

Pastor general visits the White House



WASHINGTON TRIP — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong is photographed with First Lady Nancy Reagan (right) and the Little Ambassadors From Shanghai after a performance by the Chinese children in the East Room of the White House in Washington, D.C., May 17. Gwen La Ravia, wife of evangelist Ellis La Ravia, stands far right. (Photo by Warren Watson)

By Aaron Dean
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong flew here May 16 in the Church's G-II jet for meetings with government officials and to attend performances by the Little Ambassadors From Shanghai in the White House and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Aaron Dean, a pastor-rank minister, is Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's personal aide.

The four-city tour of the Little Ambassadors, a children's performing group from the Children's Palace in Shanghai, China, was sponsored by the Ambassador Foundation (see W/N, May 21). Performances in Pasadena and San Francisco, Calif., preceded the Washington trip, and the group performed in Seattle, Wash., May 25.

On board the Church's G-II jet for the trip here with Mr. Armstrong were evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the foundation, and his wife, Gwen; Aaron Dean, a foundation vice president and personal aide to Mr. Armstrong, and his wife, Michelle; and Mr. Armstrong's nurse, Elaine Browne.

The G-II touched down at Washington's National Airport at 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. Mr. Armstrong was met by Richard Frankel, pastor of the Washington congregation, and associate pastor Stephen Elliott.

White House visit

Thursday, May 17; Mr. Armstrong and his group arrived at the gates of the White House, the official residence of the President and First Lady of the United States. Mr. Armstrong, chairman and founder of the Ambassador Foundation, was an invited guest for a performance of the Little Ambassadors in the East Room.

First Lady Nancy Reagan invited the children's group to perform in the White House before she and President Ronald Reagan made an official tour of the People's Republic of China April 26 to May 1. The Ambassador Foundation assisted in the arrangements for Mrs. Reagan to visit the Children's Palace in Shanghai April 30.

After clearing security, Mr. Armstrong and his group were escorted into the White House by a Marine Corps captain. While Mr. Armstrong's party walked upstairs to the second floor, Mr. Armstrong was escorted to the President's elevator. He rejoined the group in the East Room.

The East Room was staged for the Chinese children's performance. In addition to numerous formal occasions, the East Room has also been the site of wrestling and other athletic matches during the administration of Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909). The body of President Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865) lay in state here after the President was assassinated April 14, 1865. Amy Carter, daughter of President Jimmy Carter (1977-1981), learned how to ride a bicycle in the East Room.

Meeting the First Lady

Mr. Armstrong was met by Gahl Hodges, Social Secretary to Mrs. Reagan, and escorted into the Green Room next to the East Room. There he met with James S. Rosebush, a deputy assistant to the President.

Mrs. Reagan entered the room and introductions were made. The First Lady thanked Mr. Armstrong for sponsoring the tour of the Little Ambassadors in the United States. Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Reagan were then taken into the East Room for the performance. About 400 women from the Republican Women's League were invited to view the Chinese children's group. The show was well-received, and the children presented a gift to the First Lady afterward.

The Chinese children gathered in a separate room with Mrs. Reagan and Mr. Armstrong to be photographed together. Since their reception in the Ambassador College Social Center, the children called Mr. Armstrong "Grandpa."

As others began leaving, Mr. Armstrong and his party were taken back to the East Room for more photographs. The pastor general noticed a piano and, to the delight of those present, sat down and performed a few pieces.

That evening reporters from Chinese newspapers interviewed Mr. Armstrong. The group was impressed with the cordiality and respect paid to Mr. Armstrong by the Chinese press. The journalists said they would forward copies of the articles to Mr. Armstrong.

Israeli Embassy

Three embassy visits were scheduled for Friday, May 18. First was a (See WHITE HOUSE, page 15)

172 receive bachelor of arts

Pasadena conducts graduation

By Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA — "We should not snap the links that give continuity from one generation to the next," evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor, told 172 graduating seniors at the 34th commencement exercises of Pasadena Ambassador College May 18.

Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong asked that graduation, which is traditionally conducted in the lower gardens of the campus, be in the Ambassador Auditorium this year because of the larger attendance.

More than 1,400 attended in the Auditorium and 580 in overflow seating in the Student Center and Imperial gymnasium.

Mr. Hoeh delivered the commencement address, filling in for Mr. Armstrong, who was in Washington, D.C., for performances by the Little Ambassadors of Shanghai (see article this page).

To the music of "Pomp and Circumstance," the 172 graduates marched in procession from the lower lobby up side stairways to seats in the Auditorium.

Evangelist Raymond F. McNair, deputy chancellor of the Pasadena college, gave the invocation and welcomed the degree candidates and guests.

Before Mr. Hoeh's address, Joseph McNair, outgoing student body president, described the "intense education" at Ambassador College. "Will we continue to use what we've been given?" he asked the graduates.

John D. Schroeder then directed the Ambassador Chorale as it presented "How Good and How Pleasant," composed by Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services, and "I Was Glad When They Said Unto

Me" by C. Hubert H. Parry.

In his address titled "The Preservation of Cultural Values," Mr. Hoeh pointed out that culture cannot be divorced from morals. "Tragically, many of the values of culture today have been misguidedly as a result of the problems that have beset education in the last and this century," he said.

Mr. Hoeh encouraged the grad-

uates to reflect on the accomplishments of their parents and grandparents. "Make use of those things which we have inherited and improve upon them through the experiences that we have," he said.

"It is critically important that we... recognize the role of the family and... communicate back and forth," Mr. Hoeh said.

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133 graduate from Big Sandy

Texas campus awards degrees

By Thomas C. Hanson

BIG SANDY — Associate of arts or science degrees were presented to 133 Ambassador College students in the field house auditorium here May 16, according to Larry Salyer, dean of students.

It was the second commencement to take place on the Big Sandy campus since the college's reopening after being closed in 1977.

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, editor of *The Plain Truth*, gave the commencement address, standing in for Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong who was in Washington, D.C., with the Little Ambassadors of Shanghai (see article this page).

In the processional, the faculty, followed by the graduates, men dressed in dark suits and the women in long white dresses carrying a dozen red roses, entered the auditorium to the sounds of "Pomp and Circumstance."

Mr. Salyer gave the invocation, and evangelist Leslie McCullough, deputy chancellor of the Big Sandy campus, welcomed the graduates,

students and guests.

Dean Newcomb, student body president, in his discourse titled "Ambassadors in Deed," told the graduates that "education is of no value except it be properly used. We have been given the tools and supplies to build on that foundation a happy and full life. How we use these tools and materials will speak louder than anything we can say. By our works or by our deeds we will be known."

The Big Sandy Ambassador College chorale, directed by Roger Bryant, then went on stage to sing "Break Forth Into Joy" and "Climb Every Mountain."

In his address, "The Preservation of Cultural Values," Mr. Hoeh told the graduates, students and guests: "The most important aspect of culture among any people in the world is ultimately the character of that people or nation."

The evangelist said: "As... children separate from families in this country, it is remarkable how many of the cultural traits that we have inher-

Financial Report

Combined audited financial statements for God's work worldwide appear on pages 5 to 7.

Mr. McCullough commented (See TEXAS, page 10)

'Europessimism' makes unity more urgent

PASADENA — Common Market summit failures; a threat to Europe's energy supplies in the Persian Gulf; America's economic love affair with the booming economies of Asia. It all adds up to a new malady called "Europessimism."

Simply expressed, Europessimism is a widespread feeling throughout Western Europe that the modern world, led by high-tech innovators such as Japan and the United States, is passing the Old World by; that the nations of Europe are consigned to a largely irrelevant backwater in the world economic order.

Europessimism is reflected in the news media and in bookstores. In late March the French newsmagazine *L'Express* published a cover story, "The Pacific, the New World Asia." Bookstores are crammed with new titles like *Asia on the March*, *Japan Versus Europe* and *The Pacific: the New Center of the World*.

Some leading Europeans, while acknowledging the challenges ahead, refuse to panic. They point out that the new fascination with the admittedly booming economies of Asia has, in fact, a less solid base than many people think.

William Pfaff, an American journalist working in Paris, points out that "if all of East and Southeast Asia should develop as Japan and a few others have, then... the Pacific would become the center of world

economy and industry, and undoubtedly of world power... But will the rest of Asia develop as Japan has developed? This is the critical question, and the answer is far from certain."

The actual weight of the Far Eastern economies, observes Mr. Pfaff, is distorted by the presence of Japan. Japan is the second-largest national economy in the world. If Japan is removed from the picture, however, the Pacific Basin presents a less imposing picture.

China's gross national product is only slightly above the official figure for Britain's economy. South Korea's economy, in 1982 figures, is slightly larger than Denmark's and a quarter that of Canada. Taiwan's economy is about 80 percent as large as Denmark's.

The fact is, Mr. Pfaff summarizes: "NATO Europe possesses a total output worth more than \$3 trillion, which is three times that of Japan, much more than twice that of all Asia, slightly larger than that of the United States itself. The European Common Market is the largest trading group in the world."

"The Pacific Basin may provoke interesting thoughts about the future, but these should be taken for no more than that. For the time being, it is Europe that weighs in world economic scales."

The facts of Europe's prominence in no way diminish the economic

challenge confronting the nations of Europe. When fully realized, they make the goal of a united Europe seem all the more imperative.

The truth is, in order to compete with Japan and the "little Japans" — South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong — Western Euro-

pean political unity. Addressing the final session of the 10-nation European Parliament before elections take place June 17, Mr. Mitterrand said: "We are again in a phase when destiny is in the balance. For too long we have been

held back by absurd quarrels."

To move the unity issue off dead center, Mr. Mitterrand proposed "preparatory conversations" leading to a "conference of interested parties" on a new political treaty.

The French president hinted that some members of the 10-nation European Community — implying Britain, specifically — may not be interested in such a political treaty. But the thrust of Mr. Mitterrand's speech was that Europe must move toward unity despite yearly complaints over the EC budget by the British.

"I am too confident of our history to allow that we could decline," stresses Mr. Mitterrand. "But we must not act too late."

One of the outstanding philosophers focusing on the future of Europe is an Austrian, Gerd-Klaus Kaltenbrunner.

"In times of crisis," wrote Mr. Kaltenbrunner in the April 12 issue of *Bunte*, a West German magazine, "it is advisable to remember the origins, as Machiavelli wrote: 'All

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WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

peans must overcome the currently stalled progress toward free trade within the Common Market. "No single country can fight the Pacific challenge alone," says France's Laurent Fabius.

Another Frenchman, historian Fernand Braudel declares, "Unless we can revive the idea of a United States of Europe, we won't be able to rescue European culture, not to mention the European economy."

In its April 9 edition, *Newsweek* ran an article entitled "The Decline of Europe." In it, European regional editor Scott Sullivan wrote, "Europe's single strongest trump card may be the fact that its leaders are united in anxiety about the future."

One such leader, President Fran-

cois Mitterrand of France, is doing his best to translate Europessimistic anxiety into action. In a vigorous statement of confidence in Europe's future, Mr. Mitterrand declared May 24 in Strasbourg, France, that his country is ready for formal discussions on a new treaty of Euro-

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



The Vatican state

ON A TRAIN FROM ROME TO MILAN, ITALY — The most effective official organ of Catholic Christianity is within the confines of Rome. The Vatican state is a minuscule even by minuscule European standards. Monaco and Luxembourg dwarf the Vatican.

But make no mistake about it: The Vatican exercises enormous political influence far beyond its geographical size.

Never more so than now. In 1982 Britain, Norway and Sweden officially recognized the Vatican. Then, in 1983 the big plum was picked. The United States finally recognized Vatican City over the protests of U.S. Protestants.

These recognitions go far beyond merely formalizing what already

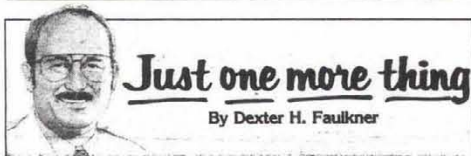
existed informally. Long-term historical processes were halted.

The British one fell antipathy for the papacy. Henry VIII openly defied Rome when he divorced Katharine of Aragon to marry Anne Boleyn. Their daughter, Elizabeth I, developed a decidedly anti-Catholic reputation during her reign from 1558 to 1603.

Another state church — the Anglicans, with the reigning monarch as their head — was established in place of the Roman Catholic Church. There could not be two heads. Amicable relations were virtually impossible at that time — and for several centuries to come.

In this century Britain became a secular state in outlook. Only about 3 percent of Britons attend church services regularly. The church's role in English life is fast disappearing. Church buildings have been sold — and converted into shops. The decline of religion is a shopworn story in Britain.

The Protestant majority in the (See VATICAN, page 14)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Never say 'Never'!

I'm sure that long before any of us reached our teens somebody passed on this piece of sage advice: "Never, say never." Or we may have learned the hard way that just as soon as we say, "Everybody knows that..." or "It always works to..." some smart aleck will come along and prove us wrong.

And in light of all this, I've wondered if the apostle Paul knew the chance he was taking when he, under God's inspiration, issued the command in Philippians 4:6, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Revised Authorized Version throughout).

Everything? A friend who read this statement in the Bible responded as most of us probably do subconsciously. "It can't mean everything! Some things aren't spiritual enough to be prayed about, and other things are too insignificant to bother God with."

Maybe that's what went through King Ahaz' mind when God gave him a Philippians 4:6 kind of command. "Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above" (Isaiah 7:11).

"But Ahaz said," as the account goes on, "I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!" (verse 12).

He refused. Now that's what we'd call audacious. God comes to him with a direct order, and Ahaz says no. I wonder how Ahaz would have reacted if one of his subjects had responded like that to his commands.

King Ahaz probably felt justified, however, because he had what he saw as a real good reason to "not bother the Lord with anything like that."

A man at Spokesman Club once told me he tried to go all day long without asking God for anything.

Sounds awfully "humble," doesn't it? But according to God's response to Ahaz, He would have been much more impressed with humility that showed itself in obedience to His request.

"Then he said, 'Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?' (Isaiah 7:13).

It's interesting that the Lord rebuked Ahaz for not asking, while nowhere in God's Word do we see anyone rebuked for asking too much. God means what He says when He tells us to pray about everything.

And "everything" includes all our physical, emotional and spiritual needs, as well as all those things we are concerned about, and all our desires. "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart" (Psalms 37:4).

I enjoy from time to time rereading Herbert W. Armstrong's chapter on "Astounding Answers to Prayer" in his autobiography, *These are living lessons for us to learn*. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong had needs.

In deep earnestness and absolute faith he prayed — asking God to heal his wife and put iron in her blood and give her needed strength. He asked God to send food and fuel and some money for the hospital bill for the delivery of their child. He also asked God for a new coat.

Asking God for these five things had taken less than a minute, but God answered just as quickly. Mr. Armstrong was living two scriptures: "For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him" (Matthew 6:8); "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). We do need to ask, to communi-

cate. Failing to communicate, even in small matters, causes problems — between husband and wife, parents and children, employer and employee. And especially in our day-to-day lives when we fail to communicate with God. Many times we don't have because we fail to ask: "Yet you do not have because you do not ask" (James 4:2).

A friend told me of a group of "Christian" women in his hometown discussing a Bible passage that gives a bleak picture of what we often do instead of praying to God for what we want and need. The verse was: "You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war" (James 4:2).

