

GREETINGS FROM AUSTRALIA

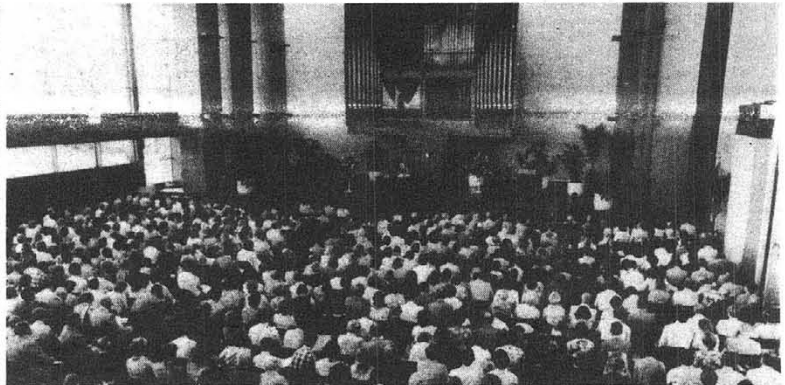
Herbert W. Armstrong left for Australia May 6. His report from Sydney is followed by a journal of the trip by Robert Fahey, personal assistant to Mr. Armstrong. Page 1 photos are by Philip Weir, a member of the Sydney North church.

By Herbert W. Armstrong
SYDNEY, Australia — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fahey, Mrs. Armstrong and I arrived in Sydney almost a week ago, Thursday evening, May 7. We rested from the trip Friday, Sabbath, May 9, I spoke to some 1,300 brethren in Sydney. Sunday we flew north to Brisbane where I spoke to another 1,300 brethren from that area. Tuesday we flew back up to our office at Burleigh Heads.

Seeing our office facility here was an inspiring experience for me. It is our own facility, with several executive and private offices, work rooms, an assembly room for the local church services, adequate storage rooms, reception, etc.

It is a larger complex than I had expected. Based on various reports, I had doubts about leaving the office there and intended to consider the advisability of moving the office back to Sydney. But on considering all factors — transportation, communication, accessibility, along with other desirable features where it is — I could make no decision except to leave it where it is.

It seems to be just as accessible for operation of the Work here where it is — and we do have a very splendid building complex there — with lower living costs for all the staff. Bob Morton, in charge of the Work



here and southeastern Asia, is fully in accord with that decision, as is Mr. Fahey.

Today we have the first of a two-day ministers' conference, with all the ministers of this continent and their wives in attendance — here in Sydney. I spoke to them at the morning session

and Messrs. Fahey and Morton this afternoon. The ministerial conference will continue tomorrow.

There is a new invigorating and enthusiastic spirit among the ministry in Australia. The Work has been turned here. All

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Chancellor addresses graduates, speaks on 'Education for Life'

By Jeff Zhorne
PASADENA — Forty-seven Ambassador College graduates received diplomas here at commencement exercises May 22. For the first time since 1976, Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong delivered the graduation address.

In his address, entitled "Education for Life," Mr. Armstrong exhorted seniors to "let your light so shine before men... that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

He told them they would be carrying the light from Ambassador College and from God. Chancellor

Armstrong explained to more than 800 persons present that the surge in knowledge over the past 10 years has failed to solve man's problems.

"The Creator will not give man life unless he can live it in happiness, peace... enjoyment and accomplishment," continued Mr. Armstrong.

"Ambassador is a college where we disseminate knowledge for life — not for a chemical existence," he said.

'Be strong'

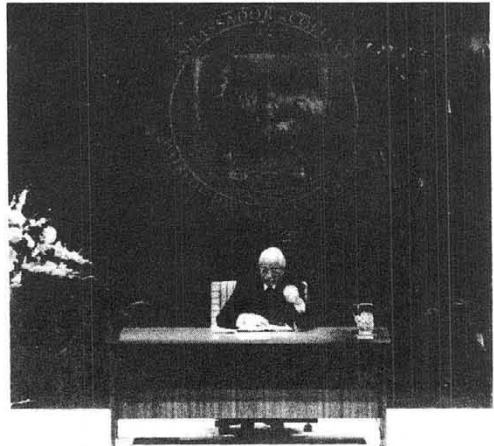
Mr. Armstrong opened the ceremony by giving the invocation and

opening remarks. Then, Student Body President Gary Shaffer spoke on the subject, "Be Strong and of Good Courage," in which he discussed how an Ambassador education helps develop character, personality, poise and true culture.

"We have been given knowledge to develop ourselves — to be a whole individual," he noted. "We graduate to be able to give what we have been given."

The Ambassador Choral, under the direction of John D. Schroeder, then performed "O Brother Man" and the "Hallelujah Chorus." Mr.

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FEEDING THE FLOCK — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's schedule in Australia and New Zealand brought him together with more than 100 ministers and wives and thousands of brethren. Clockwise from upper left: Australian regional director Robert Morton escorts Mr. Armstrong on a tour of the Work's Burleigh Heads Office May 12; Mr. Morton, Mr. Armstrong and the pastor general's executive assistant Robert Fahey look over a map detailing God's Work in the South Pacific; Mr. Armstrong speaks to brethren assembled in Brisbane, Australia, May 10; the pastor general addresses 1,300 brethren at the Town Hall in Sydney, Australia, May 9; and Mr. Armstrong acknowledges a standing ovation after his May 10 sermon in Brisbane. [Photos by Philip Weir]

Australia

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signs here are "GO." The Work here has sprung to new life since the first of the year. Tomorrow evening, following the afternoon ministerial conference, we will fly on to Melbourne. I will speak to our brethren from that area on

the Sabbath and then Saturday evening we fly on to Auckland, New Zealand.

We will have a visit to our office there in the morning, and speak to the brethren assembled in the afternoon, with audio to Wellington and Christchurch. Monday, fly to Honolulu, Hawaii; Pasadena Tuesday.

HWA Diary

By Bob Fahey

It has been a full trip so far. After an overnight stop in Honolulu, we were to fly on to Sydney, Australia, on Wednesday, May 6. At present, there is a 17-hour time difference

Bob Morton and several other ministers were there to meet Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and the rest of our party (Ruth Nestor, Evelyn and I). We went straight to our hotel, which was our home base while in

the way of God's love, which is shed abroad in our hearts by His Spirit. Like Adam, we are being offered life.

