he learned that what he was attending was not a sorority dinner, but a prime rib feast, complete with cocktails and a live band, staged in his honor. Also present at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Al Greene, daughter and son-in-law of the Nelsons, and grandson Chris. *Sharyl Justice.*

Brethren of the **WATERLOO, Iowa**, church began their Dec. 22 social directly after the late afternoon Sabbath service. A chili potluck supper set the pace for an evening of warm fellowship and fun. A special treat was the return visit of local elder George Boothe and his family. After the delicious meal, Pastor Virgil Williams and Mr. Boothe fielded questions during an open Bible study. Afterwards, everyone moved on to enjoy activities planned for the youngsters. A doll-dressing contest for the Girl Scouts was viewed by many, while fathers and sons lined up at the track for the running of the Boy Scout's pinewood derby car race. A dessert auction ended a great evening that featured something for everyone. *Debra Elsinger.*

CLUB MEETINGS

Twenty members of the **CHILLIWACK, B.C.**, Senior's Club drove over to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Register for a delicious potluck lunch and Bible study Dec. 14.

The next regular monthly meeting was Jan. 2 in Chilliwack, B.C. Among those present were the recently married Mr. and Mrs. Jim Federchuk. The Bible study was

again ably conducted by Mr. Register, pastor of the Chilliwack church, and all profited from the session in the book of Proverbs. *Al Hankey.*

The **ROCHESTER, N.Y.**, Young Adults Club sponsored the first annual winter camp-out at the Bayberry Girl Scout Camp in upstate New York Dec. 22-25.

"Roughing it" was the motto, as 18 members struggled to cope with such "primitive" conditions as indoor plumbing, electric heat and bathrooms. Snow activities were nonexistent because of the unseasonably warm rainy weather.

Despite the lack of snow, everyone had an enjoyable time and gained much experience in serving and functioning as a group. Plans are already underway for next year — including praying for a big snowfall. *Al Baroody.*

The Lester Hotel was the site of the **ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.**, Ladies Club's first meeting of the year Dec. 19. Minister David Sheridan opened the club with a short talk on the overall goals of the club. Betty Best served as topics mistress and toastmistress Blanch Smith introduced speakers Cathy Sheridan, Olive Rixon and Norma Benson for a round of inspiring speeches. *Betty Best.*

The **EVANSVILLE, Ind.**, Women's Club met Jan. 6 with Diane Bailey serving as chairman of the business meeting and leading a group discussion on the book of Ruth. Mrs. Bailey joined Sandra Pentress for the "This Is Your Life" segment, and Bonnie Coultas led table topics.

The seven laws of health were the focus of the agenda in the second half, with Nancy Miller introducing speakers Pat Frankum, Donna Kramer and Brenda Eades. Henrietta Kissell led the group in exercises. The Evansville pastor, Fred Bailey, wrapped up the meeting with an informative talk on the seventh law of health.

Refreshments for both men's and women's clubs were provided by Annette and Donna Benningfield, Violet Koller, Jennie Smith and Barbara Campbell. In keeping with the theme, snacks and refreshments were nutritionally sound and tasty. *Kathy Jones.*

"Boy, what a great evening" was an oft-heard phrase during the dinner of the **BUNDEBERG-MARYBOROUGH, Australia**, Spokesman Club at Childer's Sugar Inn Dec. 22. A lively topics session was conducted by Mervyn Garner, and a fine bottle of wine was presented to Cheryl Robertson for the best answer by a lady during the topics session.

Four graduates, Don Demamiel, Jim Garner, Ron Manitzky and Robert Robertson, were presented certificates by David Noller, pastor of the Brisbane North church, acting as club director.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Noller paid tribute to the four graduates and encour-



HOBO STEW — Members of the Springfield, Mo., church enjoy a meal of hobo stew at their Dec. 22 winter social. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photo by Larry G. Harmon)

aged all club members to continue growing spiritually. *Jim Garner.*

The Chancers Recreation Centre was the setting for the **MELBOURNE, Australia**, South church's Ladies and Spokesman Club's final evening meeting Dec. 11. After refreshing pre-dinner drinks, the 90 members and guests were ushered into the main dining room for a four-course meal served by white-gloved attendants.

Club director Rod Dean, pastor of the Melbourne South church, announced that local member Paul Hasankoli had just been accepted for admission at Ambassador College.

Club presidents Graeme Henderson and Martha Potocki presented a gift each to Mr. and Mrs. Dean on behalf of the clubs. Mr. Dean was singled out for his outstanding and inspiring leadership, and Mrs. Dean was honored for allowing her husband to spend so many hours away from home. *Ian Wheelton.*

The **CLEVELAND, Ohio**, Widows

Club treated the Cleveland United Singles Club Dec. 29 to feasting, drinking, conversation and competition at the home of Ida Barns, who masterminded the affair.

After partaking of refreshments, the group split into North and South teams. The North team bettered the South in a Bible quiz competition, but the good-natured South team beat back the North team for a victory in the true/false Bible question contest. Afterwards, prizes were awarded and everyone went home replete with fellowship and fine food. *Jeff Smith.*

SINGLES SCENE

The **EVANSVILLE, Ind.**, singles met at the home of Kathy Jones for a wine-and-cheese party Dec. 25. After a night of rest, everyone pitched in the next day to make decorations for the coming church winter social.

Arnold Leaf played host to another decoration party Dec. 31, which was doubled as a Pina Colada going-away party for Dana Monroe and Stan Duncan, who are leaving for Pasadena and Texas, respectively. *Kathy Jones.*

On the weekend of Dec. 21-24, 100 singles gathered in **MERRILLVILLE, Ind.**, for the first annual Midwest Singles Bash sponsored by the Singles Club of the **CHICAGO, Ill.**, Southeast church.

The Sabbath morning service was taken by Roy Holliday of the **CHICAGO, Ill.**, Northwest and Southwest churches. That afternoon, a Bible study was given by pastor Al Barr of the **CHICAGO** Southside church. Both ministers spoke on subjects particularly relevant to singles. That evening, those attending enjoyed a welcoming party.

The following morning, the gathering enjoyed several hours of volleyball and basketball. The evening brought an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and enjoy a session of dancing. As friends and acquaintances began to depart, many reflected on the weekend and resolved to return next year for another exciting and enjoyable get-together. *Mike Grovak.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

On Dec. 26 the **ANNISTON, Ala.**, YOU group traveled to Pine Mountain, Ga., for three days of camping out. After inspecting the facilities for the camp-out, members were pleased to see that fire-



places were in each of the cabins. After settling in and a spirited session of basketball, YOU coordinator Jerry York cooked fresh chili for supper. Afterwards, the teenagers talked, played games and ate popcorn around the fire before retiring to their respective cabins.

