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CHURCH NOT FIGHTING STATE

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Notice NOW God's scriptural teaching to His Church in regard to whether the Church should have "caved in" (to use an expression of the lawsuit-granting judge) to allow the State illegally to take over all Church properties in California and to manage and operate GOD'S Church.

I have printed before the truth about Romans 13 and allied passages. But God's Church emphatically DID ACT according to God's own biblical teaching. And the full facts FROM THE BIBLE about that

Let's make it plain once and for all that God's Church is NOT fighting the STATE.

prison were opened, and the iron bands binding Paul's and Silas' feet were loosed. This awakened the prison keeper. Paul spoke to him, he was converted, and Paul baptized him.

Next morning, the magistrates sent word saying to the prison keeper, "Let those men go." But Paul said unto them, "They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans; and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out" (Acts 16:37).

Paul, when he had a chance,

GOD WILL THAT THE WORK OF HIS CHURCH GO ON, NEVER STOPPED BY THE CIVIL STATE!

When the angry Church-opposing Jews at Thessalonica heard that Paul was preaching at Berea, they themselves went to Berea to stir up the people and the civil government to stop the Work of God.

But Paul already had reaped a harvest at Berea. So he left Silas and Timothy there, while he went on to Athens, sending word for Silas and Timothy to join him.

Satan was to continually use the civil government powers to oppose God's Church.

Paul dwelt in Corinth a year and a half. Then when one Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the opposing Jews had Paul brought to court. But here was one judge who refused to judge the Church, unless its chief apostle had violated a law. But the unbelieving Jews took Sosthenes, chief ruler of the synagogue who BELIEVED and beat him in court.

Later, at Jerusalem, unbelieving Jews raised a tumult against Paul. Finally he was seized by Roman officers and soldiers and taken to the palace. Paul begged the chief officer to allow him to speak to the people. Speaking in Hebrew, Paul said, "Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defense which I make now unto you" (Acts 22:1).

Paul DID NOT FIGHT AGAINST the Roman government nor against the Jewish people. But he DID DEFEND HIMSELF AGAINST FALSE CHARGES! And this is precisely what God's Church is doing today. We are NOT fighting against the State of California. We are defending God's Church, God's Work and God's ministers — not attacking or fighting against the State.

Now continue the apostle Paul's experience being attacked by disbelieving Jews and Roman government authorities.

The unbelieving Jews listened a while, then set up a loud tumult, shouting, "Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live" (verse 22). The chief Roman captain ordered Paul brought into the castle and bound with thongs.

They were preparing to beat him with stripes. Instead of so meekly SUBMITTING as enemies of God's Work today think the Church ought to do, Paul said to

the centurion standing by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and undcondemned?" (verse 25). The State of California was trying to TAKE POSSESSION of Church property and Church management — firing Christ's chosen apostle and the treasurer and appointing Wayne Cole — (whom we know now was in on the conspiracy several weeks before Jan. 3, 1979) as chief officer of the Church under the receiver. We DEFENDED the Church and its property. PAUL DEFENDED HIMSELF WHEN FALSELY ACCUSED! Continue.

Next morning they allowed Paul to face his accusers. Now Acts 23. Paul now used strategy to divide his accusers, DEFENDING himself and the WORK OF GOD. Some of the Jews were Pharisees, some Sadducees.

The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection, but Pharisees did. Paul cried out in this Roman court: "Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: Of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question" (verse 6).

Immediately this stirred a dis-sension between the Sadducees and Pharisees, and Paul's accusers WERE DIVIDED! Incidentally,

night Paul was sped to Felix the Roman governor. Gov. Felix insisted Paul face his accusers, who were commanded to come to Caesarea.

Now Acts 24. After five days Ananias the high priest and Jewish elders appeared before Felix, Paul facing them. They accused Paul of sedition against Rome, plainly showing that Paul was preaching the KINGDOM OF GOD.

Felix delayed judgment. Our courts today give us delay after delay. Paul was delayed there two years. Then one Festus was sent to take over the governorship.

Now Acts 25. The Jews came down from Jerusalem to accuse Paul, standing before Festus. They accused him of many things, just as our former resentful members have accused us — BUT COULD PROVE NOTHING — as neither our accusers!

But the politician Festus was willing to do the Jews a favor and suggested Paul go to Jerusalem to be tried. "Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged" (verse 10).

Paul DEFENDED HIMSELF. Some of our former members would say Paul was surely wrong. Then Paul APPEALED TO CAESAR, just as we today are appealing to the Supreme Court and by prayers to the Supreme Court of heaven

"Paul defended himself. Some of our former members would say Paul was surely wrong. Then Paul appealed to Caesar, just as we today are appealing to the Supreme Court and by prayers to the Supreme Court of heaven where Jesus Christ sits with the Father on the throne!"

have never yet been printed. I give them to you now.

First, remember this: Neither God's Church nor its leaders have broken any LAW OF THE STATE. The State has no evidence of any such unlawful acts. There were false allegations made by dissenters and former members, unsupported by any facts or evidence whatsoever.

Neither myself, Mr. Stanley Rader nor the Church had broken any law. WE WERE NOT CHARGED WITH BREAKING ANY LAW!

It was a civil action lawsuit. UNLAWFULLY the deputy attorney general induced a judge, in the privacy of his chambers, to appoint a receiver — a personal friend and exjudge — to TAKE OVER possession of Church operations, without even the legally required notice.

Now notice what we have not mentioned to you before — the BIBLICAL EXAMPLES AND TEACHING!

A demon-possessed woman was pestering Paul and Silas at Philippi. Paul cast out the demon. The woman's masters, finding their means of profit gone, induced the magistrates to beat Paul and Silas with many stripes and put them in prison.

Paul and Silas were two individuals, but the legal action was taken because of their religion — actually against the Church! Paul and Silas were seized forcibly and unable themselves to resist. BUT, IN PRISON, GOD DID THE RESISTING AGAINST THIS FALSE ARREST!

Suddenly, at midnight, there was a great earthquake. Immediately all the doors of the

did not "cave in." He demanded his rights from these government officials — after GOD by a miracle had loosed them in prison.

It was the WILL OF GOD that HIS CHURCH be DEFENDED AGAINST false attacks by the STATE. God Himself supernaturally interposed in this defense against unjust and illegal State action. GOD'S MINISTERS and CHURCH WERE NOT FIGHTING against or harming the State — merely DEFENDING CHURCH PROGRESS! It's the same today.

The above from Acts 16.

In Acts 17, Paul went to Thessalonica, and as Paul's manner was, he went into a synagogue and three Sabbath days reasoned with the Jews out of the Scriptures (Old Testament). Paul was staying at the house of one Jason. Some of the Jews believed and followed Paul. But the others were angry and sought out some of the lower and more violent people. They assaulted Jason's home, but did not find Paul. Then these angry Jews went to the CIVIL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES with false charges against Paul and Silas.

Here is another case. Did Paul "cave in," and allow the CIVIL GOVERNMENT TO STOP THE WORK OF GOD'S CHURCH? NEVER! Verse 10, the brethren secretly sent away Paul and Silas by night to Berea.

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OUR accusers in this civil lawsuit today are now pretty well divided among themselves! Men filled with malice, resentment and bitterness do not make good bedfellows!

The Pharisees then cried out that they found no evil in Paul. The chief Roman captain fearing for Paul's safety in the fight between Pharisees and Sadducees, commanded the Roman soldiers to take Paul from these fighting Jews and take him to the castle. That night Christ spoke to Paul to be of good cheer — there was much more for him to do. Paul learned of a conspiracy of Jews to kill him the next day. Paul got word to the chief captain.

Then the chief captain of the Roman army called two centurions (over 200 soldiers) and 200 spearmen and horses, and by

where Jesus Christ sits with the Father on the throne!

The apostle Paul did not fight against the Jews at Jerusalem nor against Caesar's government. We today do not fight against, to harm our false accusers, and we do not fight against the State of California.

Was Paul wrong?

Are we wrong, following the same identical procedures?

Romans 13 I have gone into a number of times. That is referring to any citizen of a country being subject, as an individual, to the law of man. In that respect we are all SUBJECT in the same way. But this is NOT a CHARGE of law violation against an individual. It is an attack to TAKE OVER, CONFISCATE ALL PROPERTY AND RULE GOD'S CHURCH, on no evidence. This is a horse of an altogether different color!

The High Court of heaven will give us the victory. Meanwhile GOD'S WORK GOES ON STRONGER THAN EVER!

We expected persecution. Satan has thrown us his "trump card" this time. Jesus Christ has never and will never forsake us!

Afghanistan: critical catalyst?

PASADENA — The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, begun in the last days of the decade of the '70s, could turn out to be the critical catalyst for major prophesied events to unfold in the '80s.

At first, Soviet military might looked invincible. Soviet armor, jets and helicopter gunships met little initial opposition from a mostly surprised populace. But now, nearly three months later, it is apparent that Moscow misjudged the dogged spirit of resistance of the Afghan people. On Feb. 21, for example, the Russians were stunned when seemingly spontaneous anti-Soviet demonstrations erupted in Kabul, the capital, and quickly spread to other cities, causing many casualties as the Soviets brutally imposed martial law.

By the end of February, Soviet

forces had suffered an estimated 1,500 killed and 3,500 wounded since the invasion began. Casualties continue to mount as the unreliable Afghan army continues to disintegrate, forcing the Russians to engage in more direct combat than they had planned.

Back home, not a single Soviet soldier serving in Afghanistan has been shown in television newscasts or in newspapers. But rumors of war losses are spreading wildly.

Armed with 'jihad'

The main rebel forces are concentrated in Afghanistan's rugged mountains. The factious guerrilla chieftains are trying to piece together a united military command. They had already boasted that they will open 100 fronts in the spring. They are receiving increased aid from other

Moslem states. Egypt is training some of their commanders. Even the CIA is spiriting in some Eastern bloc weapons.

The rebels have no pretensions about the strength of the enemy they are facing, equipped as their own rag-tag forces are with outmoded World War I style rifles and other archaic weapons. They are "armed" primarily with the spirit of jihad. "If they die in battle there is honor," says an expert in Islam. "If they live they

they got sucked into it, I think, rather involuntarily . . ."

Impact on Eastern Europe

The cost to Moscow of staying in Afghanistan is rising rapidly. Yet, the cost of leaving now would be even greater — the collapse of the puppet Karmal regime. As the Los Angeles, Calif., Times reported Feb. 25: "If the Kremlin was seen to allow a socialist regime to collapse, it could also have enormous implications in Eastern Europe. The leadership would undoubtedly fear that such a failure would only encourage dangerous moves among its satellites to establish a more independent

elsewhere, back up the Kremlin's position in Afghanistan, echoing Russia's denunciation of CIA "meddling" there. Privately, leaders of the East bloc are fearing a backlash from the West on detente. They are wondering whether they will be cut off from the many trade and cultural contacts that they have so painstakingly constructed, and instead be thrust back into close ties to Moscow. (Hungary had been quietly pushing ahead with liberal economic reforms similar to those tried out in Czechoslovakia before 1968.) Is all this to come to an end?

What if, in view of this prospect, and while the Soviets are mired down in Afghanistan, Catholics (and eventually Orthodox) throughout Eastern Europe should rise up in a united revolt against Moscow? What could the Soviets, mired down in Afghanistan, do? The potential is certainly there; witness Pope John Paul II's electrifying visit to Poland last year, his open defiance of Communist authorities and his call for the "spiritual unity of Europe."

It's possible that the likelihood of such a far more serious crisis erupting throughout her satellite empire is the reason for tenuous Soviet olive branches in the past few days. President Leonid Brezhnev and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko both hinted ever so slightly of willingness to pull Soviet forces out of Afghanistan in return for the West's helping guarantee Afghanistan's neutrality and seeing to the installation of a regime "not hostile" to Soviet interests. Yet, immediately on the heels of these "peace feelers," the Soviets greatly stepped up their military activities in Afghanistan, apparently in an all-out attempt to break the back of the rebellion before springtime.

The next few months should show us whether the Afghanistan crisis will be defused or whether the Russian quagmire will become muddier yet, with far-reaching impact upon Eastern Europe.

WORLDWATCH BY GENE H. HOGBERG

keep on fighting." An Associated Press reporter was told by a citizen of Kabul, "Please tell people in the West that we will go on killing the Russians as long as a single one remains here."

The upshot of all this is: The Soviets could soon be "up to their eyelids" in the unending conflict. Intelligence experts predict that, before long, they will have 200,000 troops in Afghanistan (they have 70,000 now). Some American observers — no doubt hoping that Russia has stumbled into her own "Vietnam" — postulate that the Soviets will have to eventually pour in 400,000 troops to quell the revolt — an army comparable to the U.S. military force that was sent to Southeast Asia.

Thus, in a situation similar to the American experience in Vietnam, the "light at the end of the tunnel" seems far off for Moscow. Former U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, George F. Kennan, told a Senate Committee Feb. 26: "I think they [the Russians] were sucked into [Afghanistan] . . . they began to meddle in Afghan politics, and things went wrong for them. And

course from Moscow."

Russia's potential "sinkhole" in Afghanistan just could be the string that unravels her East Europe empire — an empire held in place only by raw military force. (Mr. Kennan rightly noted "the extreme fragility of their [the Soviets] hold over the satellite area.")

