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Evangelist flies to Ghana, says economic conditions improving

By Jeremy Rapson

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Evangelist Frank Brown and his wife, Sharon, returned to England April 7 from a visit to the church in Ghana.

Jeremy Rapson is a ministerial trainee serving in the British Regional Office.

While in the West African country, Mr. Brown, regional director for the British Isles, Scandinavia, English-speaking areas of Europe, the Middle East and East and West Africa, conducted the Passover for 109 members in Accra. Mr. Brown was assisted by pastor Josef Forson.

At services on the first day of Unleavened Bread, Mr. Brown spoke to 257 brethren from the Kumasi and Accra congregations.

The Holy Day offering was 40 percent more than 1984.

Farm project

Mr. and Mrs. Brown visited the Church's farm program 30 minutes north of Accra. Under cultivation are 26 acres of cassava, corn, beans, pineapples and yams. With the rainfall pattern back to normal, the crops are expected to flourish in the next few months.

Each family has access to a plot of land for its own use, and all are expected to work on a communal area set aside for Church members unable to work. Any surplus produce is sold in the marketplace, and the proceeds are used to buy materials for the farm.

Mr. Forson said that the farm project is invaluable in many ways. "It serves as a focus for family unity as well as a most welcome source of food, especially at times of national

shortage," he said.

Mr. Brown noted that economic conditions in Ghana improved dramatically in the last few months. Because of drought and economic problems, food shortages were severe during the previous 18 months, and the people of Ghana experienced much hardship. It was at that time that the produce of the farm

meant the difference between life and death for many Church members.

The apparent end of the drought and an injection of funds into the country by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) contribute to an easier life for Ghanaians. However, conditions are still far from ideal.

"Don't think, though, that God's people in Ghana have it easy," said Mr. Brown. "Many commodities are in short supply, and people only make enough money to provide for a very basic standard of living." Despite this, he added, nobody complains, and Church members are dedicated and faithful.

The Church in Britain purchased

a truck that is not only used for carrying workers to the farm, but is used to transport members to and from services. Public transportation is so expensive that it was a financial strain for some to travel to services regularly.

Spokesman Club

Before returning to England, Mr. and Mrs. Brown were guests at a ladies night meeting of the Kumasi and Accra Spokesman Clubs. Seventy club members and their wives or dates participated in a tabletop session led by Amon Nikoi and listened to five speeches.

Mr. Forson gave the overall evaluation, complimenting those who (See GHANA, page 3)

Retraces 1967 baptizing tour

Treasurer returns to Caribbean

By Michael A. Snyder

PASADENA — Evangelist LeRoy Neff, Church treasurer, returned here April 16 with his wife, Maxine, after a 13-day trip during the Passover season to Florida and the Caribbean.

"In addition to conducting Passover and Holy Day services, I wanted to visit the new Caribbean Regional Office in San Juan [Puerto Rico]," Mr. Neff said in an April 18 interview with *The Worldwide News*.

"In order to do my job as treasurer better, I have been visiting the regional and some local offices of the Church worldwide. This enables me to become more familiar with the unique needs of each office.

"The Caribbean Regional Office was the last one for me to visit."

Special visit

"This trip had special meaning for my wife and me," the evangelist said. "I toured the Caribbean on a visiting and baptizing tour with Mr. [Dibar] Apartian in 1967. My wife and Mrs. [Shirley] Apartian were supposed to go with us, but before the trip my wife became quite ill and was bedridden for some time afterwards."

"Of course now," he continued, "she has been healed and greatly strengthened and was able to accompany me on this trip to the same area where we were supposed to go back in 1967."

Mr. and Mrs. Neff flew from Pasadena to Miami, Fla., April 4 where he conducted Passover services with Al Kersha, pastor of the Miami congregation.

The Neffs continued on to Kingston, Jamaica, April 5, where they took part in the Night to Be Much Observed dinner at the home of Charles Fleming, Kingston pastor, and his wife, Carmen. Stan Bass, regional director for English-speaking areas in the Caribbean, and his wife, Millie, were also present.

Mr. Neff spoke at morning and afternoon services on the first Holy Day. He mentioned that on his first visit the Church in Jamaica had about two members. Now it has nearly 300 people attending.

The Neffs flew to San Juan April 8, where they had dinner with the employees of the Caribbean Regional Office.

New facilities

April 9 Mr. and Mrs. Neff visited the Caribbean Regional Office to view the facilities and operations. "The Caribbean is especially com-

plex to administer, since virtually every island has a different government and currency," the evangelist said.

Mr. Neff conducted a Bible study that evening for 62 people, which was translated into Spanish, since most of them only speak Spanish. "Public transportation sometimes presents a problem for brethren, so some weren't able to attend this

midweek service," he said.

The Neffs flew to Bridgetown, Barbados, April 10, where Mr. Neff visited brethren on activities of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and the Church. Arnold Hampton pastors the Bridgetown congregation.

"When Mr. Apartian and I were there 18 years ago, we baptized a (See CARIBBEAN, page 3)

Church focuses efforts on expanding French PT

PASADENA — "We now plan to concentrate in 1985 on expanding *La Pure Verite* [French Plain Truth] distribution in French-speaking Europe — especially in Switzerland," said evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director of French-speaking areas, April 19.

"We also want to stress increasing our radio and television coverage of the French *World Tomorrow* program."

Mr. Apartian returned here April 17 after a 15-day trip to Switzerland, France and Belgium, where he conducted seven public Bible lectures, Passover and Holy Day services and a two-day ministerial conference.

After conducting a Passover service in Lyon, France, Mr. Apartian traveled to Geneva, Switzerland, where he conducted services on the first Holy Day and two public Bible lectures.

Combined services

"We combined the Lyon, France; Geneva and Neuchatel [Switzerland] churches for the first Holy Day, so it was like a little Feast of Tabernacles," the evangelist said.

While in Geneva, Mr. Apartian conducted two public Bible lectures, using the theme of the coming 40th anniversary of the United Nations. "I showed them what little this organization has achieved in 40 years," the evangelist said. "Then I pointed them to what is soon coming — the Kingdom of God."

Mr. Apartian conducted a public Bible lecture in Lausanne April 7 and in Bienne (Biel in German), Switzerland, April 8. "We had 47 new people attend in Lausanne, which is excellent," he said.

He continued to Brussels, Belgium, April 11, where he conducted Holy Day services April 12 and morning services April 13.

"Brussels is one of the fastest-growing churches in French-speaking Europe," the evangelist said. "So

we had a public Bible lecture in the same hall that afternoon. Eighty new people showed up. In Belgium there is growing interest in God's Church from the radio and television programs of *The World Tomorrow*."

Radio-Television-Luxembourg (RTL) carries the English *World Tomorrow* program, subtitled in French, with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. Mr. Apartian speaks on the French radio broadcast *Le Monde a Venir*.

Mr. Apartian drove to Paris, France, April 4 to conduct a Bible study for brethren there at 1 p.m. and his final public Bible lecture of the trip at 3:30 p.m.

"We were totally surprised at the number of people who came to the public lecture," Mr. Apartian said. "About 250 new people showed up."

"That's definitely a new record for this type of lecture in Paris," he continued. "With this kind of response I personally expect major growth in that area during the coming year."

Ministerial conference

In Paris April 15 and 16 Mr. Apartian conducted a ministerial conference for the French-speaking ministers and wives. "Since we have a new Feast site on the Mediterranean this year, some brethren will find it difficult to drive the long distance from northern Europe," he explained. "So we needed to discuss how we could help these people attend God's Festival."

Mr. Apartian included updates on the activities of Mr. Armstrong and God's Church worldwide, including the March visit of Queen Sirikit of Thailand to the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena.

"We also discussed some planned direct mail campaigns in Europe for the French *Plain Truth* and the scheduled SEPs [Summer Educational Programs]," the evangelist said.

Italian brethren observe Passover in Rome; Sicily

PASADENA — "The work in Italy is definitely in a growth mode," said Carn Catherwood, regional director for Italian-speaking areas, April 17. "We have seen some very encouraging results in the last six months."

Mr. Catherwood and his wife, Joyce, returned here April 14 after a 15-day trip to Italy, Sicily and England. They were accompanied to Italy by Michael Caputo, a ministerial trainee in the Italian Department.

"We had 21 total people take the Passover this year in Rome and in Sicily," Mr. Catherwood said. Mr. Catherwood conducted the Passover and services on the first day of Unleavened Bread in Catania, while Mr. Caputo conducted the same services in Rome. Forty-one attended Holy Day services.

"We felt it was more than mildly significant that the Passover was conducted in Rome this year," Mr. Catherwood said. "That was probably the first time a true Passover was held in Rome in several hundred years."

Rapid growth

"Thanks mainly to the Italian subtitled television [*World Tomorrow*] program, we have over 100 visit requests to make," he continued. "We plan to send Mr. Caputo and his family over to Italy this summer to start conducting Bible studies throughout Italy and Sicily."