We have to choose. We also have Satan's evil influence to contend with; it is not easy to qualify now. But God helps us with His Spirit, and those who demonstrate that they want to follow God's way of life will be His firstfruits, the first to have life and a leadership role in God's Family forever.

It was the clearest presentation of the Gospel I have ever heard. So inspiring.

But at dinner that night, Mr. Armstrong said he wasn't completely happy with his presentation. He felt he should include that after God calls us and gives us His Spirit, we must grow. The next day, Sunday, May 10, we were to fly to Brisbane to speak to several churches there.

less like this Satan-inspired world.

The sermon was two hours long. Mr. Armstrong joked that it wasn't as long as Gerald Waterhouse spoke.

The revision from the day before had certainly been successful. A clear overview of God's plan and then showing how each of us individually must grow spiritually to fulfill our calling, was both inspiring and sobering.

Monday the 11th was a "rest" day. Mr. Morton and I spent several hours talking with Mr. Armstrong on points in his sermon, and various other administrative things involving the Work in this part of the world. Later Mr. Armstrong worked on a letter he is writing to all newly baptized members, which includes a reminder that they have been offered life.

On Tuesday we had a tour of the

television in relation to population. Australia now uses 32 radio and 22 television stations after a 3½ year break. The radio stations are only weekly at present. Mr. Armstrong told Mr. Morton that five days a week is far more effective than once a week. Mr. Morton will begin seeking daily bookings. Television will remain weekly for the present.

Newsstand distribution has also begun again. By June 1 there will be 100,000 copies of *The Plain Truth* on newsstands throughout the country — 150,000 by the end of the year.

Mr. Armstrong was very pleased with these developments that spread Christ's Gospel in Australia.

Mr. Armstrong felt that there were too many small Feast sites in the country. Circumstances required this in 1981. It will be reviewed next year.

The 1981 budget for Australia puts 47 percent of expenditure into the great commission, 35 percent to serve the churches, 4 percent goes into the Feast and 14 percent toward administration expenses.

The Australians are able to help Southeast Asia receive the Gospel by *The Plain Truth*, other literature and regular visits. This will cost them \$175,000 this year. Canada is going to give additional help by paying for Radio Ceylon to air *The World Tomorrow* daily. This station can be heard in Singapore, Malaysia, Burma, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, parts of the Middle East and the east coast of Africa.

After the visit Mr. Armstrong told the office staff that he was not only impressed, he was inspired. He had not realized how much God had built and blessed the Work in this area. He reminded us of the very humble beginnings of the Work when he and Mrs. Armstrong were the entire worldwide staff. God began small but He has established this office in Australia and many

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BRISBANE ADDRESS — Herbert W. Armstrong speaks to more than 1,000 brethren in Brisbane, Australia, May 10. The pastor general presented a general overview of God's purpose for man, and encouraged the Church to grow in God's way of life. (Photos by Philip Weir)

between Los Angeles, Calif., and Sydney, and a 20-hour difference between Honolulu and Sydney. Our schedule was to depart Honolulu at 11 a.m. on Wednesday the 6th, and arrive Sydney after 11 hours of travel at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 7. The day and dates change as you cross the International Dateline.

But we had several delays.

First, after takeoff in Honolulu, we found we were losing fuel from our starboard-wing fuel tank. Captain [Ed] Black quickly shut down the fuel flow from that tank so there was no danger. But we had to return to Honolulu immediately. No serious problem — the fuel cap had not been locked properly by ground staff. It was easy to fix, but we lost an hour in the process.

Next, our refueling stop took longer than we had hoped. Faleolo is almost exactly halfway between Honolulu and Sydney. If you are interested, find it on the map in Western Samoa. Modern and efficient it is not. Turnaround took a half hour longer than expected.

The last delay was the worst. Headwinds. Just after Faleolo they began. At first they were not very strong. But they kept increasing. Our flight time should have been just over five hours. But as the headwinds increased, so our expected flight time kept being extended. While I was in the cockpit the highest INS (Inertial Navigation System) reading was 138 knots.

For a time it looked as though we might have to divert to Auckland, New Zealand. The pilots were calculating and recalculating ground speed, fuel supply and fuel flow as they kept changing to make sure we could reach Sydney safely. They had to skirt a large thunderstorm, which was spectacular to view from 41,000 feet, but added to our fuel concern.

Finally, at 9 p.m. local time, after 14 hours of travel time, we spotted the lights of Sydney. We were permitted to fly straight in and land. We were tired! Customs and Immigration seemed to appreciate our weariness and sped us through.

Australia. It was about midnight when I got into bed. That was 4 a.m. in Honolulu and 7 a.m. in Los Angeles!

On the Sabbath, Mr. Armstrong was to speak to the combined Sydney churches. In the morning the flu and sore throat that had been troubling him for several weeks began to sap his strength again. The services were scheduled in the afternoon so he took extra time to rest in the morning.

We arrived at the Sydney Town Hall right on time. The Town Hall in Sydney is an "oldie," but a beautifully maintained "goodie." The place was just about packed with God's people. Another 440 people in Perth on the extreme west coast of Australia listened in by phone line.

Mr. Armstrong spoke for about an hour and three quarters giving an overview of God's purpose for putting man on earth. When Adam was made a living soul he did not have real LIFE. He had only a physiochemical existence that was winding down and would eventually come to an end.

God offered him the tree of life, which led to the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit. That spirit would have given Adam access to God's mind and God's power, which leads to eternal life.

Adam chose the way that leads to death. God told him if he chose that way he would surely die. And he did.

After he chose the wrong way, God cut him and his descendants off from access to the tree of life. Man was not cut off from God. Man was cut off from life. God would not give him life in the selfish attitude he was in. The fruit of that attitude would be sorrow for Adam and all those he came in contact with.

God dealt with Israel — but he never offered them life. No one had God's offer of life until Christ, the second Adam, established His Church and offered us eternal life. We are the first to be offered life since Adam was driven out of the garden. We are now being judged to see if we will follow the way of LIFE.

