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## Herbert W. Armstrong approves new international 'Good News'

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PASADENA — Last Friday night [Sept. 11] at Bible study Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong announced there will be an international edition of *The Good News* magazine!

On his recent trip to Europe, Mr. Armstrong was told that many non-English-speaking brethren have no access to *The Good News*, *The Worldwide News* or *Youth 81*. Some of our regional directors have tried to translate significant articles from these publications for the members in their areas. But the efforts greatly varied and absorbed the already overstrained resources of the language departments.

Various departments here joined efforts to see how we could provide each language section with a standard magazine that combines vital articles from all three publications. They suggested a 24-page, black-and-white edition of *The Good News* entitled *The Good News of Tomorrow's World*. This title works best in the other languages.

The material from *The Good News* in English can be translated well in advance. Same for material from *Youth 81*. The deadline for articles from *The Worldwide News* will have to be shorter to be certain the copy is still "newsy."

Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the English *Good News*, will be responsible for putting the new magazine together. That way each edition (German, French, Spanish and Dutch) will basically be the same. We want to "speak with one voice" — worldwide.

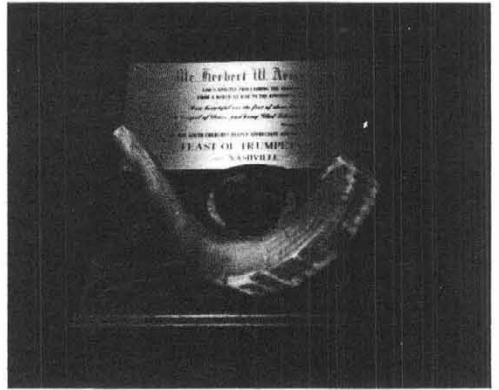


**NEW MAGAZINE** — The international edition of *The Good News* will feature articles from *The Good News*, *Youth 82* and *The Worldwide News* in four languages.

But each regional director will have a three-page "window" in each issue that could be used for items of local interest. This might take the form of a one-page article in *The Worldwide News* section or a two-page article in *The Good News* sec-

tion. Or even a three-page article using both. He may prefer to run the copy prepared for that section as is. The choice is up to him.

The 10 issues a year will be mailed directly from Pasadena to members worldwide, because the circulations are so small. With a standardized format and centralized production, Mr. Faulkner says it is easy to add other languages as the need arises. The new international edition of *The Good News* is a great blessing to help the multilingual membership of the Body of Christ serve God with "one heart and one mind."



**SHOFAR GIFT** — Brethren presented the above ram's horn encased in velvet to Herbert W. Armstrong when he visited Nashville, Tenn., on the Feast of Trumpets Sept. 29. [Photo by Robert T. Taylor]

## Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong continue trips

# Brethren in four cities hear HWA

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong spoke to brethren Sept. 19, 26, 29 and Oct. 3 in Calgary, Alta., Pasadena, Nashville, Tenn., and Minneapolis, Minn.

Some 3,343 brethren, many of whom traveled 250 miles, came from six states to hear Mr. Armstrong deliver a Feast of Trumpets message in Nashville's Grand Ole Opry House, according to James Friddle, pastor of the Nashville church.

Mr. Armstrong, after attending morning services to hear his executive assistant Bob Fahey speak, gave



**TENNESSEE ADDRESS** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong delivers a Feast of Trumpets message to 3,343 brethren at Nashville's Grand Ole Opry House Sept. 29. [Photo by Aaron Dean]

a sermon that afternoon about "government being based on law and constitution to regulate relationships between human beings," said Mr. Friddle. "But the only government God has on earth now is in the Church."

The pastor general went on to explain how only half of the Church will endure to the end (Matthew 25). "Everybody needs to be studying, praying and fasting more," Mr. Armstrong noted.

Following his sermon Mr. Armstrong addressed a ministers' meeting for one hour. The ministers presented him with a shofar (ram's horn) encased in velvet, inscribed with an emblem of Isaiah 11 and the words: "Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, God's Apostle, proclaiming the transition from a world at war to a kingdom of peace."

The pastor general was accompanied to Nashville by his wife Ramona, Mr. Fahey and his wife Evelyn.

Sept. 19, Mr. Armstrong traveled to Calgary, where he addressed 2,260 brethren from Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Montana, according to Neil Earle, pastor of the Calgary North church.

Mr. Armstrong told brethren gathered in Calgary's Convention Centre that the Church has never been more unified and cohesive than now, but that Satan could strike at any time.

Accompanying Mr. Armstrong were his wife Ramona, Mr. and Mrs. Fahey, Portland, Ore., pastor Dean Wilson, his wife Marolyn, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roenspies. Mr. Roenspies is a member of the Ambassador College board of trustees and a local elder in Chicago, Ill. Also attending was Colin Adair, regional director of God's Work in Canada.

Nearly 2,500 brethren from churches in Pasadena, Glendale and Glendora, Calif., heard the pastor general speak in the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena Sept. 26, according to Robin Webber, assistant pastor of the Auditorium P.M. congregation. "Mr. Armstrong spoke powerfully about Christians' responsibility to endure to the end," said Mr. Webber.

Mr. Armstrong spoke to 2,156 brethren in Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 3.

## Microwave network ready

# Work secures time on satellites

Larry Omasta is the director of Media Services in Pasadena.

By Larry Omasta

PASADENA — Just how important are Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's two Holy Day sermons that will be transmitted to United States, Canadian and some overseas Feast sites this year? Sometimes we in Media Services get the feeling that something, or somebody, doesn't want them to be seen.

For instance, do you remember last year how the Ali-Holmes fight was suddenly signed for Thursday, Oct. 2 — which normally would have tied up video projectors all over

the country? You remember Oct. 2, don't you? It was the Last Great Day of the Feast. But Christ intervened, and we rented the projectors just ahead of the boxing promoters.

I'm certain most of you remember that while you were watching the sermonette on the first Holy Day how all of a sudden Tokyo News came across instead of our services. (This occurred at about 90 percent of our Feast sites.)

Our microwave and satellite consultant said he had never seen such a bizarre incident occur where once the customer's program was on the line to the satellite that someone would make a change. He was very disturbed about it and did not take it lightly.

Well, that was last year. What about this year?

Remember the baseball strike? The strike most experts said would not happen — but did. The strike everyone said would not be settled in 1981 — then magically was.

With its settlement came the

(See MEDIA, page 3)

# Pasadena campus assists international students

By Jeff Caudle

PASADENA — Twenty-five percent of the Ambassador College student body here is represented by international students from 18 countries, according to the Student Services Office.