Mr. Catherwood visited five prospective members in Italy and baptized one of them. Mr. Caputo visited 21 people.

"Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's powerful messages really help people zoom ahead spiritually," the regional director said.

"We've had about 100 percent

growth in the Italian *Plain Truth* [*La Pura Verita*] in less than a year, and letters and visit requests are now pouring in," he said. *Pura Verita* circulation in April, 1984, was about 40,000 and has since topped the 80,000 mark. The Italian *Reader's Digest* campaign provides much of the growth.

"For the first two years we didn't receive a single valid visit request," the regional director explained. "When Mr. Armstrong named me regional director in January, 1982, he said we may only have time to do a short, fast work and witness, and not be able to fulfill the second commission, which is to feed the flock. At the time we didn't have any idea what God would want to do in Italy."

Bible studies needed

Mr. Catherwood continued: "After about two years the work suddenly took off with three to five people requesting visits per week. If this keeps up — and we expect it to — we'll have to start about five Bible studies throughout Italy before the end of 1985."

"We have several people ready for baptism, and we need someone in the country to serve them," he said.

"We must also now consider getting involved in an Italian edition of *The Good News*," the regional director continued. "Before, we didn't really need it, but it's getting to the point where we must seriously consider it."

Before returning to Pasadena, Mr. and Mrs. Catherwood spent four days at the regional office in Borehamwood, England. "Since we're printing the Italian *PT* there we needed to go over some plans," he said. Mr. Catherwood also delivered a sermon on the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 12.

Conflict endangers 40-year 'honeymoon'

PASADENA — "The United States and Japan have fundamentally different trading aims and political styles. It's hard to be optimistic that the differences won't one day explode into a protectionist spasm that harms everyone."

Robert J. Samuelson, a leading American economist, was giving his opinion on the suddenly worsening trade difficulties that have strained the most important trans-Pacific relationship today, that between the United States and Japan.

At issue is the widening dollar gap in trade. The surplus in Japan's favor rose to \$37 billion in 1984 and could soon top \$50 billion. The gap, plus Japan's decision to ship nearly 25 percent more motor vehicles to the United States this year, unleashed an alarming spasm of retaliatory threats in Congress.

Various incensed Congressmen and Senators demanded that Japan open doors wider to U.S. exports in several key industries — telecommunications, electronics, pharmaceuticals and forestry products — or face new restrictions on Japanese sales.

The dispute got so far out of hand so quickly that Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone went on nationwide television and pleaded with Japan's shoppers to buy more foreign goods. "I ask all of you to be on the lookout for foreign

products when you visit the supermarket or department store," Mr. Nakasone said.

He called the threat of U.S. trade retaliation "a life and death affair" that could lead to "a terrible depression." He continued, "We won't be able to sell our cars, our videos or our machines in the United States if Japan doesn't reduce its massive American trade surplus."

He bluntly told his countrymen, using colloquial Japanese rather than the formal language customary to his office, that they must help avoid repeating "the tragedy of World War II."

White House Chief of Staff Donald T. Regan said President Ronald Reagan "was pleasantly surprised" by Mr. Nakasone's "unprecedented appeal to the Japanese people to embark on the path to free trade."

Retaliation would backfire

Critics, however, said Mr. Nakasone's three-year plan to boost sales of U.S. products was inadequate, lacking specific plans. They said Mr. Nakasone, despite his sincerity, has relatively little influence on trade matters.

Big business plays an overwhelming role in the Japanese market, they claim. A few dozen "vertical" conglomerates control not only manufacturing, but distribution channels, and they haven't been

receptive to increased foreign competition.

Impatient American politicians may thus have boxed themselves into a dangerous corner by demanding almost instantaneous (within 60 to 90 days) change.

"The whole concept that we can turn this around right now is patently 'ridiculous,'" admitted an

knowledgeable trade expert stressed that about 75 percent of the problem lay with the United States, specifically with the overvalued dollar, which makes U.S. exports more expensive, and imports cheaper.

But Congress seems more intent to pursue the ruinous course of import quotas and tariffs than to come to grips with the U.S. budget



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

American trader who has worked in Japan for more than 30 years.

Worse yet, observers have been alarmed at the inflammatory language often employed by congressional critics.

Sen. Max Baucus, a Democrat from Montana, for example, charged: "I would like to leave this body with one word, *Bo-eki-sen*. Just so everyone knows what that means, that is Japanese for 'trade war'."

Root of the problem

Behind the war of words, more

endures." This quality of perseverance can and will help us in four key areas of our life.

First, *perseverance helps us develop the character God wants.* That's what James was talking about. We need to be complete. We all have certain qualities we need to develop in order to qualify for God's Kingdom.

Many of these qualities — like self-control, sensitivity and patience — are difficult to develop. That's why most people progress slowly in these areas.

When the growing gets tough, some just up and quit. They lack the spirit of perseverance that would keep them trying no matter how hard or discouraging the struggle becomes.

Second, *perseverance helps us improve our relationships.* Friendships, marriages, work or school relationships all take effort to make them grow. Don't just give up on people if they disappoint you in some way. Give them a second chance, even a third chance if necessary. Remember Matthew 18:21-22, "Until seventy times seven."

Third, *perseverance helps us improve our prayer life.* Christ told a parable about a woman who kept asking a harsh judge for justice until he gave it to her. "And shall God not avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him?" asked Christ (Luke 18:7).

Jesus was saying to persevere in our prayers. If we pray for something or someone and don't get an answer right away, we shouldn't give up. Keep on communicating with God. He won't ignore us. He listens. He responds.

Finally, *perseverance helps us reach our goals.* God has called us all to a bright world tomorrow. Peter explained it this way: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

God tells us our potential. He gives us a glimpse of what we can become and do. He'll surely help us get there if we don't give up — if we persevere.

We all need what perseverance offers. With it, we can endure, grow and develop godly traits of true leadership that we can use now and in the soon-to-be-established Kingdom of God.

deficit, which, by necessitating heavy federal borrowing, keeps interest rates high. This also sucks in investment funds from overseas, further elevating the dollar's value.

Knowledgeable American business publications such as *The Wall Street Journal* have pointed out that emotionalism was threatening to overwhelm sound reasoning.

"If Japan is worried by the sudden outbreak of protectionist bombast in Washington," editorialized the *Journal* in its April 4 issue, "welcome to the club. We too have been more than a little shaken by the King Kong roars from the House and Senate chambers this past week. They threaten to touch off jungle emotions no one could control. And nothing would halt the U.S. economic recovery or send U.S. living standards tumbling faster than a trade war with Japan . . ."

"U.S.-Japanese trade is synergistic. Both sides benefit enormously . . . High-quality Japanese components are vital to high-tech U.S. products. Japanese competition keeps U.S. manufacturers on their toes."

"Most important, inexpensive Japanese goods help Americans raise their living standards, reducing wage demands on U.S. manufacturers."

There is no evidence, claimed the *Journal*, "that Japanese competition has damaged the U.S. economy as a whole. Employment and capital investment have risen sharply."

But what about all those dollars the Japanese are accumulating, asked the *Journal*. "The answer is that Americans should give thanks

(See CONFLICT, page 7)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Stick-to-itiveness

Stick-to-itiveness is a rather undefined word, but I have a special fondness for it nevertheless.

I heard the word time and time again when I was young, mostly from my mother. I was a creature of sudden but short-lived fascinations.

For a while I had a passion for collecting rocks, big ones and little ones. Then one day, mysteriously, all my desire disappeared, leaving the garage littered with hundreds of rocks.

Then building model cars and airplanes struck my fancy. My closet and room were lined with dozens of half-finished models.

Next baseball cards became my almost full-time occupation, as I traded and bargained with my school friends.

And then, overnight, that entire world vanished, and in its place was, you guessed it — girls.

It was during these frequent transitions from one enthusiasm to another that I was hit with the reprimand that still rings in my ears: "Dexter, you have no stick-to-itiveness. You never finish anything."

Years later I learned that God's Church had a fancier word for the same thing: *perseverance*. I also found in Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's *Seven Laws of Success* booklet that it is one of the marks of true Christian character development, and I have learned to admire those who exemplify it.

The trait of perseverance

Perseverance means that we don't stop — that we keep going. We do not get discouraged, upset and quit when we find we are not yet perfect and that there is a long trek still before us.

"Blessed is the man [or woman] who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him" (James 1:12, New International Version).

That's the apostle James talking about the use of perseverance in our everyday Christian life. James is saying that when we develop perseverance, we are on our way to becoming the complete person God wants us to be.

The whole concept of perseverance runs contrary to our age and culture. Today there seems to be a rampant mentality that says, "If overcoming doesn't come easy, forget it."

It's heard in statements like these: "I've got a little headache. I'm gonna stay home from church today." "I don't like this job or my boss. I'm going to quit and collect unemployment benefits." "Things are getting tense in our marriage. Let's separate."

Even in child rearing we hear: "It's too hard. It takes too much time to teach children to sit still during church."