Before we left Sydney at 1 p.m., Mr. Armstrong reworked the entire sermon so that he concluded with the focus of the fact that each member must grow in God's way of life. We must drink in God's Word (John 6:63), so we think and act more and more like God and less and

Australian office at Burleigh Heads. Mr. Morton and his staff had prepared about 10 large charts showing Mr. Armstrong and me a complete picture of every aspect of what is being done in Australia and Southeast Asia.

The first few showed radio and

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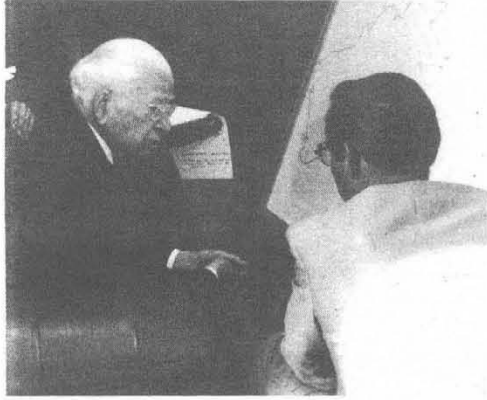
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others around the world.
More next week.

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Wednesday, May 13, was the first day of the two-day Australian ministers' conference. Almost all the Australian ministry, even local elders from across the vast continent, were there to hear and meet Mr. Armstrong. Attendance was 101 ministers and wives.

Mr. Armstrong had been experiencing some difficulty with his heart in the mornings on the trip, but he wanted to be with and speak to the assembled church leadership.



BURLEIGH HEADS VISIT — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong confers with Australian regional director Robert Morton at the Work's office in Burleigh Heads May 12. (Photo by Philip Weir)

So, even though he was not feeling the best, he took the morning meeting to kick off the conference.

He began by explaining the overview of God's purpose in giving mankind physical existence. God gave humans a temporary consciousness for a time of character building. The material goods and physical knowledge we accumulate during this time will be of no use to us in the Kingdom of God. All we will take with us is the character that we build during this brief, physical existence. Godly character is the qualifier for life. (You may wish to read John 5, 6 and 10. It will have new life in it.)

Then he began to explain to the ministers how he sticks to the overview and that he expects us to back him up and fill in the details so the flock will have a complete understanding of God's way of life.

But just as he began to get specific about the minister's job, he told us that his heart was beginning to trouble him and that he would have to stop. He decided to stay right in his chair. He asked for oxygen to help him breathe more easily.

Aaron Dean went to get the oxygen, and I told everyone to take a break. Mrs. Armstrong and I went to him to offer what help we could. Everyone in the room prayed, asking God to give His apostle strength.

After about 10 minutes, Mr. Armstrong stood up, began to rotate his shoulders, walked around the room swinging his arms and lifting his ankles under him to increase circulation. The meeting was reconvened.

Mr. Armstrong took his chair again and continued where he left off — but his power seemed to be doubled. The people I talked with afterwards said they were all thinking of the same scripture — Zechariah 4:6.

He then said our job was to feed the congregations under our charge the spiritual food, God's Word. That is what enables God's children to grow. He said that it wasn't enough that we all speak the same thing — we must all speak the right thing — that which is right in God's eyes.

If any minister had a question in

which he felt Mr. Armstrong was wrong in some way, he should not begin spreading it among the membership. He should discuss it first with his church pastor or Mr. Morton. If those men could not help him the matter should be taken to Mr. Armstrong. If the man were right, Mr. Armstrong would acknowledge the point.

Mr. Armstrong wants to be in complete agreement with Christ, right in God's eyes. If the man were wrong, provided he was in the right attitude, Mr. Armstrong would show him where he was wrong. In this way we would all speak the same, right thing.

At lunch several couples joined Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong at their table. Actually, many ministers and

"Education for LIFE!" That is all I can share at this time. Don't want to steal his thunder.

Thursday afternoon, before Mr. Armstrong returned to the meeting, I spoke for about 30 minutes on maintaining the unity God had been building into the Australian ministry.

After he arrived, Mr. Armstrong took over the meeting and began a fatherly talk to the assembled ministry. He said he was pleased that the Australian ministry was back on God's track. He was very pleased with what he had found in Australia.

He warned all present of the dangers they face when they return to their assignments — exalting the self, seeking a bigger position for self, and getting into a wrong attitude when we don't have other ministers around to fellowship with.

He said when we are small in our sight, God will use us. But if we become big in our own sight, we become very small in God's sight.

There were many points, but the most important that he stressed was never to leave God out of the picture. So many had left God's Church because they forgot that Christ is the living Head of His Church. He is the one who guides and directs this Work and He never falls asleep at the switch. If we forget that, we will drop out. If we are looking to Him, we will endure right to the end — and be given real life with Christ.

Before the conference closed, the Australian ministers presented Mr. Armstrong a crystal whale with a lonely, worried-looking Jonah inside.

Mr. Morton said, "We want you to have this as a reminder that as God took drastic action to put Jonah back on the track, so we are grateful that you took drastic action to put us back on the track!"

Then Mr. Morton held up a large kangaroo skin that had been signed on the back by all the Sydney members and gave it to Mr. Armstrong.

Immediately after the meeting Mr. Armstrong and his party flew from Sydney to Melbourne for the final Sabbath in Australia.

On Friday, Mr. Morton told Mr. Armstrong the details of certain commercial ventures that were undertaken in the area several years ago. They all failed. A few loose ends remain. Mr. Armstrong told Mr. Morton never to get involved in those type projects again. He won't. He also presented plans for an Australian Summer Educational Program site. Mr. Armstrong approved the project and the budget, in principle.

We had dinner that night with the ministers in the Melbourne area. There were 17 of us sitting around one large table. The fellowship was lively. It was one of the most enjoyable evenings of the trip.

I was pastor of Melbourne from 1966 to 1969 before my wife Evelyn

and I were transferred to South Africa. We were very eager to see everyone once again. We had met many Melbournites when we toured Australia during and after the Feast last year. But that was a difficult time. This was a joyous one.

Because we were flying to Auckland, New Zealand, right after the meeting, we arrived by car early so we could see as many as possible. Outside the hall were several people carrying placards against Mr. Armstrong and the Worldwide Church of God. It looked like quite a group until one of the Melbourne pastors, Rod Dean, asked parents who were talking outside the hall to have their children withdraw from them. That left five people standing there!