Yugoslavia is on the threshold of its long-expected "post-Tito" era. At first Yugoslav leaders viewed the Afghanistan invasion with deep anxiety. Was this, they wondered, a forerunner of what could be expected in their nation? But now, with the Soviets being sucked in deeper into Afghanistan, Yugoslavia's new leadership might have more room to maneuver, especially in strengthening the country's ties to Western Europe. (The Common Market, in a show of support, has made a decision to rush to completion a new trade pact with Belgrade that has been deadlocked for two years.)

And then there is the rest of Eastern Europe. Right now, the regimes in Poland, East Germany and Hungary have been forced by Moscow to publicly, in the United Nations and

Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Have you ever participated in an old-fashioned tug-o-war?

Remember the excitement, the anticipation, the boasting and most of all the team spirit. Remember how everyone, large or small, had a part to play. There usually was a captain, and an anchor person, who had to be big. The captain would oversee the team — tell you when to pull and when to hold. Remember when he would yell in rhythm, "Pull team, pull team, pull," and each member would give it all he or she had. Each determined to win. All combined energy, concentration and strength, pulling on that rope. Inch by inch one team would pull the other over the line and win the trophy. Tired and sore muscles never stopped the sheer joy of success amid congratulations and victorious cheers.

A victory brought about by a team effort, working together like a well-oiled machine.

Teamwork wins a lot of things besides tug-of-war games. In fact, teamwork is important in practically every phase of modern living and in no place is its effect more evident than in the Body of Christ — the Worldwide Church of God.

On several occasions recently Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong has made reference to a "team effort" in this end-time Work of God.

Those of us who oftentimes have the opportunity to work directly with him feel this unifying teamwork in action.

It is evident this Work could not function efficiently if it did not function as a team with each member having his own job to do, yet all working together toward the same goal. And that goal is fulfilling our commission (Matthew 24:14).

Teamwork means getting along with others; offering praise and encouragement and not being critical of the other person's mistakes. After all, everybody fumbles the ball now and then. But when that happens, a teammate doesn't waste time blaming others. He or she has more constructive things to do — like pitching in to help straighten out the mess.

Teamwork is really just another way of expressing courtesy, thoughtfulness and cooperation toward others.

Team spirit is contagious

You can usually pick out members who have a good team spirit just by looking at their faces. They have a smile and a good word for everybody, and everybody has a good word for them, too. Actually, I've found team spirit is contagious. Naturally, teamwork involves some discipline. It may require some extra work, and you may have to learn to hold your tongue and control your temper. But the rewards of being part

of a team are more than worth it.

Here are some things to consider if we are to be productive Christian teammates.

Cooperate. Cooperation is teamwork in action. Give help cheerfully — especially to newcomers on the team.

Avoid gossip — as you would the plague. Remind yourself of King David's exhortation to "keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile." Idle gossip is a natural enemy of effective teamwork.

Attitudes make the difference

Display a constructive attitude. A negative, critical attitude can dull the enthusiasm and spirit of everyone around us. A positive, constructive attitude inspires them to increase interest and effort.

Show enthusiasm — and feel it. Nothing is more contagious, more inspiring than genuine enthusiasm.

Welcome responsibility. Don't dodge it. Take on all the responsibility you can carry — and enjoy it. That's teamwork — that's the way leaders are made.

Keep on learning and growing. Each day affords opportunity to learn something new, which may have an important bearing on the Work somewhere down the line.

Don't worry about who gets the credit for anything as long as the team benefits. Each member on the team is important. Unless each member does his or her part, no member can make it. Never underestimate the importance of your job on the team. I think this can be best illustrated by a clipping a member recently sent me.

I'm only onx pxrxn

Xvxn thomy my tpxwxrtir is an old modxl, it workx quixt wxll, xxxcpt for onx of thx kxyx. I havx wishdx many timx that it workdx prfxctly. It is trux that thxrx arx 46 kxyx that function wxll nough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx differxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxmxs to onx that our group is somxwht lixx my tpxwxrtir — not all thx pxpplx arx working prpxrly.

You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, but I'm only onx pxrxn and won't makx much differxncx." But, you sxx, thx group, to bx xffxtivx, nxxdx thx actixv participation of vxry pxrxn. So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrxn and that your xffort is not nxxdx, rxmxmbr my tpxwxrtir and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrxn and nxxdx vxry much."

As Mr. Armstrong has said repeatedly, "Time is now short," and we still have lots to do. Teamwork and team spirit are of the utmost importance. Our reward is just around the corner.

Israeli society facing new era?

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PASADENA — Many are the parallels between the history of the modern state of Israel and the United States of America. Columbus sailed west from Spain at the same time that many Spanish Jews, having been officially expelled, were heading east. Some of them ultimately ended up in the land of Israel or in nearby Middle Eastern countries. So it can be said that 1492 marks the beginning of the histories of modern Manasseh and modern Judah. Both the United States and Israel forcibly wrested their independence from the British and both have a European heritage.

In America, the period of 1789-1801 was the Federalist Era. The Constitution had been adopted, but America was still in a transition stage, in many ways still British. The Jeffersonian Era saw further democratization and a further cultural break with England. The Jacksonian Era, as we know it, really emerged during the 1830s. At that time, Alexis de Tocqueville of France visited here and produced his classic two-volume work, *Democracy in America*. A reading of his material should illustrate that the American character was firmly established during the 1830s. During that period, the cultural break between Manasseh and Ephraim was complete, though, of course, many similarities still remain.

We see an analogous pattern in the

brief history of the state of Israel. During its first 29 years of existence, the nation was dominated by ideas that had their sources in the Diaspora, the non-Israeli Jewish communities. However, in the 1980s a new Judah is emerging, or as Jewish militants view it, the old Judah is reemerging. In Israel today immigrants from the Middle East and their children are playing a more prominent role, and they have regained more heavily influenced by traditional Jewish values. We can also expect to observe a larger role for the native-born Israelis in determining the future of their nation. In other words, the Jewish state is becoming more distinctly Jewish and less an extension of some other society.

Many Israelis tend to look upon the last 19 centuries of Jewish history as an unfortunate interruption in the existence of a major Jewish entity in the biblical homeland. There is much identification with the period of the Holy Temple, the rebellions against Rome and the famous stand at Masada.

The ascendancy of Menachem Begin in Israel signals a new era in its development. The nation is taking on a more identifiable Jewish personality. The resurgence of Islam in the Middle East is likely to cause a resurgence of traditionalism in Israel. This does not mean that most Israelis will become observant, but it does seem likely that many will become more conscious of their Jewish heritage, their identity. There seems now to be a developing trend for the emigration from Israel of those Israelis for whom religion is relatively unimportant, while those Diaspora Jews more zealous for Judaism are immigrating in increasing numbers to their ancestor's ancient homeland.

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FEEDING THE FLOCK — Director of the Pasadena area Spokesman Club Carlton Green, who is also the Food Services administrator for Ambassador College, addresses a combined meeting of the Spokesman and Leadership Training clubs. (Photo by Roland Rees)

Anyone interested in growing should join club, says director

PASADENA — "Nearly all the leaders in God's great Work, perhaps every one — has received a great part of his training in an Ambassador Club at Ambassador College or in a Spokesman Club at his local church . . . all God's ministers, except myself, have had this training," wrote Herbert W. Armstrong in the introduction to the Spokesman Club manual.

Sitting in his office in the rear of the Ambassador College kitchen, Carlton Green, Food Services director, minister and director of the Pasadena Spokesman Club, muses on Mr. Armstrong's words.

Mr. Green leans forward. "Now that says a lot to me. It says that God has chosen that method, through Ambassador College and the Spokesman Clubs, to call the ones He wants to be responsible in the Church, to be the pillars. It seems to me that if God is using that method, and a man wants to be of greater service to the Church, then the only alternatives [are] Ambassador Col-

lege or Spokesman Club."

Of course, not all who join a club will be ordained, but Mr. Green clarifies: "I think some people look at club as just any other speaking club, as just a social thing. But there's more to it than that." He reiterates Mr. Armstrong's statement in the manual that the training in character, personality, speaking and social experience is "so valuable and effective that it served greatly in preparing probably every minister in God's Church today."

Training invaluable

Mr. Green is one example. He says the training he received in club was invaluable. "The lessons I learned," he says, "such as sincerity, honesty, how to evaluate — most people don't know how to evaluate, not only people but situations. But the communications aspect is, to me, the most important. At the time I started club, my communications skills were nowhere as effective as they are now." Mr. Green confides that all his relationships, from that with his wife and children to the people on the job, have been improved as a result of club.

"Anyone," he says, "who is really interested in personal growth and development would do themselves a great service to be a member of club."

Club members are men who, according to Mr. Green, "are preparing now and allowing God to

use them. God is going to use them. I feel very sure of that. He has done it in the past. Looking back I was absolutely shocked at all the men I was in club with who are now . . . pillars in the Church who are helping and serving."

Key for success

What Mr. Green says is the key for success and growth in the club is simple — prayer. "Sometimes, because it's overworked in the world," he says, "we tend to minimize the effects of prayer and the effects of God's Holy Spirit. God says that whatever you ask in Jesus Christ's name, He will do it — of course, if it is His will. And you know and I know that it is His will that we all grow and overcome and become more effective tools in His hands. And He tells us to be ready to give an answer of the hope that lies within us. To give an effective answer we have to be trained.

"When this club was formed, we had a meeting, and the first order of business was to get on our knees and pray and to ask Jesus Christ to be the head of the club. I honestly feel that if the officers and the director all purpose to pray and ask God's guidance and direction . . . pray for that as a goal, and if every club member would be encouraged to pray about the club and the growth of the club, then God cannot lie. He says whatever you ask in Jesus Christ's name He will do."

Quality of thought, expression goals for leadership training

PASADENA — The Pasadena Leadership Training Club was formed about three years ago as a channel through which graduates of Ambassador College and Spokesman Clubs could continue developing their talents, said club director Richard Rice, minister and director of the Mail Processing Center.

"It's more than just giving the fellows a chance to speak," Mr. Rice said. "We're not as concerned with developing eloquent speakers as we are with giving quality of thought, idea, of expression. We're concerned with content and quality of content, conviction and instilling in our men these values and virtues of everyday Christian living.

Developing leadership

"The main purpose of the club is to develop genuine Christian leadership in our men," he said.

The Leadership Training Club is designed to provide every member with opportunities to build his potential for leadership. The club does not have a president. Rather, a different member is assigned each week to act as the program director.

"He's in charge for the first hour and 15 minutes," Mr. Rice said. "His job is to select his own program

for a given night, on whatever topic he chooses. Then he will work with his four speakers [on] different facets of that topic, get everything fine-tuned and then present his program. He has two weeks to work on it — assignments are made two weeks in advance."

Mr. Rice said the men are encouraged to use personal experiences and lessons of life that will add to the understanding of a certain biblical principle or scripture, to give all they have gained from experience, study, research and analysis, to incorporate the Bible into practical, everyday living terms.

"[A topic] may be, for example, on how to glorify God in life," Mr. Rice said. "Whatever you do, do all to God's glory — it's not one of the Ten, but it's a commandment. So we'll devote the entire evening on exhausting that scripture. It may be something a man will cover in family life . . . another may cover that scripture from the point of view of how it's applied on the job. We go into every aspect of life we can think of to exhaust the meaning of these Christian principles."

Each speech is 10 minutes long. "Some of the men have done outstanding jobs," said Mr. Rice. "I

know they are praying. You have to pray to give speeches like that. You just don't give a speech like some of these guys and do it on human effort."

'Rap session' follows

A break follows the speaking session, after which the director holds a 20-minute "rap session," which focuses on some important topic of leadership or Christian living.

"It's like a modified table topics session except that they stick with one question, maybe two, per evening," the director said. "Generally what I do is, I will throw out to the club a difficult scripture and say, 'I want you to exhaust this for me.'"

Mr. Rice sometimes poses questions from a book he keeps on real-life situations he has had to deal with as a minister. As Mr. Rice said, "It makes them think."

The director also prepares a "particular discourse on some aspect of leadership" he said, such as what made Jesus Christ an effective and great teacher.

Mr. Rice said the club itself is successful because "God is at the center. That's the main thing. God is at the center of our activities. His Word is the base."

WHAT IS SPOKESMAN CLUB?

By John Bowers

SPOKESMAN CLUB IS: Driving through the fog on Tuesday night when you could be home watching the Fonz. Meeting with a couple of dozen other men who all seem relaxed while you're sweating through the Right Guard. Lying awake wondering what you're going to speak about on Ladies' Night. Forcing yourself to think coherently about current events when it would be much easier to chug a couple of beers and not think at all. Trying to evaluate a veteran speaker. Berating yourself for blowing a good speech, only to learn you captured a trophy. The thrill of presenting a trophy to a man who richly deserves it.

SPOKESMAN CLUB IS: A magnifying glass. Under it weaknesses and fears are exposed. Sometimes it hurts.

SO: Why put up with it week after week?

BECAUSE: There are rewards — overcoming fear, gaining new friends, social activities, Christian fellowship, perspective, confidence and plain old personal satisfaction. It's fun.

CLUB IS: Valuable training. The rifle range preceding the firing line. A chance to increase your ability to serve and to grow. An opportunity. An invitation from God.

College speaking clubs provide training ground

PASADENA — Tuesday nights at Ambassador College, it's hard to find an AC man around campus. It's club night, when four of the six Ambassador men's clubs assemble in the student center for their weekly meetings. The other clubs meet on Thursday nights.

At the kickoff meeting for all the clubs at the start of the fall semester, five of the club presidents spoke briefly about the different purposes the clubs serve for the Ambassador College student, and how each active member can benefit from club.