I heard one person say, "I know I have a little problem with drinking, and I overeat sometimes and overspend my income, but why not live to the fullest?"

Do you see what I'm getting at? This is how many people think today. If things don't come instantly, they take the easy way out, by running away from problems.

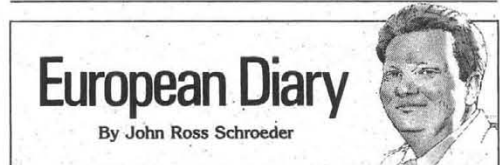
In contrast, let me tell you this: Anything worth having will not come easy. It will require a tremendous amount of personal and spiritual sacrifice and perseverance.

We need to remember the way it was for Christ, our older Brother. Has anyone else ever experienced such merciless, lifelong pounding from within and from without?

Yet Christ set a perfect example of perseverance.

Four key areas

There is an old saying: "There is no royal road to anything. One thing at a time, all things in succession. That which grows fast withers as rapidly; that which grows slowly



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

Too old at 50?

BOREHAMWOOD, England — It is not an easy time for some 50 and older. Technology threatens the middle aged.

Says the March 25 *Daily Telegraph*: "Fifty advanced computer scientists and technicians have lost their jobs because 'they are too old at 50.' The management of Philips Research Laboratories at Redhill, Surrey [England] are taking on young graduates to replace them."

A spokesman for Philips explained that "this is a tough business with tough competition. We are spending 7 million pounds a year on training and bringing in new younger staff."

The Philips move follows a similar decision by Hitachi in South Wales last December. All workers older than 35 were urged to take severance pay. Hitachi explained that "over 35's are slow, prone to sickness, have poor eyesight and were resistant to change" (*Daily*

Express, March 26).

It seems that the time range of worker-usefulness grows ever more narrow. In some high technology industries even 35 is considered too old. What a distorted view of human resources.

At least a few employers take a different approach. Take 48-year-old Tudor Francis, director of personnel at the consultancy group CMG Computers. He said that "seniority is an advantage. People in my age group are very important — competent, experienced, with 20 or 30 years in the business. I would not hesitate to take on any of those 50-year olds" (*Daily Express*, March 26).

There can be little doubt, however, that the overall trend in this computer age is toward the young. (See OLD, page 8)

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Inspiring article

What a wonderful article, "Church Family Spared as Cyclone Eric Hits Fiji" (*W.N.* March 18). I thought it was incredibly faith inspiring when you think, "When should I lose faith?"

Should I lose faith if the roof is blown off my house? No! Should I lose faith when the walls are blown away? No! Should I lose faith when rocks are blowing at me like missiles? No! Or when I see my child float by in the wind? No! It was just like the example Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong uses in the "What is Faith?" booklet of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They didn't lose faith even when thrown in the fire!

Denice M. Orr
Montgomery, Ala.

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"Iron Sharpens Iron" Thanks for ("something new") "Iron Sharpens Iron."

You go to such lengths to add freshness to our spiritual life.

I just have to let you know it touched (See LETTERS, page 5)

Ministers, wives take part in African conference

By Frank Nelte
CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Fourteen full-time ministers and their wives serving in southern Africa gathered March 17 for a four-day conference at the Wine Route Hotel in the scenic Stellenbosch area of the western Cape Province.

Frank Nelte pastors the Port Elizabeth and East London, South Africa, churches.

Roy V. McCarthy, regional director, planned morning lectures and discussions and various afternoon functions.

The three local church elders and their wives who serve in the Cape Town church were invited.

Monday morning, March 18, Mr. McCarthy opened the conference with an overview of God's worldwide work and focused on the Church's work in southern Africa. The theme of unity within the ministry and with headquarters was stressed repeatedly.

The focus then shifted to the minister's job. The church pastor must watch his own spiritual life, while training and using a team to assist him in doing God's work, Dr. McCarthy said.

The next day each minister gave a report from his area mentioning growth as well as problems.

A lecture about the importance of

The Plain Truth followed. In this area *The Plain Truth* is the only way to take God's message to the population at large.

Next came a visit to Cape and Transvaal Printers, which was printing the April editions of *The Plain Truth* and *Reader's Digest*, in which the Church has an advertisement.

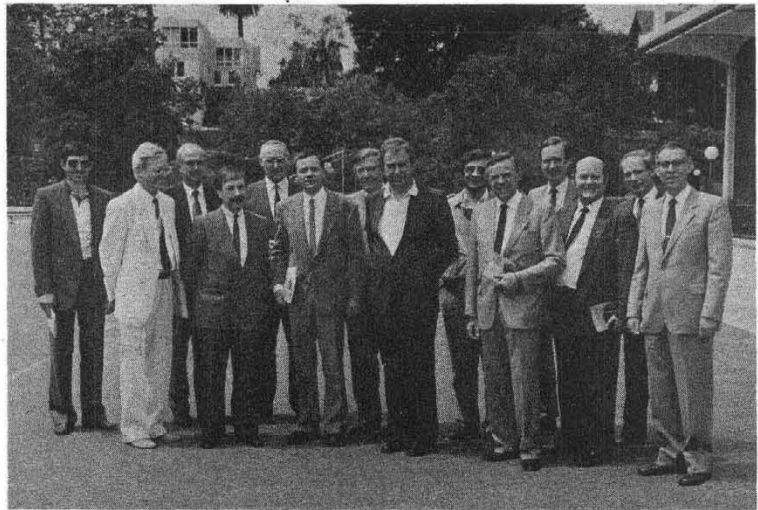
Wednesday morning, March 20, Dr. McCarthy gave a lecture on leadership by example, stressing that how a minister lives must reflect what he says.

Other subjects covered were a look at African customs, conscientious objectors to military service and an overview of the Mailing Department.

In the afternoon the ministers and their wives toured the Simonsig wine-producing estate.

Thursday morning, March 21, began with a discussion of the six Feast of Tabernacles sites for 1985, including Mauritius, Zambia and Zimbabwe. A lecture on the morale of the congregation took place, and the final lecture discussed the mind of Christ.

After lunch a visit to the Church's regional office concluded the conference. Most ministers had not seen the office, which the Church has used for the past six months.



PRINTING TOUR — Printing professionals from Bundesverband Druck E.V., a trade federation of printing industries in West Germany, pause for a photo with Roger Lippross (far right), production director of Publishing Services, during a tour of Pasadena Ambassador College April 19. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Professionals 'very impressed'

Printing officials tour college

PASADENA — About 30 members of Bundesverband Druck E.V., a trade federation of the printing industries in West Germany, toured Publishing Services here April 19, according to Roger Lippross, production director.

"We were pleased that they chose us," Mr. Lippross said. "They also visited the facilities at the Pasadena Star-News."

The group also toured press facilities in New York, N.Y., and San Francisco, Calif., after taking part in the "Print '85" exhibition in Chicago, Ill.

"They learned about us through Bedford Computers and were particularly interested in viewing our composing and prepress facilities," Mr. Lippross said.

Publishing Services uses an electronic page-make-up and typesetting computer manufactured by Bedford Computers.

"They talked to some of our people in the German Regional Office [in Bonn] about viewing some composing facilities that

worked with several languages," he continued. Besides publishing the English, Dutch, German, French, Norwegian, Italian and Spanish editions of *The Plain Truth*, Publishing Services also produces certain Church literature in Swedish, Portuguese and Afrikaans.

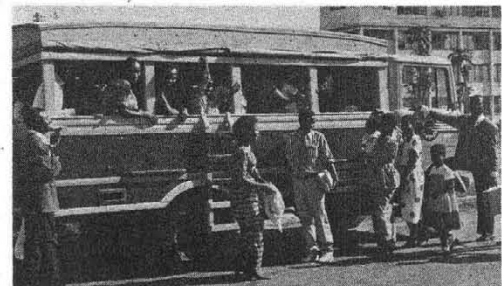
"Herr Klaus Warlimont of Bonn University Press, who helped arrange

the tour, said that the group was very impressed with the publishing facilities and the campus, which they later toured," Mr. Lippross added.

At the end of their visit the Germans presented to Mr. Lippross two facsimile pages of the Gutenberg Bible New Testament printed on a replica of the Gutenberg press in Mainz, West Germany.



MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE — Ministers and wives participating in a March 17 to 21 ministerial conference conducted by Roy McCarthy, regional director for southern Africa, assemble for a photo. The conference took place at the Wine Route Hotel in Stellenbosch, South Africa. [Photo by Frank Nelte]



CHURCH TRUCK — Above, brethren living in Ghana step off a truck purchased by the British Regional Office for use by brethren. Besides being used to carry brethren to work on a Church-operated farm, the truck is used as a bus to transport members to and from services. Public transportation there is expensive.

Caribbean

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number of people," Mr. Neff said. "At a special Church service we had 42 people attending, including ourselves. Now the Church there has over 400 people — a 1,000 percent increase."