When Mr. Armstrong arrived these dissidents were waiting in the front. They had invited a local television station to film their demonstration. But Mr. Armstrong went to the rear of the hall as planned. The back gave better access to his seat in the front of the hall. If the television station got any footage at all, I would be surprised.

There were 1,550 people attending in Melbourne that Sabbath. An additional 270 listened in at Adelaide, Devonport and Hobart. Hobart had line difficulties and had to drop out. But they had been sent a tape of Mr. Armstrong's Sydney sermon for just such an occurrence.



SABBATH IN SYDNEY — Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong listen to announcements before Mr. Armstrong's May 9 address in the Sydney, Australia, Town Hall. (Photo by Aaron Dean)

I led the songs and introduced Mr. Armstrong. He gave the same basic message that he gave in Brisbane. Mr. Morton felt it was the strongest and clearest message of all. It seemed that way to me too.

Mr. Armstrong left the stage to thunderous applause and went directly to the car. The placard carriers had dwindled to two who stood silently beside the car as the Armstrongs entered it. The television crew was long gone. After the car drove away the two left quietly. They didn't seem to have any place to go.

We were off to the airport and Auckland!

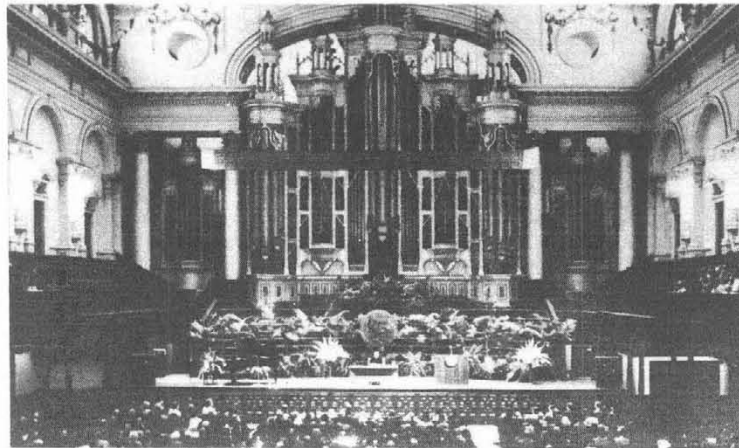
We arrived in Auckland at 9 p.m. local time. It was a quicker trip than usual because we had favorable tailwinds — for a change. Unfortunately, Customs and Immigration were unhelpful. Regional director Peter Nathan was able to meet us at the plane, but we had to go through the normal channels for customs, immigration and agricultural check.

A large group of ministers was at the airport to meet Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong. A number of office employees were there also. With the nearly two-hour sermon in Melbourne and the travel time it was an extremely long day.

Our schedule was tight in New Zealand. Mr. Armstrong wanted to be back in Pasadena within two weeks of our departure. We flew after the Sabbath so we would have a full day available on Sunday. Mr. Armstrong was to speak in Auckland at 1:30 p.m. There was to be a television hookup to Christchurch.

At 4 p.m. he was to talk to the ministers and their wives as he has done on United States church visits. On Monday he was to depart Auckland at 11 a.m. after a brief visit to the office, between the hotel and airport.

When Mr. Armstrong arose Sunday morning the pain in his chest was back with force. It was his worst



SYDNEY ADDRESS — With an ornate pipe organ serving as a backdrop, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong speaks to more than 1,000 brethren May 9 in the Sydney, Australia, Town Hall. (Photo by Aaron Dean)

morning of the trip. He was taking oxygen when I entered the room just after midday. He told me he did not feel he could take the sermon and I would have to stand in for him.

Peter Nathan and I realized this heart problem troubled Mr. Armstrong in the morning and usually left later in the day. As it was 10 a.m. Sydney time we decided to postpone the meeting in hopes that Mr. Armstrong would recover and take it himself.

Captain Black asked the house doctor to give Mr. Armstrong a brief check to be sure nothing serious was developing. Nothing was. But predictably, the doctor recommended he not attend the meeting.

Mr. Armstrong decided to go anyway. He had not spoken to the New Zealand brethren before and wanted to very much. Additionally, many had come from outlying areas to see him. He went into his room at 2 p.m. to dress. But after he had put on a fresh shirt, he felt absolutely exhausted and realized he would be foolish to go.

As I left the hotel room for the meeting, I noticed that Mr. Armstrong had already returned to bed.

I arrived at the hall about 2:15. I explained the morning's events and gave Mr. Armstrong's apologies for not being there himself. I stood in for him the best I could. That is a tough assignment, especially for a group that was so eager to hear Mr. Armstrong in person for the first time. God used him to build His Church doctrine by doctrine, year by year, trial by trial; no pinch hitter can come close. It is just not the same.

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Graduates

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Armstrong's address followed.

Next, admissions director Richard Ames presented the Watson Wise Incentive Award to junior Allen Dean Olson. The award is given to the student "deemed most worthy in exemplifying the qualities of industry, scholarship and other activities within the area of Christian citizenship."

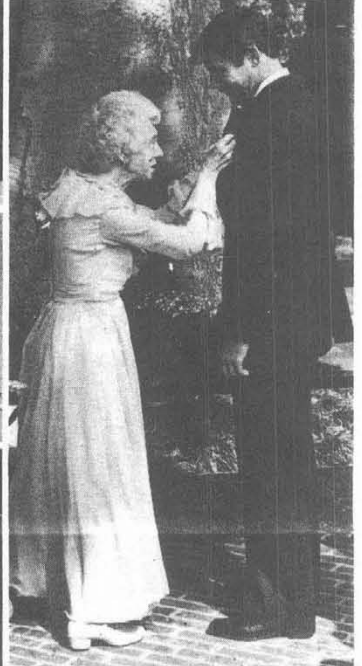
Degrees awarded

Diplomas were handed out by Deputy Chancellor Raymond F. McNair. According to the Registrar's Office, those who received bachelor of arts degrees are: Janne Lynn Barrett, John Keith Culpepper, Stephen P. Elliott, Daniel W. Fennessy, Gary King Finlay, Valerie Joan Fish, Charles Alan Fisher, Vance Eugene Gilles II, Pierann Greive, Kristina Ann Hendrick, Richard Otto Kennebeck, Denis Ernest Laberge, Steven G. LeBlanc, Dennis Carl Milner, Pamela Sue Myers, Richard David Pullin, Phillip Edward Sandilands, Ricky Lewis Shallenberger, Gary Duane Shaffer, Jane Shaffer, Harry Juhani Sorvisto and Bertha C. Villarreal Q.