Also at that meeting, Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of the college, spoke about the success of the clubs in developing men of character and personality.

Aid to personality development

Referring to the clubs as the single most effective activity at college for developing the whole personality,

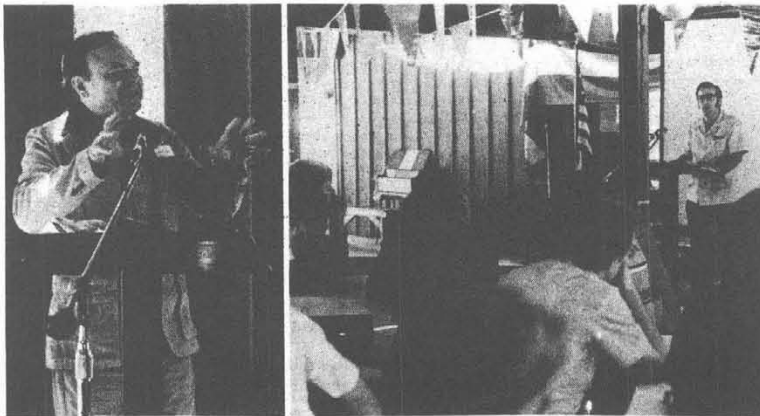
Mr. McNair said that "many people are deficient in personality . . . but I've seen people who, in four years at Ambassador, in Ambassador Clubs, learned to develop a scintillating, balanced personality."

Mr. McNair mentioned several areas where club training can be of direct benefit, such as learning to be at ease in social situations and improving prospects of success in the business world.

"If you have a good ability to communicate, you are going to be a far more successful person," Mr. McNair said.

Gene Nouhan, president of a Tuesday night club, said surveys show the two biggest weaknesses among college graduates are an inability to work well with people and an inability to communicate ideas effectively. These are also the two most desirable traits in an

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SEMINAR — Leadership Training Club member Steve Gresham speaks at a club-sponsored seminar on family relations at Singing Pines Girl Scout camp in the San Bernardino, Calif., mountains near Pasadena. Crawford John Thomas, left, organized the event and had it videotaped. (Photos by James Capo)

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 Feb. 19. Mr. Rader's comments cover various aspects of the present state of the Church.

Now in the time remaining, I think some of you must have some questions that have come to your mind since I was last here. I will not be back in Pasadena probably, unless I run out of clothing! I probably won't be back until somewhere around the first of April and then only maybe for a day and that'll be coming back from China. Because Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong is in Tucson [Ariz.], I'd like to spend another seven, eight, nine days there before we go on to Chicago [Ill.] and to Israel and to Egypt. So for all practical purposes until about May 1, I'm not going to be passing this way. So if you have any questions, now would be the time to get them out.

What is the status of your deposition?

My deposition is still scheduled. There is a possibility that I will appear for deposition tomorrow morning, but then again, there are various motions that have been pending for a long time that might make that appearance kind of a fruitless or useless effort, but certainly not a very important thing at this stage of the proceedings at all. But I think there is an order for me to appear tomorrow morning, and it's in the federal action that we have rather than the state action.

Why would the AG, the attorney general, want the deposition from their accounting firm which took the accounting of us? And the firm won't give it. I would think that if they won't give it, they don't have anything, and yet the attorney general wants them to give it.

I'm not sure of your question, are you saying the attorney general wants something and isn't getting it? The deposition from the accounting firm which they are using to investigate us?

The question is a little garbled, but it deals with the attorney general's efforts for some time to get from Peat, Marwick & Mitchell, certain papers that they took with them when the receivership was terminated and their work stopped. We have been making an effort to thwart that from taking place.

Now the reason for that is manifold. To begin with, those papers are our papers. They do not belong to Peat, Marwick & Mitchell. So the proper method would be for those papers to be returned from where they came, and then if someone has a right to see those papers, then that

is right, if they had any right at all, to get the same papers from Mr. Kessler.

So again, we're saying you must not be permitted under the law, as we view it, from getting papers from the wrong person, papers that do not belong to that person. They were taken from us illegally. Copies also were taken from Mr. Kessler illegally. If you have rights, return those papers to the respective parties who own them and then exercise your rights against those people. That's what the controversy's about.

Frankly, I don't really care about the papers. We have examined the papers ourselves, because our people have had access to the papers. They're copies of papers that came from us, and there's nothing in the papers that in any way, shape or form will help the attorney general. But he doesn't know that. He's still hoping to find something.

What it will do if they are released will be embarrassing for some people. They will not be embarrassing for me. I would like nothing more than to give you all the copies of every single piece of paper that has my name on it or has my name even directly or indirectly mentioned. You can read those papers to your hearts' content, and then you would find out who I am, what I am, what I have been and how I have related to all of the people in this organization over a period of some 22, 23 years. It would be mind-boggling for 99 percent of you.

Eventually, maybe those papers will get out. When they do those papers will put me into a different shape in your minds, and you'll see what we've been talking about for some time. But, although I have a natural desire to do that, I know in the process some people are innocent people. People who should not be hurt, people who have been damaged by others.

As I said last time I was here, those who have been making the most noises from the opposition will be the ones hurt the most. That's really what it amounts to. But most of the papers are not even relevant. About 6,000 documents, I would say 90 percent of those documents, are not even of any consequence, but the attorney general doesn't know that. The others reveal inside information concerning relationships of people and transactions of one kind or another not of a financial nature that

we've fought for well over a year to keep those papers private. At least everybody in this Auditorium today ought to remember it. We've done everything we could for 14 months to protect the privacy of this Church, to protect the privacy of the people who have been involved in the Church. And although I, for example, have been somewhat in a "Catch-22" situation, where you're damned if you do and damned if you don't, let's all remember and not let anybody twist you around on that score.

We have had the finest lawyers in the country trying to keep the privacy of this Church intact. If any of it comes out, just remember, I didn't let it out—I did not throw that first stone. Do you all understand that? I did not throw it. I did everything I could to prevent anybody from throwing it, as has Mr. Armstrong, as has Mr. [Ralph] Helge and everybody else involved in the action to thwart the State from destroying our privacy.

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That's really what this case has been about. Moving on what is called, in lawyer's language, "information and belief," which are just lawyers' words for "rumor and gossip." I mean, it's funny, but that's what it means. They filed a lawsuit based upon that. Ever since that time they've had a tiger by the tail.

We are the ones who have had control of the record base, the Church itself, and the record base was never in the administration building, which they raided that day with detectives and armed guards, finger-printing experts, probing into the ceiling for gold bullion.

I mean, think about it—the whole thing is just absurd. It's just ridiculous. In other words, if it hadn't happened, and I told you it were going to happen, you wouldn't believe it. You'd laugh. Anyone would laugh if it weren't such a serious thing.

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ready to take off at any minute.

Mr. Helge could not make this man see how absurd his statement was. They were not dealing at that moment as adversaries. Mr. Evans had come to Mr. Helge for some help. That's what he believes though. The G-II is in Mexico. It's not out in Burbank [Calif.]. The fact that I landed there in Burbank yesterday in the G-II doesn't mean anything to these people.

It's in Mexico and it's loaded with gold bullion. That's the kind of rumoring that's spread around by these people. It's very sad, very sad. That's what happens when you make these wild allegations, and there's no way to prove them. They're up against the problem of having an empty bag, and we have been defamed and are being asked to prove negatives.

Well, you obviously cannot prove negatives of that sort. Eventually though, the word gets around to enough people and they eventually stop—it's the same thing as the customs thing I think I told you all

about so many times before. It took customs three years to be convinced that Mr. Armstrong was not using the G-II on a vast smuggling operation. That's sad too. That's what they thought because that's what they were told. The whole Customs Service of the United States was alerted to watch for the G-II to be sure it didn't enter American airspace and land somewhere without being discovered and searched. They never found anything. After three years they finally apologized.

So I imagine this will take the same course. We just have to be patient, and Hebrews 10 tells us all about that and other places as well.

How are the plans for the ministerial conference?

The ministerial conference—I just talked with Mr. [Joe] Tkach on the plane yesterday—was scheduled for here in June.

When is the documentary that we have made going to be aired in other cities, especially Tucson?

It's already been aired in Tucson. It was aired in Tucson a week ago Sunday, on Sunday evening. We'll probably air it again. We're trying to get it on KGUN-TV. We got it on KZAZ-TV, and the response there was not—we knew it wouldn't be as good as elsewhere, but we wanted our Church people to see it anyway.

Mr. Rader, out of curiosity, I was wondering, are you affected in anyway in your world travels by the international animosity toward Americans?

No, that's a good question, actually. No, we've been very lucky. I don't know what would happen right now if we were to go into a place like Iran, where we've been invited to come again. I could have gone to Iran either before [William Sloane Jr.] Coffin or after Coffin. Coffin is the minister, who was a former chaplain at Yale, now is one of the people operating out of the Riverside Church in New York, Presbyterian.

I could go in there. We could grab some headlines if Mr. Armstrong thought it would be wise for the Church. I could get in to see those hostages in the next four days if I wanted to. But again, what would be gained by it? There we would be interfering. Do you understand the difference?

Coffin interfered. Those other people were used by those people, those terrorists holding the hostages.

They were just used. But we could go in just like that. It would be very easy for me to arrange that. I've discussed it with Mr. Armstrong.

But there we would be going out and trying to grab headlines, and we would accomplish absolutely nothing in the process. But our relationships in others parts of the Arab world have remained good. We're expected in Egypt. We're welcomed in Lebanon, Syria, because we've been working there with the UCLA people. We had some Syrian visitors here just a few months ago. So I think our relations are pretty good.

But what the average man on the street might do, I don't know. He might throw rocks at us if he knew we were Americans. You can't tell. I'll be interested to see what the reaction is in Russia. That I don't know because you don't know what kind of information they are being fed. There's no way of knowing if they even know what is happening.

Of course, when I was in Tokyo, Mr. [Andrei] Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, he has his own analysis of

the situation in Afghanistan. When he was in India he made a public statement that the Americans and the Pakistanis are plotting to overthrow Afghanistan, and that's why the Russian troops are there to protect their property. He's already got it nicely twisted. They moved in not to establish a puppet state and crush any resistance, but to protect the country from us. So that's the type of thing that you meet.

I'm curious about what will happen in Russia for a variety of reasons. Mr. Armstrong historically has been militantly anti-Communist, relentlessly, No. 1. No. 2, through *Quest* magazine we have been strong supporters of Amnesty International, which is that organization fighting for human rights all over the world to be certain that other countries live up to the Helsinki Accords.

You know what the Russians have been doing. They've been cracking down on their dissenters. Then, although Mr. Armstrong was militant for the last 50 years, he has really been bearing down the last two months. You've all read his co-worker letters and the other articles being prepared for *The Plain Truth* so there is kind of an anomaly there. He hits them over the head constantly and calls a spade a spade, in what we call no uncertain terms. So I'm really kind of curious what will happen.

But they have all that information. They have it all. They also know that I have been to China four times, Mr. Armstrong has been to China and I'm going back. Although I didn't state it, they know that the Chinese go out of their way to run Russia down in the minds of every visitor of any consequence. They know that. They know that the Chinese government officials denigrate the U.S.S.R. at every opportunity.

It's really unbelievable. Consequently, maybe they just want an opportunity to tell us that they are not as the Chinese have described them. So maybe in a way that's what they want. They know we have publications, and they know that if they have a chance maybe they can get us to say some nice things about them or just to counteract what the Chinese have done.

Really the Chinese spend a lot of time on that. They spend a lot of time telling you how evil the U.S.S.R. is, how totalitarian it is, how imperialist. (See FORUM, page 5)

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person should be able to exercise those rights and come after the Church, the college or the foundation for the very papers which were involved.

On the other hand, certain of those papers are copies of papers which were taken illegally from the offices of Mr. [Jack] Kessler. We all know Mr. Kessler has already beaten the State, just smashed them. That's the first clear-cut victory for either side. Just simply destroyed them. Now ask yourself this: If 5,000 of the 6,000 documents that Peat, Marwick & Mitchell have come from the offices of Mr. Kessler, and if those papers were returned to Mr. Kessler as he's demanded, the State would still have

involve other people. But the State doesn't know that yet. The question is: Should they be permitted to know that when they got the papers? The people who have the papers have them illegally anyway.

So then they're nice little issues for the lawyers to fool around with, and we will exhaust every possibility. What I don't want to happen, frankly, is this: When and if any of those papers are released, some of my "friends" out there will say: "Hey, Mr. Rader wanted those papers to be released. He's always wanted to tell everybody the whole story." That's what you will hear from some quarters.

But let's remember now that

Even the attorney general wants to cut loose. But he's caught up in a "Catch-22" situation of his own. Because his own deputies have raised this aura of suspicion by filing a lawsuit, he's afraid to withdraw for fear that maybe his deputies were right. They haven't been right, they haven't been proved right, but he's still afraid, you see. He's afraid that if he were to back away now and his deputies were proved right somewhere down the line—you found the case of gold bullion—I mean, just recently, Bill Evans—you all know Bill Evans—Bill Evans got on the phone just a few weeks ago and told Mr. Helge, the G-II is in Mexico, it is loaded with gold, and it's

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tic it is, how it cannot be trusted, how it is planning to take over the whole world, all the things that we say. So they had a pretty respective audience really. Now the Russians maybe want a chance to balance it off. I don't know.

