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HWA directs regional directors to promote cooperation, unity

By Dexter H. Faulkner
PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong opened the third international regional directors conference here Jan. 28 with an exhortation for continued and even greater cooperation among the regional offices of the Church.

"The main thing is we must be a well-oiled machine — there must be cooperation. We must have this mind in us which was in Christ," Mr. Armstrong said.

The conference participants quietly rose as Mr. Armstrong entered the lecture hall in the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center to open the Jan. 28 to Feb. 1 meetings. Accompanying the pastor general were Aaron Dean, his personal aide, and evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services.

The theme of the conference was "unity within the government of God."

After opening with prayer, Mr. Armstrong reminded the directors that although they came from different areas all over the world, that this is a worldwide Church. Mr. Armstrong emphasized that even though God led him to put the Church's headquarters in the United States:

"We have to realize that we're not out teaching an American religion... it's not a Canadian religion. It's not an Australian religion. It's not a British religion. It's the religion of Almighty God and of Jesus Christ."

Explaining how only the United States offers the religious, political and economic freedom to effectively conduct the work of the Church, Mr. Armstrong described Church ad-

ministration as organized similar to a wheel, but with no rim around it. The headquarters of the Church is the hub from which the spokes go out.

"So one of you in charge of an office in one place is not connected by that tire or the rim of the wheel with someone in another place. You're connected by coming down to the hub and going out on a spoke to the other person."

"Everything is handled through headquarters," Mr. Armstrong explained. "And headquarters is just the place where Christ, the Head of the Church, set it" (see map this page).

Set the example

Mr. Armstrong also spoke of the importance of setting the right example. "Sometimes actions speak louder than words. Jesus told us to be the light of the world that they can see our good works, not hear our good arguments. Well, as teachers, sometimes we have to give them the arguments too, but we have to set the example," he said.

Mr. Armstrong encouraged the group to work harder toward fulfilling the work of the Church. He reminded them that once they were "back on the track," they shouldn't "sit down on it, because if you do the train will run over you."

Mr. Tkach, moderator of the meetings, continued Mr. Armstrong's theme in his opening address: "As Mr. Armstrong said, the keynote once again is unity. And that is something that we can't have enough of."

Mr. Tkach explained that the main thing is that our ways be pleasing to God. "As Mr. Armstrong has said so frequently, if our ways are pleasing to

God, He's going to bless us."

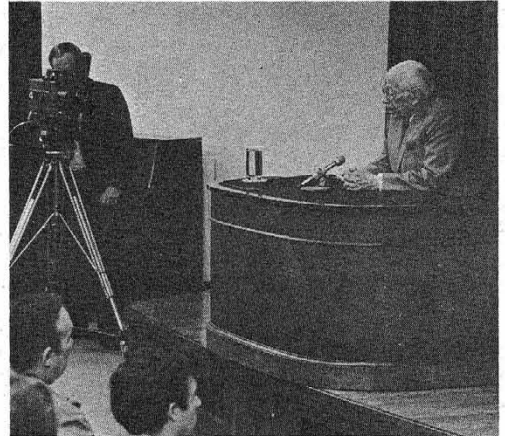
12 regional directors

The 12 regional directors presenting reports were Colin Adair, Canada; Guy Ames, Philippines; Dibar Aparian, French Department; Stan Bass, Caribbean; Peter Nathan, New Zealand and the South Pacific; Cam Catherwood, Italian Department; Bram de Bree, Netherlands; Roy McCarthy, South Africa; Robert Morton, Australia and Asia; Frank Brown, Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East; Frank Schnee, West Germany; and Leon Walker, Spanish Department.

Summaries of the regional directors' reports are scheduled to be printed in the Feb. 18 *Worldwide News*.

Mr. Armstrong, present for the majority of the reports and presentations by the regional directors and department heads here at headquarters, commented that the meetings were "an eye-opener to me." He summarized his impressions of the meetings by saying he felt they were "the most important meetings that we have had."

"I'm tremendously impressed with it myself," Mr. Armstrong said. "It ought to cause all of you to realize what kind of a work you're in, how great it is, and how far ahead of any-



OPENING ADDRESS—Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong addresses regional directors, regional office staff members, wives, department heads and other Church officials Jan. 28 at the beginning of the 1985 regional directors conference. (Photo by Hal Finch)

thing else on earth it is, of anything on earth now or that ever has been on earth."

"This is the age that counts," Mr. Armstrong said. "This is the age that is preparing the ones that I think will be foremost in helping Jesus Christ when He comes to initiate and start a new civilization on this earth. That civilization is being started in the Worldwide Church of God today. It's an entirely new civilization. There has never been anything like it on earth, unless it was in smaller degree

in the early Church in the first century."

Mr. Armstrong said this should make all realize more than ever the responsibility that is on each one in God's Church.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Armstrong said: "We're in harmony. We're together now. Let's stay that way... It means more prayer. It means being closer to God than we have been. It means being closer to His Word, and spending more time on the Bible."

"Remember what a great work this has become. It's become great because Christ has been in it, and because the power of God has been in it. It's not by might or power, but by God's Spirit, remember. And that's the way it's going to continue, and the only way it'll continue."

"Thank-you, Mr. Armstrong"

Mr. Tkach, commenting that it was the best, most successful conference in years, said it was obvious that God is "fine tuning His team."

A card with "Thank you! Mr. Armstrong for being with & encouraging us. The regional directors of 1985," lettered on the front and inside, was presented to Mr. Armstrong by Mr. Tkach. It had been signed by all the regional directors.

Pastor general approves 1985 Feast site in Poland

By Jeff Zhorne
PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved Krakow, Poland, as a Feast of Tabernacles site for 1985, according to Frank Schnee, regional director of God's Church in German-speaking areas.

Krakow, where Pope John Paul II was archbishop from 1963 to 1978, was once capital of Poland. The city has a population of more than 700,000. "Architecturally, Krakow is quite interesting; it's a unique historical city," said Mr. Schnee.

"The Krakow Feast will be very much like Brno, Czechoslovakia," said Mr. Schnee, "with folkloric evenings, formal dances, visits to a castle and wine cellar and other activities such as hiking, family day and children's games." Services will be in English.

Brethren will stay in the Krakow Holiday Inn, where services will be conducted.

Mr. Armstrong's Holy Day messages that are beamed by satellite to various sites will be recorded in Britain and flown to Krakow, said Mr. Schnee.

The site "will be very affordable for Americans, with their present high dollar." The German Office can accept 140 transfers to Poland.

Mr. Schnee said plans after the Festival call for a side trip to Warsaw, Poland, where brethren will stay overnight, go sight-seeing and have dinner in the Intercontinental Victoria Hotel.

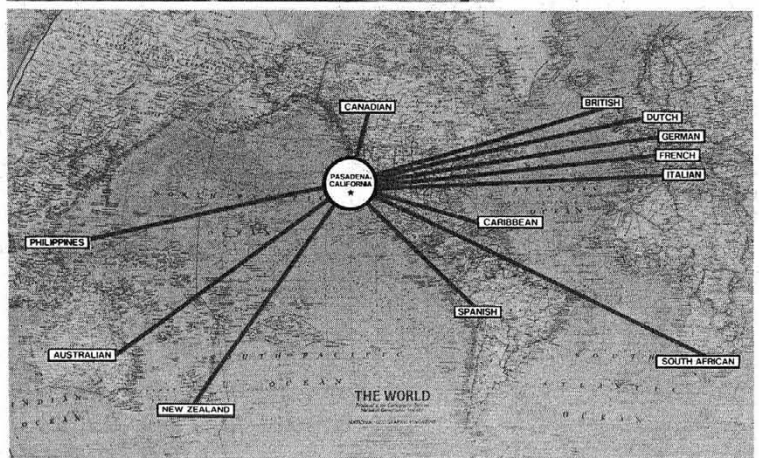
Said Mr. Schnee, "Mr. Armstrong said he feels that the Feast is a major thrust for giving a witness in the end time."

"In Czechoslovakia, our only witness is the Feast," according to John Karlson, business manager of the Church's German Office. Brethren have a "fantastic impact" on areas where the Feast is kept.

Cedok, the official government tourist agency in Czechoslovakia, produced a film about the 1984 Festival in Brno. "After the Polish government in Warsaw saw the Cedok film, they were quite impressed."

Mr. Schnee and Mr. Karlson will visit Poland in early February to solidify arrangements in Krakow and organize the sight-seeing trip in Warsaw.

U.S. and Canadian visitors who want to attend the Festival in Krakow this year should write to the Festival Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129. All others should write to Ambassador College, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, 5300 Bonn, West Germany.



REGIONAL AREAS—The above map, which shows areas served by the regional offices of God's Church, shows the relationship of those offices to the Church's headquarters in Pasadena, according to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. The pastor general referred to the map in his opening comments Jan. 28 at the regional directors conference. (Photo by Warren Watson)

Cooperation or confrontation: which?

PASADENA — Daily, the news is full of tragic accounts of suffering in Africa. Drought and famine threaten the lives of millions of people.

Africans are dependent upon foreign sources for one out of every five meals. Experts believe Africa will be dependent upon food imports for the interminable future. The world is likely in an end-time condition of more or less permanent famines and pestilences (Matthew 24:7).

Given the appalling state of affairs in this most tragic of continents, many wonder why the sudden swelling up of political agitation against the Republic of South Africa — a nation that because of its wealth and productivity supplies much-needed food and industrial products to its impoverished neighbors. It has been called "Africa's Powerhouse."

Nevertheless, in the United States, an emotionally charged "moral crusade" has been launched. Municipal, state and university pension-fund operators, for example, are being pressured by protesters to

"disinvest" stocks of those companies doing business in South Africa. The aim is to force the corporations to leave the country.

As columnist Patrick J. Buchanan puts it, the activists have declared economic war. They have chosen the path of confrontation rather than cooperation to effect the political aims they desire. If they are successful in their efforts, the most dire consequences could befall not only South Africa, but the United States even more so, since it is dependent upon South Africa for key minerals such as chromium, manganese, vanadium and others.

Trade sanctions could be a two-way street. For many of these metals the only alternative source is the Soviet Union. Whom would you rather depend on? ask the South Africans. This argument seems lost on the disinvestment agitators.

An article in the Dec. 31 issue of *The New Yorker* noted the great number of clergymen who are involved in this form of protest, especially through illegal demonstrations at South African government offices

in the United States. In New York City the *New Yorker* writer heard the protest organizer announce that ministers "wishing to break the law, peacefully," should come to a Brooklyn church for training.

These clergymen are engaged in

politics, pure and simple, though they no doubt believe, in their own righteousness, they are doing God service. The result, nevertheless, is disobedience, strife and confusion. Yet, Philippians 2:3 counsels, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory." "The way of peace," God says, "they know not" (Isaiah 59:8).

In South Africa, one of the government's most publicized oppo-

nents is Anglican bishop Desmond Tutu, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. This high-ranking cleric applauds the mounting pressure for disinvestment. Yet a survey of black workers in South Africa revealed that fully 75 percent of them are

against disinvestment. Hundreds of thousands of jobs are at stake. This policy of disinvestment has been repeatedly denounced by the hereditary Paramount Chief of the Zulus, Gatsha Buthelezi, who calls it "madness."

Dr. Buthelezi, leader of the six-million-strong Zulu tribal nation, is worried that the disinvestment campaign could lead first to unemployment, then frustration and bloodshed, playing directly into the hands of the radicals who advocate violence to tear down the government. Said Chief Buthelezi: "Outsiders

need to be aware of the danger of supporting only protest politics, which arouse anger but do not direct it toward achievable goals... If change is ever achieved in South Africa through violence, we will find that the foundations of the future will have been destroyed in the course of liberating the country."

Despite Chief Buthelezi's warnings, prominent officials from the United States and elsewhere in the Western world regularly visit South Africa, take, as it were, a "quick look" at the country — and come up with often simplistic solutions.

These people refuse to see the South African situation in any other light than that of social experiences in American history. It is so hard, goes the old saying, to walk a mile in another man's shoes.

One of the best background primers on the crisis in South Africa was published in 1978 by Hoover International Studies, entitled *South Africa: War, Revolution, or Peace?* It was written by two of America's top experts on the subcontinent, L.H. Gann and Peter Duignan.

I briefed both these men at the Hoover Institute in Stanford, Calif., about three years ago. Here are excerpts from the preface of their book:

"South Africa is not part of the (See COOPERATION, page 11)



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

elation 2:26, "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations" (King James Version).

So don't rationalize. Don't be flippant with God's mercy and love. And, don't crucify yourself with guilt. Christ died for our sins, and we can't add anything to His perfect sacrifice. Here's what to do instead:

- Confess your mistakes and sin to God in prayer. There's a great promise in God's Word. It says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9, KJV).

- Admit that you are wrong. You chose that course of action. Nobody forced you into it. You're not a victim of circumstance. So admit that you chose the mistake or sin you're confessing.

