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Mr. Rader explains commission in interview on Philippines TV

PASADENA — "The [Ambassador International Cultural] Foundation [AICF] is an outgrowth of the good works arm of the Worldwide Church of God," stated Stanley R. Rader, Church treasurer and executive vice president of AICF, in his interview on the Filipino *Meet the Press* nationwide broadcast April 18. Explaining the background of the AICF to members of the Filipino press, Mr. Rader continued: "... about 50 years ago, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong emerged as the spiritual leader of the modern-day movement of the Worldwide Church of God, a Church which traces its antecedents all the way back to the days of Christ."

As members of the Filipino press posed questions concerning the work of the AICF, Mr. Rader detailed the involvement of the Church with both the AICF and Ambassador College, showing the integration of the three organizations. "This work ... [of the AICF] ... in the Philippines as you can see is totally nonsectarian," illustrated Mr. Rader. "What we are doing in essence, if you look at it carefully, is sharing the spiritual, physical, human and financial resources of the Church with the Filipino people and the Filipino government in a manner that will improve the understanding between our people and the Filipino people."

The Church's commission

During the broadcast, which was also excerpted and rebroadcast on all

the national evening television news shows, Mr. Rader was able to explain the commission of the Church. Asked whether or not people in the People's Republic of China would be able to receive the message of the Church, Mr. Rader responded: "In time we feel that we will be able to fulfill our commission in China. And in order for you to understand the meaning of that statement I should explain to you what our commission is, because that does separate us from all the other so-called Christian denominations in the world."

Continuing, he stated, "We do not believe, for example, that our mission or our commission is to 'convert' anybody. Hence, we [the Church] do not proselytize in any way. We do not have missionaries ... We do not ask people to join a church, we do not ask them to contribute money. We do not ask them to give their 'hearts to the Lord' or 'to accept Christ' now, or any of the other things common to most so-called Christian denominations."

Mr. Rader commented: "We look at it differently. We feel that our commission is simply to make an announcement. And that announcement is to be made with sufficient impact so that it registers."

"We are to make an announcement, and it's simple and stated very directly. And I've [during Mr. Armstrong's and Mr. Rader's trip to the People's Republic of China] told this to the Chinese people, to

the Chinese academic people, political people and members of their ... bureaucracy. And we'll tell it to more and more as we go through the process."

Heart of message

"The announcement," Mr. Rader continued, "is simply that Christ will fulfill His promise and He will return. That primarily is the heart of the message. Because when He returns all of His promises will be fulfilled. He will return to rule as a King and as a High Priest. At that time," Mr. Rader pointed out, "we will have both the Kingdom of God, which, of course, is what Christ's whole message was about when He was here [on earth] before, and we will have a government of God ... the government of God is based upon the

immutable laws of God and that essentially is based on the love of God and the love of one's fellow-man."

"That's the message," continued the evangelist, "so we can tell that to the Chinese people, to the Russian [Soviet] people, to any people ... We tell the Chinese as we tell anybody, that we know from what the Bible tells us and the Bible," he stated, "is the inspired Word of the living God, we know that all governments of man will ultimately fail. No matter how well they start off, no matter how much promise they may offer, they ultimately fail."

Continuing his explanation Mr. Rader said: "But God will never, in accordance with His overall plan, allow all of mankind to destroy itself. Before that point is reached, God will intervene, Christ will return, the government of God will be here and the Kingdom of God will be at hand. That's our message." Asserted Mr. Rader: "So as long as we can get that message out, in one form or another, through personal evangelism, which is partly what I'm doing today, through the printed word, through

our television programming, our radio programming, we feel that we have met our duty ... That is what we've been called to do and that is what we've been doing around the world. Mr. Armstrong has been doing it around the world for 53 years now."

During other parts of the interview, Mr. Rader was able to explain about tithing, some of the doctrines of the Church, as well as the non-political status of the AICF. "We actually transcend politics," pointed out Mr. Rader. "We work with all forms of government. We work with socialist governments, we work with communist governments, we work with capitalist societies, we work with Moslems, we work with Jews, we work with Catholics, we work with Hindus."

"But," stated Mr. Rader, "everyone realizes that we have nothing to do with the political scene. We are there never to take anything out of a country — we only put into the country ... certainly some of our spiritual or moral support, sometimes our human effort or human resources and many times our physical efforts or our physical possessions."

Work hires ministerial trainees

PASADENA — Twelve graduates of Ambassador College will be hired as fulltime ministerial trainees in May, announced Joe Tkach of Ministerial Services April 24 in an Ambassador College forum. Named are:

Phil Rice, Tulsa, Okla.; Ron Smith, Belleville-Mount Vernon, Ill.; Tom Damour, Bluefield-Oakhill, W. Va.; Dave Myers, Albany, N.Y.; Springfield, Mass.; Ron Guizado, Flint-Lansing, Mich.; Chris Bean, Buffalo, N.Y.; Malcolm Tofts, Orlando-Melbourne, Fla.; Charles Knowlton, Gadsden-Anniston, Ala.; Dan Samson, Canada; Kim Wenzel, Canada; Jim Herst, England; and Eduardo Hernandez, Bogota, Columbia.

Also, as part of a continuing program, five Ambassador College juniors will be hired as summer trainees to assist pastors in Pasadena and England. They are: Steven Elliott, Pasadena Imperial; Randy Duke, Auditorium A.M.; Lincoln Jajal, Pasadena Spanish; Marty Davel, Pasadena; and Steve LaBlanc, England.

"God has been blessing the college under the leadership of our apostle, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, to allow for such encourag-

ing events as these," stated Mr. Tkach. Both Mr. Tkach and William Kessler of the Festival Office felt that the hirings were a "milestone" for the Church and were a positive indication "of being back on the track."

Mr. Tkach also commented that "Mr. Armstrong has and continues to be a prime example of the results of positive character building. The documentation of his experiences in his autobiography should serve as a model for all members, whether or not they ever enter the ministry."

Before announcing the names of the trainees Mr. Tkach spoke about the qualifications of the ministry, both for the men and their wives.

Mr. Tkach asked, "Why are we here?" The answer, he said, is that "We're here to build character." Mr. Tkach noted that although character building was not easy, it was "absolutely necessary" to fulfill man's destiny of becoming God. After quoting I John 3:1-2 and John 10:34, he defined the goals of Ambassador College.

Mr. Tkach illustrated the need for the attitude of service. "You don't need a badge of authority to serve," he stated. "Opportunities

to serve are everywhere!" Referring to I Timothy 3:1, Mr. Tkach pointed out that the individual who should be ordained will be fulfilling his office "long beforehand."

"You must be preparing yourself" not only for entrance into the Kingdom, but for service opportunities as they come along, related Mr. Tkach. He stressed involvement in Spokesman and Ambassador Clubs, developing social skills and positively building the individual's personality.

Expounding the role of women in God's Church, both as ministers' wives and as members or co-workers, Mr. Tkach noted I Timothy 3:11 and Titus 2:1-5, pointing out that a woman can be "50 percent of the husband's ministry" in helping and sharing.

The evangelist exhorted the students to use the knowledge they obtained at Ambassador in whatever they did. After quoting Matthew 5:14, Mr. Tkach explained that not everyone can be hired into the Work of God, but that their roles were important to God. Using II Corinthians 5:20, he showed that all members are to be "ambassadors for Christ."

Spanish Work director tours in South America

PASADENA — Leon Walker, director of the Spanish Work, returned here April 14 following a four-country tour of South America. Mr. Walker visited all the Church congregations in those countries during the Spring Holy Days, bringing news about Herbert W. Armstrong, and making announcements about plans for the Work in their areas.

While business matters relative to the Work were discussed with the ministers there, Mr. Walker said, "It was more of a get-acquainted trip than anything else ... familiarizing myself with the ministry, the members, the churches, the areas in South America where we are working [and] to give the ministers in particular a chance to get to know me, to ask any questions."

Mr. Walker became the director of the Spanish Work last November, and has met all the ministers in the Spanish Work but Herbert Cisneros in Central America. He has made two attempts to meet him, but turmoil within El Salvador has made it impossible for the Work to contact him since January. Letters make it out of the country, Mr. Walker said, so Mr. Cisneros has been able to keep him and the Spanish Department filled in on his activities, but no literature or letters have made it into the country. Mr. Cisneros sent a letter describing his summer plans to Mr. Walker so Mr. Walker will know where he will be on any given Sabbath. "I'm hop-

ing to meet him in July when I go back down toward South America again," said Mr. Walker.

First stop Peru

Mr. Walker's first stop was Lima, Peru, where he ordained Pablo Gonzalez, voice of *The World Tomorrow* broadcast in Spanish, to the rank of preaching elder. He then went to Santiago, Chile, and Buenos Aires and Bahia Blanca, Argentina.

"We have a church about 30 miles from Buenos Aires," Mr. Walker said, "a small city called Ezeiza where the international airport is, but that's a result of some of the people from what we know as the Sardin group who have come with us. And we have a church in Bahia Blanca, but there again that's a result of the people of the Sardin era coming into association with members of the Philadelphia — the Worldwide Church of God."

Mr. Walker expressed a desire to increase the Work's exposure in Buenos Aires, a city of 8 to 10 million people. "In Argentina we have just over 2,000 who are taking *The Plain Truth* ... We should frankly have in Buenos Aires alone over 2,000," Mr. Walker said.

Must do more

"The main thing I felt even before going to these three Spanish-speaking countries of Peru, Chile and Argentina, in looking at our *Plain*

Truth program and subscription list, is that we need to be doing a lot more as soon as possible."

Mr. Walker said he did discuss with the ministers in the countries, Wilfredo Saenz in Peru, Filidor Illesca in Chile and Luis Chavez in Argentina, how we can increase the subscription list to *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *PT*), and how to get the Gospel out more effectively in their areas. "I'm hoping that somehow we can find the means to double, if not triple, the *PT* subscription in these three countries within the year. That's my goal, to at least double," Mr. Walker said. But a number of problems must be faced.