But we've been received very nicely by the Russian Embassy people in Japan. They have been more than helpful. They have broken all the rules to give us things quickly, giving us special service, and that's an indication that they definitely want us to go, and that's why we're going to go through that door.

Do you feel that Mr. Armstrong will in Moscow discuss the role of Europe and any link with the Russians, vis-a-vis America? The reason I'm bringing this up is that the prophesied events would so closely parallel communist policy, which is division. Their dream has been for over 60 years to split Europe and America apart. And my thought would be, they're atheists, obviously they would not listen to a religious broadcast, but that they may listen to.

Well, I'm certain, the question is, will Mr. Armstrong get a chance to talk about politics with the Russians, world politics, geopolitics, particularly those things which we are interested in from our prophetic point of view? I think the answer is yes, that's exactly what happened in China. I think that Mr. Armstrong will be very outspoken about those things, and if the opportunity is afforded him, and we believe it will, he will be discussing those things, and of course, they'll be writing about them.

Whether they pay specific heed to what he says or take umbrage of what he says, that's a different story, but I'm sure that he will be able to discuss those things.

The Russians, by the way, you know, have knowledge about us through the international cultural series as well. Many artists have appeared here and we have planned — Mr. Armstrong and I already have some concrete plans for — a new cultural bridge. I don't want to preempt him, so I'm not going to mention that now, but that's one of the things that we discussed at length this week — about how to establish a really significant cultural bridge between the Soviet Union and the college, the Church, the foundation, the American people for that matter. One that will transcend again politics and particularly the more petty aspects of politics.

So Mr. Armstrong is quite enthused about that as a viable possibility. When you are dealing with people, and you're looking for a lasting relationship, and you're looking for one that will go beyond the immediacy of the visit, you have more opportunity to talk about things. Because people do take a longer view, and they want to be sure, if they are going to be with you involved in a project for a period of time, that they're not making a mistake. So they look more closely at what you are doing. If you are just hitting and running that's one thing, but if you're saying that you're going to come back again and again, there's going to be a permanent relationship. They're going to be talking about things very substantive, things important to us, things important to them. So we think the discussions will be very meaningful.

I was wondering who Mr. Armstrong would be dealing with when he went to Moscow, what rank?

We don't know. We know that he will definitely be dealing with the ministers of culture as I will be and the ministers of education. We will make requests to see the top political people as well. The two top political people you know are ailing, and their schedules have to always be considered in the light of that. One is Mr.

[Aleksii] Kosygin and the other is [Leonid] Brezhnev. They're not as easy to see as they once were. But we will make the appropriate requests to see those people and make our interest known, and I think it's a very good chance that we will see one or the other of those two people. Particularly when they realize the importance of what we are going to be talking about, and they realize who we are and what we've been doing around the world.

I'm quite confident that if they are well and in the country that we will see one or the other of them.

I was wondering, these last two years have been very trying on you, and I was — some of the brighter moments you might have had?

Brighter moments? All have been kind of bright. I don't know, perhaps I can share a little something with you that I was reminiscing about with Mr. [John] Kinston just the other day. And also with Mr. Armstrong. Jan. 3 was a rather critical day, kind of a landmark day, and we've described it in one way or another. We did very well, in a very dramatic way on the documentary that you saw. What you might not have heard was exactly what my activities were on that day, kind of blow by blow, and what Mr. Kinston's activities were.

You might have heard the perjured testimony about Mr. Kinston's activities. He was supposed to have carried away documents and so on, books that looked like this. I don't know where those books are and what other kinds of books that we have of that nature, but we don't use that kind of thing. But one of the fatter lawyers that they had on the other side stood up and showed these books, and he said, these are things Mr. Kinston absconded with.

But really it was a rather interesting day because Mr. Helge was in Tucson, and I was in transit to my home from the Ammandale Country Club over here before 9 o'clock, and, of course, I never saw any of this that was going on here, all of the conflict, turmoil and what have you. Others had to suffer through that. I had talked to Virginia Kinston on the phone, and I just told her to throw the people out. If we had had security guards that's exactly what would have happened.

If we had had one of the deacons from the New York church, there would not have been any problem. It would have been all over on Jan. 3, and the problem would have been behind us. He would have bodily picked up the people and thrown, and that's what I told Virginia to do. I said, have security come and throw them out, they have no right to be here. But we didn't have the right people at that time in Security. They didn't know that you have a right to

necessary to stay overnight in the Beverly Hills area . . . We were there in the afternoon, as it turned out, but we were hoping to be there the first thing in the morning to end the problem.

But by the time I saw John Kinston, at least nine, 10 hours, had passed or more, and he describes it as, you know, for him a very trying day. I mean it was the blackest day of his life, and he was also on the outside. He didn't know really what was happening on the inside. There was a total absence of understanding about what was happening. But by that time I had looked through the papers and knew exactly where the situation was and where it was going to a greater or lesser extent.

By the time that John arrived at the law offices of Ervin, Cohen & Jessup, we were all gathered in the conference room there, and every seat I guess in the room was taken up, must have been 15, 20 people there, mostly lawyers and partners and associates of the firm. And everybody was very, very — John describes it — everybody was very, very; very down. They had been working all day, and they were grim faced, maybe unshaved by that time. I don't know what the whole impression was, but when he looked in the room, one person was laughing.

As John will tell you, he found that I was laughing because I was describing what the reaction of all of this would be, how Mr. Armstrong would cope with these massive lies, what the State will find out about this 86-year-old man who doesn't even know where he is according to the State, doesn't even know what it's all about, he's our prisoner. I was explaining how with his pen alone, which he's always said is mightier than a sword. That reminded John, of course, of Psalms 2, which you maybe ought to read today. I don't have a Bible here, but the second Psalm will tell you about God laughing.

So in that sense it was really a light moment. In other words, there was a very serious matter, the whole life of the Church apparently threatened, but I knew immediately, you have to understand this, when they described not only all these heinous crimes that Mr. Armstrong and I were supposed to have committed — okay, they could be wrong about all those things, okay, and I still wouldn't be smiling — but then they were talking about Mr. Armstrong, about an 86-year-old senile man, down in the desert, prisoner, bedridden, doped, ridden, can't hear, can't see, doesn't know what's happening, was there ever any reason for me not to smile?

What did I see? I saw there that everything they thought was wrong, and they didn't know what their adversary was going to be. They didn't

That's what I was laughing about. Because in a sense it was laughable. As I said, if it weren't so tragic it would be laughable. One of the things that Mr. Armstrong has always maintained himself is a wonderful sense of humor, and I have

The question is, if the announcements of the President and maybe of Brezhnev should bring about an even more volatile situation, will our visit, or my visit and his visit, bring about more criticism of the Worldwide Church of God?

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always had a good sense of humor, and that's one of the reasons we have been so compatible. We can always see the bright side of something.

But this was so absurd I just couldn't help but think how they're going to feel when they find out who Mr. Armstrong is and what he is. They had it so wrong. It was apparent that this wasn't hyperbole. You see the talk about the alleged illegal acts, those were really gross exaggerations, a terrible use of hyperbole and really going beyond what lawyers should ever put in pleadings.

But the other was presented in a very dramatic fashion, but nonetheless not with exaggeration. It was an affidavit from Ben Chapman. Ben Chapman described Mr. Armstrong as beyond hope, really. You know, 87 years old, can't hear, can't see, can't read, unbelievable what they wrote. And there, I'm sitting there knowing that I've been talking with him hour by hour. Hour by hour through the day, I'm making one call to Mr. Armstrong, one call to Virginia. It never occurred to me that I would not be able to handle that with him by telephone. It never occurred to me that he would not be immediately able to grasp all of what was happening, because when this kind of emergency takes place — and this was Satan's effort to destroy the Work — you just knew that the adrenaline was racing through that body. He was really on top of everything and eager for battle.

So when John walked in, there was one person smiling. That to me was perhaps the lightest moment that I had, and it came very quickly. And I've asked John to write something about it, because it's really firsthand to him. He remembers seeing me. When he tells me about it, I remember, of course, what was going on, but I didn't remember giving the impression of — I asked John if I were smiling, and he said, "No, you were laughing."

But it is funny when you think about the contrast between what they

I think I answered that earlier. I think, yes, it might, but Mr. Armstrong says we must run that risk. We must go through the door if it's open. We're going to do it. That's the decision he made.

I'd just like to ask one question and that is, after Mr. Armstrong goes to Moscow, about how many more countries will he have to have the Gospel preached as a witness?

There are many other countries that we haven't visited, and we're holding invitations for, but we're going to have to keep after countries like Russia and China, which after all between them you're talking about a million, a billion, 300 million people, and we've got a lot of work to do to be sure that we are getting our message out as effectively as we can. I don't think that the Work is anywhere near being completed, although I do feel that the events are accelerating again to the point that we have more reason to believe that we are coming closer to the end. Hence, we have to increase our own efforts, do more rather than less.

I might mention one of the things that I have recommended to Mr. Armstrong, and that is we have for a long time in budgeting for employees, we have more often than not been emphasizing uniformity of increases across the board and things of that nature, cost-of-living increases and what have you. But I'm a very strong advocate of the merit system. The idea being those that do more should be singled out for attention. That we're going to try to build in as we get leaner, and we have people working harder and doing more. I would hope that that would be reflected in the future in our budgets so that those who do contribute more of themselves and work harder and work beyond the call — the normal call of duty — would be recognized.

I think we all have to tighten our belts and really work harder and try to get as much done in these years remaining for us. Because things really are moving along at kind of breakneck speed now. But I think that that is an important consideration that there are some that don't work as hard as others, maybe they're constitutionally unable to work as hard as others. There are others who work just around the clock, six days a week, seven days a week. There's got to be some way in our own system to single out those people for special recognition.

What was the response of the documentation we had last January special in the Los Angeles [Calif.] area?

It was quite good, quite good, and we're going to try to run it again. We don't know how good it might have been because of our 10 WATS lines, seven went out. So only three were operative. So we're hoping for a March 5 release, hoping to get March 5 on Channel 9, prime time, 9 to 10. But the response was good.

The response that would not come through the WATS line, but just the word of mouth, has been tremendous from the informed community, lawyers talking to lawyers. It has just been amazing how much I've had on the receiving end of phone calls and other lawyers connected with the case have been on the receiving end from people saying we didn't realize

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throw people off your property, or looking at it, maybe they didn't want to throw them off. I don't know how deep the conspiracy was. But the point is, they weren't thrown off.

I kept checking with Virginia every hour or so while I was waiting to get copies of the papers and locate Mr. Helge and contact the lawyers and what have you. I hurriedly rushed over to the lawyers' office in Beverly Hills. John meanwhile was helping my wife to get a suitcase and clothing together, because I immediately realized that it might be

know, and they still don't know that we have God on our side.

But they didn't take Mr. Armstrong's measure at all. They didn't know what they were running into. I had just gotten off the phone with him. We had already worked out a draft of the first letter he was going to send out to the membership. That was the first letter of appeal, because we realized immediately that if we were shut out even for one day or five days or six days we might not have the mammon to pay these lawyers to keep the fight going.

thought Mr. Armstrong was and what we all know he is. I mean it really is something else. They've all learned, I think by now, we haven't heard them refer to him any more as 87 years old and senile. I think they've learned that.

If U.S.-Soviet relations worsen greatly with the two announcements coming up, Mr. Carter's on the 20th and Mr. Brezhnev's on the 24th, do you see Mr. Armstrong's visit to Moscow fostering a lot of anti-Worldwide Church of God feelings?

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"It doesn't matter what field you go into, communication is essential,"

Mr. Nouhan said. "Knowledge is only as good as your ability to communicate it."

Club president Gary Shaffer explained that each club reflects the government of God, and that being a member of club is a chance to learn more about God's government, and Marty Davey advised that men come



A KNIGHTLY AFFAIR — Five Women's Clubs and six Ambassador Clubs serve the Ambassador student body, with at least one of the clubs meeting in the student center club rooms almost every evening of the week. Here, Bruce McNair of the Thursday Night Section "E" Ambassador Club, directed by Gary Antion, speaks during a ladies' night centered on the theme of modern-day chivalry. (Photo by James Capo)

early to club and stay late, since it also provides an opportunity for increased Christian fellowship.

Dan Samson, defining a personality as "a notable person," said America today is missing notable people, and used a *Newsweek* cover that which read "Where have all the heroes gone?" to illustrate.

People look at a person's personality, he said, but more important is that Christ said, "Become you therefore perfect." Club can help people overcome and change. "If you read the manual and do what it says, you will change," he said.

The final club president to speak at the kickoff meeting was Dave Myers of the Thursday club. He asked people to look at club as God does, in the "eternal sense." The benefits gleaned from club will be with you a lifetime," he said, and being a part of club shows a person is striving toward perfection, preparing to become a member of the Family of God.

As Mr. McNair pointed out in his closing comments, Jesus Christ, in whose footsteps we are to walk, is called the Logos, the Spokesman.

Members receive honors

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — In a ceremony Dec. 20 in Charleston, the state capital, West Virginia Secretary of State A. James Manchin declared Curly Spencer and Marta Ree McClure "West Virginia Ambassadors of goodwill to all men." Both were presented with a certificate and state seal medallion.

Though blind since age 4, Mr. Spencer manages a vending complex at Charleston. Secretary Manchin noted that the deep compassion and concern exhibited daily by Mr. Spencer indicated that he saw through his heart. A member of the Church for 14 years, Mr. Spencer enjoys playing classical and jazz guitar selections and reading by various methods available to the blind.

