

AM I IN IT FOR THE MONEY? A Frank Open Statement of the Plain Truth

By Herbert W. Armstrong
HERE IS a story such as you have never read before.

The State of California, through the attorney general's office, has launched a massive attack against the Worldwide Church of God, myself and Mr. Stanley Rader. Eight-column banner newspaper headlines screamed to the world the

Many are accused of preaching the "Gospel" for the money they GET out of it. Here is a frank, open statement of the PLAIN TRUTH. Here I lay my life bare as an open book before you!

way of LOVE to God and LOVE to neighbor.

Last Sunday I saw a preacher on television say, "We can't know the CAUSE of all the troubles, evils and suffering in the

world's "Christianity" to proclaim — the HARDEST for my hearers to accept.

I wanted to GIVE this amazing truth to the world. In my conversion I did not just "GET" — RECEIVE — Christ as personal Savior. Rather I GAVE this sinful self of mine to HIM. I received Him and His truth, NOT to "GET" for myself, or to "GET" salvation and eternal life for myself — but rather, that I might GIVE this precious truth and understanding to the world — that I might SHARE it with thousands and millions of others.

I GAVE up the business life and its rewards. Seven years later, in poverty, I began GIVING the precious truth over radio.

I started in poverty — from nothing of this world's goods. It was a work of FAITH from the start. I had one pair of shoes. They were righteous — they had "holey soles." I had a suit of clothes for every day in the week — and the one I was wearing was it! I had no car.

And what did I preach? I preached Jesus Christ and HIS TRUTH — the most DIFFICULT teaching and doctrine in all this

world's "Christianity" to proclaim — the HARDEST for my hearers to accept.

Would anyone start out with the most hard-to-accept teaching to make money? Does that make sense? It was a teaching and doctrinal TRUTH that has brought continual opposition, accusation, persecution. It's no way to make money, let me tell you!

I devoted my life to GIVING. My family and I went HUNGRY — and I do mean HUNGRY! That was part of the price paid for GIVING out of love for others, in a world adjusted to "GETTING."

Yet the living Jesus Christ blessed this Work in marvelous ways. Faith was rewarded. Prayers were answered — continually. The Work of the living God prospered.

In 1947 I founded my first college — God's college, that is! And on sheer FAITH, with no income whatsoever that was not already appropriated and obligated for radio time and operating expenses. By FAITH it survived!

I incorporated the Church

and college on improper legal advice — or we should not be suffering this State vs. Church lawsuit now. But I thought the legal advice was good. It was that of a lawyer who had been an attorney in the Internal Revenue Service of the government in Washington, D.C., for some 12 years. But I took pains to incorporate so that I, personally, could never GET anything out of it, except for modest salary earned. For this, I appointed this ex-government lawyer and two people not related to me as a committee of three to set my salary. I did not even set it myself.

This Work of God grew and expanded at the rate averaging 30 percent each year over the year preceding for 35 years — probably a record of growth unmatched. God allowed me to be responsible for handling many millions of dollars of His money. It was handled honestly.

Along the line, now about a quarter century ago, I came to know Mr. Stanley Rader, a very brilliant young certified public accountant. I employed him to establish at our headquarters an accounting system that is puncture-proof. It would be IMPOSSIBLE for me, or any officer or employee, to get away with anything more than his honestly earned salary or compensation for services.

Mr. Rader then graduated from the University of Southern (See MONEY, page 3)



PASTOR GENERAL SPEAKS — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong addresses evangelists and instructors for the Ministerial Refreshing Program in his new studio/office in Tucson July 2. [Photo by Aaron Dean]

allegation that I, with Mr. Rader, had been siphoning off millions of dollars every year from Church funds for our own accounts and use. After a year and a half, NO EVIDENCE of any wrongdoing has been found.

BUT WHAT ARE THE TRUE FACTS? Have I been in the Work of the living God for what I could GET out of it? Why and for what purpose did I start, 53 years ago? Just HOW MUCH have I "GOTTEN" out of it? Just how much do I have now? How much does Mr. Stanley R. Rader have now?

I had been quite successful as a young man in the advertising profession. In my own office in Chicago's "loop" in downtown Chicago, Ill., I was making, on the 1980-dollar value, more than \$175,000 per year before 30 years of age.

Then, in 1927, at age 34, the living GOD opened my eyes to HIS TRUTH, unpreached in this world. I came to see that the orthodox Christian teaching of my childhood and youth was the very antithesis of the truth God reveals in His Word, the Bible. In His Word God revealed to me that there are just two ways of life. One is "GET" — the way of SELF-centeredness — the way of "I'm in it for what I can GET" — I love ME, and I don't care about you." The other — GOD'S WAY — is the way of "GIVE" — out-flowing love and concern for the good and welfare of others — the

world — but we know that God is suffering along with us." I don't believe that. God has revealed to me the root CAUSE of all the world's evils and sufferings. Every evil in the world has come

JUST WHAT DO YOU MEAN—A CULT?

By Herbert W. Armstrong
HAVE YOU HEARD of Greeks being called, insultingly, "wops," Italians being called "dagos," Germans called "boche," Jews called "kikes" or "sheenies"? Mexicans who wish to insult Americans call us "gringos."

Some Southerners after the civil war called Northerners "Yankees." They intended it to be an insulting epithet.

A prominent Baptist minister recently said, "If the Worldwide Church of God is a 'cult,' then we Baptists were a 'cult' during the early years of our growth."

Actually, the word *cult* is not an insulting epithet, but today it is often used insultingly. The word comes from the word *culture*, which ordinarily is used as a very complimentary term. Webster defines "cult" as 1) formal religious veneration, worship, 2) a system of religious belief and ritual, also adherents to, 3) a religion rejected as non-

The Worldwide Church of God is *not* a "cult"! It is the present generation continuing the Church of God founded A.D. 31 by Jesus Christ. Here are the facts.

thodox or spurious.

It is this third usage that was widely used in the sensational Jonestown mass-suicide incident.

Since that event occupied front-page banner headlines for several days, some who do not know the facts have been labeling any or all small churches, small in membership, as "cults." SMALL CHURCHES ARE NOT "CULTS."

The one true Church

Jesus Christ founded the one true Church of God on the day of Pentecost, in June, A.D. 31. It began that day with 120 members. It was not a "cult." Jesus, during His lifetime, called those original members the "little flock" (Luke 12:32).

In the prophecies of the book of Revelation, two churches are foretold. One, in chapter 17, a great false church, called in verse 5: "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth." She is pictured as ruling over nations speaking different languages — large, strong, powerful. The other, the true Church of God, is described in chapter 12, as a small, persecuted church, having to flee for her safety.

By the year A.D. 53, the churches in Galatia, Asia Minor, now modern Turkey, had already removed themselves from the grace of Christ, into another gospel. The true Gospel of Jesus Christ was being suppressed from the world by the larger false church.

The true Church of God, holding to the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the teachings of Christ and the apostles, had to go underground, meeting for services in secret. Millions were tortured and put to death for their faith.

But the TRUTH of Jesus Christ and the apostles was preserved by the persecuted "little flock," and in its fullness in the Holy Bible.

The Worldwide Church of God today holds to the SAME FAITH, same doctrines, same customs and practices, as the original Church of A.D. 31, under the original apostles.

Meanwhile, your Bible says, Revelation 12:9, the WHOLE WORLD has been DECEIVED by the invisible Satan the devil. Yet GOD'S TRUTH has been preserved in the Bible.

If you would like to see some of that truth revealed and made plain, why not write for our free booklet, *Just What Do You Mean — Born Again?* It will open your eyes, when you see this truth IN YOUR OWN BIBLE!

Jerusalem: prime focal point in ongoing Middle East conflict

PASADENA — "All that burden themselves" with Jerusalem, prophesied Zechariah, "shall be cut in pieces." Jerusalem, he foretold (Zechariah 12:3), would be "a burdensome stone for all people."

Despite this prophesied warning, the nations of the world are burdening themselves more than ever with the intractable political positions involving the world's most fought-over city.

Explosive issue

For months, the Middle East dilemma centered on rival claims to the Israeli-occupied West Bank area and the growing number of Jewish settlements in the region. The U.S.-engineered Camp David agreement between Israel and Egypt attempted to devise some sort of Palestinian autonomy for the region. But the framers of Camp David realized that the future status of East Jerusalem — acquired by Israel during the 1967 war — was simply too explosive an issue to solve in the near future. Camp David's references to Jerusalem were left deliberately vague.

Now, however, pressures are mounting from all sides to force a

showdown over Jerusalem. In every instance the pressure amounts to a demand that the Israeli government relinquish control over the former Jordanian eastern half of the city. Israeli authorities, however, vow they will never allow Jerusalem to be divided again.

UN vote

On Monday, June 30, the UN Security Council — in a 14-0 vote, with the United States abstaining — reaffirmed its demand that Israel withdraw from captured Arab territories. It also condemned Israeli intentions to make occupied East Jerusalem part of a unified Israeli capital.

The resolution was introduced by 22 Moslem states and later endorsed by 14 other nations. By the time it came to vote, the text of the resolution was toned down considerably from the original Moslem demands, especially those threatening sanctions, enabling Washington to abstain rather than cast a veto. (It was over the Jerusalem issue that the U.S. delegation stumbled in an earlier UN vote in March.)

Specifically, the resolution declared "the persistence of Israel in

changing the physical character, demographic composition, institutional structure and the status of the Holy City of Jerusalem." It also said attempts to consolidate Jerusalem formally under Israeli rule "constitute a serious obstruction to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

The heat being focused in the UN on the Jerusalem issue is intensifying for an understandable reason. Israel's Knesset has been considering legislation that would recognize the entirety of Jerusalem (not just the western half) as the capital of Israel. In fact, on the very day of the UN vote, a Knesset committee voted overwhelmingly to pass such a bill on to the full parliament. The bill must pass three readings before becoming law.

Further, Prime Minister Menachem Begin, recovering from yet another minor heart attack, announced plans to move his office into a new government complex in the eastern half of the city.

Conservative Knesset member Geula Cohen, who sponsored the bill, praised the Knesset committee's decision. "Especially today, when the Security Council is saying no to Jerusalem, the Knesset must say yes to Jerusalem," she told Israel Radio.

Many countries, including the United States and Canada, don't even recognize West Jerusalem as Israel's seat of government, preferring to keep their embassies in Tel Aviv. U.S. presidential candidate John Anderson says that he would move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. But that's undoubtedly only a pitch to the "Jewish lobby." Cana-

da's short-lived Prime Minister Joe Clark also made the same promise before he was elected, but later backed down under pressure from Arab interests.

King Khalid's appeal

The Common Market, as reported in the last "Worldwatch" report, is becoming directly involved in the Middle East, with a "made-in-Brussels" foreign policy of its own.

Europe's Arab friends in the Middle East apparently are anxious to see a few more positive steps in their direction, including a definite position on the status of Jerusalem. Saudi Arabia's King Khalid, for example, called on the German people to help Arab Palestinians regain control of Jerusalem. The king, on a state visit to West Germany in mid-June, made his appeal at a ceremony in his honor at West Berlin's Charlottenburg Castle.

hoped that "our holy city of Jerusalem will once again be integrated into the Arab territory," thanks to the efforts of Palestinians, Arab states, "and the support of those nations who befriend us, in the first place the great German nation."

King Khalid's appeal went a bit far for now. A Bonn official afterwards noted that no European country, least of all West Germany, is prepared "to come out against Israel's claim to Jerusalem" or to favor "an Arab holy war over that city."

Oil blackmail

Even though they may not wish to concern themselves now with Jerusalem, the nations of Western Europe are nevertheless vulnerable to Arab pressure.

June 27, for example, Kuwait warned of an Arab oil cutoff to the West if the Palestinian problem, including the "insult" of moving

WORLDWATCH BY GENE H. HOGBERG

King Khalid's appeal (reported by the Religious News Service and practically nobody else) came less than a week after the European Common Market countries issued a declaration backing full self-determination for the Palestinians and urging that the Palestine Liberation Organization be "associated with" current negotiations for a peace settlement in the Middle East.

King Khalid compared the situation in West Berlin — 110 miles inside West Germany — to that of Jerusalem. He said he was convinced that Berliners had greater understanding than other peoples "for the feelings of the Islamic community that has suffered the loss of Jerusalem and for the Palestinian people who were driven out of their homeland."

The Arab leader added that he

Israeli government offices to East Jerusalem, is not settled.

Kuwait's UN ambassador, Abdalla Bishara, issued his strong warning during the Security Council debate mentioned earlier, saying, "I cannot guarantee the flow of oil to any industrial nation unless the problem of Palestine is settled. Oil is inseparable from the Palestinian soil." (Israeli UN Ambassador Yehuda Blum called the Kuwaiti threat "oil blackmail.")

Kuwait supplies no oil to the United States; most of its 1.5-million-barrels-a-day production is destined for Western Europe and East Asian nations.

Ambassador Bishara said moving Mr. Begin's offices to East Jerusalem "would be a humiliation to Islam, an insult Moslems cannot accept." (The United States and Egypt, Israel's cosigners in the Camp David Peace Treaty, also protested the projected oil move.)

The Kuwaiti ambassador further said that Washington concentrated on the Afghanistan crisis a month ago at the Islamic Conference in Islamabad, choosing to ignore, he said, the Palestinian question.

