

## Christ's Apostle in the Orient

**By Aaron K. Dean**  
BEIJING, China — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong arrived here Monday, Nov. 5, continuing a five-week trip to the Orient and Asia that began Oct. 30.

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

Since traveling from Church headquarters in Pasadena, Mr. Armstrong met privately with Deng Xiaoping, the leader of the People's Republic of China, Prince Mikasa of Japan, Japanese cabinet ministers and ambassadors from Israel, Nepal, Jordan and Bangladesh.

To begin the trip, the pastor general boarded the Church's G-III jet with evangelist Ellis La Ravia, director of Facilities Management and a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, and his wife, Gwen; personal aide Aaron Dean; and Mr. Armstrong's nurse, Elaine Browne, Tuesday, Oct. 30.

**See pages 6 and 7 for photo coverage of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's trip.**

The G-III lifted off from the Burbank, Calif., airport at 11 a.m., Pacific Standard Time (PST), and headed north for a fuelstop in Cold Bay, Alaska.

### Editing Correspondence Course

After taking off from the Narita Airport outside of Tokyo, Japan, Mr. Armstrong reviewed a draft of Lesson 20 of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. After editing a few sections, Mr. Armstrong decided to clarify a point in the lesson. When he finished editing the material, Mr. Armstrong viewed videotapes of the Young Ambassadors Festival films.

Touching down at 5 p.m. local time, Oct. 31, Mr. Armstrong learned that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India had been assassinated. Mr. Armstrong met with Mrs. Gandhi in 1970, and he solemnly commented at the airport that the assassination was a further illustration of escalating world-wide troubles.

Mr. Armstrong was driven to the Imperial Hotel where he took a light meal before retiring early. When he

arrived in his hotel suite, he noticed several bouquets of flowers sent to him from his Japanese friends.

The pastor general awoke the next morning, Nov. 1, to the news that three of his Japanese "sons" had been made cabinet ministers. Toshio Yamaguchi is Japan's labor minister, Tokuo Yamashita is transport minister and Keijiri Murata is the minister of international trade and industry.

### Business address

After lunch Mr. Armstrong went to the Prince Hotel to address more than 1,700 upper managers of the Japan Life Co. The company, employing more than 60,000 worldwide, manufactures cookware, bedding and other products.

Company President Takayoshi Yamaguchi met Mr. Armstrong in New York before the Feast and had flown to Los Angeles, Calif., with Mr. Armstrong on the G-III a few weeks before Mr. Armstrong's trip.

After he arrived in Los Angeles, he asked a business associate if he had heard of Mr. Armstrong or Ambassador College. The associate replied, "Yes. That's the place where they not only polish the stones on the top but also on the bottom." It was interesting to hear that the Church's reputation for detail and excellence is well known in international business circles.

When the company president learned that Mr. Armstrong was planning a trip to the Orient and Southeast Asia, he asked the pastor general to address a group of his managers.

Beginning at 2:30 p.m., Mr. Armstrong delivered a 30-minute address on the seven laws of success. He stressed the application of the seventh law, having contact, guidance and continual help from God.

He explained that managers cannot have true happiness without this vital spiritual element. The world is filled with people employing only the "get" way of life, and people cannot find true happiness this way.

Mr. Yamaguchi thanked Mr. Armstrong for his address, and said he previously explained some of the laws of success to his employees, emphasizing the need to set proper goals.

After the talk the company president expressed the desire to contribute to some of the projects sponsored by the Ambassador Foundation.

At 5 p.m. Jordanian Ambassador Sa'ad Batainah visited Mr. Armstrong in the Imperial Hotel. Led by Mr. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. La Ravia and Mr. Dean discussed the foundation-assisted Bunyat Center



**BEIJING MEETING** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong meets with Deng Xiaoping (left), China's top leader, Nov. 6, in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. The 80-year-old Chinese leader praised the Ambassador Foundation for its efforts in promoting world peace. The visit was covered in a front-page article in *China Daily*. (Photo by Warren Watson)

for Special Education and the Al Hussein School for the Physically Handicapped in Jordan and Japanese funding of selected projects. After an hour, the ambassador left to attend a celebration of Algeria's 30th anniversary.

Before dinner, the Armstrong party was reminded of the physical forces inherent in this world when the hotel building started trembling at 5:47 p.m. during a small earthquake.