The major problem in Argentina is that the church is not registered, and until that legal status is obtained, "there's not an awful lot we can do." Advertising in newspapers and magazines, for example, is impossible.

"So there's very little that we can

do apart from just the personal efforts on behalf of our members in Argentina itself, and they've been doing their share," the director said. "I'm going to do all I can to get this registration as soon as possible."

Another major problem Mr. Walker related was the size of the areas that have to be covered by the ministers in those three countries.

"Our minister in Argentina is responsible not only for Argentina, but also for Uruguay and southern Brazil. He lives in Bahia Blanca and he's our only ordained man there at the present time ... Our minister in Peru does not have a car. Cars are very expensive. He travels by bus and sometimes you can be all day long traveling just 300 miles ... yet he covers all of Peru."

"Chile is a country about 110 miles wide but 3,000 miles long. Mario Seiglie is being transferred there, so that will send another minister there who is college trained. But

even still it is a big country. Our ministers are very stretched in these three countries."

Impressive gains

In spite of these problems, the Spanish Work has been producing impressive fruit in Latin America. In Chile one year ago, there were just over 900 subscribers to the Spanish *Plain Truth*. Now there are more than 3,000, because of the cardholder system of advertising the magazine that was especially effective in the central post office in Santiago, Mr. Walker said.

Mr. Walker, the last time he visited Mr. Armstrong, was able to show him growth statistics that were almost all in excess of 30 percent.

"He was enthusiastic about it. He was very encouraged," Mr. Walker said. "He was excited to see the growth and development. But he said we've got to do even more."

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New humiliation for America

PASADENA — America has suffered another incredible blow to its power and prestige. A daring attempt to rescue U.S. hostages held captive in Tehran has ended in ruins on the floor of an Iranian desert.

Just bad luck?

Had the operation succeeded — as did the Israeli commando raid in Entebbe, Uganda, in 1976 — President Jimmy Carter could have salvaged American honor from the deepening Iranian quagmire. Even if there had been bloodshed, with the loss of life of some of the hostages, the President could have emerged as a hero.

White House and Pentagon chiefs alike were confident of the mission's success. One factor was definitely in their favor: the element of surprise. Up until the time of operation, the United States had implemented only diplomatic and economic countermeasures against Iran. Military actions were hinted at, but only those of an indirect nature, such as a naval blockade.

But in the end, the daring attempt fell one helicopter short — bringing to naught months of intensive training, utilizing the best of equipment, intelligence and manpower. Why did this effort fail?

The mission was carefully planned and repeatedly rehearsed without the slightest indication that the two spare helicopters to back up the six did not represent an adequate margin of safety.

A senior U.S. defense official remarked: "When it came to the event, however, we had failures beyond all

tremendous miracles on behalf of both the English-speaking peoples in World War II and other earlier conflicts, is no longer fighting on America's side!

Iranians saw the failure of the mission as a miraculous delivery. The Iranian joint chiefs of staff — who were caught napping by the surprise

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predictions . . . We had very bad luck."

A leading congressman also characterized the aborted rescue as "an almost unbelievable . . . chain of bad luck."

But was it just "very bad luck" that a normally reliable type of aircraft should fail three times in a vital operation? Was it only bad luck that two of the choppers should run into an unexpected fierce desert sandstorm, forcing one craft down and the other to turn back?

No, there's much more to it than mere bad luck. The true answer might come as a surprise to Americans living in today's secularized society: It is that Almighty God, who wrought

move — said that "God, helper of the deprived, helps the nation of Iran

But why doesn't God help America any longer?

Unwilling to use force

Another equally important reason as to why the rescue operation failed so ignominiously has to do with President Carter's basic unwillingness to use force in the conduct of foreign affairs. He considers himself first and foremost a "humanitarian." As a result of his outlook, the strategy of the raid finally decided upon simply wasn't bold enough.

When the operation was first conceived, the plans called for a much larger strike force — one of 350 men, conveyed by many helicopters, backed up by carrier-based fighter-bombers.

Mr. Carter, wanting to exert the minimum of military power, with as little violence and potential loss of life as possible, scaled the project down to 90 men, straining the mechanical limits of the aircraft chosen. By convincing himself of the "humanitarian" nature of the operation, noted columnist William Safire, "the President narrowed the danger of casualties, but lowered the chance of success. This was surely humanitarian, but tragically ineffective; beware the daring of a cautious man."

Too much emphasis was placed in "abort" or "turn-back" points — instead of assuring enough power in the first place to guarantee success. Military strategist Edward Luttwak calls such planning "deciding to get married and concentrating on divorce arrangements." Thus the predeter-

tered enough men and material to meet the foe.

And Hugh Sidey, writing in the April 21 *Time* magazine, adds that if the president were "more inclined to the thunder of the Old Testament, the U.S. might have a better global position . . . Soviet Defense Minister Dmitriy Ustinov seems to be inheriting most of the world that are the meek."

Columnist Safire says the rescue operation contained an "institutionally built-in denial of nerve." But why is America afraid to act the part of the superpower it is? Why does it "flee when none pursueth you?" (Leviticus 26:17). The answer — in verse 19 — is that timorous America — which used to be the "home of the brave" — has lost the pride of its power!

Phoenix pastor dies

PHOENIX, Ariz. — William Rapp, a minister in God's Church since 1964, died of pneumonia April 2 at the age of 53. After battling leukemia for four years, just weeks before his death he contacted an influenza virus at his home here, which turned into the fatal pneumonia.



Mr. Rapp is survived by his wife Lorraine; three children, Randall, Lori Schneider and Richard; his parents, Leonard and Elizabeth; and two brothers, Bob and Dick.

He was first employed by Ambassador College as a cabinetmaker in 1957, and one year later was ordained a deacon by Herbert W. Armstrong. He served in the Temple City and El Monte, Calif., church, under Norman Smith and Leslie McCullough, where Mr. Rapp was ordained

a local elder by Mr. McCullough. In 1967 he returned to Pasadena to assist Jack Elliot, then head of the Buildings and Grounds Department (now Facilities and Plant Management).

Mr. Rapp was ordained a preaching elder in 1969 and became the visiting minister for the Pasadena A.M. congregation. In 1973 he was transferred to Phoenix to pastor the A.M. church here.

Mr. Rapp served as the Festival coordinator for the Squaw Valley, Calif., Pentecost, B.C., Wisconsin, Dells, Wis., and Tucson, Ariz., Feast sites.

Funeral services were conducted April 5 by his longtime friend and associate, Norman Smith, now pastoring the San Diego, Calif., church. Another longtime friend, Jim Chapman, pastor of the Reno, Nev., church, gave the final prayer.

The Rapp family expresses their thanks to the brethren for their love and prayers; and appreciation for the cards, letters and phone calls of encouragement and support.

A special thanks also is extended to the people of Phoenix, Pasadena and Mexico City who contributed many hours of service during Mr. Rapp's illness.

Correction

PASADENA — In the article headlined, "AICF group sponsors lecture," in the April 21 *Worldwide News*, the ancient name of the modern Ashara, Syria — Terqa — was inadvertently misspelled. Ashara is the site of an Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF)-sponsored archaeological expedition.

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner
She's overweight! He's too short! I don't like the way he runs the show! I could do a better job of that than she does! Why does he always preach so long?

No one escapes criticism, especially managing editors. An old editor's law states when you publish a significant article and expect a large reader response, you'll get one letter telling you about a typographical error in the third paragraph.

Writing is difficult because it relates closest of all to our ordinary experience. It bears the burden of the communication of ideas, whether the humdrum or the most exalted. Many a writer has struggled long with the shades of meanings of words, in despair of ever expressing exactly what is in his mind. And a critic is always sure to appear with precisely the word needed.

Who among us is a critic? The truth is that we are all critics. The parent who corrects his or her child is a critic. The woman who dislikes the cut of her neighbor's dress or the way she brings up her children is a critic. The man who is critical of his supervisor or superior, mumbling he can do the job just as well, if not better, is a critic. The evaluators in our Spokesman Club or Ambassador Club or Women's Club are critics.

Criticism can be given and received constructively or destructively. If we resent the criticism, and with it the critic, building bridges of communication becomes impossible. By reacting indignantly we assure our critic that he has in fact touched a tender, inflamed part of our ego that needs to be repented of and worked on.

If we as Christians are on the receiving end of criticism we must school ourselves to rise above all that is petty and to accept and use what is worthwhile. One calming thought for most of us when subjected to criticism: He little knew my other faults, or he would not have mentioned only these.

One way to avoid criticism is to be critical of oneself. Nothing so quickly brings oneness in a husband-wife relationship or a family situation than a willingness to share failures and ask for forgiveness, help and even prayers. James 5:16 says, "Confess your faults one

to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed."

Many parents cannot bring themselves to confess an error to their own children and ask forgiveness. What we find difficult to believe is that a frank admission of inadequacy, a confession of mistaken opinion, does not lose us the respect of others. Rather, it encourages the spirit of togetherness that makes mutual learning possible.

The next lesson in learning how to meet criticism is to learn how to criticize.

A good principle to remember before criticizing another's actions: Stop and ask, "How do I measure up beside him or her in the things that I criticize?" Or as the Indian proverb states it, "Before you judge a man's actions, walk a few miles in his moccasins."

Fair criticism does not judge without factual information, but takes every precaution to be correct. Fair criticism does not exaggerate.

Fair criticism does not include common gossip. Our judgments should be positive, not shaken and carried away by casual condemnation or censure of others.

The "ideal" critic will have regard for the feelings of the other person. One might suggest that we start with proper praise and honest appreciation, and, on occasion, call attention to people's shortcomings indirectly. Learning to like people and to get along with them by looking for the good in them is a satisfying way of life. If we complain often about our associates or about the firm for which we work, people are likely to think the trouble lies with us.

We all face occasions requiring us to give and to take criticism. It is foolish to be so supersensitive to an unpleasant comment that we allow it to crush us, but at the same time we must not become so thick-skinned that we do not accept that others may have a reason for disliking the things we do or say or write.