"To me Afghanistan is important," Mr. Bishara said, "but my survival is linked to Palestine. I am not threatened by the rumbling tanks of the Soviet Union. I am threatened by Mr. Begin's policy."

From now on, as never before, we must keep our eyes riveted on Jerusalem. Events surrounding the fabled city could erupt into conflict quicker than a wink of the proverbial eyelash.

Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Promises, promises — all I ever get is promises.

Have you called a retailer or service-oriented establishment requesting information about the product you ordered days or even weeks ago, only to be told, "Oh, we promise to get that out to you first thing tomorrow"? Or, "That check was put in the mail yesterday." Again: "The person who handles that has been out sick. Give us a week or two."

Or a recent classic we experienced. After hearing all of the above plus 99 more promises, we still haven't received the requested product one year later. We found the person handling the product had made so many unkept promises to people she had to resign! The company's word was not good.

This is an age when many promises are made, but few are kept. Politicians in an election year make promises that can never be fulfilled or were never intended to be. Advertisers promise "instant success, happiness and almost eternal life" if you use their product. By drinking a particular soft drink you'll have a "whole new way of life." I tried it. It didn't work. I'm still short, middle-aged and balding and I can't play tennis any better, either.

As Christians, living in a way that demands promises be made and sincerely kept, it behooves us to understand the importance of learning to "keep our word." As someone once said, "A promise made is a debt unpaid."

Satan was the first to make a promise that he could not keep. He promised Adam and Eve eternal life (Genesis 3:4).

The first ingredients of Christian character are integrity and honesty. We must practice what we preach. *Reared Luke 16:10-12.*

The Bible is full of exhortation on keeping promises. The word *promises* in the New Testament often refers to those God made to Abraham and the other patriarchs about sending the Messiah. It is in this sense that the apostle Paul commonly uses the word (Romans 4:13-14; Galatians 3:16). The Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13) is the power God has promised those who

shall believe in Him. The first commandment with promise is "Honour thy father and mother" (Ephesians 6:2); the promise is that their days shall be long upon the earth (Exodus 20:12).

Ephesians 6:5-7 tells us to keep our promises in Christian sincerity. "Not with eye-service, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ..."

It takes work to develop the character to keep promises. You may slip and fall, but you should view all promises — even the simple ones ("I'll call you tomorrow," "I'll be there on time," "I'll return that to you as soon as I'm finished") — as important. The value you put on your word should not vary with circumstances.

Be sure you can really do what you are about to promise. That saves you from embarrassment and will dispense with the need for excuses or apologies later on. If you can't keep a promise because of unforeseen circumstances, immediately contact the person to whom you made the pledge. Replace the promise that can't be kept with another one that you can keep. Remember, your sincerity is on the line. Break a promise *once* and real damage is done. It won't be easy to promise much to a person to whom you have already broken a promise.

Christian character is *what we are*; reputation is *what others think we are*. As it has been graphically described: "Man is very much like a barrel of apples. The apples that are seen on top are his reputation, but the apples down below represent his character." A reputation once broken may possibly be repaired, but the world (those we deal with throughout our Christian lives) will always keep its eye on the spot where the crack was.

The promises you make to *yourself* could well be the most important of all (whether they include overcoming a spiritual problem, doing things with your children or making certain commitments). As Christians let's not forget the promise we made at baptism to let God's Spirit live within us, to grow and overcome and strive for the Kingdom of God.

FEAST REMINDER

To date, 20 percent of all U.S. Festival applications mailed to members in April have not been returned. If you have not already done so, the Festival Operations Office would appreciate you sending your application with the title of the title as soon as possible to Tucson.

All applications must be returned, regardless of your Festival plans — transferring or not. If you desire to transfer, you should send in your application immediately, as several U.S. sites are no longer accepting additional transfers. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Dr. William Kessler
Festival Operations

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Rader's book

This is to report that Mr. Stanley R. Rader's book, *Against the Gates of Hell*, reads like a superbly written novel, which it is — the real-life drama that God is enacting here below. Blessed indeed are those few who have been chosen to have a role, be it great or small.

Susan Karoska
San Diego, Calif.

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Prisoner writes

Just a note to express my gratitude and deep appreciation for your superb efforts in producing a great newspaper.

Joe Cushman
Moundsville, W. Va.

★ ★ ★

Shot in the arm

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you and all *The Worldwide News* staff for the effort that is put into this newspaper. It is a tremendous blessing, a shot in the arm, so to speak, every time we receive it. Keep up the good work. It is appreciated more than words can tell.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Verbie
Anna, Ill.

God's way illuminated

The irony of it all! Indeed, there was a typographical error in the midst of your May 5 "Just One More Thing" column.

To give import to such a frivolous flaw in your very fine commentary, however, would be similar to claiming that a microscopic bit of dust defiles the beauty of the Hope Diamond.

Thank you for your significant and purposeful efforts to illuminate more facets of God's way of living.

Harvey Baker
Boynton Beach, Fla.

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Spiritual meat

I want to comment very favorably upon the many recent articles in the *Good News* and *The Worldwide News*. Certainly, we all need such stirring, thought-provoking spiritual meat to keep on enduring, growing and overcoming spiritual lukewarmness.

So thanks to Mr. Armstrong, and your entire staff for the great concern you all have shown for even the least of the brethren. Your efforts have not been in vain.

Truly this is the one and only Work of the living God and well organized and directed by His chosen apostle.

John R. Whalen
Forestville, N.Y.

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Church treasurer interviewed on California news, talk shows

PASADENA — Completing a tour of appearances on radio and television talk shows in Sacramento, San Francisco and Glendale, Calif., Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader returned here to speak at a Bible study in the Ambassador Auditorium July 4.

Mr. Rader covered several aspects of the state vs. church issue during the interviews, as well as explaining the Work of the Church: "We have a great commission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ worldwide," Mr. Rader stated on KGO-radio in San Francisco June 24. "And the core of the Gospel message is the coming Kingdom of

God... [It] is simply that Christ... as He promised, will return. And He will return soon. And when He does, He will return as a King and High Priest... then we will have the Kingdom of God... It will be a government of God based on the laws of God, not the laws of man."

KGO-radio is owned and operated by the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) and is "one of the foremost powerful and wide-ranging stations in the western United States," according to Chico, Calif., pastor Marc Segall.

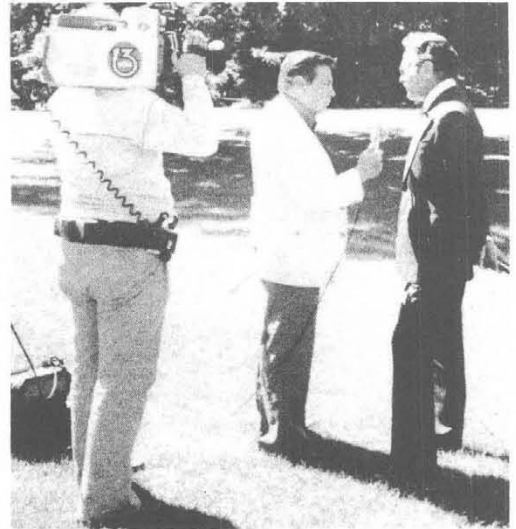
Jim Eason, the program's moderator, is a donor to the Worldwide

Church of God and a longtime subscriber to *The Plain Truth* by his own on-air admission. Mr. Rader discussed the issue of pilfering and siphoning off funds: "We really shouldn't... use euphemisms here. Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong and I have been accused of stealing \$70 million. Let's not talk about 'misuse' [as] you're talking about a person accused by the [California] attorney general; and the newspapers have put it in eight-column print... that we are the archcriminals of this age."

"He argues that Mr. Armstrong and I are stealing \$3 million each, per year, right now. Mr. Armstrong the other day called me and said, 'Now Stan, a million is one million, isn't it? A couple [of million] would be two million. So the millions each year [that are allegedly stolen] has to at least be three million [dollars] each. Now, Stan, where's the money?' Because he doesn't know where it is and I don't know where it is, but that's what they [the State] continue to accuse us of. And it's all false, obviously."

In response to an angry caller who asserted that Mr. Rader was taking "\$1,000 a day from the poor," he answered: "We will take \$300,000 as the figure [for Mr. Rader's annual salary and benefits] and take 600 church congregations that we have in the Western hemisphere and divide the 600 into 300,000 and get \$500 per congregation. Now, I had two of the ministers from the Sacramento area [Joel Lillengreen and Mr. Segall] drive down [to San Francisco] with me today. One of them is in the other studio. His congregation in Sacramento... [has]... about 500 members. That means those people are contributing each year... \$1 per person... I'm charging roughly two cents per week per member of his congregation."

While in Sacramento, Mr. Rader and his assistants John Kinston and Joe Kotora played host to a banquet for area elders, deacons and their wives. According to Mr. Segall, the Church treasurer "openly and warmly described the main events leading up to the latest phase of God's Work with His apostle, Mr. Armstrong." After taking questions, Mr. Rader stressed that his chief role in the Church is "to sup-



TREASURER INTERVIEW — Newsmen Bill Evans of KOVR-TV in Sacramento, Calif., interviews Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader on the lawn of the California State Capitol June 23.

port and stand behind Mr. Armstrong," Mr. Segall reported.

After appearing on KCRA-TV, KGNR-radio, KTXL-TV and being interviewed for three hours by KFBK-radio news director Pat Casey, Mr. Rader returned to Pasadena to appear on Dr. Gene Scott's television program, Dr. Scott's Faith Center is also under litigation by the attorney general. Dr. Scott taped and rebroadcast the interview with Mr. Rader several times since June 25, and has offered to broadcast the Work's television documentary about the legal struggle free of charge. Mr. Rader reported in the July 4 Bible study that initial arrangements are made, with the Church buying full-page advertisements featuring the documentary.

Government control

The California attorney general was interested in obtaining control over churches long before the Guyana tragedy in the fall of 1978, stated Mr. Rader on Dr. Scott's program: "When we closed down... our academic operations in Pasadena," he reported, "we decided to close [the college] for a two-week spell [in May, 1978]... That's all the time that decision was extant. About midway we got a call from [Deputy Attorney General Lawrence] Tapper. Tapper started asking him [Church attorney Ralph Helge] about what the Church

was about to do, in essence, with his [Mr. Tapper's] assets [referring to the Church-owned buildings on campus]."

"Well, Ralph did not pick up on it... [and]... I didn't either because it [the issue of Church ownership of property] went away immediately... He [Mr. Helge] simply said 'We're not [moving to Texas], all we're doing is closing down the program.' But if we had picked up on it, we would have realized that if we had been intending to move... Tapper was telling us that we couldn't do it without his permission."

Officials lack knowledge

Mr. Rader also detailed certain other problems in dealing with government officials: "For a period of almost 6½ months we have been negotiating privately with the attorney general to see if there wasn't some way for him to clean up his act and get out of this case without being completely humiliated."

"When [the negotiations started]... my intermediaries were absolutely appalled when they found out that neither [Attorney General Gene] Deukmejian or his two... top people had ever read the complaint [against the Church]."

"After a year and two months of [See INTERVIEW, page 12]

FORUM WITH STANLEY R. RADER

This issue's "Forum" is the conclusion of a question-and-answer session by Stanley R. Rader, the Work's treasurer and general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, in Pasadena June 3. Mr. Rader's comments cover various aspects of the present state of the Church.

Now that the corporate sole has been established, what impact will that have on our dealings with the State in the future?

What it really does is that it limits our battle with the State to the past and not to the present or to the future. The State doesn't have any more control over the Worldwide Church of God in any other place in the world than it has over the Ayatollah [Ruhollah] Khomeini in Iran. We are literally a worldwide church anyway. We're now conducting ourselves a little better along those lines.

As I told the *New York Times* today, maybe we were too naive in the past. We believed that there was a Constitution. We believed that the state of California also guaranteed us those rights, and we didn't take all of the steps necessary to protect ourselves.

As a matter of fact, in a conference a few weeks ago between the deputy attorney general and our lawyers, one of the deputies who emerged to his position from the bowels of his class, as described by the *Los Angeles Times*, was saying, "Why did anyone first in his class ever decide to incorporate in California?"

And then Mr. Helge, I believe it was, reminded them that that incorporation process took place in 1946. And that I hadn't met Mr. Armstrong until 1956 or '57. And that I hadn't begun to represent the Church in any way along legal lines until about 1970. And that three years ago I had advised the Church, as did Mr. Helge, to change from the corporate form to the corporate sole form.

And we actually sent papers to the secretary of state designed to accomplish exactly that. And that's all a matter of record. And the secretary of state turned us down because Mr. Armstrong at the time was too modest. He wanted the title of the corporate sole to be called the Worldwide Church of God, a Corporate Sole. And we tried to explain to him it couldn't be that way. It had to be a person's name. And he was too modest. And I said: "Mr. Armstrong, that's the way the Catholics do it. That's the way the Mormons do it. That's the way the secretaries of state will require that we do it." He said: "We'll try it the other way. I don't want it to just have my name."

And as I predicted, the secretary of state rejected it and then this followed. So we weren't totally naive as we began to see the movement. But when Mr. Armstrong and others

came to California they were advised by counsel that there was a Constitution in effect here, the United States Constitution, the California Constitution and that the best way of carrying out the Work of the living God as he explained it to them was to incorporate. If he'd been told that these other methods were available at that time and what the risks were of doing it one way as against another and what the advantages were, he might have opted as does the Catholic church to operate as a corporate sole, and we would have been a corporate sole for 30 years. That gives you some of the background. So it's not a brand new idea even for us. We tried to do this back in '76, not thinking that anything like this would happen.