Eighteen-year-old Marta Ree toured West Virginia during the summer and fall of 1979 making official public appearances. She was the 1979 West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals Queen, 1979 West Virginia Fair Queen and the 1978-79 Lincoln County Fair Queen.

Marta Ree is majoring in communications at the state college where she was recently included on the dean's list. She has received various national and state photography awards. She plays light classical piano and models in the Charleston area. She attends services in Charleston with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary W. McClure.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Greg Dullum received a second-place award Feb. 15 from the Minnesota Press Association for an editorial cartoon he submitted to the Better Newspaper Contest.

Mr. Dullum is a member of the Minneapolis South church and is employed by Sun Newspapers. He graduated from Ambassador College in 1978 with a degree in mass communications. His winning cartoon dealt with the closure of schools because of declining enrollment and increasing education costs. It was one of 20 submitted to the suburban and nonmetropolitan daily category.

MAJOR'S MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

Major was glad when the car stopped at last. The Wilson family piled out of the station wagon, and Major jumped to the ground.

Where are we? he wondered. The wonderful scent of pine needles and chipmunks close by filled his nose. The beagle raised his eyes and saw a mountain peak towering above them. The tree-lined road that they had followed up and around was in the mountains. Large boulders were everywhere and shrubs fought for space among the pines.

Major spun around in a tight circle, trying to decide which chipmunk to track down.

"Major, come here," Jim called out, and Major turned and padded over to his master. Jim had begun to help his father unload the car. "You stay close by, fella. We'll go exploring tomorrow. We've got to make camp and fix something to eat now."

Oh, it was wonderful that night! Major ate his share of stew cooked over an open campfire. When they went to bed he slept at the foot of Jim's sleeping bag in the big family tent.

Strange noises

Major was awakened a dozen times by strange noises in the trees outside the tent. Every time he bristled and went to the tent door, barking a warning, trying to see out past the tied flap, Jim seemed annoyed. "Hush up!" he would say in a loud whisper. Or, "Come back and lie down!"

As the tent began to get a little lighter with morning's dawn, Major tried to slip under the tent canvas to threaten some little animal just outside.

Mr. Wilson sat up. "Jim, will you take Major to the car? We'd like to sleep late for once."

"Yes, sir. But he's just doing his job. He's guarding us."

"He's overdoing it."

Jim got up and peeked out a screened window. "It's getting daylight. I'll get dressed and take him for a hike up a mountain trail."

"Fine." Mr. Wilson lay back down, pulling up another cover. The tent was cold with crisp mountain air.

Major's tail thumped in excitement

as he waited for Jim to dress and pull on a jacket. As Jim untied the tent door flaps, his father whispered, "Don't get lost."

"There's no way I can get lost. Major will smell our way back from anywhere."

"You're right. Have a good time. Be back in a couple of hours."

"Yes, sir. I'm hungry."

"Help yourself to the box of groceries in the station wagon."

"How much of it?"

"Shh-h-h! Please, James, go on. You'll wake Susie and your mother."

Major waited while Jim rummaged in the back of the station wagon. Loading his pockets, Jim softly closed the car door and they started into the trees. Major kept at his heels, his nose to the ground, tail waving.

Dawn washed the sky. Songbirds trilled their calls above them, their notes rising to greet the coral and crimson sky. And the sweet scent of dew on the pine and spruce trees made Major leap on ahead with long bounds. But each time he came running back to his master.

Boulders and fallen trees that were rotted and crumbling blocked their path, but they detoured around them, climbing ever upward.

Jim paused at last to eat bran muffins. He shared a muffin with Major. They started on and soon came to a small clear stream. Major stopped to lap the water. It was cold and delicious.

The sun that had begun to beam straight down on them slipped behind dark clouds.

Major leads the way

"I think we'd better head back," Jim said, stopping to sit on a boulder that blocked their way between two spruce trees. "We've covered a lot of ground." But he took time to divide his last food with Major. They ate two peanut crunch bars and listened to nearby forest birds complain about their presence. Rising at last, they began to retrace their steps. This time Jim let Major lead the way.

"Go on, fella, take us back to camp."

"Woof!" Nose down, Major started back down the trail. Drops of rain spattered on their heads as they came to a clearing.

Lightning flashed a zigzag pattern in the dark sky. A crack of thunder

boomed in the towering pines, and Major gave a little jump.

Jim stroked his dog's head. "It's okay, fella. I know you don't like loud noises. Let's keep going and get back to camp."

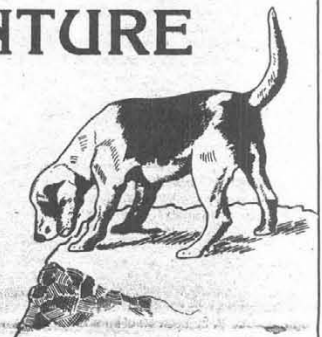
They hurried on. A moment later another roll of thunder rumbled directly overhead, and sheets of rain began to pour down.

"There! Let's get under that rock!" shouted Jim.

They took shelter against the base of a boulder that slanted inward. Crouching down, they were out of the rain.

The storm continued and they waited and watched the deluge bounce onto the pine needles on the forest floor and run off down the side of the mountain.

A tree not far away crashed down to earth, a victim of lightning. Major whined and nuzzled Jim's hand. He wished they were back in the snug tent



cool. I think it's this way."

"Woof!" Major tried to sound cheerful as they struck out through the trees. The rain left every leaf and twig heavy with droplets of rain, and Jim's jacket and jeans turned dark with moisture. Major paused now and then to shake water from his black and brown coat.

Time passed. At last they broke through tall shrubs and came to the edge of a cliff. Far below them a road twisted between aspens and pines. Jim shook his head as they stood at the edge, looking down. "This can't be right. I've never seen that valley before. Where are we?"

Major whined softly. Without his nose he was not much help.

A little mixed up

Jim knelt and stroked Major's head. "Don't worry. We're not lost. We're just a little mixed up." He arose and pointed. "I thought I smelled smoke and there it is. It's somebody's campsite. And there's a station wagon. I think it must be Dad's. Sure, it is! There's a tent pitched beside it. We've got to get down there."

Jim turned, took a step and slipped backward on wet rocks. He grabbed for a piece of bush, it gave way and he went sprawling downward, his hands out. Over the steep side of the mountain he went, taking rocks with him, gathering speed.

Major padded to the edge and looked over. Some distance below, his young master was clinging to a scrubby pine that grew sideways out of rock.

"Major! Go get help! I can't hold on forever! Wait a minute, my feet have a ledge to stand on." There was silence. Then Jim called up, "I've got a place to stand, if it doesn't give way. Go back to camp fast, will you, Major? Get help!"

(To be concluded)



with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Susie. The rain began to slacken. Then the last drop fell. The sky grew lighter.

All clear

"All clear," Jim announced. They arose and looked about. "We'd better hurry, Dad must be worried." Jim motioned to Major. "Lead the way." Major put his nose to the ground. The soggy needles gave no familiar odor. He whined.

Jim caught a sharp breath. "I forgot about the rain. It washed out our scent. Your nose can't help us now." He studied the area of dense trees, boulders and undergrowth. "We'll have to do the best we can. Don't worry. Keep

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The ANNISTON and GADSDEN, Ala., churches had a potluck supper and square dance Feb. 9. YOU sold refreshments.

During the activities C.L. Johnson and his wheelchair were carried to the microphone. Mr. Johnson was honored for 5½ years of service as church librarian. He was presented a tan attache case with combination lock. *Verna Tiny Johnson.*

David H. Mills, pastor of the ASHEVILLE, N.C., and GREENVILLE, S.C., churches was honored Feb. 2 by both churches at a farewell potluck dinner. Mr. Mills has been reassigned to the SALEM, Ore., churches. Gifts, including a shovel for "digging out" in Salem, were presented to him and his wife.

Dancing and a talent show organized by Stan Deveaux made an enjoyable evening. The Mills family itself helped provide entertainment by singing "Edelweiss" from *The Sound of Music*. *Steve Tershansky.*

The BIRMINGHAM, Ala., churches gathered for fun, food and fellowship at the Jan. 12 Family Fun Fair. Minister Glenn Holladay coordinated the event.

The theme was pioneering—past, present and future. A pioneer store was open for business, game booths were positioned around the hall and a continuous cake walk was in progress.

In the drawing contest, Tommy Carmack won the 10th-to-12th-grade category. Michele Darrow won the seventh-to-ninth-grade grouping, Jim Mills the fourth-to-sixth grade and Barbara Bond the first-to-third.

Proceeds from the Family Fun Fair will go to the church social fund. *Barbara Markin.*

What can you do if you can't muster enough talented artists for a talent show? The BRISBANE, Australia, WEST church solved this problem by holding a "No Talent Night" Jan. 19.

The evening of family entertainment, directed by deacon Kevin Thomson, began with a children's fancy dress parade. It was hard to choose winners among the many contestants. However, first prize went to 4-year-old Sonia Wood as Little Bo Peep. Other places went to 5-year-old Stephen Humberstone (Charlie Chaplin) and 9-year-old Lenore Fischer (a rag doll).

The funniest joke prize went to Bob Wood. Comedy acts and gifted musicians and vocalists proved that "No Talent Night" was perhaps a misnomer. *Sevyn Russell.*

The BRISBANE, Australia, leadership class met for a barbecue Feb. 3. The location was the home of David Noller, pastor of the Brisbane NORTH and WEST churches. Mr. Noller took the class through its course for the 1979 year.



LEADERSHIP CLASS BARBECUE—Members and wives of the Brisbane, Australia, leadership class gather for a photograph at their social Feb. 3. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

The class meets twice a month. One evening is lecture. The other is workshop. Lectures, also attended by the men's wives, cover church-related topics such as opening and closing prayers, songleading, sermonettes and sermons. Other topics include loyalty, motivation and leadership. The second meeting each month is an opportunity to practice leading songs and giving sermonettes and sermons. All 46 in attendance enjoyed the barbecue and fellowship. *Jeff Ryan.*

The BRISTOL, England, members were joined by those from SWINDON and CARDIFF for the usual monthly combined Sabbath service Feb. 2. That evening about 60 members took part in a beetle drive, which was led by pastor David Bedford. YOU served refreshments. *Joan Millman.*

An innovation at the EXETER and PLYMOUTH, England, churches is that children from 4 to 12 years of age attend their own class of Sabbath instruction. Meanwhile the older children have their own Bible study. The teachers are Sandra Moore and David Bates. Another innovation is that a Bible study is held for the brethren before the service. This replaces the midweek study and saves the members transportation costs. *Francis Conn.*

To celebrate the fifth anniversary of the GLOUCESTER, England, church a social took place Feb. 9. Visitors came from the BIRMINGHAM, BRISTOL and IPSWICH churches.

Square dancing was organized by Derek Millman. YOU served pizza and salad. And an anniversary cake prepared by Sheila Pritchard was enjoyed along with more cakes, tea and coffee. *Olive Willis.*

On Feb. 2 the MELBOURNE CENTRAL and GIFFSLAND, Australia, churches, combined under a large oak tree for open-air services at the farm of Geoff Kevill. Hay bales, lowing cattle and cawing crows completed the setting. Lunch for the 148 present was a barbecue followed by the afternoon service conducted by Graeme Marshall, pastor of the Central church.

The day wound up with another barbecue and a quiz organized by Bruce Greenaway. The prize was a bottle of wine wrapped in dollars. While many are enduring their winter the Australians are enjoying their summer. *Kerry Gubb.*

Food, football and volleyball were enjoyed by about 100 brethren of the MELBOURNE, Fla., church at their barbecue Feb. 3. Those attending were undaunted by a sudden cold spell. The fire, rediscovered old coats and games kept everyone warm. Ministers Cliff Harding and Bill Stirling directed the food preparations. *Bob Lehman.*

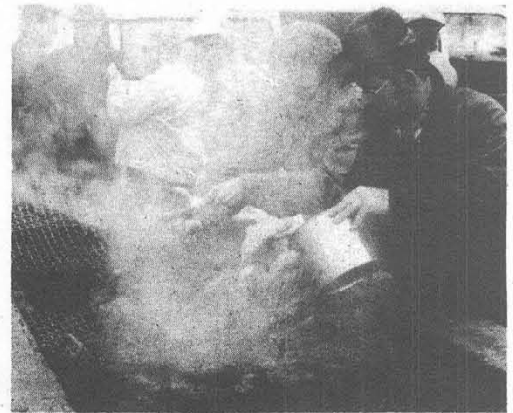
A potluck meal was enjoyed in MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 9 by those involved in *The Plain Truth* newstand distribution and reception-room solicitation programs. About 40 people including children attended the social. A cake was enjoyed by all. It had been decorated to resemble a cover of a *Plain Truth* magazine. *James R. Steidle.*

With the Church putting emphasis back on the family, the MINNEAPOLIS NORTH and SOUTH and ST. PAUL, Minn., churches combined for a family social called the "Big Event" Jan. 27. An important part of the decorations inside the Median Ballroom was the drawings made by members' children of their families. Fellowshiping, a talent show directed by Loren Edelback and dancing were the main activities. A special appearance was made by a big yellow "Twenty Bird" (a costumed YOU member), which kept youngsters busy dancing.

Minister Leonard Schreiber described the "Big Event" as a "Big Success." *Gregory Dullum.*

On Feb. 3 the MONTREAL, Que., YOU had its first chess tournament. Twenty members and guests attended at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gore in Longueuil. The players came from the Montreal and SHERBROOKE, Que., churches. Referees were Steve Poniak and Alex Evodkias.