These women concluded that none of them had killed anyone or started any war to get what they wanted, but their list of "what we do to get what we need instead of praying" looked and sounded something like this: one nagged her husband for what she wanted; another admitted she complained a lot about all those things she needed; another criticized those who had what she didn't; one just worried about it; one had taken on a time-consuming job to get more money for her needs; another put on a big garage sale.

How's that for an updated version of James 4:2?

Why pray about everything? Why beat our prayers real fine? Do it because praying opens us up to God. And that opening up (real communication — one on one) allows Him to enter our current situation to purify our motives and to give us His true perspective.

As I John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

Walking in the light isn't hard. It just means keeping the lines of communication open to God, so He's free to put His finger on anything that displeases Him and needs to be changed. The "how" of that openness with God is to pray about everything.

We need to pray as David, "Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear to my supplications! In your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness" (Psalms 143:1). He will respond.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

'Just One More Thing'

As a family, we've put together a couple of ideas from your [Dexter Faulkner's] columns with the calendar issued by the Church. So now for each of God's months, we have marked at the top of the calendar an important true value as a goal for that month.

The calendar sits on the breakfast table and thus acts as a daily reminder of our goal and as a useful recap tool every few days — a useful teaching tool for positive good; and a pro when negative thoughts or behavior creep in!

Graham and Christine Houghton
family
Surrey, England

I cannot tell you the tremendous impression your article "The Subtle Flaw" [March 26] left me.

The spiritual analogy of compromise to the frog's acceptance of the ever so little change in the water's temperature was unerring.

Thank God for trials — it makes us realize there is a change going on that needs attention. Thank God for a Father so concerned He gives us a chance to "jump out" before we become conditioned to compromise.

Clare Gough
Wilton, Conn.

Teens respond
I am a 17-year-old high school senior. The first time I saw your television show I was overwhelmed. I knew that Mr. (See LETTERS, page 13)

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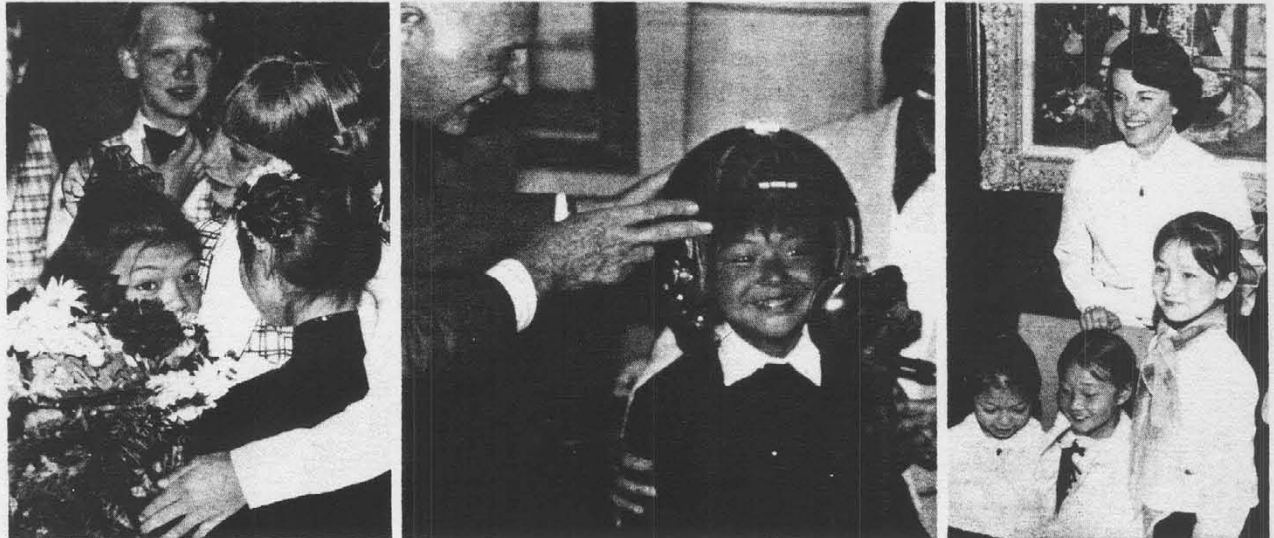
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Mr. Armstrong and the 'Little Ambassadors'

'LITTLE AMBASSADORS' TOUR — Clockwise from top left: Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong plays the Roosevelt Piano, a grand piano presented to President Franklin Roosevelt by Steinway & Sons in 1938, in the East Room of the White House in Washington, D.C., May 17; members of the Little Ambassadors From Shanghai perform in the East Room before more than 400 guests; First Lady Nancy Reagan displays a gift from the Chinese children; Mr. Armstrong converses with Dianne Feinstein, mayor of San Francisco, Calif., May 9; the mayor poses with some of the group in her office; Verne Orr, secretary of the U.S. Air Force, helps a Little Ambassador try on a flight helmet at the Pentagon May 16; Imperial students and Chinese children share an emotional farewell after their final performance May 23; and Mr. Armstrong answers questions from Chinese reporters. [Photos by Hal Finch and Warren Watson]



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Session 5, May 23 to June 5



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WORLDWIDE AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

By Herbert W. Armstrong
For the second time, following our golden anniversary year, God's Church of this Philadelphia era is able to produce a financial statement that is worldwide, including all branch offices around the world.

We are not required by law to publish this report. But we want our brethren in all parts

of the world to know the size and scope of this great Work of God committed to His Church, and to know how God's tithe and the brethren's freewill offerings are handled.

It is significant that we were first able to have such a combined statement on our 50th anniversary year since the transition from the Sardis era into that of Philadelphia, as foretold by Jesus Christ in the third

chapter of the book of Revelation.

This massive detailed report shows not only the growth of the Church, but how God has blessed it with financial strength and stability.

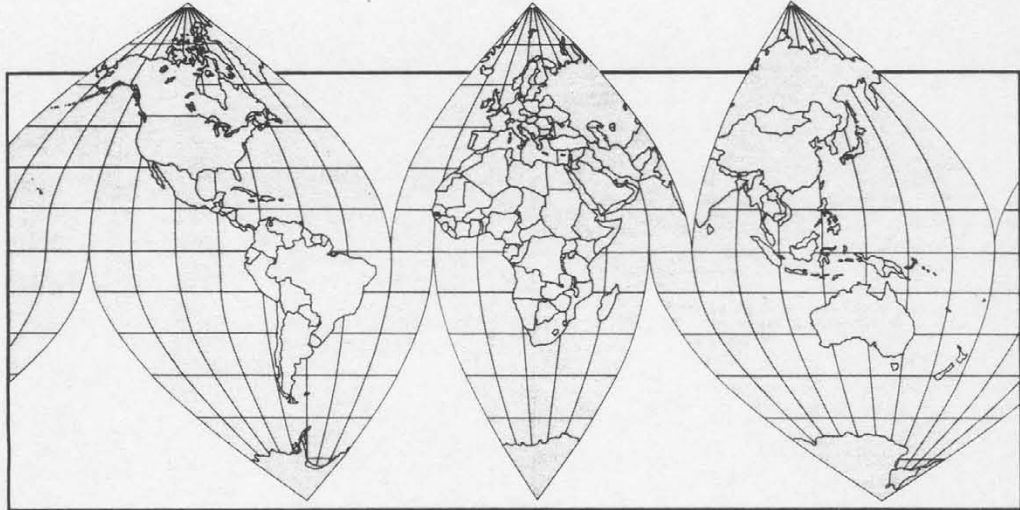
This statement has been examined by Arthur Andersen & Co., rated in 1983 as the world's largest audit firm. In addition to coordinating our worldwide audit, Arthur Andersen & Co. is the sole auditing firm for the Church's financial

statements for our offices in the United States, Canada, Australia, South Africa, the Philippines and the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany).

The following report compares 1983 with 1982. It includes financial information for our offices and operations in about 70 countries. In a recent meeting, our auditors commended the integrity of our financial records, stating that we are in a strong position to carry out our great commission worldwide.

God blesses us, individually, or combined as His Church, according to the extent we please Him spiritually and as we are honest in financial affairs (Malachi 3:8-10).

This report, I feel, is evidence of your stewardship in faithfully paying God's tithe and generously giving of freewill offerings, and also of the faithful, diligent and honest service of those of us in positions of management and government of the work of the Church.



**ARTHUR
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To Herbert W. Armstrong (as Pastor General)
of The Worldwide Church of God and the Boards
of Directors of Worldwide Church of God and
Worldwide Affiliated Organizations:

We have examined the combined balance sheets of WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD (a California nonprofit corporation and various Corporations Sole) and its worldwide affiliated organizations (see Notes 1 and 2) as of December 31, 1983 and 1982, and the related combined statements of support and revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances, and changes in financial position for the years then ended. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the combined financial position of Worldwide Church of God and its worldwide affiliated organizations as of December 31, 1983 and 1982, and the results of their operations and the changes in their financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

Arthur Andersen & Co.

Los Angeles, California,
April 16, 1984.

**WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD AND
WORLDWIDE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS (Notes 1 and 2)
COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS - DECEMBER 31, 1983 AND 1982**

ASSETS	1983	1982
CURRENT ASSETS (Note 3):		
Cash	\$ 5,681,000	\$ 4,608,000
Marketable securities	5,226,000	11,414,000
Receivables, net, and other assets	3,493,000	3,246,000
Total current assets	14,400,000	19,268,000
LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES, NET, AND OTHER ASSETS (Note 3)	982,000	1,503,000
DEPRECIABLE PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization (Note 4)	24,899,000	17,157,000
NONDEPRECIABLE PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 4)	58,604,000	56,085,000
	\$98,885,000	\$94,013,000
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current portion of long-term debt and obligations under capital leases (Note 5)	\$ 1,476,000	\$ 2,068,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6,653,000	7,372,000
Total current liabilities	8,131,000	9,440,000
LONG-TERM DEBT, net of current portion (Note 5)	6,079,000	6,028,000
OBLIGATIONS UNDER CAPITAL LEASES, net of current portion (Note 5)	2,780,000	1,774,000
DEPOSITS AND OTHER LIABILITIES	1,011,000	703,000
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 6)		
FUND BALANCES (Note 3)	80,884,000	76,068,000
	\$98,885,000	\$94,013,000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined financial statements.

**WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD AND
WORLDWIDE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS (Notes 1 and 2)**
**COMBINED STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, EXPENSES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1983 AND 1982

	1983	1982
SUPPORT AND REVENUE (Note 3):		
Contributions and bequests	\$122,362,000	\$110,870,000
College tuition, fees and services	4,784,000	3,754,000
Ambassador Foundation (Note 2)	1,930,000	2,610,000
Rental and other revenue	<u>3,106,000</u>	<u>3,670,000</u>
Total support and revenue	<u>132,182,000</u>	<u>120,904,000</u>
EXPENSES (Note 3):		
Local congregations	28,291,000	28,180,000
Church publishing	28,233,000	22,727,000
Broadcasting and proclaiming (Note 2)	23,809,000	22,043,000
Ambassador College (Note 2)	12,090,000	9,608,000
Ambassador Foundation (Note 2)	5,151,000	6,277,000
Assistance to needy members	5,528,000	5,240,000
Management and general	<u>23,387,000</u>	<u>22,022,000</u>
Total expenses	<u>126,489,000</u>	<u>116,097,000</u>
Support and revenue over expenses	5,693,000	4,807,000
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	76,068,000	72,053,000
Currency translation adjustment (Note 3)	<u>(877,000)</u>	<u>(792,000)</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ 80,884,000</u>	<u>\$ 76,068,000</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined financial statements.

**WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD AND
WORLDWIDE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS (Notes 1 and 2)**
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1983 AND 1982

	1983	1982
FUNDS WERE PROVIDED BY:		
Support and revenue over expenses	\$ 5,693,000	\$ 4,807,000
Add - Items not requiring funds-		
Depreciation and amortization	3,703,000	3,359,000
Net book value of property and equipment retired	1,544,000	1,028,000
Other-		
Decrease in receivables and other assets	274,000	2,316,000
Increase in deposits and other liabilities	308,000	439,000
Increase in long-term debt and obligations under capital leases	<u>2,296,000</u>	<u>941,000</u>
	<u>13,818,000</u>	<u>12,890,000</u>
FUNDS WERE USED FOR:		
Purchases of property and equipment	13,508,000	7,683,000
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	717,000	3,022,000
Decrease in long-term debt and obligations under capital leases	1,831,000	1,677,000
Effect of exchange rate changes	<u>877,000</u>	<u>792,000</u>
	<u>18,933,000</u>	<u>13,174,000</u>
DECREASE IN CASH AND MARKETABLE SECURITIES	(5,115,000)	(284,000)
CASH AND MARKETABLE SECURITIES, beginning of year	16,022,000	16,306,000
CASH AND MARKETABLE SECURITIES, end of year	<u>\$10,907,000</u>	<u>\$16,022,000</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these combined financial statements.

**WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD AND
WORLDWIDE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS (Notes 1 and 2)**
NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1983

(1) Basis of presentation-

The Worldwide Church of God is a worldwide religious association. It is headquartered in Pasadena, California, and consists of approximately 75,000 baptized members. Its affairs are conducted through Worldwide Church of God (a California nonprofit, nonstock corporation) and various religious, academic and philanthropic organizations (the "Church").

The accompanying combined financial statements include the reporting worldwide affiliated organizations of the Church. All significant balances and transactions among the entities included in the combined financial statements have been eliminated.

(2) Organization and activities-

The Church is governed by a spiritual theocracy which recognizes that ultimate human authority under Jesus Christ in the Church is exercised by Mr. Armstrong, now age 91, as Pastor General and with the spiritual rank of Apostle. Accordingly, Mr. Armstrong has ultimate authority as to the manner in which the Church operates and determines the appropriateness of all significant activities.

Mr. Armstrong has appointed an Advisory Council of Elders which consists of twelve senior church elders and evangelists. In most cases, they are directors, trustees or officers of the entities comprising the Church. The function of the Council is to help and advise Mr. Armstrong and, in the event of Mr. Armstrong's death or complete disability, "to take full charge of the Work (the Church, College and Foundation) and all its assets and activities" and to designate a successor.

The primary activities of the Church are: "to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God in all the world for a witness unto all nations" and to "feed the flock" of the Church. To this end, the Gospel is preached through mass communications, such as radio, television and printed publications, and through campaigns made by Mr. Armstrong and various ministers. The Plain Truth, the Church's principal publication, had an approximate circulation of 6.4 million at December 31, 1983. The Church also had approximately 710 congregations in approximately 70 countries throughout the world.

Ambassador College (the "College") was organized for the promotion of learning and knowledge in the liberal arts and theology and for the preparation of persons for service and ministry of the Church throughout the world. Ambassador Foundation (the "Foundation") operations include the promotion of concerts and other cultural events.

The Church, College and Foundation are affiliated by virtue of the Church's support and through certain common directors/trustees and officers. The

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College and Foundation, which are located in the United States of America, are viewed as vehicles of the Church in accomplishing its primary activities and receive the substantial portion of their monetary and service support (\$16,834,000 in 1983 and \$13,567,000 in 1982) from the Church. The College and Foundation are also registered in countries outside the United States of America, primarily to represent and further the activities of the Church. Accordingly, the College and Foundation activities outside of the United States of America are included as part of the Church.