Oh, by the way, *Harpers* magazine has asked our Professor Laurence Tribe to write an article. And he's been writing it and it will be coming out shortly. He had to hold it because he didn't want to run afoul of a Supreme Court custom that lawyers representing people before the court while the case is lodged there should keep their names out of newspapers or magazines.

But that article will offset some of the bad articles that have been appearing elsewhere. His position on our team is very significant. He's not just a lawyer in practice. A lawyer in practice takes all kinds of cases, and he takes cases where the people are guilty as well as innocent, because everybody is entitled to a defense.

He's from Harvard, and he's not in private practice, but he is allowed on a selected basis to take cases of paramount importance. And once he convinced himself of our integrity and the nature of this case, he has been an absolutely dedicated servant. And I can call him at two o'clock in the morning and he's in his office. And I can call him at two o'clock in the morning on a Sunday and he is there.

He is the outstanding constitutional lawyer in the United States today. He is working around the clock trying to vindicate us.

I just wanted you to know that, not that the other lawyers don't believe in our cause as well. I'm only pointing out he's got a lot at stake reputation-wise, and Harvard would look down on him if he got involved in the wrong case at the wrong time because it's just too much of an educational institution to have their leading law professor in that field running around after bad causes.

Money

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California Law School with the highest grades on record. Yale Law School awarded him a Sterling Fellowship, and all doors in the legal profession were open to him. But he was working more and more with us and preferred to stay with the Work of God.

Finally, some years ago, we told Mr. Rader we would like to have him devote his full time with us. This meant giving up a well-paying CPA business and an established law practice — he was a member of the bar in California.

Neither Mr. Rader nor his family were then members of the Church. It is understandable that Mr. Rader did not want to lower his family living standard. We agreed to pay him a salary equal to his income at the time. It was the highest salary on our payroll — well above my own. I am reminded of a large milling company in Minneapolis that used to have a slogan for its flour — "Costs more — worth it!" A

Rolls Royce car costs more than others — but will last 30 or 40 years — cheaper in the long run. God says "the labourer is worthy of his hire" (Luke 10:7). God would not have had me pay him less than he was worth.

Mr. Rader's kind of specialized talent and ability, like a Rolls Royce, may cost a little more — but is WORTH IT, and he should not be underpaid. However, let me add here that both Mr. Rader and one of his daughters now are baptized members of the Worldwide Church of God. And the whole family is firmly loyal to the Church at heart.

Now, today, after all these many years, WHAT DO I HAVE — AND WHAT DOES MR. RADER HAVE?

The government Internal Revenue Service has gone thoroughly and with a fine-tooth comb over both our personal accounts, and absolved us completely of any of these false allegations.

All I have in the world is my home in Tucson, Ariz., bought 3½ years ago with small down

payment and a long-term loan with many years yet to run before it is clear, the use of a 3-year-old car belonging to the Church and a checking account in the bank. My wife owns a car, clothes and some jewelry I bought for her with personal funds after taxes, tithes and offerings. That's all!

Mr. Rader has a bank account about double mine, and his home in Pasadena and is buying an interest in a small horse ranch in Tucson. His wife has some money in her own name, but it all came from her own mother — not from the Church.

Jesus Christ suffered persecution — was finally put to death on testimony of false witnesses. He said if they persecuted Him, they would persecute those who followed His TEACHING AND WAYS.

For 53 years I have lived a life devoted to the principle of GIVING! But those who GET do love to accuse falsely and persecute those who GIVE! WHEN WE ALL turn to living the GIVING way, there will be PEACE on this war-weary earth!

FOCUS ON YOUTH

"FOCUS ON YOUTH" WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

The "Focus on Youth" column was initiated in the Feb. 11 issue of *The Worldwide News* to acknowledge the many positive and outstanding examples of young people in God's Church. *Now You Know*, formerly published by Youth Opportunities United (YOU), was incorporated into this column in the April 21 issue.

"Focus on Youth," however, is not meant to address itself solely to YOU activities, but to the young people of the Church in general. "Youths Honored" will continue, and we will delve into other matters, such as the daily pressures of life on teenagers today, observing the Sabbath, SEP experiences and fund-raising projects.

We need your help to accomplish this — articles and photographs about your experiences. Your example could furnish guidelines that others may remember and follow.

Let other teenagers around the world know about you and your friends. Send your articles and photographs to "Focus on Youth," *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., U.S.A., 91123.

YOUTH HONORED

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Keith Holt was awarded the Indiana Governor's Award for his time-consuming work of puppeteering, Aug. 1, 1979. The past year saw him present his programs at functions sponsored by 44 agencies.

Twelve years ago Keith received a homemade marionette from his father. Today at the age of 17 he makes his own puppets and volunteers his time to hospitals, nursing homes, child-care centers, public libraries and the like, presenting puppet musical variety shows.

Each show lasts 15-20 minutes and appeals to a broad age group (from children to the elderly) and is in much demand by social directors of various institutions.

In a letter of gratitude one librarian wrote, "Community participation such as yours . . . brings people together to share common interests."

His efforts have been published in numerous publications, one of which is the 1979-80 issue of *Volunteering: A Status Report on America's Volunteer Community*.



KEITH HOLT AND PUPPET

Keith is a graduate of Harrison High School and will major in drama at the University of Evansville to further a professional career in puppetry.

REGIONAL TRACK MEETS

SALEM, Ore. — YOU members from Nevada, northern California, Oregon and Washington competed at the YOU Pacific Coast regional track meet here June 1. Northern California captured the pennant with 234½ points, followed by Oregon with 160 points. Washington came in third, only 3½ points behind. Individual leaders were Brenda Williams from Oregon in the junior girls division, Becky Terrico from northern California and Lisa Fricke from Oregon in the senior girls division, Aric Guttry from Oregon in the junior boys division and Ray Woods from northern California in the senior boys division.

SURREY, B.C. — The British Columbia YOU held its fourth annual regional track meet at Bear Creek Park here May 18. This year's champion in the A division was Surrey-Chilliwack. Prince George was a close second, with Vancouver not far behind in third. In the B division, Vancouver Island captured the top spot with Kamloops and Okanagan finishing second and third.

With increased participation over last year's, the competition proved to be much more impressive. Sportsmanship, evident throughout the meet, made it difficult to choose an individual standout. Finally the officials agreed to hand the Vancouver Island team the award.

MORE YOUTHS HONORED

ESCONDIDO, Calif. — Seventh-grader Karla Davis, 13, proved to her



KARLA DAVIS

classmates that honesty is the best policy and that finders are not keepers through an incident that occurred at her school recently.

While taking a make-up test in the science room Karla found a small purse containing \$24.83, which she immediately turned in to the office. She was told that if no one claimed the money in 60 days it would be hers.

After the time had expired, she was honored at an assembly and the principal praised her for her honesty in the school paper.

Her mother, Mrs. Duffield Davis, just a bit curious, asked, "Did you ever have any thoughts of keeping it?"

"Of course not, mother," Karla replied, "that would be stealing!"

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Participating with students from two southwest Washington school districts and the State School for the Blind, Renee Chuprinko, 9, received three first-place awards and one second-place award at the Vancouver Area Invitational Games for the Physically Handicapped April

18. The events, planned by therapists and recreational specialists, give physically handicapped students an opportunity to compete at their own ability level.

Vancouver mayor Jim Justin gave the opening remarks to the games, and local radio and television personalities served as master and mistress of ceremonies.



RENEE CHUPRINKO

Renee won first place in the 50-yard dash, 25-yard Scooterboard race and the tug-of-war team event, and second place in the Ambulatory Obstacle race. Renee attends the Portland, Ore., North church with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chip Chuprinko.

AMA, La. — Kevin Moses, 6, was chosen from his first-grade class at Luling Elementary School, Luling, La., to receive the Outstanding Student Award March 6. The award is presented to students "whose humane spirit has motivated them to unselfishly give time and talent toward making their school a better learning community for all students."

Kevin rode with his school principal to the award ceremony at Hahnville Junior High School, where Gary Barbaro, a professional football player for the Kansas City Chiefs, was the guest speaker and, with school superintendent Robert C. Rice, presented the award.

Kevin attends the New Orleans, La., church with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Moses, his brother Russell, 8, and sister Amy, 4.

PASADENA — Monica Shaw, 13, was honored by the Soroptomist Club of Pasadena for her outstanding achievement in academic and extracurricular activities. The award was given during an assembly at John Marshall Junior High School May 16. The following Tuesday she and her parents attended a club luncheon where she received a certificate and a \$25 check.

Monica, an honor student, plays flute in the school band and is involved in dramatics. She also enjoys playing the piano, reading and ice-skating.

She spoke on "Getting Involved" at commencement exercises May 12.

Monica attends the Auditorium A.M. church with her parents, Tony and Wilma Murphy.

MECHANICSVILLE, Va. — Matt Knuth was chosen a cowinner in the Young Author's Contest sponsored by the Richmond Area Reading Council May 21. The 89-page entry, *Galactic Rebellion*, was illustrated by

Matt and authored by Kevin Streit. The book took top honors over 1,163 other entries in three categories.

Rewriting the book from its rough form gave them the most trouble, says Matt, who assisted in the writing. Both bogged down on occasion, he said, but one or the other would come up with an idea that got them off and running.

Matt has completed the seventh grade at Battlefield Park Elementary School. He attends the Richmond, Va., church with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knuth.

TALENT CONTEST

SALEM, Ore. — Kim Friesen, a 17-year-old pianist from Tacoma, Wash., captured first place with her performance of "Fantaisie Impromptu in C Sharp Minor," by Frederic Chopin, at the YOU Pacific Coast Regional Talent Contest at the McKay High School Auditorium here May 31. Contestants from Oregon, Washington and northern California participated.

Matt Fenchel, 15, also from Tacoma, took second place with his accordion performance of "Emperor Waltz" by Johann Strauss. Third place went to violinist Loralyn Holm, 17, from Modesto, Calif., with her performance of "Sicilienne" and "Rigaudon."

In the junior division, 11-year-old Nathan Holm, a violinist from Modesto, won first place with his performance of "Bouree" by Frederick Handel.

Randy Stiver, contest emcee and local elder from Albany, Ore., noted, "The overall attitude of all the contestants was one of helping and encouraging each other to do their best."

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Yvonne Dilts, 9, daughter of Gail Dilts Wolstenholme, won second place in her category in the El Paso



YVONNE DILTS

County competition of a national visual arts project titled "Reflections: Behind the Gates of Tomorrow," sponsored by the national parent-teacher association (PTA). Her winning entry for the primary grades one through three was a look into the future, taken from the book of Isaiah, showing a Millennium of peace with children playing happily outdoors. About 500 El Paso County schoolchildren participated in the competition.

Yvonne received the award at the PTA awards luncheon May 2. Yvonne attends the Colorado Springs church with her mother.

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Just how important is this to the Supreme Authority above all? For our time now—late in the 20th century—He says, "This Gospel of the Kingdom of God shall be preached in all the world for a witness, to all nations, and then shall the end [of this world's civilization] come."

No other is taking this Gospel Message of the imminent WORLD-RULING Kingdom of God into all the world. In 1,900 years that Message has not gone out to the whole world!

The Supreme Authority says you cannot shut the doors He has opened before me!

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S VIEW

Just how have you, Mr. Attorney General, viewed my Great Commission, going into all the world with that all-important announcement of the coming world-ruling GOVERNMENT?

Without checking in a peaceful manner to learn WHY I have been going into all the world, you listened to the dissident, expelled ex-members of the Worldwide Church of God. You assumed that these arduous missions worldwide were mere pleasure trips—"siphoning off millions of dollars every year to my own personal account." You accepted, without first checking, the testimony of expelled former members. Through your actions, severe and irreparable damage was done to the Work of the living GOD!

In the first place, had you checked, you would have found that these globe-girding travels obeying the Great Commission from Christ, were allocated the *smallest* amount on the Worldwide Church of God annual



HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

budget—less than \$1 million per year! Yet it was necessary that I take along with me a team required for holding many series of public meetings before large audiences on various continents of the earth.

Opening the door to such public meetings were invitations for private audiences with many heads of state—kings, emperors, presidents, prime ministers. I have been given highest honors by the governments of foreign nations.

I have been the first—and so far as I know only—religious leader from the world of Christianity to be invited as the honored guest of the Communist People's Republic of China, to speak to large audiences this Message from the Supreme "Unseen Strong Hand from Somewhere" at the Chinese capital. My party and I were the honored guests of that largest-population nation on earth.

The Higher Authority I serve has said that in so doing, I or any others serving Him, would suffer the indignities of severe persecution—even from the high sources of this world. Jesus Christ said that if they had persecuted Him they would persecute us who follow and obey Him.

Not realizing what you were doing, you have allowed yourself to be snared into this major-scale persecution of the entire Church of God—and, as a test case, your start on a campaign to take over, own, control and manage the affairs of ALL CHURCHES!

I know that IN IGNORANCE you have done this. You allowed yourself to be misled by ex-members. Had you come to us in peace, seeking the background of the Worldwide Church of God and its world-girding operations, we would have given you the fullest cooperation and told you the PLAIN TRUTH.