Mr. Neff delivered sermons at both Holy Day services in Bridgetown April 12, and Mr. and Mrs. Neff later flew to Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

"When Mr. Apartian and I visited Trinidad 18 years ago, there were two members," Mr. Neff said. "While there we baptized two more members, which effectively increased the size of the congregation there by 100 percent." He said the congregation, pastored by Victor Simpson, now tops 580 brethren.

April 14, the Neffs flew to Fort-de-France, Martinique, leaving Mr. Bass in Trinidad to conduct Church business. Mr. Neff conducted a Bible study for 218 brethren that afternoon.

Since the people of Martinique speak French, Erick Dubois, pastor of the church there, translated Mr. Neff's comments. "After the study the brethren put on an entertainment program they had previously presented at the 1984 Feast of Tabernacles. It was certainly well



done," Mr. Neff said. April 15 the Neffs flew back to Miami before continuing to Pasadena April 16.

"One thing we were impressed with during the trip was the extreme warmth of Caribbean brethren and their concern and affection for Mr. Armstrong," Mr. Neff said.

"Their zeal for God's work would put many of us living in the United States to shame," he concluded.

'NIGHT TO BE MUCH OBSERVED' — Church members and guests taking part in the Night to Be Much Observed at the home of Charles and Carmen Fleming April 5 pause for a photo. Mr. Fleming pastors the Kingston, Jamaica, church and the Mandeville, Jamaica, Bible study. Right, Stan Bass, regional director for the English-speaking Caribbean, in the Caribbean Regional Office. [Photos by Leroy Neff]



Ghana

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took part and exhorting everyone to greater standards of excellence. Bempa Boateng won the Most Effective Speech trophy, and Casely Schandorf received the Most Improved Speaker award.

In his closing comments, Mr. Brown urged the members not to take the things given to them by the Church for granted, especially Spokesman Club. "Strive always to give a speech," he said, "not just take time. These clubs are unique in Ghana. Put yourself into them fully."

Mr. Brown said he was pleased to see the considerable growth that had taken place since his last visit to the club in 1981.

Because they were unable to obtain visas for Nigeria, Mr. and Mrs. Brown cut short their visit to West Africa, but they hope to schedule a trip to Nigeria later in the year.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



NEW CHURCH — Three members who attend the Natchez, Miss., church, which was raised up by pastor George Pinckney March 9, are (center): 91-year-old Mattie Hall, mother of Lillie Hunt (left) and grandmother of Jerry Hunt (right). Mrs. Hall began listening to the *World Tomorrow* radio broadcast in 1945 and was baptized in 1960. (Photo by Mike Bedford)

Areas play host to YOU family weekends

The **GREENSBORO, N.C.**, church was host to a District 31 family weekend March 9 and 10 for more than 900 brethren from churches in Georgia and North and South Carolina.

Events at Western Guilford High School centered on a YOU basketball tournament, but activities were available for all ages.

Before Sabbath services March 9 senior citizens listened to a Bible study by Keith Thomas, pastor of the Columbia, S.C., and Augusta, Ga., churches. At the same time Michael Booze, pastor of the Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C., churches, led a Bible study for singles and YOU members.

At Sabbath services split sermons were given by Briscoe Ellett II, pastor of the Wilmington and New Bern, N.C., churches, and Lawrence Greider Jr., who pastors the Fayetteville, N.C., and Florence, S.C., churches. Dan Rogers, Greensboro pastor, gave announcements.

After services Daniel Orban, pastor of the Charlotte, N.C., church, moderated a YOU Bible bowl, won by a Charlotte team. Greensboro served a chicken dinner to 793 brethren in the school cafeteria.

After dinner teams played basketball, while others played board and card games. Children entered a coloring contest. Videotapes of *The World Tomorrow* and the Young Ambassadors were shown.

The tournament resumed Sunday morning, March 10. In the afternoon the ministers played the YOU all-

stars. The YOU championship game featured Charlotte and Augusta, with Augusta taking first. The Greensboro D team won the sportsmanship trophy.

BELLEVILLE, Ill., brethren were hosts to a YOU district family weekend March 16 and 17 for the Mt. Vernon, Ill., Evansville, Ind., and St. Louis A.M. and P.M., Columbia, Rolla and Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., churches.

Sabbath services March 16 began with songs led by Harold Smith, pastor of the Belleville and Mt. Vernon churches, who assisted in coordinating the weekend.

The sermonette was given by YOU district coordinator Joe Dobson, pastor of the Rolla and Lake of the Ozarks churches, who spoke on playing friendly in sports.

Ronald Washington, associate pastor of the St. Louis A.M. and P.M. churches, gave a sermon on parent-child relationships. After services families played Bible baseball.

Saturday evening the group took part in a formal dance, with music provided by the Nite Owls, a band composed of Doyle Heim, Earl Legge and Sam Shrauner of Belleville and Bob Mahoney of St. Louis. Some church areas prepared for the dance by taking ballroom dance instructions from Mr. and Mrs. Mel Clare of Belleville.

The next day YOU members played basketball and performed cheerleading or dance routines. At concession stands Belleville and Mt. Vernon brethren served breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Nine northern Ohio churches attended a YOU district family weekend played host to by the **CLEVELAND, Ohio, WEST** church. After Sabbath services March 9 a Bible bowl was played, and the evening featured basketball, family novelty olympics and a family dance.

The next day was packed with more basketball, a cheerleading exhibition and awards. Cleveland West brethren sold snacks.

March 2 and 3 **ONTARIO** YOU members attended a regional YOU family weekend. The weekend started with Sabbath services March 2 for about 450 brethren. Leo van Pelt, pastor of the North Bay and Sudbury, Ont., churches, gave a sermon on the goals and purposes of YOU.

After eating, the teens took part in a Bible bowl. The evening finished

off with a sock hop.

The next day teens and their families gathered for lectures on "Why We Need School" by Trevor Brown, a Toronto West local church elder and math consultant for the Toronto School of Education; "How to Study" by John Adams, pastor of the Ottawa, Ont., church; and "How to Take an Exam" by Neil Earle, pastor of the Toronto East and West churches.

After lunch the group participated in crazy olympics.

Fourteen teams from nine churches took part in a YOU district basketball tournament in **EUGENE, Ore.**, March 16 and 17.

In division A, first place went to Vancouver, Wash.; Salem, Ore., placed second; and Portland, Ore., South was third. In division B, Portland West took first; Albany, Ore., second; and Vancouver, third.

Other games included a preteen match between Albany and Eugene, which Eugene won; and a game between ministers and members, won by the ministers.

Larry Penkava, Pat Dobson, Tracey C. Rogers, Jane van Pelt and Tim and Lin Rhay.

Clubs meet for dinners, weekend

"Aspects of Leadership" was the theme for a **FREDERICTON and SUSSEX, N.B.**, Spokesman Club gala March 16. One hundred nineteen members and guests ate a turkey dinner at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Fredericton.

Speakers and speech topics for the evening were: Brent White, a profile of a great leader; Dave Bartlett, leadership in the family — a father's role; Al Hart, a trait of leadership; Winston Jones, responding to leadership; and Richard Duplain, leadership through service in the congregation.

Mr. Jones received the Most Effective Speech and Most Improved Speaker trophies. Dale Tibbits was topicmaster, and Garland Tibbits was toastmaster. Graduation certificates were presented to Jerry Fontaine and Remi Poirier of the Sussex club and Mr. Bartlett of Fredericton.

Daniel Samson, assistant pastor of the Fredericton, Bathurst, Moncton and Saint John, N.B., churches, evaluated the first half of the meeting, and overall speech evaluations and presentations were given by pastor Gary Moore.

MACOMB and PEORIA, Ill., Spokesman Club members and the Peoria Graduate and Advanced Graduate Clubs, wives and invited guests shared the weekend of March 23 and 24 at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill.

Saturday night, March 23, club members and guests participated in games such as a necktie race, barnyard bedlam and a minute walk. Refreshments were served.

After breakfast the next day a regular club meeting was conducted, consisting of tabletopics followed by five speeches. The clubs heard from Jess Ernest, pastor of the Macomb and Peoria churches. After lunch the men took part in a speaking game, a group game and skits.

The **EUREKA, Calif.**, Spokesman Club invited the women of the Eureka church to a dinner after the Sabbath March 9. The group gathered at Pete's Bella Vista Inn in McKinleyville, Calif., where they were served a chicken dinner. Women received carnations.

Richard Duplain, Rod Fortner and Kathleen Buck.

Churches stage variety shows in March

"Showboat" was the theme for a **KITCHENER, Ont.**, talent show March 9. After receiving boarding passes to gain entrance to the dining salon of the Mississippi steamer *Cotton Blossom*, brethren sat down to dinner tables decorated with flowers and old-fashioned lanterns.

Chef Mike Faw cooked Southern-fried chicken, and women prepared sweet potatoes, rice, salad, cornmeal muffins and pie for dessert.