(3) Summary of significant accounting policies-

The combined financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States of America generally accepted accounting principles. This includes preparing the combined financial statements on an accrual basis of accounting.

(a) Revenue-

In the United States of America, contributions are recorded when the funds are constructively received. Constructive receipt includes contributions received during the first part of January, but postmarked prior to January 1. At December 31, 1983 and 1982, cash includes \$2,192,000 and \$1,750,000, respectively, of such constructive receipt contributions. In other countries, contributions are recorded when the funds are actually received. In management's opinion, the recording of contributions in this manner in other countries does not have a material effect on the combined financial statements.

Currency restrictions do not significantly affect the Church's operations. Revenues generated in countries with currency restrictions are generally expended in the country of origin. Accordingly, revenues subject to currency restrictions are reflected in the accompanying combined financial statements when received.

College tuition and receipts from performing arts activities that relate to future periods are deferred at December 31 and recognized as income when earned. The amount of deferred income at December 31, 1983 and 1982, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$985,000 and \$949,000, respectively.

(b) Designated or restricted funds-

The Church teaches its members to tithe (which is ten percent of one's income for the Church's unrestricted use). The majority of Church support and revenue consists of such unrestricted donations. Additional donations are received for specific doctrinal purposes. Such donations are used for assistance to needy members, operating expenses of the annual Church festivals, ministerial activities and the acquisition, construction and maintenance of buildings, as deemed appropriate by Church doctrine. In management's opinion, at December 31, 1983 and 1982, all contributions received for specific purposes had been expended in accordance with, and in furtherance of, their intended purposes.

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(c) Functional allocation of expenses-

The costs of providing the various programs have been presented on a functional basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Such functional expenses could also be expressed using the following classifications (amounts in thousands):

	1983	1982
Salaries and related expenses	\$ 41,766	\$ 39,702
Time and print media	18,327	15,871
Printing services	14,566	12,904
Maintenance, repairs and supplies	7,893	7,538
Grants and charitable support	7,655	6,434
Postage and shipping	7,252	6,339
Building and equipment rentals	6,206	5,685
Travel and related expenses	3,712	4,088
Professional and performing artist fees	4,985	3,979
Depreciation and amortization	3,703	3,359
Vehicle operating expenses	2,157	2,307
Other	8,267	7,891
	<u>\$126,489</u>	<u>\$116,097</u>

(d) Marketable securities-

Marketable securities, consisting primarily of certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements, are stated at cost which approximates market value.

(e) Receivables and other assets-

Receivables consist primarily of notes receivable from property sales and loans made to employees and students. The allowance for doubtful accounts totaled \$359,000 and \$367,000 at December 31, 1983 and 1982, respectively. In accordance with the Church's beliefs, receivables from Church members are noninterest-bearing. For financial statement purposes, noninterest-bearing receivables have been discounted using an appropriate interest factor.

Other current assets consist primarily of Church publication inventories and prepaid expenses. Church publications are distributed free of charge. These publications are stated at cost determined on a first-in, first-out basis, net of a reserve for inventories in excess of anticipated distribution, and are charged to expense in the period in which the literature is distributed. Such inventories were \$1,200,000 and \$1,072,000 at December 31, 1983 and 1982, respectively.

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(f) Foreign currency translation-

The functional currency for all locations outside the United States of America is the local currency. Assets and liabilities have been translated into United States of America dollars at exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses are translated at the average exchange rates during the year. Resulting foreign currency translation gains or losses are a component of fund balances. The cumulative effect of translating such accounts at December 31, 1983, was an unrealized translation loss of \$1,669,000.

(g) Volunteer workers-

The efforts of volunteer workers are not recorded as contributions and expenses, since it is not practical to calculate the monetary value of the benefits received. Such services might constitute a significant factor in the Church's operations.

(h) Reclassifications-

Certain 1982 balances have been reclassified to conform with the 1983 combined financial statement presentation.

(i) Property and equipment-

The December 31, 1983 and 1982, balances of property and equipment are as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Depreciable		Nondepreciable	
	1983	1982	1983	1982
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,884	\$ 6,159
Land improvements	1,074	1,099	3,514	3,209
Buildings and improvements	6,313	5,670	43,631	42,498
Equipment and furnishings	17,308	16,257	-	-
Vehicles	7,158	6,179	-	-
Aircraft	9,588	3,805	-	-
Leased property and equipment (Note 5)	4,198	2,847	-	-
Leasehold improvements	878	887	-	-
Fine arts	-	-	2,147	2,103
Library books	-	-	1,199	1,133
Construction in progress	-	-	1,229	983
	46,517	36,744	58,604	56,085
Less- Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(21,618)	(19,587)	-	-
	<u>\$24,899</u>	<u>\$17,157</u>	<u>\$58,604</u>	<u>\$56,085</u>

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Purchased property and equipment are recorded at cost. Donated property and equipment are recorded at the estimated fair value at the date of the gift. Property and equipment under capitalized leases consist primarily of land and an office building with a 20-year term expiring in 1992, telephone equipment with a 10-year term expiring in 1993 and vehicles having varying terms which expire over the next three years. The Church has entered into an agreement to replace its existing 14-year-old aircraft, which has a cost of \$3,805,000 and a net book value of approximately \$1,300,000. The aircraft purchase will be funded by the \$4,300,000 trade allowance of the existing aircraft, a \$5,783,000 deposit (included in the aircraft amount shown above) and utilization of approximately \$3,700,000 of the loan agreement described in Note 5.

Generally accepted accounting principles for colleges and universities do not require depreciation. Accordingly, the College does not record depreciation for its buildings and related improvements, library collections or fine arts. Other College property, as well as all property and equipment owned by the Church and Foundation, is depreciated using either the straight-line or an accelerated method (primarily for vehicles and certain production equipment) over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Land improvements	10 to 50 years
Buildings	45 to 50 years
Building improvements	6 to 50 years
Equipment and furnishings	2 to 12 years
Vehicles	3 to 10 years
Aircraft	15 years
Leased property and equipment	3 to 20 years
Leasehold improvements	3 to 20 years

Amortization related to leased property and equipment which is capitalized amounted to \$1,613,000 in 1983 and \$1,346,000 in 1982. Major improvements are capitalized, with normal repair and maintenance costs expensed as incurred.

(5) Long-term debt and lease information-

Long-term debt at December 31, 1983, consists of \$6,516,000 of mortgages payable and \$622,000 of other debt, of which \$1,059,000 is the current portion. Long-term debt at December 31, 1982, consists of \$6,966,000 of mortgages payable and \$835,000 of other debt, of which \$1,773,000 is the current portion.

Capital lease obligations at December 31, 1983, are \$3,197,000, of which \$417,000 is the current portion. Capital lease obligations at December 31, 1982, are \$2,069,000, of which \$295,000 is the current portion. Future minimum lease payments under capital leases range from \$848,000 in 1984 to \$41,000 in 1993, including imputed interest.

Mortgages are held by various lending institutions at interest rates varying from 6 to 16 percent and are payable to 2004. These mortgages are secured by real property. Minimum principal payments on mortgages payable are as follows: \$944,000 in 1984, \$883,000 in 1985, \$901,000 in 1986, \$934,000 in 1987, \$996,000 in 1988 and \$1,838,000 thereafter. Other debt consists primarily of noninterest-bearing, unsecured notes.

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Subsequent to December 31, 1983, the Church entered into a loan agreement for \$6,000,000, which is secured by the new aircraft described in Note 4. The loan agreement contains certain restrictions relating to the United States of America operations, including maintenance of a minimum fund balance of at least \$60,000,000 and maintenance of certain financial statement ratios, and contains a provision which would require immediate repayment if a material adverse change in financial condition occurs. In management's opinion, such provisions will not place significant restrictions on the operations of the Church, College and Foundation. This loan is repayable in equal monthly installments over five years beginning August 31, 1984, and bears interest at the prime rate plus 3/8 percent.

During 1983, rental expense for operating leases totaled \$5,133,000 (net of \$184,000 sublease rental income), including \$3,120,000 of local church hall rentals. During 1982, rental expense for operating leases totaled \$5,043,000 (net of \$144,000 sublease rental income), including \$2,756,000 of local church hall rentals. Future minimum rental commitments under operating leases are not material.

(6) Commitments and contingencies-

The Church, College and Foundation have been named in various lawsuits and actions, some of which involve claims for substantial damages. Such claims include a contention that certain Church and College property should be subject to a community property settlement. In the opinion of management and legal counsel, the probability of an adverse judgment having a material effect on the combined financial statements is remote.

The Foundation, through Mr. Armstrong, makes contributions to selected organizations. During 1983 and 1982, these contributions totaled \$1,214,000 and \$992,000, respectively. Long-term commitments to provide support to certain of these organizations will be funded by future years' support and revenue.

The Church and College are currently providing benefits to certain former employees of approximately \$560,000 annually. Some of these benefits are provided on a discretionary basis and, accordingly, could be discontinued in the future. Other payments are provided in accordance with contractual obligations in which the individual remains available to serve the Church. No amounts have been accrued in the accompanying combined financial statements for future payments relating to these arrangements.

(7) Tax-exempt status-

The Church is exempt from taxation in the majority of the countries in which it operates. The United States of America entities have received recognition of exempt status by ruling letters from the appropriate taxing authorities. Generally, when required, the worldwide affiliated organizations have also received recognition of their tax-exempt status from the appropriate local taxing authorities.



AMBASSADOR COMMENCEMENT 1984

GRADUATION SCENES — Ambassador College students, face Big Sandy (left), where associate of arts or science degrees (right), where more than 1,900 guests watched 172 senior commencement exercises on the Pasadena campus. Evangelist address at both campuses because Chancellor Herbert W. Arn Belluche Jr., Kevin Blackburn, Hal Finch, Thomas Hanson, Scot

Big Sandy

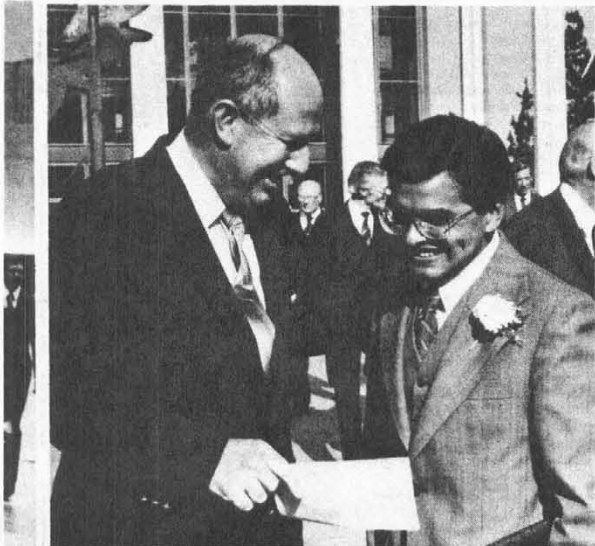


OR COLLEGE NCEMENT 84

Students, faculty and guests share in graduation exercises in which degrees were conferred on 133 students, and Pasadena State University seniors receive baccalaureate degrees at the 34th annual commencement ceremony in Washington, D.C. (Photos by G.A. Hanson, Scott Smith, Barry Stahl and Susan Thomas)



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Writing, telephones and other media hold people together as families, Mr. Hoeh added. "We can use modern technology to keep that communication open and going."

"It is so simple to communicate that we [often] fail to do so. It is the same thing that has happened with respect to the book that is the moral basis of culture. The more accessible the Bible is the less people read it; the more difficult it is to find it, the more people want to read it."

He said that the Ten Commandments define the way we should be expressing culture, individually and collectively.

If we are going to preserve the values that we have, he said, we must not take communication for granted merely because it is easy. "It won't automatically be shared if we don't work at it."

He concluded: "It is very important that we realize that communication depends on our conscious effort, within the family unit and within the friendships that we form, and that we should share experience after experience."

After Mr. Hoeh's address, Mr. McNair conferred degrees on the graduates.

According to the Registrar's Office, those who received bachelor of arts degrees are: With highest distinction (at least 3.80): Joan LaShea Clark, Timothy Bruce Crabb, Mark Kimberley Dixon, Julie M. Muenster, Lynn Marie Reyngoudt, Perry Mark Worthen and Agnes Maria Youngblood.

With high distinction (at least 3.50): Ian Alexander Bell, Sandra Lynn Borax, Deborah Fay Burbach, Randall J. Buys, Eliezer Chiprout, Christi Mary Cole, Scott Douglas Friesen, Charles Daniel Girouard, Frankie Ann Gomer, Colleen Marilyn Gus, Holly Anne James, Kay Ellen Jermakowicz, Bobby Wayne Jones II, Sherry Lynn Means, Jeffrey Mitchell, Eric Lawrence Nelson, Kathryn Marie Nelson, Brian

Douglas Phipps, Liane Marie Proulx, William Paul Rogers, Douglas Karel Ruml, Kathryn Mary Sarfert, Norbert Karl Schneider, Lisa Ann Tanksley and Ruth Elaine Traynor.

With distinction (at least 3.20): All'swell Second Alalibo, Darcy Renee Ashcroft, Donna Marie Bock, Mark David Vincent Bogdan-chik, Bertha Lee Brandon, Paul Brown, Cheryl Denise Campbell, Karen Lynn Childers, Craig Brian Clark, Luciano Cozzi, Connie Kay Deily, Bermevon B. Dizon, Daniel Henry Dragt, Marjolaine Dubois, Marlene Lorraine Ducker, Alexander Evdokias, Amy Lucille Hargarten, Mary Lynn Johnson, Joel Nathan King, Cheryl Lynn Lamore, Karen Elizabeth Leverett, Douglas William MacDonald, Melody Machin, Carolyn E. Matthews, Paula Marie McFall, Raymond Joseph McNair, Timothy M. McQuoid, Kim Leslie Meyer-dierks, Patrick Burton Moore, Robert Dale Orosz, Michele Lea Petty, Mark Tracy Porter, Jonathan Blaine Rakestraw, Charlotte May-bury Ruppert, Sarah Helen Segers, Joseph Jeremiah Slevin, Susan Marie Sutter, Kimberly Dawn Tompssett, Laura Charlene Urista, David Michael Vernich, Lana Marie Walker and Ted M. Welch

Duane G. Abler, Lex Ryan Baer, Brent Alan Baker, Brian A. Bar-lows, Hector P. Barrero, Janice Nicola Battison, Aaron Douglas Benner, Debra K. Anderson Ben-ner, Wayne Allen Blankenship, Kristina Diahane Brady, Kimberly Kay Brooks, Cecelia Elizabeth Brown, Connie Lorraine Burns, Timothy Joffre Butler, Wendi Hay-ward Butler.