Sometimes it's hard to do. I say: "Yes, God, I agree that it was sin, but it sneaked up on me. I never really chose that." Then I have to stop myself and say, "Admit it, Dexter. You chose that path."

That kind of admission exposes the darkness to light. God's Word says we should walk in the light (1 John 1:5-7). This means being honest with God.

- Apologize. Be willing to say, "I'm sorry, please forgive me." Apologize immediately — or as soon as possible — after making a mistake. The longer you wait, the harder it is. Be specific as to what you are apologizing for.

Simply say: "Oh, God, forgive me as you've promised you would. Forgive me." That's easy enough, isn't it? You don't have to do penance. You don't have to pay money. You don't have to hit your head against the headboard to prove how sorry you are. God will forgive you if you ask Him.

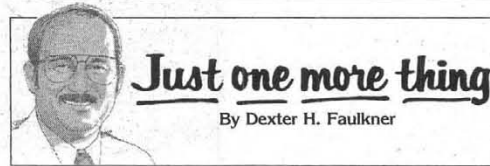
- Finally, plan to forsake that particular sin forever. Get rid of it! Plan not to be a part of that sin again.

What are the results of dealing with sin this way? Fantastic, beautiful peace of mind. Relief. A clean feeling that can't be duplicated or matched anywhere.

God forgives and forgets. The Bible says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12).

Paul says that after we've confessed our sins and God has forgiven us, we should put the past behind us and run full speed toward what God has for us in the future. "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14, KJV).

My prayer is that we all will press on toward our final goal. Leave your mistakes behind and press on.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Everybody's human

I'm so glad I have God's Spirit because, believe it or not, editors make mistakes just like everybody else. Some think editors in God's Church have an inside track on spirituality, but it's not true.

I stumble. I fall. And I disappoint God. And when I do, I'm reminded of the consequences, because God's Spirit reminds me: "Dexter, you're doing it again. Stop! Stop before you really do damage to your relationship with God the Father."

Everyone — no matter how spiritually mature he or she is, no matter how firm his or her commitment to God's ways — stumbles and makes mistakes and disappoints God.

The greatest men in the Bible were human — they made mistakes like we do. My favorite example is David. He was so close to God that God said, "I have found David... a man after my own heart, who will do all My will" (Acts 13:22, Revised Authorized Version throughout unless noted).

David was special in God's eyes, so you might get the idea that he was perfect. But he wasn't. You know the story. David committed adultery with Bathsheba and then committed murder to cover up the sin. He wasn't perfect. He was human like the rest of us.

Peter was one of the disciples who was close to Jesus Christ. But he denied Christ three times.

Thomas the disciple was so dedicated to Christ that one time when Jesus said, "I'm going to Jerusalem to die," Thomas said, "I'll go with you, Lord" (see John 11:16-17).

But, after Christ's resurrection, Thomas said, "I'm not going to believe Jesus came back from the dead till I can put my fingers into the nail holes" (see John 20:25).

These are prime examples to think about. All of us, regardless of the face we wear on the Sabbath, regardless of how we can stick our chests out and say: "I'm a pretty good Christian. I'm doing God's end-time work" — we all stumble at times. We all disappoint God.

What are the results of stumbling and falling out of line with God? Pray for yourself how David, Peter and Thomas reacted in II Samuel 12:13-16, Luke 22:61-62 and John 20:24-

28. Think how they must have felt.

Remorse, regret, guilt and alienation — that's what happens in your life when you turn your back on God. I guarantee that if you knowingly reject God's way and go your own way, immediately He'll seem a million miles away.

I'd venture to say you'll have a hard time praying. You might even feel that you can't pray. I know I can't pretend that everything is fine when I know I've let God down.

And then there's the guilt. Some people live a lifetime crippled by the weight of guilt. I've talked with people who think so little of themselves that they don't care what happens.

What a difference between that attitude and the excitement God puts in your life when you follow and obey Him. You and He know He's got great things in store for you in the soon-coming Kingdom!

How can we regain that close relationship with God?

It is fortunate that God's Word tells us how. God knows our weaknesses, so He has a perfect plan for helping us deal with mistakes and restore our relationship with Him.

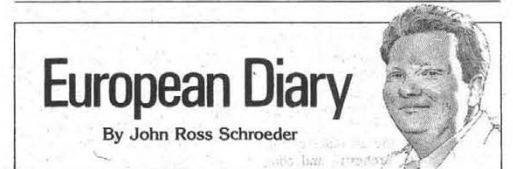
Though we hate to admit it, we all play destructive games — even with our Creator. These are sad, desperate attempts to cover up mistakes and sins in our lives.

One "game" is rationalization. One way people rationalize is to say: "Well, God, the reason I did that is because everybody's doing it. And since that's the case, I'm sure you don't mind too much."

Sound familiar? Don't play that game with God. When you commit a sin, be man enough or woman enough to say: "All right, I admit it. That was a big mistake. It's black and white." That's the beginning of the real way out.

Another game people play involves a flippant attitude about God's laws and love. People say: "Oops! I blew it, but God understands. He will let it go by. He's an all-loving God, isn't He?" Oh yes, God is loving. And God understands. But God wants us to learn repentance and overcome our mistakes.

The Bible says, "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). Remember Rev-



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

Caught in the middle

BOREHAMWOOD, England — *The Oxford English Dictionary* defines neutrality as: "Not assisting or actively taking the side of either party in the case of war or disagreement between other states; remaining inactive in relation to belligerent powers."

This is Austria. This is its consti-

tutional obligation. After World War II Austria found itself in the same boat as Germany. It was to be governed by the major Allied victors. But in 1955 the foreign ministers of the big four signed a state treaty guaranteeing Austrian neutrality and ending 10 years of foreign occupation. Austria has been neutral for nearly 30 years.

The glory days of the Austro-Hungarian Empire ended with World War I. What now constitutes the Republic of Austria includes only 7.5 million people. The country is bordered by seven nations — West Germany, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Yugoslavia. (See MIDDLE, page 11)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

"Worldwide News" inspires unity... what I really like about the paper is its capacity to tie us together as one Body and Church through information: about one another, aspects of the Work, and the biblical perspective of this madhouse world in which we live, etc.

It reinforces in my mind that "we're all in this together." *The Worldwide News* helps me a lot in this manner... Kelli Koon Seattle, Wash.

Miracle

We attend services at the Mojave, Calif., church, on the edge of the Mojave desert, although we live in the mountains 35 miles away. Ordinarily, my extended family and I ride to services together, but last Sabbath (Dec. 15), due to various activities, we brought two cars so my family could leave right after services while I stayed to conduct the choir rehearsal.

Following the rehearsal, I got into our old, unreliable car and drove off alone into the cold, windy, rainy night.

Rather than taking the state highway home, as we usually do, I decided to take a back road shortcut to save time and avoid traffic, forgetting how cold it gets here after dark. As I climbed the hill, I was glad it was only raining and not snowing... [but] I forgot about black ice forming on the roads at night as water quickly freezes.

The weather was so fierce and the wind was so strong, as I drove I prayed for God to protect His people who were out at activities in such weather.

Once over the summit, I noticed snow (See LETTERS, page 11)

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126-voice choir performs 'magnificent symphony'

By Sandi Borax

PASADENA—The Ambassador Concert Choir and Orchestra performed what conductor John D. Schroeder considers to be "among the most magnificent symphonies ever written" at their winter concert Jan. 19 in the Ambassador Auditorium.

That symphony, Ludwig van Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9 in D Minor, Opus 125*, was the first to include a choral section, said Joseph Rivers, a member who attends in Tulsa, Okla., and received his doctorate of philosophy in music theory from the University of Arizona. The text is from Friedrich von Schiller's ode "An die Freude" ("Ode to Joy").

According to Mr. Schroeder, Beethoven wrote the Ninth Symphony when he was deaf. "Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong was impressed that Beethoven did his greatest work under his greatest handicap," he said.

The symphony premiered in Vienna, Austria, in 1824, with Beethoven standing next to the conductor to indicate tempos for each movement. Because he was deaf, he was unaware of the audience's response to his work until one of the soloists turned him around to acknowledge the thunderous applause, according to Dr. Rivers.

Mr. Schroeder said the piece is "a description in music of joy in all circumstances: joy in obstacles... joy in humor, joy in tender moments, and finally, joy in the knowledge that a Heavenly Father will make of all mankind brothers."

It demands the ultimate of the choir, soloists, orchestra and conductor, added Mr. Schroeder. "The demands that are placed on players and singers are just at the edge of human abilities," he said.

"I mean, sopranos singing high as for 12 measures straight—that's just not done in any other piece. It's within their ability,

but at the very edge."

The 126-voice choir was composed of members of the Ambassador College Chorale and the Pasadena Church Choir, and the orchestra was a combination of Ambassador Chamber Orchestra members and area professionals. They performed under the baton of Mr. Schroeder, conductor of the chorale, choir and chamber orchestra.

Mr. Schroeder was pleased that so many Church members were involved with the concert.

"You can sit back and listen to masterpieces, but it's not the same as getting hands-on experience," he said. "Being involved is the best way to develop an appreciation for a work like this."

Soloists for Beethoven's Ninth were soprano Delcina Stevenson, contralto Terry Henson, tenor William Daniels and bass Gerald Bieritz.

Miss Stevenson was a winner in the San Francisco, Calif., Opera Auditions and was soprano soloist for Ambassador's production of *Messiah* in 1983.

Mrs. Henson, Mr. Daniels and Mr. Bieritz are Church members. Mrs. Henson sang leading roles in Ambassador productions on the former Bricklet Wood Ambassador College campus, and has performed solos for special music at Sabbath services and the Feast.

Mr. Daniels, an Ambassador College freshman, participated in musical productions at the St. Louis, Mo., Municipal Opera, and at Opryland in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Bieritz, a Pasadena Ambassador College faculty member, appears in operas, solo recitals and concerts in Southern California and is a member of the Arioso Vocal Quartet.

According to Allen Andrews, operations manager of the concert choir, 30 of the 85 who performed in the orchestra are Church members.



WINTER CONCERT—John D. Schroeder conducts 215 members of the Ambassador Concert Choir and Orchestra at the winter concert Jan. 19. The group performed three musical selections: C. Hubert H. Parry's "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me"; Jean Sibelius' *Finlandia, Opus 26*; and Ludwig van Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9 in D Minor, Opus 125*, before an audience of 1,128 in the Ambassador Auditorium. [Photos by G.A. Belluche Jr. and Lisa Roe]

Other concert selections were C. Hubert H. Parry's "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me," taken from Psalm 122; and Jean Sibelius' *Finlandia, Opus 26*, with text from Amy Sherman Bridgman's "On Great Lone Hills."

Sibelius, considered during his lifetime by his countrymen as the greatest Finnish composer, composed *Finlandia* as background music for the performance in 1899 of scenes depicting events in Finland's history, according to Dr. Rivers, who wrote the concert's program notes.

Parry's "I Was Glad" set Psalm 122 to music for the coronation of Edward VII of England in 1901, and has been sung at every British coronation since. It was one of the selections chosen for the wedding of

Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer, Dr. Rivers said.

The freshman class here was host to a reception after the concert. They served food of the three regions represented in the concert's selections: England, Scandinavia and Germany.



Imperial Schools asks for more product labels

PASADENA— "We would appreciate brethren continuing to send in the front portion of labels from Campbell Soup products, including Recipe Dog Food, Swanson soups and dinners and Franco American and Prego pasta and sauces," said Tony Limanni, a teacher at Imperial Schools here.

Last spring the school exchanged 144,000 labels for \$3,000 worth of audiovisual aids, sporting goods and computer software that could not

have otherwise been purchased, according to Mr. Limanni, coordinator of the fund-raising project.

"This year's goal is 300,000 labels," he said.

The administration, faculty and students of Imperial Schools thank brethren for their response to the school's request for labels, he said.

Labels should be sent to: Imperial Schools, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, Attention: Tony Limanni.

Plans set for Caribbean Feast

Stan Bass is regional director of the Church in the English-speaking Caribbean.

By Stan Bass

The 1985 Feast of Tabernacles will be observed at six English-speaking Caribbean sites: the Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia and Tobago.

A Caribbean Festival Planner, with information on all sites, will be sent to those who request application forms. When the Caribbean Festival packet arrives from Pasadena, requesters can make Festival arrangements through the Caribbean Regional Office. The regional office has worked out favorable air fares.

U.S. and Canadian members must sign up for the Feast in their church areas. Potential Caribbean transferees must be told as soon as possible by the Caribbean Regional Office whether they are accepted to transfer. It is hoped to send the Caribbean Planner, an application and a return envelope to applicants as soon as possible.

The Caribbean Festival Planner, modeled after the U.S. *Festival Planner*, provides information and instructions for applicants to confidently select and apply for a Caribbean Festival site.

If a Feast of Tabernacles in the Caribbean appeals to you, and your second-tithe budget is sufficient, the regional office invites you to call or write for a Caribbean Festival packet.