French- and English-speaking Canadians comprise almost half of the 128 international students, with Australian and British students next in number. Other areas represented include Nigeria, South Africa, New Zealand, Malaysia, France, Bermuda, Trinidad, Mexico and Colombia, according to the Registrar's Office.

The college was first authorized to admit non-American students to the Pasadena campus in October, 1956. Hundreds of international students have since attended the Ambassador College campuses in

Bricket Wood, England (now closed), Big Sandy and Pasadena. Now, only the Pasadena campus is authorized by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Department to admit non-U.S. residents, according to the Registrar's Office.

Personal accounts

Bermevon Dizon, a sophomore from the Philippines, feels it's a "miracle" for him to be a student, in light of his country's current economic plight. The average Philippine wage is \$100 to \$125 a month, with an annual inflation rate of 15-20 percent.

Financial aids director Arthur Suckling (a British citizen) remarked that financial difficulties faced by internationals include "high [intercontinental] airfares, (See STUDENTS, page 3)

## 'PT' circulation sets record

PASADENA — *Plain Truth* circulation reached its highest point ever with the September issue, according to the Pastor General's Office here.

The four-color magazine went to 3,792,171 readers that month, including more than 1,650,000 newsstand copies distributed worldwide.

The previous high mark was set in September, 1975, when *The Plain Truth*, then a bimonthly tabloid, had a circulation of 3,750,000.

Combined subscription and newsstand circulation of the magazine in the United States is more than 2.4 million monthly, also a new record.

# U.S. gets blame as world troubles mount

PASADENA — Human passions are running amok today. True the words of Paul to Timothy: "In the last days . . . men will be . . . arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents . . . inhuman, implacable, slanderers . . . fierce, haters of good, treacherous" (II Timothy 3:1-4, Revised Standard Version).

The main targets of abuse on the international level are the United States and other modern-day descendants of Israel. "The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: But his bow abode in strength . . ." (Genesis 49:23-24).

The commander of U.S. forces in Europe narrowly escaped death in a terrorist ambush in West Germany, the 10th attack this year in West Germany against U.S. military personnel. Claiming responsibility — which is what publicity-conscious terrorists do these days — is the extremist West German guerrilla band, the Red Army Faction. This group, a reconstitution of the old Baader-Meinhof gang, says it has declared "war against imperialist war."

The incident occurred just days after 30,000 demonstrators — communists, homosexuals and leather-jacketed anarchists — "welcomed" U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig to West Berlin. "Hang the vulture; hang him higher," demanded one placard. Others displayed an American flag shaped like a pig. One thousand anarchists broke ranks to insanely chop up storefronts and automobiles with axes. Completely overlooked in the din were the Soviet Union's 400,000 troops stationed in East Germany, some of them only a 20-minute march away. All the guilt was America's.

## Castro's tirade

Also, a few days back, Fidel Castro went on a verbal rampage against the United States during an interna-

tional conference in Havana. The Cuban president accused the Reagan administration of pursuing a fascist foreign policy, for unleashing biological weapons against his nation and for lying about Cuban support for leftist rebels in El Salvador.

The Cuban government was host to the semiannual Interparliamentary Union, whose stated purposes are to work for peace and international cooperation and to strengthen representative institutions. (Why then meet in Havana?)

Delegates were startled by the vitriolic nature of the Cuban leader's hour-and-45-minute tirade (that's short for Mr. Castro). *El Lider* blasted the Reagan administration for what he said was "its haughtiness, its conceit, its arms race, its quest for military support at all costs, its attachment to violence and domination, its methods of blackmail and terror, its shameless alliance with South Africa, its threatening language and its lies."

Mr. Castro blamed the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency for five plagues that have hit Cuba in the past three years: swine fever, tobacco blue mold, sugarcane rust, hemorrhagic dengue fever and hemorrhagic conjunctivitis.

The CIA has vehemently denied any such germ warfare charges. The particular strain of dengue fever now afflicting Cuba is endemic not in the Western Hemisphere, but in Africa. Cuban troops returning from duty in Angola probably brought it back with them. At any rate, perhaps Mr. Castro should hold up a bit on his ranting and railing, for the sake of his suffering people. God pinpoints the problem, saying, "Him who curses you I will curse." The CIA doesn't have to do it.

## Game generates violence

Human emotions also flew off course in another area — the tour of

the South African national rugby team, the Springboks, to New Zealand and the United States. Matches in New Zealand, principal stop on the Springbok tour, were played under near warlike conditions. Beleaguered police were confronted with the worse public disorders in New Zealand history. Fanatical demonstrators tried everything to disrupt the games, from scattering shards of glass on the fields to bombing stadiums with objects from airplanes.

In the United States, a bomb damaged the offices of the Eastern Rugby Union in Schenectady, N.Y., American host organization for the Springbok tour. And in Evansville, Ind., an explosion and fire completely destroyed the two-story building housing the Evansville Rugby Club. The Evansville team, which includes three black players, had merely expressed a desire to play the Springboks.

It's no picnic these days for those certain polecat or pariah countries — South Africa, Israel and Chile being the chief ones — which are considered by the so-called world community to be leprovous, noxious, repulsive, repugnant, reproachful and otherwise irredeemably evil. And, of course, America is vilified as the monstrous imperialist, which keeps the above afloat, holding "national liberators" at bay.

## Churches side with Moscow

Should the West in general, or the United States in particular, look to this world's religious leaders for help in presenting a more balanced picture of world condition — forget it! The major ecumenical body in the world, the World Council of Churches, has been completely overrun by communist and liberationist ideals.

Guess where the WCC, which represents most of the world's Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Old

Catholic churches, had its latest international central committee convention? In Dresden, East Germany. Its leadership probably felt very much at home.

One of the biggest orders of business for the WCC is to annually dispense grants to guerrilla groups in Africa, allegedly given to combat racism. This year's biggest recipient, with a gift of \$125,000, is SWAPO (South-West African People's Organization), the Namib-

ia terrorist band.

Some WCC member churches are getting fed up with the WCC's procommunist political meddling. The Salvation Army, for example, pulled out on the eve of the Dresden conference.

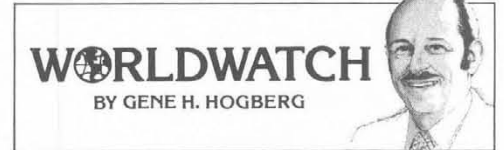
Predicting who will be condemned by the WCC is easy, notes Charles Krauthammer in the Sept. 9 issue of *The New Republic*. "A practically infallible predictor of who will be singled out by the WCC is a country's ideological affinity with the U.S."