The Armstrong party went to a private room at 6:30 for a dinner with some of Mr. Armstrong's Japanese sons. Some sent their wives in their places, since the Japanese cabinet had just been formed and official duties prevented their attendance.

At 7 p.m. the Jordanian ambassador to Japan and his wife joined the group. The group ate a dinner of smoked salmon, consommé, medallions of beef, vegetables and crepes *suzette* à la mode. The dinner ended at 9:30 p.m.

### A royal friend

Friday, Nov. 2, the group drove to the palace of Prince Mikasa, a friend of Mr. Armstrong's since 1968.

He was delighted to see the pastor general again and greeted him warmly. The prince presented Mr. Armstrong with a book cataloging artifacts in the Middle Eastern Culture Center. The catalog included items that Mr. Armstrong helped obtain from Israel. The center is partly funded by the Ambassador Foundation.

The conversation ranged through a number of topics, including Prince Mikasa's interest in American square dancing. The prince showed the group photographs of himself and the princess square dancing. Prince Mikasa is part of a square dance association that is growing in Japan.

The prince served tea and asked if Mr. Armstrong and his group could visit the museum. After Mr. Arm-

strong said yes, the prince arranged for a Sunday, Nov. 4, visit. Prince Mikasa said he would not be able to accompany the group to the museum, because he would be opening a square dance convention in southern Japan on Sunday.

At 4 p.m. Ambassador Arthur Banayake of Sri Lanka came to Mr. Armstrong's hotel suite to discuss the pastor general's scheduled visit to Sri Lanka on this trip.

The ambassador discussed a water project involving the building of five dams. When completed, the project will provide irrigation water to areas now unproductive in Sri Lanka.

He offered any assistance Mr. Armstrong needed to complete final details of the visit and left the suite about 5 p.m.

### Sabbath study

Sabbath, Nov. 3, Mr. Armstrong was visited by his traveling party and members of the G-III crew. The conversation soon turned into an informal Bible study. All appreciated the informal discussion of various biblical subjects.

At noon the group drove to the Israeli Embassy at the invitation of Ambassador Amnon Ben-Yohanan and his wife. Also present was Mr. Schnitzer, president of the Israel Diamond Exchange.

The group exchanged greetings from various mutual friends and then went to the embassy's dining room for a lunch of salad, consommé, turkey loaf, vegetables and a light dessert. The ambassador proposed a toast to Mr. Armstrong's health, and the pastor general returned the toast.

After lunch the group went to the living room, which seemed to become an informal synagogue as Mr. Schnitzer questioned Mr. Armstrong about world events. The pastor general explained to those present the

revealed cause of world evils. At 4 p.m. Mr. Armstrong and his party returned to the hotel.

That evening the group relaxed from their busy schedule and enjoyed an eight-hand game of hearts. In the final hand Mr. Dean "shot the moon," narrowly edging out the pastor general.

At 10 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 4, Mr. Armstrong was host to Ambassador Badri P. Shreshtha from Nepal. The pastor general last visited that country in 1973, and the ambassador said he was happy that Mr. Armstrong planned to meet with Nepal's King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev in mid-November.

The ambassador expressed his approval of various foundation projects and said he hoped that Mr. Armstrong would be able to assist Nepal.

At 11 a.m. Tufail K. Haider, charge d'affaires of the Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo, visited Mr. Armstrong. The pastor general discussed his scheduled visit beginning Nov. 21 in that country. He related a conversation he had with Humayun Rasheed Choudhury, former Bangladesh ambassador to the United States (see *H/W*, June 4, "Pastor General Visits the White House"), who was made Bangladesh foreign minister in September. The group was surprised to learn that the foreign minister is Mr. Haider's cousin.

Mr. Armstrong hopes to help this impoverished country by starting a helpful project that could be further funded by another foundation or country with greater physical resources.

When Mr. Armstrong visited Bangladesh in 1971, the country had just gained its independence after a destructive and divisive civil war with India. During a meeting with the late President Aba Sayeed Chowdhury, (See *ORIENT*, page 3)



**STUEBEN GIFT** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (center) presents a diplomatic gift (held by personal aide Aaron Dean, right) to Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, Nov. 7. (Photo by Warren Watson)





# Ministerial Refreshing Program III

Session 10, Oct. 31 to Nov. 13



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Manila, Philippines



**Dean & Marolyn Wilson**  
Evangelist  
Portland, Ore., South



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Long Beach, Calif., East  
and West



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Local church elder  
Bakersfield, Calif.