On Thursday they hiked to Lost Falls, Ga., and had a special taped Bible study that night. Friday was the inevitable pack-up day, as members prepared to return to their homes and civilization. Tired but happy, the teenagers made their way home for a much-welcomed Sabbath rest. *Annette Coffey.*

The first YOU cake sale of the church in **BARBADOS** took place Dec. 7 in Worthing. To the surprise of the project organizers, the supplies of pone and coconut bread were quickly exhausted as demand outstripped supply. One of the women hardly got her coconut bread out of the oven before her husband bought it for \$10! As the response was excellent, another sale is (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 9)

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in the works at a future date. *Shirley Nieto.*

The **CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.**, YOU volleyball team traveled to **JACKSON, Miss.**, Dec. 16 to compete in the tri-regional championships. They had won the regional championship Nov. 18 by defeating Mount Vernon, Ill.; Jackson, and Jackson, Tenn. They extended their winning streak by defeating St. Petersburg, Fla., in the triregionals but lost to first-place winner **BIG SANDY, Tex.**, and **LAKELAND, Fla.**, to finish third in the southeastern conference. *Haydn Fox.*

"It's a small world" was the theme for the youth church social of the **CUMBERLAND, Md.**, congregation Jan. 5. Seventy brethren enjoyed a roast beef and chicken dinner followed by a session of games for the younger folks ages 4 through 13. Shouts of delight filled the air as they enjoyed games of musical chairs, shoe races, cotton-ball races and others, organized by Pat Blubaugh and directed by Tom Hoban. Dawn Leasure played a number of famous commercial themes on the piano for the children to guess. Afterwards Pam Meadows and Danny Jones presented an amusing skit entitled "Hole in the Bucket," and the evening was capped off with a rousing sing-along led by Richard Ebersole with pastor Terry Mattson on the piano. Despite the inclement weather, enthusiasm was high and all enjoyed themselves. *Carolyn Raines.*

The **DETROIT, Mich.**, East YOU

treated two handicapped children from a children's home to an evening of excitement, entertainment and food Dec. 1 at the annual Detroit East Talent Show. It was a complete production for the YOU group as members provided transportation, dinner and participated in the show for the two children. *Glenda Jackson.*

Dec. 23 saw the YOU actively involved in the annual **DES MOINES, Iowa**, church social as YOU members helped coordinate several activities. After planning several weeks in advance, an arts and crafts display helped set the theme of "The Good Ole Days" as YOU members readied the stage for a presentation of the "Last Night Show." YOU members handled the set-up, stage crew, lighting and production and brethren entertained those present with singing, skits, dancing and poems. Refreshments were served and provided by YOU members during the show for the enjoyment of the brethren present. *Tom Clark.*

An evening of entertainment was the fare for the **GENEVA, Switzerland**, church Dec. 15. Members gathered to view slides taken during a YOU trip to the beautiful Swiss Alps. After the inspiring slide show, YOU members dressed as cartoon personages served a delicious hot meal prepared by professional chef and Church member Armand Genetti. With rustic folkloric music in the background, members enjoyed a special German delicacy of sauerkraut and cabbage, potatoes, smoked meats and sausages, followed by



ALL-NIGHTER— YOU members from Philadelphia, Pa., and Hammonton and Trenton, N.J., go for a swim, left, and have a movie break, right, during an all-night activity by groups Dec. 29-30. (See "Youth Activities," this page.) (Photos by Tom Wagner)

dessert and a Swiss folk song courtesy of the YOU members. Afterwards, members enjoyed an informal dance before reluctantly departing for home. *Pierre Cosandey and Noel Gantleme.*

The **KNOXVILLE, Tenn.**, YOU sponsored a potluck dinner and dance for the Knoxville church Dec. 21. After members and teenagers feasted on a bevy of homemade edibles, the youngsters assembled for some lively basketball and other games, while the teenagers and adults enjoyed an evening of fellowship and informal dancing. *Lori Pritchard.*

The **MISSOULA, Mont.**, YOU began the winter season with a roller skating party Dec. 8. Despite the occasional slip and resulting sore posterior, everyone enjoyed themselves and looked forward to Dec. 15, when the YOU sponsored a swimming party for the church at Missoula University. More than 40 people splashed their way around the facilities in races and diving contests while Donna Love provided instruction in swimming techniques. This was the last activity with YOU coordinator Tim Love and wife Donna and the YOU presented them with a gift of appreciation of their service Dec. 22. *Loni Abbey.*

The **MONTGOMERY, Ala.**, YOU basketball team traveled to Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 29 to participate in the District 43, Division II basketball tournament. The underdog Montgomery team came out on top over the Geneva and Birmingham teams to qualify for the Regional Division II finals in Valdosta, Ga. The Montgomery YES children, ages 9-11, have also formed a basketball team and hope to travel with the YOU team to future games. *Connie Williams.*

Twenty-six members and guests of the **MONTREAL, Que.**, YOU showed up at the home of George and Helen Nimeth in

their Sabbath best Dec. 27 as the YOU held their first formal dinner. Doreen Marcellus gave a lecture on the proper ways to eat soup and bread, table posture and the use of silverware and napkins.

To practice the ways of etiquette, chef George Nimeth dished up an elegant meal of onion soup, green salad, French bread and spaghetti. After delving into the proper formality, the members relaxed a bit by staging an informal disco dance. Chocolate cake was served during the evening to cap off the day's activities. *Edith Ann Gore.*

Dec. 23-30 saw the **NORFOLK, Va.**, YOU journey down the Atlantic Coast to visit Florida on a camping trip. Members enjoyed the Florida sunshine and took in a few of the Florida sights. After a trip to the Everglades, the YOU group stopped by **JACKSONVILLE, Fla.**, for the Sabbath and the evening dance sponsored by the Jacksonville YOU. *Carolyn Beauchemin.*

The children of the **PALMER, Alaska**, YES group presented a four-act play about the conversion of Saul before the combined **ANCHORAGE, Alaska**, and **PALMER** congregations Dec. 15 following a potluck meal. Complete with costumes and sound effects, the cast included the entire age group of 3-11. The play was an original piece, adapted by the YES staff from Acts 9. *Linda Orchard.*

The YOU groups from **PHILADELPHIA, Pa.**, **HAMMONTON** and **TRENTON, N.J.**, churches combined for an "all nighter" at the Abington, Pa., YMCA Dec. 29-30. Sixty members and chaperones stayed up all-night swimming and playing volleyball, racketball, basketball, handball, watching movies and eating homemade hoagies and cookies beginning Saturday night and ending Sunday morning. The master planners of the event, deacon Ron Sarfert and his wife