The WCC, for example, singles out Puerto Rico as needing "liberation" from the United States, even though Puerto Ricans continually vote for either continued commonwealth status or U.S. statehood. At the same time, an article in *One*

*World*, the WCC magazine, reports on the "thin, healthy church," which supposedly exists in Cuba (where there are no free elections).

The writer waxes eloquent about the "evangelical action, of state-church collaboration" in Cuba, and about that nation's "superiority of a planned socialist economy." Cubans, he writes, consider the choice of their society as "irreversible." So irreversible, one gathers, that 100,000 Cubans fled their paradise last year. (Guess where most of them went — to the "Great Oppressor.")

Literature put out by the WCC is



## WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG

full of classic Marxist lines such as "capitalist forces in the international and national spheres join together to oppress the poor and keep them under domination." The council, according to a recent recommendation, must "move beyond charity and involve itself in the redistribution of power."

Mr. Krauthammer notes that "the spirit of revolutionary self-consciousness" in WCC circles is coupled with pervasive "Western self-loathing." At one recent WCC conference a leading American delegate switched in his speech from English to Spanish to avoid, said Mr. Krauthammer, "the very language of imperialism."

All in all, Moscow could not be more happy. It's not a very pretty world. Modern-day Jacob is in for a lot of trouble.

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### 'School, teachers and God's Feast'

You should have seen the smile on our son's teacher's face when we explained the fall Holy Days to her and asked for time off. She said, "Let me see if I can get him excused without his being charged with absences for those days."

We kept it brief with her, asking first of all for her help with a situation for our son. She was very agreeable to helping us in every way.

I might mention a prop we used also. We took an 8x10 color photo of the youth choir at Savannah [Ga.] last year and showed it to her. She was impressed that this "convention" was a serious and spiritual thing.

Paul and Cathi Nowlen  
Jenkinsville, S.C.

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### Lone Japanese member

Greetings from Japan!

Today I would like to express my hearty thanks to you and your staff for what you have done for me by editing that article about me in the May issue of the *W/N*!

You see, since that article appeared, I have been receiving letters from members all over the U.S.A. and other parts of the world and still new letters are coming! I did have quite a correspondence list before, but I think it has more than doubled in these few months. I have gotten to know so many new people of God's Church; some even came to visit me in Japan. In fact, I never had so many visitors all the time before as during those past few summer months!

Catherine Okano  
Abiko, Japan

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### 'International Desk'

I just wanted to write to tell you how very much I enjoy the "International Desk" feature of *The Worldwide News*. It must be really exciting and edifying for you [Rod Matthews] to monitor the progress of God's Work and to be aware of the needs of our brethren around the world.

I can't express in words how much I appreciate reading about the lives of my brothers and sisters in all parts of the world — to be made aware that there are

people out there of like mind as me, facing daily trials and striving to attain God's Kingdom. It really gives me something to think about and pray about and develops a sense of unity and fellowship and love that just transcends words.

Richard Meyers  
Joliet, Ill.

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### 'What a Joy!'

I got the latest *W/N* (Aug. 10), and your article about "What a Joy to See and Speak to So Many Brethren Around the World" is very inspiring. Especially when you bring up the example of the travels of the apostle Paul. Plus your comments about Prince Charles and Lady Diana — and God's Church is being prepared to inherit sonship in the Kingdom of God, and to reign with Christ on His throne is really inspiring.

Glenn Greenfield  
Girard, Ohio

# Enduring despite all obstacles

One of the biggest success factors that — as the old saying goes — separates the sheep from the goats is *endurance*.

Endurance! It means to hold on. To last. To remain. To continue.

Endurance is the ability to put up with pain. To persist under pressure. To deal with distress and fight fatigue.

Stop and think about this charac-

tered by trials and problems. It means facing them with a large dose of calm — you don't overly worry, because you know everything is going to come out all right. You've read the book (the Bible) and know how it comes out in the end — we win!

In Revelation 3:10, an interesting scripture written to the Church of Philadelphia reads: "Since you have

"Never give in! Never, never, never, never. In nothing great or small, large or petty — never give in except to conviction of honor and good sense." Good advice when it comes to obtaining our Christian goal in life — salvation and God's Kingdom.

We are in a life-and-death battle, but when the smoke clears, even though we may be sitting down because we can't stand up anymore, we must still be there.

The word also carries the connotation of making the best of a bad situation — this world in general, living with a belligerent, unconverted mate, a catastrophic illness, poverty, losing friends or relatives, other personal trials — we face them with courage because we know everything is working to our good (Romans 8:28). "Behold we count them happy which endure" (James 5:11).

Some pain is expected when running a race (ours is a spiritual race). Unless we concentrate on our goal of finishing the race, we are going to let that pain get to us, and we'll think: What am I doing here? I'm going to give up and quit! And many runners do just that. Often when they have only a few more yards to go, they quit. A runner must be extremely motivated to achieve the goal.

Keep in mind Galatians 6:9, "Let us not grow weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart" (Revised Standard Version).

Victory belongs to the Christian who accomplishes in spite of pain. Who persists under pressure. Who deals with distress. Who fights fatigue. Who endures.



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

ter trait for a moment. As Christians we must develop it. Our eternal life depends on it. Matthew 24:13 says, "He that shall endure until the end, the same shall be saved."

### Commitment to the end

"Endure" here means to stand pain or fatigue, to bear, to undergo, to put up with. It means to tolerate, to last, to continue, to remain. It means to bear pain without flinching, undying dedication, commitment to the end.

I'm encouraged every time I read this scripture. Let me explain why.

A central part of the meaning of *endurance* in the Bible is patience. Patience is another meaning for many words translated "endurance."

Endurance, then means not being

kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth" (New International Version).

Enduring means holding on tightly against all odds. ("And after he [Abraham] had *patiently endured*, he obtained the promise.") It means that when you get to what seems to be the end of your rope, you tie a knot in it and hold on for dear life. The word carries with it a flavor of determination. You have set your mind and energies on a goal in front of you, and nothing is going to deter you. You are an irresistible force like a glacier.

### Don't give in

As Winston Churchill put it:

# HWA examines 'PT' programs

The following article was written by Robert Fahey, executive assistant to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong

**By Robert Fahey**  
**PASADENA** — A long-awaited meeting took place yesterday [Sept. 24]. When Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong was away from Pasadena, the people under him who oversee our major media depart-

ments had no opportunity to sit down with him together to receive his direct supervision and coordination.