Call 1-800-423-4444 from the continental United States (from

Alaska call collect, 1-818-304-6111) or write to:

Worldwide Church of God
Festival Office
Caribbean Festival Packet
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Whether you call or write, ask for the Caribbean Festival packet, which includes the Caribbean Festival Planner, an application and a return envelope.

Below are excerpts from the Caribbean Planner, including approximate costs for food and housing. Please add 8 percent tax to room rates.

Nassau, Bahamas

The islands that make up the Bahamas lie in a generally northwest to southeast array along a 750-mile stretch from just off the coast of Florida to just off Hispaniola.

The Grand Hotel on Paradise Island is the convention center for the Feast. Nassau is about 270 miles from Miami, Fla. Each room has an ocean view, air-conditioning, television and a small refrigerator.

Prices for hotels range from \$480, single occupancy, to \$520, double occupancy, for eight nights.

Food prices range from \$10 to \$30 a person for a sit-down meal and from \$6 to \$15 for lunch or a fast-food-type meal.

Christ Church, Barbados

Barbados, an independent member of the British Commonwealth, is about 275 miles north of South America. The population of Barbados is more than 250,000 with about 97,000 people in the capital

city of Bridgetown.

The Feast will take place in Church-owned facilities (formerly the Vista Cinema) in Christ Church. The distance from Miami to this site is about 1,600 miles.

Prices for apartment hotels range from \$280, single occupancy, to \$950, double occupancy, for eight nights.

Food prices range from \$10 to \$30 a person for a sit-down meal and from \$6 to \$12 for lunch or a fast-food-type meal.

Georgetown, Guyana

Guyana is a cooperative republic in the British Commonwealth. *Guyana* is an Amerindian word meaning "land of waters." This is an apt description considering Guyana's many rivers, including the Berbice, Demerara, Essequibo and countless smaller rivers and creeks.

The Feast will take place at the Park Hotel in Georgetown, the capital, about 27 miles from Timehri International Airport. The distance from Miami to Guyana is about 2,100 miles.

Hotel prices range from \$320, single occupancy, to \$752.40, double occupancy, for eight nights.

Food prices range from \$5 to \$15 a person for a sit-down meal and from \$2.50 to \$5 for lunch or a fast-food-type meal.

Ocho Rios, Jamaica

Jamaica, an independent member of the British Commonwealth, is the third largest island of the Greater Antilles. Jamaica has an area of 4,411 square miles and a pop-
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FUND RAISER—Imperial Schools students (from left) Garrett Keller, Jeff La Ravia, Jason Vierra and Elise Brantley trim labels sent by brethren for the school's fund raiser. Labels are redeemed for educational equipment that the school could not otherwise purchase. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

Church announces Festival sites in British Isles, Denmark, Italy

Information about Feast sites administered by the Church's Borehamwood, England, Office was compiled by Paul Suckling, a pastor-rank minister in the Borehamwood Office. U.S. prices were calculated at a rate of one pound equaling \$1.14.

By Paul Suckling

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Regional differences of the British Isles are represented this year in the five British Feast sites: St. Helier, Jersey; Channel Islands; Tenby, Wales; Southport, England; Dunoon, Scotland; and Kenmare, Ireland.

For brethren in Scandinavia or transferring, the Feast will be kept for the third time at the Vingstedcenter in Bredsten, Denmark. The Borehamwood Office organizes the Fiuggi, Italy, site in conjunction with the Italian Department in Pasadena.

International visitors are welcome. The variety in price and type of accommodations means that members can choose accommodations to fit their budgets. Members should take extra money in case of emergency.

Transfers from the United States and Canada should apply to the Pasadena Festival Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129. Other international brethren should write to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Elstree House, Elstree Way, Borehamwood, Herts., WD6 1LU, England, or telephone 01 953 1633.

In all cases, don't book accommodations at a site until you receive approval from the Borehamwood Office. Details of accommodations and flights to Europe will be sent. Single brethren are urged to share accommodations.

For the third consecutive year, a four-day tour in England of London, Windsor, Warwick Castle and Stratford-upon-Avon is offered. The tour will be conducted by a Church member who is a professional tour guide in London.

St. Helier, Jersey

The island of Jersey, off the coast of France, is a rich blend of French and English cultures, with picturesque scenery and a climate milder than the British mainland.

Places of interest include a zoo of rare animals, a German underground hospital used in World War II, a strawberry and carnation farm and beaches. Trips will be arranged to France, and passports are required.

Services will be conducted in the Ft. Regent complex, originally built to repel French invaders, overlooking the capital city of St. Helier.

A variety of housing is available, including guest houses and hotels. Holiday Village is not available this year. Hotels range in price from 158 pounds (\$180) to 310 pounds (\$353) a person for nine nights. This includes crossing by sea from Portsmouth, England, plus bed, breakfast, evening meals and return transfers from the harbor.

Since the only sea crossing available falls on the Sabbath, services will be conducted on the boat. A supplement will be charged those flying to Jersey.

Though getting to the island is a little more expensive than staying on the mainland, once members are there they might be surprised by the prices, especially of alcohol, jewelry and watches.

Tenby, Wales

The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park is the setting for the third Festival here. Tenby, on the southern coast of western Wales, is

about 243 miles (389 kilometers) west of London.

Though well-connected by road and rail to all parts of the country, the scenery is quiet and unspoiled. Abounding in history that dates to the Norman conquest (1066), Tenby is packed tightly inside 13th-century walls. The remains of a Norman castle overlook the harbor.

A bird and seal sanctuary is on Caldy Island, 3 miles away, while golf, fishing, wind surfing and flying light aircraft are available.

Services and activities take place at the Kiln Park Caravan Camp. Most members stay in modern caravans (trailers) with up to eight berths. Many have private toilet facilities and color televisions.

The cost for a caravan for nine nights is 75 pounds (\$86), including electricity. There are shops, a swimming pool, lounges, game rooms and licensed bars at the camp, and the town of Tenby is easily accessible by foot or car.

Tenby is the only site in the British Isles where most people can stay on the site where services take place.

Southport, England

Southport, in England's northwest, was built as a Victorian resort for the middle class of Manchester and Liverpool, England. Today it is one of Britain's prime conference centers and host to an annual flower show.

Its location is ideal for visiting the Lake District, and the historic town of Chester, England, is also within driving distance. Southport offers golf, bowling, swimming and tennis, gardens and parks. The mile-long Lord Street has shops, restaurants, fountains and an air of Victorian elegance.

A variety of hotels and guest houses are available, many close to the Southport Theatre, where services will be conducted. Hotel prices range from 81 pounds (\$92) to 252 pounds (\$287) a person, half board (excluding lunch), for the nine-night period. The many activities planned and quaint countryside promise to make this Feast a memorable one.

Dunoon, Scotland

Dunoon in Argyllshire, in the west of Scotland, is 30 miles (48 kilometers) west of Glasgow, across the Clyde Estuary and is reached by ferry. The town nestles on the eastern edge of the Cowal Peninsula with its lochs, mountains and open countryside.

Services and social events will take place in the Queens Hall. Outside are lawns and gardens, providing a pleasant area for members to stroll and converse after services.

Accommodations are available in hotels and self-catering complexes. For hotels, prices range from 110 pounds (\$125) to 210 pounds (\$239) a person for nine nights, half board. Self-catering units start at 109 pounds (\$124).

Brethren may take boat rides on the Clyde or rent a boat and go sailing or fishing. Scenic walks abound, and some of the mountain passes have appropriate names such as Rest and Be Thankful. Members can visit Inverary Castle, home of the Duke of Argyll, and other historical places.

Kenmare, Ireland

The Feast this year will return to Kenmare in the southwest of the Irish Republic. Originally an important fishing and ironworking town, Kenmare is a center of farming and light industry.

This site is graced by a subtropical flora and is warmed by Gulf

Stream waters lapping its shores. Kenmare, meaning head of the sea, is at the foot of the Kerry hills, backed by the majestic grandeur of the MacGillycuddy's Reeks mountain range, the highest mountains in Ireland.

Kenmare is central for excursions into Dingle peninsula and Ireland's lake district around Killarney, 200 miles (about 333 kilometers) away.

English statesman Lord Thomas Macaulay said of this area: "The hills glow with a rich purple... I never in my life saw anything more beautiful."

When not attending services or fellowshiping in Kenmare's hotels and restaurants, Feastgoers can visit recreational facilities, including nine-hole golf, horseback riding, tennis, swimming, sea fishing for mackerel and bass or freshwater fishing for brown trout and salmon in the Roughy, Sheen, Blackwater and Glenmore rivers.

Festival services will take place in the Riversdale House Hotel on the shores of Kenmare Bay. The Church, through its agent, reserved the entire hotel, the Kenmare Bay Hotel, numerous guest houses and self-catering housing in the area.

Rates for self-catering units range from 160 pounds (\$182) to 271 pounds (\$309) a unit (two week rentals only). Hotel and guest-house rates range from 117 pounds (\$133) to 261 pounds (\$298) a person for nine nights, half board.

A number of activities are planned. Traditional Irish hospitality and welcome will ensure an enjoyable Feast for those attending.

Bredsten, Denmark

The site in Denmark will again be the Vingstedcenter sporting and conference center outside the village of Bredsten, on the eastern side of central Jutland, 13 kilometers (about 8 miles) from Vejle.

The Vingstedcenter consists of a 200-bed hotel with library, bars, a television room and a billiards and darts room. The Danish site features smorgasbords or hot meals.

Adjoining the hotel is a 25-meter Olympic swimming pool, children's pool and saunas. Two gymnasiums are equipped for indoor soccer, handball, basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis and indoor athletics.

The grounds feature a running track, trampolines, soccer fields, a pistol-shooting gallery and rifle ranges. Fishing in the river, and

Caribbean

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ulation of more than 2.2 million. It is a mountainous country, with the Blue Mountains rising more than 6,000 feet above sea level.

The Sheraton Hotel in Ocho Rios is Jamaica's Feast site. Ocho Rios, a seaside town, is in the Garden Parish of St. Ann. The site is about 700 miles from Miami.

Hotel prices range from \$384, single occupancy, to \$400, double occupancy, for eight nights.

Food prices range from \$15 to \$25 a person for a sit-down meal and from \$7 to \$10 for lunch or a fast-food-type meal.

Castries, St. Lucia

Legend has it that Christopher Columbus sighted St. Lucia in 1502. St. Lucia, an ex-British colony, gained its independence in 1979 and is a member of the British Commonwealth.

This year's Feast site will be the Caribblue Hotel about 11 miles north of Castries, the capital and chief



FESTIVAL WELCOME — Feastgoers at the Tenby, Wales, site in 1984 were greeted by then deputy mayor Gillroy Phillips. Mr. Phillips is now the mayor of Tenby. (Photo by Philip Gillroy)

marked nature trails are available. Opposite the hotel is a camping area for those with their own trailers.

Services are in English. All social activities take place in the center. A little more than 200 people can stay in the hotel, others being accommodated in guest houses and private homes.

Accommodations for the nine-day period are about 225 pounds (\$257) a person for full board, or 183 pounds (\$209) for half board.

Children less than 12 sharing with their parents are half price and infants less than 3 are free. Use of all facilities at the center is included, except the renting of certain sports equipment.

Car drivers staying off the site will receive a reduction of about 15 pounds (\$17). Others are transported free to the center.

Those traveling to Denmark from England can go by sea or air. By sea, special group rates are being arranged with Danish Seaways from Harwich, England, to Esbjerg, Denmark, for passengers, cars and trailers.

International visitors traveling through London may take a boat train from London directly to the ship in Harwich and make a con-

mercial town on the northwest coast. The distance from Miami to St. Lucia is about 1,600 miles.

Hotel prices range from \$372, single occupancy, to \$504, double occupancy, for eight nights.

Food prices range from \$15 to \$30 a person for a sit-down meal and from \$4 to \$15 for a fast-food-type meal.

Crown Point, Tobago

The islands of Trinidad and Tobago were discovered by Columbus in 1498.

Tobago, site of this year's Feast, is a strip of land at the foot of the Caribbean archipelago washed on one side by the Caribbean Sea and on the other by the Atlantic Ocean. Tobago, 116 square miles, is 20 miles northeast of Trinidad. (Trinidad is about seven miles north of Venezuela.) Tobago is about 1,800 miles from Miami.

Hotel prices range from \$352, single occupancy, to \$730, double occupancy, for eight nights.

Food prices range from \$15 to \$30 a person for a sit-down meal and from \$7 to \$12 for lunch or a fast-food-type meal.

necting bus transfer to the site in Denmark. The overnight voyage across the North Sea is more like a minicruise on the luxurious 15,000-ton ferries.

Brethren have a varied choice of restaurants, cafeterias, shops, cinema, bars and dancing to live music in the evening. Morning services will be conducted in London, enabling visitors to catch the train to the ship.

By air, there are flights from London's Heathrow Airport and Manchester, England, to Copenhagen, Denmark, to connect with flights to Billund, Denmark, 20 kilometers (12 miles) from the Vingstedcenter.