With distinction (at least 3.20): David Ross Bussell, James E. Capo, Barry Keith Dixon, Edward Robert Frampton, Robert Bruce Gordon, Kenneth Howah, Margaret Denyl John, Suzanne Kelenke, John David Knaack, Yeng Chew Mak, Christine Kaye Pendry, Lisa Ellen Ransdell, Peter Joseph Rowe, Sharon Annette Sarfert, Tamsen Marie Smith, Victor John Tillinghast and Timothy David Welch.

With high distinction (at least 3.50): Richard Michael Bennett, John Brankin Curry, Nancy Ann Dickinson, Susan Eve Kopy, Douglas G. Peitz and John Henry Wheeler.

With highest distinction (at least 3.80 grade point average): Martin Eric Davey and Lorinda Cathern Springer.



AMBASSADOR GRADUATION

31ST COMMENCEMENT — Clockwise from upper left: Herbert W. Armstrong walks to his seat after giving the commencement address; Deputy Chancellor Raymond F. McNair presents a diploma to Phil Sandilands; Mr. Armstrong discusses "Education for Life"; Tucson Church member Irene Eckert, who has presented rose bouquets to graduating women at every commencement since 1951, pins a boutonniere on Steve Elliott's lapel; Gary Shaffer, student body president, gives his wife Jane a hug; the Ambassador Band performs under the direction of Ross Jutsum; Gary Finlay shows his diploma to sister Stephanie; Nancy Dickinson and Janne Barrett en route to commencement exercises; Mike Bennett shows his diploma to 1980 graduate Ken Richardson. Above left: the Ambassador Chorale performs under the direction of John D. Schroeder; right, Mr. Shaffer gives the introductory address. [Photos by Tom Hanson, Sylvia Owen, Roland Rees and Scott Smith]



LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Evangelist Frank Brown spoke to the combined ACCRA and KUMASI, Ghana, congregations the last day of Unleavened Bread April 25. Melvin Rhodes was raised in rank from local elder to preaching elder. The next day Mr. and Mrs. Brown attended a combined church social at Ridge Park. Games and fellowship were followed by a potluck. *Erasmus Senaya.*

More than 150 AUCKLAND, New Zealand, brethren attended a farewell dance and dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Colin Kelly April 29. After six years in New Zealand, the Kellys have been transferred to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and Singapore. Regional director Peter Nathan presented the Kellys with a book of photographs of New Zealand landscapes, and Debra Thompson presented them with a card on behalf of the YOU members. *Rex Morgan.*

The BETHLEHEM, Pa., church choir, directed by Lois Woodring, made its debut by presenting special music the first day of Unleavened Bread April 19. Between services April 25 brethren enjoyed a hot roast beef luncheon. For special music Mrs. Woodring sang "Horse and Rider," accompanied on piano by the composer, Marcello Garzillo. The church had its annual semiformal dinner-dance May 3. Eighty-two members enjoyed tenderloin tips with rice or breast of chicken, followed by dessert. Most members spent the remainder of the evening dancing to the music of the U-Guest II band. *Gordon Long.*

BIG SANDY, Tex., members donated \$3,000 and gathered clothing for the brethren on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. Dale Schurter, who recently returned from the Philippines, reported to the brethren on the first day of Unleavened Bread April 19 that the island had been struck by a tornado, leaving Church members without food, clothing or shelter. On the last day of Unleavened Bread April 25 pastor Don Ward reported the donations and thanked the congregation. One thousand dollars will be used to ship the clothing, and the remaining money will be used for food until crops can be replanted and harvested by the Mindanao brethren. *Kay Dry.*

The BINGHAMTON and CORNING, N.Y., churches had their third annual formal dinner-dance April 25. The cocktail hour was followed by a steamship round of beef. The evening concluded with dancing. *Eleanor Lukoski.*

The BINGHAMTON, N.Y., church celebrated its sixth anniversary May 2. Pastor Britton Taylor discussed goals to make the church there more successful. After services a large cake baked and decorated by Virginia Weber was served. *Eleanor Lukoski.*

Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse spoke to the BOONE, N.C., brethren April 13. A covered-dish supper preceded the meeting. *Starr L. Reynolds.*

BRUSSELS, Belgium, and NANCY, France, members heard evangelist Dibar Aparian speak April 18 and on the first day of Unleavened Bread April 19 in Brussels. Mr. Aparian also conducted Passover services there. Four meals were enjoyed together, and Olivier Carion was master of ceremonies for an entertainment program that included minister Jean Carion and others attempting to teach the group to sing in Flemish. *Bob Harper.*

CEBU, Philippines, brethren heard regional director Guy Ames, speak on the last day of Unleavened Bread April 25, when he and his family visited the area. Mr. Ames' 11-year-old son Gilroy was introduced to the YOU members by YOU President Ezra Raduban. *Antilla T. Tambis.*

The first CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Spring Holy Days Fun Run Bike Ride took place April 26. Chickamauga Park in northern Georgia was the setting for the 2,500-meter and 15,000-meter courses. About 75 runners, riders and walkers in all categories shared the same courses. After going the distance the participants enjoyed a picnic lunch, while coordinator Ed Doss handed out T-shirts with the Ambassador College seal that read, "I Finished the Course!" *Barb Keepers.*

The CLEVELAND, Ohio, WEST YOU and Spokesman, and Graduate clubs had a work party on the farm of

deacon Al Patchinger May 3. The group tore down some buildings, cleared land and set up posts for barbed-wire fencing. *Don Schlenkerman.*

Brethren of DETROIT, Mich., and some out-of-staters attended the "Springtime Serenade" dinner-dance April 25. Following cocktails, the group dined on prime rib and later danced to music provided by the Philadelphians, a church-band directed by Maceo Hampton. *Steve Halsey.*

The HOUSTON, Tex., EAST church had a potluck May 2 after services at the South Houston Park in Pasadena, Tex. The newly organized church choir, under the direction of Roger Barde, had a practice session. *Shirley Scott.*