These media departments include *Plain Truth* Editorial, Mail Processing, Radio and TV Production and Publishing (including international printing and circulation programs). Because of the multifaceted and overlapping nature of these operations, coordination and personal direction from Mr. Armstrong are vital if we are to speak

with one voice worldwide.

While Mr. Armstrong was in Tucson, evangelist Ellis LaRavia faithfully carried over various ideas, programs and specific items for Mr. Armstrong to review. This bridged the gap during that time. But now that he is here in Pasadena, the one whom God has used to start all these activities is able to chair the meetings himself.

For the first meeting, Boyd Lecson, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation

manager, gave an overview of programs in use to add subscribers to *The Plain Truth* in the United States. It was a comprehensive presentation that included a history of U.S. circulation from 1968 to the present and each program used over the years, such as newsstands, lit cards, gift subscriptions, newspaper inserts, renewals and direct mail. Mr. Armstrong and the rest of us were given the total picture of developments in circulation.

As the details were covered one by one the four department heads, Dexter Faulkner [*Plain Truth* editorial], Richard Rice [Mail Processing], Larry Omasta [Radio and TV]

and Ray Wright [Publishing] would comment on their areas of responsibility. It was clear to us all that like four legs on a chair, these four departments each carry part of the load of our media efforts. Mr. Armstrong modified several things, but gave the green light to all the circulation programs presently in use.

This was encouraging to everyone — in fact, applause broke out when he said, "It's fine; go ahead with it all!" That showed that although certain things needed adjustment, the efforts in circulation had basically been on track! The gaps of time and distance had been faithfully bridged.

## Media

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bizarre split schedule with an extra set of playoffs, before the regular playoffs. The networks, which air all the post-season games, including the World Series, always buy satellite time in order to show all the games across the nation and to the armed forces overseas.

But what does this have to do with the Feast of Tabernacles you may ask? Well, the regular baseball playoffs, with four divisional championship teams, start Tuesday, Oct. 13, — the first day of the Feast.

And when does the World Series start? You have probably guessed, Oct. 20 — the Last Great Day!

What usually is an easy assignment — to rent satellite time — became an arduous task, because the networks had not purchased the time they needed until late. All the

brokers who own satellite transponders were not renting out time because each one felt they had an inside shot of having the networks sign with them.

I'm certain most of you remember during April of this year the launch and spectacular landing of NASA's *Columbia* — the reusable billion-dollar space shuttle. The launch time for the second series of tests was scheduled for the early part of October, with the reentry and landing set for (you guessed it) Tuesday, Oct. 13.

NASA [National Aeronautics and Space Administration] usually requests and receives a block of satellite time on several satellites before, during and after launch and reentry dates to cover itself.

Christ certainly is looking out for His Church. He has intervened, and we have now rented satellite time on Sat Com I. Also, mysteriously, a faulty fuel-loading line dumped several gallons of corrosive rocket-

engine propellant over the nose and down the side of the space shuttle, loosening scores of heat-resistant tiles, thus delaying the flight by at least a week.

Remember Paul's warning — that we wrestle not with flesh and blood, but against wicked spirits in high places. Just how important are Mr. Armstrong's Holy Day Feast transmissions? Don't underestimate them — Satan hasn't!

## Students

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 lower income expectations . . . and . . . the recent rise [in economic strength] of the American dollar."

A student from the Netherlands watched his currency devalue upwards of 50 percent since March against the dollar, a loss of more than \$1,000, Mr. Suckling noted.

International students must also

prove to immigration officials they can meet college costs before entering the United States, he said.

Mr. Suckling added that most international students are in the United States four years and by law may not work more than 20 hours a week during the school term. Therefore, Mr. Suckling said, "extra consideration" is given to their financial needs at Ambassador.

**Culture shock**  
 International students must also adapt to cultural differences in the United States. Frustrations include learning to use English as a primary language.

Routine situations can baffle students. For example, imagine trying to mail a letter through a city trash can, mistaking it for the red mailbox in use in Britain, or sorting through a myriad of TV and radio stations, in comparison to the simple BBC1, BBC2.

Many international students tend to have a good background in world

history, geography and international events partially because of the size of their countries and the proximity to other nations. High school level students in West Germany are required to take political science, geography, world history, art, music, physics and biology in addition to the major subjects of German, English and math. Comprehensive essay exams allow graduation from high schools and universities.

Markus Klett, a junior from Stuttgart, West Germany, likes the American dating system, especially at Ambassador. "At home [there is] no German word for dating — when you ask out a girl, it already means more. Dating in America allows you to get to know a person as a friend."

International students agree that Americans are "openly friendly" and have a tolerant, flexible outlook in general on differing viewpoints or opinions.

# AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

### AMBASSADOR CLUBS

The first meetings of Ambassador Clubs and Ambassador Women's Clubs in Pasadena for the 1981-82 school year took place the first week of September. Men's clubs meet weekly on either Tuesday or Thursday evening, while the Women's Clubs meet on Monday or Wednesday evening every two weeks. Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in the *Ambassador-Spokesman Speech Manual*: "The value and importance of your . . . club to you, and to God's Work, is beyond evaluating . . . It is training in character, in personality, in speaking, in social experience . . ."

All students are automatically assigned to clubs upon enrolling at Ambassador College. Both the Ambassador Clubs and Women's Clubs teach students how to express their thoughts effectively through speeches and tabletopics.

While Ambassador Club is more formally structured, with business conducted through parliamentary procedures, the women have dinner meetings centered around themes such as the Proverbs 31 woman, current events, motherhood and personal appearance.

The goals for Women's Club, according to the handbook, are to develop poise and a positive approach to a woman's role in the home and Church as well as an appreciation of culture.

Janet Burbeck, a senior at Ambassador College and Overall Women's Club President, said of this year's clubs, "The club atmosphere is conducive to an attitude of wanting to learn and develop the attributes of true womanhood."

### OUTREACH BEGINS NEW YEAR

The Ambassador College Outreach Program opened a new year of service to the Church and community Aug. 20 with a kickoff meeting, according to Karl Reinagel, Outreach director and Ambassador College senior. One third of the student body volunteered to serve this school year in Outreach programs.

The Outreach Program began in the mid-'70s with a student entertainment group, the

Ambassador Chorals, which performed in convalescent homes.

From this, Outreach branched into four other areas. Volunteers tutor handicapped and orphaned children at two neighboring schools and students at Imperial Schools. Outreach members often visit elderly and widowed Church brethren, which "helps both the students and the elderly" feel more involved in God's Church, Mr. Reinagel commented. According to need, the

special projects division provides gardening and moving crews for Church members, sends flowers and handmade cards to members worldwide, and performs other tasks to help the Work. The international Bible project sends Bibles to members unable to afford them.