We have so cooperated with every other government agency that has sought the true facts.

Forces of the Roman government persecuted Jesus Christ—finally put Him to death to pay for your sins, Mr. Attorney General, and mine. You have allowed yourself to be snared into fighting against this Higher Authority! I shall do as the Head of the Church admonishes: "Pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." I shall pray for your enlightenment, and that you may be forgiven by the Higher Power! I would like to take you with me into the soon-coming Kingdom of God!

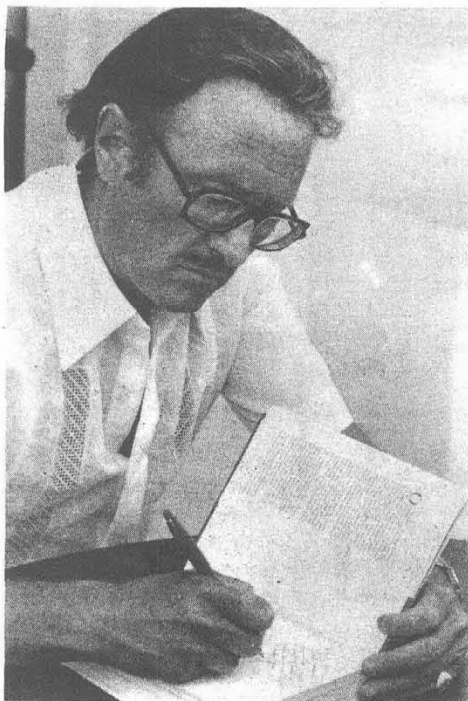
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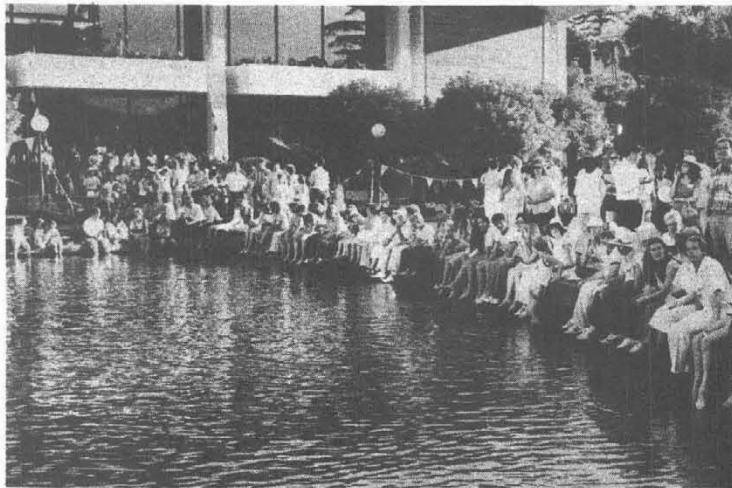
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5,000 ATTEND JULY 4TH WEEKEND PICNIC

Brethren from all over California enjoyed festivities at the second annual July 4 weekend picnic on the Ambassador College campus. Under unusually smog-free skies, members tried their hands at dunking ministerial trainees and employees of the Work in a dunk tank; munched on fresh watermelons; watched a film of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in the People's Republic of China; stood in line as Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader autographed copies of his book for more than two hours; cheered evangelists in a softball game; sampled some of "Colonel" Carlton Green's fried chicken and beef hot dogs; sat in the sun for a special parade of floats and Boy Scouts; listened to Mr. Rader talk about the activities of Mr. Armstrong; and took part in many other activities. The event was organized for the brethren here, who continue to actively support Mr. Armstrong during the Church's legal crisis. [Photos by Dexter H. Faulkner, Matthew Faulkner, Sheila Graham, Tom Hanson, Roland Rees, Scott Smith and Michael Snyder]





LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The **BAKER, Ore.**, church was officially begun by pastor Jeff McGowan June 14, with 85 in attendance. The Youth Chorus, accompanied by June Welsch and Lila Barry, sang special music. After a potluck meal, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lees were honored for 52 years of marriage. *Rita Roy.*

The **BIRMINGHAM, NORTHAMPTON and NOTTINGHAM, England**, brethren gathered at Leicester for the last Sabbath services to be officiated by Arthur Suckling, June 21. After four years as pastor in the area, he thanked those who had supported him, particularly the elders and deacons. A combined choir directed by J. Guy sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth" for special music. *Paul Roberts.*

The **BUFFALO, N.Y.**, church helped Carl and Mae Smith celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary June 14. After services coffee and cake were served. The Smiths have six children, including Bob Smith, who is a minister in God's Church in Fort Worth, Tex. *Bob Rodkey.*

Sabbath services June 21 proved to be a special day for the brethren in **CARDIFF, Wales**. While giving the announcements, deacon Eric Wood called Chua Lean Heng and his wife Han to the front to present them, on behalf of the congregation, with a going-away present of Welsh craft place mats. The next surprise came when Howard Mainwaring, giving the closing prayer, asked a blessing on the food. The men brought in tables and wine, and the ladies served cakes and refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Chua came to Britain for four years of university study. Now they have achieved their degrees and will be returning home. *Eric Wood.*

The **CHICAGO, Ill., SOUTHSIDE** church participated in a fund-raising project June 1. Along with participants from other churches in the area, members were employed by the Retail Grocers Inventory Service to do an inventory at the Venture store. The workers earned \$1,700 for the church. *Barbara Williamson.*

The **CUMBERLAND, Md.**, church surprised minister Grant Spong, his wife Jennifer and son David with a potluck dinner after Sabbath services May 31. The Spongs planned to move to his homeland of Australia. A few days later, because of unforeseen circumstances, the Spongs found they would not be leaving after all. The members were glad they had the opportunity to thank the Spongs for their service and to have them stay. *Carolyn Raines.*

A yard sale was organized by the **CUMBERLAND, Md.**, church at the Hoppert's farm on Iron's Mountain June 8. While the brethren sipped hot coffee to help keep warm in the unseasonably cold and windy weather, various donated items sold for \$120.50. *Carolyn Raines.*



VOLLEYBALL IN ZIMBABWE — Members from the Salisbury, Zimbabwe, church enjoy a round of volleyball during a picnic at Lake Mellwaine June 8. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

The **CUMBERLAND, Md.**, church participated in Heritage Days, a county festival sponsored by Tourism and Public Relations of Allegany County, June 15. The brethren set up a booth featuring homemade baked goods and crafts, crocheted items, sock dolls, flower arrangements and woven baskets. An area artist in charge of evaluation gave the booth the highest possible rating. *Carolyn Raines.*

The annual **DENISON, Tex.**, church picnic was at the ranch of members Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rush June 8. Despite threatening weather, comfortable tem-

peratures prevailed for most of the day. Softball, volleyball, horseshoes and children's games filled the time until lunch. After the potluck meal, the afternoon activities included a raw-egg-throwing contest directed by Doug Brooks, with pastor Gerald Witte and son Jade winning the grand finale. *Henry Wilson.*

The Sabbath of May 31 was YES Day at the **DETROIT, Mich.**, EAST church completed its third year of the YES program. Robert Wilmoth, deacon and coordinator of the program, gave the sermonette, "Why YES Is Important." Pastor Earl Williams delivered a sermon on the basic principles in childrearing and parenting. For special music the 3- to 7-year olds sang a medley of Bible songs accompanied by Glenda Rozenski on the guitar, and the 8- to 13-year olds sang "Onward Christian Soldiers," accompanied at the piano by Tom Fletcher. Certificates were awarded to 111 students in ages from 3 to 22. *Robert Wilmoth.*

Twenty-four members of the **DULUTH, Minn.**, church traveled to Orr, Minn., May 31 to help prepare the facility for the opening of SEP June 24. They stayed overnight in the dormitories Saturday night and got an early start on the plumbing and electrical work, maintenance of camp vehicles, cutting and hauling wood (in spite of pouring rain) and cleaning the kitchen. *Carol J. Morken.*

Three high school graduates, Becky Dayhoff, Charnel Nichols and Helen Gault, were honored by the **FORT MYERS, Fla.**, church with a luncheon May 31. Helen, an exchange student from Northern Ireland, will return home in July to work. Charnel will attend college this fall, and both she and Helen hope to attend Ambassador College for the spring term. Becky has been accepted for the fall term at Ambassador. *Bonnie Friebe.*

More than 120 members from the **GLASGOW, EDINBURGH and KILMARNOCK, Scotland**, churches met on the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond June 8. The Queen Elizabeth National Forest Park picnic area was near the British SEP site at Cashell. The more energetic brethren climbed nearby Ben Lomond (3,192-foot high) to enjoy the scenery. They were welcomed back to base camp with a hot meal prepared by deacon Robert Storrer. Some adventurous individuals took a dip in the cold waters of Loch Lomond, while others played soccer. *Robert Fairbairn.*

Members and friends of the **GLENDALE, Calif.**, church gathered at Crescenta Valley Park for a picnic June 1. The YOU group served and helped to organize the games, which included sack races and softball. To top off the afternoon, cold watermelon slices were served to everyone. *Bonnie Adair.*

For a fund raiser the **GRAND JUNCTION-MEEKER, Colo.**, church tore down a dome building in Ashcroft, Colo., June 1 and received \$1,000. The turnout was good and everyone took an active part. *Carol Baxter.*

The **HOUSTON, Tex.**, EAST church was overwhelmingly surprised with the donation of a Lowrey Carnation Organ

June 7. Since the members live great distances apart, they enjoy outdoor covered-dish meals together after Sabbath services. They have had eight new members since the first of the year. *Shirley Scott.*

The **IOWA CITY, Iowa**, church gave a farewell social for deacon and deaconess Jim and LuAnn Haan and their sons, Joseph and David, May 31. The members watched with regret as the Haan family departed for California after four years in the area. *Vern Tenold.*

About 75 courageous people from **JACKSON and DICKSON, Tenn.**, floated down the Buffalo River June 8.

After 16 miles of many spills and hang-ups on dead trees, they finally reached the stopping point and headed home, safe but tired. *Sue Gardner.*

The graduation and achievement awards program for the **LOUISVILLE, Ky.**, YES was during Sabbath services June 7. Forty-eight children attended the instructional program, with 27 graduating to higher levels. Certificates of achievement were awarded for the year's study. After commencement the participants presented a musical program, accompanied and directed by Jim Smoak. *Robert Adcock.*

The annual **MODESTO, Calif.**, YOU Awards Banquet was attended by more than 100 brethren June 14. All junior high and high school graduates received cards, with special notice for outstanding accomplishments. Athletic awards were distributed by the coaches of basketball, cheerleading, volleyball and track. A surprise award from the youths to YOU coordinator Robert McNeely was a cake decorated to read "We love you, Uncle Bob" and a gift certificate. *J. Taylor.*

With a distribution of 50,000 household cards since July last year, **NEWCASTLE, Australia**, church workers reached about 12½ percent of the population of the region. By the middle of May, 333 people became new *Plain Truth* subscribers. The members are enthusiastic about the campaign, and coordinator Gra-



CHOIR BANQUET — Roanoke, Va., choir members sing their favorite songs at a semiformal banquet May 31. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

ham Mills is awaiting the arrival of 50,000 more cards. *Bill Dixon.*

The **PEORIA, Ill.**, young people and their teachers had a Sabbath school open house for the congregation June 14. The church meets in a school auditorium, and the children have use of the classrooms. Everyone was invited to view each class and the work done throughout the year. *Myrna Davison.*

An open house for senior citizens in the two **PITTSBURGH, Pa.**, churches was in the home of pastor Don Lawson June 8. The occasion afforded a chance for fellowship and for the brethren to learn from the senior citizens' wisdom. Among the 55 senior citizens attending was Blanche Dean, 93, probably the oldest Pittsburgh member. She said, "I think it's an honor to be old, because God gives you your life." Also present was Grace Tolbert, 80, who writes poetry and makes gifts of booklets of verse. Entertainment was provided by Ron Adames on the guitar and by Blanche Moore, who played the piano, sang, yodeled and led a sing-along. *Frank Lewandowski.*

At the Lower Guildhall in Plymouth, England, the four churches in southwest England met for a combined service June 14. Paul Suckling, visiting from Radlett, gave the sermon. Special music was presented by the combined choirs from the **EXETER and PLYMOUTH** Sabbath schools. Then, to everyone's delight, Vivian Carne was ordained as a local elder. *John Collins.*

Members from the **PLYMOUTH and EXETER, England**, churches met at Bigbury Beach for the annual southwest England beach party June 1. The weather was sunny, and after lunch most joined in volleyball, rounders or other games while the young children enjoyed the sand. *John Collins.*

The **PORTLAND, Ore.**, Ladies' Club invited the ladies of all three Portland churches to a tea June 8. A fashion show, emceed by Janice Alles, was presented



TWO DECADES OF SERVICE — Evangelist Ron Kelly, (far left, front row), his wife Norva Lee (far right, front row) and some of the founding members of the Sacramento, Calif., congregation pause for a picture at 20th anniversary services June 21. (See "Church Activities," this page.)

with the women modeling favorite outfits. An arts-and-crafts exhibit was also on display. *Woody Corsi.*