The IOWA CITY, Iowa, church played host to six churches for a combined service in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the last day of Unleavened Bread April 25. In the late afternoon a catered meal was served, followed by evening entertainment of movies and square and round dancing. *Vern Tensid.*

LENOIR and BOONE, N.C., brethren had combined services on the first day of Unleavened Bread April 19. Evangelist Herman Hoeh of Pasadena was guest speaker for the afternoon service, and the morning service featured a 16-mm. taped sermon by Herbert W. Armstrong. The noon meal was catered. *Starr L. Reynolds.*

The MONROE and ALEXANDRIA, La., churches had combined services on the first day of Unleavened Bread April 19. More than 400 brethren heard the messages and enjoyed a catered noon meal served by the Monroe Spokesman Club. *Shirley Fulford.*

The OKLAHOMA CITY and ENID, Okla., churches enjoyed a dinner-dance and family night at the Sportsman's Country Club in Oklahoma City April 25. After a buffet dinner the children were entertained by Royce Kitts, dressed as a clown. The children then saw the Disney film *101 Dalmatians*, while their parents enjoyed an evening of dancing, with music provided by George Thomas. *Linda Mariano.*

PASADENA Plain Truth distributors and wives had their annual dinner meeting April 26. John Borax is the newsstand coordinator, and Milton Huston is the assistant coordinator. John LaBissoniere, national Plain Truth

220 members and families square danced during the evening and enjoyed popcorn. "Sheriff" Ray Harvey arrested Stockwhip Sam (Bob Faulkner) for horse theft, but the repentant Sam made amends by giving the smaller children rides on the horse Whitewash (Jim Hooser and Peter Longley) in another room, where Ann Faulkner supervised games. *Ray Harvey.*

Following services on the last day of Unleavened Bread April 25 the combined PHOENIX, Ariz., EAST and WEST Sabbath schools presented the musical, *Music Machine*, about a trip to Agapeland, the land of love, featuring songs about the fruits of God's Spirit. The program was organized by Betty Coolman and directed by Dan Anderson. *Jim Cookman.*

PLYMOUTH, England, members met at the historic Jamaica Inn in Cornwall April 12. Twenty-three brethren led by Angus Robertson hiked across Bodmin Moor to the top of Brown Willy. Families with young children explored the upper reaches of the Fowey River, taking in the beauty of Golitha Falls. *K.C. Jones.*

Evangelist Harold Jackson visited the ROCHESTER, N.Y., area April 17 through 22. He conducted Passover services with the assistance of newly ordained elder Tom Mclear. On the first day of Unleavened Bread Mr. Jackson spoke to 900 Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., brethren. It was the first time since 1970 that the three churches had met together for services. Tuesday evening Mr. Jackson gave a slide presentation on the Work in Africa, covering a tour of all the African churches. Before the presentation he spoke on his 45-year association with Herbert W. Armstrong and the Work. *Jake Hannold.*

ROCKHAMPTON, Australia, brethren showed their appreciation to Henry and Judith Benson April 18 for making a new lectern, which features a copper Ambassador seal made by Mr. Benson. Pastor Bruce Dean presented them with a gift of glassware. April 20 the brethren enjoyed a beach barbecue. *Dawn Bennett.*

The SANTA ROSA and FAIRFIELD, Calif., churches played host to the Ambassador College Chorale April 23 through 26. The chorale members arrived Thursday night and dispersed to



PROM NIGHT — Mike Rice and Sheri Merjil, both 1981 Imperial High School graduates, dance to live music at the YOU prom May 10 in the Ambassador College Student Center. Teens were invited from two YOU districts. [Photo by Sheila Graham]

President Solomon Aiyete gave special guests Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown an enthusiastic welcome. Vocal exercises were conducted by Francis Abiorodepey. Fred Boateng led table topics. Patrick Larbi was toastmaster. Mr. Aiyete was given the Best Evaluator award, David Messerlebe the Most Improved Speaker award and Dede Dzwamena the Most Effective Speaker award. Director Melvin Rhodes evaluated the club, after which Mr. Brown exhorted the members to value club for its uniqueness. *Erasmus Senaya.*

Sixty-one women of the BLUEFIELD, W. Va., church listened as pastor Charles Crain outlined the goals and purposes of Women's Club April 12. Mr. Crain stressed that club provides an opportunity to develop character and to prepare for rulership positions in the world tomorrow. At the same time in an adjoining room, minister George Trent

on bridging understanding between family members. *Joann Whitehead.*

Members and guests of the HATTIESBURG, Miss., Literary Guild heard William Goyer, an optometrist, give a lecture on eye exercises and eye care for young people May 2. *Ann Yelverton.*

The KALAMAZOO, Mich., Spokesman Club met May 3 in the pine woods of Grand Junction, Mich. After cutting firewood for two widows, the club members and guests met at the Art Thomas farm for a meal by the camp fire. Max Rainbow served as toastmaster, and Cleo Sturdivant was toastmaster. After presenting Keith Hillman as Most Effective Speaker, Homer Gunn as Most Improved Speaker and Al Smikle as Most Helpful Evaluator, pastor Ken Williams lectured on God's government in action. Following the meeting members participated in a two-man crosscut sawing contest. *Al Smikle.*

The LOUISVILLE, Ky., Spokesman Club videotaped the May 2 and 9 sessions at the University of Louisville Department of Psychology. Arranged by Dan VanDivier, the table topics and speech portions were taped and played back after each session. Pastor Ray Meyer led the club in a session of constructive criticism and self-evaluation during the review of speeches. *Robert Adcock.*

The Women's Club of PASCO, Wash., met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Brandon May 6. Table topics were presented by Deborah Leap. A discussion on "Living With Our Children" was led by Connie Brandon. *Carolyn Gemmill.*

The PORTLAND, Ore., and VANCOUVER, Wash., Spokesman clubs completed the year with a combined graduation banquet April 22. Master of ceremonies Morgan Towey, president of the Portland West club, opened the evening with a brief address. Graduate addresses were given by Dan Wilkinson, Elmer Fennern and Del Hamann. Graduation certificates were presented to Glen Banks, Bob Conner, Terry Henkel, Joe Sousa, Lloyd Vipperman, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Hamann, Tom Stone, Jim Werst, Randall Asbury and Richard Chuprniko from the Spokesman club and Ada Cardot and Sharon West of the Vancouver Ladies' Club. *Woody Corsi.*