If we all would spend more time examining our own lives for the "beams" and ruthlessly casting them out, we could spare ourselves much criticism and others the often-times unpleasant task of offering it. Let's individually strive for that perfection God wants us all to obtain (Matthew 5:48).

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Dear Mr. Helge:

As veterans who fought to preserve our nation's Constitution and the rights and freedoms which it guarantees, we are shocked to learn of the actions of the State of California in its seizure of church property. Such an action is a flagrant breach of the constitutional "wall of separation" which exists between Church and State.

If this action is allowed to remain intact, then we can see the further intrusion of government into the affairs of not only other churches, but organizations like ours. Therefore, we are preparing to bring this matter before our national organization and our friends and supporters throughout the country.

We did not fight despotism abroad to suffer it here at home! We ask that you forward us whatever information you can to help us formulate appropriate resolutions for presentation at our upcoming state and national conventions. In addition, please advise us of the feasibility of filing a "friend of the court" brief in the pending litigation.

Your assistance and timely response is greatly appreciated. The actions of the State of California is indicative of the erosion of basic liberties which is so rampant in our country today. If we are to survive as a free nation, then we must alert despotism and government encroachment wherever they rear their ugly heads!

Yours for God and Country,
Wallace Sheppard
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"UNITY MAKES FOR PROGRESS"

LETTER OF SUPPORT — Ralph Helge, attorney for the Church, received this letter of support from the American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam (AMVETS). Mr. Helge forwarded it to *The Worldwide News* as an indication to *WN* readers of the growing support for the Worldwide Church of God. Mr. Helge reported that this letter conveys the seriousness and magnitude of the California attorney general's actions against religious freedom in the United States.

Festival information updates

PASADENA — The Festival Information Office provides the following updated housing information forwarded after the deadline for the *WN* Festival Planner supplement. The April 7 edition contained a special 16-page section detailing housing information for all U.S. Feast sites except Alaska. Because of prohibitive postage costs, this section was not included in the international editions of *The Worldwide News*. Persons outside the United States who desire a copy for transfer purposes should contact their pastor or Festival adviser.

Note to campers: If you desire to transfer this year and camp during the Feast, write this information on your transfer request form, and it will improve your chances of transfer approval, especially in those areas with limited housing. This includes the Eugene, Ore., site.

Dayton, Ohio: Members will be meeting in the Hara Arena and Exhibition Center at 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd. in Dayton instead of the Dayton Convention Center previously listed in the *WN*.

Eugene, Ore.: The following are housing facilities not previously listed.

Motel 6: single, \$11.50; double, \$15.70; triple, \$18.
Village Inn: single, \$22; double, \$24; triple, \$26.

Timbers: single, \$15; double, \$17; triple, \$23.

City Center Lodge: single, \$18; double, \$22; triple, \$24; quad, \$28; children under 10 free.

International Dunes Motel: price correction — single, \$27.50.

Glens Falls, N.Y.: Please use the following address to mail your housing application form [not the Church Festival application]: Adirondack Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau, 206 Glen St., Glens Falls, N.Y., 12801.

Kaui, Hawaii: The following are condominiums not previously listed. You must receive transfer approval and use the housing form to receive these special rates.

Lae Nani: one bedroom (1-4 persons), \$60 daily; two bedrooms (1-6 persons), \$76 daily.

Kaha Lani: one bedroom (1-4 persons), \$52 daily; two bedrooms (1-6 persons), \$68 daily.

Norfolk, Va.: The Norfolk Convention and Visitors' Bureau compiled a list of housing accommodations for the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles. Those wishing to make reservations at any of the following facilities should send a \$50 deposit check made out to the Convention Bureau to: Norfolk Convention and Visitors Bureau, Monticello Arcade, Norfolk, Va., 23510. Last day for accepting reservations through this system is June 30. Persons desiring a refund must cancel their reservations by July 30. No deposit refunds will be made after July 30. All cancellations and confirmations must come through the

Convention Bureau for the following establishments:

Anchorage Motel: single, \$18, with kitchen, \$24; double, \$18, with kitchen, \$24.

Bayshore Inn: single, \$18.50; double, \$22.50.

Beachcomber Motel: single, \$15, with kitchen, \$22; double, \$18, with kitchen, \$22.

Buccaneer Motor Lodge: single, \$18; double, \$18.

Econo Travel Midtown: single, \$19.95; double, \$19.95.

Econo Travel Ocean View: single, \$15.50; double, \$18.50.

Hamilton Inn: single, \$20; double, \$20.

Holiday Inn-Central: single, \$28; double, \$32.

Holiday Inn-Ocean View: single, \$30.50; double, \$34.50.

Holiday Inn-Scope: single, \$30; double, \$36.

Lafayette Motor Hotel: single, \$26; double, \$26.

Mark 800 Motel: single, \$20; double, \$20.

Overnite Inn: single, \$28; double, \$28.

Quality Inn-Lake Wright: single, \$26; double, \$26.

Ramada Inn-Ocean View: single, \$29; double, \$32.

Seaside Motel: single, \$18; double, \$20.

Sheraton Inn-Military Circle: single, \$34; double, \$44.

Silver Sands Motel: single, \$15, with kitchen, \$18; double, \$15, with kitchen, \$18.

Surf Side: single, \$18, with kitchen, \$26; double, \$18, with kitchen, \$26.

Twin Sails Motel: single, \$18, with kitchen, \$24; double, \$18, with kitchen, \$24.

YMCA: single, \$10.50; no double. Note: Local sales tax is 7 percent.

Virginia Beach, a nearby community offering excellent housing, also made arrangements with Norfolk coordinator Ken Giese to allow Feastgoers to utilize the Virginia Beach Reservations Centre to make reservations in that city.

Members wishing to utilize the facilities in Virginia Beach can call the following toll-free numbers:

Virginia: 1-800-582-8015.

Continental United States: 1-800-446-6870.

Individuals outside the continental United States can write: Virginia Beach Reservations Centre, Box 327, Virginia Beach, Va., 23458.

Members may make their own reservations in Virginia Beach if they so desire. However, rates available through the Reservations Centre are lower than most regular rates offered by most establishments.

Savannah, Ga.: Because of extraordinary circumstances, the Savannah Convention Bureau will allow reservations to be made an extra 30 days to July 30. Please note that the housing listed in the Festival Planner

is much closer to services than in 1979. Individuals wishing to stay in establishments not listed in the Festival Planner are free to make their own reservations in Savannah.

St. Petersburg, Fla.: The Ramada Inn South's room rates were listed as "unknown." The rates are as follows: single, \$22; double, \$24; extra person, \$4. Prices for the Billmar Beach Resort should be corrected to \$24-\$26. Also, pastor Bob Jones recommended that campers utilize the KOA St. Petersburg campground at 5400 95th St. N., St. Petersburg, Fla., 33708, telephone (813) 392-2233.

Tucson, Ariz.: The rates published in the April 7 *WN* for the Granada Royale Homotel were lowered by the hotel management for the Festival. Special Feast rates are as follows: single, \$42; double, \$52; extra person, \$10; children under 12, free. Please note that you must receive transfer approval (where necessary) and utilize the housing form to receive these rates.

Vail, Colo.: The Ramada Inn, Silverthorne, Colo., forwarded their 1980 Festival rates as follows: single (1-2 persons), \$25-\$30; double (2-4 persons), \$30-\$40. Please note: Both the Ramada Inn, Silverthorne and The Managers, Frisco-Dillon, Colo., listed in the Festival Planner are 30 minutes from services one way.

Johan Wilms of the Netherlands reports that 90 openings for transfers to the **Exloo, Netherlands**, Feast of Tabernacles site are available on a first-come, first-served basis. English translation of services will be available. Brethren desiring to transfer should request additional information and an application immediately. Airmail your request to: Ambassador College, Box 333, 3500 AH, Utrecht, Netherlands.

Brethren are also welcome to attend the Festival site in **Carlsbad, Czechoslovakia** (see Carlsbad article, this page), according to Frank Schnee, regional director of the German Work. One hundred transfers will be accepted for the 1980 Festival. Interested members and co-workers should write airmail immediately to Frank Schnee, c/o Ambassador College, Postfach 1129, 5300 Bonn 1, West Germany, or to The International Office of Ministerial Services, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A. Detailed information and a Festival international application will be sent by return mail. Mr. Schnee exhorted interested parties to write as soon as possible, as spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Leon Walker, regional director of the Spanish Work, reports that only fluent Spanish-speaking members will be allowed to transfer to the Mexico City, Mexico, Festival site. No translation to English will be available at this site.

Czech site welcomes transfers

By Frank Schnee

BONN, West Germany — Ever wonder what it would be like to observe the Feast of Tabernacles with your brethren behind the Iron Curtain? Two hundred brethren from around the world will be able to attend the Fall Festival in Carlsbad (Karlovy Vary), Czechoslovakia, for the third consecutive year.

Surrounded by verdant forests, Carlsbad (which means "Charles' bath") is renowned for its refreshing health spas and mineral springs. Set on a series of rolling hills, the relatively small site of 250 Church members fosters a family-style atmosphere seldom equaled at other Feast sites.

Carlsbad Feastgoers will be surprised and pleased with the quality of the facilities, food and service

provided by Cedok, the official Czechoslovakian tourist agency. The Festival in Carlsbad has been officially approved by the socialist government since 1978, enabling brethren from other Eastern-bloc countries to enjoy the Feast in this beautiful setting.

The elegantly furnished meeting hall adorned with sparkling chandeliers often overwhelms first-time viewers.

Sumptuous meals and comfortable lodging are provided in Carlsbad's Moskva Park Hotel, formerly an elegant bastion of Austro-Hungarian upper class. A buffet breakfast and one hot meal a day are included in the package price. This allows brethren to sample some of the delicious Czech cuisine in the quaint establishments that dot the city.