Many activities are planned, including bus tours to Danish cities such as Arhus and Odense — of Hans Christian Andersen fame — and Flensburg, West Germany.

The small size of the site allows the group to eat evening meals together. The friendly atmosphere offers a millennial foretaste.

Fiuggi, Italy

The spa town of Fiuggi will once again be host to the Feast in Italy. Nestled in the mountains south of the Frascati wine-growing region, Fiuggi is at the termination of two natural springs. The site, about 100 kilometers (62 miles) south of Rome, is at an altitude of 2,500 feet (750 meters).

The conference facility, a refurbished rustic theater, is set in gardens surrounding natural springs.

Because of its location, members can take trips to Rome, Pompeii, Monte Casino and Capri.

The town is divided into two sections. The old town with narrow, meandering streets, is set like an acropolis crowning the summit of a hill, with the newer, modern town established below, growing up around natural springs. The setting is peaceful and serene.

Services will be in English with translations into Italian and possibly other languages if the demand is sufficient and translators are available.

Housing will range from first-class hotels to pensions. Hotel prices begin at 420 pounds (\$479) for nine nights, half board, including flights from London and transfers to hotels.

Self-catering accommodations and apartments are not generally available in Italy. Housing in Fiuggi tends to be of higher quality and lower cost than in Rome.

JUST FOR YOUTH

A page for kids 5 to 105

Teen wins in 4-H program

COKATO, Minn. — Minnesota 4-H Bread Program winner, Vania J. Seltzer, of Cokato received a share of stock in Nabisco Brands from T.T. Lithgow Jr., president, Fleischmann Division, Nabisco Brands, at the Bread Awards Dinner Nov. 26 at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago [Ill.] during National 4-H Congress.

This article is reprinted with permission of the Cokato, Minn., Enterprise. Vania Seltzer is a freshman at Big Sandy Ambassador College.

Fleischmann's Yeast, part of the Fleischmann Division, has been sponsoring the 4-H Bread Program for 33 consecutive years. She won the trip to Chicago by placing first in Minnesota. At the national 4-H Congress competition she placed eighth in a field of 52 competitors. The first six place winners received \$1,500 scholarships. She was designated as a second alternate in recognition of her achievements, and was awarded the share of stock.

Ms. Seltzer, 19, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seltzer of

Cokato, and a student at Ambassador College in Texas. She is a 1983 D-C [Dassel-Cokato] high school graduate.

Vania was active in 4-H clubs for nine years, and served as an officer every year, including four years as president and vice-president of the Knapp Busy Bees. She also served on the Wright County 4-H Advisory Council three years.

The young Cokato woman was State 4-H Ambassador in 1983 and 1984, and served with the top 30 teens in Minnesota working at the state fair, and organizing and conducting the State Junior Leadership conference that was attended by over 800 teenagers. Besides that she was official state photographer and prepared slide shows.

Vania started baking bread as a sixth grader, and her interest grew with the years. She was instrumental in reviving the bread baking project in Wright County about three years ago, which had been dormant for several years.

A 50-slide show promoting the project was developed by her and is now used as a guideline throughout Minnesota.

YOU attends dinner

MEDFORD, Ore. — YOU members organized and sponsored a progressive dinner, the first event of the new activity year, Jan. 1. The YOU members planned and prepared for this four-course dinner for more than a month.

The courses were served at the homes of YOU members and their parents. Each course had a theme. The first was hors d'oeuvres Polynesian style. Next came salads with an international flair. Manicotti and chicken naranja were served as the entree. The last course was Parisian cheesecake.

After dessert the YOU members watched a movie and fellowship.

Several families provided their services and homes to make the dinner a success. Richard and Linda Brothers were hosts for the hors d'oeuvres; Connie Connolly was host for the salad course; Fred Davis, pastor of the Medford and Klamath Falls, Ore., churches, and his wife, Beverly, were hosts for the main course; and Dale and Lois Woods were hosts for the desserts and the movie. *Kathryn Ritinger.*

THE MISSING BILLFOLD

By Shirley King Johnson
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Jim got down on his hands and knees and searched the area of the windmill. He arose and looked up. "It's gone. Are you disgusted with me, Grandfather?"

Smiling, Grandfather shook his head. "A little disappointed, maybe. But I have another billfold in my dresser that I need to use anyway. I can get a new library card and those other cards, but I hate to lose the pictures of you and Susie. The four dollars can be replaced. But — there's my driver's license. I'll have to go up to the courthouse to get a duplicate license today."

"Yes, sir," Jim said, feeling very meek and ashamed.

"Do you think it might be in the grass by the road?" Grandfather persisted, thoughtfully.

"I don't know where it is," Jim replied miserably.

"Let's take a walk out there. You lead the way, James. Walk where you followed along when the road grader came by."

Major trotted with them, happy to pursue their steps as they wove in and out and back and forth along the road.

Grandfather finally stopped. "We're not going to find it. I'll see if Jennie wants to ride along to the courthouse. We'll have to change into some decent clothes, too. We can't go around on Main Street looking like *The Grapes of Wrath*."

"I've heard about God's wrath," Jim said, "but who are the grapes' wrath?"

"*The Grapes of Wrath* is a novel. It's about hard times in the Great Depression of the '30s," explained Grandfather. "Let's go on in."

Major watched them go into the house. He moved to a sunny spot on the sidewalk by the cave. Then he saw his cardboard box under the cave's eaves. It would be warm in there.

As he leaped over the edge of the box he smelled the good scent of Grandfather. Nudging away the straw with his nose, he uncovered the billfold and chewed halfheartedly on one corner for a thoughtful moment. It was not the fun it used to be in puppy days, so he dropped it on the ground beside the box with an indifferent

yawn. Settling down in the straw, he dozed.

The back screen door opened and closed and Jim's voice called, "Come on, Major. Do you want to go to town?" He walked over. "Do you, boy? Hey! What's this? Grandfather! Here's your billfold. I found it!"

Grandfather and Grandmother came out from the porch. Grandfather had changed into a brown corduroy jacket with pants that matched and Grandmother was wearing a new blue coat with a blue suede hat.

"Where'd you find it, James?" Grandfather asked, happily accepting the billfold.

"Right here beside Major's box. He must have taken it from the windmill. Shame on you, Major! Shame, shame!" As Jim shook his head, neatly combed hair fell over his forehead.

"All right, wait a minute," Grandfather broke in. "You be a little nicer to that dog of yours. He just did what dogs like to do. I didn't get cross with you about losing it so you might be a little kinder too, James."

"Blessed are the merciful," quoted Grandmother with a cheerful smile. She looked more closely at the billfold in Grandfather's hand. "Was that billfold chewed at one corner when you lost it, Ben? Or has Major been up to his old tricks?"

Grandfather chuckled a little. "That's just some decoration," he added. "Well, Jennie, you're pretty as applesauce in a silver bowl all dressed up like that! We don't need to drive to the courthouse, but would you like to drive over to visit with the new Church member who's in the hospital with a broken hip? After that we'll have an early dinner in town before we come home."

"What a nice idea!" Grandmother replied. She put her hand in Jim's as they started toward the garage. "The scriptures teach us that we soon grow tired of pleasures we take, but we're never tired of pleasures we give."

"Yes, Ma'am," Jim said.

They went out to the garage and soon drove away. Silence filled the yard and driveway.

Major trotted down to the fence by the chicken house and scanned the sky to see if the hawk had returned. It was empty. He smiled.

YES, SIR!

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Leon," Grandpa instructed, "just put my suitcase here on your sofa bed. I'll unpack later, son."

"Yes, sir!" Leon answered cheerfully as he swung the large, black bag onto the brown plaid sofa in the family room next to the basement garage.

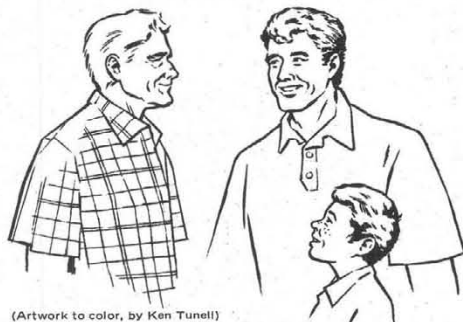
"Rocky," his father said, "take Grandpa's overcoat and hang it in his closet."

"Yes, sir, Dad," replied Rocky, as he held the coat up high. He stretched tall and placed it on a wooden hanger.

Kathy leaned against the doorway, looking puzzled. "Daddy," she asked, "do you still have to obey Grandpa? I thought that when you're all grown up you don't have to obey anyone anymore!"

"Yeah, Daddy," Jeff joined in, "that's what I thought, too!"

Virginia Winfield hurried into the room, smiling. She stepped over to her white-haired father-in-law and gave him a big hug. "Dad Winfield, welcome! It's so good to have you here — and to know you can stay a whole month with us. I'm sorry I didn't come with the fam-



(Artwork to color, by Ken Tunell)

ily when they met you at the station. But I knew you'd be hungry, since you weren't going to eat on the train this morning. So, I stayed here to prepare your favorite breakfast."

She paused and then suggested, "Why don't you all come on upstairs and visit while I finish cooking?"

The younger Mr. Winfield herded his children up the stairs.

"Come on into the living room for a

minute," he directed, "and I'll quote one of God's instructions to families. It tells why I still obey Grandpa."

Grandpa sat on the couch, with Rocky and Jeff nearby on each side and Kathy on his lap.

"In Proverbs 23:22," Dad said as he sat across from them, "God says, 'Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.'" He paused. "Until the day

my mother died I always tried to show her lots of love and respect." Dad smiled and stated firmly, "And as long as I and my father live I will 'hearken' — or pay close attention — to what he says. That is part of the meaning of the Fifth Commandment, which says to honor our parents."

Dad continued. "You see, children, I try to honor Grandpa even now by obeying him — just as you are to honor your parents by 'hearkening' to us and obeying us. And, above all, of course, we must all hearken to God and obey Him!"

"Breakfast is ready!" Mother called.

"Daddy," Kathy said as they stood up and started toward the delicious smells of beef sausage and pancakes, "you know what I would say to God if He told me to do something?"

"No, honey. What would you say?"

Dad asked. "I'd say, 'Yes, sir!' — and I would mind Him!" she answered.

"That is what we all must do. Right, boys?" Dad asked.

Rocky and Jeff grinned as they heard Grandpa answer loudly with them, "Yes, sir!"

Summer Educational Program

AUSTRALIA

LAKE MOOGERAH

By Ken Tate
LAKE MOOGERAH, Australia — Two hundred twenty-four teens attended the fourth consecutive Summer Educational Program (SEP) here Dec. 28 to Jan. 17.

Ken Tate, editor of the Big Sandy Ambassador College Portfolio, assisted in the production of YOU Summer Times, a newspaper covering the events of the Australian SEP, which was distributed to member heads of households in Australia.

"I think it was the best Australian SEP in history," said David Noller, national director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU) and director of the SEP camp. "We are definitely beginning to see the fruits of our work with the youth of God's Church."

Most of the staff arrived Dec. 23. The 78-member staff included Dennis Robertson, director of College Publications and instructor in journalism at Pasadena Ambassador College, and 10 college students.

Students from Pasadena were Donald Campbell, Gary Fakhoury, Barbara Haines, Wendy Harley, Tim Pebworth, Aubrey and Karen Warren and Roger Widmer. Representing the Big Sandy campus were Ken and Janice Tate.

Campers received instruction in 13 activities, including aerobics, basketball, dancing, editorial skills,

education, golf, music education, riflery, rock climbing, photography, waterskiing and softball. Campers attended two or three lessons in most of the activities.

Sabbaths began with a Friday night Bible study. After brunch on Sabbath morning, dorms participated in Bible bowls, followed by afternoon services. Saturday nights featured a movie or dance.

Two bush dances took place, one at the beginning and one at the end of the camp. Bush dancing is a popular form of folk dance in Australia, similar in nature to square dancing.

An awards ceremony, during which activity leaders recognized outstanding achievements by dorms and individuals, took place each Thursday evening.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 15, campers and staff combined for a talent show featuring vocal and instrumental solos, music ensembles and comedy skits.

Wednesday, Jan. 16, all-star matches in men's and women's sports began, followed by novelty olympics and an awards presentation for the session. A bush dance that evening concluded activities.

"It is very evident from what we've seen that God is working with the minds of the youth in the Church, and that He is turning their hearts toward His Church," said Robert Morton, regional director for the Church in Australia and Asia. "We feel it has been a privilege to work with such a fine group of young people."



SEP DOWN UNDER — Campers develop rock climbing, waterskiing and basketball skills at the SEP in Lake Moogerah, Australia. [Photos by Dennis Robertson, Bradley Johnstone and Brett Ogilvie]



Summer Educational Program

SOUTH AFRICA

WAGENDRIFT DAM

By John Bartholomew
ESTCOURT, South Africa — "Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the best SEP ever..." said Willy Clack, 17, from Johannesburg, South Africa. "SEP is something that is looked forward to about as much as the Feast, and each year it improves."