Anthony Lucian Campo, Debra Renee Chapman, Connie Elizabeth Cooke, Page Roschel Coon, Angee LaVern Cooper, Joseph Charles Dailey, Thomas Robert Delamater, Charlene Joy del Gaudio, Abby Ruth Anne Docken, Terri Alayne Butterbaugh Eddington, David Harmon Evans, Salvatore A. Fat-toross, Nathan Timothy Faulkner,

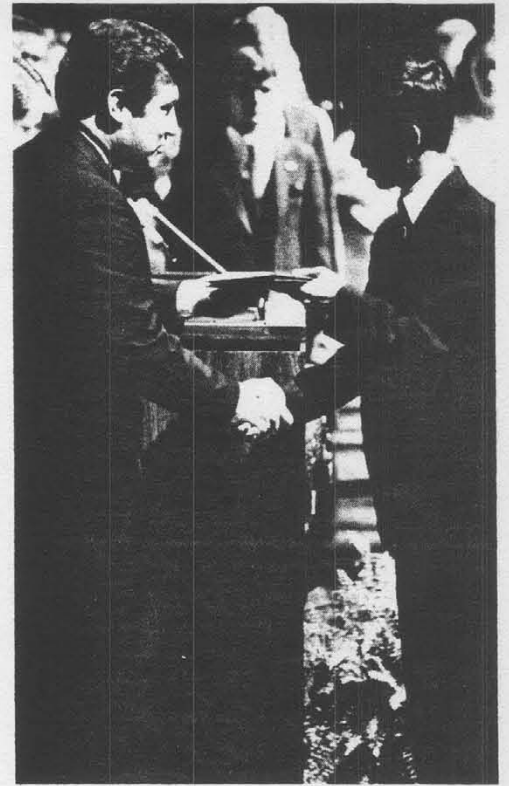
Kenneth James Fergen, David Alan Foster, Wade Fransson, Faith Regi-na Fratz.

LuAnne Girard, Stephen Irl Glover, Kenneth Frank Grove, George Andrew Hague, James Richard Hargarten, Mary Frances Harkins, Joyce Diane Harrar, William Lee Harrington, Robin Lea Hays, John David Hickok, Matthew Lee Hickok, Timothy Scott Hoef-ker, Melinda S. Howard, Rex Allen Jamerson, Philip A. Jewell, Harriet Annette Johnson, Benjamin James Johnson, Phillip Courtland Jones.

Ronda Kaye Kelly, Allan Ernest Kosteniuk, Jana Kaye Leddy, Susan Diane Lemieux, Monte Lee Lind-quist, Melvin Kenneth Llewellyn, Bruce Andrew MacLeansberry, Susan Eileen McKie, Ric J McNair, William Beuford Miller Jr., Diane Laurie Miller, Mathew Harley Morgan, Mark Alan Mounts, Tito Bray Naman.

Kevin Allan Parks, Martin D. Perry, Teresa Lynette Peterson, Julia Elizabeth Pope, Pamela Kaye Rains, Meldonna Ramon, Michael Darren Rasmussen, Timothy Luke Reinagel, Karen Marie Lane Rice, Joel Lee Rissinger, Carmelita P. Roberto, Charmaine K. Rokey, Julane Roeks, Michelle Deborah Roesler, Maria Catherine Root, David Brent Rothwell.

Gregory Lee Sandilands, Kadi Jo Schmidt, Cheryl Lynette Simpson, Michael Stangler, Kathe Janelle Steele, Rebecca Lee Suboski, James Edward Tar-kington Jr., Robert C. Taylor, Gerald D'Wayne Thornton, Douglas Franklin Tomes, Rich-ard Lee Walker, Karen Ann Wallbridge, Todd T. Warren, Teresa Elizabeth Wheeler, Cathe-rine Anne Wilcox, Jack Dwight Willard, Rebecca Ellen Andrews Wise and Rose Marie Wright.



IMPERIAL GRADUATION — Mark Cedeno, son of Jose and Marta Cedeno, receives a diploma from Imperial Schools principal Joseph Locke at commencement exercises May 20 in the Ambassador Auditorium. Twenty-seven high school seniors received diplomas. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

Texas

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that the class of 1984 was a fine class that did an excellent job this year and last.

Mr. Salyer added: "I was overwhelmed by parents who commented on the changes in their children since they came to Ambassador College. I think this is God saying, 'I approve of the campus being reopened.' God says to look at the fruits, and when I look at the fruits of the class of 1984 I am extremely impressed."

Other commencement week activities included the annual grad brunch for graduates and their families in the dining hall the morning of graduation.

Monday night, May 14, the grad ball, with a theme of "Tropical Trade Winds," took place in the dining hall and field house auditorium. The dance was put on by the freshman class and coordinated by class president Jim Myers.

According to the Registrar's Office those who received associate of arts or associate of science degrees are:

With highest distinction (at least 3.80): Karla Jean Lyon and Stanley E. West.

With high distinction (at least 3.50): Charles Bennett Allen, Barbara Joan Riemen Bruhn, Roxanne Campau, John Evangelos Chalaris, Debra Lynn Childs, Brian Robert Gray, Frank James Hack, Edith Ann Herrmann, Susan McDonald, Barbara Ruth Mende, Tim Nielander, Sonja Renee Phipps, Karen Suzanne Talley, George Kermit Townsend Jr. and Ann Rena Clements Vestal.

With distinction (at least 3.20): Flavia Marcellina Adkins, Terri L. Black, Jamie Ruth Blair, Christopher Arthur Brumm, Kim Sterling Calvert, Brian Allen Davis, Hope Dawn Frick, Mark Alan Garms, Lora Lea Houston, Lawrence Wayne Johnson, Margo Maria Kennedy, Annette Caren King, Daniel R. Krick, William

H. Linge, Phillip McCollum, Ronald Eugene McCreery, David Erwin McMahan, Janet Elaine Means, Randall D. Mosteller, Jeffrey Blaine Neller, Camille Renea O'Neal, Gary Robert Palmer, Debra Christine Populo, Neil A. Reyngoudt, Lisa Kathleen Roe, Julie Ann Sander, Angela Kay Showalter, Benjamin Aaron Stores, Mark S. Todd, Roy Lyn Tyndall, Robert Collin Vestal Jr., Lowell Kent Vice, Pamela Kay Watters and Donna Cherie Wood.

Clayton Ethan Atteberry, Barbara Ann Barnett, Carol Lane Boze, Marian Lynn Breazier, Charlene Faith Brock, Albert Bruhn, Robin Anne Burns, Christopher Arthur Buyla, John Daniel Campau, Thomas Boyd Carmichael, Thomas Lewis Clark, Scott G. Close, Celestine Lynn Cloud.

Kate D'Amour, Chris Anson Davis, Thomas Anthony Diaz, Michael S. Dickson, Daniel Timothy Dowd, Vaughn Maurice Duke, Brian Cleve Duttera, Brett Jay Ebright, Andy Thomas Farnsworth, Martin Farnsworth, Sondra Lynn Fielder, Glenda Rebecca Ford, Jeanette Christina Foshee, Richard Michael Foster.

Patricia Sue Gardner, Mary Patricia Girard, David Brian Gray-beal, Joni Marie Griffith, Howell A. Grunewald Jr., William L. Hahn II, Dusti D. Howell, Shannon Leigh Jackson, Jerrel Griffith John, Russell Ernest Johnson, Mark Ronald Jones, Kevin Harold Kenady, Terry Kennebeck, Kimberly Ann Kuykendall.

Johnette Y. Ledbetter, Jeffrey Ray Lindquist, Francis A. Lonsberry, Laura Renee Martell, Lauree Cecile Matkin, Lisa Caryl Matkin, John W. McMorris, Julia Elizabeth Meeker, Trent Allan Meisner, Linda Jane Morris, Kurt Edward Morrow, Dean D. Newcomb, Michael Anthony Okamura, Michael John Olson, Rhonda K. Pease, Teri Lee Pfister.

Steven Victor Ramberg, Richard John Redding, Thomas Landon

Reed, Donna Dee Richardson, JoAnn Rogers, Aaron Raymond Root, Jamie D. Rouse, Heidi Christian Schatz, Rodney Lee Schuler, Kelly Diane Seaborn, Timothy Quinn Shipman, James Edmund Smith, Mary Beth Snyder, James C. Stanley, Cathleen Marie St. Charles, Paul Gerard Stone.

Mary Patia Rae Tabar, Richard Thomas Taylor, Steven Jared Tremble, David Gene Vandegriff Jr., Natalie Ann Walker, Cynthia Gayle Wallick, Terry Lynn Walter, Loretta Janea Wellmaker and Scott Edward Widmer.



GRADUATE — Rena Clements Vestal marches in the procession at Big Sandy Ambassador College commencement exercises in the field house auditorium May 16. [Photo by Susan Thomas]

Pastor, 59, dies at home after battle with cancer

By Mario Hernandez
PASADENA — Robert V. Flores, 59, pastor of the Spanish-speaking church here since 1974, died May 20 after a six-month bout with cancer.

Mario Hernandez is employed by the Church's Spanish Department.

About 200 brethren attended May 23 funeral services at Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena, Calif., conducted by Robin Web-



ROBERT V. FLORES

ber, an assistant pastor of the Auditorium P.M. church.

Mr. Flores was a native of San Antonio, Tex. During World War II he was sent to Europe as an infantry corporal.

He was captured by the Germans in Czechoslovakia and endured the horrors of a prison camp for 9½

months in Germany. He escaped from the camp with five other companions and was miraculously protected from German pursuers and their dogs.

He first listened to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's broadcast in 1951 and was baptized with his wife, Olivia, before the Passover of 1953. In 1958 he was ordained a deacon, and in 1963 Mr. Armstrong ordained him to the full-time ministry.

In 1967 Mr. Flores moved to Pasadena with his family to attend Ambassador College. In 1969 he was sent to raise up a church in Santiago, Chile.

In 1972 he moved to Argentina and continued to pastor the churches in both Argentina and Chile. He also traveled extensively throughout Latin America visiting scattered people in Uruguay, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Venezuela, Colombia, El Salvador and Mexico.

In 1975 Mr. Flores was named pastor of the Spanish congregation in Pasadena, after assisting the pastor for one year, and continued in that position until his death.

He died peacefully in his home, without suffering the pains of cancer, according to Mrs. Flores.

Mr. Flores is survived by his wife; three children (all Church members), Robert, pastor of the Corpus Christi and Harlingen, Tex., churches, Diana Dinger of San Diego, Calif., and Harold, of Pasadena; a brother, Benjamin V.; three sisters, Della Castano, Esther Ramirez and Stella Guerra; and three grandchildren.

Pastor puts to work principles learned at Ambassador College

By Mario Seiglie
SANTIAGO, Chile — Over the years, as one looks back on the variety of circumstances and challenges faced in the ministry, three important teachings learned at Ambassador College stand out as guiding principles.

Mario Seiglie, a 1975 graduate of Pasadena Ambassador College, pastors the Santiago, Chile, church.

One can't know for sure where he will be living in a few years. In the ministry, this possibility not only includes which state, but also which country.

In other countries it is not unusual for one to find himself representing *The Plain Truth*, the college or the Church before government officials.

For instance, one day a minister in South America found himself dining with the president of the nation.

Yet, the next day he could find himself in the humblest of hovels, sitting in a rickety chair in a dirt room. A smiling and timid family may serve him their most prized dish — mushy spaghetti with a little sauce.

This describes a principle learned at Ambassador College, adaptability, which helps one cope with the different situations life will surely bring, whether one is in the ministry or not.

Adaptability is learned from such liberal arts classes as music appreciation, history, science, speech and physical education. Consequently, one grasps the general discipline and culture of society, which helps him or her adapt to the people and their thinking.

Ambassador Clubs, concerts, forums, assemblies, dances and especially the exquisitely prepared dinners for seniors with Chancellor

Herbert W. Armstrong are not marginal or superfluous events.

These educational, cultural and social activities are designed to give students exposure to the varying circumstances and levels of people they will encounter.



MARIO SEIGLIE

The second principle, which can guide one through thick and thin, is balance. Many times we find ourselves in the midst of people not in the Church. We, like Christ, must not let them liberalize us, yet be careful not to offend them.

At Ambassador College, one learns to balance his or her life by interacting with students of different backgrounds, races and languages. There is a constant flow of visitors from East and West, young and old, rich and poor.

This type of exposure produces a balance in one's viewpoint and helps broaden his or her cultural and social horizons. The classes themselves are equipped to impart the knowledge for growing toward being spiritually balanced.

Without the third point, the first two will have little effect. This third principle, character building, is the vital link that strengthens the entire chain of these guidelines.

One can be adaptable and have balance, but if there is a weak will behind these forces, they will not withstand the onslaughts of trials and tests.

That is why Ambassador College is called a character-building institution. At college the constant academic and social pressures are for this reason. Students are faced with assignments, jobs, activities and other responsibilities.

These pressures lead one to make disciplined decisions based on God's laws — the stuff of which godly character is made.

Drawings resemble traced works

Youth develops artistic potential

By Frank Lewandowski
PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Todd Anstis, 9, has been drawing ever since he could hold a pencil.

Frank Lewandowski is a member of the Pittsburgh, Pa., church.

Today he can copy drawings and photographs so accurately that his works look traced. He did draw professional baseball players from memory; today he can create realistic sketches of animals and other subjects.

Todd is the son of Paul and Georgie Anstis, members of the Pittsburgh, Pa., church. His brothers, Alan, 16, Mark, 15, and Scott, 12, also learned to draw at an early age.

Mr. Anstis taught Todd and his brothers to draw and often spent evenings having them complete pictures he started, such as adding the wheels to a sketch of a car.

Mr. Anstis, who has a back-



YOUNG ARTIST — Nine-year-old Todd Anstis from Pittsburgh, Pa., has won awards for his drawings at school. (Photo by Paul Anstis)

ground in art, credited the artwork, graphics, layouts and photography in the Church's publications as a chief source for giving his sons creative inspiration, a sense of color and proportion.

Todd can sketch for up to four hours at a time, although a typical drawing takes him a half hour or more to complete.

Todd's work has been displayed at the Upper St. Clair Township Municipal Building. He has also won art awards at school and entered a U.S. savings bond poster contest.

Since then Todd has designed things for his schoolteacher, including the front cover of a recipe book.

The 9-year-old can translate an idea into a finished form by designing a commercial poster in several colors and laying it out with proportion, design and symmetry.

Primarily using pencils and charcoal, he first draws an outline then shades his work in different tones to give depth. He also colors his draw-

ings with markers.

Mr. Anstis noted that the youths also obtain ideas and techniques from one another. "I think that's the reason Todd does so well," said Mr. Anstis. "He has three older brothers."

91-year-old recalls musical past

By Ruby Wait
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — "Take care of your eyes, eat a right diet and get plenty of exercise," says Harriett Irene Fields of the Champaign church. At 91, she speaks from experience.

This article was dictated to Ruby Wait, a deaconess in the Champaign, Ill., church, by Harriett Irene Fields.

Along with her brother and a cousin, Miss Fields was raised by an aunt in Danville, Ill. Her only brother died of a football injury while still in high school.

After receiving her education at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., and the Cincinnati (Ohio) Conservatory of Music, she taught music in public schools. Later she quit teaching to look after her aunt.

When she was young she asked for an automobile, but because the car was still a mistrusted machine she received a calico pony and a survey instead.

She remembers the rig as a source of fun and pleasure. "We did, later, get one of the first Model-T Fords made, which I drove," she said.