The traditionally popular activities during the Festival include an all-day visit to the city of Prague, once the seat of Charles the IV's Holy Roman Empire, and a formal dance featuring an excellent Czech band.

German and English sermons will be provided on alternate days during the Festival. Simultaneous translations utilizing newly developed infrared wireless headphones that feature crisp, clear reproduction will be provided.

Your attendance at the Feast in Carlsbad is important, as it not only provides you with the experience of a lifetime, but also performs an important function for your brethren behind the Iron Curtain. Because of arrangements with the Czech government, East German, Polish and

JERUSALEM FEAST SITE OK'D

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved the city of Jerusalem, Israel, as a 1980 Festival site. Arrangements were made for about 300 people to observe the Feast there.

Those desiring to transfer to Jerusalem must obtain approval. Members in the United States should use their Festival applications, sending them to Tucson. Members outside the United States only should submit a letter of request to Festival Operations, Attention: Dr. William Kessler, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A. Information regarding travel costs and arrangements will be sent upon approval.

For members and co-workers leaving from the United States the cost breakdown is as follows:

From New York, N.Y.: Standard hotel fare (includes lodging expenses, breakfast and dinner each day in Jerusalem, airfare to and from Israel), \$1,457. Economy hotel fare (includes lodging expenses, breakfast only each day in Jerusalem and airfare), \$1,307.

From Los Angeles, Calif.: Standard hotel (same options as above), \$1,557. Economy hotel (same options as above), \$1,407.

Costs are tentative, but should not vary more than \$100. Costs should only rise in the event of dramatic fuel price increases. Air travel will probably be booked on Pan Am.

The tour is scheduled Sept. 21 through Oct. 5 with the following itinerary:

Sunday, Sept. 21: Evening departure from the United States.

Monday, Sept. 22 — Tel Aviv, Israel: Early afternoon arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport, Lod, Israel. Transfer to hotel on Tel Aviv beachfront. Late afternoon free for swimming in the Mediterranean.

Tuesday, Sept. 23 — Coastal Plain-Galilee: Early morning departure to visit Caesarea (Acts 8:40; 9:30; 10:1-48). Drive on to Megiddo (Armageddon — Revelation 16:16). Proceed to Nazareth through Afula to visit Joseph's carpenter shop and synagogue (Luke 4:16). Lunch by the Sea of Galilee. Continue to Capernaum and cross the Sea of Galilee by boat to Tiberias. Overnight stay at Tiberias.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 — Galilee-Samaria: Morning departure to visit Beth Shean (I Samuel 31:10-13; II Samuel 21:12-14), Jacob's well, Shechem and Shiloh. Continue on to Jerusalem through Beitin (Bethel — Genesis 12:8-9), Ai (John 7 and 8) and Tel Nazba (Mizpeh — I Samuel 7:5; Jeremiah 41:1). Afternoon arrival at the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem. Evening church service in hotel.

Thursday, Sept. 25 — First Holy Day, Jerusalem: Morning and afternoon services in the Diplomat Hotel. Evening free.

Friday, Sept. 26 — Jerusalem: Morning ascent to the Mount of Olives for panoramic view of Jerusalem. Descent to the city through the Valley of Kidron-Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:2). Visit Garden Tomb and Golgotha. Drive to West Jerusalem to the Israeli State Museum (to view the Dead Sea scrolls), the Knesset (Israeli Parliament), Hebrew University, Yad Vashem (the Holocaust Memorial for the six million martyred Jews of World War II). Continue to the Holyland Hotel to view model of Jerusalem at the time of Christ. Return to Diplomat Hotel through Liberty Bell Park (contains the Herbert W. Armstrong Square). Remainder of afternoon free. Evening church service in the Diplomat Hotel.

Sabbath, Sept. 27 — Jerusalem: Morning and afternoon church services in the Diplomat Hotel. Evening, special reception for the Church group played host to by the International Cultural Center for Youth (ICCY). Dignitaries will be present.

Sunday, Sept. 28 — Judea: Morning services in hotel. Late morning departure to Rachel's tomb, Bethlehem, Solomon's Pools (Ecclesiastes 2:6), Hebron (Genesis 35:27, I Kings 2:11) and the Valley of Elah (site of the battle between David and Goliath). Return to Jerusalem for dinner. Evening free.

Monday, Sept. 29 — Jerusalem and environs: Morning service in hotel. Afternoon guided tour of the Temple Mount archaeological excavations by the director of the site, Meir Ben Dov. Also visit the Western Wall of the Temple Mount, Al-Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock. On to Tel-el-Ful (Gibeon — Judges 20:5) and El Jib (Gibeon — Joshua 10:12; II Samuel 2:12-13). Evening free after return.

Tuesday, Sept. 30 — Jerusalem: Morning services in hotel. Afternoon free for shopping and recreation.

Wednesday, Oct. 1 — Dead Sea area: Early morning departure for Masada. Lunch at Masada. Swimming in the Dead Sea at Ein-Gedi (I Samuel 23:29). Stop at Qumran (site of Essenes' settlement — Dead Sea scrolls found here) and Jericho (to see Tel-Jericho ruins and Elisha's Springs). Late afternoon return to Jerusalem. Evening service in hotel.

Thursday, Oct. 2 — Last Great Day, Jerusalem: Morning and afternoon services in hotel. Evening free.

Friday, Oct. 3 — Tel Aviv to London: Morning departure Tel Aviv to London, England. Afternoon short tour of London.

Sabbath, Oct. 4 — London: Morning visit to the former campus of Ambassador College at Bricklet Wood. Afternoon service with British brethren in St. Albans. Evening return to London.

Sunday, Oct. 5 — Return to United States: Morning return flight to United States (stops in New York and Los Angeles) from London.

other members from communist countries can observe the Feast in quiet, peaceful surroundings. As long as foreign currency comes in to help the Czech economy, the government will keep the site available as the only recognized religious festival in the country.

If you are interested in attending the Festival in Carlsbad, write airmail immediately to the address listed in the Feast updates (this page). Help your brethren keep God's Festivals as you enjoy the experience that is Carlsbad. See you there!

AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

FIELD DAY AND SING-ALONG

In the true spirit of Christian competition, class was pitted against class Wednesday afternoon, April 23, on the college track for the annual Ambassador College Field Day competition.

Events were held in almost all the major track and field events except the hurdles, for both men and women. When the point

Dewyer, also a senior, was runner up with 13 points.

That evening an All-American meal of hamburgers, hot dogs and shakes in the student center was followed by a sing-along with Jim Thornhill, national director of Youth Opportunities United, with Ross Jutsum and members of his group, in the college gymnasium. Short acts were performed by each of the classes for the occasion.

Club presidents for the Ambassador speaking clubs are Chris Anderson, Mike Bennett, Randy Duke, Steve Elliott, Ben Faulkner, Greg Gaetzman, Mario Hernandez, Bruce McNair and Dennis Milner.

Women's Club presidents are Renae Bechtold, Pam Dewyer, Nancy Dickinson, Laurie Duke, Debbie Dupuis, Lorinda Harden, Jane Shaffer and Yvonne Verwater.

Men's resident assistants are Nolan Boyd, Marty Davey, Tim Grauel, Rob Gordon, John Knaack, Allen Olson, Peter Thomas, Eric Warren, Tim Welch, Evan Williams and Oleh Zajac.

Women's resident assistants are Janie Barrett, Janet Burbeck, Dirje Childs, Jan Dowell, Twinkle Kang, Sonia King, Susan Kopy, Christy Pendry, Cheryl Pierson, Hannah Pope, Lisa Ransdell, Tammy Smith, Linda Swihart, Roslyn Verwater and Lois Weber.

Class presidents are John Andrews, sophomore; Tim Grauel, junior; and John Curry, senior.

Student body president is Gary Shaffer, and vice president is Steve LaBlanc.

Other student leaders are Ed Frampton, directing the Outdoor Leadership Club, Barry Dixon, directing the student Outreach program; Sharon Sarfert, student body secretary; Jaime Capo, editor of the Ambassador *Portfolio*; and Pam Dewyer, overall president of the Women's Clubs.



WOMEN'S MILE — First-place finisher in the mile run for women, sophomore Sonia King from England, came back with a third-place finish in the next event, the two-mile run.

scores for first, second, third and fourth place finishes were totaled, the freshman class came out with a commanding 85 points to win the competition. The senior class followed with 69, and the juniors and sophomores with 38 and 36 respectively.

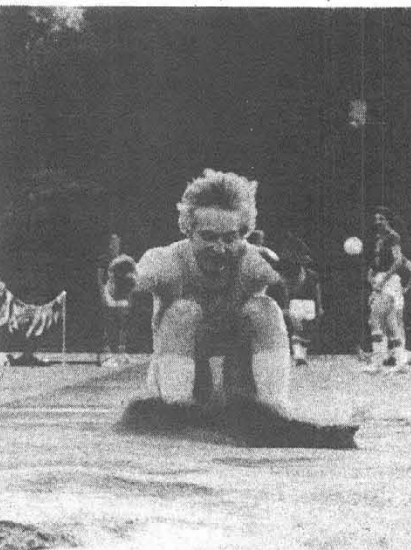
Phil Greenwood, freshman class team captain, accepted the trophy for the victorious freshman class during the awards presentation in the student center after dinner. The trophy will be engraved and placed on display in the college gymnasium.

The award for the Most Valuable Male Athlete went to junior Rob Gordon, who collected first place wins in the long jump (19 feet, 3½ inches), triple jump (42 feet, 8½ inches), high jump (6 feet) and 440-yard dash (51.7 seconds), for a total of 20 personal points. He was also a member of the winning mile relay team, which came in at 3 minutes, 49.8 seconds, for an additional 5 team points.

Senior Philippa Moss won the Most Valuable Female Athlete award for her wins in the women's long jump (12.5 feet), and 220-yard dash (32.7 seconds), and her second place finishes in the high jump (3 feet, 6 inches) and 100-yard dash (14.1 seconds). She was also on the third place 440-yard relay team, giving her a total of 18 points. Pam

NEW STUDENT LEADERS ANNOUNCED

Fifty-three students were appointed to campus leadership positions for the 1980-81 school year announced Raymond McNair, the deputy chancellor of Ambassador College, at a forum in the Ambassador Auditorium April 15.