Dan Jennings and George Carter designed scenery and sets to transform the auditorium stage into the main deck of a riverboat. Tony Stryker, dressed as the ship's captain, was master of ceremonies for the talent show, which began with six Showboat Dancers doing the Charleston.

Other acts included piano, violin, trumpet and harmonica solos; a vocal solo and duets; a Hawaiian dance trio; a group rendition of "Did She Mention My Name?" by the Kitchener singles; a commercial; humorous skits by the Peter Grainger family; and "How Much Is That Doggie in the Window?" by Manny and Johnny Mallet, Julie, Kamie and Bruce Mantle and Brian Branscombe.

The performers were accompanied by musicians Elizabeth Johnson, Paul de Vlught, Rick deCarufel, John Bailey and the Kitchener Orchestra.

For the finale, Geoff Miller and Mr. de Vlught sang "Down on the Corner," while all the performers came on deck.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., brethren were treated to a German variety show March 16. James Friddle Jr., pastor of the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches, set the tone for the evening's entertainment by giving the audience a humorous lesson in speaking German.

The stage setting was constructed by Bradley Stokes and his sister Merry Lee. Master of ceremonies Ray Winfrey introduced the performances, which included vocal solos, duets and trios. Susan Ferguson and six backup singers performed selections from *The Sound of Music*.

Paul and Willa Bean sang "Edelweiss," and Donna Davis, Linda

Graby, Debbie Mitchell and Patsy Murray did a clogging routine to the "Beer Barrel Polka."

The Nashville choir in German attire performed German and Austrian folk songs. The choir, directed by David Duncan, capped off the evening with "Gute Nacht" and "Farewell on a Summer Night."

March 16 **EVERETT, Wash.**, brethren conducted their sixth annual variety show, titled "Together on Stage," stressing unity and harmony.

A quartet opened the show with the song "Harmony." Ken and Cathy Emerson led Youth Educational Services (YES) children in "It's a Small World," with each

child dressed as from another country. Preschoolers pantomimed "Teddy Bear Picnic." Senior citizens also performed during the evening.

Other acts included a melodrama, a comedy skit by Patty Berry, four women dancing the Irish reel, recitations by Sara Noell and 4-year-old Joseph Leeman, two YOU skits, a puppet show by Josh Lingle, two skits by older YES members, a duet and a men's comedy skit.

Master of ceremonies Warren Larson introduced the final act by Ian Elliott, Steve Pronishan, Lance Hanks and John Stiles.

Marnie Hills, Wilma Vernich and LaVon Stiles.

Brethren take part in dances, folkloric event

CANBERRA, Australia, brethren were hosts to a formal ball March 16, with 10 church areas gathering at the Finnish-Australian Club in Canberra's northern suburbs. Loose Change, an area band, provided music of the 1960s, waltzes, barn dances and traditional numbers.

Just before dinner the manager appeared onstage and asked everyone to vacate the hall quickly and quietly. Outside Rodney King, pastor of the Canberra, and Wollongong, Australia, churches, explained that a bomb threat was received, and the manager was taking no risks. After police ensured that all was safe, the dancers returned to the hall.

Prizes were awarded for the best decorated tables, with first place going to a Yugoslav table and second to a table arrayed with indoor plants and silver.

The next day, March 17, most of the brethren attended the Canberra Weekend Food and Wine Frolic in Commonwealth Park, where restaurants and ethnic communities offered wine and food tastings. Rides, sideshows, exhibitions and concerts added to the day's attractions. After lunch by a lake, the group left for home.

THE ST. ALBANS and BORE-

HAMWOOD, England, churches were hosts to a grand dance March 23 at Marlborough School in St. Albans. Area brethren and guests danced to the music of the United Kingdom Ambassador Dance Band.

Spot prizes were awarded, and master of ceremonies David Finlay presented humorous interludes. Mr. Finlay also joined the band in singing a number, and another song was performed by Karen Richards and Marianna Laurson.

Refreshments and unlevained foods were sold to raise funds for the Summer Educational Program (SEP) at Loch Lomond, Scotland.

The Giovanni Caboto Club was the scene of an evening of dancing, dining and fellowship for about 75 **WINDSOR, Ont.**, adults March 16.

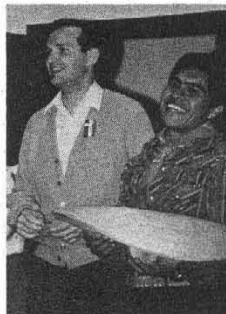
The club served food family-style. Afterward door prizes were given away. A disc jockey provided a variety of music from the 1940s to the 1970s, including waltzes and polkas.

Brethren from **CIUDAD JUAREZ and CHIHUAHUA, Mexico**, treated El Paso, Tex., and Las Cruces, N.M., brethren to an evening of native Mexican folkloric dancing and singing March 17.

Gilberto Marin, Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua pastor, directed the enter-

tainment, after which members from the four churches ate an authentic Mexican meal provided by Mexican brethren. Children performed a dance called *La Raspa*.

Rodney King, Bill Wilson, Patricia Klem and Dennis Johnson.



FOLKLORIC EVENING — Brethren from the Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua, Mexico, churches, pastored by Gilberto Marin (right), throw a Mexican social for El Paso, Tex., and Las Cruces, N.M., brethren and pastor Dennis Johnson.

Churches sponsor olympics, fair, games

LIBERAL, Kan., brethren sponsored an indoor novelty olympics March 16, coordinated by Joe and June Wilkens. Brad Bruns presided over the events. Earl and Robbie Trussel, a deacon and deaconess in the Liberal church, were honored for their 11th wedding anniversary.

Adults and children gathered into mixed teams for events such as animal crackers, officiated by Esther Martin. Bill Blair officiated a peanut-roll race, and Frank Humphrey supervised a balloon stomp.

The popcorn toss was refereed by Lewis Barnes; Mr. Trussel initiated the Ping-Pong spoon event; and contestants also took part in a baby-bottle contest, led by Jack Wright. During intermission refreshments were served, followed by a sing-along conducted by Billy and Lucy Proctor.

More relay races were then played. Nedra Yee officiated a thread-the-needle race, and Pat Sims conducted the backward-throw race.

The paper-step race was supervised by Pauline Barnes; a children's Ping-Pong blow was conducted by Mr. Bruns; and Tanna Collins presided over the knock-kneed relay race.

The group shared a buffet of soups, sandwiches, fruits and cheeses.

EDMONTON, Alta., brethren attended their third annual "Take a Break Weekend" March 22 to 24, beginning with a champagne reception where young adults from Alberta and British Columbia gathered to socialize and arrange housing.

Guest speaker Richard Rice, an evangelist and director of the Church's Mail Processing Center in Pasadena, gave the sermon March 23. An evening of dining and dancing took place at the Red Barn.

The next day the group took an early swim at a wave pool. Adults then gathered to receive insight from Mr. Rice on self-esteem and communication barriers.

After the Sabbath March 16, **HARRISBURG, Pa.**, brethren set up a fun fair with booths and stands and began cooking beef hot dogs,

sauerkraut and coffee. An old-fashioned machine ground out popcorn. Servers wore red and white circus-barker vests.

Photographs were taken in a Gay Nineties photo booth, and a silent film was shown. Games included halitosis hockey, indoor miniature golf, games of skill with prizes and guessing games. Games were planned for preschool children, with stuffed animal prizes handmade by Shirley Plonis and Linda Zerbe.

Diana Thomas and others made signs and posters, and Herb and Bonnie Witmer and Rich and Rachel Weik planned and worked many hours for the event.

LEXINGTON, Ky., brethren attended a "Carnival Games" night March 16 at an area junior high school after a potluck. About 20 carnival-type games, set up in the school's gymnasium, included hit the clown, skee ball, target shoot, burst the balloon, clothespin drop and ringtoss.

About 200 brethren attended, with prizes awarded to game participants. Church men put on a comedy skit, and youths formed a parade.

Ora E. McCulley, Maria A. Kosior, Margie Mishler and Randall P. Williams.



YOUNG TALENT — Joseph Leeman, 4, recites "Jack Frost" at the Everett, Wash., variety show March 16. (See article, page 4.) (Photo by Eddy Lohn)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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off a new spark for me.

Mollie Robinson
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
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Youth magazine request

... I am interested in having your Youth magazine distributed to junior and high school students in the economically disadvantaged areas of our community.

The knowledge, insight and direction to be gained from your publications would greatly serve to enhance the mentality and to mold the personalities and outlooks.

Waymon C. Morley
President, Prince Whitefield Cos.
Miami, Fla.
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Third tithe

My third tithe year began sadly — thieves had broken into my home and stole some of my belongings. However, it turned out for good because I was uncomfortable there and had to move. Also violence had increased tremendously in that area. God had provided a better and more comfortable place for me.

God also blessed me financially. I received an increase in wages and over \$1,400 in overpayment of tax and other credits. I filed for this five years ago and received it all in one year. This letter is to show that God blesses those who faithfully observe the third tithe year.