The third annual **ROANOKE, Va.**, choir banquet took place at the Troutville Townhall May 31. "Over the Rainbow" was the theme for this semiformal event, which featured hours d'o'oeuvres, a potluck meal arranged by Betty Jo Estes and songs led by choir director Judith Lanum. After the Sabbath a fun show, organized by Jim Stiglish and emceed by Don Goddard, entertained all present with solos, duets and skits. Following the fun show, a history of the choir was given by Barbara Puckett, Jackie Plunkett and

followed by a sing-along around the campfire. *Kathy Foster.*

The brethren of the **SALISBURY, Zimbabwe**, church proved tribal and racial harmony can be achieved at a social June 8. One hundred fifty people gathered at Lake Mellwaine, Salisbury's water reservoir, and enjoyed sport, talk, food and drink. The hired bus transported most members back home at the end of the successful day. *Ron Stoddart.*

The **SARNIA, Ont.**, Church members, along with those from **LONDON, Ont.**, enjoyed a picnic June 22, consisting of grilled hamburgers, salads and desserts. After a little relaxation, games were played. During the tug-of-war the rope broke twice, leaving no winners. Marie Buntain won the women's sack race, and Sandy Adams won the men's. In the children's division Jimmie Henderson was first. In a women's handkerchief throw Mercedes Adam won with the longest distance. Melissa Kost found 72 peanuts to win the peanut hunt. *Iva Mae Grimes.*

The **SASKATOON, Sask.**, church had a pancake breakfast in Forestry Farm Park June 8. The food served included pancakes, beef sausages, strawberries with cream topping, fried eggs and coffee. Special games and sports for children up to age 11 included foot races, tug-of-war, ball-throwing and other games. *Harvey Tanke.*

Thirty-nine men, women and children from the **WASHINGTON, D.C.**, church took a bus trip to Old Williamsburg and the Williamsburg Pottery Shop in Lightfoot, Va., for a day of shopping and sightseeing June 8. On board the travelers were served a breakfast of doughnuts, buns and drinks by Verrell Fitchett and Clara Smith. *Clara V. Smith.*

The **WHEELING, W.Va.**, church marked its 15th anniversary with weekend activities June 7 and 8. Roy Holladay, Wheeling's first full-time pastor, traveled from Chicago to be the guest speaker for Sabbath services. A get-together with snacks and drinks took place after services. The following day members enjoyed a picnic at Oglebay Park. Softball and games for various ages were featured. *Don Pickenpaugh.*

For members in the northern Shenandoah Valley area of Virginia the Sabbath of June 7 was a memorable day. Eighty-three brethren were present for the opening service of the **WINCHESTER, Va.**, church at Robinson Memorial Elementary School. Grant Spong led songs; Davis Grove brought the sermonette; and Terry Mattson, pastor of the Hagerstown and Cumberland, Md., churches, gave the sermon. Mr. Mattson will pastor the new church. *Margie Dulaney.*

Despite some rainfall 151 brethren from the **WINCHESTER, Va.**, and **HAGERSTOWN, Md.**, churches turned out for the first church picnic of the summer season at a Clearbrook, Va., park June 15. Volleyball, tug-of-war, horseshoes and children's games were followed by a flower-arranging demonstration by Janet Keescker and a basket-weaving workshop by Mary Dawson. *Margie Dulaney.*

CLUB MEETINGS

Thirty members of the **ALEXANDRIA, La.**, Spokesman and Ladies' clubs met at the Holiday Inn May 10. The evening began with a buffet dinner and champagne for the members, their spouses and guests. The tables were decorated by Robert Turley with roses from his own garden. Ronald King was chairman and acting president for the evening. For table topics Curtis Lambright and co-hostess Mrs. Robert Turley took turns. (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 9)

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 asking provocative questions such as "What do you do on family night?" Alternately introducing speakers were toastmasters Bill Griffin and hostess Martha Turley. *Mrs. Gilbert K. Arnold.*

At the completion of the 1979-80 shooting season, the 12 junior and four senior members of the BUFFALO, N.Y., Rifle Club won a total of 63 awards. This year's club co-champions are Joni Cyman and James Pereboom. Two Bronze Bar winners, David Kraft for the second time and David Tonucci

Scheifele of the Toronto East church, who spoke about her recently published book. Liz Johnson gave closing remarks. *Joyce Sherwood.*

The MANHATTAN, N.Y., Spokesman Club has been developing both physically and spiritually in the outdoors recently. The men and a few guests made their way up to the Mount Pocono, Pa., area to perform a service for one of the brethren June 1. Monroe Trimbald owns a large rooming house that is open only seasonally. Lending their backs and muscles, dead trees were cut and re-



YOU TALENT — Mark Salcedo performs "Prelude in G Minor" on his way to capturing first place in the senior division of the Southwest YOU Regional Talent Contest June 29 in Pasadena. (See "Youth Activities," page 11) [Photo by Ruel Guerrero]

for the third time, were also chosen for maintaining their outstanding ability as marksmen. *Ron Tracey.*

At the BUFFALO, N.Y., Spokesman Club meeting June 1 Dennis Rey, club president for 1979-80, and Garner Holdsworth, a former Ambassador College student, received their Certificates of Merit. The theme for the graduation night meeting was "Poland and Its Heritage." Pastor Daniel Bierer announced the coming year's officers: Steve Estabrook, president; John Wilke, vice president; Daniel Buczek, secretary; Robert Natello, treasurer; and William Koehn, sergeant of arms. *William Koehn.*

The annual dinner-club meeting of the CANNON, Australia, Spokesman Club took place June 14. Topic mistress Shirley Walsh produced a lively topics session, and Peter Laidler, toastmaster, introduced the speech session. Club director and minister Don Abraham presented the awards for the evening: Most Effective Speech to Jamie Fenner, Most Improved Speaker to Graeme Ainsworth and Most Helpful Evaluation to President Roland Sernig. *David Simpson.*

The Women's Club of the CHICAGO, Ill., NORTHWEST church played host to a nostalgia theme luncheon in the Regency Hyatt O'Hare Hotel June 1. A nostalgia trivia-question quiz was featured, as well as a slide show featuring replicas of old theater slides and old movie stars and movies. Fred Matson sang an original composition based on the Genesis account of the creation. *Susan Frederick.*

The last event of the year for the FLORENCE, S.C., Spokesman Club took place in the Ramada Inn June 7. The members and ladies enjoyed a smothered-quail dinner by candlelight. Following the meal, President Winston B. Davis supervised the topics, comments and speeches. The crowning event of the evening was the graduation of deacon D. Gordon Davis. *Charles B. Edwards.*

The HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Spokesman Club had its final meeting of the year June 7 at the Downtown Hilton. After a steak dinner enjoyed by the 60 in attendance, Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Chaney brought table topics. Following intermission five speeches were given. During the evening graduation certificates were presented to nine graduates: Wayne Brown, Mr. Chaney, Tom Cole, Milan Davenport, James Lamb, Jack Lawrence, Roger Reid, Clyde Thompson and Paul Thompson. *O.J. Lawrence.*

The last meeting of the year for the Ladies' Clubs of KINGSTON and SMITHS FALLS, Ont., took place at the Holiday Inn Saturday evening, May 3. Following a chicken dinner, Zola Warr, coordinator for the Kingston Club, welcomed everyone and gave some opening remarks. The table-topics session was conducted by Adri McCready and Linda Kendall. Then Rita Brown, coordinator of the Smiths Falls club, introduced the guest speaker, Jean

Jeremy Rapson presented the four speakers: Colin Elsom, Valerie Cann, Alan Tilmouth and Diana Morcom. *John Collins.*

The RENO, Nev., Men's and Women's Clubs met to end the club year June 9 in the Christmas Tree Restaurant. Entertainment included a topics session by Bruce and Francie Loper. Next Jim Chapman, pastor here, and his wife had the Colcords, Springmeyers, Yutzys and Dakins play a game to see how much they knew about their mates. *Naomi Yutzys.*

The final meeting of the year of the ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Ladies' Club took place June 1. During the year, 14 ladies gave speeches on a variety of subjects ranging from alcoholism to building self-esteem. The meeting was in the home of pastor David Sheridan, who gave a Bible study on God's attitude toward women. The club concluded with a potluck meal. *E. Best.*

The ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Spokesman Club concluded the club year with a graduation dinner-dance May 17. After a fine meal, the club members, wives and guests, totaling 52, were treated to a topics session by Victor Pitcher. Toastmaster Frank Burke then introduced speakers Bob Rixon, Bill Whelan, Dave Penny, Abe Carbage and Dave Smith. Mr. Smith received his graduation certificate. *Frank Burke.*

The newly organized Women's Club of the ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., church, met June 17 at the home of Janice and Helen Walworth. The business meeting was conducted by Vice President Jackie Duray. Becky Hutchins was appointed to send appropriate cards on behalf of the club. Minister Robert Jones appointed the club officers: Sharon Campbell, president; Jackie Duray, vice president; Barbara Ames, secretary; and Charlene Rush, treasurer. *Hazel Worth.*

The TAMPA, Fla., Spokesman Club had its year-end graduation and Ladies' Night in the Columbia Restaurant April 3. After the meal enjoyed by the 50 in attendance, Dale Yates gave some tongue-twisting word exercises, followed by a topics session conducted by Paul Topush. Following a short break, five speeches were presented. Carl Genaro and Ray Mowell shared the Most Effective Speaker cup, while Chris Strong received the Most Improved

speaker, the lawn mowed and the house painted. The following weekend, the men and a few guests camped out in the Taconic State Park in Upstate New York. *James R. Hills.*

Ladies' Night for the MODESTO, Calif., Spokesman Club June 8 was highlighted with the graduation of long-time member Delbert Cutsinger. Ed Taylor, a YOU member, was awarded



YES DAY — Children in the Louisville, Ky., YES program sing a medley of songs as part of their graduation and achievement awards program June 7. (See "Church Activities," page 8) [Photo by Jim Burgess]

the Most Effective Speaker; Doug Samski was the Most Improved Speaker; and Daniel Freeman, another YOU member, was awarded the Best Evaluator. *J. Taylor.*

The MONTGOMERY, Ala., Ladies' Club played host to a wine and cheese tasting party June 7. The manager of the Swiss Colony store, Jack Williams, gave some background on the wines and cheeses provided. Members of the club furnished relish and fruit trays to accompany the various wines and champagnes served. *Connie Williams.*

The alumni graduation of the NASHVILLE, Tenn., Spokesman Club took place at the Cherokee Resort and Steak House June 8. About 80 people enjoyed a steak dinner and a view of Old Hickory Lake. Mike Taylor was toastmaster, with Ron Young serving as topicsmaster. A graduation speech was presented by Richard Fox, followed by speeches from Dave Duncan and George Greenwood. *Mary Hutcheson.*

Eight members of the PITTSBURGH, Pa., Spokesman Club received graduation certificates at a banquet at the Avanti Lounge in Coraopolis, Pa., June 4. Director Earl Henn awarded certificates to Bob Biskup, Don Eubanks, Bill Gressly, Vic Gurinowitsch, Chuck Holliday, Don Martin, Jere Wilson and Jack Yeager Jr. *Frank Lewandowski.*

The clubs from the four churches in southwest England met in PLYMOUTH, England, for a combined end-of-season dinner at the Holiday Inn June 14. After a roast turkey meal, Alan Bates conducted a lively session of table topics.



GRACEFUL EFFORT — A participant in the YOU Western Biregional Track and Field Meet curls across the bar in the girls' high jump competition in Pasadena June 29. (See "Sports," page 10.) [Photo by Michael Snyder]

dent Joe Chepardak welcomed everyone and John Plunkett led table topics. Toastmaster Wayne Stirret introduced five speakers: Al Brenda, Mike Jodrell, Peter Crompton, David Chepardak and Colin McCrea. Trophies were presented to Mr. Chepardak for Most Effective Speech, Mr. Jodrell for Most Improved Speaker and Len Platt for Most Helpful Evaluation. *Laurel E. McCrea.*

The VISALIA and FRESNO, Calif., churches had a combined Spokesman Club graduation meeting in the Riverland Restaurant June 1. The graduates included Jim Alexander, Rodger Daniels, George Bray, Lonzo Ernest, Earl Kirk, Lindy Meyer Jr., Tim Spencer and Sam Lewis. Honored for the Most Effective Speech was Mr. Alexander. Most Improved Speaker was Mr. Ernest and Most Helpful Evaluator was Dave O'Malley. *Sharyl Justice.*

The WHEELING, W.Va., Leadership Training Class enjoyed a Ladies' Night June 15. The 25 present feasted on home-prepared foods and treats. A challenging session of table topics was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams. Three sermonette-style speeches were delivered, including one by William Hadley and one by Dave Cross. *Don Pickenpaugh.*

The recently formed Spokeswoman's Club of WOLLONGONG, Australia, enjoyed a cheese-and-wine-tasting evening June 8. President Jean Leske offered a variety of local and imported wine and cheeses. Table topics by Helen Matterson revolved around wine and cheese. Rosemary Gudze delighted everyone with her bubbly description of wine-making and its medicinal benefits. Kathy Ryan spoke on the origins and cultures of cheese. *Beatrice Stefanovic.*

SINGLES SCENE

The CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Young Adult Club gathered for a picnic and afternoon swim at Harrison Bay



RIFLE CLUB AWARDS — Members of the Buffalo, N.Y., Rifle Club receive their marksmanship awards. (See "Club Meetings," this page.) [Photo by Bob Rodkey]