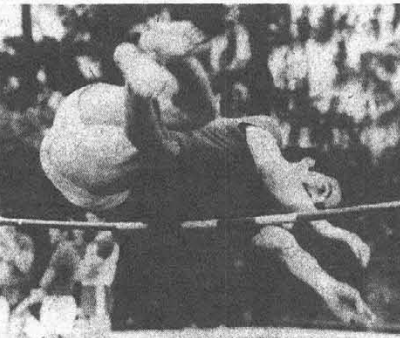


HITTING THE DIRT — Freshman Marty Richey's good form in the long jump failed to win any points for his class, but the freshmen went on to win with 85 team points.

the Southern California area were invited to attend, and the Auditorium was filled for the performance. During the second half of the show, producer and master of ceremonies Jim Frick introduced a performance by the Taiwanese athletes who were staying at Ambassador while in training for the Olympics [see article, page 8]. Chi Cheng, secretary general of the Republic of China's Track and Field Association, explained the messages of three Taiwanese folk songs that were performed in song and dance by the athletes, all wearing their bright orange warm-up suits.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS HONORED

The evening following the Ambassador College Track and Field Day April 23, an awards presentation in the student center was



UP AND OVER — Senior Greg Sandilands clears the bar at 5'8" for a second place in the men's high jump competition, 4 inches short of Rob Gordon's winning jump.

concluded by giving special recognition to two men who worked diligently again this year to make the Field Day a success. Jim Petty, director of athletics, and Bernell Michel, recreation director, were presented with plaques by Deputy Chancellor Raymond McNair for their years of dedication and service to Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God. Both men received standing ovations of appreciation from the students as they came forward to accept their awards.

STUDENTS TO BE SENT TO THAILAND

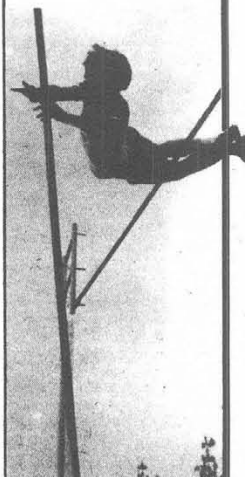
At the final Ambassador College student body forum for the year, April 29, Deputy Chancellor Raymond McNair announced the names of 12 people who will be going to the Kingdom of Thailand in Southeast Asia to work in refugee camps set up by the Thai government to assist Cambodian refugees. They are: Steve Palfrey, Harry Curley, Bill Hall, Cyrille Richard, Kevin Richardson, Randy Redel,

Doug and Rosa Peitz, Diane Kinder, Mary Light, Dianne Seelhoff and Gladys Whyte.

Mr. McNair said this humanitarian effort is "very much appreciated by the leaders in Thailand," who initially approached evangelist Herman L. Hoeh with the request for assistance. The students' main responsibility will be teaching the refugees English and exposing them to Western culture to ease the shock of relocation.

Before announcing the names Mr. McNair reminded the students that they "will be going there as representatives, first of all, of God Almighty, and Ambassador College and Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong, who is well known in Thailand."

The students will receive training in how to communicate with the refugees and other needed skills before they leave in late July or early August, Mr. McNair said.



PÖLE VAULT — Bringing "Ohs" and "Ahs" from the crowd, Rees Ellis wins two points for his third-place vault. The event was won by sophomore Tom Sweat, who cleared 10'3". [All photos by James Capo]

Faculty members from the college, the chorale and orchestra, attended a champagne reception in the lower lounge of the Auditorium following the performance.

The chorale, which regularly performs special music during Sabbath services in Southern California churches, will be performing at the Pasadena and Tucson Feast sites this year.

YOUNG AMBASSADORS PERFORM

The Young Ambassadors, a musical group of 22 Ambassador College students under the direction of Ross Jutsum, gave a special performance April 16 at the Brookside Golf Club near Pasadena for the 75th Anniversary of Rotary International.

Since being formed four years ago, the group has put out an album, *Family Night*, and has appeared with Burl Ives on a television special.

Their performance for the Rotary was one of a number of local appearances, which have included a Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce Breakfast in honor of the Rose Parade Queen and Princesses in 1979. That performance led to an invitation by NBC television to perform two numbers on their New Year's Day special, *NBC Stars Salute to 1978*, which was reaired Jan. 1, and a repeat performance at the breakfast in honor of the Rose Queen, 1980.

The Young Ambassadors are at work rehearsing for a special Feast Show, 1980, which will be filmed here at Ambassador College and shown at all the U.S. Festival locations this year, and most of the international sites.

AMBASSADOR CHORALE SPRING CONCERT

The Ambassador Chorale, under the direction of John Schroeder, gave its annual Spring Concert in the Ambassador Auditorium April 29.

The first half of the concert consisted of classical folk songs, opening with a performance of "Jubilant Song" by Norman Dello. Among the selections were "Hiney ma Tov," a Hebrew folk song, and three Negro spirituals including the closing number for the first half, "The Creation" by Tom Scott, narrated by junior Renita Lawson.

For the second half, the chorale was joined by a chamber orchestra, consisting of Church members supported by professional musicians and members of the Loma Linda College orchestra, for a performance of Beethoven's *Christ on the Mount of Olives*. The work featured Church members Gerald Bieritz singing the part of Peter, Ingrid Helge singing the part of the seraph ministering to Christ and John Beaver singing the part of Jesus.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Mr. Mortimer and Mr. Adams of the **ABERDEEN**, Scotland, church presented a "Mr. and Mrs." program contest based on the television quiz show of the same name March 22. The winning couple, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, were given a set of books as were the runners-up, *Charles W. Adams*.

The **BINGHAMTON** and **CORNING**, N.Y., churches gathered in Endicott, N.Y., for an eventful day April 5. In the afternoon brethren heard inspiring messages concerning the Days of Unleavened Bread by pastor Britton Taylor and deacon Richard Deeb. The main social event, a formal dinner-dance, took place after services. Members enjoyed a steamship round of beef and a variety of other foods and beverages. Dancing followed until midnight with no one eager to end the evening. During the festivities, the children watched movies and played games under the supervision of John and Hazel Lambert and Richard and Linda Furney. *Eleanor Lulkowski*.

The **BIRMINGHAM**, Ala., A.M. and P.M. churches combined April 5 to enjoy a feast smorgasbord. Tables outside in the sunshine were arrayed with unleavened food, orange drinks and coffee, helping make this Sabbath special. Both congregations

were night better than others. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hawk were in charge of the activities. *Frank A. Richards*.

The **CANTON**, Ohio, YOU demonstrated their abilities at Sabbath services April 5, directing parking, setting up chairs and fulfilling all chores at the meeting. Marvin Spears led singing with Sid London opening the meeting with prayer. The sermonette was given by David Kuhns, who spoke about the pressure put on today's Christian youths to violate God's laws.

Announcements were given by David Hawk and special music was presented by Becky Hobbs on the flute accompanied by Chris Swonger. John Foster presented the main message on proper parent and child relationships. The closing prayer was given by Jon Jett.

That evening adult members with guests from **AKRON**, Ohio, enjoyed a dinner-dance in one of the finest restaurants in Canton. Music was provided by Bill Hobbs and his orchestra, made up mostly of Church members. Mr. and Mrs. Barry Richey were in charge of the event. *Frank A. Richards*.

The **CLARKSBURG**, W.Va., and **BELLE VERNON**, Pa., churches had a combined social in Morgantown, W.Va., April 13. A potluck dinner was followed by square dancing called by Dayton Richardson. The caller taught a few of the basic skills of Western-style square dancing and a line dance to the crowd of about 200 people. During a break in the

cooking and clearing up. *Colleen Gus*.

A dinner, thoroughly enjoyed by 150 **CLEVELAND**, Ohio, **EAST** and **WEST** members April 5, was followed by dancing to the music of deacon Carl Craven and his band. Theme of the entertainment was a welcome to the area for pastor Tracey Rogers and his family. Several choir members sang a song of welcome written by Mark Graham. Another song, also written by Mr. Graham, was sung by Mark and Paula Powell. Greg Thomas did an imitation of the television show *Mr. Rogers*.

During the evening three couples performed a precision waltz dancing demonstration, then two couples a disco dancing demonstration. Scoring with all dancers was a group dance lesson given by Ann Rolko, who instructed in the basic steps of the waltz, fox-trot and cha-cha. *La Verne Witting*.

The **COLUMBIA**, S.C., and **AUGUSTA**, Ga., churches had a formal dance April 13. A five-piece band, Entourage, provided dance music and a bar was provided for the evening. *Paul Nowlen*.

Most of the **CUMBERLAND**, Md., church gathered at the fire hall here to celebrate the Night to Be Much Observed March 31. A planned potluck dinner was served with main dishes of roast beef, lamb, turkey, chicken, vegetable dishes and fruit pies for dessert. Before dinner a program was presented by the deacons. Charles Hoppert gave some interesting



DONE TO A TURN — Local elder Richard Davies inspects sausages at the Sydney, Australia, South church night of family fun April 12. (See "Church Activities, page 7.) [Photo by Graham Miller]

was accompanied by Betty Loy, presented musical entertainment. The program included solos, duets, trios and quartets. The evening, organized by deacons Don Cox, Gerald Dulaney, Ralph Gehr and Wilmer Thompson, concluded with dancing. *Margie Dulaney*.