Lorraine, were surprised with a cake to honor their 23rd wedding anniversary during the festivities. By Sunday morning, everyone was in agreement that it had been an enjoyable, albeit exhausting, good time. *Jim Stokes and Tom Wagner.*

The **PITTSBURGH, Pa.**, YOU sponsored a dinner and movie social for the Pittsburgh East and West churches Dec. 22. Services were set to begin in the afternoon to allow for the preparation for the delicious meal later in the day. Shortly after the close of the Sabbath members dug in for a treat of chili, hot dogs, salads and other dishes. After the meal, brethren moved into the auditorium for an evening of movies. A cartoon, a Laurel and Hardy feature and a movie entitled *The Third Man on the Mountain* were enjoyed by those present while the YOU group sold popcorn and other goods for the members. *Frank Lesandowski.*

The three **PORTLAND, Ore.**, churches played host to a YOU weekend Dec. 29 and 30 that will long be remembered by teenagers in the Northwest. YOU members from Oregon, Washington and Idaho assembled at the Lake Oswego Junior High School Friday night to begin the weekend with a Bible study given by national YOU staffer Ron Dick and Roger Foster, pastor of the **SPOKANE, Wash.**, and **COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho**, churches.

Sabbath morning the teenagers gathered to play Bible baseball. After hearing a split sermon by Mr. Dick and Mr. Foster that afternoon, the two finalists of the Bible baseball contest reconvened for the final round. The Olympia, Wash., team outdistanced Tacoma, Wash., winning 11-7. Later, the teenagers enjoyed a dance before capping off the weekend Sunday morning with an invitational basketball meet. *Woody Corsi.*



TALENT SHOW GUESTS— Members of the Detroit, Mich., East YOU group share dinner, followed by the church's annual talent show, with two handicapped children from a children's home Dec. 1. (See "Youth Activities," this page.) (Photo by Johnny O. Smith)

Church in Guyana still growing despite national, local obstacles

Rod Matthews works in the International Office in Pasadena and spent three days of the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles in Guyana. He credits Paul Krautmann, pastor of the Georgetown, Guyana, church, for much of the information used in the following article.

By Rod Matthews
PASADENA— It's Jonestown that drew the world's attention to the South American country of Guyana. But our Church members should also know about Georgetown, for in this city, the capital of Guyana, God has raised up a Worldwide Church of God Congregation whose weekly attendance numbers about 50.

Guyana is a sovereign nation with a population of 810,000. Although once ruled by the British, it has been independent since 1966. It is a socialist country, where 85 percent of the people are fully literate, where the official language is English and where the bulk of the population are black and (east) Indians.

There, on March 15, 1970, Philomena Rajnauth was baptized by Stan Bass, regional director of the Caribbean area, and so the church began. Mr. Bass made visits to Guyana about twice a year from Barbados where he was pastoring the church at the time, but it was not until

1976 that the first Church services took place in Georgetown.

Since that time the church has been pastored by Paul Krautmann, an Englishman by birth, who has chosen Guyana as his homeland and is now a citizen.

In the late 1960s Mr. Krautmann first went to Guyana as a volunteer with the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), and worked in the National Library. During his two-year stay, he listened to *The World Tomorrow* broadcast over a local station and was baptized while attending the Feast in Barbados.

Shortly after returning to England in 1972, he became a student at Ambassador College in Bricklet Wood, England, later transferring to Pasadena upon the closure of the English school in 1974. After graduation in 1975, he decided the best opportunity to serve the Work lay in returning to Guyana, so he rejoined the National Library on a three-year contract.

For the next three years he served the church and members on a part-time basis, conducting Sabbath services, handling mail that came into the post office box and visiting, while working for the library during the day.

When his contract expired in 1978, he was employed by the Work full time and was ordained an elder by Mr. Bass at the Feast of Trumpets that year. By this time he had married and become a Guyanese citizen.

Currently, Paul and his wife Unita serve 54 baptized members in Guyana, many of whom live in areas not easily accessible from Georgetown. More than 5,000 receive *The Plain Truth* in Guyana. Most of these began subscribing as a result of *The World Tomorrow* program broadcast over radio station GBS. Although the broadcast has not been aired since 1971, the *Plain Truth* list has continued to grow as a result of word-of-mouth contact. No organized or concerted effort to reach new people was made until this year, when booklets began to be advertised in the daily newspaper. The Guyana Police Force was also supplied with some 2,600 booklets dealing with social issues.

Invitations to speak

Mr. Krautmann has been invited to speak at many schools and clubs on such subjects as drugs and crime and their effect. He has conducted *Plain Truth* lectures in Georgetown and in the eastern Berbice region of Guyana.

When questioned whether the tragedy in Jonestown, in the far northwest of Guyana, has affected the church there, Mr. Krautmann tells us that unlike the situation in California, the church in Guyana has been totally unaffected by the Jonestown tragedy where hundreds of followers of cult leader Jim Jones committed suicide. In fact, the increased activity, includ-



GUYANESE MEMBERS— Members of the Church in Guyana pose for a group photo at the Pegasus Hotel in Georgetown during the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles. Paul Krautmann, pastor of the Georgetown church, is second from left. (Photo by Rod Matthews)

ing the excellent relationships developed with the Police Force, has come about after the horror occurred.

Being unable to register as a church has not hindered the Work's activities in a totally debilitating way. Because Guyana is a socialist country, it is unlikely that the broadcast can be aired again or newsstand program begun. So it has been necessary to keep a reasonably low profile, but that profile is still high enough to get the job done.

Communication difficulties

One of the main problems faced by the church is the size of the country and the lack of good communications. Travel into the interior can take days and longer, especially if boats must be used on the rivers. Air travel helps, but in the interior there are few facilities for visitors. A number of members living there are unable to

attend the Feasts each year because of the transportation difficulties or because they cannot leave their homes and farms unattended for the time needed to make the trip.

Most of Guyana's 83,000 square miles is forest or savannah land where few people live. The population is crowded along the fertile, narrow coastal plain. They work on sugar plantations or rice farms, and in commercial and administrative jobs. There is some light industry and extensive bauxite mining operations.

Another hurdle that must be faced by those God calls in Guyana is the religious background. Most members come from Hindu and Moslem families, which usually have strong family ties and traditions. Guyana is a country struggling to achieve a good standard of living for its people, and the Church members reflect that pioneering spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AKINS, Carl and Joy (Tipton) of Tyler, Tex., girl, Leslie Michel, Dec. 10, 5:52 a.m., 5 pounds, 2 ounces, first child.