John Bartholomew, pastor of the Durban, South Africa, church, was camp director for the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in South Africa.

Willy was one of 150 campers who attended the 11th Summer Educational Program (SEP) at the Wagendrift Dam Youth Centre Dec. 14 to Jan. 3.

Christo Annandale and Jenny Morreira earned most outstanding camper trophies, and most improved camper trophies went to Craig Manikam and Suzanne Antoniades.

The campers participated in basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, an obstacle course, floral art, modern dance, handicrafts, education classes, waterskiing, parasailing, sailing, wind surfing, swimming, riflery, clay-pigeon shooting, rock climbing and canoeing.

Evening activities included Friday night Bible studies, speech clubs, dance lessons, film shows, cookouts, a swimming gala and a formal dance. Other activities were an overnight canoe trip, a two-day hike, Sabbath services and a Bible bowl.

Melanie Badenhorst, 14, from Pretoria, South Africa, who has been to a number of other camps,

said the camp was fantastic. "There's nothing like it outside of the Church."

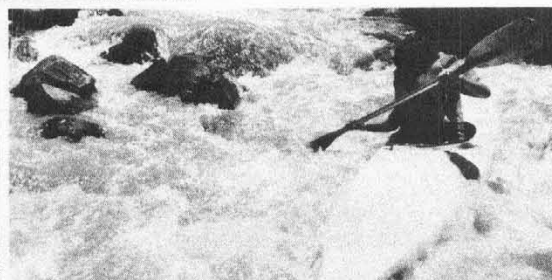
"The environment was very nice. The staff were very friendly. In our group we all worked together well, and activities taught us character," said Peter Wain, 13, from Durbanville, South Africa.

The staff of 73 included Frederick Kellers, pastor of the Little Rock and Searcy, Ark., churches, and his wife, Lucretia; John Meakin, pastor of the Brighton, Croydon and Maidstone, England, churches; Timothy Hudson, a sophomore at Big Sandy Ambassador College; Sheldon Monson and Kim Popham, seniors at Pasadena Ambassador College; and Ambassador College graduates Susan Francis, who is employed in the Church's Borehamwood, England, Office, and Wade Fransson, who is employed in the Church's Bonn, West Germany, Office.

Staff members contributed equipment such as a ski boat, rifles, wind surfers, water skis, audio and video equipment and a small computer.



SUMMER FUN — Campers in South Africa build skill and endurance in sailing, parasailing, shooting the rapids in canoes (U.S. kayaks) and completing an obstacle course. [Photos by John Bartholomew]



Summer Educational Program

NEW ZEALAND

MOTUTAPU ISLAND

By Rex Morgan

MOTUTAPU ISLAND, New Zealand — The 12th New Zealand Summer Educational Program (SEP) took place in Auckland harbor Dec. 27 to Jan. 14.

Rex Morgan is a minister in the Church's Auckland, New Zealand, Office.

One hundred twenty-two campers and 72 staff members attended the camp. Donations from Church members helped 17 youths from the Pacific island nations of Fiji, Tonga and Vanuatu to attend this year. One quarter of the campers attended SEP for the first time.

New activities included parasailing, wind surfing, snorkeling and soccer.

Auckland Church members had a work party to improve the site before camp began. Members built an area of decking that was used for outdoor education classes, sing-alongs and meals.

Michael Carter, an Imperial Schools faculty member, taught parasailing and wind surfing. Ambassador College students Randel Kelly from Pasadena and Darcy Derrick and Briary Yeates of Big Sandy were counselors.

Other counselors were Stephen Wendling, a Big Sandy Ambassador College graduate, and Campbell Croucher, Susan Ellis, Jenne Langford and Mark Waters. Robert Bapst and Dawn Snook, Pasadena students, helped with parasailing and volleyball.

Officers from the Royal Life Sav-

ing Society gave instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and Bill Hutchison, business manager for the Church in New Zealand, talked to campers about choosing the right vocation.

Colin Riseborough, a local church elder who supervised water sports, said, "There was a very good spirit, with high staff and camper morale."

Serena Mathieson, a 15-year-old camper, said: "There was more free time available this year, which gave us time to ask questions of the instructors, do study and so on. One of the greatest things about camp is making so many friends from around the country."

Her brother Dallas, 13, said: "The best thing was the education classes. Writing the essays wasn't like work — it was a fun item."

"I learned a lot of new things I'd never done before," said Ruth Kanas, 17, from Vanuatu.

Anita Hobbs, 13, said, "The way our dorm worked together made it incredibly enjoyable."

Donald Engle, camp director and pastor of the Hamilton, Rotorua and Tauranga, New Zealand, churches, said: "This year's SEP has been very successful in every way. The weather was brilliant throughout, and the campers have been enthusiastic and responsive."

Peter Nathan, regional director for the Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific, concluded: "This was the best camp ever. The variety of new activities really added spice to the camp. SEP goes from strength to strength, year to year."



CAMP ACTIVITIES — Campers participate in activities offered at the 12th New Zealand SEP, including wind surfing, parasailing, soccer and archery. The camp took place on Motutapu Island in Auckland harbor. [Photos by Alexandra Engle]



Summer Educational Program

KENYA

KANAMAI

KANAMAI, Kenya — "The most exciting time of my life," and "I've experienced so many new activities I never dreamed of doing before," were among the comments from 20 youths who attended Kenya's first Summer Educational Program (SEP) Dec. 9 to 15.

Owen Willis, pastor of the Blantyre, Malawi, and Kibirichia and Nairobi, Kenya, churches, submitted this article.

In the past Kenyan youths climbed Mt. Kenya and visited game parks, but experienced nothing like an SEP. The teens traveled by train from Meru and Nairobi, Kenya, to reach the site.

The camp was at a beachside conference center near Mombasa on the Indian Ocean, giving most participants their first experience of the ocean and swimming. With daily swimming lessons, all mastered basic water skills. Another sport introduced at the camp was basketball.

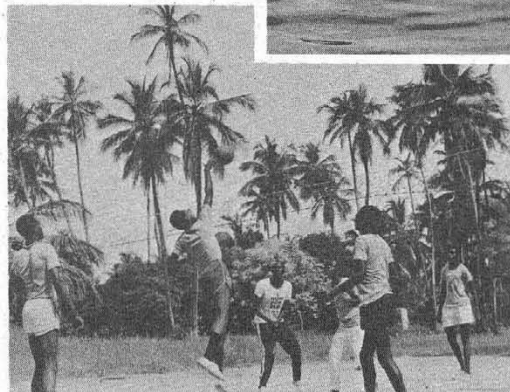
Other activities ranged from water polo, boating and a reef walk to volleyball, running on the beach, soccer and singing. The group toured a marine park, which featured sharks and included a snake park where some of the youths held snakes, including a 10-foot python.

Education classes, which centered on God's way of life and the particular problems faced by youths in Kenya, took place each day. Owen Willis, pastor of the Blantyre, Mala-

wi, and Kibirichia and Nairobi, Kenya, churches, directed the activities. He was assisted by Steve LeBlanc, assistant pastor of the three churches, Clement Obuba and Tom Ikunyua.

The group returned to Nairobi to attend Sabbath services Dec. 15, which included the film *Behind the Work — The Hearts of the Children*. That evening the 1984 Young Ambassadors film was shown to conclude the weeklong program.

PIONEER YEAR — Clockwise from right: Campers receive swimming instruction at dawn; the first group to attend Kenyan SEP gathers for a photo; teens learn volleyball skills. [Photos by Owen Willis]



ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



FAMILY NIGHT — The Los Angeles, Calif., YES choir sings "High Hopes" during the church's fourth annual family night Dec. 25 in Westwood, Calif. [Photo by Ron Greene]

District events take place

The **PERTH**, Australia, church and visitors attended a district family weekend Nov. 24 and 25.

Sabbath morning, Nov. 24, William Winner, pastor of the Gold Coast, Australia, church, conducted a Bible study on child rearing. A picnic lunch followed.

A family dance with a Celtic theme took place that evening. Authentic music was provided by the "Fiddlers Green," who taught the crowd a number of folk dances including the Circassian circle. Entertainment included four killed girls performing the Argyll Broad-swords.

Sunday morning a miniolympics took place in Belmont, Australia, for participants pre-YES age through adult. The purpose of the activity was to provide an opportunity for a YOU track and field meet. Although those of all ages could participate, individual points were awarded only to YOU participants and an overall YOU boy and girl were named champions.

Refreshments were available

throughout the day with hot dogs the main attraction for lunch. Proceeds from all sales went to the YOU.

Events ranged from a lemon-and-spoon race for the tiny tots to running and walking events, the high jump, long jump and shot put.

Robert Regazzoli, pastor of the Perth and Bunbury churches, made the final announcements for the day. The winning team was the red team, followed closely by the blue and gold teams. The overall YOU champions were Travis Taylor and Paul Thomas, who tied in the boys division, and Janene Davidson in the girls division.

YOU members and their families gathered at the Alex Dillabough Center in **NORTH BATTLEFORD**, Sask., Dec. 23 to 25 for a district family weekend.

Events began Sunday, Dec. 23, with lunch and a YOU bowling tournament. Supper was followed by a YOU Bible study conducted by Owen Murphy, pastor of the North Battleford and Lloydminster, (See **DISTRICT**, page 11)

Singles share activities

Forty singles from Northern Ireland gathered for their annual activity week at Crawfordsburn Country Park in Northern Ireland Dec. 21 to 26. Accommodations were in two buildings belonging to a scout association, and the singles prepared food.

After Sabbath services Dec. 22 in **BELFAST**, Northern Ireland, the group went to a theater for the musical show *Annie*. The next day they visited a leisure center for sports and later a formal dinner dance.

Monday, Dec. 24, a Bible study was conducted by John A. Jewell, pastor of the Belfast and Ballymena, Northern Ireland, and Dublin and Galway, Republic of Ireland, churches. The day continued with a barbecue lunch and visit to an area zoo. An Indian meal was prepared in the evening.

Tuesday's activities included a beach walk and slide show. The evening began with a traditional Irish dinner and finished with various entertainment spots, including Irish dance music played by Henry Harris on the accordion.

Wednesday, Dec. 26, finished early with a forest walk and farewells. The group expressed appreciation to Morris McCabe and his helpers for organizing the event.

Forty singles from five church areas attended a ball, Bible study and hike Dec. 22, played host to by **FAYETTEVILLE**, Ark., singles.

The theme of the dance was "Winter." Dozens of hand-cut

snowflakes decorated the hall. Music for the dance was selected in advance by John Elliott, pastor of the Fayetteville and Fort Smith, Ark., churches, who also served as disc jockey for the evening. Awards were given for the best quality costumes in men's and women's categories.

Sunday, Dec. 23, a state park was the site for a Bible study conducted by Mr. Elliott on serving in marriage. After the study the singles grilled hot dogs beside a waterfall on Lee Creek. A hike along the trails in the park concluded the weekend.

Stuart Tweedie and Dan Jefferson.

Entertainers perform at talent shows

PEORIA, Ill., YOU members wrote the scripts for three skits and composed lyrics for three musical numbers at a talent performance for brethren Dec. 29. Focusing on the challenges faced by teens, the skits and songs pictured family life, dating and school as they exist in today's world and as they will be in the world tomorrow.

Under the direction of Jess Ernest, pastor of the Peoria and Macomb, Ill., churches, the YOU provided the acting and singing, as well as the writing, for the program. YOU member Scott Herridge was narrator, and pianist was Nina Herridge, wife of Daniel Herridge, a Peoria local church elder. All 31 members of the Peoria YOU participated.

Brethren camp, dance, ice-skate, barbecue

Thirty-four **GAINESVILLE** and **OCALA**, Fla., brethren visited the Marine Science Station at Crystal River, Fla., Dec. 26 and 27.

Activities began after supper Dec. 26 with an introduction to the facility and surrounding area. The trip was arranged by Stephen Brown, associate pastor of the Gainesville and Jacksonville, Fla., churches, and Ed Huggett Jr. of the Ocala church.

Mr. Huggett provided information on the Florida west coast environment and the natural history of the West Indian manatee or sea cow. Afterward Mr. Brown led a Bible study showing the beauty and intricacies of God's creation.

The group spent Thursday morning, Dec. 27, on two 24-foot boats searching for manatee. The afternoon was spent on the Gulf of Mexico with a stop at an island to collect native marine shells and fossils. The trip concluded with the use of a trawl net that allowed brethren to observe animal and plant life from the gulf.

During the trip brethren observed bottle-nosed dolphins, bald eagles and other native forms of wildlife.

Seventy-five brethren from Lyons, Bordeaux and Paris, France, and various areas of German- and French-speaking Switzerland attended a family winter camp in **LES VERRIERES**, Switzerland, Dec. 30 to Jan. 4.

Activities included skiing, tobogganing and snow rallies. Two vidcotapes of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong were shown each night, and the group enjoyed a family dance, a Young Ambassadors film and other films for the children.