Name withheld
Kingston, Jamaica.
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Death row subscriber

I must truthfully admit that over the years the Good News magazine, as well as The Plain Truth, have helped me spiritually and I will definitely like to continue reading and studying from these two wonderful magazines. In addition to helping me spiritually, they have given me the courage and strength when it was most needed...

I am under sentence of death. The circumstances surrounding my arrest, trial and conviction are very sad. However, I have placed all my trust in the Lord and I know He will guide me.

I pray that God will give you [Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong] the courage and strength to continue with your good works and will inspire more like yourself to assist.

G.J.
Trinidad

YES stages annual musical

March 16 Youth Educational Services (YES) children from the **CHAMPAIGN, Ill.**, church put on their annual musical titled "I'm a Miracle," directed by Janice Young and Palma Perry. The first program was the dream of deaconess Ruby Wait.

The backdrop for the program was a 6-foot "Tree of Life," on which were the Ten Commandments, a rainbow and clouds inscribed with the words: "It Won't Be Long Now." Children sang "It Won't Be Long Now," which was translated into sign language for the deaf by Cindy, Myra and Michael Tabors.

Some of the children recited the Ten Commandments, Psalm 23, the books of the Bible and told of miracles in their lives. A vocal solo, piano duet and two piano solos were also performed. Other songs were "I'm a Miracle," "Christ Is Coming," "Preach the Gospel," "To the Kingdom" and "I Am a Promise."

Anita Sills and Linda Crawford accompanied the children on the piano. *Melinda Agee.*

Area celebrates anniversary

March 16 marked the 10th anniversary of the **PLYMOUTH, England**, church. Melvin Rhodes, associate pastor of the Plymouth and Tiverton, England, churches, welcomed guests David Magowan, the first pastor of the Plymouth church, and members from Tiverton.

Mr. Magowan, pastor of the Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough, Sheffield and Newcastle upon Tyne, England, churches, gave a sermon on investment potential.

The evening began with a buffet of homemade west country food. Plymouth local church elder Vivian Carne presented Mr. Magowan with a 10-year-old bottle of wine, and Mary Cann gave Mr. Magowan's wife, Mary, a rosebush.

After Mr. Magowan cut an anniversary cake made by Laura Jones,

he posed for a photograph with original Plymouth brethren. The Magowans' daughter Karyn, 7, presented prizes to Tamar Hancock, James Batten and William Deakins for their drawings of a biblical subject.

During the evening the brethren heard a taped message from John Jewell, who previously pastored the Plymouth church. Mr. Jewell pastored the Ballymena and Belfast, Northern Ireland, and Dublin and Galway, Irish Republic, churches.

The evening continued with entertainment consisting of music, poetry and skits. Prizes in a hat parade, judged by Mr. Magowan, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Carne, were awarded to Kathy Hills, Ernie Spiller, Katrina Hatton and William Deakins. *Kasey Jones.*

Children's Corner

Lazy Kathy

By Vivian Pettijohn
"Kathy!" her mother called as she stuck her head inside Kathy's room. "Time to get up, honey! I need you to help me."

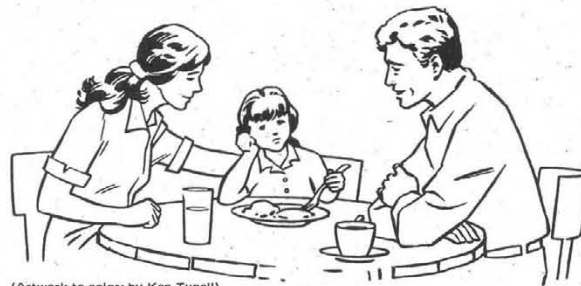
Kathy opened her eyes. Then, when her mother left, Kathy rolled over and pretended to go back to sleep.

A few minutes later Mrs. Winfield came back, frowning when she glanced again into Kathy's room. "Come on, Kathy, get up! You're acting lazy today — a little old sluggard! I'm preparing our Sunday brunch — a picnic lunch to eat in the backyard — and I need you to do some chores."

Slowly, 5-year-old Kathy swung her feet onto the floor and stood up. "What did you call me, Mommy? A slug-what?"

"A sluggard," Mother answered, smiling and giving her a quick hug before pushing her toward the bathroom across the hall. "That means you're acting like a lazy person. Now hurry and get washed. Put on some play clothes and come on out to the kitchen."

During the meal in the backyard, Kathy just picked at her food. Then she said wistfully: "Daddy, I wish I



(Artwork to color; by Ken Tunelli)

were like those ants down there along the sidewalk. See? All they do is just run back and forth. They don't have any chores. They just play. Wouldn't that be fun?"

"They may look like they're not working," Dad answered, "but they are. See those tiny pieces of green leaves in their mouths? They are taking food home to share. And those ants going in the opposite direction are out searching for more food. See those ants touching their feelers together?

That's the way ants talk to each other. They may be telling where to find food."

"I read at school about ants," Rocky, 8½, said. "They are really interesting. Some ants are farmers. Some build bridges or serve as scouts or nurses or in an army. They all work hard! You couldn't be like an ant, Sis, if you are lazy!"

"That reminds me of Proverbs 6," Mother announced, "where wise King Solomon talks about ants. Let's read

that when we get through eating."

Later, 6-year-old Jeff ran into the house and got Dad's Bible. He gave it to Dad, who then handed it to Rocky. He read aloud verses 6 to 8: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest."

Dad explained. "A sluggard is a person who is in the habit of being lazy. Sometimes we all act like sluggards. We just want to sit or lie around and not work when we should. But God works, and Jesus works. And they want us to work — even you children — just like the ants do, even though they have no boss making them work. And God wants us to plan ahead so that we will have food and other things when we need them, just as He has programmed ants to store up food to eat later."

"And I was a sluggard this morning, wasn't I, Mommy?" Kathy asked seriously. "I knew that if I got up I would have to work. But," she continued, smiling, "I'm going to try to be more like the hardworking ants, because I don't want to be called a lazy old sluggard again!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ASKLAND, Gary Ray and Lisa (Meadows), of Des Moines, Iowa, boy, Lord Alexander, Jan. 15, 12:15 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BRENT, Jerry and Terri (Treadwell), of Gillette, Wyo., boy, Joshua Lee, March 25, 4:59 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys.

BRUCE, Don and Lynda (Reigate), of Gippsland, Australia, boy, Aaron Lloyd, Nov. 28, 9:14 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

DAVIES, Richard and Elaine (Girkman), of Sydney, Australia, girl, Elisa Claire, Feb. 8, 1:30 a.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

DEMMANS, Maury and Rita (Nicholson), of Saskatoon, Sask., boy, Kevin Dale, March 10, 11:28 a.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

DONALDSON, Garth and Colleen (Hagan), of Winnipeg, Man., girl, Elisabeth Anna May, Feb. 26, 9:52 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ENDRES, Gary and Susan (Blackwell), of Pasadena, girl, Brittany Ellen, March 27, 9:45 p.m., 8 pounds 19 ounces, first child.

HASENCOEHL, Joe and Diane (Gorder), of Caldwell, Idaho, boy, Timothy Justin, Jan. 26, 6:37 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys.

HOLIFIELD, Wendell and Anamarie (Mazurcan), of Amarillo, Tex., boy, Parker Lee, Nov. 4, 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KINSELA, Ivan and Kerry (Wardani), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Ryan Daniel, Feb. 16, 8:45 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

KULCSAR, Frank and Stephanie Diane (Stoel), of Lehighridge, Alta., girl, Brandi Lattina, March 23, 4:10 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

LAACK, David and Rena (Baltentyna), of Rochester, Minn., boy, Joshua Dale, March 7, 3:21 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

LEAVER, John and Virginia (Marquesa), of Honolulu, Hawaii, boy, Nathan Scott, March 26, 11:56 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 3 boys, 5 girls.

LE SIEUR, Robert and Murielle (Houle), of Montreal, Que., boy, Jonathan, Nov. 6, 6:45 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys.

LIPPOLD, Bill and Karen (Kohnia), of Buffalo, N.Y., boy, Garrett Anthony, March 19, 2:13 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MADUKWE, Thomas C. and Justina (Upwaga), of Owen, Nigeria, girl, Chionia Ewagwaga, Dec. 10, 3:30 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

MANNING, George and Edna (Wall), of Saskatoon, Sask., boy, Nelson, March 2, 4:04 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

MERRITT, George and Joan (Heggie), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Stephen David, March 23, 1:45 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MORRIS, Jerry and Becky (Bums), of Indianapolis, Ind., girl, Paula Abigail, Feb. 21, 4:31 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 girls.

O'DELL, David and Mosa (Hale), of Shafter, Calif., boy, David Allen, Feb. 16, 6:37 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

POPULU, James and Melody (Young), of Phoenix, Ariz., girl, Myrah Lee Ann, March 2, 5:17 p.m., 9 pounds, first child.