Gary Antion is the faculty adviser.  
**DANCE TEAM**  
 Spectators at Saturday night basketball games this winter will be entertained by the Ambassador College Dance Team.

Chosen for the 1981-82 dance team are: Kathy Brunz, senior; Germaine Damore, Karen Jermakowicz, Wilma Niekamp, juniors; Debra Chapman, Ronda Kelly, sophomores; and Suzy Catherwood, Eileen Dennis, Prenny Parnell and Edie Weaner, freshmen.

Outfitted in royal purple and gold sweaters and skirts, the team will dance during time-outs and halftimes of the women's and men's games. The Ambassador College Pep Band will provide music. The first Saturday night game is scheduled Dec. 12.

**BIG SANDY CAMPUS STUDENT COUNCIL**

Scheduling and organizing activities for the 1981-82 school year in Big Sandy were the main topics of discussion at the first meeting of the student council Sept. 17.

Seven members, all sophomores, comprise the council: Mark Mounts, student body president; Sherri Means, overall Women's Club president; Bruce Dague, sophomore class president; Bob Jones, Ambassador Clubs representative; Rick Morris,

men's dorms representative; Sandi Borax, women's dorms representative; and Tom Delamater, *Ambassador Portfolio* editor.

Dances were discussed at the Sept. 27 student council meeting. The first will be a Thanksgiving dance, sponsored by the sophomore class, Nov. 22. The next will be a costume ball, sponsored by the freshmen, followed by a pioneer dance, instead of the traditional grad ball.

**WOMEN'S CLUBS BEGIN**  
 Ambassador Women's Clubs had their first meetings of the year the week of Sept. 6.

Sherri Means, overall Women's Club president, said that every club president reported club members to be "very enthusiastic, and there were a lot of really good speeches."

Sherri also noted that Laura Tomich, Women's Club adviser, is "really in touch with how the girls feel. She has a lot of good ideas and is experienced in Women's Club."

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL OPENS**

Women's volleyball began as an intramural sport this year Aug. 31, with two matches in the gymnasium. In the opening match of the season the freshmen beat the gold church team.

Later that same evening the sophomores lost their match with the white church team.

This year the intramural volleyball league consists of five teams: freshmen, sophomores, gold church team, white church team and the Big Sandy Youth Opportunities United (YOU) team. Matches are usually scheduled on Monday and Wednesday nights.



**DANCERS** — Dance team members are top row, from left: Wilma Niekamp, Prenny Parnell, Ronda Kelly; middle, Edie Weaner, Kathy Brunz, Karen Jermakowicz, Suzy Catherwood; front, Germaine Damore, Eileen Dennis and Debra Chapman. [Photo by Scott Smith]



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centerpieces and banners and South Pacific pictures painted by Gordon Schulte. A pre-dinner cocktail hour was followed by buffet dinner of prime rib, salads, vegetables and strawberry shortcake. The Downbeats of Rhythm provided music for dancing. Walter Smith was master of ceremonies for a talent show that included vocals, dances and a flute duet. Eileen Haley was in charge of decorations; Doris McCall, food preparation; and Dick McCall, cocktail bar. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

The **SALT LAKE CITY**, Utah, church celebrated its 15th anniversary Aug. 15. The brethren enjoyed a potluck, and then pioneer members Bill Bryce, who is now a local elder, and Elmer Gerhart, now a deacon, showed slides of the beginning members of the church leading up to the present time. *Bill Swanson.*

**SAN DIEGO**, Calif., members from the North County area enjoyed a potluck picnic Sept. 8 at Brengle Terrace Park in Vista, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stein and Leba Kern were hosts for the affair. *Susan Karoska.*

The **SAN LUIS OBISPO**, Calif., congregation prepared breakfast for about 120 of its members Aug. 30 at Tunnell Park in Santa Maria, Calif. Cooking was done over an outdoor barbecue pit, and the menu consisted of hash brown potatoes, beef sausage, eggs, toast, juice and coffee. Following breakfast, pastor Les McColl conducted a Bible study for the San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara, Calif., *Betsy Sitzer.*

The **SIoux FALLS**, S.D., church and visitors opened the fall season of monthly social activities Sept. 5 with a potluck, followed by three nature films. The children gathered in the lounge to learn the bunny hop and play games, while the adults chose partners and enjoyed a square dance. *Nadine Van Laecken.*

Some 175 brethren and children from the **SOUTHAMPTON**, **READING**, **GODALMING**, **BRIGHTON** and **SWINDON**, England, churches sailed from Southampton Aug. 23 and retraced the initial part of the route of the pilgrims on the *Mayflower* and *Speedwell* 361 years ago. From the Southampton waters the boat entered the yachting center at Solent. As the group sailed they saw forts built by Henry VIII, and then the boat stopped for lunch in Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight. Out of the English Channel, the boat went past the Needles, the beautiful but treacherous rocks at the western end of the Isle of Wight. On the return trip the boat took a detour up the Beaulieu River to Buckler's Hard in the New Forest where many of the wooden walls (sailing warships) of England were built in past centuries. *Douglas Dedman.*

A group of **SUVA**, Fiji singles and families met at Dick and Rose Marr's home Aug. 23 for a lunch of chicken and steaks barbecued to Chinese perfection by Mr. Marr. The meal was topped off with tropical salads and root vegetables. Afterward, a sing-along was led by Apenisa Naigulevu, and then the more energetic enjoyed a game of squash. Toward the end of the afternoon, the singers turned swingers, and with Mr. Marr as disc jockey, the scene was set for dancing lessons in preparation for the Feast's dinner and dance. *John A. Rowse.*

More than 240 members and families attended the **TAMPA**, Fla., church's summer picnic Aug. 23 at Camp Broein Boy Scout Camp. Dick Clark organized the activities, with assistance from Mark Maynard, Greg Quick, Dale Yates, Mike Maynard, John Quade, Bob McClelland and Paul Topash, who cooked more than 200 pounds of chicken for the afternoon meal. The activities included softball, alleyball, horseshoes, canoeing, swimming, football, soccer and cards. *Dale Yates.*

**TAUNTON** and **EXETER**, England, brethren had a barbecue in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. S. Spiller Aug. 22. Hot dogs, salad, cheese, fruit cake and apple pie were washed down with cider, red wine and orange juice. The younger members played a variety of games, while the older members enjoyed each other's company and listened to music on the lawn. *Mrs. D. Morcum.*