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Local church elder  
Cleveland, Ohio, West



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Local church elder  
Tampa, Fla.



**Robert Jr. & Dorothy Flores**  
Church pastor  
Corpus Christi and Harlingen,  
Tex.



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Local church elder  
Melbourne, Australia, West



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Church pastor  
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Australia



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Church pastor  
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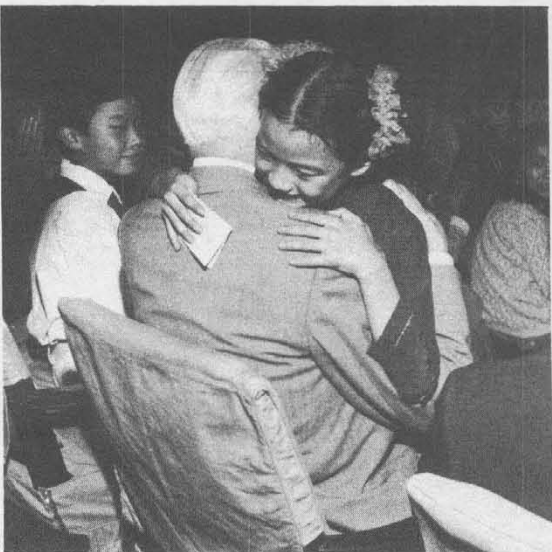
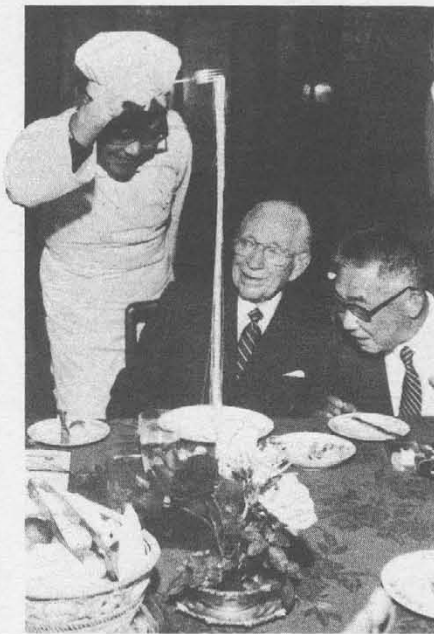
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Concord, N.H., and Montpelier,  
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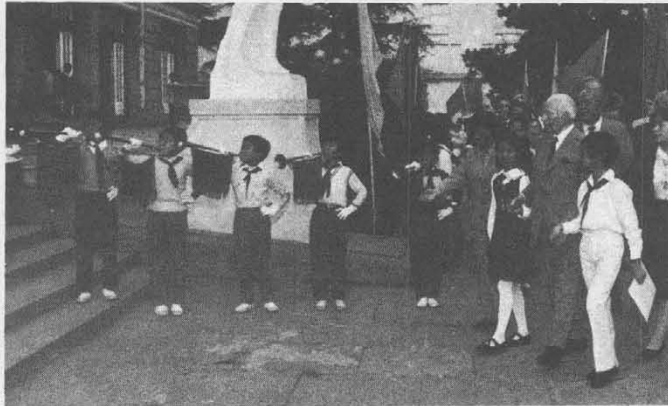
**RETURN TO CHINA** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong returned to the People's Republic of China as an invited guest of the Chinese government Nov. 5 for seven days of meetings and attending official functions. The trip, part of a scheduled five-week tour of the Orient and Asia, included a private meeting with Deng Xiaoping, China's top leader, Nov. 6 (second photo from upper left). Mr. Armstrong met with officials from the Soong Ching Ling Foundation and the





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Chinese Friendship Association to lay a foundation for further cooperation in cultural affairs between the Chinese people and the Ambassador Foundation. The pastor general also flew to Shanghai, China, for meetings with officials and a reunion with his Chinese "grandchildren" — members of the Little Ambassadors From Shanghai troupe that toured the United States last summer. (Photos by Aaron Dean and Warren Watson)













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

# UPDATE

**BANGKOK, Thailand** — Evangelist **Herman L. Hoeh**, editor of *The Plain Truth*, accompanied by *Plain Truth* senior writer **John Halford**, and **Sawat Yingyuad** and **Leon Sexton**, Ambassador Foundation representatives, arrived here after a seven-day fact-finding tour to the Kingdom of Bhutan, north-east of India.