Brethren donated food, and everyone helped cook, serve and wash up. Only one minor skiing accident occurred.

SOWETO, South Africa, brethren went camping in Krugersdorp, South Africa, Dec. 8 and 9, with fair weather prevailing throughout the weekend.

An open-air Sabbath service took place Dec. 8 with a taped sermon by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. An afternoon of fellowship, games and sing-alongs followed.

Saturday night brethren attended a moonlight teenage club with Kanakana Ramano presiding. Pamela Senamela gave topics, and Dolly Senamela was toastmistress.

Petros Manzingana, pastor of the Soweto church, gave a lecture advising the teenagers on preparation for SEP, including setting goals, working with determination to achieve those goals, and willingly carrying out their counselors' instructions.

Sunday morning three matches of volleyball took place, after which the camp was taken down. Wind and rain followed a few hours later.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., brethren and their families participated in their fourth annual family night Dec. 25 in

Westwood, Calif. The evening began at 4:30 p.m. with a potluck dinner.

The senior citizens of the congregation, along with special guest Curtis May, associate pastor of the Pasadena Imperial church, and his family, were honored.

After dinner Abner Washington, pastor of the Los Angeles church, presented a slide show of his Feast of Tabernacles trip to Sri Lanka and his previous trip to Kenya. He encouraged everyone to seize any opportunity for worldwide travel because of the tremendous learning experiences that can be gained from it.

For entertainment the YOU chorale sang "Morning Has Broken," "Reach Out and Touch" and "You'll Never Walk Alone," and the YES choir sang a rendition of "High Hopes."

The evening was capped off with live dancing music for the whole family provided by a church band. The social came to a close at 10:30 p.m.

More than 250 **INDIANAPOLIS**, Ind., brethren attended a social Dec. 25, beginning with table games and a viewing of the Young Ambassadors Feast shows. After a pitch-in meal, the games continued, and the Tom Peinc family showed slides from the Feast of Tabernacles in China.

The activity ended with a sing-along led by James Lee, associate pastor of the Indianapolis, Columbus and Terre Haute, Ind., churches.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., and **MADISONVILLE**, Ky., brethren combined for an annual winter social Saturday evening, Dec. 15, in Evansville. After the Young Ambassadors Festival '84 film was shown, Bob Daniels, master of ceremonies, opened the dance announcing the first song of the evening, "Welcome to My World."

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kramer coordinated the selection of the dance music, which included waltzes, polkas, swings and fox-trots. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller offered a ballroom dancing class before the social to prepare couples for the evening. Before the social, eight couples, called "The Golden Dancers," learned the Virginia reel and the Israeli hora. After a demonstration others were invited to join in.

The deacons' wives prepared an assortment of refreshments and were responsible for decorations made of crepe paper, pinecones and evergreen boughs interwoven with ribbons.

BINGHAMPTON and **CORNING**, N.Y., brethren combined for their second annual winter family activity Dec. 22 and 23 at Watson Homestead in Painted Post, N.Y.

Afternoon Sabbath services Dec. 22 took place in the main hall, and afterward brethren ate a potluck dinner and attended a square dance. The

group swam in an indoor pool and snacked on cheeseballs, crackers, potato chips, pretzels and dips, after which they retired to their cabins.

After breakfast Sunday morning the Savona Central School gymnasium was available for basketball and volleyball. A lunch was served, and brethren played table games and swam.

A spaghetti supper was served for the evening meal, prepared under the direction of Allie Grimaldi. Marilyn Phelps and Janice Pruden provided table decorations of evergreens and candles.

Dec. 25 about 165 **MEMPHIS**, Tenn., brethren assembled at the Memphis Ice Arena and donned ice skates. For two hours the group had the rink to themselves. About 150 others watched from the sidelines. Refreshments were available.

A square dance and sports morning Dec. 15 and 16 at the former Ambassador College campus at **BRICKET WOOD**, England, attracted more than 80 visitors from as far away as Wales and Scotland.

Saturday evening about 450 attended the square dance, called by Pete Skiffins. Hors d'oeuvres were served in the foyer throughout the evening. An adjacent swimming pool was opened for the exclusive use of the Church.

More than 100 attended YOU events the next morning. Activities included basketball, volleyball, badminton, indoor soccer and swimming. Refreshments were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Samir Nadim.

The weekend was organized by Winston Bothwell, a deacon in the Borehamwood, England, church, and his wife, Cathy. Mr. Bothwell is employed as assistant chief gardener at the former campus, now owned by the Central Electricity Generating Board.

After the Sabbath Dec. 8 **GLOUCESTER**, England, brethren gathered for a Russian theme social, beginning with a general talk on the country by Basil Harris, a deacon and geography instructor.

Women prepared traditional dishes, and Russian cider completed the meal. Entertainment included a song from *Fiddler on the Roof*, a classical piano piece and a children's dance to music from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*.

The evening ended in a demonstration of two folk dances, with four dancers in traditional costume. The entire church was then invited to participate in three more dances.

The social was also a farewell to Beverly Clark before she moved to Australia.

A winter fish fry took place in **ALEXANDRIA**, La., after Sabbath services Dec. 22. Men cooked filets of fish, hush puppies and french-fried potatoes in deep-fat fryers with butane burners, and women complemented their cooking by bringing desserts, lemonade and iced tea.

While the fish fried, the group kept warm and joined for a sing-along around a roaring bonfire. Music was provided by Harold Richards, an Alexandria local church elder, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Herndon directed games for children, and prizes were awarded to the winners. After the games and sing-along, the group sat at redwood tables encircling the bonfire and ate together on the mild winter night. The meal was followed by a hayride.

The **MONTGOMERY**, Ala., YOU enjoyed pizza, salad and homemade ice cream at its second annual pizza party the evening of Dec. 22.

YOU members tried their skills in a number of games, including a baby-bottle drinking contest, an egg roll and designing clown faces. Twenty-

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Brethren

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five people participated in the activities at the church hall.

The FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., and FLORENCE, S.C., brethren attended their annual family fun day Dec. 25 in Fayetteville. The church hall was transformed to create a family atmosphere.

A beautiful day with temperatures in the 70s Fahrenheit (21 to 26 Celsius) provided an atmosphere conducive to fun and fellowship. Activities included a door prize contest, a baby photo identification contest, log sawing, nail driving, table tennis, putt-putt golf, a who's who identification contest, bingo and various table games.

Booth games were also available during the day. They included Frisbee hurling, dart throwing, paper-airplane sailing, box stacking and dropping clothespins and pennies in jars.

Ticket numbers were drawn, and winners selected prizes donated by brethren. YOU members coordinated the refreshments. After lunch a talent show featured singers, dancers and musicians.

The event was organized and coordinated by Lawrence Greider Jr., pastor of the Fayetteville and Florence churches. He was assisted by Ed Wrench of Fayetteville and Winston Davis of Florence.

Dec. 23 more than 200 CHICAGO, Ill., SOUTH brethren gathered for a social, auction and games evening. Children played games of coordination, skill and teamwork, and adults bid for baked goods that were auctioned off.

Food and refreshments were prepared by Curtis Davis, Jimmy Williams and Isaiah Reed. Hand-shaped hamburgers were served with cider, juice, lemonade, popcorn and cookies.

In an upstairs gymnasium were husband-and-wife, father-and-son and mother-and-daughter three-legged races, sack races, balloon races and a root-beer-drinking-from-a-baby-bottle contest.

The evening ended with a sing-along conducted by Ivan Lane, accompanied on piano by Douglas Bragg. Profits totaled \$290 for the evening, which was organized by Eugene Dumas, a Chicago South local church elder, and Allan Barr, pastor of the Chicago South church.

BLAXLAND, Australia, brethren met for a barbecue in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Elfversen Dec. 8 to honor John Really, the church's new deacon from Bathurst, Australia, and his wife, and to bid farewell to associate pastor Russell Couston, his wife, Esther, and son Ben.

The Coustons left Australia for a year of full-time Ambassador College training in Pasadena.

Besides food and fellowship, activities included a game of cricket, swimming and horseback riding for children and games for YES members.

The Coustons were given a travel case in appreciation of their service to the Blaxland and Bathurst churches. Mr. Couston gave his farewell sermon to the two churches Dec. 15.

Dec. 8 YES children and parents of the BIRMINGHAM, England, church met at the home of Johnson House for an early Sabbath lunch.

Brethren attend formal balls

"South of the Border, Down Mexico Way" was the theme for the fifth annual winter formal dance in BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Dec. 15 at the Ambassador Centre. About 50 couples attended, including visitors from Clarksville and Nashville, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky.

To gain entry to a land of cacti and other desert scenery, complete with a decorative stucco cantina, couples had to buy border passes. Mexican food and tart made with fresh fruits were served.

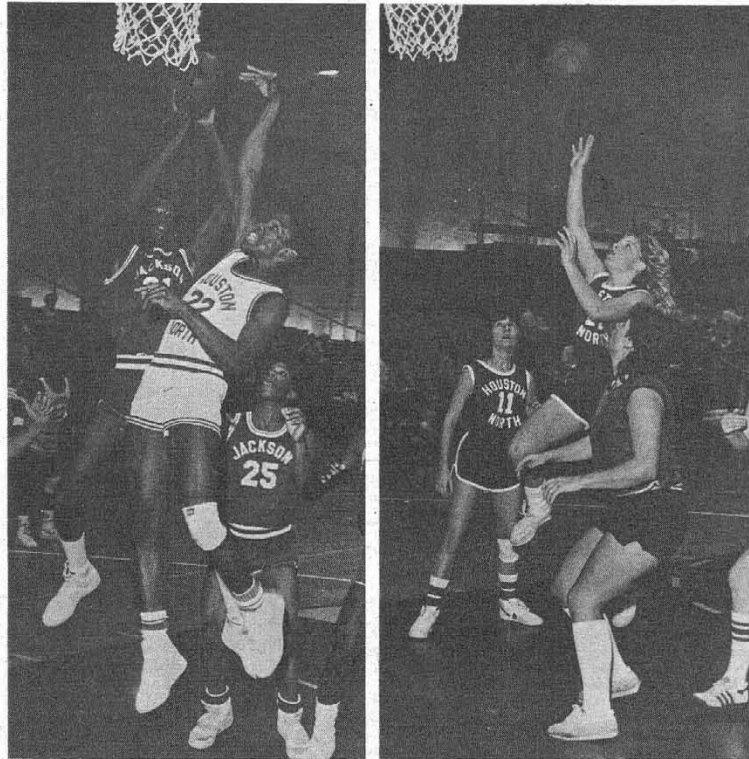
Bill Vaughn's band set the Mexican evening to music by adding

Barry Bourne, pastor of the Birmingham, Gloucester, Northampton and Nottingham, England, churches, instructed the children in some basic rules of etiquette, emphasizing that manners are a means of expressing love for another.

After lunch Mr. Bourne thanked the parents for providing the lunch and led the children in singing a few songs from the Church hymnal.

Ed Huggett Jr., Bernard Andrist, Seshudu J. Phoshoko, Geoffrey S. Berg, Tom and Sue Peine, Fred

Bailey, Nancy Saylor, Many N. Gustafson, Bill Allan, Stuart Tweedie and Tracey Pritchard, Delia D. Arnold, William Golsen and Emily McQuagge, Michael Hewell, Michael and Mary McNeal, Colin Hardy and T. Mahon.



GOING FOR TWO — Left, Johnny Cook from Jackson, Miss., goes for two points against Don Reed (No. 22) from Houston, Tex., North at a Big Sandy YOU invitational basketball tournament Dec. 29 to 31; right, Leah West shoots a lay-up for Houston North. [Photo by Scott K. Smith]

Youths play basketball tourney in Texas

BIG SANDY brethren were hosts to more than 1,000 visitors from five states who attended an annual YOU invitational basketball tournament Dec. 29 to 31.

Fifty YOU teams, representing 21 churches from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Alabama, were housed on the Ambassador College campus and in area brethren's homes. Meals were served in the Ambassador College dining hall.

The teams were divided into five brackets: boys and girls A, boys and girls B, and boys special B.

The action began Saturday night, Dec. 29, at gymnasiums in the Ambassador College Field House and the Ambassador College Humanities Complex, with three games played simultaneously. By the championship game on Monday afternoon, Dec. 31, 67 games had been played.

In the boys A division, Houston, Tex., North defeated Jackson, Miss., 77-43. In girls A, Houston North beat Big Sandy 63-37. Fort Worth, Tex., No. 1 won the boys B division against Big Sandy No. 1, 48-41. Houston West took first in the

girls B division by defeating Little Rock, Ark., No. 3, 31-23. In boys special B, Birmingham, Ala., went home winners against Houston North, 60-23.

The winning team in each division was awarded a new basketball. Norvel Pyle, associate pastor of the Big Sandy church, was tournament coordinator.

More than 300 brethren and Ambassador College students assisted in ushering, officiating, scorekeeping, timing and selling concessions. "The tournament couldn't have been such a success without the help and service of all those giving their time," said evangelist Burk McNair, Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., pastor. Scott K. Smith.