ARBUCKLE, David and Terry (Coffin) of St. Petersburg, Fla., girl, Leah Naomi, Nov. 30, 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

BAKER, Howard and Sarah (Brings) of Dallas, Tex., boy, Brent Aaron, Dec. 6, 9:41 a.m., 10 pounds, 10 ounces, first child.

BARRIE, Lloyd and Joanne (Faeth) of Kellaspell, Mont., girl, Rachel Leah; Dec. 2, 5:24 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BIZZELL, Ervin and Anita (Stewart) of Los Angeles, Calif., boy, Renneth Ervin, Dec. 17, 9:33 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

BRADFORD, C.W. and Rose (Stewart) of Lake Village, Ark., boy, Jonathan-Stewart, Dec. 13, 7:55 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BRIGHT, Nelson and Phyllis (Adams) of Columbia, S.C., twins, girl and boy, Amanda Joy and Brian Ashley, Dec. 9, 3:35 and 5:41 a.m., each 5 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BUCKLAND, John and Cindy (Koch) of Miami, Fla., boy, Brett Landon, Nov. 20, 11:46 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

CARLSON, Donald and Judy (Doorn) of Duluth, Minn., boy, Donald John III, Dec. 10, 1:50 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CLARK, Donald and Linda (Ballard) of Soldotna, Alaska, boy, Joseph Andrew, Jan. 3, 6:45 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

COREY, Ray and Elaine (Teelart) of Spokane, Wash., girl, Fadelite Rama, Jan. 3, 11:20 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

CURRY, John and Linda (Crye) of Lee's Summit, Mo., girl, Jennifer Marie, Dec. 17, 9:24 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

DAMRON, Davi and Debra (Farrington) of Russellville, Ark., boy, David Jeremiah, Feb. 18, 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 girl.

FERRAND, Sam and Della of Indianapolis, Ind., boy, Daniel Joseph, Dec. 25, 4:55 p.m., 9 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

FOSTER, Morris and Linda (Brentley) of Longview, Tex., girl, Tiffany Michelle, Sept. 11, 12:58 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

FOUCH, Roy and Barbara (Lavie) of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Sagantha Sharon, Dec. 26, 4:15 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

FOWLER, Roger and Jennifer (Knowles) of Radlett, England, boy, Robert Peter James, Oct. 21, 1:50 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

FULMER, Michael and Faith (Blanton) of Harvest, Ala., girl, Hope Michelle, Dec. 10, 7:39 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

FURNELL, Keith and Dianne (Cowan-Brown) of Sydney, Australia, girl, Michael Stephen, Dec. 16, 5:12 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 boys.

GEHRKE, Rod and Kay (Lane) of Big Sandy, Tex., girl, Kaitaly Marie, Nov. 19, 11:50 a.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

GOLINGER, Michael and Joan (Tomon) of Karlsruhe, Wis., girl, Jessica Carol, Dec. 5, 10:33 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

GURN, Robert and Viola (Pantini) of Kansas City, Mo., girl, Barbara Sue, Dec. 13, 7:24 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HAINES, Paul and Karen (Finney) of Denver, Colo., boy, Lucas Carl, Nov. 12, 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys.

HART, Axel and Judith (Hamlet) of Cairns, Australia, boy, Armin Raaf, Jan. 9, 7:38 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HIBBELER, David and Mary (Wojack) of Chicago, Ill., boy, Christopher Julian, Dec. 15, 8:07 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

HILL, Anthony and Retta (Lawson) of Columbus, Ind., boy, Rhett Anthony, Dec. 4, 9 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, first child.

IVERSON, Thomas and LaDel (Madsen) of Garden Grove, Calif., boy, Monte Alan, Jan. 6, 6:48 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

JOHNSON, Doug and Janet (Kapily) of Regina, Sask., girl, Deborah Michelle, Dec. 20, 4:37 p.m., 7 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, first child.

KANTOR, Colin and Linda of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Laura Suzanne, Dec. 7, 9 p.m., 9 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LIPPIS, Joe and Ruth of Albuquerque, N.M., girl, Rebekah, Dec. 22, 1 p.m., 6 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MCBARRY, Kenneth and Becky (Lawson) of Springfield, Mo., boy, Jeffrey Elias, Dec. 19, 10:42 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

MCMAURTHUR, Becky (VanBergan) of Samia, Ont., boy, Christopher John, Dec. 27, 4:29 p.m., 7 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, first child.

McDUFFIE, David and Deborah (Goodwin) of Atlanta, Ga., girl, Danice Marie, Dec. 12, 10:16 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WEITZLER, Keith and Debbie (Harvey) of Houston, Tex., boy, Michael Keith, Dec. 10, 3:05 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

MEWBORN, Fred and Bonnie (Hodgson) of Fort Worth, Tex., girl, Rachel Ann, Dec. 17, 4:33 p.m., 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MEYER, Charles and Elizabeth (Stancak) of Chicago, Ill., girl, Angela Marie, Dec. 17, 12:28 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MILLER, Thomas and Clara of Reno, Nev., boy, David Daniel, Dec. 20, 3:36 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

OVERSTREET, David and Maureen (Hosey) of Charlottesville, Va., boy, Lucas Hosey, Jan. 2, 12:55 a.m., 10 pounds 8 ounces, now 6 boys, 3 girls.

PATTERSON, Alan and Toni (Mendez) of Detroit, Mich., girl, Tamara Leigh, Dec. 18, 7:37 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

PATTERSON, Bill and Bambi (Bryce) of Lethbridge, Alta., girl, Jenieve Jill, Dec. 13, 10:26 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

PICKENPAUGH, Don and Julia (Allen) of Bridgeport, Ohio, boy, Jason Keith, Dec. 14, 4:50 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PUCKETT, Archie and Donna (Campbell) of Peanoke, Va., boy, Joshua Lee, Dec. 26, 8:46 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys.

RENCK, Jerry and Kathie (Haines) of Denver, Colo., girl, Jaime Elizabeth, Nov. 20, 6 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RICHARDSON, Bill and Della (Winberry) of Nashville, Tenn., boy, Timothy William, Dec. 18, 10:15 a.m., 10 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ROSS, Donald and Rebecca (Ross) of Phoenix, Ariz., girl, Eliande Elaine, Dec. 27, 8:59 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

SHEPPERD, Steve and Lori (McClough) of Bend, Ore., girl, Alisha Dawn, Dec. 17, 12:15 a.m., 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first child.