State Park June 8. Preceding the picnic lunch, softball practice was held for both the men's and women's teams. A practice game was staged between a mixture of the two teams, with the players working up quite an appetite. *Barb Keepes.*

Forty-nine singles from the MONTREAL, Que., church piled into 12 cars and headed for Hemmingford, Que., to the Zick's farm May 31. The group enjoyed barbecued hot dogs, salads and drinks. Afterward, pastor Cecil Maranville spoke on the role of singles in the Church. The rest of the evening was spent in a sing-along around a roaring bonfire. *E.A. Gore.*

SPORTS

The first annual June Fun Run took place in BIG SANDY, Tex., June 1. The fun run consisted of a 5,000-meter and a 15-kilometer race. Fifty-six runners from across Texas and neighboring states participated. Surprising winners were 9-year-old Lynn Simon in the girls' under-20 division and Peter Fisher Sr. in the over-40 division. Other winners included Charles Dickinson in the men's under-20 division, Regina Rebach in the women's open, Skeets Mez in the men's open and Mike Kennebeck in the 15-kilometer race. A special trophy was presented to the oldest competitor, Walter Capps, 86. *Skeets Mez.*

The BIRMINGHAM, Ala., YOU both played host to and won the 1980 District 43 Track and Field Meet here June 1. The 21-member team garnered 410 points during the day's activities to take the No. 1 spot, followed by HUNTSVILLE and GADSDEN, Ala. The meet was just part of the weekend's activities, which involved youths from most of Alabama and parts of northern Florida and included a dance Saturday night. Special awards were given at the meet to individuals who earned the most points in their divisions. Recipients included: Kenny Eady, Birmingham, junior boys' division; Tammy Waid, Birmingham, junior girls' division; Kenneth Hartley and Harold Waid, both from Birmingham, tying in the senior boys' division; and Cindy Underwood, Huntsville, winning the senior girls' division. *Jim Valakis.*

The meaning of TERSE was finally solved June 7. The TORONTO, Ont., EAST Rap Session was an opportunity for singles to decide what activities they would like to attend this summer. Wine and cheese were provided by the Singles Committee. *Carola Finch.*

CLEVELAND, Ohio, youths participated in a regional track meet in Berea, Ohio, June 1. Eighteen individual and three relay records were broken by the 162 competing teens. Neil Topouski set a new standard in the long jump with a leap of 17 feet and 4 1/2 inches, and Orchid Hill blazed into the record books with a time of 11.45 in the 80-yard hurdles and 11.03 in the 100-yard dash. Neil and Orchid were the Most Valuable Performers in the junior boys' and junior girls' divisions. Eric McBurney, the Most Valuable Performer in the senior boys' division, swept the distance events. (See CHURCH NEWS, page 10)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ALEN, George and Rhonda (Reed), of Birmingham, Ala., girl, Rachel Caroline, May 29, 1:48 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

CARTER, James and Vicki (Klaus), of Brisbane, Australia, girl, Helle Nicole, June 13, 12:25 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

FINBERTY, Douglas and Patricia (Newman), of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Tara Shannon, Jan. 23, 12:30 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

FOSTER, Dale and Ruth (Bogle), of Lemoore, Calif., boy, David Layton-Leroy, June 27, 10:15 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

GRAHAM, Roy and Pam (Dawkins), of Salisbury, Zimbabwe, girl, Tammy Loren, April 10, 9:20 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

HEIMBERG, Felix and Connie, of Milwaukee, Wis., girl, Rina Jo, June 13, 9:5 pounds, now 3 girls.

KELLER, Vic and Linda (Dunn), of Cape Girardeau, Mo., boy, Jared Dana, June 10, 3:29 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

KLING, Richard and Susan, of Pasadena, Calif., boy, Sean Richard, April 19, 10:08 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

KNOX, David and Maxine (Rohrs), of Lake Oswego, Ore., girl, Davina Dawn, June 14, 10:20 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

LANGLEY, Ford and Carole (Heiser), of Lufkin, Tex., girl, Deborah Michelle, May 27, 7:49 a.m., 8 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

LEVITT, Daniel and Beverly (Carlson), of Kallispell, Mont., girl, Miriam Brianna, March 20, 11:09 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

MATTI, Richard and Marilyn, of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, girl, Dana Ruth, May 19, 7:05 p.m., 8 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

MAYNARD, Michael and Joyce (Christner), of Tampa, Fla., boy, Michael David II, June 13, 4:37 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

MERRITT, Dr. John and Marcie, of Rochester, Minn., boy, Ellis James, April 4, 9 a.m., 9 pounds, now 4 boys.

MORTIER, Doms and Alice, of Milwaukee, Wis., boy, Jason Andrew, June 17, 9:23 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

MURRAY, Ken and Ruth (Hensley), of Grenfell, Australia, girl, Jennifer Lee, May 23, 1 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

ROSE, Ken and Phyllis (Pags), of St. Paul, Minn., boy, Vincent Ken, June 25, 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

STACY, Ray and Cindy (Bangert), of St. Louis, Mo., girl, Molly Melina, June 25, 7:55 a.m., 10 pounds, first child.

STARR, Stanley and Virginia, of Tucson, Ariz., boy, Waco Sean, June 8, 7:30 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

WASHINGTON, John and Faye (Burks), of Longview, Tex., girl, Quolaya Shanrell, June 11, 12:28 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

WEBER, David and Rosa (Ameis), of Wheeland, Wyo., girl, Kelli Rose, June 10, 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

WEISS, Dan and Roxanne (Mittenberger), of Goshen, Ind., girl, Leah Marie, June 6, 7:20 p.m., 10 pounds 3/4 ounces, now 3 girls.

WESTON, Graeme and Judy, of Frankton, Australia, girl, Jodie Ann, June 20, 8:25 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

George and Betty Evans of Clark Summit, Pa., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Edward Budda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Budda, of Freehold, Pa. The wedding date will be announced soon. Ed and Nancy attend the Mount Poccano, Pa., church.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Verbie of Anna, Ill., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Diann, to Jim Brad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Brad of St. Louis, Mo. A September wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stool of Dumas, Tex., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Sue, to Randall Gale Spoor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hessel Spoor of Kansas City, Mo. The wedding will take place Aug. 30 in Kansas City.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. TERRY SHORES

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shores of the Columbus, Ga., church are happy to announce the marriage of their son, Terry Shores, to Charlene Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hudson. Otto Schner, pastor of the Columbus and Warner Robins, Ga., churches, officiated at the ceremony in Phenix City, Ala., June 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund C. Smith of Big Sandy, Tex., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Susan Margaret, to Carl Gordon Clifton of Lubbock, Tex. Paul Smith, a minister of the Big Sandy church, officiated at the ceremony in Big Sandy June 8. Margi John of Pasadena was maid of honor and Roland Clifton of Amarillo, Tex., was best man. The couple reside at 1720 Main, Lubbock, Tex., 79401.



MR. AND MRS. PHILIP BERG

Philip and Helen Berg were united in marriage June 20 at East Grand Forks, Minn. The ceremony was performed by Hugh Wilson, pastor of the Grand Forks and Fargo, N.D., churches. Janet Knudson, friend of the bride, was matron of honor and Don Nordstang, friend of the groom, was best man. The couple now reside at Southview Estates, No. 57, Davila Lake, N.D.



MR. AND MRS. M. SMITH

Carol Lehman and Michael Smith were united in marriage April 26 in Windsor, Ont. The marriage ceremony took place in Jackson Park with Fran Ricchi, pastor of the Windsor church, performing the ceremony. Attendant for the bride was Elise Ricchi and best man was Michael's brother, Randy Smith.



MR. AND MRS. R. KNUPP JR.

Sandra L. Hixson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hixson of Bradenville, Pa., and Robert E. Knupp Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Knupp of Ligonier, Pa., were married June 1 at the Seward Fire Hall, Seward, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Arthur Dyer, pastor of the Johnstown, Pa., church. The couple now reside in South Greensburg, Pa.

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winning the 880, mile and two mile, setting a record of 4:34.06 in the mile. Becky Sims gathered laurels in the 80-yard hurdles, the long jump and the 220-yard dash to secure the most valuable senior girls' title. In the district competition, district 22 outpointed districts 23 and 21 with 322 points. *Jeff Smith.*

Four YOU biregional track-and-field records were broken at the western biregional meet between the Pacific Northwest and Southwest regions on the Ambassador College campus in PASADENA June 29. Leroy Easton of Seattle, Wash., helped put the Northwest division on top 149-121 by setting a new shot put record of 52 feet 4 1/2 inches. Jean Arnold of Los Angeles, Calif., set a girls' record for the 100- and 220-yard dash, while Andre Jackson of Lynwood, Calif., covered the boys' 100-yard dash in 10.3 seconds. Leroy and Jean later received the most outstanding athlete awards for the boys' and girls' events respectively. *Michael Snyder.*

The RALEIGH, N.C., Raiders, partici-

patipating in their fifth full season of YOU basketball, enjoyed their best season ever. After losing 19 of their first 24 games, the Raiders finished this season with an 8-4 overall record. YOU fans watched many exciting ball games featuring anything from twisting lay-ups to slam dunks, one that brought down a collapsible rim. Possibly the most exciting game of the season came in the regional championship when the Raiders upset Greensboro, N.C., 69-64. *Todd Dobbin.*

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy 50th wedding anniversary to our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Ludwig, July 25. Thank you for the stability and strength you both have shown. We love you. Your children.

A very happy fourth anniversary to my darling Deborah Lee. You are the sunshine of my life and I love you more and more each day. Love, from your Happy Hubby.

Dave and Dana Ferguson: We really appreciated your message a year ago so we thought we would return the favor since your anniversary is so easy for us to remember! Happy second anniversary July 22. We hope you have many more good ones. Your friends, Jonathan and Kim Miller.

Ralph Dee and Clara May Hall will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary Aug. 8. They are thankful to God "for the good times and the struggles" He has provided to carry them over the "rough" road. Ralph and Clara attend the Wilmington, Del., church pastored by Arnold Hampton.

To our very good friends, Steve and Mary Brown: Happy seventh anniversary July 8. David and Jonnie Perry.

Father and Mother: Best wishes on your 21st anniversary June 20. Love, your family: Mo, Chris and Keith, Maggie and Tilly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reservations are being accepted for a buffet meal that will be served between services on the first and last Holy Days of the Feast of Tabernacles at the convention center in Norfolk, Va. No concession stands will be open at the convention center. The meal consists of chop steak or chicken, vegetables, drink and dessert. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Those in church areas assigned in Norfolk may sign up for the meals by contacting their church pastors. Those transferring in should send a list of the number of meals (adults and children) they want for each Holy Day, listing each day separately. Write to: Festival Dining, Box 218, Morgantown, W.Va., 26505. It should be received no later than Aug. 30. Send no money. Tickets for the first meal will be sold in the Scope auditorium Wednesday, Sept. 24. This should be viewed as a firm commitment to purchase tickets and to be there for the meals.

Obituaries

BOISE, Idaho—Stuart Salo, a member of the Church for almost six years, died June 19. He had suffered from muscular dystrophy for several years. Jeff McGowan, pastor of the Boise church, conducted funeral services June 23.

Mr. Salo was a student at Boise State University and planned to work in geology upon graduation. He was active in Church functions and was an inspiration to all who knew him.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—Kathryn Deloris Young, 48, died May 18 after a long illness. Kent Fentress, pastor of the Bowling Green church, conducted funeral services.

Mrs. Young is survived by her husband Harry; two sons, Dennis and Steven; and three daughters, Dalena, Darana and Kathy Lynn.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex.—Edna Nell Cade, 33, a Church member since 1967, died May 15 after a long illness with cancer. Graveside services were

conducted by Dennis Van Deventer, pastor of the Corpus Christi church.

Miss Cade is survived by a sister, Diana, and two brothers, Rex and James, all of Corpus Christi.

MARLBORO, Vt.—Bernice M. Grant, 79, a member of God's Church since 1964, died of a heart attack. Lyle

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 Sarah Paige Valakis, daughter of Jim and Becky Valakis of Birmingham, Ala.

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went to Oklahoma City, Okla., to compete in the district track meet June 1. With only 11 team members participating, all in the junior division, the team journeyed home with 33 medals. The team ranked fourth in overall points out of seven teams. *Karen Talley.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The CANTON and AKRON, Ohio, YOU combined for a graduation party at the Northern Building in Akron June 8. Each of the graduates, seven from Akron and four from Canton, received an ink pen. *Frank A. Richards.*

The second annual YES and 4-H camp for the youths of the CHARLESTON and PARKERSBURG, W.Va., churches took place June 11-15 at Camp Virgil Tate in Charleston. Kay McClure, activities coordinator, scheduled a variety of events, ranging from a tour of the capitol and cultural center to parachute-jumping demonstrations. Soccer, basketball, horseback riding, crafts and an olympic day were also enjoyed. Evenings included a council circle where Marta McClure led the campers in songs, talent

conducted by Dennis Van Deventer, pastor of the Albany, N.Y., and Springfield, Mass., churches, conducted funeral services.

Mrs. Grant was a pioneer member of both the Concord, N.H., and Springfield churches. She is survived by her foster son, Russell, also a member.

PASADENA—Arturo Leon Colunga, 74, a member of God's Church since 1973, died June 18 of a heart attack. Robert V. Flores, pastor of the Pasadena Spanish church, conducted funeral services June 20.