The QUEBEC, Que., Spokesman Club had its annual ladies' night April 25. Table topics and the four speeches were based on the family. Minister Bob Scott emphasized the importance of unity in the family and especially in our bigger family, the Church. *Lloyd Burnham.*

The WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Spokesman Club had its first ladies' night of the year April 21. Director Lyall Johnston opened the club. Topics were led by Stewart Knowles, followed by Ross Andrew as toastmaster. Speeches varied from "Words" to "How to Keep Your Car Healthy." During the break, guests and members enjoyed unleavened refreshments brought by the ladies. *Valdemar Burcan.*

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LADIES' NIGHT — Wellington, New Zealand, Spokesman Club members pose with their guests at the first ladies' night of the year April 21. (See "Club Meetings," this page.)

newsstand manager, described the growth of the program during the past year. In January, February and March, 1981, \$5,000 new subscribers were added to the mailing list, and as a direct result of this program, 194 persons were baptized. Mr. LaBissoniere concluded with praise for the 3,500 Church members who man the 5,000 newsstand outlets. Nine million magazines will be distributed by the newsstand program in 1981. *Vic Johnson.*

A reception for Sandrup and Hjordis Abrahamson took place in PASADENA April 28 in the Ambassador Auditorium lower lounge. The occasion was a farewell party before they returned to Norway. Mr. Abrahamson has been employed by the college for the past 12 years in supervising hundreds of construction projects that have helped to create and maintain the campus. *Edward Tolleson.*

PERTH, Australia, brethren had a Western Country Fair April 26. About

members' homes. Friday they toured the Sebastiani Winery in Sonoma, Calif., ate lunch in a park and had a rehearsal. They performed special music on the last day of Unleavened Bread and gave a concert that evening. *Emery and Karen Dann.*

On the last day of Unleavened Bread in STOKE-ON-TRENT, England, April 25, minister Tony Sadler presented Bill and Pauline Bailey with an inscribed silver-plated hostess dish, with server, as a farewell gift before they emigrated to Pretoria, South Africa, with their children, Martin and Janette. A buffet party followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cavan McCarthy. *Heather McCarthy.*

CLUB MEETINGS

The ACCRA, Ghana, Spokesman Club had its first ladies' night April 27.

opened this year's first session of the Leadership Training Class. After the lectures the men's and women's clubs enjoyed refreshments together. *Tom Danior.*

The CHICAGO, Ill., NORTHWEST Women's Club had a meeting April 12. Topics were given by Terri Ballo. A book report on *The Total Woman* was given by Beth Meyers. Norma Holladay spoke on child-rearing principles vital for proper conduct at Sabbath services. After the meeting a fund-raising T-shirt party took place. *Silvia Bernal.*

At the April 27 meeting of the FLINT, Mich., CAP Club, Laurie Bischoff served as hostess, and Jane Blackwell was moderator. Cohostess Franjie Murray gave her icebreaker, and Barbara Rogers presented table topics. Mrs. Bischoff shared some of her experiences of working with the YOU. Ministerial assistant Ron Guizado spoke on the power of prayer in dealing with young people. Linnea Haas offered ideas

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

PASADENA — Cassette tapes of Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** books *The Missing Dimension in Sex*, *The Incredible Human Potential*, *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like and The United States and Britain in Prophecy* are available for visually handicapped brethren from Educational Services for the Handicapped, according to department supervisor **Garland Snuffer**.

"Visually impaired persons can expect their tapes two to three weeks after requesting them," said **Joanna Burgess**, an Educational Services employee who processes requests and handles incoming mail with assistant **Lisa Ransdell**.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Postal Center supervisor **Eric Shaw** gave a presentation about building membership for postal customer councils and organizing programs and training sessions, at the Western region National Postal Forum here May 10 to 12. The U.S. Postal Service asked Mr. Shaw to give the presentation. He was accompanied by **Portland by Coy Colbert**, Postal Center production foreman.

Mr. Shaw, chairman of the Foot-hill Postal Customer Council, noted, "We work to establish relations between post offices and major mailers." Business mailers (organizations that do large-volume mailing) account for 80 percent of mail processed by U.S. post offices, he

added.

As council chairman, Mr. Shaw receives information directly from the U.S. Postal Service.

The Pasadena council, which Mr. Shaw heads, serves about 500 mailers including BankAmericard, Walt Disney, Pacific Telephone, the Los Angeles, Calif., Zoo, churches and colleges. Several other employees of the Work are also members of the council.

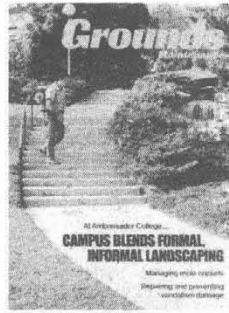
LONDON — Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** full-page advertisements are being placed in leading British newspapers here, according to evangelist **Frank Brown**.

Mr. Armstrong's ad discussing modern education opened the new series in the *Times*, the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Daily Mail*. The ad "What's Wrong with Science and Technology?" [*WN*, Dec. 2, 1980] and "Coming Soon — A Staggering Turn in World Events" [*WN*, Jan. 12] will complete the series.

"Even though the primary function of this campaign is to convey a message, more than 600 requests for *The Plain Truth* have already been received," said Mr. Brown May 22. He added that the 600 requests were the result of the first *Daily Mail* ad and that responses from the other papers were still coming in.

A smaller campaign advertising *The Plain Truth* is taking place simultaneously in smaller publica-

tions, Mr. Brown reported. More than 2,000 responses were received from one ad in the *British TV Times*.



COLLEGE FEATURED — Ambassador College was featured in the February *Grounds Maintenance* magazine as part of the award for excellence the college landscape crew received (*WN*, Nov. 24, 1980). The article stated that Ambassador "was founded on a philosophy emphasizing quality and excellence in the landscape as well as the education." [Cover reprinted courtesy of *Grounds Maintenance*]

Australia

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Mr. Armstrong was able to speak to the ministers and their wives at 5 p.m. All New Zealand ministers were there, plus the elders from Tonga and Fiji. He asked that the ministers inform their congregations of his disappointment that he was not able to speak to them himself. Then he covered the high spots of the instruction he gave to the Australian ministers.