POWERS, Jack and Denise (Kyseth), of Renton, Wash., girl, Audrey Marie, March 7, 9:48 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 9 girls.

POWERS, John and Susan (Smith), of Wilmington, Del., boy, Anthony David, March 10, 4:37 a.m., 8 pounds 25 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

PROTYNIAK, David and Natalie (Witkowski), of Franklin, Pa., boy, Peter John, Jan. 24, 6:58 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys.

REGISTER, Lloyd and Sharon (Curry), of Orlando, Fla., boy, Harrison-Loyd Joseph, March 14, 7:48 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 6 boys, 1 girl.

ROBB, Randy and Dixie (Hubbard), of Pasadena, boy, Aaron David, March 26, 10:03 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

SHERILL, Steve and Gwen (Childers), of Vinemont, Ala., girl, Sara Katherine, March 1, 4:22 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 4 girls.

SLICK, Michael and Gretchen (Keiper), of Bethlehem, Pa., boy, Derek Michael, March 21, 4:40 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

TAYLOR, Larry and Joan (Wilmoth), of Atlanta, Ga., girl, Rachel Renee, March 27, 6:50 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 4 girls.

WHITAKER, Thomas and Juanita (Davis), of Philadelphia, Pa., boy, Thomas Carl II, March 30, 12:39 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

WHITE, George and Renee (Dugger), of Harrison, Ark., boy, Leven Edsel, Feb. 28, 9:30 p.m., 9 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Hazelip are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Karen to Joe Campbell of the Pasadena Ambassador College campus is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Bruton of Onasock, Va., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Martha Emily to Gerard Ian Landreth, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Landreth of Ashburton, New Zealand. A May 27 wedding on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. DONI LEE REED
Doni Lee Reed and Tina Denise Mitchell of Chicago.

Ill., were united in marriage Sept. 29, 1984, in Chicago by Allan Barr, pastor of the Chicago Southside church.



MR. AND MRS. BART A. BORNHORST

Joan Keys McLaughlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McLaughlin of Dayton, Ohio, and Bart Allen Bornhorst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Goodman of Dayton, were united in marriage July 15, 1984. The ceremony was performed by Ray Meyer, pastor of the Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches. The maid of honor was Jana McLaughlin, and the best man was Randy White. The couple reside in Kettering, Ohio.



MR. AND MRS. KEN MAXSTED

Ken Maxsted and Christine Mabley, daughter of George and Joan Mabley, were united in marriage Dec. 16, 1984. William Bedford, pastor of the Melbourne, Australia, East church, performed the ceremony.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Kol: Happy 30th anniversary May 3. We wish you many more years of love and happiness together. Thank you for being such wonderful parents and grandparents too. Love, your children, Sylvia, Rudy, Susan, Lydia, Drew, and your grandchildren, Jessica and Stephanie.

To my wonderful wife, Sandy, who can only be described by Proverbs 31: Thank you for the most wonderful 18 years. April 29, my husband could wait. Love you forever, Garth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Des Moines, Iowa, church extends a cordial invitation to all brethren formerly of the Des Moines area to attend our 20th anniversary celebration June 29. We also ask you to help by sending photos, maps, articles or other memorabilia relevant to those early years to: Larry O'Connor, 1207 Third Ave. SE, Altoona, Iowa, 50009, so that we can share them with everyone. Please mark items clearly so they can be returned to you. If you plan to attend, contact Mr. O'Connor at 515-987-3854 for the time and location.

Obituaries

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Vera L. Stephen, 58, died of cancer Sept. 23, 1984. Mrs. Stephen began attending services in Miami, Fla., and was active there until she moved to San Jose.

During the years she lived in San Jose Mrs. Stephen was involved in the member participation program and fund-raising efforts.

Mrs. Stephen spent her last week in the company of her children in a rest care home. Memorial services were conducted by Stuart Segall, associate pastor of the San Jose and Aptos, Calif., churches.

ROLLING PRAIRIE, Ind. — Myrtle A. Miller, 78, died April 4 in LaPorte, Ind., Hospital. She was baptized in August, 1974, and attended the Michigan City, Ind., church.

She is survived by four children: Mrs. Grady Smith, who attends the Pasadena Imperial church; Norma Huts, Eugene and Jerry, all of Rolling Prairie; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted April 8 in Rolling Prairie by Robert Dick, pastor of the Michigan City and Elkhart, Ind., churches.

LEXINGTON, S.C. — William E. Bright Sr., 65, died Feb. 4. He

has been a member of the Church since 1960. Mr. Bright is survived by his wife, Doris, a member; seven children, five of whom are members; four sisters; two brothers; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Keith Thomas, pastor of the Columbia, S.C., and Augusta, Ga., churches.

GUILDFORD, Australia — Lance Lowe, 62, died March 6 after a long illness. Mr. Lowe attended the Sydney, Australia, churches for several years and was known by the Church members in Malaysia, where he kept the Feast of Tabernacles several years.

Mr. Lowe's health began to deteriorate in late 1983. Nevertheless, during his illness he continued to give sermons and instruction on defensive driving to area members. Mr. Lowe is survived by his wife, Naomi; a son, Geoffrey; and daughters, Margaret and Charmaine.

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Nancy Simons, 36, died March 25, after a bout with cancer. She has been a member of God's Church since 1971.

Mrs. Simons is survived by her husband, James, also a member; and six children: Lynn, Allan, Aaron, Kimberly, Patrick and Melissa.

Funeral services were conducted in Farmville, N.C., March 27 by Lawrence Greider Jr., pastor of the Florence, S.C., and Fayetteville churches.

PUEBLO, Colo. — Charles A. Bush, 75, died Nov. 12, 1984.

Mr. Bush is survived by his wife, Mable, also a Church member; one daughter; four stepchildren; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and eight brothers and sisters. Funeral services were conducted by Kenneth Peterson, a minister in Pueblo.

OWENSVILLE, Ind. — Heber Smith, 54, a member of the Church since Aug. 12, 1978, died Jan. 27. He is survived by his wife, Jennie, also a Church member, three daughters and two sons.

Mr. Smith was employed by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad for 27 years until poor health forced him to retire.

The funeral was conducted by Fred Bailey, pastor of the Evansville, Ind., and Madisonville, Ky., churches.

WAYCROSS, Ga. — J. B. Rhodes Sr., 88, died at home March 20 after a brief illness. Mr. Rhodes has been affiliated with the Church since 1934, and a member for the past 20 years.

Old

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Oldies are portrayed as suffering from techno-fear.

Says computer consultant Alfred Waller of Pitman Publishing: "The generation gap has emerged over the past five years as a result of computers being used in schools. We now have a computer-literate generation out on the market, to take over from their computer-illiterate predecessors, conditioned by a certain kind of education" (*Daily Express*, March 26).

But age is a matter of perspective. At 54 Mikhail Gorbachev is considered young, flexible and vibrant as he assumes the reigns of the Soviet government. Neil Kinnock, British Labor Party leader, said on national television that the Queen is "at the peak of her capability." She is 59.

Counters the *Daily Express*, "There are, of course, agile 50-year-olds, but it is widely accepted by educationalists that as you get older you lose the sharpness of your thinking processes and flexibility of mind."

Have modern educators and employers forgotten about wisdom and experience? What about a person's total store of knowledge? Is the understanding that only comes with age of any account in this computer era?

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong wrote: "But a person past 60 cannot learn something in a field new and strange to him as readily as a young person of 22 or 23. Does this

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He is survived by his wife, Gertrude; two sons, J.B. Jr. of Atlanta, Ga., and Harold J., pastor of the Chattanooga, Tenn., and Murphy, N.C., churches; two daughters, Mabel Fleming of Savannah, Ga., and Gertrude Lloyd of Waycross; 19 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

BASILDON, England — Evelyn Wilkinson, 69, a member of God's Church since February, 1970, died Jan. 31 after a long and difficult illness.

Mrs. Wilkinson is survived by her husband, George, who attends the Basildon church.

The funeral service was conducted in Southend, England, by Robin Jones, pastor of the London and Basildon, England, churches.

YUCAIPA, Calif. — Margaret H. Reagan, 89, died March 16 in Redlands, Calif.

Mrs. Reagan has been a Church member since 1962 and attended the Banning, Calif., church.

Graveside services were conducted March 25 in Cathedral City, Calif., by James Peoples, pastor of the Banning and San Bernardino, Calif., churches.

OTTAWA, Ont. — Annie Tourond, 85, died at home April 3. She was baptized in 1970 and attended the Ottawa church for the past 15 years.

Mrs. Tourond is survived by her daughter Margaret of Ottawa and a sister, Mrs. Arthur Vivian of Moor Park, England.

A memorial service was conducted by John Adams, pastor of the Ottawa church.

VICTORIA, B.C. — Frank Baugh, 84, died April 10 after a short illness.

Mr. Baugh was born in Clive, Alta., where he farmed for many years. He was baptized July 6, 1968. He is survived by his wife, Mary, who is also a member; his brother Edward and sisters Alice and Rose.