YOU director Lee Marcellus awarded



BARBECUE—Cliff Harding and Cary Saller take a look at the barbecue pit while others look on during an outing of the Melbourne, Fla., church Feb. 3. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Frank Overstreet]



CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH—Guests of the Los Angeles, Calif., Spokesman Club dine in style at a Tahitian restaurant Feb. 10. (See "Club Activities," this page.) [Photo by John H. Campbell]

checks of \$10 to Brian Sager, 13 (junior division), and Stephen Gore, 16 (senior division). Mr. Marcellus expressed the hope that this would become an annual event. *E.A. Gore.*

The MOUNT POCONO, Pa., brethren enjoyed a potluck meal Feb. 2 followed by Jan Crane's slide presentation of the SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y., 1978 Feast of Tabernacles and a Mount Pocono hayride. The photos brought back beautiful memories. *Margie Storm.*

After the Sabbath on Jan. 19 the chairs were stacked away at PLYMOUTH, England, for a church social. To start things off, several party games were introduced by Chris Hancock and Colm Elson, followed by an introduction to Israeli dancing and dancing for all. Dancing, games and refreshments made a happy get-together with everyone participating in one way or another. *John Collins.*

The ROCHESTER, N.Y., Bible study Jan. 22 heard guest speaker Art Dyer, pastor of the JOHNSTOWN, Pa., church. Mr. Dyer addressed about 150 people at the Airport Holiday Inn. He discussed the Old Testament history of the three physical temples and how they

pertained to the New Testament Church. Refreshments were served and pastor Dave Pack and Mr. Dyer conducted a question-and-answer session. *Jake Han-nold.*

Jan. 20 members gathered in SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., at the home of Rita and Frenchie Grenier for a sleigh ride. There was just enough snow to make the social possible. Indoor activities included table tennis and a potluck meal. *Pam Shaughnessy.*

The SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., church enjoyed a YOU-sponsored dance at the Sheraton Hotel Feb. 9. The church's own band (with help from SUDBURY, Ont.) supplied the beat. The theme, in keeping with the economy, was "Hard Times." Prizes for best costumes went to Keith Jones and Joan Mackay. *Gary King.*

CLUB MEETINGS

On Feb. 17 the CINCINNATI, Ohio, Ladies Club had its monthly meeting. Barbara Sutton led the 51 women present in the topics session. Mary Doud introduced Cindy Butz's, Denise Schenk's and Kenda Turner's ice-breakers followed by pastor Reinhold Fuesell, who talked about manipulative intimidation in the world. *Vonda Parritt.*

The combined NORTH and SOUTH LONDON Spokesman Club held its first ladies' club Jan. 30. Don Bead led a lively topics session. Speakers were Steve Hala; Nigel Shaw, Maxwell Victor, Brian Ogilvie and Phil Grey. The overall evaluator was Robin Jones, pastor of North and South London. Wine, biscuits and cheese were enjoyed after the speeches. *M. Victor.*

A plush Tahitian restaurant was the place for the LOS ANGELES, Calif., Spokesman Club widow's champagne brunch Feb. 10. That morning, the spokesmen and their wives were joined by 12 widows, Elsie Chenoweth, Claren Caspill, Kathy Ernst, Jenny Frazer, Mariann Hogue, Sarah Jacobs, Ellie Mastro, Verna Oliver, Charlie May Ravelo, Ninon Savain, Annie Shirley and Ophelia Tatum. The guests enjoyed an abbreviated version of the club format. A topics session and three speeches gave the widows a good picture of how the club operates. *Bob Anderson.*

Stress and related topics were discussed at the combined men's and women's clubs of the TORONTO, Ont., WEST church Feb. 11. Topics included coping with stress, distress and negative thoughts. Coffee and sandwiches were provided. *Carola Finch.*

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FAREWELL DINNER—Left: Departing pastor David H. Mills and his family sing at their going-away dinner played host to by the Asheville, N.C., and Greenville, S.C., churches Feb. 5. Mr. Mills is being transferred to Salem, Ore. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photos by Steve Tershansky]



FAMILY FUN FAIR—Two members of the Birmingham, Ala., churches display their entries at their Jan. 12 social. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AULT, Graeme and Joy (Drennan), of Auckland, N.Z., girl, Carrie Anne, Jan. 17, 3 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

BELCHER, Lay and Faye (Duncan), of Laurel, Md., boy, Perry Gideon Jay, May 2, 8:30 a.m., 8 pounds, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

BELL, Cecil and Suzette (Billings), of Tyler, Tex., girl, April Suzanne, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BONIN, David and Sharon (Carlton), of Eugene, Ore., boy, Joshua David, Feb. 10, 1:53 a.m., 11 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

CAMPBELL, Patrick and Dorothy (Smith), of Vancouver, Wash., boy, Matthew John, Dec. 16, 6:43 p.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys.

GARTWRIGHT, Dixon Jr. and Linda (Ison), of Big Sandy, Tex., boy, Dixon III, Feb. 13, 4:17 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

HUCKWORTH, Richard and Pam (Mugrovo), of Dackburg, Miss., boy, Richard Jeremy, Dec. 20, 4:22 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HAYWARD, Carl and Françoise, of Calgary, Alta., boy, Brian Christopher, Feb. 11, 1:21 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

HENDERSHOT, Keith and Donna (Snapp), of Melbourne, Fla., girl, Desiree Marie, Jan. 24, 2:08 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

JACKSON, John and Cynthia (Hartney), of Salem, Ore., girl, Christina Ryan, Jan. 23, 3:48 p.m., 10 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KNUIT, Nick and Betty (Elmer), of Yellow Grass, Sask., boy, Joseph Hendrick, Jan. 6, 10:06 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

McKENZIE, Ronald and Hilary (Massey), of Borehamwood, England, boy, Marc Jon Lea, Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MITCHELL, Robert and Vonda (Caldwell), of Paterson, La., girl, Shannon Jo, Feb. 8, 7:10 p.m., 7 pounds, first child.

MOLNAR, David and Julie (Thomas), of Columbus, Ohio, girl, Marissa Renee, Jan. 24, 2:40 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

MURPHY, Richard and Betty (Swanson), of Sacramento, Calif., boy, Brian Lee, Feb. 7, 5:54 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

ORBAN, Dan and Christine, of Bakersfield, Calif., girl, Amanda Jo, Jan. 3, 9:09 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

PAISLEY, Duncan and Carolyn, of Houston, Tex., girl, Tiffany Dawn, Oct. 13, 5:57 p.m., 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, first child.

ROBERTS, Michael and Carolyn (Thompson), of Bristol, England, girl, Katherine Michelle, Feb. 6, 9:30 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

ROTHE, Klaus and Vivien, of Big Sandy, Tex., girl, Jessica Tighe, Feb. 12, 1:42 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SCHLENGER, Curt and Kathy (Woodbridge), of Wichita, Kan., boy, Chad Wayne, Jan. 17, 12:33 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

SCOTT, Edward and Charlene, of Glendale, Calif., girl, Tracy Jo, Jan. 23, 6:20 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 5 girls.

SEIGLE, Mario and Cely (Rolo), of Bogota, Colombia, girl, Natalia, Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m., 7 pounds, first child.

SKOURIS, James and Irene (Hinge), of Dover, N.J., girl, Sophia Jean, Feb. 28, 12:48 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

SVARDAHL, James and Susan (Lettar), of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Aimee Aileen, May 27, 11:30 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

SWEENEY, Bob and Tricia (Kingmore), of San Francisco, Calif., boy, Ryan Charles, Nov. 2, 11:38 p.m., 9 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, first child.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kootz of Plant City, Fla., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cathy, to John L. Albright of Irwin, Pa. A May wedding is planned in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Swelha of Berwyn, Ill., would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna May, to Terry Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Todd of Plattville, Wis. An August wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS

Colin Fay and Helen Matthews of Sydney, Australia, were united in marriage on Dec. 16, 1979. Peter Whitting, then pastor of the Sydney North church, officiated. The couple now reside in Sydney at 28 Kendall Rd., Castle Cove, N.S.W. 2099.

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy anniversary No. 8 on March 6 to our good friends Phil and Laura Montgomery. May the years ahead be as happy and fulfilling as those past eight have been. Your friends, Ed and Diane.

Happy 29th anniversary Mom and Dad. We couldn't have more loving, caring parents than the two of you. Love you with all my heart. Judy.

Obituaries

FRANKFORT, N.Y. — Faith M. Putnam, 81, died Jan. 15 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Baptized in 1963, Mrs. Putnam was a member of the Syracuse, N.Y., church. She is survived by her husband Darwin and several nieces and nephews.

HIGHLAND, Ind. — Kenneth Criswell, 61, a member of God's Church since 1962, died Jan. 22. He had formerly attended the Pittsburgh, Pa., church. Mr. Criswell is survived by his wife Florine; two brothers; two sisters; two sons, Frank and Ken; two daughters, Sue and Linda; and seven grandchildren.

Roger Abels, pastor of the Chicago, Ill., Southeast church, conducted funeral services Jan. 25.

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Jack Fomman, 67, died Jan. 27 after a long illness. He had been a member of the Church since 1973.

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 Tiffany Shana Marie Outerbridge, daughter of Vincent and Sandra Outerbridge of Palm Valley, Southampton, Bermuda.

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*Optional

Mr. Foreman is survived by his mother, Catherine Williams; two sons, Ron and Jack; a daughter, Aqueline; and several grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Ray Lisman, an elder of the Pittsburgh church, performed the funeral.

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Charles Robert Mancini, 47, a member of God's Church for 10 years, died Sept. 2. Mr. Mancini is survived by his wife Edith; two sons, Robert and Mark; and two daughters, Renee and Karen.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Ark. — Peggy Lee Osterloh, 54, died of a heart attack Jan. 25. Mrs. Osterloh is survived by her husband Thomas; her stepmother, Jane High-

fill of Fort Smith, Ark.; and a son, Jack Marshall. Burial was in the Sunny Lane Cemetery in Oklahoma City, Okla.

SYRACUSE, Ind. — Phillip B. Carper, 80, a member of God's Church since 1964, died of a heart attack Dec. 5. An excellent gardener, Mr. Carper operated a greenhouse at one time and enjoyed sharing the fruits of his labors with Church brethren. Mr. Carper is survived by his wife Ruth; one son, Beauford; one daughter, Betty Saalfrank; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Henry Bonstrager, an elder of the Elkhart, Ind., church, conducted funeral services in Ligonier, Ind.

POLICY ON ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcement column exists to serve our readers. We run only those announcements accompanied by a recent *Worldwide News* mailing label with your address on it. We will run engagement, wedding, birth, anniversary and obituary notices, and announcements of the Church and Work, such as those regarding the Feast of Tabernacles. 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. Send your announcements to: "Announcements," *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif. 91123, U.S.A.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Horschler of Joliet, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Metz of Trumbull, Conn., are very pleased to announce the engagement of their children Faith Horschler and Douglas Metz. The wedding is planned for next summer.

CHURCH NEWS

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SINGLES SCENE

Nineteen singles gathered in **SALESBURY**, Rhoadesia, at the home of Ron Stoddart, pastor of the Rhodesian churches, for a social Jan. 5. Mr. Stoddart talked on subjects pertaining to singles and answered questions. In particular Mr. Stoddart stressed the positive role that single people can play in the Church. Food, music and indoor games flavored the evening. *Aldrin Mandimika*.

On Australia Day Weekend (Jan. 26-28) 40 young adults and teenagers from the **SOUTHEAST QUEENSLAND** church areas converged on Camp Cross Ridge, Coolumb.

A quiz, a hymn-along and an informal Bible study made a relaxing Sabbath. Pastor David Noller emphasized the importance of making the most of each stage of life.

After an evening barbecue all traveled to a nearby community hall for a square dance. Sunday's activities included horseback riding, squash, swimming and beach games. An oriental evening meal near the beach was followed by an informal get-together and sing-along.

Rappelling, squash and horseback riding were the activities on Monday morning. Because of the success of the camp, camp organizer Graeme Pascoe announced that other camps will be planned. *Nick Prins*.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The **BRISTOL**, England, YOU have for the last several months been regularly visiting a children's home. During the visits friendships have developed with both normal and handicapped children

through YOU members encouraging the children to participate in various activities.

Many of the children have come from broken homes where child battering is a common feature. At first they were shy and suspicious, but after several visits their attitude changed, and they began to relax and feel at ease. Occasionally they will even turn to YOU members for advice. These visits to the home have been a rewarding way to learn to give help and guidance. *Tracey Miles*.

On Jan. 25 the **GARDEN GROVE**, Calif., YOU went up to the Holiday Lodge in Running Springs, Calif., for a weekend snow retreat.

All were welcomed Friday night with hot chocolate and donuts.

That Sabbath afternoon, following a Bible quiz, pastor Douglas Horschak spoke on the fears teens have about the place of safety and the Millennium. After dinner most went skiing. Those who stayed at the lodge watched movies and played games.

Sunday morning was the time for sledding and snow fights. In the afternoon



RHODESIAN GET-TOGETHER — Ron Stoddart, left, pastor of the Rhodesian churches, listens to a question at a singles' social in his Salesbury home Jan. 5. (See "Singles Scene," this page.) [Photo by Aldrin Mandimika]



THE RISING SUNS — The Pasadena Imperial Suns cheerleaders rise to the occasion to win first place in the Youth Opportunities United South-west District Cheerleading competition Feb. 24 in the Ambassador College gymnasium. [Photo by James Capoj]

FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

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 this and we didn't realize that. They could see nothing was faked. They could see that the press and the courts and the attorney general had all given a very different impression of what was happening than actually occurred. So it was very effective in that sense.