The **CUMBERLAND**, Md., church choir and youth choir entertained the citizens of the Heartland Nursing Home with an hour of music April 12. The choir sang

The **FARGO** and **GRAND FORKS**, N.D., churches had their annual formal dinner-dance April 5 at the Holiday Inn. After a buffet dinner, a talent show was performed by some of the brethren. The remainder of the evening was spent dancing to the music of a lively band. *Earl D. Jackson*.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., brethren met in two locations for the Night to Be Much Observed March 31. In the north, Lee Newell and Neville and Joyce Gilbert organized a family potluck dinner for 70 people. Aime Lamore and Clayton Gilbert provided valuable assistance in preparing the hall. At the close of the evening, Mr. Newell led in a sing-along, accompanied by the Beltones, Frank and Grace Mancuso.

In the south section, 80 brethren feasted on roast lamb prepared by John and Donna Sacoulas. Harriet Adams supervised the preparation of the trimmings while Dolly Kobernat and Jean Witte set up a salad bar. In the kiddie corner, Rob Goins urged youngsters to try Pharaoh's Anzies — ice cream treats — by opening mouths wide and swallowing them as if the children were the Red Sea. The evening culminated in a rousing sing-along led by minister Randy Kobernat, accompanied by Bill Witte on accordion and Waid Wrege on guitar. *Cathy Chase*.

About 70 **GRANDE PRAIRIE**, Alta., brethren gathered at the Saddle Hills Ranch for a midwinter barbecue Jan. 27. The feature attraction was moose and goat cooked on a huge spit, served with salads, refreshments and desserts. Sleigh rides and a sing-along led by minister Laurie Nyhus completed a fine family outing. *Gerhard Richter*.

The **GREENVILLE**, S.C., church had a formal dance April 5. Deacon Henry Merrill coordinated the event. Music was provided by Charlie Littlejohn and Steve Terhanshy. Haynes Oliver captured first prize for the best joke of the evening. The children were entertained by movies. Everyone had an unforgettable time. *David E. Johnson*.

Brethren of the **KINGSTON**, Ont., church gathered together for the last social of the winter season, a euchre and game tournament, March 15. After a potluck meal the first hour was devoted to the family, with parents playing euchre with their children. After that, the children were treated to a movie, and the adults chose their partners and began the rounds of elimination.

Winners were Gerry and Gail Lalande (division A), Jim Link and Helen Van Luven (division B) and Jack and Francis Storey (division C). Winners of the most lone hands were June Quinn and Darrin Cameron. In the children's euchre Collin Spellman was the winner with the most points. Lone hand winners were David Sherrow and Gloria Sherrow. There was also a coloring contest, a dart contest, a word contest and a cakewalk. The YOU supplied ice cream as a means to supplement their finances. *Joyce Sherrow*.

The **LOUISVILLE**, Ky., church enjoyed its annual winter dance March 22. This year's theme was "Make Me Laugh." Persons 12 years and older were invited to attend. Plenty of food and drink was provided, with a variety of hors d'oeuvres to suit every palate. The menu included dance music and professional entertainment such as bluegrass banjo pickin' from Church member and professional entertainer Jim Smoak, producer of the event.

Entertainment was also presented by vocalist Janice Love and the Make Me (See CHURCH NEWS, page 7)



IT TAKES ALL SORTS — Left: John Taylor serves as a clown at the combined Middlesboro, London and Somerset, Ky., churches' costume

ball March 15. Right: Cowboy Charlie Daniels chats with Sheila Taylor and Barbara Daughman. (See "Church Activities," page 7.)

gations want this to become an annual occasion. *Naomi Ferguson*.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed by the **BOISE**, Idaho, church March 29 after Sabbath services. Later the YOU presented a play, *Mind Over Matter*. The cast included director Barry Baker, Anthony Lancaster, Mike Lewis, Jerry Farley, Douglas Schoenheinz, James Bennett, Donna Belcher, Becky Harden, Paula Millard, Mark Wiens, Damon Ward, Greg Baker, Joe Belcher, Mr. and Mrs. David Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harden. *Anna Ricks*.

The elegant Gamekeeper Restaurant was the setting for the **BOISE**, Idaho, church's formal dinner dance April 5. A band provided music. All 79 participants appreciated the planning by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sower, and felt it was one of the best socials the local church has ever had. *Jeff McGowan*.

The **BRADFORD**, England, church had their last social of the winter March 15. A program of entertainment was provided by the brethren. The evening began with a medley of songs by David Lunn and David Hepworth. After this came songs and dancing from the YOU and young children. Following an interlude for dancing, the entertainment resumed with more musical numbers and comedy.

The next day the Bradford and **HULL**, England, YOU chapters combined for skiing on the dry ski slope at Burnley. The 14 teenagers led by Mike and Pauline Nixon and Cliff Birkett even summoned enough energy to follow skiing with a visit to a swimming pool. *Rosemary J. Beck*.

Some people get locked up and some get locked out, but the **CANTON**, Ohio, brethren were locked in at the Northeast Community Center March 22-23. The all-night activities included basketball, volleyball and swimming with game tournaments of chess, checkers, Scrabble and euchre all mixed in. Some survived the

dancing, the Clarksburg and Belle Vernon YOU played Bible baseball, with Clarksburg winning by 4 points. *Jeannette Richardson*.

The **CLEVELAND**, Ohio, **WEST** church celebrated the Night to Be Observed with a catered dinner March 31. One hundred ninety brethren dined on roast beef, chicken and a variety of vegetables and unleavened desserts. Background music, provided by members Rick Swinski on the organ and Greg Thomas on guitar and vocals, set the mood of the evening. When the meal was finished Ray and Renee Williams, LaVerne Witting, Carl Craven and Beverly Donahoo entertained with a topical skit and pastor Tracey Rogers and Mr. Craven led a sing-along. During the fellowship, everyone agreed that the night would be much remembered, especially by the women, who enjoyed the break from

facts about the history of Israel in Egypt, and Sam Metz read the appropriate scriptures and asked God's blessing on the evening.

The following day at combined services with the **HAGERSTOWN**, Md., brethren the Cumberland choir performed "Go Down Moses" under the direction of Richard Ebersole. Then the Cumberland junior choir members joined with the Hagerstown youth choir to sing a medley of songs directed by Mary Dawson. Both performances received favorable comments from the congregation. *Carolyn Raines*.

One hundred sixty brethren of the **CUMBERLAND** and **HAGERSTOWN**, Md., churches gathered at the Venice Inn Ballroom in Hagerstown for an elegant evening of dining and dancing April 5. After the buffet dinner the choir, directed by Grant Spong and accom-

panies and sing-alongs familiar to the audience and, to the delight of the residents, the youth choir performed three songs at intervals in the program. Also, solos were performed by Pat Blubaugh and director Richard Ebersole.

Eleanor Ebersole gave two piano medleys of oldies but goodies from the 1920s and '30s, which sparked fond memories and hand clapping. The program ended with the choir's performance of "Go Down Moses." Afterward, members of the choir chatted with the audience, which seemed to have appreciated the program and invited them to come back again. *Carolyn Raines*.

DULUTH, Minn., church members enjoyed a full day of winter fun Feb. 10. Activities included ice-skating, sledging and cross-country skiing. Hot stew, French bread and hot chocolate were served for lunch. *Pam Kleinschmidt*.



WEDDING — Bert Burnham and Dorothea Harris, left, were married in Las Cruces, N.M., March 15. All senior citizens in the local church were honored the same day, above. (See "Senior Activities," page 7.) [Photos by Wayne Abraham]

CHURCH NEWS

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Laugh Production Players created for the occasion. Others presented individual comedy routines. In a teen disco-dance contest, prizes were awarded to the best young man and young woman dancer. R. Adcock.

The MIDDLESBORO, Ky., church played host to the LONDON and SOMERSET, Ky., churches at the annual spring dance March 15. It was a Grand Costume Ball with coal miners, clowns, barmaids, a Raggedy Ann and Andy, pirates, gypsies, Southern belles, various Western and pioneer costumes, as well as Zoro and a portrayal of Clint Eastwood. The Most Original Costume prize was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schantz, who dressed as a pair of dice. Approximately 150 members danced to the music provided by Mr. and Mrs. James Slusher. Hors d'oeuvres were served by Fanny Wilder, Ruby Graham, Izella Gibson and Edna Hoskins. Drinks were served by bartender John Taylor. Sheila Taylor.

"Fun for everyone" described the MOREHEAD, Ky., annual fund-raising winter carnival March 16. Counting beans in a bottle, popping balloons with darts, musical chairs, cakewalks and a coin toss were some of the games, and

teen new people attended to hear regional assistant George Patrickson speak on the Middle East in prophecy. As the population of Peace River is only 5,500, the attendance figures were considered excellent. Two weeks later a follow-up lecture was given, with seven in attendance. All who returned wanted to be visited in their homes to have their questions answered. A Bible study will be given each month in the Peace River area. Laurie Nyhus.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the PEORIA, Ill., church celebrated its 22nd anniversary. It was fitting that evangelist Dean Blackwell give the sermon as he was the minister for the first service Aug. 9, 1958. Gerald Knochel, longtime member and local elder, gathered information and narrated a slide show showing the history and growth of the churches in the area. One point of interest was the growth from 12 people to 1,000 in the Peoria area. The day was capped off with a dance at the Continental Regency Hotel for those aged 12 and over with movies and games for youngsters aged 6 to 11. The day brought back fond memories for many, enlightened all, and will be remembered for a long time to come. Chessie Lavallier.

The PITTSBURGH, Pa., EAST brethren enjoyed a children's carnival

appreciated by the brethren. Jake Han-nold.

The SMITHS FALLS, Ont., church enjoyed a potluck meal followed by their annual euchre party March 22. The winners of most games, Jeff Sands and Joanne MacMillan, were given trophies. Wayne Stenhouse and Jennie MacMillan received gifts for most lone hands. The preteens enjoyed an evening of carnival activities arranged and directed by Lois Leach, Adri McCready and Rita Brown. Shirley MacMillan.

The ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., church celebrated its seventh anniversary March 17, beginning with a potluck meal. Following the meal and the cutting of the anniversary cake by Mr. and Mrs. David Sheridan, a slide show of South Africa was presented by Frank Burke. Later, gifts were given to all children of preteen age. The evening concluded with a dance, the music supplied by the church band. F. Best.