They were accompanied to Bhutan by **Artsa Tulku**, a Tibetan and professor of ancient history at Magadha University in India.

Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** was invited to visit this Himalayan kingdom by the royal Bhutanese ambassador in New Delhi, India. But, because of the high altitude of Thimphu, the capital city, he decided against visiting personally.

The team met with officials of the royal Bhutanese government to assess in what way the Ambassador Foundation might assist the country in the field of education.

**PASADENA** — Ministerial Services announced that the following men were ordained local church elders on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 27.

**Michael Anderson**, Meriden, Conn.; **Peter Bacon**, Yorkton, Sask.; **Darcy Leach**, Salmon Arm, B.C.; **David Longieza**, Springfield, Mass.; and **Herbert Teitgen**, Kettle Falls, Wash.

**Gordon Graham**, a local elder in the Edmonton, Alta., church, was ordained a preaching elder Oct. 11.

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**PASADENA** — *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) lectures took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sept. 2, 7, 8 and 9, and Sept. 15, 16, 29 and 30. Because Argentina has the highest *PV* circulation with 35,000 subscribers, two sets of lectures were conducted.

According to **Alberto Sousa**, pastor of the Ezeiza, Argentina, and Salto, Uruguay, churches, 360 new



**BHUTAN MEETING** — Ugyen Tsering (center), secretary of His Majesty's Department of Planning in Bhutan, meets Nov. 2 with (from left) Leon Sexton, Ambassador Foundation representative; Artsa Tulku, professor of ancient history at Magadha University in India; evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, editor of *The Plain Truth*; and John Halford, a senior writer for *The Plain Truth*. The meeting took place in Thimphu, the capital. (Photo by Sawat Yingyuad)

people attended the meetings. Although 90 percent of Argentina's population is Catholic, 70 percent of those attending the lectures were from Protestant backgrounds.

Of those attending, about 150 were interested in future Bible studies and two sought baptismal counseling.

For the first time in eight years, *PV* lectures took place in Mexico, the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world.

In Guadalajara the lectures were conducted by **Pablo Dimakis**, pastor of the Guadalajara and Tepic,

Mex., churches, Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and Nov. 10. About 200 new people attended.

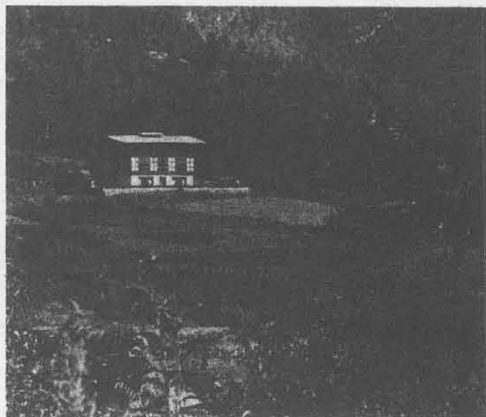
The lectures covered world conditions and the purpose of *The Plain Truth*. Three booklets were offered at the end of the first lecture, and most people took all three.

In Mexico City, *PV* lectures took place Nov. 3, 10 and 17. More than 350 new people attended. The lectures were conducted by **Salvador Barragan**, a local elder in the Mexico City, Mexico, church. Seven hundred sixty-one pieces of literature were

distributed at the first lecture.

Nov. 3 lectures began in Tijuana, 125 miles from Pasadena. The lectures were conducted by **Fernando Barriga**, pastor of the Tijuana and Mexicali, Mex., churches. Twenty-five new people attended the first lecture.

Thomas Turk, pastor of the Mexico City church, attended the lectures in Guadalajara and Mexico City. "It was obvious that the people who attended were high-quality people. They were very attentive and familiar with our literature," he said.



**BHUTAN COUNTRYSIDE** — Photo shows a typical three-story house in western Bhutan. The ground floor is for animals, the main floor is where the residents live, and the loft is for storage of grains.



**PASADENA** — The Ministerial Services staff was host to a farewell dinner Nov. 10 for evangelist **Dean Blackwell** and his wife, Maxine, and **Rodney Matthews** and his wife, Ruth.

Each of the newly appointed leaders of the churches in the Philippines was presented with a gift of

specialized luggage by evangelist **Joseph Tkach Sr.**, director of Ministerial Services.

Mrs. Blackwell and Mrs. Matthews were given Cartier pens as tokens of appreciation for their parts in their husbands' service to God's Church.