We're in the process now of preparing spots. I hope to view some today, and we're going to have a spot campaign which will advertise our material, offer it around the clock, but also get out very pungent thought-provoking statements that

are germane to the case, germane to civil rights, germane to constitutional rights. We're preparing another documentary, one on the honorable Jerry Pacht, and one on the honorable Steven Weisman. Because there was a tremendous interest in the legal community about these two people. That's all we have to do is to do with the material what needs to be done. I mean, the material is there, it's all a matter of record. You don't even have to editorialize, just present it, like *Dragnet* fashion. It would be very effective because then the focus is better, you see, you zero in.

Television is great for that sort of thing, just zero in on Mr. Pacht, let his own words tell the whole story. Then you zero in on Weisman. We have Weisman's words all taped and

transcribed when he made his appearances here, where he says, "I am the boss, you don't believe it, you look at the paycheck." And his words in court, "I'll quit if you don't give me all the power, I've got to have all the power." That's what he told [Judge Julius] Title. These will be great words. We'll have our artists work.

I'm very sorry about one thing. Everyone who has worked closely with me knows this because I've talked about it for a long time. How many of you have seen the television show about the Duke of Windsor and Mrs. Simpson? Have any of you seen that, you know, the fable for now? Well, for a year I have wanted to do that with this case, and I've talked about it with our people, and they

beat me to it.

You see, because what we have is classic for that. These people lend themselves so beautifully to caricature. I mean it's almost as though, everybody, I'm serious about this, I'm not being facetious, but it almost appears to me that everybody associated with this battle on the other side came out of central casting. It really is unbelievable. An amazing thing.

I mean, you look at their words, when you see a judge in an illegal hearing in his office refer to people whom he's never seen as a bowl of spiders, it's an incredible thing. You can hang that around his neck, it's like an albatross, he can't get rid of it. If it's used effectively on television, you just zero in on this fellow.

Then we do the job on Weisman, and we take them one at a time so that everybody knows who these people are and what they did and how it happened. I mean that confrontation on television between [A. Sheridan] Atkinson and our Mr. Wayne Pyle, I think it's a classic. I mean, it's priceless. Just think about it. That was seen all over the country. That was fed back to New York on all the networks. When Atkinson, I think he had a Bible in his hand when he was trying to gain entry, and Wayne Pyle said, we don't recognize your authority and some other words too that came first. It was fascinating. Absolutely fascinating. If you zero in on enough of it you see, it makes a tremendous vehicle.

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AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

SUMMER STUDENTS IN ISRAEL NAMED

Following a student body assembly Feb. 28, during which faculty member Richard Paige presented a film on the Jerusalem archaeological excavations in 1969, the following students were informed of their acceptance to participate in the program planned for this summer:

Janne Barrett, Mike Bennett, Nolan Boyd, Janet Burbeck, James Capo, John Curry, Pam Dewyer, Debbie Dupuis, Rees Ellis, Ed Frampton, Robert Gordon, Tim Grauel, Alice Greider, Darvia Herold, Jim Herst, Diane Kinder, Sonia King, Dolores Koetter, Joe Maupin, Pam Mehnert, Jeff Morris, Gaye Noble, Linda Swihart, Eric Warren and Tim Welch.

Named as alternates were:

Kathy Brunz, Paul Hasankoll, Ed Hayworth, Dave Myers, Brad Mitchell, Jacqueline Ramsey, Dan Samson and Greg Walburn.

The group is composed of students from the United States, the United Kingdom, New Zealand,



SPEECH BANQUET — Ron Guizado addresses a crowd of 500 at the 1980 Speech Banquet and Sophomore Ball in the student center Feb. 17. (Photo by Dave Fergen)

studying in the Holy Land June 8.

HOMEMADE CARDS FOR THE SICK

Sick or ailing? Don't be too surprised if a card with hundreds of names and brief messages arrives in your mailbox from Ambassador College.

Students regularly join in an effort to cheer and encourage ailing members of God's Church with homemade greeting cards designed by 12 student artists. The card project is headed by sophomore Leroy Rose as a part of

guests attended the 1980 Speech Banquet and Sophomore Ball in the student center Feb. 17.

The theme was "Promenade Provinciale — An Evening of Country French Elegance," and the atmosphere was set by a mural of the French countryside painted by the sophomore class, which stretched the length of the north wall behind the speaker's podium.

Plants and a sidewalk-cape, complete with an artist doing caricatures, added to the mood.

During the speech banquet, organized by Alice Greider, vice president of the Women's Club coordinating committee and president of Women's Club section "E," wine and cheese were served. Alice and James Capo, sophomore class president and master of ceremonies for the evening, introduced four student speakers, Janne Barrett, Ron Guizado, Stephanie Finlay and Phil Rice, who were chosen to represent the 11 speaking clubs on campus.

After the speeches, Dean of Students Greg Albrecht, also the overall director of the Ambassador Men's and Women's clubs, had the club presidents stand and accept for their club directors certificates of appreciation for the time and effort the directors put into helping the students grow in personality, character and speaking ability.

Deputy Chancellor Raymond F. McNair concluded the banquet and presented awards to the four student speakers. The students and faculty

spent the rest of the evening dancing, enjoying the music of Ross Jutsum's band and refreshments in the cafe.

SENIOR CITIZENS HONORED

Senior Church members in the Pasadena area — those single and more than 55 years of age — were honored the evening of Feb. 24 by the students of Ambassador College. The event was organized by senior Ron Guizado and sophomore Mike Limanni.

Some 58 Church members were first served a meal in the lounge area of Terrace Villa, a woman's residence on campus, which was decorated with plants and a waterfall specially constructed to create a Polynesian atmosphere.

Guest speaker Richard Ames of the Ambassador College faculty spoke on the value of the elderly in God's Church sharing their knowledge, wisdom and experiences with those younger, and he read a letter from a grandfather to his grandson as an example.

The group moved to the lounge of Manor del Mar, a men's residence transformed into a vaudeville theater for the evening renamed the Ambassador Palace. Students performed a variety show, which included singing and dancing, a barbershop quartet and a skit called "The Widow of Oz," which was reminiscent of the old-time radio shows. During the reception



SINKING TWO — Senior Al Maggio goes up for a shot in the all-stars vs. seniors game, won by the seniors, 78-72. (Photo by James Capo)

afterwards, the students and guests were able to get better acquainted over refreshments.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The Ambassador College all-stars, the cream of the underclassmen from the intramural basketball

competition, met the senior team in the Ambassador College gymnasium Feb. 23 in a game that drew the largest number of spectators of any game this year.

Though heavily favored by the crowd, the all-stars, coached by one-time Ambassador Royals player Walter Dickinson, could not out-play the seniors led by player-coach Alan Maggio, also once a member of the Ambassador Royals team. The final score was 78-72, seniors.

Two women's teams, both made up of the all-stars from the women's intramural basketball competition, played an exciting game earlier that evening with the purple team coming from behind with just seconds to tie the white team. Purple went on to win in overtime, 87-78.

A pep band conducted by Ross Jutsum added to the excitement of the games, and refreshments were sold.



SENDING CHEER — Ambassador College students sign homemade cards, which are sent to encourage ailing members of the Church. (Photo by Sylvia Owen)

Canada, Australia and Malaysia, and they represent every class and category of Ambassador College student, freshman to graduate student, student body leaders to non- to present an accurate cross-section of the college and its international scope.

The students, in company with Mr. Paige, will be leaving for a summer of digging and

the Ambassador Outreach program, which tries to serve the Church and local community wherever there is a need. Names and addresses of ill Church members come to the Outreach office from students, members or other sources.

SPEECH BANQUET AND BALL

About 500 students, faculty, administration and



BARBERSHOPPERS — Ambassador College students perform a barbershop quartet routine in a vaudeville-style show put on for senior citizens in the Pasadena church area. From left: Dave Myers, Gary Shaffer, Rob Gordon and Alan Preston. (Photo by Sylvia Owen)

Perseverance, effort pays off for local newsstand program

By Michael Snyder
 CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Perseverance and hard work pay off, according to Chattanooga pastor Bill Cowan, in regard to one of the most successful *Plain Truth* newsstand programs in the United States. In February, 1977, he and his congregation began a concerted move to back up Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's international efforts to preach the Gospel by starting a newsstand program. Mr. Cowan, the local elders, deacons and about a dozen members made themselves available for whatever tasks necessary to get the program off the ground.

Because of their enthusiasm and zeal the group soon found that they had more locations for the newsstands than they had magazines. Mr. Cowan appointed local elder Charles Dickey as the coordinator of the effort, and plans were drawn up to find and stock the locations with the most potential. "We didn't want to place hundreds of magazines in an area where the stands would be most vandalized or the magazines stolen, so we concentrated our efforts to establish quality locations," reports Mr. Dickey.

Efforts pay off

Careful planning and implementation resulted in one of the highest response percentages in the continental United States. The organization and distribution of magazines grew in efficiency to the point where according to Mr. Cowan: "We began to sustain a tremendous amount of growth locally. Judging from the remarks of the congregation, I personally feel that God is using the newsstand program to call individuals. The newsstand program is producing good fruits in this area . . . to be sure!"

Commenting on the success of the program, Mr. Cowan and Mr. Dickey developed some keys to success



COLLECTIVE EFFORT — Chattanooga, Tenn., *Plain Truth* newsstand coordinator Charles Dickey meets with volunteers to facilitate efficient distribution, above, and member David Waddell replenishes the *Plain Truth* magazine supply in a bookstore, right. [Photos by Ken Browder]

that can be implemented by any church. "First," states Mr. Cowan, "there has to be strong support from the local minister. Second, the minister must find a good 'people' person to serve as the coordinator who can devote a lot of time and energy to the program." Mr. Dickey adds: "The coordinator must stress high-quality locations — our bookstore rack moves many more magazines than our laundromat sites. The local organization must be strong and positive. We keep our congregation up-to-date and emphasize total involvement. We hold periodic meetings of our volunteers and encourage everyone to get involved."

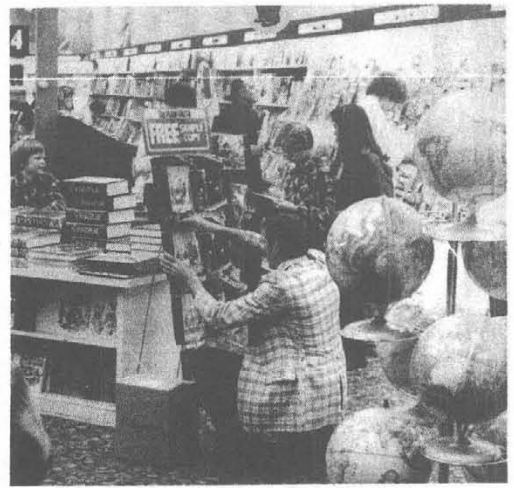
Positive visibility

"It helps stabilize the church and give them vision," states Mr. Cowan. "We're getting to more of the grass-roots level of the population on a firsthand basis." Church members also find themselves in new roles, as the newsstand program has increased the visible profile of the Worldwide Church of God locally.

"The program gives us better status and stability in the community," illustrates Mr. Cowan. "It shows that we're not ashamed of God's Work, and that we actively support our apostle, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong."

John LaBissoniere of the *Plain Truth* circulation department agrees, stating that "seeing and reading the newsstand edition helps people understand who and what we are, at the same time giving them a sample of the true Gospel being preached by Mr. Armstrong." Information is available for those who would like to develop a local newsstand operation. Interested pastors can write: *The Plain Truth*, Newsstand Circulation, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

Mr. Cowan relates: "Personally, it is my opinion that this is one of the strongest means for the local church to back up Mr. Armstrong's efforts. It's encouraging to the brethren, it's creating a good image of the Church, and it helps Mr. Armstrong get his job done."



Itinerary

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 strong in preaching the Gospel as a warning and a witness to all the nations, but also to assist him in the colossal job of reeducating mankind to God's way of life in the world tomorrow. That is, after we have all become one and ordered into God's society during our last 3½ years of training in a place of safety.

What effect did the attack by the California attorney general have on the congregations you've visited?

People outside of California, as a rule, read the situation quite clearly even from the beginning. They believe it simply to be a massive attack from Satan, and they were not overly disturbed — rather, they were stirred up to fight.

There's no doubt as to the victory of the Church. That's absolute. But whether God is through using it for His own purposes is something else. We may have to follow the apostle Paul's footsteps and take this case all the way up to the highest court in the land — this case is actually going to be decided in the Supreme Court of heaven. Just what part God is going to allow the human courts to play remains to be seen.

The State's attack has really done two things: First, it's unified the Church and brought us closer together. Second, it's showing people on the outside that you can't fight against God or His Work and expect to win. This confrontation has served to graphically illustrate that Christians are called to be soldiers in a very real battle. That's why I keep emphasizing that we'd all better be putting on the armor of God, because the stakes in this battle are eternal.

Also, people in the Church and on the outside have seen that Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong is a fighter, that

he is the bright warrior with a strong arm who is being used by Christ to lead us.

What are your future plans?