SMITH, Sidney and Gennia (Hughes) of Geneva, Ala., boy, Sidney Earl III, Dec. 6, 9 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

SNYDER, Brad and Joany (Nieller) of Ormeida, Ill., girl, Tara Meredith, Dec. 20, 7:52 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SONNENBERG, Fritz and Eva (Ellert) of Alberta Beach, Alta., girl, Stephanie Leanne, Dec. 18, 9:34 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

SPELL, Paul and Jan (Cheney) of Peoria, Ill., boy, Cole James, Dec. 15, 8:13 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

STONE, James and Nella (Van Der Mey) of Toronto, Ont., boy, Brandon James, Oct. 11, 2:15 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

TAYLOR, Joseph and Donna (Gervolino) of Woodbridge, N.J., boy, Joseph David Jr., Oct. 30, 12:05 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WHITEHOUSE, William and Linda (Annie) of Casper, Wyo., girl, Lindsey LaRae, Nov. 14, 8 pounds 4 ounces, now one boy, two girls.

WHITTAKER, Ernest and Carolyn (Read) of Frederickton, N.B., boy, Walter Ernest, Dec. 5, 1:26 p.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.



MR. AND MRS. DAVE PIERSON

Deborah June Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnston of Casper, Wyo., and Dave Pierson, son of Ralph and Diane Pierson of Wichita, Kan., and Eldon, Mo., were united in marriage Dec. 22, at the Holiday Inn in Casper, Wyo. The ceremony was performed by Jim Jenkins, pastor of the Wheatland and Casper, Wyo., churches. The couple now reside at 2250 S. Olive, Apt. 108, Wichita, Kan.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID WILSON

Virginia Ann Hohertz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon C. Hohertz of Grand Prairie, Tex., and David Michael Wilson, son of Wanda Wilson of Big Sandy, Tex., were united in marriage June 9 at the bride's home in Grand Prairie. Randall Dick, pastor of the Dallas (South), Tex., church performed the ceremony. Peggy Hohertz was maid of honor and Dan Wilson was best man. The couple now reside in Grand Prairie.



MR. AND MRS. GARY DENSMORE

Lisa Pirch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Pirch of New Durham, N.H., and Gary Densmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Densmore of Claremont, N.H., were married Aug. 5. Dan Rogers, pastor of Augusta, Maine; Concord, N.H.; and Montpelier, Vt., churches performed the ceremony in Concord. Marvin Kangas was best man and Nancy Prince, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The couple now reside in Penacook, N.H.



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL JONES

Ruth Ann Shaddon, daughter of Christine Shaddon of Birmingham, Ala., and Samuel N. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Jones of Anderson, Ala., were married in Birmingham Dec. 15. The marriage was performed by Kenneth Martin, pastor of the Birmingham churches. The couple now reside at Rt. 14, Box 455-427, Tyler, Tex., 75707.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Our coupon baby this issue is Jason Edward Graham, son of Kenny and Terry Graham of North Glenn, Colo.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dolly of Dillsburg, Pa., celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary Jan. 3 at their home, attended by the children and families. Mr. and Mrs. Dolly have members of God's Church for five years and attend church at Harrisburg, Pa. They wish to thank their children for a lovely evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Becker — Congratulations on your fifth wedding anniversary Jan. 2 and many happy years to follow.

Mommy and Daddy, thanks for being such loving and understanding parents. We love you. Happy anniversary and 21 years, Jan. 9. Much love, Victoria and Grace.

Tin, on Feb. 2, we'll have been married six years. Our marriage is still very fresh and new because of our devoted love for each other. Happy sixth! With eternal love, Jina.

To Darwin Keese: What a happy three years it's been. Always, in all ways, you're my kind of friend. Love, Mary Keese.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church at Wisconsin Dells, Wis., will hold a 15-year anniversary celebration at the Delta. Feb. 16. It has been 15 years since the parent church at Richland Center was begun Feb. 13, 1965. Members who wish to participate in a reunion should contact John Torgerson, Wisconsin Dells, Wis., 53965.

Obituaries

BARRIE, Ont. — Bernice Johnson, 64, was killed Dec. 17 when she was struck by an automobile. She had been a member of God's Church for 10 years and attended in Toronto, Ont., before the Barrie church was started five years ago.

Miss Johnson is survived by one brother, Ralph, of Yarrow, B.C. George Lee, pastor of the Barrie church, conducted funeral services.

DYERSBURG, Tenn. — Vera Canada Pike, 74, died Dec. 31 after a lengthy illness. She had been a member of God's Church since 1969.

Mrs. Pike is survived by her husband Ollie; two daughters, Bewlah Rogers of Dyersburg and Helen McBride of St. Peters, Mo.; three grandchildren, Dan Rogers of Concord, N.H., and Jerry and Terry McBride of St. Peters, Mo.; and two great-grandchildren, Christine and Christopher Rogers of Concord, N.H.

Joe Dobson, pastor of the Jackson, Tenn., church, officiated at services.

EUSTO, Fla. — Rosa Lee McKay Jordine, 67, a member of God's Church since 1966, died Dec. 23, after a long illness. Mrs. Jordine attended the Orlando,

Fla., church. She is survived by her husband Joseph; one sister, Lucy M. Williamson; one brother, Sinclair Reynolds; one niece, Elizabeth C. McKay; and a brother-in-law, Elijah Williamson.

Gene Chant, pastor of the Orlando church, conducted services.

SEAGOVILLE, Tex. — Lena M. Chant, 81, a member of the Church of God since 1975, died Dec. 26 of cancer. Randal Dick, pastor of the Dallas, Tex., South church, conducted funeral services.

Mrs. Chant is survived by two sisters, Effie Yilbert and Ruby Wuelling, and a number of nieces and nephews.

TORONTO, Ont. — Elmore Williams, 84, died Dec. 4, 1979. She was a member of the Toronto East church.

In memory of Elmore Williams' accomplishments, Jean Scheffel of West Hill, Ont., wrote a poem, "Tribute," on behalf of the church here.

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We do not run announcements from nonsubscribers, direct advertising or solicitation for a business or income-producing hobby or other announcements or ads that are judged untimely or inappropriate. All announcements are subject to editing and condensation.