The ST. LOUIS, Mo., churches played host to a formal dance April 5 attended by 226 people, some of them coming from as far away as FORT WORTH, Tex. The band, the Marksmen, soothed the dancers' ears with music of the 1940s, '50s and '60s. This gala event was produced by more than 50 brethren and was the first of a series of social activities planned for the St. Louis area before the Feast of Tabernacles. Bob Sim-coke.

For the first time in several years the brethren in SWEDEN were able to meet



CHILDREN'S PARTY — Two young ballerinas, Diana (left) and Beth Powell, perform for their peers at the San Diego Women's Club children's party April 3 at Mira Mesa Recreation Center. Others who entertained were Mrs. Gary Glasgow and son Brent, Mrs. Tom Eltrich and daughter Tomra, Indigo, Scarlet and Amethyst Hammons, Debbie McIntosh, Linda Parker, Stacey Glasgow, Robert and Richard Walker. (Photo by Susan Karoska)

spent in well-being and fellowship. On the last day of the Feast, the sermon was given by Carl F. Aas of Oslo, Norway. Goran Bring and Bernt Saxin.

The SYDNEY, Australia, SOUTH church had a night of family fun in the Beverly Hills North Public School April 12. Plain Truth subscribers were invited to attend the afternoon services to be followed by a screening of the film *Future Shock* and a social. Twenty-three Plain Truth readers attended the service and heard pastor Gavin Cullen talk on "What Has Easter to Do With the Resurrection?" The evening began with a sausage sizzle, followed by a fancy dress competition for the children, who displayed their talents with three skits and a sing-along. Graham Miller.

Brethren from SYRACUSE and ROCHESTER, N.Y., created a flower-banked regal setting for a formal dinner-dance April 5. The theme was "reach out." The event began with afternoon services. Minister Charles Denny gave a sermonette on the theme, "reaching out," and pastor David Pack spoke on "The Most Dangerous Sin." The Rochester choir, directed by John Sullivan, sang "God Gave Us Hands."

After dinner the music of the New Sounds had all dancing to a variety of rhythms, including their specialties — polkas, Jewish and Ukrainian dances and a round of the hoky pokey. During an intermission, members from both churches entertained with a variety show introduced by Mr. Denny. The Rochester Octet Plus One sang "Reach Out and Touch." Keiko Doerich performed a Japanese folk dance. Bernie Kolczynski read a letter from his Polish mother. Esther Maybury and Linda Harris sang "Side by Side." Joyce Mitchell performed a Charleston, and baritone John Sullivan sang "More" and "I Want a Beer." Then, to end the show, Harold Maybury led a sing-along. YOU members entertained, fed and cared for all the children for the entire evening. Marilyn Denny.

Sabbath, April 5, was the fourth anniversary of the VISALIA, Calif., church. Pastor Don Billingsley gave the sermon and deacon Eddie Garcia gave the sermonette. After services 174 brethren enjoyed an unleavened potluck dinner. Later, Rhoton Cross presented a cartoon film for the YES students and brethren. The film explained to the children that it is wrong to steal and lie and that your sins will find you out.

On April 12, after Sabbath services and lunch, 84 YES members and parents visited a private big game trophy room of about 200 wild animals from many different parts of the world, including a polar bear, brown bear and black jaguar. Mike Murphy made the arrangements for the program. Sharyl Justice.

The combined WINNIPEG, Man., EAST and WEST churches had a formal social in the Campaign Room of the Holiday Inn March 23. Following a fine meal was music for dancing and listening enjoyment. "Happiness" seemed to be the theme for the evening. George Black.

CLUB MEETINGS

The ABERDEEN, Scotland, Spokesman Club sponsored a First Aid lecture March 23. It was given by two government officials who demonstrated techniques of artificial resuscitation. Following the lecture, members asked questions and practiced the techniques. Charles W. Adams.

The BRADFORD, HULL and SHEFFIELD, England, combined Spokesman Club had a ladies' evening in Bradford March 9. Speeches were given by David Hacker, David Hephworth, Brian Massingham, Wilf Burns and Mervyn Whale. Pastor David Stirk evaluated the meeting and declared it a great success. The evening was concluded with dinner. Rosemary J. Beck.

The Young Adult Club of CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., met to eat together after services April 12. Local elder Bill Pack and his wife Sue were also present. Films and games followed the meal. Among the films was *Petra, Jordan: Enchanted City*. This movie explained the history of the city and showed the beauty of its rock-hewn buildings. The fellowship lasted until late in the evening. Barb Keesep.

The CHICAGO, Ill., NORTHWEST Women's Club had the opportunity to hear local elder Harold Stocker give an overview of the themes of the book *Passages* March 16 as it pertained to Christian womanhood. The meeting also included a topics session led by Emma Grey and icebreaker speeches by Angie Latimer and Shirley Threewit. The program was very informative. Susan Freck.

Twenty-five young adults of the TAMPA, Fla., church camped out on David Colby's ranch March 21-23. Minister Braden Veller gave a Bible study Friday evening, and on Sabbath morning and afternoon tapes were played of Herbert W. Armstrong's study on the book of Romans and the morning service at Tampa respectively. Saturday evening activities were a hayride and a sing-along. Music was provided by John Carley on guitar. On Sunday was a football game, horseback riding and swimming in beautiful Crystal Springs, which is near the ranch. The social was then reluctantly concluded. Lynn J. Rowe.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Members Bert Burnham and Dorothea Harris were married by pastor Keith Britan in LAS CRUCES, N.M., March 15. As they were the first senior citizens to be married there in six years, the occasion was used to honor all senior citizens in the (See CHURCH NEWS, page 5)



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT — Left: The Cleveland, Ohio, cheerleaders, the Mamas, perform. Right: The Cleveland team battles the Pittsburgh, Pa., players. (See "Sports," page 5.) (Photos by Jeff Smith)

various donated items were sold at bargain prices or won with a raffle ticket. After the games, thousands of little taste-buds enjoyed a spaghetti dinner and all those present sat back and enjoyed the entertainment.

Morehead YOU began the show by singing "Just When I Needed You Most." This was followed by a guitar solo by YOU president Jerry Dean. Next was a comedy routine by eight YOU members. During the evening Morehead pastor Ray Wooten was declared an official Kentuckian when he was given the commission of Kentucky Colonel. This is an honorary commission given to individuals for special achievements or outstanding citizenship. The award was sent from the State Capitol of Kentucky.

The program was ended by Haz Hall and Harley Cannon of the LEXINGTON, Ky., church. Their contribution of singing, instrumental solos and jokes catapulted the evening into stardom. Carol Froedg.

Some 70 brethren of the MOREHEAD, Ky., church met for the Night to Be Much Observed March 31. The aroma of roast beef, the elegance of candlelight, a variety of fine wines and many happy beaming faces made the evening memorable to all. Much preparation went into making the meal a success. Local elder Bob Tackett and member Dessie Swim prepared the roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, which was later served by the YOU group. Everyone contributed by bringing their favorite unleavened dishes. With such a banquet of food and fellowship, the evening will long be remembered. Carol Froedg.

PEACE RIVER, Ala., was the site of a Plain Truth Bible lecture March 2. Fif-

ty April 6. Its purpose was to make the Days of Unleavened Bread more enjoyable for the children. The children, who came in costumes, ranged from infants through eighth graders. There were handicrafted prizes and each child was given a stuffed animal gift. Lunch was provided. Credit goes to Val Maurer, who originated the idea. Frank Lewandowski.

An unusual event took place in RENO, Nev., the last day of Unleavened Bread. In the morning service minister Jerry Center talked about faith in the building contractor that the structure would not fall down. In the afternoon service pastor Jim Chapman gave such a powerful sermon that the building began to rock (from a 5.0 earthquake). The result was a \$22 per person offering. Steve Ladnier.

The RIVERSIDE and BANNING, Calif., Spokesman Club had a garage sale March 16 and March 23 in which \$1,200 was cleared for the church fund. The spokesmen had just begun to unload their gear to set up the sale, when people began to arrive and buy things. It was a beehive of activity with people swarming all over to get their bargains. Some kept coming back, and one woman remarked: "I really enjoy being around you people. Everyone seems so stirred up." All the club members involved benefited from the experience of working together. Art Braided.

The ROCHESTER and SYRACUSE, N.Y., brethren heard evangelist Burk McNair March 30. He conducted the Pass-over service with assistance from pastor Dave Pack. Mr. McNair kept the Night to Be Much Observed at the home of a family here and then gave a sermon on the first day of Unleavened Bread. Mr. McNair's visit was most welcomed and

together for the main part of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The members from FINLAND joined them for the first part of the Feast. About 30 people attended under the leadership of pastor Peter Shen-ton. Due to Ingemar Wennerblom's hospitality the Swedish members were also able to be together for the latter part of the Festival. Mr. Wennerblom invited everyone to stay as his guests in his home or the adjacent hotel in Hofors. This amounted to a four-day mini-Festival



FIRST ANNIVERSARY — The Burnie, Australia, church celebrated its first anniversary March 22. The occasion was commemorated by the cutting of a cake by Mrs. W. Webberly, left, and Mrs. I. Klassek, right. Cups of tea, lunch and fellowship followed. (Photo by John Klassek)

Spanish

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"Of course I could only confirm that . . . As Mr. Armstrong used to say relative to the whole Work many years ago, 'We've just now begun to get ready to get started to commence to begin the Work!' And certainly I would say that is very much the emphasis that can be applied to the Work in Latin America."

Physical poverty a hindrance

Mr. Walker said that one of the impressions he came away with from the trip was the relative poverty, according to American standards, of the brethren in South America.

"We do have some brethren who are moderately well off, even by American standards, but most of our people, whether here in the United States or there, are not called out of the upper strata of society. We don't find millionaires being called in America, and we don't find them being called in Latin America either. The vast majority are extremely poor.

"I would have to say that in my view the major problem the membership faces in Latin America is a physical one, not a spiritual one."