In the next two months I'll be traveling to churches in California, Oregon and Washington. After that, starting on April 19, I'll move on up to Canada. The last time I made a Canadian tour was in the spring of '75, when I started in the east and moved to the West Coast. This time I'll start in the west and move to the east April through July.

Following is Mr. Waterhouse's scheduled itinerary for March 1 through April 19:

March 1, Pasadena Imperial-Los Angeles, Calif.; March 2, Banning, Calif.; March 3, Riverside, Calif.; March 4, Glendora, Calif.; March 5, Garden Grove, Calif.; March 6, Long Beach, Calif.; March 8, San Diego, Calif.; March 10, Glendale, Calif.; March 11, Redwood, Calif.; March 12, Santa Barbara, Calif.

March 13, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; March 14, Bakersfield, Calif.; March 15, Visalia-Fresno, Calif.; March 16, Modesto, Calif.; March 17, Monterey, Calif.

March 18, San Jose, Calif.; March 19, Oakland, Calif.; March 20, San Francisco, Calif.; March 22, Sacramento A.M. and P.M., Calif.; March 23, Fairfield-Santa Rosa, Calif.

March 24, Chico, Calif.; March 26, Klamath Falls, Ore.; March 27, Medford, Ore.; March 29, Roseburg-Coos Bay, Ore.; March 30, Eugene, Ore.

April 1, Eugene-Bend, Ore.; April 5, Salem-Albany, Ore.; April 7, Portland, Ore., Combined; April 9, Olympia, Wash.; April 10, Tacoma, Wash.; April 12, Seattle-Kent-Everett, Wash.; April 14, Pasco, Wash.; April 15, Yakima, Wash.; April 16, Quincy, Wash.; April 17, Tonasket, Wash.; April 19, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

Youth finds 208-year-old Bible

By Doug Johannsen
 MURDO, S.D. — While rummaging through articles and boxes Nov. 25 in an attic of an abandoned house on his family's property, 10-year-old Jeremy Daum chanced upon a torn and tattered volume. Picking it up, closer inspection revealed it to be the remains of an old Bible. As Jeremy carefully thumbed through the heavy pages, old-style English printing characters immediately disclosed that this particular Bible was not the normal run-of-the-mill commercial tract. As both of Jeremy's parents are rare book collectors, Jeremy knew that this Bible had to be very old. Flushed with ex-

citement, Jeremy and his 5-year-old sister rushed home with his discovery.

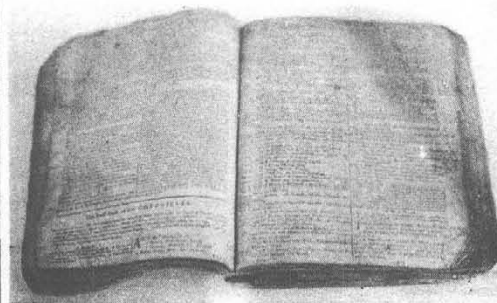
Dick and Judy Daum shared Jeremy's excitement. Information printed and written inside of the Bible revealed the volume to be more than 200 years old. Hand-printed on heavy manuscript paper, the Bible was arranged by a minister in Switzerland and published in Scotland in 1771, five years before the American Declaration of Independence was written. Containing both Old and New Testaments, a short concordance and a brief commentary, the 208-year-old Bible also served as a family record with entries recorded up until the

mid-1800s.

Although part of the book was damaged by mice, the Daums made an interesting discovery of a printed page numbering all the days of the week. Curiously, Saturday is designated by a printed reference denoting Saturday as the "Sabbath." "Obviously somebody knew which day was God's Sabbath in 1771," commented Mrs. Daum.

Although older texts have been discovered by others, to a 10-year-old boy, finding such a fragile 208-year-old book certainly seems like a treasure from the dawn of history.

208-YEAR-OLD TREASURE — Ten-year-old Jeremy Daum holds his two-century-old Bible found on family property, left. Below: printed on heavy manuscript paper, the Bible has survived more than 200 years of use and abuse, including attempts by rodents to use it as nesting material. [Photos by Doug Johannsen]



SPOKESMAN CLUB MEETS IN GHANA — Despite severe economic difficulties and shortages in the African Republic of Ghana, the Accra, Ghana, Spokesman Club met for its first formal meeting in a catering room of the Korle-Bu hospital Jan. 20. The men enjoyed a three-course meal served by the hospital's catering staff. Seated from left are Accra pastor Melvin Rhodes, club president Solomon Ayitey and vice president Charles Adongo.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** has appointed a United States Festival coordinating team for the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles, reports **Kevin Dean** of the Church's Public Information Office. Members of the team include **Ellis LaRavia**, in charge of site selection and management; **Jack Bicket**, handling budget, accounting and database functions; **Joe Tkach**, facilitating the Festival site coordinator selection, speaking schedules and excess Festival title administrations; and **William Kessler**, director of Festival operations.

Mr. Dean also noted that Mr. Armstrong had approved 21 U.S. Feast sites for the 1980 Festival, which will be formally announced upon completion of final contractual arrangements. The newly selected Festival coordinators were scheduled to be briefed of current plans during a series of meetings in Pasadena March 9 through 11.

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PASADENA — Plans for Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** state visit to Israel and Egypt are "coming along very well" according to Church Public Information officer **Kevin Dean**. After the last round of ministerial visits March 22 to churches in New Mexico and Texas, the G-II will be deleavened and prepared for the intercontinental trip. Before leaving the United States, plans call for Mr. Armstrong to speak at Chicago, Ill., for the 25th anniversary celebration of the Chicago church.

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PASADENA — Completing a process begun in 1976 by **Abner Washington**, then pastor of the church in Ghana, a one-year residence permit with the ability to renew was granted to **Melvin Rhodes**, the present pastor, and his family, reports the International Office of Ministerial Services.

A multiple reentry visa was also granted, allowing them to come and go as needed. This will enable the Rhodeses to save many hours of paperwork every time there is a need to go shopping in neighboring Togo or visiting in the Cameroons, Nigeria and other areas.

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PASADENA — The International Office of Ministerial Services reports that the Work in the Pacific Islands "was dealt a severe blow" in February when the Fiji post office announced it was increasing postage rates nearly 100 percent. The rate hike will have a big effect on the budget there.

Tolu Ha'angana, the minister in Tonga, placed a card offering *The Plain Truth* into each of the 1,252 post office boxes in the capital city of Nuku'alofa, and already 232 cards have been returned, tripling the *PT* mailing list in Tonga.

In addition to beginning a small newsstand circulation in Tonga, the major new promotional thrust in the Pacific Islands this year will be newspaper advertising, according to the International Office. Twenty-eight ads in six newspapers covering Western Samoa, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Tahiti and Tonga will begin soon, with it is hoped, more ads to be placed later in the year.

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LONDON — January was a record month for income in England showing a 39 percent increase over last January, reports **Frank Brown**, director of the Work in the United Kingdom. Church attendance also showed a 16 percent increase over the previous year.

Advertising plans for 1980 include extensive exposure in the large-circulation national newspapers offering an introductory copy of the *PT*, for which a new advertising company specializing in direct response ads was employed. Displays featuring the magazine in a number of major Ideal Home Exhibitions, which proved successful last year, will also be emphasized.

An exhibition stand is also planned for at least one Scandinavian site, where a greater allocation of finances for the Work is planned, and where both direct mail advertising and ads for the English-language *PT* are in the works.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — The following ministerial moves have been reported by the Australian Office:

Peter Whitting, formerly pastor of the Sydney North church, and **Brian Orchard**, who pastored the Melbourne North and West churches, switched areas, while **Bruce Tyler**, pastor of the churches in Ballarat, Geelong, Hamilton and Warrnambool in western Victoria, was transferred to the Brisbane East and South churches. **Rod McQueen**, formerly in Brisbane, will pastor the four churches in Victoria.

John Larkin moved from Pasadena to pastor the Warwick church and the new Ipswich church in South Queensland. **Rod King** formerly pastored the Warwick church in addition to his responsibilities in Toowoomba and Miles.

A new church in Melbourne Central brings to six the number of churches in the Melbourne metropolitan area, and it will be pastored by **Graemne Marshall**.

Evangelist details impressions gained in travels, lists itinerary

PASADENA — In the following *Worldwide News* question-and-answer session, evangelist **Gerald Waterhouse** discusses his travels and his impressions of the churches and people he has encountered during his visits:

You've been on the road for some time now visiting many church areas. What are some of your impressions?

Since the third week of March, 1979, I've been on the road pretty much fulltime, and during this period I reached 287 churches. The most significant impression that I have received is that it's obvious that Christ is stirring up His people and His ministry to have greater vision in regards to the awesomeness of our calling within the great plan of God. I've found the churches as a whole to be very enthusiastic. In fact, I've experienced a greater response to the visits than I had anticipated. I believe that we are well on our way in developing the fighting-trim condition required to finish this phase of the Work and go on to perfection in the place of final training.

What do you try to bring to the people in the local churches during your visits?

My main purpose in what I cover is to show the people the absolute calling of Mr. Herbert Armstrong, that God is totally behind him and will give him the power he needs to accomplish God's will. The central point is that we are called to support God's apostle, to be on the team, to speak the same thing, to conduct ourselves in the same way so that we can both fulfill our present job and prepare for a much bigger job in the world tomorrow.

What do you mean when you say, "God is calling us to be on a team"?

Just that. I quote John 6:29 quite a

bit because it shows what Christ expects of us. Christ says, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he [God] hath sent." Now who do you think God sent? We know that Mr. Armstrong was "one sent forth," and we know God sent him. God sent Mr. Armstrong for two

reasons: to preach the Gospel and to raise up the Philadelphian era of the true Church.

This era was raised up to provide a team of individuals — called out of nations of this generation — to not only back up Mr. Armstrong (See ITINERARY, page 11)



HOME AWAY FROM HOME — In Pasadena evangelist **Gerald Waterhouse** pauses between trips before moving on to the states of California, Oregon and Washington after visiting 287 churches in less than a year. (Photo by Roland Rees)

College facilities popular among athletes

PASADENA — A growing number of athletes, both amateur and professional, are coming to Ambassador College to use its physical education facilities in their training.

Among them are **Dwight Stones**, 10-time world record holder in the high jump; **James Butts**, silver medalist in the 1976 Olympics and American record holder in the triple jump; **Greg Joy**, Canadian silver medalist in the high jump; **Dan Ripley**, world record holder in the indoor pole vault; **Gary Wise**, the 1979 Na-

tional Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national decathlon champion; and sprinter **Steve Williams**, who has been clocked at 9.0 seconds in the 100-yard dash.

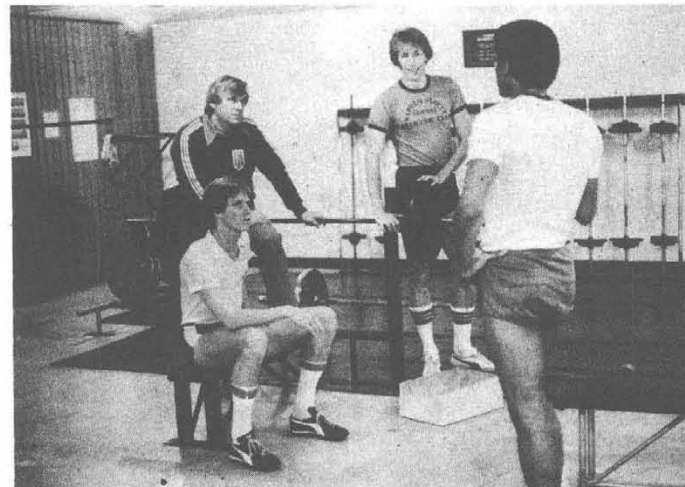
"God just seems to be bringing people here," says **Harry Sneider**, one of the college's physical education instructors and director of the Ambassador Health Club. "They want what we have. We are trained in service — we lay out the philosophy of giving and sharing, not only in their techniques but in their lives."

A January 14 *Sports Illustrated* article about **Dwight Stones**, with whom Mr. Sneider has personally worked since 1975, praised Ambassador College as having the best jumping facility in the country and commented favorably on the ability of its people to work with the "complex personalities" so often found in superstar athletes.

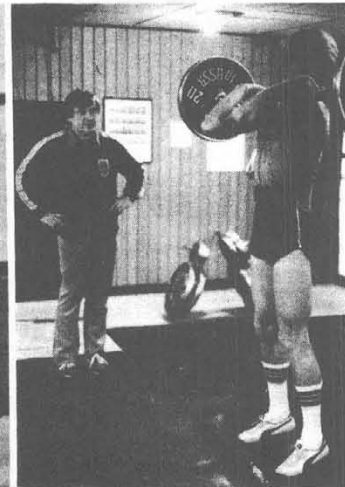
"God's Spirit has a way of discerning the minds and hearts and intentions of people," said Mr. Sneider.

In addition to Mr. Sneider, five other specialists work with Mr. Stones, including a running coach, a sprint coach, a physiologist, a chiropractor and a specialist in antagonistic muscle groups, which the *Sports Illustrated* article referred to as "the mastermind group" working together to push **Dwight** over the bar.

If there are any jumping scenes to be shot for television, Mr. Stones does his interviews at Ambassador because of the coaching and the facility, according to Mr. Sneider.



TRAINING AT AMBASSADOR — Ambassador Health Club director **Harry Sneider** chats with, left photo, from left, high jumpers **Greg Joy** and



Dwight Stones and triple jumper **James Butts**. At right, Mr. Sneider instructs Mr. Stones in weight training. (Photos by James Capo)