Some 200 **TRINIDAD** and **TOBAGO** brethren assembled at the University of the West Indies in St. Augustine, Trinidad, Aug. 9 for a concert in which the history of the Trinidad and Tobago church was traced, as part of the ninth anniversary celebration. The evening's highlights included reenactments of the first meeting and the first Sabbath ser-

vice, a portrayal of Spokesman Club and a rendition by the choir giving thanks to God. John Baptiste was the producer-director. Members were served light refreshments after the concert. *Selwyn Newton.*

About 40 adults from the **VANCOUVER**, B.C., choir attended a barbecue at the home of Ed and Grace Mirehouse Aug. 24. Charbroiled steaks were served with baked potatoes, salads, wine and dessert. The group participated in a sing-along after dinner, with choirleader Al Neighbour on guitar. *Fred Whitehead.*

The **VICTORIA**, B.C., church had a picnic Aug. 23 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jodrell. The morning was taken up with softball, and after lunch there was volleyball and races for the children and adults, organized by John and Laurel McCrea and Dave and Jannette Cherdak. The afternoon was spiced by the appearance of two clowns. For supper there was barbecued corn and ice cream. *Peter Crompton.*

**WELLINGTON**, New Zealand, brethren attended a farewell social Aug. 8 for Sio Ching Shia and Paul Johnston, who left for their first year at Ambassador College. The evening included a potluck, the Young Ambassadors film, a gift presentation and a variety of dancing. Most of the members wore fancy hats, which added to the overall enjoyment of the evening. *Maria MacKenzie and Anne Hooper.*

The summer picnic of the **WHEELING**, W. Va., church took place Aug. 23 at Wheeling Park's Sonneborne Shelter. Featured were games for all age groups, including softball, egg toss and the banana game, in which blindfolded wives found their husbands by verbal instructions and force-fed them bananas. Games were supervised by Charles Hough. *Don Pickenpaugh.*

The **WINNIPEG**, Man., **EAST** and **WEST** churches enjoyed their second summer picnic Aug. 30 at Heidelberg Park. Chefs Roy Page, Paul Linehan and John Stryker cooked a pancake breakfast for all. Activities included races, volleyball and baseball, a children's crafts table, a sandbox and a flea market. Everyone signed good wishes in an autograph book that will be sent to Herbert W. Armstrong. *Teri Cathro.*

## CLUB MEETINGS

"Personal Appearance" was the theme of the Aug. 16 meeting of the



**ROCK CLIMBING** — Sydney, Australia, Young Action Kids (YAK) Club members learn rock climbing at an outing Aug. 16. (See "Youth Activities," page 7.)

Lady Ambassadors Club of **BELLE VERNON**, Pa. Valera Brown spoke on facial expressions; Joyce Sethman presented a speech on "Always Dressing Our Best"; and Melonic Erler spoke on posture and poise. An icebreaker was given by Laura Stairs. A fund-raising garage sale was planned for September.

The meeting was evaluated by club director and pastor David Johnson. *Hazel Worth.*

The **BLUEFIELD**, W. Va., Leadership Training Class and Women's clubs had a combined outing Aug. 30 at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Newberry of Mechanicsburg, Va. Activities began with a combined club session centered around the theme for the day, "Hospitality." Pastor Charles Crain opened the meeting, followed by a presentation of tabletopics with the men as

impromptu speech about cities in the world tomorrow.

The theme of the Aug. 16 meeting of the **CLARKSBURG**, W. Va., Lady Ambassadors Club was "Flower Arranging." Speeches were given by Kawanna Cain on the arrangement of flowers, Patty Richards on drying flowers and Suzanne Williams on houseplants. An icebreaker was given by Maryann Furby. Local elder Charles Grimm directed the club in David Johnson's absence. *Kawanna Cain.*

The 5-H Club of **GREENSBORO**, N.C., met at a restaurant Aug. 22 for a steak supper. Following the meal, members drew a still object and a live model. *Vicki Hart.*

The Women's Club of **INDIANAPOLIS**, Ind., had its Aug. 17 meeting at the Lake Nora Arms clubhouse. A commit-

The Trenton officers are Mark Rusinko, president; Bill Hiler, vice president; Jeff Nissen, secretary; Raymond Moats, treasurer; and Thomas Moats, sergeant at arms. The Hammonont officers are Gary Biddington, president; Jack Seddon, vice president; Terry Cole, secretary; Tony Patterson, treasurer; and Mark Smith, sergeant at arms. Director is Vincent Panella. *Terry D. Cole.*

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Senior citizens of the **BINGHAMTON**, N.Y., church enjoyed a meal and evening of fellowship at the



**ANNIVERSARY DANCE** — Tobago members dance at the ninth anniversary celebration of the Trinidad and Tobago church Aug. 9. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Max Lai Leung]

hosts. The ladies provided introductions and speeches relating to the theme. The morning concluded with a lecture from Mr. Crain covering hospitality to Church members. A potluck luncheon touched off planned festivities for the afternoon, which included croquet, volleyball and a hayride, which was the highlight of the outing.

Seven **YOU** boys attended the Aug. 13 meeting of the **CLARKSBURG**, W. Va., Spokesman Club. The speaking session was conducted by Lem Marsh, who introduced Gerald Furby and Bob Farley. The Most Helpful Evaluation award went to Jim Myers, while the Most Improved Speaker award went to Mr. Furby. Mark Caggiano received the Most Effective Speech cup for his

tee was appointed to plan a fashion show in the spring. Dolla Farrand was topics-mistress. Eita Bremer, Cherie Zahora and Jannie Morgan gave icebreakers. Hostesses were Emma Hindman and Mrs. Zahora. New members to the club are Emily Beaver and Mrs. Morgan. Doris Beasley was a guest. *Jayne Schumaker.*

The **NASHVILLE**, Tenn., Ladies' Club had its first men's night Aug. 16 at the Silver Wings restaurant. Hostess for the evening was Jan Taylor, and topics-mistress was Mary Hutcheson. Diane Douglas, Peggy Malone, Genie McKinnon and Debbie Rogers presented a *Meet the Press* interview with the virtuous woman of Proverbs 31. Several comedy skits were presented, followed by comments by pastor James Friddle. The evening ended with a dance. *Mary Hutcheson.*