In 1955 she began listening to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. Later Miss Fields received *The Plain Truth*, Correspondence Course and other literature. She began attending Sabbath services in 1964 in Danville. One year later she was baptized.

Miss Fields has written music for Psalms 37 and 41. "For 20 years I sang at the Jewish temple in Danville," she said. "I sang with a quartet each year on the Day of Atonement."

Miss Fields suffered from glaucoma in her 40s and today has severe sight problems. Nevertheless, she continues to maintain her home and even entertains guests, sometimes having up to 12 people over for dinner.

Retired carpenter crafts violins by hand

By Mary Lee Luque
BOISE, Idaho — What can a 78-year-old carpenter, a fence post, a fireplace mantle and Albertson's Market place possibly have in common?

This article about John Glubay, a member of God's Church in Boise, Idaho, is reprinted by permission of The Idaho Statesman.

Together, they make beautiful music — violin music.

John Glubay of 2531 N. 38th St., Boise, has retired from full-time carpentry, but his imagination and creativity are still working overtime.

In fact, some people might think Glubay's imagination is overworked after they learn that the amateur violin maker does not read music or play any musical instrument.

No, not even violin.

"Retired people have got to have something to do," he said during a recent interview. "What do you do in your spare time? Fish? Well, you can't go fishing every day."

"When you retire, you can watch the tube all day, or you can pick up a hobby. So this is my hobby — building violins."

Three years and 11 violins ago Glubay bought the kit, "How to Make a Simple Violin."

The end result is a flat, triangular instrument that looks like a mistake but "sounds like a violin and that's what matters, isn't it?" said the maker smiling.

Since then Glubay has visited with other violin makers, researched the instrument's different types and

developed his own methods and tools. He made a second simple violin before moving up to the most-recognized model, the Stradivari.

Despite the increasing quality and detail of each violin he makes, accredited to decades of carpentry work, the perfectionist is quick to point out his novice standing.

But Glubay's skill and attention to detail add beauty to his woodworks. And there is more.

Perhaps unintentionally, Glubay has made Boise history his trademark.

A fireplace mantle from a Warm Springs Avenue house was used to build violins No. 6 and 7.

"I did some remodeling work [at the house] in 1981," explained Glubay, "and the owner gave me the mantle wood. That house was built in 1894."

"Do you know Albertson's grocery at 17th and State Streets? Well, they cut down some old maples when they built [the Marketplace] last year."

Violins 10 and 11 owe their bodies to the success of Boise entrepreneur Joe Albertson. The wood for the necks came from one of Glubay's sons.

"My son had some old cedar fence posts at his place [in Eagle, Idaho]. It was good quality wood, so I used it."

In addition to local history, one violin boasts a kind of international connection.

During his research Glubay came across a reference book with a single picture of a "pocket violin," slightly shorter than and about half as wide as the standard version.

"There wasn't any description or dimensions given for that violin," he says. "Just a picture saying that [the 17th century Italian violin maker] Stradivari had made at least one of those pocket violins."

With only that picture and his acquired knowledge of violin building, Glubay channeled his efforts into building his own version of a pocket violin. Since no dimensions were given, he used the standard Stradivari length, 14 inches, for his proportionately correct model.

Although violins generally sell for between \$300 and \$2,000, Glubay doesn't plan to make a profit from his hobby.

"I haven't sold any of my violins. I just give them away to family. I don't do this for money. I'm still a part-time carpenter."

"But if someone really wanted to buy my violins, I might sell them," he added. "I'd even give him a lowered price, depending on the situation."

"After all, I can always make another."



VIOLIN MAKER — John Glubay of Boise, Idaho, displays five of the violins he handcrafted. (Photo by Scott Glubay)

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



DIRECTOR HONORED — Cecil Pulley (far right), pastor of the Hamilton, Bermuda, church, and his wife, Senior, present a token of appreciation from Bermuda brethren to Stan Bass, regional director of the work in the Caribbean, and his wife, Millie, April 21, as the Bermuda church celebrated entering its 10th year. (Photo by G. Mocklow)

Churches commemorate 10th anniversaries

More than 250 brethren observed the 10th anniversary of the **SEDRO-WOOLLEY**, Wash., church April 28. Invitations were sent to members who attended the Sedro-Woolley church during the past 10 years. Guests came from as far as Spokane, Wash.

Valden White, the church's first pastor, gave the sermon. Mr. White now serves in Coeur d'Alene and Lewiston, Idaho, and Spokane.

A potluck and variety show, with an international theme, took place Sunday, April 29. National flags decorated tables, and main dishes were accompanied by cards listing the countries represented.

A cake featuring a globe of the world, baked by Donna Jebbett, was cut in a ceremony shared by Mr. and Mrs. White, Richard Duncan, cur-

rent pastor, his wife, Betty, and L. Wayne Hageman, a local church elder, and his wife, Margaret. Corsages and boutonnières were presented to them.

A history of the Sedro-Woolley church, given by Larry Skonord, preceded a talent show that included an Arabian dance, slides of the Holy Land and a song of the Alps. A band, Beth Perish and her Kitchenettes, was the surprise of the show.

Vern Melton was master of ceremonies, and Bernita Korhuis was responsible for discovering talent. Phyllis Warden was responsible for the decor, and Lyle Davis videotaped the program. Sam Morden and Otto Petersen supervised cleanup.

Tuxedos and evening gowns were the order for **HAMILTON**, Bermuda, brethren who gathered at

Loew's Bermuda Beach Hotel in St. George's, Bermuda, for an evening of dinner and dancing April 21. It was not only a time for fellowship during the Days of Unleavened Bread, but also for observing the start of Bermuda's 10th year as a full-time church.

Regional director Stan Bass and his wife, Millie, were also present to share in the occasion.

Jean Skonord and S. Pulley.

\$5,500 donated to Church

An offering of \$5,500, the culmination of six months of effort by **BANGOR** and **PORTLAND**, Maine, brethren, was given April 17, the first day of Unleavened Bread.

Begun in October, the Talent Project was put forth as a challenge to brethren by pastor Leonard Holladay. Based on the parable of the talents, Mr. Holladay asked brethren to give of their imagination, time, effort and skills in family centered projects to raise money for the work by the Spring Feast.

About 60 participated, working on a variety of projects, including 23 yard sales and selling artwork, drawings and puppies. Some split and delivered firewood, shoveled snow, worked in yards, painted houses, repaired bicycles, sewed, mended and did baby-sitting for children and dogs.

Families found various ways to conserve and save. Bottles, cans and newspapers were redeemed. Others saved pennies, dimes, coupons and refund offers.

Three families made maple syrup. There were eight bake sales along with cookie, fudge, doughnut, candy, milk, egg, pecan pie and carrot cake sales.

Skills were used to make Raggedy Ann dolls and Barbie clothes, pot holders, tablecloths, afghans, quilts, pillowcases, braided rugs, macrame, signs and mirrors. Two projects were making wooden potato 'n' onion bins and trivets made of ceramic tile bordered with wood.

When the final results of the Talent Project were tallied and announced in

combined services in Augusta, Maine, the group was surprised at what a combined effort could produce. Mr. Holladay thanked the brethren for their diligence and pointed out that when we put God first, He blesses us. Many brethren plan to continue projects for future Holy Day offerings. *Sandy Holladay.*

Lodge pays church \$330

Twenty-five **DULUTH**, Minn., brethren raised \$330 raking leaves and cleaning seven cabins at Moose Jaw Lodge near Park Falls, Wis., April 29.

An advertisement was placed in an area newspaper that offered a responsible church group to help establishments prepare for spring openings. The lodge owners who witnessed children raking leaves, washing dishes and running errands commented on their pleasing personalities.

Sleet, snow and high winds were predicted, but the sun shone and the wind was calm. As the last load of leaves was picked up before the evening meal, rain and wind began and quickly turned into snow. Schools were closed the next day, April 30.

The lodge owners asked the Church members to come again next year and said they would encourage other resorts to hire brethren. They also paid more than the price initially agreed upon. *Marilyn Jaeger.*

Areas attend activities during Holy Days

Five **CHICAGO**, Ill., area churches, Chicago North, Northwest, Southside, West and Park Forest, and the **HAMMOND**, Ind., church met during the Days of Unleavened Bread April 21 for a semiformal dinner and dance.

The evening's festivities took place at the Oak Brook, Ill., Marriott Hotel. About 500 brethren were served cocktails at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. dinners of prime rib or Chicken Nancy.

During the dinner the group was entertained by minstrels who played selections on amplified violins. At 8 p.m. the Royal Strings, an eight-piece orchestra, played for a dance that ended at 11 p.m. Some stayed overnight in the hotel and met the next morning for brunch and a swim in the hotel pool.

BARRIE, Ont., brethren presented a variety show, Spring Fling, April 21. Programs were distributed announcing 22 acts, starting with the chorus singing "From This Moment On" and ending with a group number "Just One of Those Flings."

Songs ranged from "Summertime" by Yvonne Acheson and "Evergreen" by Jeanette Petraschuk, to "Look for the Silver Lining" by Tricia Poole and "Understand Me" by Kristy Fenemore.

Several piano, clarinet and alto saxophone solo numbers were presented, along with full-band pieces. "Mad Dogs and Englishmen" was presented by Roger Poole.

YES children began act No. 11 as elephants swinging to "The Baby Elephant Walk," after which they sang "Harmony," "Doodle-doo-doo," "Germs" and "Feet." Act 11 also featured the comedy team of Tricia Poole and Don Acheson singing "Indian Love Call."

YOU members provided laughs through the show with "spot" commercials and "words of wisdom." Intermission consisted of baked cookies and squares, which were sold to raise money for the church's fund.

DAYTON, Ohio, brethren met at the Marriott Hotel April 21 for their second annual Spring Feast ball, with

dinner and dancing. A cocktail hour was followed with onion soup, salad, potatoes, sirloin strips, wine and dessert.

Longtime members were presented plaques. Those reaching the quarter-century mark are Leonard and Beatrice Digeronimo and Arthur Clark. Mary Buck and Sara Sprinkle surpassed 30 years.

The group then danced to the sounds of "Mellow Express." Tenor Jack Daniel was accompanied on piano by Caroline Ripp, and six brethren sang as a men's chorale. Jean Dawson supervised the event and was master of ceremonies, and Robert Bull took photographs. The evening ended with snacks and coffee.

The Spring Holy Days contained extra excitement for **DES MOINES** and **OTTUMWA**, Iowa, brethren, who, with Ambassador College quality standards in mind, had a semiformal dinner and dance April 21, planned by the Silver Ambassadors.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bright, coordinators, chose the Hotel Fort Des Moines, an elegant, older hotel with decorative woodwork and plush decor.

After afternoon services in the hotel, singles presented handmade silk corsages and boutonnières to widows and widowers. Before dinner at 6 p.m., some lounged in the lobby while others enjoyed a hospitality suite made available by Leo Karn.

About 170 people attended the dinner in the ballroom. Table settings enhanced the dinner mood, and background accordion music was provided by Mike Ochanpaugh. A professional violinist strolled from table to table during dinner playing requested songs. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wahman were in charge of music.

After tables were cleared the newly formed 12-piece Des Moines band, under the direction of Tom Henderson, provided three hours of dance music. Children, after sharing

Clubs have banquet nights

Minneapolis, Minn., North Graduate Club members were guests at a combined ladies' night April 28, with the **GRAND RAPIDS** and **BRAINERD**, Minn., Graduate Club as host. The event took place at Sugar Hills Lodge overlooking woods and a lake.

Stanley McNiel, pastor and club director of the Grand Rapids and Brainerd churches, brought the meeting to order with a welcome to all and introduced Thomas Smiley who set the evening's pace with tabletopics.

After a break, toastmaster Jess

McAllister introduced the speakers for the evening: Stanley Haynes, Gary Hansen, Willard Boettcher and Andy Freeman. Speeches revolving around the theme "Communication in Marriage" were evaluated by Mr. McNiel. A lecture was given by Larry Walker, pastor and club director of the Minneapolis North church.

The rest of the evening was spent fellowshiping and dancing. More than 400 Spokesman Club members and their guests from five **PORTLAND**, Ore., area churches attended the 1983-84 graduation banquet April 21. Toastmaster for the evening was Brian Hoyt, pastor of the Portland East and Hood River, Ore., churches, who opened the program by introducing Nelson Haas, pastor of the Portland West church.

After Mr. Haas' prayer, the Portland West Ladies Ensemble, accompanied by Doug McKern on piano, played "Don't Stop Believing" and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

Mr. Hoyt then asked Mr. Haas to direct a special tabletopics session. Members of each of the six clubs joined in the impromptu session by giving their definition of the word *sesquipedalian* (given to or characterized by the use of long words). Monte Wolverton of the Vancouver, Wash., club, led the men in a humorous vein with his definition: *sesqui*, ancient for mouth, and *ped* for foot, meaning one speaks with his foot in mouth.

Giving graduate addresses were Art Balczarek from Portland South; Tom Canning, Portland West; Fred Reeves, Vancouver; Ron McNeill, Hood River; and Rheem Robertson, (See **CLUBS**, page 13)

Brethren bid elder farewell

About 250 **YOUNGSTOWN**, Ohio, and **MERCER**, Pa., brethren bid farewell to Clifford Redanz, his wife, Jane, and their four children with a dinner and dance April 29 at the Mercer community hall.

Mr. Redanz is a local church elder in the Mercer church who is moving from the area. After a variety of potluck casseroles, desserts and beverages, brethren gave gifts to the Redanzes and danced to the music of the Youngstown-Mercer band. The band is comprised of Leland and Louise Greuter, James and Todd Guy, Roger Lambert, Roy Drake and Paul Coleman.

The group sampled a farewell cake and danced the Virginia reel and hokey-pokey square dance called by Eugene Noel, pastor of the Youngstown and Mercer churches. *Libby Kebrle and Natalie Protivnak.*



NEWLY FORMED BAND — A 12-piece Des Moines, Iowa, church band directed by Tom Henderson plays at a semiformal dinner and dance April 21 in the Hotel Fort Des Moines. (Photo by Bernie Wemli)

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dinner with their parents, were taken to an adjoining room for games, and a puppet show and movies. Singles supervised the activities under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Geiger.

GREENVILLE, S.C., brethren were hosts to an annual Spring Festival dance April 21 at the Greenville Quality Inn. The evening began with a buffet of roast beef, chicken, green beans, unleavened crackers and ice cream.

After dinner children were entertained by deacon Ronnie Poole dressed as a clown, who distributed helium-filled balloons. Children also watched movies.

The room was cleared for dancing. Many Greenville brethren prepared for the dance several weeks before, with dance lessons by Cleve Belcher, a member of the Columbia, S.C., church.

Music was provided by a band called Harvest, comprised of Jim Avrett, Jimmy Easler, Mike Little, Charles Littlejohn and Tim Titus.

"Springtime in the Park" was the theme for an evening social April 21 for the **BLUEFIELD** and **LEWISBURG**, W. Va., churches. More than 300 people attended the function, which included a formal candlelight dinner and a variety of activities tailored for all ages.

An array of decorations supported the springtime theme, including a fountain and pool with goldfish, an archway and white picket fencing, cloth streamers and an illusory gazebo created by a mirror ball. Old-fashioned streetlights defined the dance floor, while plants and shrubs and a flower cart completed the environment.