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Sports exhibit held on campus

PASADENA — In cooperation with Ambassador College, the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce sponsored a four-day Sports Exhibit Jamboree on the college grounds, which included the setting of a new world distance record in a 24-hour marathon frisbee toss, visits by Olympic high jumper Dwight Stones and the Los Angeles, Calif., Rams (U.S. professional football team) cheerleaders and sporting exhibits featuring events performed in the

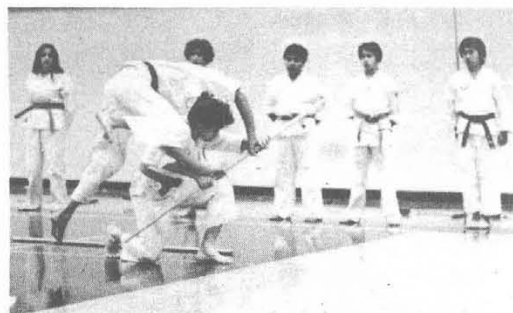
Rose Bowl in Pasadena. The Jamboree began at noon Dec. 30, 1979, with the start of the Frisbee marathon. Teams of Jo Cahow and Amy Berard and Dan Roddick and Alan Bonopane, tossing the Frisbee over a measured distance on the college track for 24 hours, attempted to break the record of 223.4 miles set in July, 1977. The woman's team dropped out when it was obvious they were not going to break the record, but the men went on to set a new

record of 250.02 miles. Throughout the four days of exhibits and athletic demonstrations in the college gymnasium, groups of gymnasts, karate teams sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Department, dancers, boxers and fencers performed their specialties. Most of them were between the ages of 7 and 18, and some were under the training of Olympic coaches.

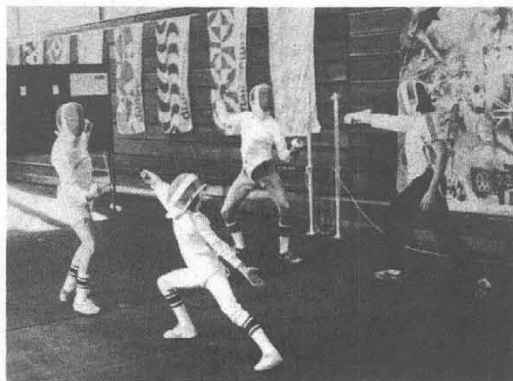
Also on display at the Jamboree were photographic highlights of past Rose Bowl and Rose Parade events, loaned from the Pasadena Star-News, and artwork including the Olympic mural that ABC Sports had commissioned from Leroy Neiman for the 1976 Olympics. The artwork is valued at \$150,000 by ABC.

Sports illustrator Dallis Berkseth also had a display of his art, and unveiled a Rose Bowl 1980 work designed for the exhibit.

On Jan. 1, immediately following the Rose Parade, a champagne luncheon took place in the Ambassador College Student Center. It was played host to by the Tournament of Roses officials for the administration and athletic departments of the Big 10 and Pacific 10 colleges, which annually compete for the opportunity to play in the Rose Bowl. William Johnstone, chairman of the Guest Luncheon Committee for the Tournament of Roses, commented on the



SPORTS JAMBOREE — A karate team sponsored by the Los Angeles, Calif., Police Department gives a martial arts demonstration in the Ambassador College gymnasium as part of the Sports Exhibit Jamboree on the campus Dec. 30 through Jan. 2. (Photo by James Capo)



FENCING DEMONSTRATION — A fencing group demonstrates the sport during the Sports Exhibit Jamboree. (Photo by James Capo)

beautiful setting the college provides, and added that "Carlton Green [director of food services at the college] and his staff do an excellent job, and the tournament is most appreciative of that."

About 600 people attended the luncheon.

The Sports Exhibit Jamboree concluded Jan. 2 with what Ambassador athletic director and Olympic coach Harry Sneider referred to as "one of the most unique sports exhibitions ever." Senior Olympic champion Walter K. Westbrook, 81 years old, attempted to break his own world age group record of 3 feet 9/4 inches in the high jump. He made three attempts at 3 feet 10 inches, missing, but coming close on one attempt.

Mr. Westbrook holds seven world age group records, is a nine-time national tennis champion, and was a faculty member of Ambassador College for 23 years training Ambassador students in tennis.

Dwight Stones, 10-time world record holder in the high jump and two-time winner of the bronze medal, who is training under coach Sneider at Ambassador for the next Olympics, was on hand to assist Mr. Westbrook. Mr. Stones came within one inch of his personal record in the straddle at seven feet. After signing autographs in the Ambassador College gymnasium, five members of the Los Angeles Rams cheerleading squad joined the two men on the track to cheer them on.

AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

ROSE BOWL ACTIVITIES

In two events at the Rose Bowl this spring, Ambassador College students volunteered their time to work in concession stands operated by the Olympic Concessions Co. and raised between

Bowl, and Olympic Concessions requested Ambassador College to provide them with 250 students to help for the day. Dave Myers, student body president, said some of the money will be set aside for the student body

15 and announced a new minor to be offered at the college.

"Mr. Armstrong has approved a minor to be offered here in business administration," Mr. McNair said. It will consist of at least 21 semester units in the business administration and computer science departments.

Mr. McNair emphasized that the minor will not detract from the basic core curriculum of Ambassador College. "We intend to keep this book at the center of everything," he said, holding his Bible.

The new minor will benefit both the students and the Work, since the data processing and accounting areas of the Work, headed by Jack Bicket, do "absorb quite a number of people," Mr. McNair said.

"There is always a need for qualified, well-trained and energetic students," Mr. Bicket said. "We will try to educate the students in the basic skills and concepts of business to prepare them for society, as well as prepare them for active and important jobs in the Work of God."

For those students who will not be hired into the Work, William Stenger, college registrar, said, "Opportunities will be opened for the students [those who take the minor] as far as job placement and graduate school are concerned."

"Business is fundamental to our society," said Mr. Bicket in a question-and-answer interview that appeared in the student newspaper, the *Ambassador Portfolio*. "If a student wants to be well rounded in his

education, I feel that he should have a basic understanding of the business world."

Mr. McNair said Mr. Armstrong first expressed interest in a business minor last summer.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND INITIATED

After learning that one of the students in her dorm was not going to be able to register for the spring semester because she could not get her college bill below the minimum \$600 for an outstanding balance, Kristina Brady, a freshman from North Carolina, organized a fund raiser, the proceeds to go to her dorm mate and other students facing similar financial situations. Thirty-two students contributed their time Jan. 15 in a volunteer inventory of a nearby department store, earning more than \$500, which is being handled as a scholarship



FUND RAISER — Freshman Kristina Brady initiated a scholarship program to help a dorm mate and other students in financial need.



ENTERTAINERS EAT — Members of the Los Angeles, Calif., All City Band fill the Ambassador College Student Center for lunch Jan. 20. The group provided program entertainment at the Super Bowl football game later that day. (Photo by James Capo)

fund for students in financial need by Ron Wroblewski, director of financial aids.

ENTERTAINERS DINE AT AC

While students left the Ambassador College campus for the concession stands of the Rose Bowl Jan. 20, Carlton Green, director of Food Services, and his staff were busier than if they had had to feed the student body regular lunch and dinner.

After providing breakfast for the students between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m., the Food Services staff began readying themselves and the college Student Center, where the dining hall is located, to serve lunch to about 630 entertainers for the Super Bowl game.