Clubs meet for ladies nights

A final ladies night for JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, B Spokesman Club members was conducted Nov. 25 at the Carlton Hotel. Club President Napoleon Riba presided at the meeting. Steve Munien led the topics session, and Morake Masilo was the toastmaster. Graduates were Mr. Munien, Isaac Ranganwasha, Peter Kubheka, Adam Semero, Norman Vister and Seshudu J. Phoshoko.

Club members and their wives or dates ate a meal of cocktail melon, beef curry, vegetables, cream caramel and coffee.

Speech topics were teaching, photography, women, conversation and health. After evaluations, certificates were presented and new club officers announced.

Club director Petros Manzingana, pastor of the Soweto, South Africa, church, gave a lecture on public speaking. The club will adjourn for two months.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Spokesman Club members conducted their winter ladies night at Nolan's Steakhouse Dec. 18.

William Gossett and Keith Metzler delivered No. 7 speeches about childhood fishing trips, and Daniel Davidson and Ray Vargas gave No. 6 speeches about fire prevention and jumping rope. Mr. Gossett was awarded the Most Effective Speech trophy; Mr. Davidson was named Most Improved Speaker; and Tony Garcia was awarded the Most Helpful Evaluation cup.

Seshudu J. Phoshoko and Robert Flores Jr.

Members conduct fashion show

A fashion show for LIVERPOOL, England, brethren Dec. 22 gave young people a chance to model handmade clothes and entertain members. Kae Tattersall, who organized the show, gave a talk about pattern construction, the history of knitted garments and the four natural fibers used in dressmaking.

Fashions included Sabbath wear, night wear and fancy dress, including a full-length caftan, modeled by Sue Bennett, and a tailored three-piece suit modeled by Daniel Tattersall, age 6.

Gerry Bayley and Terry Whiteside assisted backstage. The show was preceded by soup and apple pie, organized by deacon Bill Adlington and his wife, Dorothy.

The evening ended with a slide show about church socials and SEP by Robert Harrison, pastor of the Liverpool and Stoke-on-Trent, England, churches. Kae Tattersall.

Ontario, Ore. celebrates 10th year

Seventy-three people attended the 10th anniversary of the ONTARIO, Ore., church, commemorated Dec. 29 with Sabbath services, a Bible study, potluck and dance.

Wesley Higgins, a deacon in the Ontario church and member for 10 years, gave the sermonette summarizing the past decade. Jeffery McGowan, pastor of the Ontario and Baker, Ore., and Boise, Idaho, churches, spoke on the importance of remembering. For special music a children's choir sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth," and Tracey Higgins sang "It Won't Be Long Now."

Mr. McGowan began the Bible study by reading a history of the Ontario church, collected and written by Dema Burkhardt. He then spoke about the importance of memorials.

After a potluck, brethren danced to music by Herb Huff and Dennis and Tim Quast on guitars; Rene New on the piano; Darrel Roseberry on the accordion; Wade Higgins on the trumpet; and Al Dick on the drums. Pete and Delores McBride and Tracy and Wade Higgins sang.

A gift of glassware was presented to the Higgins family to express appreciation for 10 years of service. Judy McGowan.

Volleyball matches played

The HAMILTON and ST. CATHARINES, Ont., churches were hosts for the seventh annual Ontario regional YOU volleyball weekend Dec. 22 and 23.

More than 680 attended services in Hamilton. Saturday night brethren ate a lasagna supper and watched a Walt Disney movie, *Never Cry Wolf*.

Sunday 17 junior teams and 11 senior teams participated in a volleyball tournament at Lester B. Pearson High School in Burlington, Ont. The teams represented churches in Barrie, Kitchener, Ottawa, Peterborough, Windsor, Toronto East and West, St. Catharines and Hamilton, Ont. Combined teams included Kingston-Smiths Falls, Ont.; London-Sarnia, Ont.; and Sudbury-North Bay, Ont.

Sixty-five games were followed by playoffs. First place in the junior division went to Peterborough, and second place went to the Toronto East A team. In the senior division,

Hamilton took first place and Ottawa finished second.

Sports, films and a potluck were the featured events at a GREENSBORO, N.C., volleyball and basketball invitational Dec. 22 and 23. Brethren from Bluefield and Roanoke, Va., and Charlotte, N.C., joined area brethren at Western Guilford High School.

After Sabbath services, Dec. 22, the film *Behind the Work — the Hearts of the Children* was shown in the auditorium, followed by the 1984 Young Ambassadors film.

A potluck was then served, after which brethren played a series of round robin volleyball matches on two adjoining courts. Women played 14 volleyball games during the evening.

The next morning the men took the court for basketball. Six teams played two games each.

Edward R. Martin and Larry Penkava.

Cooperation

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United States; it is not Africa's 'Deep South,' but economically by far the most developed part of the African continent.

"Black South Africans — Zulu, Sotho, Tswana and others — are not like black Americans. Blacks in the United States are English-speaking Americans, like most of their white neighbors; Zulu and Tswana, by contrast, form separate ethnic com-

munities that are culturally quite distinct from those of South African whites or Indians.

"In many respects, South Africa resembles a multiethnic community such as Cyprus or even the old Austro-Hungarian Empire far more than the United States. It is like other African countries split by ethnic rivalries and populated by backward, tribal peoples. South Africa's problems cannot, therefore, be resolved along American lines."

Interestingly enough, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of the United

States visited South Africa in January. One of the senator's aides admitted candidly during the trip: "Frankly, we did not realize the complexity of politics here. We thought — can I say it? — it was just black and white." Nevertheless, the senator maintains he will push for some form of economic sanctions.

In the book *Blood River*, a farmer in South Africa's western Cape province pondered his beloved but beleaguered country's future:

"Change is coming in South Africa because it has to... but it must grow naturally out of our own traditions and cannot be forced before its time; because you simply cannot force civilization on people.

"Race, after all, is not the real problem in this country... It's the many levels of civilization that coexist here, from that of the tribal peoples, some of whom are truly primitive, to that of the most sophisticated and modern Europeans — all living cheek by jowl in one country.

"And because the least developed are in the greatest majority, it does not follow that it would benefit all to hand the country over to them before they are ready to take responsibility for it. Because to do that, you see, would not simply destroy white privilege in South Africa but the black man's own best hope for the future along with it."

In the feverish call for disinvestment and political change right now, no one, it seems, is willing to heed such words of caution and wisdom.

There is something strange about the intensification of pressure against South Africa. Why now — especially in the light of deteriorating conditions elsewhere on the continent? There are not a few who believe that the orchestration of the drive is traceable to Moscow.

The Soviets were red-faced when Marxist Mozambique, wracked by famine, civil war and a shattered economy, was forced by reality to

make peace with South Africa last March 16. Other states in the region, faced with economic facts of life, have also been aligning themselves more with Pretoria.

This is how the May 17, 1984, issue of the British newsletter *Special Office Brief* put it:

"It should not be forgotten that the Soviet Union has never deviated from its stated objective of world domination. To achieve this it will have to gain control of mineral-rich Southern Africa, and its strategy in gaining this control is to aggravate tensions and hamper the search for peaceful solutions."

The policy of confrontation rather than encouragement and cooperation plays right into the hands of those who do not desire peace.

In the end, the disinvestment drive may boomerang on the United States, should it be cut off from vital mineral resources of the region. And South Africa may find itself aligned more than ever to Europe.

Middle

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vakia, Hungary, Switzerland, Yugoslavia and Liechtenstein.

These nations are at various levels on the political spectrum. The first two are members of NATO. The next two are Warsaw Pact members. Switzerland is neutral and Yugoslavia is nonaligned. Liechtenstein is a principality the size of Washington, D.C.

Differences in political persuasion underscore Austria's basic difficulty. It is not only caught ideologically between the two superpowers, but also between nations leaning either toward the United States or the Soviet Union to one degree or another. Even neutral and non-aligned countries tend to incline themselves, however slightly, toward one of the superpowers.

It isn't easy to be neutral. Despite its location, Sweden remained neutral during both world wars. So did Switzerland. Norway didn't quite make it; never mind the guarantees. Neutral Finland had two wars with the Soviet Union in the past 50 years.

Journalist Mikhail Fyodorov summed up Austrian national feeling in the November, 1983, *New Times*. "What can a small neutral country do in the context of confrontation of the two giants? We are powerless. But the situation is dangerous. If a nuclear war broke out in Europe, Austria too would be incinerated..."

Advanced nuclear fission does not recognize national political borders. No one can be neutral during atomic warfare. Neutrality will not prevent destruction.

Events would inevitably get out of control. This century's first two great wars allowed practical neu-

trality. The third will not.

Neutrality is not even easy in the intervening years before the feared catastrophe. Trying to balance the interests of the two superpowers is a deadly game. (It is one of the anomalies of modern times that even neutral nations must be heavily armed — presumably to protect their neutrality and to defend themselves against one or both of the belligerents.)

One news snippet of five years ago said that the Austrian army ordered 50 combat tanks from the United States. Now one reads, "Austrian military planners are considering buying Soviet anti-aircraft missiles to bolster the country's air defenses and relieve any anxiety in Moscow that the neutral state is becoming too closely linked with the Western military alliance" (*International Herald Tribune*, Aug. 2, 1984).

Later in that article there was talk of Austria purchasing U.S. warplanes, French-built Mirage 3s and Swedish J-35 Dragons.

What a world we live in. It's a matter of balancing everybody's interests in complex negotiations with representatives of both superpowers and other interested nations. Lean to the right or to the left too much and you are in trouble.

Whether a country is neutral, nonaligned or is on one side or the other, one fact is clear: Nations are heavily armed and increasing their weaponry. The world is readying itself for battle. Despite protestations of peace, the nations are almost forced to gear up for Armageddon.

Mr. Fyodorov concluded his summation of the Austrian attitude, "We want to live in peace and friendship with all peoples, but forces beyond our control are impelling humanity closer and closer to the brink of abyss."

District

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Sask., and Bonnyville, Alta., churches and regional YOU coordinator.

Trophies were presented to those with the highest bowling scores. They were juniors Rachel Levitt and Curtis Yeomans from Saskatoon, Sask., and seniors Andrea Hofer from Saskatoon and Perry Sanoy from North Battleford.

Activities Monday, Dec. 24, included downhill skiing, family skating, floor hockey and the annual family curling *bonspiel*. The curling trophy was won by the Yorkton, Sask.-Dauphin, Man., team. The trophy, made of American black walnut, handcrafted by Ed Bouchard, a deacon in the Bonnyville church, will be awarded annually.

YOU auction raises \$1,030

Jan. 7 **MODESTO** and **STOCKTON**, Calif., brethren attended an annual YOU fund-raising pie auction and potluck. The auction brought in \$1,030 in gross earnings, to be used for various YOU expenses. Pastor Oswald Engelbart set a new record by purchasing nine pies.

Entertainment for the evening was supplied by YOU and YES members, as well as Division I, II and III

A family dance took place Monday evening, with area members providing the music and vocal selections.

Tuesday's activities included a brunch followed by floor hockey, table games, a volleyball tournament and an early supper.

OMAHA and **LINCOLN**, Neb., brethren were hosts for a family weekend Dec. 22 and 23, under the guidance of pastor Terry Swagerty.

Participants in the event came from Kansas City, Kan., South; Kansas City North and St. Joseph, Mo.; Des Moines, Iowa; Grand Island and North Platte, Neb.; and Yankton, Watertown and Sioux Falls, S.D.

Sabbath activities, Dec. 22, began with a combined Sabbath service, followed by a catered buffet lunch and a YOU Bible baseball tournament. The Kansas City South church placed first. Bible-oriented ac-

cheerleaders. The children received a visit by the Cookie Monster and clowns. Gifts and helium balloons were given to the children attending.

Buck Burchett served as master of ceremonies for the evening, while J.R. Regis and his family organized the pie auction. Coordinators for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Burchett and Bob McNeely. *Carolyn Burchett*.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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alongside the road from the previous storm that week. Heading down the hill, the car picked up speed. The route I was taking was a narrow, two-lane country road on the side of a hill, with the wall of the mountain to my right and a steep cliff to the left, with no guardrail at the edge of the road.

Suddenly, the strong winds blew a tree branch in front of me. I automatically swerved to avoid it, not realizing I was driving on an ice patch, and the car immediately began swerving violently out of control... I could neither straighten it out or slow down.

Seeing the cliff dangerously close, with nothing to stop the car from sliding off the edge, I quickly called out, "Father, help!" As the car slid sideways and backward off the road and toward the edge, I screamed, "Father!" and waited to go off the cliff.

Instead, the car instantly stopped, half on the road, half off, sideways across the

lane of traffic, the headlights illuminating the mountain wall. Scrambling out of the car, shaking and grateful, I examined the situation. The rear wheels had actually gone off the road, one wheel dangling in the air, the other still in contact with the embankment. God had stopped the car just in time!