The Pasadena ministry and their wives joined the Ministerial Services staff members for the dinner and presentations. The Blackwells and Matthews will be arriving in the Philippines in late November.

Mr. Matthews was raised to pastor rank Nov. 3 before the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. congregation and the visiting ministers and their wives on the 10th session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program. Evangelists **Raymond McNair**, **Dibar Apertian**, **Leon Walker**, **Dean Blackwell** and **Ronald Kelly** joined Mr. Tkach in laying hands on Mr. Matthews.

### Bonn, West Germany

Evangelist **Gerald Waterhouse** began a 12-day speaking tour of the German-speaking churches Sept. 12. During the tour he spoke in Zurich, Switzerland; Salzburg, Austria; and Nuremberg, Stuttgart, Darmstadt, Bonn, Hamburg and Hannover, West Germany.

Frank Schnee, regional director for the Church in German-speaking areas, commented that it is always helpful for the Church there to get the unique view that Mr. Waterhouse gives of God's Kingdom and that his visits give the Church added enthusiasm.

September also saw a three-day visit to the 14 Church members in East Germany by Mr. Schnee. All 14 were looking forward to spending the Feast with the brethren in Brno, Czechoslovakia, fellowship they can enjoy only once a year.

### Canada

First responses to the newspaper insert campaign came in on sched-

ule. By the end of September more than 1,000 requests came in from the two types of inserts used.

### Netherlands

**Bram de Bree**, regional director of the Church in Dutch-speaking areas, reported that Mr. Waterhouse spoke to the four Dutch-language churches in a combined service on the Feast of Trumpets.

Mr. Waterhouse delivered the Holy Day message in English, and the Dutch brethren heard the sermon, described by Mr. de Bree as "inspiring and uplifting," in their own language through simultaneous translation. Mr. Waterhouse spoke to a record attendance of 337, up 15 percent over Trumpets last year.

By the end of September more than 16,000 subscribers were added to the list of *De Echte Waarheid*, the Dutch-language *Plain Truth*. The subscription list stood at 45,700. Seventy percent of the long-term readers renew, and 30 percent of the first-time subscribers renew.

## Church honors evangelist, pastor for quarter century of service

**PASADENA** — Evangelist **Harold Jackson** and **Frank R. McCrady Jr.**, a pastor-rank minister, received plaques Nov. 6, noting a quarter century of service in Christ's ministry, from evangelists **Joseph Tkach Sr.**, director of Ministerial Services, and **Dean Blackwell**.



**HAROLD JACKSON**

Mr. Tkach and Mr. Blackwell presented the plaques at a dinner for ministers and wives attending session 10 of the third Ministerial Refreshing Program.

### 25 years of service

Mr. Jackson, 73, a member of

God's Church since 1936, was ordained a deacon by the late evangelist **C. Paul Meredith** and evangelist **Roderick C. Meredith** in 1957. A native of Des Moines, Iowa, Mr. Jackson was raised in rank to preaching elder in 1963, pastor in 1966 and evangelist in 1980 by Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong**.

Married to the former **Helen Coleman**, the evangelist serves as a personal assistant to Mr. Tkach in Ministerial Services.

Before receiving his headquarters assignment in August, 1980, Mr. Jackson pastored churches in Kenya, Malawi and Mauritius.

He has also pastored churches in Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon and Chicago, Ill.

### Longtime minister

Mr. McCrady, 59, was ordained a local elder by Mr. Blackwell Nov. 11, 1959. After being raised to preaching elder in 1963, Mr. McCrady was ordained a pastor by Mr. Armstrong and six evangelists Jan. 10, 1980.

Married to the former **Charlene M. Robb**, Mr. McCrady pastored the Indianapolis, Columbus and Terre Haute, Ind., churches. Born in St.

Louis, Mo., Mr. McCrady has pastored and assisted in congregations in Manhattan, White Plains and Long Island, N.Y.; St. Louis; Belleville and Mount Vernon, Ill.; Pasadena; Houston, Tex.; Lake Charles, La.; South Bend, Ind.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Oakland, Sacramento



**FRANK R. MCCRADY JR.**

and Santa Barbara, Calif.; Reno, Nev.; Wichita, Garden City and Liberal, Kan.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Chicago, Ill.; Milwaukee, Wis.; and El Paso, Ill.

The McCradys have two sons: **Frank III**, 37, pastor of the Lakeland, Fla., church; and **Roger**, 30,

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