The Los Angeles, Calif., All City Band, the pregame entertainment, ate first, followed by the halftime entertainers, the Up With People group. About 270 of them returned for dinner at the

Student Center after the game.

Up With People is a collection of singers, dancers and musicians from all over the world.

TAIWAN ATHLETES TO TRAIN HERE

Ambassador College will play host this summer to about 30 athletes, coaches and counselors from Taiwan, announced Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Ambassador College, in a student forum Jan. 15. They will be staying in one of the college residence halls for about a month while they train for the Olympics.

Ambassador College athletic director Jim Petty said they will be coming to Southern California to compete against the top college track and field athletes in the nation in preparation for their own Olympic trials in June.

Chi Cheng of Taiwan, at one time the fastest woman in the world, according to Mr. Petty, is coordinating the visit here.



CONCESSIONAIRES — Ambassador College students Jim Herst and Debbie Dupuis work in a concession booth during the Super Bowl football game in the Rose Bowl near the Pasadena campus Jan. 20. About 250 students participated in operating concessions as a fund-raising event for the student body fund. (Photo by Sylvia Owen)

\$20,000 and \$25,000 for the student body fund, according to Phil Rice, student body vice president and one of the coordinators of the second fund-raising event there Jan. 20, the Super Bowl.

The student body fund covers the costs of all student body activities throughout the year, including four major dances (one sponsored by each class), square dances, movies, the break party and snow-line party and other events.

Annually, the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl game Jan. 1 provide the major source of this income, but this year the Super Bowl football game was also played at the Rose

fund two years from now, when the Rose Bowl game is scheduled to take place on a Saturday, and the students will not have that as a source of income.

Other organizers for the Super Bowl fund raiser were Bryan Weeks, John Curry and Gene Nouhan.

NEW MINOR TO BE OFFERED

After visiting the chancellor of Ambassador College, Herbert W. Armstrong, in Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 10, with Dean of Students Greg Albrecht, Deputy Chancellor Raymond McNair addressed the student body during the first forum of the new semester Jan.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong announced that site selection is almost complete for the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles.

Newly appointed Festival housing director William Kessler, who formerly assisted Ministerial Services head Joe Tkach, expressed his concern about the toll inflation will take on members having to pay for housing at the Feast. Mr. Armstrong has ordered that the best housing possible be arranged for Church members, and that any discounts the Church is able to arrange be passed on to members.

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PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved the itinerary and speakers for a new series of ministerial visits to church areas. The visits are scheduled to begin Feb. 9, with meetings set for all of Florida; Geneva, Ala.; and Moultrie, Ga.; and to continue every two weeks thereafter until Mr. Armstrong's trip to Egypt and Israel.

Mr. Armstrong has personally assigned the traveling ministers to cover the topic of loyalty in the second half of a split-sermon format for the services. During the first half of services the Work's film about the legal crisis, *The First Amendment: Church vs. State*, will be shown.

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PASADENA — Year-end figures reveal substantial growth in Canada, reports the International Office of Ministerial Services. Income for the Canadian Work is up 14 percent, *Plain Truth* circulation is up 10 percent and responses from the various in-house mailings totaled 97,700 — a 27 percent increase over 1978. *The World Tomorrow* broadcast over Canadian News Radio CKO ["Update," WN, Dec. 24] resulted in several responses, and the International Office expects the responses to increase.

Plans for 1980 are already underway, as 5 by 8 inch newspaper inserts will be included in major newspapers in Canada, according to the International Office.

All programs have been accelerated because of the possible postal strike after the Canadian federal elections Feb. 18.

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PASADENA — Richard Rice of the Work's Mail Processing Center reported in the Jan. 17 *Pastor General's Report* that the mail count during 1979 registered its first increase since 1973. "We view this as a very positive sign for the future," wrote Mr. Rice. "Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's vigorous, dynamic actions are reaching out and moving our media audiences." Mr. Rice attributed the increase to Mr. Armstrong's efforts to put the Church "back on the right track."

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PASADENA — The Work's Spanish Department is planning to place 170,000 inserts in the three top Spanish language newspapers in the United States Jan. 27 and Feb. 2-3 according to Leon Walker, Spanish Work director. Inserts will be placed in the Miami, Fla., *El Diario Las Americas*, the Los Angeles, Calif., *La Opinion* and the New York City *El Diario La Prensa*. Mr. Walker reported in the Jan. 17 *Pastor General's Report* that an estimated 21 million Spanish-speaking people live within the borders of the United States, accounting for the only domestic U.S. work as well as international Work within the Church.

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PASADENA — Church attendance figures in several international areas are up significantly, reports Rod Matthews of the International

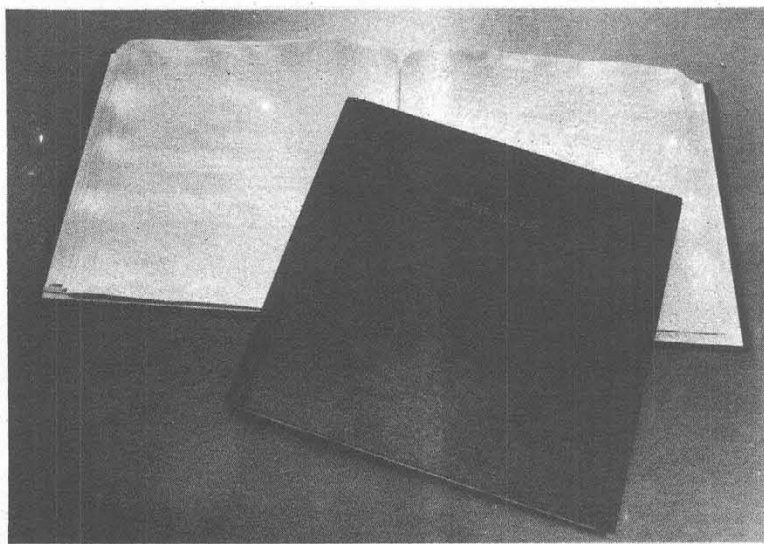
Office here. Attendance is up 15 percent in the United Kingdom, 34 percent in the Scandinavian countries and 26 percent in east and west Africa. Mail income in the United Kingdom is up 24 percent from 1978, says Mr. Matthews, which helps to offset the high rate of inflation.

As a result of direct mail efforts in England and Eire, 1,223 subscribers have been added to the *Plain Truth* mailing list. The International Office also reports that nearly 10,000 copies of the booklets, *Coming — A New Age* and *The Plain Truth About Christmas*, were mailed in response to requests by *PT* readers in England and the Scandinavian countries.