Before seating dinner guests, servers placed a tossed green salad and apple pie at each setting. Uniformed YOU waiters and waitresses served roast beef or fried chicken, green beans, rice, coffee or tea. Adult wine stewards offered red or white wine to complement the meal.

Other scheduled events began with dancing and penny-arcade games for teens and adults. Disc jockey Jesse Foust played a taped assortment of popular tunes dubbed "Mellow Sounds of the '80s." Forty-five minutes of entertainment featured singing, dancing, baton-twirling and performing instrumental music and comedy routines.

Adult volunteers treated youngsters to penny-arcade games and prizes, a challenge of endurance and

a Disney feature *Rusty and the Falcon*. Games coordinator was Deborah Browning. A photo area provided mementos of the evening.

MOUNT POCONO, Pa., brethren invited YOU members to join them at a formal dance April 21 at the Hilton Hotel in Scranton, Pa., during the Days of Unleavened Bread. Under the supervision of pastor Roy Holladay, George Evans, a local church elder, made the arrangements.

Adults had a cocktail hour before dinner, and the group chose between filet mignon or breast of capon. From 9 p.m. to midnight people ages 13 to 80 danced to the music of Brother John's Band.

After combined Sabbath services in Peoria, Ill., April 21, **PEORIA** and **MACOMB, Ill.**, brethren, pastor Jess Ernest and associate pastor Gary Smith and their families attended a formal family dance at the Brandywine Holiday Inn ballroom.

Family members danced to the music of Wine and Roses. Children who didn't dance enjoyed movies and games. John Berberich and Russ Mulvaney took family portraits throughout the evening.

A skit was presented under the direction of Darrel Keisel and Mark Gauf titled "Growing in the Church," which portrayed a couple in God's Church expecting their first child. As the play developed, the family grew.

Children progressed from nap time to attentiveness in services, to YES age, into YOU and singles activities. Eventually, the firstborn son received marital counseling, was married and the cycle began anew. The skit showed physical and spiritual growth for Church members. The dance was planned and coordinated by Roger Schmidgall, a deacon in the Peoria church.

The annual spring dinner and dance for the **ST. LOUIS, Mo.**, churches took place April 21 at the Harley House in Earth City, Mo., with 211 brethren dining on baked grapefruit, Waldorf salad, roast beef, potatoes, vegetables and dessert.

Afterward the church band, directed by Bob Mahoney, played a variety of dance music. Band members were Eldon Ray, Michael Barnes, Barry Gannon, Marcus Adkins, Rodney Rodgers, Ron Lewis and John Drury.

Linda Halliar, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gosse, Max Carey, Judy Rhodes, Tim Titus, Margie Storm, Janice Keefer and Bill Sr. and Betty Stough.



STEER ROAST — Raleigh, N.C., member Fred Toole cuts a section of a beef that took 14½ hours to cook at a Raleigh church social April 29. (Photo by Bruce Jinnett)

Brethren entertained at springtime picnics

Twelve **OZAMIZ CITY, Philippines**, brethren and their families took part in a picnic at Panaan Beach April 19. Throwing darts and games such as Mastermind, Boggle and Pit entertained picnickers in the morning, while teens and youngsters played in the sea.

Afternoon activities included swimming races, underwater endurance tests and tug-of-war in the water. A quiz bowl on the Spring Festivals and a lively sing-along complemented activities.

Winners were awarded oversized unleavened bread as prizes. The event also served as a farewell get-together for pastor Victor A. Lim and

his family who were transferred to Davao City, Philippines.

About 270 **RALEIGH, N.C.**, brethren attended a picnic April 29 at Camp Durant. A storm threatened but the weather turned sunny. Between 30 and 40 women participated in a softball game.

Other activities included volleyball, men's softball, canoeing, boating, horseshoe throwing and playing cards. Barbecued beef, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Toole, was the main course of the meal. Other foods included coleslaw, boiled potatoes and an assortment of desserts. After the meal, used clothing was displayed and given away.

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from the Portland East church.

The evening concluded with two numbers presented by the Vancouver Octet and accompanied by Ruth Chuprinko.

April 21 **CHICO** and **EUREKA, Calif.**, Spokesman Club members and guests were hosts to Medford and Klamath Falls, Ore., club members at a formal dinner and dance at Shasta Inn in Redding, Calif.

A prime rib buffet was prepared by the inn's top chefs. The Broadway Brothers Combo provided dance music for the 148 present. A comical skit was performed by five club members.

Talks were given by Marc Segall, Chico and Eureka pastor, and Fred Davis, Medford and Klamath Falls pastor. Gary Avey from Chico and Mike Norris from Eureka presided over tabletoques.

Jane Freeman, Woody Corsi and Alys M. Henderson.

MOBILE, Ala., brethren gathered at Little River State Park in Atmore, Ala., April 29 for a potluck picnic. An individual color analysis was given by Vivian Moody, wife of pastor Steven Moody, who matched women to tones best suited to them.

Mrs. Moody was aided by Edwena Thomas, wife of Don Thomas, a local church elder. After finding which palette best suited them, women were given color swatches and advice on accessories and building a workable wardrobe. The activity was planned by Hilford and Jeanette Jones.

Epifanio M. Almeda, Harlan K. Brown and Treba Jackson.

Unity

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crises must harbor something good."

Mr. Kaltenbrunner observed that despite Europe's current crisis, the ties between France and West Germany are strong, indeed growing. He calls this relationship "the real Europe," built upon the de Gaulle-Adenauer accord of 1963.

"France and West Germany," stressed Mr. Kaltenbrunner, "are the called pioneers of the overdue

Europeanization of Europe, of a European renaissance."

Concerning continued British participation in the affairs of Europe, wrote this Austrian, "Europe can and must unify, if possible with Great Britain, if necessary without Great Britain, but never without or against France."

Rather bluntly, he added, "Great Britain is not interested in a unification of Europe, and its long history never showed any interest in this direction."

Despite trials and near failures, the dream of a united Europe refuses to

die. In a humorous way, even comic books may have their role to play in the unity drive, helping overcome the obstacle of a linguistically divided Europe. The European Community operates in seven official languages.

Comic book characters Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and the cast of "Peanuts" now appear in Latin throughout Europe. They are best-sellers in Italy and sell strong in West Germany and France.

Serious Latin translators are behind the comic book projects in order to revive and popularize the so-called dead language. They hope, reported the May 26 *Los Angeles Times*, "to revive Latin as the universal language of Europe and possibly the world."

One leading comic book translator, for example, is Monsignor Carlo Egger, the world's leading Latinist and official scribe of Pope John Paul II's papal encyclicals.

"We think the language of the future in Europe must necessarily be Latin," said Lamberto Pigni, a comic book publisher and Roman Catholic priest. "English won't do, because the French would never accept it, nor would the rest of Europe, because a language inevitably brings with it the culture and traditions of its own country."

"Europe would become Americanized in a generation and the European languages would become disappearing dialects, along with the traditions and cultures of the countries of Europe."

On the other hand, Mr. Pigni adds, Latin "is the mother of all European languages, with common word roots and similarities in all of them... There is a worldwide desire to return to the older values, when Latin was the basis of every subject, not just language, in the schools."

Thus, Michael Masculus (Mickey Mouse in Latin), Donaldus Anas (Donald Duck), Carolus Niger (Charlie Brown of "Peanuts") and even Charlie's beloved dog, Snupius (Snoopy), may have their own roles to play in the final resurrection of the Roman system in Europe.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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[Herbert] Armstrong was truly a man of God.

I have always tried to live a Christian life but needed help. The church that I am officially a member of wasn't teaching me anything. Your books and magazines are the guidelines to my future. I can see changes in my life and those around me. Life is clearer now. Thank you.

Terri Martin
Pegram, Tenn.

I would like to give you some information on how I learned of you. I was living in Virginia in a house filled with Satan. I was on drugs and drinking alcohol. When I decided to stop that, I couldn't handle the pressure and stress of life. Then I got colitis and couldn't handle that either, and dropped out of school. My parents didn't agree with that so I decided to leave at 17 years old and go to Pennsylvania to live with my grandparents.

I figured that I needed something else in my life and started watching religious programs on TV. I knew God was the answer but watching these programs, everything seemed so easy. All you have to do is say a prayer and you're saved and going to heaven.

One night I was turning from station to station on the radio and heard you. I really liked your preaching. I knew you were different when at the end of your half hour you didn't plead for money like

the others. You were preaching different things than I had ever heard before.

Name withheld
I am 15 years old and have a part-time job now, and I would like to start tithing. So, I am sending in tithes from my last three paychecks.

I also want to thank you for the Bible Correspondence Course and [the youth magazine]. I have learned a lot of things about the Bible and about my life that I hadn't understood before.

Mary Tinsley
Ingram, Tex.

Right here in my room I have the Holy Bible, a whole bunch of your articles and 31 of your booklets. I always look forward to getting a new one.

I feel so special sometimes when I'm with my friends. They don't live the way of life that I live and don't know the secrets that I know. I wish I could tell them, but they would just think I'm stupid, and don't know how to have fun. I feel sorry for them. Every night, however I ask God to take care of them.

Kenneth Olson
Gilbertville, Pa.

Reestablished contact

Here is a story I would like some of your readers to see. About 15 years ago my mother joined the Worldwide Church of God. I was 15 then. I was never really brought up in any church and was at the age where I knew everything, and the world's fun was much more important than church. So, for the next 13 years I had nothing but problems — which might have been eliminated if I would have only taken that second look.

Now I have two children, 8 and 10 years old, and I surely did not want them

to experience the things I had.

But I just did not know what to do. My life was upside down. My husband and I fought all the time. We had financially hard times. Everything was wrong. I would try and find the answers in my Bible but became so frustrated with it because I could not understand it.

So one day I told my husband that our only answer could be God and the church. But what church? So I said, "Well, if God would just show me His true Church I would start tithing." That was about a year ago. A week after I made that statement, I got my mail out of the box and there it was, a free sample copy of *The Plain Truth* — from a church I had not heard from in 13 years. I was scared to say the least. I prayed for God to help me understand. All your literature has been a blessing, and now I can read my Bible with better understanding.

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My mother has been a member of the Church for about 20 years, and I am 23 years of age, so you might say I was brought up in the Church. Unfortunately, I am not a member. You see, I quit attending when I was about 17 or 18 and started living the way of get. I don't mind telling you that I wish I had kept on going to church. Then, maybe I would not have done the things I have done in the past five years, which I sorely regret.

I started attending church again in December of 1982, and now look forward to observing the Sabbath. I feel I have learned a great deal about the way of life, and God's law. I am very anxious to learn more.

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Holy Day calendar

After services I arrived home and in the mail was something from Pasadena. What could it be? I hadn't ordered any literature. As I pulled the new Holy Day calendar out of the envelope I had to smile. "They always take care of our needs." I... had to take time to say thank you! What a marvelous calendar it is.

Betty Chandler
Lafayette, Va.

Many thanks for the 1984-85 sacred calendar. I notice the calendar has been upgraded and redesigned in color and black and white. Also included are reminders about the early days of the work, where it is now, and very helpful notations on all the various steps in the Holy Days with scriptural references. Thanks for this feast for the eyes and mind, which now is fixed at a permanent spot where I can easily refer to it daily.

Radd Zedrick
Saco, Maine

Thank you Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong and all those at headquarters for producing the beautiful and informative... *God's Sacred Calendar*.

Having both the sacred calendar and the Roman calendar side by side really helps me to understand the true calendar the way God wants us to understand it. All of the information of the old memorials and the days important to the work of God today really helps to make me feel more of a part of God's work.

Belle Philipps
Ainsworth, Neb.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BOE, Elizabeth (Babette) Johnson, Tex., boy, Timothy William, April 28, 1:34 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BRANDENBURG, Donald and Cheryl (Barber), of Atlanta, Ga., boy, Matthew Ray, May 2, 2:07 p.m., 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BUTLER, Sam and Dianne (Dovner), of Fresno, Calif., boy, Joffe Roy, April 29, 10:07 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CHANASYA, Larry and Cathy (Statham), of Winnipeg, Man., girl, Cassie Joy, April 4, 5:14 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 girls.

CORLEY, Gary and Marsha (Pivanti), of Shreveport, La., boy, Deana Wayne, May 3, 10:30 a.m., 10 pounds now 2 boys, 2 girls.

COTE, Richard and Gemette (Boudouard), of Montreal, Que., boy, Pierre Luc, April 25, 9:06 p.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DAVISON, Montgomery and Avril (Greene), of Baltimore, Md., boy, Matthew Joseph, March 20, 8 p.m., 6 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

FEHR, Dale and Dora (Benson), of Minneapolis, Minn., boy, David Lee, April 27, 2:20 p.m., 6 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, first child.

FISK, Nollie and Patricia (Francis), of Big Spring, girl, Patricia Nicole, April 22, 4:16 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HILL, Anthony and Cynthia (Holliman), of Greensboro, N.C., boy, Joshua Ray, Feb. 2, 2:07 p.m., 10 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

HOWARD, Thomas and Bonnie (Shelton), of Toledo, Ohio, girl, Jasmine Jeanne, April 12, 6:31 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

KICHER, William and Karen (Woods), of Boise, Idaho, girl, Mandy Helene, May 4, 8:12 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 3 girls.

KRIBBS, Wayne and Claudia (Serra), of Denver, Colo., boy, Samuel Joseph, April 6, 4:00 a.m., 5 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

LOCK, Gareth and Sharon (Hicketta), of Ipswich, Australia, girl, Judy Abbott, Jan. 30, 1:30 a.m., 8 pounds 16 ounces, first child.

MARTIN, Scott and Claudia (Edges), of Monroe, La., girl, Claudia Marie, April 27, 6:00 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

PHRIS, Nicholas and Diane (Byrd), of Toms River, Australia, girl, Joshua Johannes, March 30, 5:56 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

ROHREN, Larry and Terry (Gossard), of Goldsboro, England, boy, Jonathan Lee, Feb. 13, 4:30 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SARAZEN, Tom and Jack (Barna), of Westminster, Colo., girl, Britanna Heather, April 8, 12:18 a.m., 6 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, first child.

SMITH, Donald and Regina (Holston), of Conroe, Tex., boy, Sean Hodrick, April 11, 1:09 a.m., 6 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

SMITH, Walter Jr. and Jo Ann (Wing), of Spartanburg, S.C., boy, Walter Austin III, March 26, 1:39 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

SPEALDING, M. John and Dorinda (Templeton), of Portland, Ore., girl, Amanda Lee, April 5, 6:28 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

STIVER, Marshall and Joyce (Alexander), of Rapid City, S.D., girl, Rachael Renee, April 18, 5:30 p.m., 7 pounds, now 2 girls.

SUBBOT, Rick and Anita (Delmont), of Modesto, Calif., girl, Hannah Loree, May 2, 11:20 a.m., 7 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SZALANKIEWICZ, Robert and Kathryn (Cakwal), of Birmingham, Ala., boy, Adam Mark, April 27, 5:50 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

VIA-PANZO, Richard and Amanda (Hollings), of Santa Fe, N.M., girl, Agri Inna, April 5, 3:20 p.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 girls.