Mr. Walker said, "In Latin America inflation is rampant, cost of living is high and therefore our people have to suffer just as everyone in their country has to suffer.

"Another problem that they face is high unemployment, sometimes up to 30 to 40 percent. Yet in many of these countries, if not in most of them, you're expected to work on the Sabbath. So if you as an individual are unwilling to do so, that doesn't make the employer one bit of difference because he's got another 15 or 20 people more than willing to take your job at less than what he's paying you . . . and so this becomes a real test of faith."

Brazil last stop

The final stop on Mr. Walker's trip was Brazil, where he visited four women in Rio de Janeiro who were baptized by Walter Dickinson, former Spanish Department director, on his tour through South America last year. The members there met



TREASURER MEETS WITH PATRIARCH — Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader converses with the Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church in Jerusalem April 14, left. Right: The Patriarch, center, meets with Mr. and



Mrs. Rader at the right and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollok and Ruth Cheshin, director of the Jewish Foundation. Mr. Rader was in Israel on behalf of Herbert W. Armstrong (see WN, April 21).

with Mr. Walker on the last day of Unleavened Bread.

"That was on Monday, and I was leaving Rio on Wednesday night, so they said, since I was here, maybe they could have a meeting on Tuesday as well and go through the meaning of Pentecost. That will be the next Holy Day, and no one will be coming through there, they said. Since there's no minister in the area, no one visits them at all. So I thought okay, fine, I'll go through the meaning of Pentecost so they would at least have advanced knowledge.

"Then they said, well, since you are not leaving until late Wednesday night, why don't we have a meeting on Wednesday as well and cover the meaning of Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles and the Last Great Day. I said, well, okay! So I went through the whole thing."

Mr. Walker said, "We've just got to find ways to satisfy that hunger and thirst . . . [and] we've got to do more [in terms of getting the Gospel out]. And that's what we've been working for. We do have plans. It's a matter of formulating the best ones so that we can increase our subscriptions and therefore by that means obviously get the Gospel as a witness to these people and fulfill Christ's mandate of the great commission. That's our whole thrust, obviously. That is why we want to do more."

INTERNATIONAL DESK BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — The last few months have been quite remarkable — miracles to aid members in deteriorating economic situations around the world, sudden upturns in interest in our Work, and exciting Feast reports from the Days of Unleavened Bread. Also Satan's activities are more evident than ever, overshadowed only by those of our God.

The increase in the churches is particularly reflected in Jamaica, Guyana and New Zealand, where attendance in each case was more than 30 percent above 1979 for the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Fine offering increases for the Feast were also registered.

Here's a sample: Bahamas, 44 percent; Grenada, 72 percent; Australia, 17 percent; New Zealand, 38 percent; United Kingdom, 25 percent; West Germany, 25 percent; Jamaica, 169 percent; and Malaysia, 54 percent.

During this season, three ordinations to local church elder were reported from Australia — Mervyn

Bell in Newcastle, Peter Wurster in Wodonga and Richard Davies in the Sydney South church. These men will assist their church pastors in a nonemployed capacity.

While on a visit to Salisbury, the capital of the African nation of Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia), Dr. Roy McCarthy, regional director for South Africa, ordained George S. Efthymiou as a local church elder. Mr. Efthymiou has been a member for 10 years. He and his wife Poppy have two sons, Oly and Nico, who are studying in Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Efthymiou will be serving primarily in the Salisbury church with church pastor Ron Stoddart.

Across the world, serious problems facing the island nation of Jamaica in the Caribbean are affecting our members. Who isn't affected when food becomes difficult to get? Charles Fleming, our elder in Kingston, Jamaica, wrote of increasing shortages. Flour, soap, milk, rice, sugar (on Jamaica?), cheese and butter, cooking oil and bread have all been in short supply at various times during the past six months. But, in spite of these shortages, brethren are being taken care of. One man visited a supermarket looking for one of those scarce commodities. He was returning to his car following his futile search when a stranger walked up to him, handed him the very item he needed and said he would look for some for himself later.

Another person was leaving a supermarket after a vain hunt for bread when a bread van entered the parking lot. The driver parked less than 50 feet from his car and sold him enough for his family and some friends. This happened two weeks in a row.

Perhaps the most inspiring incident occurred shortly after the opening of the church's new hall. In Jamaica there is a shocking upsurge in violent crime. Many accounts of brutal robberies and beatings are reported. One of our members one night had the misfortune of being surrounded by four or five men as he was waiting for the bus to go home. One man stuck a knife at his throat, another, one to his stomach. They went through his pockets, took all his money and ran away.

You can imagine his amazement when, less than a minute later, they all came running back and gave him his money back! They were under the impression that they had taken more than they had returned to him, and proceeded to search the surrounding area to see if any was missing. They waited until the bus came and then waved to him as the bus drove off.

When God intervenes in such a dramatic manner it really gives us the courage to continue the Christian fight even when life is getting tougher and tougher.

These are just three of the many

incidents that have encouraged and brightened the lives of the Jamaican brethren during serious times.

For those who have asked about progress in the Mediterranean — our office in England reports on efforts to bring the considerable numbers of people who speak English fluently on the European continent and in the Middle East into contact with *The Plain Truth*. Three avenues will be tried:

First, a number of advertisements have been booked in Cyprus, Gibraltar, Greece and the Middle East. It is hoped that these can be extended to other areas too, and the Atlantic editions of some of the higher market international publications, like *Time*, *Newsweek* and *The Economist*, may be used.

Second, a new leaflet has been designed that will be used in direct mail promotions.

Third, some subscription agencies that distribute English-language publications throughout Europe, will insert a leaflet in the publications they handle for a set charge per *Plain Truth* subscriber gained. This has already proved cost effective to the small degree it has been used. The office in England is contacting additional subscription agencies.

Now, we have eight members in Italy (most of them in Sicily), four in Greece, one in Gibraltar, two in Lebanon, four in Malta, five in Israel as well as another 11 scattered throughout the Middle East. They will rejoice to see further growth in that area of the world.

PASADENA — One hundred sixteen persons took the Passover in Martinique, according to the French office here. The pastor of the Martinique Church, Gilbert Carboneil, reports that local events make life on the small island dangerous. "The political situation in Martinique is explosive," reports Mr. Carboneil. "The opponents of the French government protest publicly. Racial hatred is becoming more noticeable."

The French Office also reports that the church in Haiti lost their meeting hall because of exorbitant rent costs. Evangelist Dibr Apartian exhorted Church members worldwide to remember the members living in these countries in their prayers, as living conditions directly affect the growth and well-being of God's Work and people.

Church attendance in Paris is growing, with 166 taking the Passover and 268 members present for the first Day of Unleavened Bread. The French Office states that during three Bible studies held by pastor Jean Carion in Lille, France, 66 new people attended. Twenty-one new people also attended inaugural services of the church in Liege, France. Mr. Apartian noted that the French Work in Europe is suffering from a lack of manpower and requested that Church members "beseech God daily to send us the laborers that will be able to do the job."

Taiwanese athletes say thanks for Ambassador's hospitality

PASADENA — Nineteen Taiwanese track-and-field athletes and their coaches left for home April 21 after more than a month of training here for the 1980 Summer Olympics.

Chi Cheng, secretary general of the Track and Field Association of the Republic of China, was hostess for a luncheon earlier that day in the Szechwan Restaurant for Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Ambassador College, Jim Petty, college athletic director, and Harry Snieder, executive fitness director at the college, and his wife Sarah. "It was her way of thanking some of the people who were helpful to the team while they were here," said Mr. Petty.

Gifts of appreciation were given to the college representatives including an audiovisual presentation titled *Taiwan, Republic of China, in Slides and Sound*, which Mr. McNair donated to the college library for use by the students.

Toasts were made as expressions of personal thanks, and to life long friendship between the Taiwanese and the people of Ambassador College. During the meal, a strong desire was indicated by Chi Cheng to return again next year, and to keep the doors open for future relationships for the Taiwanese and Ambassador College. Mr. McNair said he was appreciative of her gracious comments, and also

indicated a desire to continue the relationship.

The student body expressed their appreciation for the Taiwanese at a social in their honor April 16 in the third floor lounge of Grove Terrace, a men's residence. The language barrier was overcome by the friendliness of the group, along with the assistance of several members of the team acting as interpreters.

The social turned into a sing-along, with the students and athletes exchanging performances of their national anthems and teaching each other some national folk songs. Afterwards, autographs were exchanged, and the Taiwanese gave the students gift booklets about their native China.

The Taiwanese also gave a special performance during the Ambassador College Variety Show put on by the student body in the Auditorium March 22. The group performed traditional Taiwanese folk dances, which were narrated in English by Chi Cheng.

Paul Bodenshot, a coach at Marshall Fundamental School here in addition to being an official for the Amateur Athletic Union, and Mr. Snieder who has assisted in the training of Olympic high jumper Dwight Stones and other athletes, held a seminar for the Taiwanese on weight training and stretching for athletes.

Mr. Snieder and Mr. Bodenshot used triple jumper James Butts and hurdler Ray Willingham as examples of exercises, explaining the importance and effect of the training, while Chi Cheng interpreted and the athletes took notes. Mr. Snieder also worked with some of the athletes individually.

Ambassador College was their base of operations for training. The college track and other athletic facilities were used to keep in condition between meets with American athletes here in Southern California. Housing was provided in the college residence halls, and the athletes ate with the students in the college dining hall. Their trip was arranged by coach Bodenshot for the AAU. It was at the request of Mr. Bodenshot and the city of Pasadena that Ambassador College play host to the visiting team.

Mr. McNair said it was a "wonderful opportunity" for the students to have the Taiwanese stay on campus, and that he was pleased with the success of the visit and the conduct of the athletes.

Mr. Petty, who was in charge of seeing to their comfort while at the college, said their conduct was "very becoming of Ambassador ideals. When they first stepped off the plane [in Los Angeles, Calif.], they asked what rules there were that they might abide by them," said Mr. Petty.