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MANILA, Philippines — The largest ministerial conference in the history of the Philippines took place at the Matkati, Metro Manila, regional office Dec. 24-27, reports Collin Adair, regional director of the Philippine Work. During the conference it was reported that baptisms were up 102 percent in the Philippines, with a 7 percent increase in the size of the Church. Mr. Adair also reported that income was up 26 percent over 1978, and he stated that "Growth and more growth was the keynote for 1980."

Twenty-seven ministers and their wives attended the conference, which featured updates on administrative procedures, sessions of techniques of counseling, ministerial ethics, minister/church relations and many others. An evening get-together at the Adairs' and a beach barbecue provided a respite from the sessions and lectures during the conference.



BRaille BOOKLETS — A limited number of copies of the booklet *Why Were You Born?* have been produced in Braille form for blind members or co-workers. Braille characters are composed of a system of raised dots, as shown in the opened book, to be read by touch. (Photo by Roland Rees)

Braille books offered to blind

PASADENA — A limited edition of a Braille version of *Why Were You Born?* by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong is being made available to interested people, according to Garland Snuffer of the Work's Educational Services for the Handicapped.

The Braille editions have been provided to Educational Services on a special program for the blind and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A co-worker wrote to Mr. Snuffer

informing him of the possibility of producing limited editions of selected Church booklets, and Mr. Snuffer developed a program that would produce 40 Braille copies of *Why Were You Born?* and *The Wonderful World Tomorrow* at no cost to the Work.

Currently, only the *Why Were You Born?* booklet is available, and additional copies may be produced if the need exceeds the supply. The Braille editions are only offered to co-workers and members who are blind

or unable to read the booklets in their regular formats.

Individuals interested in receiving a copy of this booklet should have someone write (telephone calls will not be accepted) directly to Mr. Snuffer at the following address: Worldwide Church of God Educational Services for the Handicapped, Attention: Garland Snuffer, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

Those interested are urged to send in their request as soon as possible, because supplies are limited.

NEW BALL GAME

(Continued from page 1)

support of guerrilla warfare.

The unchanging policy has been, where the Russian bear plants its boot, it never removes it, unless driven out by superior force.

All Communists have been taught this program. They have been taught that they know total world domination cannot be achieved without one final all-out military war. For this purpose the Red army was formed, and the Russian nuclear development added. Its purpose meanwhile, was literal defense — but even an offense like that now going on in Afghanistan is termed by Communists "defense," or "liberation."

So, just where are we now, at the moment? We thought it was the Chinese Communists who were backing North Vietnam in the war over there. Vice Chairman Tan Zhen-lin of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, one of the three top men in the People's Republic of China, told me it was Russia who actually backed the North Vietnamese, and was promoting the "domino theory," which he said the Russians are still pursuing. The vice chairman was close to both the late Chairman Mao and Premier Chou En-lai, and fought with them in the war.

Actually, what is taking place right now in Afghanistan is another thrust on the "DOMINO THEORY." By Monday, Jan. 7, the Russians had 100,000 or more troops in Afghanistan, and more being

massed at the border, ready to crash on through. The Russian boot is now planted in Afghanistan, and NOTHING SHORT OF SUPERIOR MILITARY FORCE is going to drive them back.

The domino-type strategy means they plan next, in due time, to plunge on farther south through Pakistan, giving them an outlet into the Indian Ocean, from where they plan to control, with their superior nuclear submarine fleet, all commerce to and from the Far East and the Middle East.

Iran to become satellite?

But more. The United States has been too busy concentrating its mind solely on some 50 hostages in Iran to realize the GREATER turn of events in Afghanistan. But local civil wars are sputtering in three or four separate areas, against the Khomeini government in Iran. Iran is in TURMOIL. It borders on Russia. This offers the Kremlin a logical reason, from their viewpoint, to send massive troops into Iran to "settle the turmoil and civil war," and bring "peace" to Iran. Of course, once the Russian boot is planted in Iran, it will have no intention of removing it. Iran, too, like Afghanistan, will become another Russian satellite nation.

This is all part of Russia's ultimate goal to impose communism on the WORLD. Once they have formed a ring around the Far East and Middle East, by dominating the Indian Ocean, and completed the domino program of toppling over adjacent nations from Vietnam on through Cam-

bodia [Kampuchea] — Thailand next (King Bhumibol told me he expects the Vietnamese to invade Thailand) — then Malaysia and on into the Indian Ocean at the point of Singapore — once they have achieved all that they will control all commerce through Asia, the Far East and Middle East — then they have only the West to consider.

Meanwhile the domino strategy and toppling the nations adjoining continues MARCHING ON. And THIS IS ALARMING EUROPE!

The European allies of the United States know that somewhere along the way in this mass-plan for world communism is going to be a military invasion next door to the West — into WESTERN EUROPE! Of course first must come domination around southern Africa.

The European nations have relied on United States armed and nuclear strength to protect them from the Russian satellites bordering them on the east.

Just where are we?

Again, WHERE ARE WE, at this moment?

President Carter has been concentrating on 50 U.S. people in Iran. Now Russia is employing MILITARY MIGHT. At least 100,000 troops are now in Afghanistan, and more on the way. President Carter says he is trying every option short of military force.

But the Kremlin, even after Mr. Carter called Mr. Brezhnev on the HOT LINE, has used military force! They will not be deterred by anything short of SUPERIOR MILITARY FORCE! The embargo on grain and fish may hurt Russia

A LITTLE — like a slap on the wrist — but their military forces will keep marching on! Don't for a moment suppose the men at the Kremlin are so stupid that they actually started this MILITARY intervention without first calculating such meager retaliation as these embargos! The men at the Kremlin figured that the stakes were worth it!

Meanwhile, consider this from the viewpoint of London, Bonn, Paris and Rome. Mr. Carter is indulging in wrist-slapping, while the bear lumbers right along — and EUROPE FEARS IT MAY BE NEXT! THAT IS THEIR FEAR!

I see in this a real fear in Western Europe, that will FORCE European leaders and the Vatican to get their heads together in mutual DEFENSE — European civil nations against nuclear military invasion, and the Roman Curia and Papacy against atheism making inroads over all Europe! In their eyes, President Carter is DOING NOTHING — and Russia is MOVING!

When we entered the decade of the '80s just eight days ago as I write, the world entered an entirely NEW BALL GAME!

THE WHOLE WORLD SITUATION HAS SUDDENLY CHANGED! But Washington is BLINDED!

Jesus said, "O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky, but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" (Matt. 16:3).

Prophecy says Ephraim and Manasseh would be stupid in worldly politics, and they are!

But for US? Can we discern the signs of the times? END-TIME EVENTS are going to happen FAST from here on! The '80s well might see the END of this present world; WAKE UP!