WHITING, James and Debra (Rowards), of Yonkers, N.Y., girl, Rachel Marie, Jan. 20, 11:19 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Donaghy Sr. of Mattawa, Ont., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Shelley Jean to David Patrick Kennedy of Brampton, Ont. A September wedding is planned in Toronto, Ont. Where they will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dabson are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Malady Joy to Thomas Roger Jamason, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jamason. The wedding will take place July 22 in the Regina Inn in Regina, Sask.

WEDDINGS

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MR. AND MRS. ALBERT KLINE
The Marie Beane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yarell C. Beane, Katy, and Albert William Kline Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Kline Sr. of Amarillo, Tex., were united in marriage March 4. Jerry Jones was the best man, and Terry Johnson was the maid of honor. The couple reside in Gladewater, Tex.

MR. AND MRS. LEWIS HOFFMAN
Lewin Hoffman and Margaret Fitts were united in marriage April 1 by Rev. Lissian, pastor of the Bethlehem, Pa., church. The wedding and reception took place at Fairview Fire Hall. A dinner-dance was followed by dancing to music provided by the Good Times Band. The maid of honor was the daughter of the bride, and the best man was the groom's brother.



MR. AND MRS. TOMMY QUICK
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bloomer are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Donna to Tommy Quick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Quick of Tulsa, Okla. The wedding took place April 14 in Tulsa, where the couple reside.

MR. AND MRS. ROCKY WARE
Diane Lynn Ames, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest City of Riggle, Tex., and Rocky Lee Ware, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Ware of Fayetteville, Ark., were united in marriage Dec. 11, 1983, in Fayetteville. John Elliott, pastor of the Fayetteville and Fort Smith, Ark., churches, performed the ceremony. Paula France was the maid of honor, and Tim Eddy was the best man. The couple reside in Spring Grove, Ark.



MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN LUKER
Michelle Christine Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elgie Gibson, and Stephen Diane Luker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Luker, were united in marriage Dec. 10, 1983, in Seattle, Wash. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, evangelist Dennis Luker, pastor of the Seattle church. The best man was Joe Amode, and maid of honor was Sue Thomas. The couple reside in Seattle.

Marlene Frost, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Gerald Outney of Winchester, Va., and Neal Hilliard Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Hilliard Sr. of Luray, Va., were united in marriage April 14 in Williams Park, pastor of the Cumberland and Hagerstown, Md., and Winchester churches, performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Mersch is survived by one son, Victor Elmore, also a member in Wichita.

HINSDALE, Ill. — Jerry Dukes, 45, of Stickney, Ill., died after suffering a massive pulmonary embolism April 7.

Mr. Dukes, a member of the Chicago, Ill., West church since 1971, is survived by his wife, Mary, a member; children Karen, David, James, Matthew and Anthony; two grandchildren; and sister Della Stewart, a member of the Chicago West congregation.

Funeral services were conducted by John Ritenbaugh, pastor of the Chicago West and Park Forest, Ill., and Hammond, Ind., churches.

TOLEDO, Ohio — Ruth M. (Ludwig) Meyer, 61, a founding member of the Toledo church, died April 18. Mrs. Meyer, a deaconess, was baptized in 1963.

She is survived by her husband, Rudy; her mother, Helen Ellis of Bradenton, Fla.; daughter Valerie

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Our coupon baby this issue is *Joy Elizabeth Lufkin*, daughter of John and Linda Lufkin of Pasadena, Calif.

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*Including newborn 6-84

Vatican

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United States made the official exchange of ambassadors with the Vatican virtually impossible. But viewed from a human standpoint, Pope John Paul II is an effective religious leader in a troubled world.

As unpopular as some of Rome's doctrines are, the pope is popular. So much so that the Reagan administration felt it could bring formal recognition without too much political damage even in an election year.

Of course, other factors also brought about this major policy change.

Some 90 countries officially recognize the Vatican. Negotiations for recognition are under way between the Vatican and the Polish government. If the Vatican is successful it will be a bridgehead into

the Warsaw Pact nations. Tie these moves in with the restructuring of the Vatican itself. Some have observed that many Catholic Europeans thought of the Roman Catholic Church either as an Italian or European institution. In fact, it has been a universal church for centuries. Recent changes have reinforced this.

Non-Italian appointments to key positions are increasing. Outreach to the world is emphasized. Far-reaching structural changes are taking place in the Vatican.

John Paul II is the most traveled pope in history. Even former critics in his own church see the relevance of John Paul's journeys. The Roman church — in rich and poor nations — is approaching a rendezvous with destiny.

Members of God's Church are charged with watching global events of worldwide impact (Luke 21:36). Watch the Vatican.

Obituaries

UMTATA, South Africa — Ezekiel Eric Goba, 63, a member since 1974, died March 23 from bronchial asthma and collapse.

He is survived by his wife, Irene, also a member, one son and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by Frank Nelte, pastor of the East London and Port Elizabeth, South Africa, churches, who conducts the Bible study in Umtata.

WICHITA, Kan. — Waldena Mersch, 68, died here April 27. She has been a member of the Church since 1962.

A graveside funeral service was conducted by Thomas Tullis, a minister in Wichita.

Mrs. Mersch is survived by one son, Victor Elmore, also a member in Wichita.

RICHMOND, Ind. — Rachel Elisabeth Keith, 6-week-old daughter of Dorn and Ruth Keith, died Feb. 11 at her home.

Survivors include her parents and brothers John Allen and James Aaron, both at home.

Services were conducted Feb. 13 with Fredrick DeMont, a minister in the Richmond church, officiating.

BAY CITY, Tex. — Lois Billings Terrel, 89, died April 14 following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Terrel was born in Gonzales, Tex., Nov. 4, 1894, and has been a member of God's Church since 1956. Her husband, Jesse J., also a member of God's Church, died in 1961.

Mrs. Terrel is survived by a daughter, two granddaughters, four great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter. Graveside services were conducted at Hawley Cemetery in Blessing, Tex., April 16.

Humphrey of Naples, Fla.; son Roger Ludwig, a minister in Meeker, Colo.; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by George Kackos, pastor of the Toledo church.

MOULTRIE, Ga. — Idell Faulkner, 69, a member of God's Church since 1977, died April 9.

Funeral services were conducted by Rick Beam, pastor of the Tallahassee, Fla., and Moultrie churches.

She is survived by her husband, Rudy; her mother, Helen Ellis of Bradenton, Fla.; daughter Valerie Humphrey of Naples, Fla.; son Roger Ludwig, a minister in Meeker, Colo.; and six grandchildren.

HOUSTON, Tex. — Cyrus Leroy Edwards, 84, a member since 1969, died April 15 at his home in Angleton, Tex.

The second son of Charles H. Edwards and Lottie New, Mr. Edwards was born in Florenceville, Tex., Feb. 7, 1900. He married Ruby Hale of San Antonio, Tex., in 1929.

Graveside services were conducted at Mission Park Cemetery in San Antonio April 18 by Gregory Sargent, pastor of the San Antonio and Uvalde, Tex., churches.

UNION, N.J. — Elizabeth Keyes, 82, a member since 1966, died April 30. She is survived by four children and several grandchildren.

The funeral was performed May 4 by James Jenkins, pastor of the Union and Middletown, N.J., churches.

LAUREL, Del. — Ethel Ann Whealey, 82, died April 23 at her home in Seaford, Del.

A native of Long Island, N.Y., Mrs. Whealey lived in Seaford for the past few years. She was baptized in 1977.

Mrs. Whealey is survived by two sons and three grandchildren. Graveside funeral services took place at the Greenfield Cemetery in Hempstead, N.Y.

LONG ISLAND, N.Y. — Grant Bullen, 67, a longtime member of God's Church on Long Island, died March 5 of complications from a prolonged battle with arthritis.

Mr. Bullen is survived by his mother, Dorothy, and six children.

Funeral services were conducted by Thomas Fitzpatrick, a minister in the Long Island West church.

VICTORIA, B.C. — Franz Rink, 80, died April 20 after many years of ill health.

Mr. Rink was born in Kozlovka, Russia, Oct. 23, 1903. At the age of 24 he

FOCUS ON YOUTH

YOU MEMBERS AUCTION SERVICES

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. — a YOU fund-raising activity took place Saturday evening, April 7.

Brethren attended a movie, and during the intermission Carroll Short, a local church elder, became an auctioneer. Each member of the YOU was put on the auction block, to work for six hours the next day, to help with housecleaning before the Spring Holy Days and post-winter yard care.

A minimum was set at \$2 an hour, and parents were not allowed to bid on their own children. Bidding went as high as \$10 an hour. Proceeds went to the YOU. *Mildred Soule.*

MISSISSIPPI CHURCHES SPONSOR SENIOR PROM

LAUREL, Miss. — The Hattiesburg and Meridian, Miss., congregations sponsored a prom honoring 1984 high school seniors from area churches Saturday evening, March 24, at the Dixie Electric Building here.

Students from eighth through 12th grades were invited.

The evening began with a dinner of roast beef, whipped potatoes, turkey and dressing, tossed salad, rolls and vanilla pudding. Dancing began after the meal with music provided by Joe Van Etten, a member in the Hattiesburg church, and his band.

Bill Walker and John Novick coordinated the evening. Food preparation was handled by John and Margo Patterson, and decorations were arranged by Cathy Novick and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Burson.

Seniors honored at the event were Sonya Blitne, Teressa Cloud, Mark Courtney, Chere Crosby, Stephanie Diaz, Barbara Dubose, Greg Eavenson, Lisa Easterling, Melissa Edwards, Debbie Fernandez, Loraine Florence, Carla Hubbell, Valerie Hunt, Paul Jay, Andy Kolb, Angela Labelle, Sharon Lewis, Jeffery Marion, Sally Patterson, Greg Robertson, David Sumerlin, Lori Swenk, Angela Van Etten, Chuck Voss, Quentin Vice, Carrie Watkins, Patty Walden, Donna Weaver and David West.

Entertainment was provided by students who had won or placed in YOU contests in their areas. Piano solos were performed by Ted Wells of Jackson, Miss., and Greg Eavenson of Hattiesburg. A violin duet was performed by David and Jon West of Tupelo, Miss., and Andrea West performed a violin solo.

The students were invited to a bowling party the next day, *Paul Kurts.*

CHURCH PRESENTS YES FUN NIGHT

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The church here sponsored a YES Fun Night Saturday evening, April 7, to create enthusiasm for the YES program.

The theme for the evening was the importance of parental help in making YES Bible lessons and evaluations successful.

After eating and socializing, several skits were performed. The skits were directed by YES aides and evaluators and were performed with the help of YES students.

The skits showed how to prepare for a YES evaluation, the necessity of parents encouraging

their children to complete the blanks in the lessons as accurately as possible and the excuses children often give for being unprepared for evaluation.

After the skits games were played. Cash prizes were awarded to the winner. By the time the games ended, every YES student had won a dollar bill. *Donna Frick.*

YOU MEMBERS SPONSOR FAMILY BOWLING EVENT

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The YOU sponsored family bowling for three Kentucky churches Sunday, March 25, at Bowlaway Bowling Lanes here.

About 100 people from the Louisville, Lexington and Mount Sterling churches participated in the event. The preteen top score was 141 by Richard Puckett of Lexington.

The top score in the YOU bracket was 140 by Sheila Price of Lexington. In the adult category, Greg Fuller of Lexington had the highest score, 190. *Randall P. Williams.*

INDIANA GIRLS PRESENT SPRING FASHION SHOW

MUNCIE, Ind. — "New Beginnings" was the theme of a girls' spring fashion show for the Muncie and Richmond, Ind., churches, which took place March 24.

Girls ages 4 to 19 demonstrated their skills in sewing and modeling. Each girl constructed her own garment, ranging from casual to Sabbath wear.

Fritz Dolak was the master of ceremonies, and Kellie Barrett and Deneen Benbow narrated. Piano accompanist was Deborah Dolak. The show was coordinated by Michelle Baumgartner, wife of Richard Baumgartner, pastor of the Muncie and Richmond churches, who was assisted by Amy Brauchla.

Linda, Donette and Lori Nicholson and Beth and Susan Caylor provided entertainment. The finale was a vocal solo by Martie Barrett, accompanied by Mr. Baumgartner. Words and music to "New Beginnings" were composed by Deborah Dolak. *Linda Grinnell.*

DENVER SPONSORS DISTRICT WEEKEND

DENVER, Colo. — A district family weekend May 5 and 6 began with Denver YOU members ushering, greeting, setting up and parking cars for brethren at Sabbath services. Special music was sung by two YOU members.

The sermonette was given by Gerald Schnarrenberger, a local church elder in Denver, followed by the sermon by Kelly Barfield, a minister in the Liberal, Kan., church.

In the evening a formal prom was provided for YOU members from four states. Set to a theme of Camelot, decorations consisted of a mock castle entrance to the dance floor, complete with a moat, garden and bridge.

Refreshments were provided, including a cake in the shape of a castle. Door prizes were awarded, and music was provided by a Denver band.

Sunday morning, May 6, track and field events were available from pre-YES age to adult.

Denver was first, followed by Colorado Springs, Colo., and Fort Collins, Colo. *James Reyer.*



MOUNT POCONO VISIT — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong waves farewell to brethren who attended services in the Church-owned Festival building in Mount Pocono, Pa., May 19. About 4,600 heard Mr. Armstrong deliver the sermon during his first visit to the area since 1976. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

White House

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visit with Meir Rosenne, Israeli ambassador to the United States. The Israeli Embassy resembles the architecture in Jerusalem's Old City.

Gideon Shomron was in the meeting with Ambassador Rosenne. He remembered meeting Mr. Armstrong in 1968, when Mr. Shomron was counselor to President Shneur Zalman Shazar. In the 1968 meeting, Mr. Armstrong, as chancellor of Ambassador College, agreed to assist in a Jerusalem archaeological excavation.

Mr. Armstrong and the ambassador discussed problems facing Israel, and the ambassador thanked Mr. Armstrong for his assistance in helping bridge relationships between countries in the region.

The meeting ended with just enough time to make the next appointment, at the Swedish Embassy in the Watergate complex, site of the break-in of the Democratic National Headquarters in 1972. Events after the break-in eventually forced President Richard Nixon (1969-1974) to resign.

The embassy, on the 12th floor, offers a panoramic view of Washington and the Potomac River. Mr. Armstrong and his group were ushered into a corner suite, office of the Swedish Ambassador to the United States, Count Wilhelm Wachtmeister.

During the visit Mr. Armstrong explained Ambassador Foundation activities, and Ambassador Wachtmeister was impressed with the foundation's cultural involvement. When Mr. Armstrong learned that the Count would be in Los Angeles, Calif., for the Summer Olympic Games, he invited him to the Pasadena campus of Ambassador College. The Count was receptive and, if his schedule permits, he will visit the campus this summer.

Meeting the British ambassador

After lunch at Mr. Armstrong's hotel, the group drove to the United Kingdom Embassy for 4 p.m. tea. The tea took place at the residence of the British ambassador to the United States, Sir Oliver Wright.

The residence resembles an English palace, and could be considered thus, since members of the British Royal Family stay there during visits to the United States. The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, was arriving that evening for the event with the World Wildlife Fund.

The Armstrong group was ushered into a lovely sitting room on the second floor overlooking the immaculately kept grounds. Mr. Armstrong was then introduced to Sir Oliver and Lady Wright.