That night Mr. Armstrong and his party had a quiet dinner with Peter and Karen Nathan.

The next day, Monday, May 18, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong toured the New Zealand Office. He wanted to see every square foot — and did so. While in Mr. Nathan's office, Mr. Nathan gave him a complete report of New Zealand and the South Pacific islands administered by the New Zealand Office. Mr. Armstrong was very pleased with everything he saw of God's Work in New Zealand.

Then it was off to the airport for the flight to Honolulu. This time Customs and Immigrations were helpful. We were able to drive right up to the G-II. Two customs men were already on board to stamp our passports. As soon as that was com-

pleted, we said good-bye to those who accompanied us to the airport and took off for Hawaii via Pago Pago in American Samoa.

En route, in his "office in the sky," Mr. Armstrong completed the first draft of a semiannual letter to *Plain Truth* subscribers. That G-II is a real asset to God's Work.

With the exception of not being able to speak to the New Zealand brethren, Mr. Armstrong was very pleased as he looked back on the trip. It certainly was a full one. Even with the two-night stop in Honolulu (where I am writing this), the bathing suit I brought with me never got wet. I did get to jog once in Melbourne.

But Mr. Armstrong was inspired and encouraged by the zeal and dedication he found in God's people "down under." The members were enthusiastic, the offices well managed, working efficiently and financially sound. Mr. Morton and Mr. Nathan asked and were given permission to pay all hotel accommodations while we were in their area.

Reports from local ministers say the brethren were also inspired and encouraged because the pastor general, in his 89th year, came halfway around the world to visit and serve them. Accomplishment, mutual inspiration and encouragement is the fruit of God's way of give.



INTERNATIONAL DESK BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — Through the end of April, 28,940 new subscribers were added to *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish-language *Plain Truth*). At the present growth rate we will reach more than 100,000 new subscribers — the goal set by evangelist **Leon Walker** earlier this year. Income for the first quarter is up 33.7 percent.

Australia

In Australia April was an exciting month for television and radio, as the number of television stations carrying *The World Tomorrow* increased from 15 to 22, and the number of radio stations increased from 22 to 32.

Apart from one or two isolated areas, almost the entire population of Australia can now tune in to hear the message Christ has given His end-time apostles! Plans include adding more television and radio stations as the year goes by.

Newsstands: A number of new outlets opened this month, including the prestigious Tullamarine International Airport in Mel-

bourne. Outlets at both domestic terminals and the international terminal will display *The Plain Truth*, and we expect to distribute many thousands of copies each month through these three outlets.

Responses to the newsstand program continue to be excellent, and many readers are being added monthly to the regular subscription list.

Manpower notes

At the end of April, Mr. and Mrs. **Colin Kelly**, formerly serving in the New Zealand ministry, were assigned to Singapore to pastor the church there, and in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. But until immigration requirements are fulfilled, they will work from the Australian Office in Burleigh Heads.

Mr. and Mrs. **Kelly** graduated from Ambassador College in 1975, and served in the Christchurch and Auckland, New Zealand, churches. To replace him, **Neville Fraser**, a local elder in Auckland, is being employed on a full-time basis.

When visiting the West African

churches during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, British regional director **Frank Brown** raised **Melvin Rhodes**, pastor of Accra and Kumasi, Ghana, churches, to preaching elder.

In England, **Tony Goudie** was ordained a local church elder May 16. He will serve in the Luton church.

Tom Root, a local elder previously serving in West Germany, his wife **Sylvia** and their children, are being transferred to the Pasadena campus in July. Mr. Root will teach German, and will serve as liaison and editorial representative for the Bonn Office. His former church areas of Darmstadt and Stuttgart will be pastored from Bonn by office manager **John Karlson**.

Pacific

French is spoken on a number of South Pacific islands, and our subscribers there were offered the French edition of Mr. Armstrong's book, *The Missing Dimension in Sex*.

From the 421 letters sent out, 67 responses were received. Some of the subscribers to *La Pure Verite* (French-language *Plain Truth*) requested a ministerial visit, so in early June, regional director **Peter Nathan** and local elder **Rex Morgan** from the New Zealand Office will travel to Vanuatu (formerly the New Hebrides), Tahiti and New Caledonia.

Unleavened Bread roundup

Figures from around the world show God poured out His blessings during the recent feast days.

Attendances were up in the French-speaking churches — France 415, Belgium 202, Switzerland 104, Martinique 275, Guadeloupe 88, Haiti 35, Cameroon 38. Offerings were up 35 percent on the average.

In the Netherlands, church attendance was up 25 percent, and Holy Day offerings were up 30 percent and 73 percent respectively.

In other areas: South Africa 58 percent and 42 percent; Australia 57 percent and 72 percent; New Zealand 42 percent and 58 percent (attendance was more than 1,000 for the first time); and Canada 32 percent and 31 percent.

The increased income in Canada enabled regional director **Colin Adair** to revise the budget upward and put the increase into more media outlets — radio, television and newsstands, and to assist in other international areas of the Work, in addition to existing commitments to the Philippines, Scandinavia and France.



BIBLICAL STUDIES — Ambassador College students and faculty members pause for a photo after the students received Diplomas in Biblical Studies May 18. Front, from left, **Jeremy Rapson**, **Lawrence W. Greider**, **James P. Smetak**; second row, Deputy Chancellor **Raymond F. McNair**, **Wesley C. Miller**, **John E. Borax**, **Richard Weber**, Registrar **William Stenger**; back row, Director of Admissions **Richard Ames**, **Mauricio Perez**, **Mario Hernandez**, **Francisco E. Callejas**, Dean of Students **Greg Albrecht**. (Not pictured: **Lynn Hebert** and **Douglas William McDonald**) [Photo by **Roland Rees**]



PASADENA PROGRAM — Participants in the May 18 to June 5 Ministerial Refreshing Program pause in front of Ambassador Hall. The ministers and their wives were joined by Pasadena Ambassador College faculty members and their spouses for the three-week program. Newly named ministerial trainees also took part. [Photo by **Roland Rees**]