Mr. Colunga, a native of El Paso, Tex., is survived by his wife of 43 years, Carmen; two daughters, Marie and Mary; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers; and one sister.

SOUTH VENICE, Fla.—Ruth R. Thompson, a member of the Church for 15 years, died May 21. Frank McCrady III, pastor of the Fort Myers, Fla., church, officiated at funeral services.

Mrs. Thompson attended church at Pittsburgh, Pa., and St. Petersburg, Fla., in addition to the Fort Myers congregation. She is survived by her husband Harry; a son, Daniel; two daughters, Elaine Tucker and Sharon Armes, all members of God's Church; and three grandchildren.

VICTORIA, Tex.—Jimmie Byron Hatcher, 89, a member of the Church for 17 years, died May 10 after a lengthy illness. Dennis Van Deventer, pastor of the Victoria church, conducted funeral services.

Mr. Hatcher is survived by his wife Ada Mae, three daughters, one son, one sister, nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

demonstrations and biblical recitations. Many awards were presented at the end of camp, with junior leader Kelly Harper receiving the Camp Spirit Award. *Harlean Botha.*

YOU Day for the CINCINNATI, Ohio, NORTH church was June 7. Reports were given by John Hansen and Cindy Harrod, each speaking on YOU. Jeff Dowd gave the announcements, and Becky Holloway was song leader. Opening and closing prayers were by Dan Dowd and Richie Chittwood. Becky and Kim Butz sang "Today," accompanied on the guitar by David Butz, for special music. YOU coordinator Ralph Dowd recognized the high school seniors by presenting each a gift. Awards were presented to the district track meet winners. Other honors were the best sportsmanship award to Cindy Harrod and Mark Nevels, best attendance to Becky Butz and Jeff Nevels, leadership to Maryann Kerby and Jeff Dowd, the friendliest to Kim Butz and John Hansen and the most involved to Sherry Tanner and Tim McColom. *Sherry Tanner.*

Thirty-one Junior YOU members and parents from the CUMBERLAND, Md., church enjoyed a night of camping at an old abandoned farmhouse in Springfield, W.Va., May 31. The campers roasted hot dogs and marshmallows. (See CHURCH NEWS, page 11)

'Mind-boggling, alarming,' says official about state legal theory

Dean M. Kelley is an executive for religious and civil liberties in the Division of Church and Society of the National Council of Churches. An ordained minister of the United Methodist Church, Mr. Kelley is involved in the safeguarding of civil liberties of several groups, including the Worldwide Church of God. An expert on legal difficulties associated with religions, he is the author of two published books and his articles have appeared in Christianity in Crisis, Christian Century, World View and the Journal of Church and State.

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By Dean M. Kelley

California has been blessed with a climate in which ersatz and esoteric religions are spawned and proliferate as nowhere else on earth. From est to Eckankar, from Kirby Hensley's Universal Life Church to Synanon's recently acquired religiosity, they flourish in the benign rays of the coastal sun, evoking in the uninitiated a tendency to skepticism and in the authorities a minatory rigor that verges at times on overkill.

And not without reason. With the specters of Charlie Manson's "angels" and the Jonestown "melt-down" in the background, California has seen the conviction of nine top leaders of the Church of Scientology for stealing government documents, as well as a recent raid on a Hare Krishna colony (with a warrant authorizing a search for allegedly stolen floor tiles) that turned up a sizable arsenal of weapons — which, while not illegal under California law, comported strangely with that sect's proclaimed attachment to Hindu nonviolence.

A remarkable statute

It is not surprising, then, that California's attorney general has come to look upon himself as the Official Monitor of Kooky Religious Outfits (OMKRO). He has been thus far indulged in this pretension by the state legislature, which recently revised its Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law (effective Jan. 1, 1980) to make explicit the attorney general's authority to examine religious corporations to determine whether they are indeed "religious" in character, whether any corporate property has been diverted for the personal benefit of any person, whether donations solicited and received from the general public have been improperly used and whether there has been a substantial diversion of corporate assets from stated corporate purposes.

Although this remarkable statute has been in effect for only a few months, there is already a vigorous movement to repeal it, backed by a coalition that includes not only the California Church Council but also the American Council of Christian Churches on one end of the spectrum and the American Civil Liberties Union on the other. The statute, however, did no more than confirm the powers already claimed by the attorney general under the common law (of which more later). These claims first came to national attention early in 1979, when the attorney general obtained an *ex parte* (unilateral, without notice to the subject party) court order placing the Worldwide Church of God in receivership.

That entire episode is instructive not only for its own melodramatic touches but also for the singular theory of law on which the attorney general has proceeded. Without advance notice to the church, the court-appointed receiver — a retired judge named [Steven S.] Weisman — arrived at the Pasadena headquarters of the church on Jan. 3, 1979, accompanied by officials from the attorney general's office, private attorneys and armed police. Church employees were inclined to resist until the receiver fired a church secretary on the spot and threatened others with arrest. Dozens of cartons of church records were carted away by the officials with no receipt given to the church showing what had been taken.

The receiver and his staff of accountants, secretaries, attorneys and armed guards moved into the top floor of the church administration building and occupied it for seven weeks. One of the receiver's first acts was to stop payment on all the church's outstanding checks, thus in one stroke destroying a long-developed and enviable credit rating. He also wired or cabled all of the church's ministers throughout the world, ordering them to send any money not to the aged founder and pastor general, Herbert W. Armstrong, at his home in Tucson, but only to the church headquarters in Pasadena, where the receiver would impound it.

The receivership was suspended by the court in March, 1979 — only to be reinstated shortly thereafter, whereupon loyal members of the church were able to hold it in abeyance by posting a stay bond of \$3.4 million (some of them mortgaging their homes to make up the surety). The receiver was appointed to conserve the church's assets, and he did so while paying his helpers — and himself, at \$150 an hour — out of the assets he was conserving, to the tune of over \$200,000.

The attorney general's charges

How did this train of events come about? The Worldwide Church of God began more than 50 years ago as the Radio Church of God, whose founder and spiritual leader was, and still is, Herbert W. Armstrong. A few years ago he and his son, Garner Ted Armstrong, had a falling-out, and the son was put out of the church. Several church members then began to challenge the rule of the elder Armstrong, and these dissidents gained the ear of the then attorney general [Evelle Younger] and made sweeping charges against Armstrong Sr., and his right-hand man, Stanley Rader, who had apparently displaced Armstrong Jr. as active leader of the church. In January, 1979, the attorney general filed a complaint on behalf of these dissidents, described as "relators," in which he alleged that the elder Armstrong and Rader were "siphoning off the property and assets of the church, and appropriating them to their own personal use and benefit, on a massive scale, amounting to several million dollars per year." He further charged them with "massive pilfering" and with selling off church properties at less than their true worth in order to line their own pockets.

All of these charges were asserted "on information and belief," and the attorney general offered to amend his complaint after he had obtained the particulars from church records to substantiate his allegations. The relief for which he asked the court included not only an injunction against Armstrong and Rader and a receivership to take over the assets, but also an order removing Arm-

strong, Rader and the church directors and disqualifying them from serving as directors not only of the church but also of any other charitable entity in the state!

In July, 1979, an amended complaint was filed by the attorney general, making the same and additional allegations, but still "on information and belief." This time the "relators" were not listed as parties; the attorney general carried the cause on his own. Yet despite seven-weeks' occupation of the church and access to its records and accounts, he tendered no evidence to support his widely publicized charges of wrongdoing. In fact, the judge who authorized the receivership had said on Jan. 12:

"I don't believe from the state of the evidence that the plaintiff has made any real showing of any substance that properties have been sold below market value.

"The declarations which were filed by the plaintiff in this regard have indulged in sheer speculation, conclusion and hearsay regarding the sales."

Instead, the attorney general, no longer able to rummage through the church's records, asked the court to authorize a series of sweeping disclosure orders, requiring the aged Mr. Armstrong and other officials of the church to appear for deposition by the attorney general and to bring with them every document that they had produced during their service in the church! The court issued the orders, and the church appealed them. The California Court of Appeals upheld the orders, the California Supreme Court refused to hear the case and the church took it to the U.S. Supreme Court, supported by amicus briefs filed by the National Council of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals, the Synagogue

Council of America, the Christian Legal Society and the American Civil Liberties Union, as well as a number of denominations.

Because the church had the temerity to appeal what it believed to be a violation of its rights, however, the court halted any discovery on the part of its embattled officers of what had led to the attorney general's assault in the first place. The court acknowledged that they had the right to appeal but considered their conduct recalcitrant and wondered what they were trying to hide. Until the appeals are exhausted, the two sides are at a standoff. Unfortunately, appeals courts are loath to intervene at a preliminary or "procedural" stage, preferring to wait until the trial court has completed its work and the case can be reviewed on its merits. However, in this instance the "procedure," if allowed to proceed, may well extinguish the rights sought to be protected: the rights of a church not to be ransacked by the state.

Now the Worldwide Church of God may not be everyone's cup of tea, but it has been around for 50 years, has some 70,000 members — many of whom support it with a tithe, or even a double tithe — and is known for the rigor of its observance of the (Saturday) Sabbath. (Perhaps its most noted adherent, Bobby Fischer, refused to compete in championship chess matches on his Sabbath.) It is a classic example of the strict, high-demand religious movements that are the most effective purveyors of religion. As such, it should be as much entitled to the protections of the religion clauses of the First Amendment as any religion is.

Temporal and spiritual

But what has happened to the Worldwide Church of God, appalling as it is, is not nearly so alarming as the rationale under which it has happened — which could apply equally to any religious corporation in California. The attorney general has claimed authority under the common law to monitor and safeguard any charitable trust in the state, and such a trust is created, he

says, whenever people give money for a charitable purpose — including a church! (Never mind that the common law took shape in England, where the King or Queen is head of the church, or that the Worldwide Church of God does not solicit money from the general public.)

The implications that flow from this theory are mind-boggling. Their inimitable flavor can be savored fully only in the actual words of the attorney general's representatives as recorded in the court transcripts:

"The attorney general of the state of California, and his deputies, have not only the power, but the duty, at any time to investigate all the books and records, 100 percent of the books and records of any charitable, religious or educational organization because... [the organization] derives its position, its existence, from the state of California.

"Now those records do not belong... to Mr. Armstrong. There are no privileges, constitutional or otherwise, of a charitable foundation against investigation by the attorney general.

"... for 700 years, Your Honor, it has been the law in England and America that charitable funds are public funds. They are perpetually in the custody of the court. The court is the ultimate custodian of all church funds....

"Your Honor has the power and the discretion to safeguard and preserve those assets and the duty to do so. But the church, as a charitable trust, has no interest to protect here. It has no client. It is the court's funds, and the court may remove and replace and substitute trustees at its pleasure."

His Honor not only fell in with this spacious (and specious) characterization of his powers, but went on to inform the church's attorneys, when they protested that members knew what Herbert Armstrong was doing with their contributions and wished him to continue to manage the church as he saw fit, that "their wishes are immaterial." He also felt quite confident of his ability to dis-

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Several joined in a sing-along, and Alice Bowman played her accordion. Then they settled down in the house, which provided welcome protection from a heavy thunderstorm during the night. The following morning the youths hiked to nearby ponds where the fish were plentiful and biting. Before breaking camp that afternoon several played volleyball while others rested in the shade of the front porch. The activities were organized by YOU director Bruce Metz and wife Sharon. *Carolyn Raines.*

THE FLORENCE, S.C., YOU sponsored a beach party with the FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., YOU at Hunnington Beach June 1. It was Florence's first outing. *Debra Prosser.*

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., YOU graduating seniors and officers, along with minister Vernon Hargrove, his wife, YOU coordinator Tom Peine and his wife, celebrated graduation by having dinner at the French restaurant La Tour May 17. Attending the celebration were three officers and seven graduating seniors, two of whom were international exchange students, Melissa Johnson of Indianapolis and Yvonne Duncan of Aberdeen, Scotland. *Debee Dellinger.*

THE KNOXVILLE, Tenn., YOU sponsored a picnic lunch for senior citizens at a park following Sabbath services June 7. Plenty of food and drinks were provided by the YOU families for the 125 present. *Lori Pritchard.*

Fourteen children and six adults from the MONTREAL, Que. YES program met at the Montreal metro station Ile St. Helene for their first outing June 1. They played outdoor games and ate a picnic lunch on the island. Afterward, the children enjoyed rides at LaRonde Amusement Park. Gaston Santander was the organizer for the event. *E.A. Gore.*

The YOU district talent show took place at the MOUNT POCONO, Pa., high school in Swiftwater June 1, with 10 contestants representing 12 churches. District coordinator Ross Flynn was master of ceremonies and Jan Flynn played the piano. In the senior division, winners were Terri Conti, first place, with an accordion solo; Brian Keith Mickens, second place, singing "Weekend in New England"; and Justina Ortega, third place, dancing to a Mexican folklore tune. In the junior division, Sharon Brown won first place singing "On the Radio" and David Garrett took second with a trumpet solo. *Margie Storm.*