I thanked Him several times, with both rain and tears streaming down my face, but I still didn't know how I was going to get the car back on the road; it was miles in either direction to get help, and I was sure I'd need to be towed out. Getting back into the car, I asked God to help me out of that situation, then I put the car in gear and applied the gas...

At first, nothing happened, not even spinning tires... Abruptly, the back end of the car lifted straight up and the car shot forward until both rear tires were touching earth, and just as simply as that it was back on the road, none the worse for its experience. Still shaking, and still praying, I drove the rest of the way to town, slowly and gratefully.

Jack M. Lane
Tehachapi, Calif.

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Reader in Poland
I have recently received my first

copy of *The Plain Truth*. I owe this to my friend who enabled me to get your magazine when being in England this year.

We — people living in the communist countries — need the truth very much, because we are being continuously deceived and misled by the official press, radio and T.V. We would like the Western societies to remember that we were not asked our opinion when it was decided that we belonged to the East. It happened rather against our will.

The Plain Truth helps me to hope that one day the only plain truth will not be denied any longer. If your magazine were not free I could not read it because the Polish money is so-called noninterchangeable.

J. Beresko
Poland

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I saw a PT [*Plain Truth*] at Williams Air Field McMurdo (Antarctica). An army officer had it, reading it. Quite a thrill for me — *The Plain Truth* on the great white continent!

Helen Hickland
Washington, D.C.

Obituaries

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12 great-grandchildren.

Charles Whelson, a minister in the Youngstown church, officiated at graveside services in Girard, Ohio.

Formal balls

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mittee, directed by John Foster, pastor of the Canton church, planned the evening.

In preparation for the evening the Canton youths were given ballroom dancing lessons by Marty Richey and his wife, Cheryl, both graduates of Pasadena Ambassador College.

The hall was decorated with a flower-trimmed archway and a sign at the entrance welcoming the visitors to Winter Wonderland. Paper snowflakes hung from the rafters above the dance floor. Snowman centerpieces were placed on each table, and a snowman cake was baked by Alice Rini.

Those present danced to ballroom music played by a live band composed of Church members.

Kent Fentress and Sara Border.

STOCKTON, Calif. — Ross Elton, 64, a member of God's Church since Nov. 9, 1974, died Dec. 29 at his home near Angel's Camp, Calif., after a brief illness.

He was born in northern Idaho, and was in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

Mr. Elton's hobbies were gold panning and square dancing. He belonged to square dance clubs and entertained at Church socials.

He is survived by his mother, a sister and a brother. Funeral services were conducted Jan. 2 in Angel's Camp by Oswald Engelbart, pastor of the Stockton and Modesto, Calif., churches.

CALGARY, Alta. — Marlene May Hatten, 45, of Carstairs, Alta., died Dec. 25.

Mrs. Hatten was baptized May 19, 1984, and is survived by her husband, John; and her mother, Gonda Humble.

The funeral was performed by John Borax, assistant pastor of the Calgary North church.

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Harris Joseph Verdun, 55, died Dec. 25 after eight weeks in the South Louisiana Medical Center in Houma, La., fighting cancer.

Mr. Verdun started reading *The Plain Truth* in 1965. He was baptized in January, 1982.

He is survived by his wife, Minnie Nicholas; his parents, Martile and Francis; five sons, Harris Jr., Randy, Curtis, Quincy and Leon; three daughters, Sharon Blanchard, Abigail Grissom and Karrie; three brothers, Levi, Viniss and Jay; five sisters, Alfreda Richoux, Laura Mae Billiot, Pearlina Ledet, Gloria Jarreau and Lorina Holmes; and nine grandchildren. Mr. Verdun's wife, three sons and two daughters are members. The rest of his children attend Church.

Funeral services were conducted by James Servidio, pastor of the New Orleans church.

RICHMOND, Ind. — Frank A. Johnson, 73, died Dec. 22 after a lengthy illness. He has been a member of the Church since 1977.

Mr. Johnson is survived by one son and five sisters.

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Michele Anne Mason, 14, eldest daughter of Donald and Geri Mason, died Oct. 17, on the eve of the Last Great Day and her 15th birthday. Michele was active in YOU and cheerleading. Her father is the pastor of the Tulsa, Okla., church.



MICHELE ANNE MASON

Michele is survived by her parents; a sister, Elizabeth; two brothers, Derek and Dustin; her grandmother, Lois Mason, a member who attends in Houston, Tex.; and her maternal grandparents, Olaf and Dorothy Johnson of Isabella, Minn.

Funeral services were conducted Oct. 22 by Arnold Clauson, pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., churches.

FLAT ROCK, Mich. — Marion L. Grider, 70, a member since 1970, died Dec. 21 after suffering from heart problems.

Mrs. Grider is survived by two daughters, Kathleen Brightman and Barbara Group; a brother, William Ferguson; a sister, Fae Henris; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 26 by Maceo Hampton, associate pastor of the Detroit, Mich., West church.

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

PASADENA — Nineteen eighty-five is starting out on a record pace for responses from people writing or calling the Church for the first time, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

As of Jan. 30, 159,983 new people living in the United States had requested subscriptions to *The Plain Truth* and other Church publications, enrolled in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course or requested other Church literature.

According to **Wayne Pyle**, an assistant to Mr. Rice, the figure represents a 22 percent increase over January, 1983, when the Church received 131,638 new responses.

"We still don't have the final January figure, but since we've been averaging about 5,000 new names each calendar day, we'll probably pick up another 5,000 names when we complete our final analysis," he said.

Mr. Rice reported that about one third of the January response came from people responding to the *World Tomorrow* telecast featuring Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong**, and 21 percent came from the *Plain Truth* newsstand program.

Mr. Pyle pointed out that the Church received more new names in January than the Church did in the first 22 years of the Philadelphia era.

More than 13 million people in the United States have requested Church literature since 1934.

PASADENA — Of the 790,793 calls received in 1984 at the Pasadena and Big Sandy telephone response areas, more than 380,000 were first-time callers, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

The new callers responding to Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** messages on the *World Tomorrow* telecast average about 6,000 each week, he said.

David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing, said that telecasts centering on a prophetic theme consistently pull higher response. "We recently received the final official count for the [Jan. 5 and 6] telecast *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*," he said, noting that more than 18,200 calls were received.

The initial count for that weekend record was 15,838 calls. Callers may wait a week or more before responding to a television literature offer.

"The analysis shows that we averaged about 75 calls per station, which to my knowledge is the highest in recent history," Mr. Hulme said.

Mr. Rice said in a Jan. 31 *Worldwide News* interview that "Mr. Armstrong's prophetic messages hit people hard. They may know already that they're living in ominous times, but Mr. Armstrong's sincerity and his earnest concern for his viewers stir people to respond. People know that here is a man who knows what he is talking about."

PASADENA — A scheduled U.S. postal rate increase in February is not expected to significantly increase postal costs for God's Church, reported evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

"While the rate hikes [scheduled for Feb. 17] will result in increased postage for the letters and literature we mail out, the overall impact on

our budget will increase, but would be considerably more if we did not carefully use certain rates allowed by the postal service," he said.

The evangelist explained that the Church's magazines and most Church publications are mailed using a special third-class postage rate for nonprofit organizations.

The Church's Postal Center also takes advantage of additional savings in postage by presorting literature by U.S. zip codes before taking it to a Pasadena post office, according to **Eric Shaw**, supervisor of the center under Mr. Rice.

SUVA, Fiji — Cyclones Eric and Nigel, which swept Fiji Friday, Jan. 18, and Saturday, Jan. 19, left in their wake an estimated \$40 million in damages, according to the Fiji Times, Jan. 22.

"Two families in the Church lost their homes completely," said **Sofia Kanaimawi**, wife of **Epeli Kanaimawi**, local elder in the Suva church.

One of the families, Mr. and Mrs. **Mocemosi Ralulu** and their four children, are staying with another family in their area. Mr. and Mrs. **Isei Colati**, who have no children, are living in the basement of what is left of their home.

Other homes had broken windows, wet carpeting and yard damage. Although the Ralulu family suffered some scratches, no Church members were seriously injured in the storms, Mrs. Kanaimawi said.

The Kanaimawis were in Pasadena for the Ministerial Refreshing Program when the cyclones hit, and received a report of the damage from their children.

John Croucher, pastor of the Auckland, New Plymouth and Whangarei, New Zealand, churches, spent a week in Fiji visiting brethren and checking on their needs.

Mrs. Kanaimawi said that services were not canceled in Suva Jan.



REGIONAL DIRECTORS CONFERENCE — Evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services, addresses regional directors, regional office staff members, wives, department heads and other Pasadena-based Church officials in Pasadena Jan. 28, the first day of the weeklong regional directors conference. [Photo by Warren Watson]

19. It seemed they would be, "but there was a lull in the storm, and although there was no power, services were conducted using battery-operated torches [flashlights]," she said.

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Extensive brush fires in Victoria and New South Wales did not injure or seriously affect Church members, according to ministers in the region.

The fires had burned more than 50,000 acres of farmland, an Associated Press wire service report said Jan. 15.

According to **Bruce Dean**, pastor of the Temora, Wodonga and Wagga Wagga, Australia, churches, the fires in that region were the worst in living memory.

In Melton, a town northwest of Melbourne, a member's home was miraculously spared, according to **Gavin Cullen**, pastor of the Melbourne North and West and Geelong, Australia, churches.

The family moved into the house

Friday, Jan. 11, and Monday, Jan. 14, fires converged on the town with smoke cutting off the escape routes. Fire engulfed the house next door, but the member's home was spared despite high winds that pushed the flames toward it. Firemen sprayed water on the house, which lost some roof tiles because of the winds, but there was no water damage.

The ministers reported that several members were involved in fighting fires or were on standby to help.

PASADENA — Ministerial Services released the following orientations:

Fernando Barriga, a local elder and pastor of the Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico, churches, was ordained a preaching elder during session 12 of the third Ministerial Refreshing Program Jan. 22.

John Borax, a local elder in the Calgary, Alta., North church, was ordained a preaching elder Jan. 5. Mr. Borax is the associate pastor of the Calgary North church.

tion in East and West Africa is pegged at 50,000 for financial reasons, membership continues to grow, increasing by 11.5 percent in 1984. Indications are that this trend will continue in 1985.

In 1984 the Church leased new office premises in Nairobi, Kenya. All mail processing and mailing of literature is handled by three area offices in Ghana, Nigeria and Kenya. This improves service for members and subscribers in the area.

Italy

November was a good period for incoming mail from Italian-speaking areas. The Italian Office received 5,336 pieces of mail despite no major advertisements.

December, with the impetus of a four-page ad in *Reader's Digest*, coupled with beginning responses to a direct-mail campaign, broke records with 11,082 cards and letters.

November and December combined netted an average of more than 500 responses a month to the *World Tomorrow* telecast, up from averages of about 300. The two months saw 7,049 pieces of literature being sent out. By the end of the year *Plain Truth* circulation reached an all-time high of 63,885.

Tele-Monte-Carlo (TMC), the station that airs *The World Tomorrow* in English with Italian subtitles, renewed the Church's contract for 1985 at the same rate as the 1984 agreement. The station improved the airing time from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. An average of more than 500 people responded to the program in November and December.

INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW
FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

PASADENA — Last year marked a milestone in the history of the Church in the United Kingdom. First, *Plain Truth* circulation reached a record 157,000 copies. Second, the Borehamwood Office handled an increased proportion of the Church's printing needs. In November, more than one million *Plain Truth* magazines were printed at Ambassador Press.

Mail income was lower than planned, but December brought the second-highest income for one month. That brought the year-to-date figure up by almost 1 percentage point from 8.8 percent at the end of November to 9.7 percent at the end of December. Though the office was 2 percent under budget for mail income, this was compensated for by Holy Day offerings, which were 16 percent more than projections.

Plain Truth circulation in December was 53 percent more than 1983. *Good News* circulation is up 19 percent and set to rise further. The number of baptized members is up 6 percent to 2,430.

Scandinavia

Last year saw the successful launch of the Norwegian-language edition of *The Plain Truth* (*Den*

Enkle Sannhet). The new edition grew steadily to 22,263. Circulation of the English and Norwegian editions increased by 169.3 percent in the past year to 34,683, almost exactly the projected figure.

The Church in Scandinavia continues to grow at a steady 1.6 percent a year, while the co-worker list is up 51.3 percent from 1983. *Good News* circulation increased 17.7 percent. Scandinavian mail stood at 42,500 items, up 132 percent.

Europe and Middle East

The English-speaking areas on the continent of Europe and the Middle East saw continued growth in 1984. *Plain Truth* circulation grew 45 percent in the Middle East and by 13 percent on the Continent. *Good News* circulation on the Continent is up 64 percent to 2,182, and Middle East circulation is up 152 percent to 885.

The growth in *Plain Truth* and *Good News* circulation is reflected in an increase in mail — a 28.4 percent increase from the Continent, and 82 percent from the Middle East. These areas receive no direct promotion in the English language.

Africa

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