The combined **PALMERSTON NORTH** and **HASTINGS**, New Zealand, Spokesman Club had its second ladies' night Sept. 5, highlighted by the presence of guest director Peter Nathan, regional director of God's Work in New Zealand and the South Pacific. Mr. Nathan delivered the main message during a combined afternoon service, which was followed by a potluck dinner before club. Pastor Lyall Johnston welcomed club members and guests, and tabletopics were presented by Arthur Greenwood. Toastmaster Keith Curle chaired the second half, with Warren McGhie giving the Most Effective Speech. Geoff Bignell and Warwick Emerson were the Most Improved Speakers, and Roger Busch gave the Most Helpful Evaluation. The evening concluded with a talk by Mr. Nathan on leadership. *Colin Riseborough.*

The annual men's night of the **SAN DIEGO**, Calif., Women's Club (A.M.) took place Aug. 16 at the Ramona, Calif., ranch home of Earl and Barbara Wold. Paul Smith and his No-Name Combo provided lively Western entertainment. Western attire was the order of the day, and hostess Nancy Parker officially appointed Camilo Reyes as sheriff and pastor Norman Smith as marshal for the occasion. The menu consisted of barbecued steaks and trimmings. Swimming in the pool provided a pleasant diversion on the hot summer day. *Susan Karoska.*

The **TRIDENT** and **HAMMONTON**, N.J., Spokesman clubs had their annual kickoff banquet Aug. 30 in Trenton. Club members, along with wives and guests, enjoyed roast beef or chicken. The highlight of the evening was a musical production entitled *Spokesman on the Spool*, a club variation of *Fiddler on the Roof*. New officers were chosen.



home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Furney Aug. 15. *Dick Deeb.*

Twelve **GAINESVILLE**, Fla., senior citizens were treated to a luncheon at the home of Hazel Evans Aug. 30. The menu consisted of barbecued chicken, ribs, colcasson and other delicacies. *Jack Colwell.*

## SINGLES SCENE

The **AUCKLAND**, New Zealand, Singles' Club stayed in host to about 120 people for *Una Sera in Italia* (a night in Italy) Sept. 5. A three-course Italian meal, which was prepared by the girls, was served by the men dressed as waiters. Entertainment was provided by the club's own band, The Singolos, and pastor Jack Croucher joined in with some vocal solos. Flowers were presented to the four ladies who did most of the cooking. *Debbie Beatlie.*

The annual **BONN**, West Germany, Summernight Singles Dance took place Aug. 29. Members from Holland, Norway, England and elsewhere in Germany were present. The group of 62 young people started off the day with a morning Bible study on friendship by assistant pastor Winfried Fritz. In the afternoon the singles attended Sabbath services and enjoyed cake and coffee afterward. The dance began that evening. Everyone was served a champagne cocktail as a welcome drink. Disc jockey Kuno Pfeiffer played a mixture of dance music, disco and rock 'n' roll. Claudia, Ruth and Susanne Eisermann sang and were accompanied by Martina Tholl on guitar and Johannes Eisermann on piano. Some of the Dutch singles presented a skit called "Toot hache." Games were played, and prizes were won. Next morning the singles had breakfast together. *Paul Schue.*

The **CHICAGO**, Ill., **WEST** singles played host to a Bible study Aug. 22 attended by 53 singles from the four Chicago area churches. Associate pastor Tim Snyder, who just moved into the area, gave the Bible study, speaking on strengths and responsibilities of singles and giving examples of singles from the Bible. Mr. Snyder answered questions, and the evening closed with refreshments and fellowship. *Arnold Jaros.*

Fifty-four singles attended the **CINCINNATI**, Ohio, **NORTH** singles' camp-out at Hocking Valley Park Aug. 14 to 16. Delightful weather added to the natural surroundings of an outdoor Sabbath. (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 7)





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

# UPDATE

PASADENA — Ministerial Services released the following ordinations:

**Lionel Estinvil**, a 1977 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, was ordained a full-time local elder Sept. 19. Mr. Estinvil was a ministerial trainee in Haiti, and will continue to serve the brethren there.

**Ben Faulkner**, also a ministerial trainee, was ordained a full-time local elder Sept. 5. A resident of Pasadena, Mr. Faulkner previously served the Auditorium P.M. congregation as a deacon. Mr. Faulkner will continue to assist **Dean Blackwell**, pastor of the Auditorium P.M. congregation, and **Robin Webber**, assistant pastor.

**Jack T. Smith** of Dallas, Tex., was ordained a local church elder on the first Day of Unleavened Bread in April. Ordained by ministers **Randy Dick**, **Ken Swisher**, **Bob Smith** and **Wayne Dunlap**, Mr. Smith serves the Dallas South church.

**Donald J. Mathie** was ordained a local church elder July 1 by Wausau, Wis., pastor **Dave Fiedler**. Mr. Mathie previously served the Wausau church as a deacon.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services released evangelist **Gerald Waterhouse's** speaking itinerary for October and November.

Oct. 5, Great Falls, Mont.; Oct. 8,

Missoula and Kalispell, Mont., combined services.

Oct. 10, Spokane, Wash., and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, combined Sabbath services; Oct. 24, Boise, Idaho, and Baker, Ont., combined Bible study; Oct. 25, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Oct. 26, Blackfoot, Idaho; Oct. 27, Salt Lake City, Utah; Oct. 29, Farmington, N.M.; Oct. 31, Albuquerque, N.M.

Nov. 1, Roswell, N.M.; Nov. 2, Amarillo, Tex.; Nov. 3, Liberal, Kan.; Nov. 4, Scott City, Kan.; Nov. 5, Enid, Okla.; Nov. 7, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Nov. 8, Lubbock, Tex.; Nov. 9, Midland, Tex.

Nov. 14, Dallas, Tex., North and South, combined Sabbath services; Nov. 15, Denison, Tex.; Nov. 15, Mena, Ark.; Nov. 17, Russellville, Ark.; Nov. 18, Little Rock, Ark.; Nov. 19, Texarkana, Tex.

Nov. 21, Tyler, Longview and Big Sandy, Tex., combined Sabbath services; Nov. 22, Shreveport, La.; Nov. 23, Monroe, La.; Nov. 24, Jackson, Miss.; Nov. 25, Greenwood, Miss.; Nov. 27, Columbus, Miss.; Nov. 28, Tupelo, Miss.; and Nov. 29, Florence and Huntsville, Ala., combined Bible study.

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PASADENA — Several members of the Work's Editorial and Publishing Services staffs attended

## AICF opens new season; HWA congratulates artist

PASADENA — Soprano **Mentserrat Caballe** performed before a sellout crowd in the Ambassador Auditorium Sept. 27 that included Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** and various dignitaries, concert artists and series subscribers in the Los Angeles, Calif., area.