The 1980 Southwest YOU Regional Talent Contest concluded with five winners June 29 in PASADENA. First place in the senior division went to Mark Salcedo. Mark won the regional title with his piano rendition of "Prelude in G Minor." John Myers finished second singing a medley of "Laughter in the Rain" and "Breaking Up Is Hard to Do." In third place was Sylvia Lovett with her performance on the piano of Rachmaninoff's "Polishanell." Fourth place went to Heaven Lee Griffin with her original composition titled "Only Mine." The junior title went to clarinetist Beth Bulharowski with her performance of Alfred Hitchcock's theme, "Funeral March of a Marionette." *Ruel Guerrero.*

Alan Ashby, a catcher for the Houston, Tex., Astros professional baseball team, was guest speaker at the PITTSBURGH, Pa., EAST church YOU Bible study June 14. In town for a game, Mr. Ashby is a boyhood friend of minister and YOU district coordinator Ray Lisman. He told the story of how he achieved his childhood dream of playing professional baseball. He concluded by reading a poem stating it is far better to be recognized by God as one of His followers than to achieve fame and honor during this life. *Frank Lewandowski.*

Members of the PORTLAND, Ore., NORTH YOU chapter enjoyed a social at the home of the Wubben family June 7. The evening began with a hot dog feast, followed by two games of Bible baseball. Next the youths played chess and poker. As the sky darkened the party moved to the patio for an outdoor dance. *Anthony Willbanks.*

THE RALEIGH, N.C., chapter held its annual YOU Day April 5. Pete Arnold led songs, coordinator Dan Summers gave the sermonette and pastor Mike Booze gave the sermon. Special music was presented by the YOU choir, accompanied by Susan Shigehara. In the evening teens from five church areas enjoyed a spaghetti dinner, followed by a disco dance. Records and a live band, Hot Ice, played for the group of 175 teens. Door prizes and a dance contest were included in the evening's activities, with the winner of the latter being Mary Stuart and James Glass. *Ricki Cole.*

The end of May marked the fourth SAN JOSE, Calif., basketball and cheerleading awards banquet. The annual occasion featured a slide presentation and a movie, reliving some of the year's memorable moments. All 12 girls of the second division cheerleading squad were given recognition by their coach, Sharalyn Cox. Doug Burkes presented three awards to his second division basketball team. Manuel Lopez was named the team's Most Valuable Player, and Marcos Cereceres captured the awards for the most dedication and for the best attitude. The first-division cheerleaders were next to receive their awards. Coach Sue Crow presented each girl for their district, regional and triregional victories. Special awards went to Elva Alvarez for being the most dedicated girl and to Donna Lopez, who received awards for the most valuable cheerleader and best attitude. Then the first-division basketball team was awarded their best sportsmanship medals for the district and regional tournaments. Special recognition went to Kiril Dimitrov as the team's Most Valuable Player and to Jeff Shamus, who earned both the most dedicated award and the award for the best attitude. *Shamus/Stalions.*

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

PASADENA — Senate Bill 1493 limiting the powers of the California attorney general over churches passed the California Assembly's Ways and Means Committee July 10 by a vote of 17-2, according to Joel Lillengreen, pastor of the Sacramento, Calif., church.

The bill did not clear the committee without heated debate and discussion, he states. "Assemblyman David Stirling tried to get an amendment attached to the bill that would exclude the Worldwide Church of God and other churches currently in litigation from benefiting from the bill, if passed." The committee was deadlocked 9-9 on the amendment until finally resolved by Howard Berman, who cast the tie-breaking vote. Mr. Lillengreen also reports that Assistant Attorney General Rod Blonien was "sternly rebuked" by committee chairman John Vasconcellos when he tried to promote an amendment that would give the attorney general the power to investigate churches by order [ex parte or other] of any court upon member or ex-member "hearsay."

According to Mr. Lillengreen, Sen. Nicholas Petris, the author of the bill, expects the measure to come up for discussion and a vote on the assembly floor "sometime in August."

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PASADENA — Final preparations are under way for the Ambassador College project to help Laotian, Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees in Thailand learn English and Western culture, according to Ron Wroblewski of the college's Student Services. Steve Pelfry, an Ambassador College graduate who has lived in Thailand, left Pasadena July 2 to make final arrangements for the students and prepare contacts within the Thai government. Mr. Pelfry reports that the Thai government is providing "a great deal of help" to the group, even offering free visas that will allow the students to remain in the country up to nine months.

Plain Truth senior editor Herman L. Hoeh comments that the project is "unique. The religious community within Thailand asked that Ambassador College specifically help, as the Thai perceived that the [Ambassador] institution is an organization that could help, as opposed to others who are unable."

Seven men and five women will participate in the project and have undergone a concentrated course in the Thai language and customs. John Halford of the Work's Media Services Department will enter the country about a week before the students arrive July 27. The first phase of the program will end in January, at which time additional students may continue if the program is successful.

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PASADENA — This fall will mark the first time the Feast of Tab-

ernacles will be kept in Spain [in the current era of the Church], according to Leon Walker, director of the Work's Spanish Department. Approximately 50 transfers will be accepted for the site on the southeast coast in Cullera. The Sicania Hotel will provide first class accommodations for the eight-day Festival at the nominal fee of \$116 a person, says Mr. Walker.

Individuals in the United States interested in attending should obtain transfer approval from Tucson. After receiving approval, all international and U.S. transfers should write immediately to the Spanish Department, attention: Fernando Barriga, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A. Two meal plans are available and applicants should indicate the number of people (with names) traveling in their group or family. Travel arrangements must be made by the individual, but hotel reservations are made through the Spanish Department.

Mr. Walker reports that only individuals fluent in the Spanish language will be approved, as no translation service into English or any other language will be provided.

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PASADENA — The Youth Opportunities United (YOU) National Track and Field Finals scheduled for July 13 in Big Sandy, Tex., have been "postponed indefinitely," according to Joe Tkach of Ministerial Services.

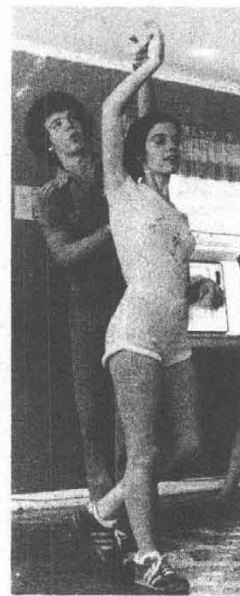
The period of 100-110 degree heat in Texas prompted the decision, stated Mike Fezell, also of the Ministerial Services Office. Mr. Fezell noted the event will be rescheduled "as soon as we see the weather won't endanger anyone's health."

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PASADENA — "If religious freedom is withdrawn and the government has the right to come in at any time under suspicion without due process of law, that's a threat to the religious freedom, the freedom of the church itself," stated Berent A. Barnhart, an American Civil Liberties Union official, on KGNR news radio in Sacramento, Calif., June 10. Commentator Mary Jane Popp arranged for attorney Barnhart, pastor Edgar R. Koons of the American Council of Christian Churches of California, Sen. Nicholas C. Petris and James Cordi, a representative of the California attorney general's office, to discuss Sen. Petris' proposed bill [SB1493] that would limit the attorney general's power over religious organizations [WN, "Update," June 30]. The 60 Minutes broadcast prompted the discussion, according to Ms. Popp, which also led to an appearance by Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader on the same news program June 17 [see article, page 3].

Attorney Cordi, who is involved

in the litigation against the Church, was introduced as "an expert . . . on the Worldwide Church of God." Asked about the length of existence of the Church under Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, he responded, "I don't know, but it's probably been a long time."



SEP DANCERS — High school workers Shane Browning and Bobbie Bulharowski demonstrate a dance step for an SEP dance class. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

Theory

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tinguish between the temporal and the spiritual aspects of the church, and to safeguard the former without interfering with the latter: "I just don't think ecclesiastical matters have anything to do with the financial aspects of the operation out there."

The court was not deterred by the remonstrations of the church's counsel, who tried their best to draw the court's attention to the rather clearly settled law of the United States: that the government may not entangle itself excessively in the internal affairs of churches, as by inspecting their records to determine what is religious and what is secular; that it may not interfere in the free exercise of religion unless it shows not just a rational but a compelling interest and one that can be served in no other way; that a showing must be made that there is probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed before the law-enforcement authorities can intervene, and no such showing had been made, or even offered, by the attorney general; that even the compelled disclosure of church financial records is probably an invasion of religious liberty (*Surinach vs. deBusquets*, First Circuit Court of Appeals, 1979).

A monstrous throwback

The judge who issued the receivership order left all that to be determined by the trial court — after the receiver had taken over the church, after the attorney general had gone through its records, after allegations of malfeasance had been published by the press, after the church's credit and credibility had been ravaged. If the attorney gener-

ally finally brought anyone to trial, then the church might have its "day in court." But meanwhile, irreparable damage would have been done. And if the attorney general should find no grounds for prosecution, there might never be a final reckoning at which the church could assert its rights. Meanwhile, the church is prostrate, with the legal costs of its defense mounting, on top of the expropriations for the receivership.

The attorney general seems somewhat perplexed and offended that the Worldwide Church of God is kicking up such a fuss over what he probably considers a regrettable but routine inquiry. His minions have been heard to observe in court that this case is becoming much more expensive to the state than had been anticipated, and that other religious corporations had submitted to the attorney general's inspection without such resistance. Both he and the court seem to be resisting the distraction — like a plowman brushing away a fly — of references to the First Amendment.

The First Amendment is one of the United States' most important contributions to civilization. It made churches — for the first time in history — truly and officially independent of the state. Prior to that time, churches — or at least the favored church — had been a wholly owned subsidiary of the government. In some places that is still the case. One of them may be California. The theory advanced by the attorney general of that state could, if not corrected by higher authority, work a monstrous throwback to the Middle Ages, even to the Caesareopapism promulgated by Justinian, which proclaimed the emperor the ruler of the church. This the Worldwide Church of God is making heroic efforts to prevent.

lost his job because of the Sabbath. Please remember that these brethren face daily hardships unknown in the U.S. congregations. Please also continue praying for your brethren in Cameroon, that the Church be officially recognized.

French Work active

Months after evangelist Dibar Apartian's campaign in Guadeloupe November, 1979, pastor Erick Dubois reports the fruits of the campaign are beginning to show. Two ladies are now interested in attending services. It looks like the seeds sown in Guadeloupe occasionally take time to germinate!

Political tensions are subsiding in Martinique, and five new people attend services there.

Brussels, Belgium, and Lille, France, pastor Jean Carion writes that 743 new subscribers to *La Pure Verite* (French Plain Truth) were added as a result of a small booth set up at the Lille Fair.

In Canada a *La Pure Verite* newspaper advertisement in Quebec brought 21,000 new subscribers. This nearly doubled the Quebec mailing list.

Jamaica faces turmoil

Finally, you may wish to share the disappointment of those members who intended to transfer to Runaway Bay, Jamaica, this year for the Feast — and with area brethren who anticipated 100 visitors. Caribbean regional director Stan Bass, after consulting with the ministers there, feels it unwise to permit transfers because of the deteriorating political situation.

What the situation will be like during the Feast is unpredictable because the Jamaican elections are scheduled for late September or early October. Since it is God's will that His people observe the Festival in a peaceful environment, it was decided to limit the attendance at the Jamaican Festival to resident Church members. Despite disappointment, Mr. Bass was sure that God's people will understand and pray for those subject to circumstances out of their control.

INTERNATIONAL DESK



BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — Because of its high news profile, many are wondering how our brethren are faring in the new African nation of Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia).

The latest report explains: The Work in Zimbabwe continues to thrive despite seven years of hostilities. The Plain Truth mailing list has grown 43 percent in 12 months, with 1,000 additional newstand copies distributed every month.

Our members benefited somewhat from the turmoil as they were forced to seek protection in Zimbabwe's major cities. Since cessation of the bush war, life is more relaxed. However, many members are apprehensive about what the future holds. Many brethren are pressured by political party officials to join one group or another. Your prayers for our brethren in Zimbabwe are needed.

God's Work in South Africa

It's been some time since I've shared with you the progress of the Work in South Africa. I hope you

case?"

Commenting on recent events in the case, Mr. Rader said: "They [The Arthur Andersen accounting firm] are just about to render us a second audited financial statement [the first appeared in the Sept. 10, 1979, W/N]. This, of course, convinces yet another group of people as to the veracity of our [accounting] data, the honesty of the officials, the integrity of the [Church's accounting] system, the integrity of our archives. And it just makes the attorney general, in a wider and wider circle, look like the man we know he is. And so the ground is coming out from under him."

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major litigation with a . . . constitutional issue . . . at stake, none of these political people had even read the complaint."

Judges aren't exempt from this either, Mr. Rader pointed out to Dr. Scott: "Do you know what one judge had the audacity to say? He referred to Mr. Armstrong's Work in preaching the Gospel abroad as well as throughout the United States as . . . extracurricular activities. So [Harvard Law School professor] Laurence Tribe just hit him real

hard . . . immediately [with a demand for clarification] and . . . he [the judge says] . . . 'Oh, no . . . I didn't mean that . . . no, no, I didn't mean any disrespect . . . I don't want you to take me wrong. I just meant that I was referring to his ordinary 9-to-5 day!' Now, he [the judge] has him [Mr. Armstrong] mixed up with some kind of executive who spends his day from 9-to-5 behind a desk. They have no conception of what you do [as a Church]. Consequently, they cannot deal with this case as even reasonably intelligent people would. I've never seen anything like it. Until they know what Mr. Armstrong does . . . how can they ever understand this