The group was surprised to learn that the ambassador has a son and grandchildren living in the Los Angeles area, and that one of the

places the ambassador's son had taken him on one of his visits to the Ambassador College campus and the Ambassador Auditorium.

Mr. Armstrong invited Sir Oliver to return to the campus so he could view a performance in the Auditorium and have lunch or dinner in the campus Social Center. Since the ambassador also does a considerable amount of lecturing, Mr. Armstrong invited him to address the Ambassador College faculty and students.

The tea, complete with finger sandwiches, biscuits (cookies) and cake, was enjoyable. The ambassador recounted humorous incidents in his public life and various other stories. With the evening drawing near, Sir Oliver and Lady Wright said good-bye and promised to visit the campus on their next visit to Los Angeles.

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Armstrong was visited in his hotel suite by his Chinese "grandchildren." Twenty-eight excited children swarmed around the smiling pastor general. Mr. Armstrong pointed to a bouquet of 37 red roses and invited each of the children and their chaperons to take one. Within moments the floral arrangement was an empty basket and excited, smiling children were smelling their roses and comparing them to see who had the longest stem. Next they sang a song to Mr. Armstrong and then said good night.

Mount Pocono sermon

Sabbath, May 19, Mr. Armstrong flew from Washington to Mount Pocono, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. La Ravia remained in Washington, and Mr. La Ravia delivered sermons to the Washington and Baltimore, Md., churches.

The Mount Pocono visit was the pastor general's first to that area since 1976. Mr. Armstrong was greeted at the airport by Roy Holaday, pastor of the Mount Pocono church, and his wife, Norma; Robert Fahey, pastor of the churches in Long Island, Manhattan and White Plains, N.Y., and his wife Evelyn; and Jack Patterson, a local elder and Feast site manager, and his wife, Mary Ellen.

Mr. Armstrong was driven to the Church-owned Festival building, where 4,600 brethren from 18 churches waited. After special music and announcements, the pastor general gave a sermon explaining the wrong choice made by Adam at the beginning of human civilization. He showed how Christ, as the second Adam, started a new civilization and how the Church is the embryo of that world to come.

After services ended Mr. Armstrong was taken to the Festival Administration building where he spoke to the ministers and wives.

He was presented with a cake decorated with a lion, lamb and child. James Jenkins, pastor of the Union and Middletown, N.J., churches, gave Mr. Armstrong a

wooden box with a hand-carved Church seal on its surface on behalf of the churches present for Mr. Armstrong's sermon.

Inside the box was a two-edged sword made of stainless steel. The handle was made of mother-of-pearl and decorated with jewels. On the blade were inscribed the words: "The Word of God."

In his presentation, Mr. Jenkins mentioned how the Bible is "sharper than any two-edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12), which comes out of the mouth of Jesus (Revelation 1:16). The sword was designed by Dennis Reppy, a member from the Middletown congregation.

The pastor general thanked the men and their wives for their dedicated service. He then drove to the airport for the return trip to Washington.

Sunday morning, May 20, Mr. Armstrong worked on an article for *The Plain Truth*. After lunch, he took a drive through the nation's capital.

At 6:30 that evening, Mr. Armstrong met with Verne Orr, secretary of the air force, and his wife, Joan, in the pastor general's hotel suite. At 7 p.m. the group went to the hotel's dining room for dinner and conversation. The Orrs have been friends with Mr. Armstrong since the 1940s.

Illness forces cancellations

That night Mr. Armstrong became ill with a type of flu and was unable to sleep most of the night. This forced the cancellation of a scheduled May 21 meeting with Ambassador Humayun Rasheed Choudhury of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and a dinner in the embassy of the People's Republic of China.

The pastor general fasted most of Monday and by Tuesday morning, May 22, he had recovered sufficiently to continue his schedule. He met with Yoshio Okawara, Japanese ambassador to the United States.

Mr. Armstrong recounted his meetings with past Japanese prime ministers and discussed some Ambassador Foundation projects. Ambassador Okawara was already aware of many of Mr. Armstrong's activities.

That evening the Armstrong party gathered at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to attend a performance by the Little Ambassadors From Shanghai. This was the first of two consecutive evening performances.

A large number of officials from the Washington diplomatic corps accepted invitations to attend. The Chinese group was joined by 27 Imperial Schools students, ages 6 through 13, for the final song, "Children Were Made for Love," composed by Church member Warren Dyck from Victoria, B.C. The song brought tears to the eyes of many.

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

UPDATE

TULSA, Okla. — Eight Church families here suffered flood damage ranging from mild water damage to destruction of residences during a 15-hour storm that dumped up to 12 inches of rain May 26 and 27, according to **Donald E. Mason**, pastor of the Tulsa congregation.

Mr. Mason, in a telephone interview with *The Worldwide News*, said that Church members **David and Kathy Sadler** and **Jeretha Phillips** had to be rescued by boat after floodwaters destroyed the Holiday Park mobile home park where their house trailers were.

"They lost everything, including cars, a truck and both trailers," Mr. Mason said.

The homes of Church members **Stan and Denise Hopper**, **Jewell Faust** and **Jerry Edison** sustained severe damage when they were flooded by "five or six inches of water," Mr. Mason said.

Brethren were grateful to be alive after the storm. "Thirteen people lost their lives in that storm, including some fatalities in the Holiday Park," Mr. Mason said. "I feel that God's protection was around these people."

Church member **Jan Bradshaw** averted major damage by mopping up excess water through most of the night. Two other Church families sustained damage in their ground floor apartments.

He added that Tulsa brethren have "really pitched in and done a tremendous job helping those with damage."

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BONN, West Germany — Evangelist **Leroy Neff**, Church treasurer, arrived here at the German Regional Office from the Netherlands with his wife, **Maxine**, May 24, continuing his May 19 to June 4 business visits to European Regional Offices.

According to **Frank Schnee**, regional director, Mr. Neff explained that the purpose of his trip was to "visit the various European offices, meet their staffs, see the physical facilities, as well as to discuss financial matters with the regional directors."

Mr. and Mrs. Neff met the Ambassador College students participating in the German Office program this summer and attended a session of the West German Bundestag (parliament) May 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Neff toured the Bonn Office May 25, after which Mr. Neff discussed financial matters with Mr. Schnee and **John Karlson**, office manager.

Mr. Neff delivered a Sabbath sermon in the *Troisdorfer Burgerhaus* in Troisdorf, West Germany (near Bonn), May 26. Three hundred seventeen brethren from the Bonn, Duesseldorf and Darmstadt, West Germany, churches, and from southern Germany and Switzerland attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Neff traveled on to the Church Office in Geneva, Switzerland, May 27, and flew to Paris, France, for a tour of the Church office there May 29. Mr. and Mrs. Neff concluded their European tour in London, England, and were scheduled to spend five days at the British Regional Office in Borehamwood, England, before returning to Pasadena June 4.

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PASADENA — *The Plain Truth* received "unexpected mention" in the May 23 *Wall Street Journal*, according to **Ray Wright**, director of Publishing Services.

In a front-page feature titled "Foreign Doctors Fill a Medical-Care Gap in Backwater Towns," *Journal* staff reporter **Susan Carey**

wrote: "His [**Usha Reddy's**] waiting room is busy. Blue-jean clad patients sit on plastic chairs and... leaf through dog-eared copies of *The Plain Truth* magazine."

"If the magazines are dog-eared, then they're being read," commented evangelist **Herman L. Hoeh**, editor of *The Plain Truth*.

According to Mr. Wright, the *Plain Truth* waiting-room program began in 1980. In the program brethren call doctors, dentists, lawyers and other professionals with waiting rooms to offer subscriptions to *The Plain Truth*. Each magazine sent to those waiting rooms contains three coupons offering free subscriptions to the magazine.

"Since 1980, brethren have called over half a million doctors and other professionals, and we currently send 155,000 *PTs* monthly to waiting rooms," Mr. Wright said.

More than 70,000 *Plain Truth* subscribers originally subscribed through the waiting-room program, he added.

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NIEUWEGEIN, Netherlands — Space is still available at the Dutch Feast site in Hooegeveen, reported **Johan Wilms**, business

manager for the Church's Dutch Office here. Hooegeveen surroundings include heather, woodlands, brooks, farmland and villages. Daily services will take place in De Tamboer in Hooegeveen.

For application forms to attend the Feast in the Netherlands, write to Ambassador College, Box 444, Nieuwegein, Netherlands, or call 31 (3429) 1709.

After approval the Dutch Office will supply addresses of the bungalow parks so members can arrange their own booking directly with the managers of the chalet parks.

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PASADENA — Transfers can no longer be accepted for the Feast of Tabernacles in Fiji, according to **Peter Nathan**, regional director of the work in New Zealand and the South Pacific. "We still welcome transfers next year though," Mr. Nathan said.

White House

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The pastor general went backstage to be photographed with his Chinese "grandchildren" before going to the Chinese Embassy for a reception. Several hundred attended the reception, with many guests introducing themselves to Mr. Armstrong and thanking him for bringing the Chinese children to the United States. Some commented about watching Mr. Armstrong on the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

WHAT NEXT IN WORLD EVENTS?



WATCH
HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
ON THE WORLD TOMORROW

SUNDAY, 11 a.m. WATE Ch. 6

AD CAMPAIGN — The above advertisement is part of an ad campaign conducted in major U.S. markets in April and May to promote the *World Tomorrow* telecast, according to David Hulme, director of media purchasing. The series of ads were prepared by Publishing Services and run in New York, N.Y., Los Angeles, Calif., Washington, D.C., and other major cities.

The Chinese and Imperial children came to say hello to Mr. Armstrong before the pastor general returned to his hotel around midnight.

Rescheduled meeting

Wednesday, May 23, the pastor general was driven to the Bangladesh Embassy for a rescheduled meeting with Ambassador Choudhury. At the noon meeting Mr. Armstrong learned that the ambassador had also represented Bangladesh in India, Jordan and West Germany.

Mr. Armstrong recounted his November, 1973, visit to Bangladesh after its 1971 war of independence. At that time he met with Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and President Aba Sayeed Chowdhury, and they requested Mr. Armstrong's help. The country was then so economically destitute that Mr. Armstrong could only offer them the hope of Christ's

return and the establishment of His Kingdom.

In a lively conversation, Ambassador Choudhury discussed the progress made since 1971, explaining that there is much work to be done. He discussed possible projects that would help the Bangladesh people. Mr. Armstrong accepted an invitation to visit Bangladesh in the near future to see if the foundation could be of help.

Emotional ending

That evening the group attended the final Washington performance of the Little Ambassadors From Shanghai. After the finale of the Chinese and Imperial children singing together, Mr. Armstrong went backstage for a final session of photographs.

One of the most emotional moments of the tour came during the photography session. When the Chinese and Imperial children realized that they probably would not see each other again, many began to cry.

The children became close friends, even across cultural and language barriers. The moment of parting was moving. Mr. Armstrong said good-bye and promised to see them on his next trip to China.

Thursday, May 24, Mr. Armstrong and his group joined Roger Stevens, chairman of the Kennedy Center, for lunch at the Center's Roof Terrace Restaurant. From there the group drove to National Airport, where they boarded the G-II for the trip to California. Mr. Armstrong arrived home at 5 p.m. PDT.

FEAST SERVICES FOR THE DEAF

PASADENA — The following Feast sites in the United States and Canada will have interpreters for deaf members. The interpreter will translate services into American Sign Language (ASL).

Big Sandy, Biloxi, Miss.; Dayton, Ohio; Eugene, Ore.; Lithue, Kauai, Hawaii; Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; Mount Pocono, Pa.; Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Norfolk, Va.; Pasadena; Spokane, Wash.; Tucson, Ariz.; Victoria, B.C.; Wisconsin Dells, Wis.



INTERNATIONAL DESK

BY **ROD MATTHEWS**

PASADENA — Owen Willis, pastor of the churches in Kenya and Malawi, reported that six new members were baptized in Kenya in April. These new members reflect the effectiveness of the *Plain Truth* lecture given in Nairobi Nov. 10, 1982, by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, which doubled church attendance.

Mr. Willis is in the final stages of negotiating a lease on office space in the center of Nairobi for a mail processing center for East Africa. The office space is in a modern building and is already partitioned, carpeted and fitted with office furniture, with rent within the budget.

The Kenyan members need prayers because of a serious drought they are facing. There has been no significant rain this season, and the northern area of Kenya will undergo severe drought conditions leading to starvation unless rains come. The congregation in Kibirichia, on the slopes of Mt. Kenya, will be greatly affected by these conditions and may need relief if the circumstances don't change soon.

John Halford, a pastor-rank minister from Pasadena, kept the Passover with the brethren in Nairobi because he was unable to keep it with the brethren in Cameroon. An attempted coup in that country precluded traveling there. Mr. Halford, a contributing writer for *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*, gathered information for publication and spent time with the asso-

ciate pastor in the area, Steve LeBlanc, who remained in Nairobi for the Passover season.

Nigeria

Mr. Halford spent the last days of Unleavened Bread in Nigeria with the brethren in Lagos and pastor Lateef Edalere and Elijah Chukwudi, the associate pastor, and their families. He also visited a prospective Summer Educational Program (SEP) site in Jos, Nigeria.

This lakefront site, which has been offered to the Church on a long-term lease basis, is suitable for SEP activities, although a little distant from Lagos. The factors affecting the running of a camp there will be discussed in a regional conference in June, and a decision will be made.

This year, the Nigerian SEP will take place at Yankari Game Reserve. Financial assistance generously provided by Kevin Dean, director of Youth Opportunities United in Pasadena, will help upgrade the equipment available for activities such as badminton, volleyball and water sports.

Mr. Edalere reports that *The Plain Truth* is well received in Nigeria and that March saw a 300 percent increase in subscription requests over the normal monthly average. A tour of the Cross River state brought positive comments from readers. Many explained how the magazine has a beneficial effect on their lives.

A Bible lecture was conducted

for 635 *Plain Truth* subscribers.

Mr. Edalere also mentioned a strong upswing in prospective member activity, partly because small groups study and worship together using Church publications.

Australia

A campaign to put *The Plain Truth* in libraries and waiting rooms in Australia is progressing well. There are 1,650 libraries and waiting rooms on the subscription list, more than 1,300 of which were added in March and April. Because of visits by members, all 19 prisons in New South Wales receive *The Plain Truth* and *Youth 84*, and have a selection of the Church's booklets in their libraries.

A double-page advertisement in *Woman's Day* in March brought in the highest response received from any ad to date. By the end of April 4,076 responses were received, 0.69 percent of their readership.

Because of fine Holy Day offerings in April, the income for that month was up 18 percent over last year, and the year-to-date increase is 15.4 percent.

Ghana

Joseph Forson, pastor of the churches in Ghana, reports that during the Easter season the Ghanaian *Times* of Accra devoted most of its center pages to the articles in the February and March *Good News*, entitled "The Crucifixion Was Not on Friday." Written by evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, editor of *The Plain Truth*.

The *Times* author also used material from other booklets, as well as extensive quotes from Mr. Hoeh, explaining the origins of Easter. The article ended with the note, "culled from *The Plain Truth*." The paper then closed down for the Easter weekend.

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