Miss Caballe's performance marked the first of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation's (AICF) seventh concert season, according to **Wayne Shilkret**, performing arts director.

Mr. Armstrong went backstage to congratulate Miss Caballe after the performance. Mr. Shilkret said the meeting was "warm and they got along exceedingly well."

Mr. Shilkret remarked that "Miss Caballe is a wonderful, wonderful artist. It took nearly four years before she was able to find time to appear at Ambassador last year. We enjoyed her so much and the feeling was mutual, so she changed her schedule to allow her to open our schedule here."

The previous night Miss Caballe performed with the San Francisco, Calif., opera company. "This is very unusual for an opera star," Mr. Shilkret said. He noted that most opera stars schedule days of rest between performances because of the stress from physical and mental exertion.

Also in the evening's audience were television and Broadway actor **Richard Thomas** and his wife, and Metropolitan Opera soprano **Leonora Mitchell**, who is scheduled to perform in the 1982-83 AICF concert season.

Mr. Shilkret said he had every reason to believe the evening "heralded the opening of a great season for the Ambassador Auditorium," but added that one can never foresee artist cancellations.

He reported that all indications point toward a "very successful season," as subscriber sales were up

more than 50 percent.

"We had an extraordinary response to our series announcement," he continued. Some of the AICF series completely sold out before single seats went on sale, "and we now have a waiting list for future years."

Soprano **Leontyne Price**, Big Band director **Count Basie** and several others were scheduled to appear in September and October, according to Mr. Shilkret.



## INTERNATIONAL DESK BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — **Herbert W. Armstrong's** half-hour television special, *China: Inside the Wall*, was aired Aug. 10 on the only television channel in Accra, Ghana, free of charge. It was aired in prime time, at 7 p.m., just before the main news.

The Accra church pastor, **Melvin Rhodes**, made this film and the 1980 Young Ambassadors Feast film available to the British Council (a body promoting education and the arts in Ghana), who in turn make films available to Ghana Broadcasting Corp. (GBS) for television showing.

We expect the Young Ambassadors film to be aired soon, and hope that this will lead to an opening in radio. (Television reaches only the wealthiest people in the major urban centers — 1 to 2 percent of the population.)

### Philippines

Although the Philippine economy is in a serious condition — regarded by some as worse since 1949 — God's Work there had a 69

percent increase in income in August, bringing year-to-date increase to 25 percent. Eight hundred fifty new students enrolled for the Correspondence Course in August and 2,900 were added to the *Plain Truth* mailing list.

**Guy Ames**, the regional director, continued his trip, to churches throughout the country, now having reached all but one since his arrival last January. He visited the Naga City and Legazpi churches for the first time in August as well as conducting a Festival planning conference in Cebu City with elders from that area.

### Australia

For the first time in four years, the Australian edition of *The Plain Truth* was printed in Australia. Previously it was printed in Singapore to take advantage of cheaper labor and postage, but delays were experienced in getting the magazine to Australian readers.

The September edition was printed in Sydney, Australia, and mailed at a special rate negotiated



NEWSSTAND DISPLAY — A passerby stops at a newsstand *Plain Truth* display in London, where the British newsstand program has been revitalized after five years of inactivity.

## 'PT' program restarts in Britain

Evangelist **Frank Brown** is the regional director of God's Work in Britain.

By **Frank Brown**

LONDON — The July marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer gave God's Church a special reason to celebrate. Following five years of inactivity, the British *Plain Truth* newsstand program restarted with an issue featuring the royal couple on the cover.

Since it is impossible to obtain time on government-owned television and radio in Britain, God's Church has few options available to transmit Christ's Gospel.

A major newspaper advertising program from 1968 to 1970 was combined with airing *The World Tomorrow* broadcast over off-shore ship stations. The newsstand program began in 1972, after the British government outlawed the ship stations.

More than 90 percent of magazines purchased in Britain are distributed through newsagents. Only

a small minority are distributed through subscriptions.

After much negotiation and prayer on the part of the Church here, *Plain Truth* newsstand distribution was arranged through one of Britain's two main news retail outlets. The program rapidly multiplied, eventually reaching a monthly circulation of more than 300,000 copies in 1976. But, later that same year, the program was curtailed when subsidies from God's Work in the United States were curtailed.

The five-year lapse between the close and restart of the program was not spent idly. Much time was spent evaluating the effectiveness of the previous program.

Shops in England generally won't distribute a magazine unless paid to do so. British news outlets have limited space — only when they are paid can you claim a definite commitment from them.

Also, the last few years have seen the addition of several free publications. *The Plain Truth* magazine is not now unique in this aspect. Many stores won't accept one free publica-

tion for fear of receiving pressure from others.

The restarting of the program was also hampered because our former distribution chain declined to accept *The Plain Truth*.

London, the major population center, was chosen as the focal point of the program. *Plain Truth* outlets were secured in heavy traffic areas, insuring exposure to a broad segment of the population.

A card is stitched into the magazine offering a free subscription. The program has already produced a response of between 2 and 3 percent. Many of the new subscribers live outside of Britain, reflecting London's international character.

London was also chosen to give maximum awareness and visibility of *The Plain Truth* to government, finance and communications people who populate the city. *The Plain Truth* has already attracted attention from a socialist magazine, which has contacted us and alleged that we promote fascist ideas. Such reaction is nearly unavoidable, and reflects the country's sensitivity to small religious groups.

Plans now call to maintain *PT* newsstand circulation between 40,000 and 50,000 magazines monthly, but increasing the number of outlets.

with the Australian post office. Printing quality and delivery time were both improved.

More than 5,600 requested copies of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, as a result of Mr. Armstrong's last semiannual letter.

### Spanish-area moves

Recent months have seen several ministerial transfers in the Spanish-speaking area of God's Work. **Pablo Gonzalez**, pastor of the Bogota, Colombia, church, was moved to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to pastor the church there. The Bogota church will be pastored by **Mario Hernandez**, assisted by **Mauricio Peres**, who returned to Colombia after attending Ambassador College until last May. Just before the Feast, Mr. and Mrs. **Alberto Sousa**, stationed in Puerto Rico, were scheduled to move to Argentina to pastor the Ezeiza church.

### Solomon Islands

The membership in the Solomon Islands increased by more than 28 percent — two more baptisms. An August tour conducted by **Bill Sidney** from the Australian Office, accompanied by ministerial trainee **Bruce McNair**, resulted in the baptisms, bringing the membership to nine. One man on a remote island was reached after a two-hour trip in a motorized canoe. He had been receiving *The Plain Truth* for 20 years.

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