Funeral services were conducted by William Rabey, pastor of the Victoria and Courtenay, B.C., churches.

mean that a well-educated man of 60 knows less than a young man of 22? Of course not.

"Other things being equal, he knows infinitely more — because he has the accumulated knowledge of all those years since age 22 added to what he knew then — and he has learned much by experience. That is one reason wisdom comes with age!" (December, 1968, *Plain Truth*, page 5).

When we analyze this problem it depends upon what a 50-year-old does. Is he a leader or consultant in industry? Or does he work in a high-tech profession? In the former his job security may be high. In the latter he may face imminent danger.

At any rate Western society is in a dilemma on the unemployment question. Human resources are poorly managed.

According to an article in the Jan. 30 *International Herald Tribune*: "Early retirement is now one of the most widely used tactics for combating unemployment. It is also folly. Far from retiring earlier, people should be thinking about extending their working lives well past their 65th birthday.

"Current thinking holds that the middle-aged should 'make room' in overcrowded labor markets for unemployed young people. But before long the strongest economic pressures will be directed at keeping people out of the pension queues [lines]."

This then is the dilemma facing Western society. The rising proportion of pensioners threatens to bank-

rupt many countries in the Western world. The mounting costs of senior-oriented social security are a constant worry to those who must find the money to keep governments going.

The *International Herald Tribune* article commented, "Retiring workers early may seem a convenient way of wiping them off the unemployment statistics in the 1980s, but it is storing up double trouble for the future." Humankind finds itself, whatever the logic, in yet another box canyon of its own making.

Retirement at 50 is a respectable euphemism for piling up people on the scrap heap while still in their prime. The costs are incredible. Middle age should be a time of maximum productivity, not a time to be laid off from work.

It is said that there are 500,000 unclaimed skilled jobs going begging because there are not enough qualified young people. The commercial portions of newspapers and magazines are filled with advertisements for skilled positions. Maybe these employers should take a closer look at the 50s market.

The biblical principles are clear. People should be respected and rewarded for their contributions at all ages. There is no excuse for discarding those in their 40s or 50s.

A person in his or her late 40s or early 50s must exercise maximum resourcefulness to survive and overcome society's obstacles. Especially at this age he or she needs to observe the seven laws of success.



GERMAN COOKING — Wilhelmine Hoeffert, 80, demonstrates her cooking style in the German Regional Office in Bonn, West Germany. [Photo by Christel Wilson]

Office cook remains active at 80

By Christine Joosten
BONN, West Germany—Unusual circumstances brought 80-year-old Wilhelmine Hoeffert, the cook in the regional office here, to West Germany.

Christine Joosten is employed by the Church's Bonn, West Germany, Office.

Mrs. Hoeffert was born in 1905 in Stanislav, Galicia, part of the Austrian Empire and now in the Soviet Union. In 1924 she married a Ukrainian and had two daughters.

In 1939 the family was ordered to move to Germany by the Third Reich. They lived in a refugee camp in Sachsen for about nine months, before moving to Lodz, now in Poland.

Lodz was her home for the next six years. She worked as a translator, using Ukrainian, German and Polish.

When the Soviet Union invaded Poland, the Soviets took her husband captive. He died in a prison

camp near Moscow.

Mrs. Hoeffert's oldest daughter was sent to the Netherlands to work at a radiostation.

She and her youngest daughter, Lydia, left Lodz in 1945 and joined refugees moving toward Breslau (now Wroclaw), Poland. They were often attacked by Soviet bombers on the way. Many lay wounded or dead in roadside ditches.

Mrs. Hoeffert and her daughter took the last train to Dresden, Germany, which was being bombed. They survived in a bunker and made it to Bavaria to stay with relatives.

"When I look back now, I can clearly see God's protection," she said.

Mrs. Hoeffert became acquainted with *Klar & Wahr* (German *Plain Truth*) through friends, and she was baptized in 1969. Three years later

she started working in the German Office, then in Duesseldorf. She was ordained a deaconess in 1977.

Her younger sister, Johanna Rach, and her niece, Gerda Hopkins, became Church members. Her daughter, now Lydia Harz, and two grandsons, Martin and Joerg, are also members.

Mrs. Hoeffert is affectionately called "Tante Minchen." (*Tante* is German for aunt, and *Minchen* is a diminutive form of her first name.) Each work day at 7:30 a.m. she begins lunch, which she serves to about 25 people.

When asked about her job and good health, she said: "If God didn't give me the strength I couldn't do it... With God's help I'll continue to do my best for the work and the well-being of the brethren."

South American Feast sites open

PASADENA — The Spanish Department here released details about Feast sites in Chile, Colombia and Peru. Services at these sites are in Spanish, with no English translations.

The sites receive few visitors and extend special invitations to Spanish-speaking brethren.

Peru

The Feast site in Peru has not been determined, but it could be in Huaraz, as in previous years. Up to 30 transfers can be accepted.

Huaraz is in the Huaylas Corridor, known as the Switzerland of Peru. The altitude, about 12,000 feet (3,600 meters), provides pure, crystal clear air. Those transferring to Peru could plan a side trip before or after the Feast to Machupicchu, site of an Inca city.

The Huaraz area has many scenic spots worthy of side trips, as well as swimming pools, tennis courts and places for horseback riding and hiking. Favorite activities of the Peruvian brethren include volleyball, soccer and family-style meals.

Attendance is expected to be about 250. A sizable group of brethren who speak Quechua, the language of the Incas, live in the Huaraz area. Fellowship with them and learning

about their life-styles makes the Feast in Peru special.

The cost for each person for food and lodging ranges from \$100 to \$250 for eight days.

Melgar, Colombia

The tropical setting of Melgar is the Feast site for brethren from Colombia, Venezuela and Ecuador. Twenty-five transfers can be accepted.

Melgar, in the Magdalena Valley, is 3,000 feet (900 meters) above sea level, near the equator. The site, with new facilities, offers a wide range of sports and leisure activities for people of all ages.

Temperatures should be in the 90s Fahrenheit (mid 30s Celsius) with humidity.

The CAFAM vacation center offers a variety of accommodations and other facilities. A double room at the CAFAM hotel is \$32, plus \$15 a person each day for food.

A *cabana*, equipped with a kitchenette, five bedrooms and three baths, costs less than \$10 a day for each person and will house eight to 10 people. Also, self-service food is available for about \$10 a day.

Round-trip land transportation from Bogota, Colombia, to Melgar is about \$20 a person and takes about

three hours each way.

Bogota is 8,000 feet above sea level and has a cooler climate, especially in the evenings. Known as the Athens of South America, it has many museums and landmarks.

To receive an application please write to the address below, Attention: Colombia Feast Transfer.

El Tabito, Chile

El Tabito, a beach resort on the Pacific Ocean, is the Feast of Tabernacles site in Chile. Twenty transfers can be accepted.

Valparaiso, one of Chile's main ports, is close to the site, with Vina del Mar, a beach resort, just north of Valparaiso. Santiago, the capital, has historical sites and cultural and recreational opportunities.

Accommodations include cabins on the beach, which house up to six people for a flat rate of \$120. Hotels offer economical housing. Meals at the resort cafeteria cost about \$95 a person for eight days.

If you wish to transfer to the Chilean site please write to the address below, Attention: Chile Festival Application.

To transfer to any of the above sites please write to: Spanish Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Conflict

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that the Japanese will accept flimsy paper dollars in exchange for shiny Toyotas, Panasonics and the like. They accept them happily because the dollar is a good currency. The Japanese can use them to buy in Australia or Brazil, which in turn use them to buy in the U.S.

"Or maybe the Japanese invest them in U.S. bonds or in building plants in the U.S. . . Dollars will continue to be well accepted so long as the U.S. follows sound, free-trade economics policies."

Where it could lead

A few leaders in both countries are concerned that the misinformed outburst of emotions could rupture the carefully nurtured U.S.-Japan relationship. After the horrors of World War II the two powers have been at peace for 40 years.

Mr. Nakasone's chief adviser on the trade crisis is Saburo Okita, a former foreign minister. Mr. Okita said rather gloomily of the situation: "I am seriously concerned that there is too much emotion and impatience in Congress, without due understanding of the situation. There is the concern [here] that if we are pressed too much by a foreign government, it may arouse nationalistic sentiment."

"This would really damage Japan. At the same time . . . if you have a nationalistic, unfriendly Japan in this part of Asia, the whole U.S. policy would be upset."

The prospects of an aggrieved

Japan, aroused to dangerous nationalistic sentiment, is something nobody should desire.

It is interesting to note an observation made by the Oct. 22 Spanish-language newsweekly, *Vision*. Most of the editorial, titled, "Facing the Giant," dealt with the ever-sensitive U.S.-Latin American relationship. But note this reference to U.S.-Japan ties:

"Perhaps the most outstanding example in the contrast between a formal alliance and actual rivalry is Japan. When [Gen. Douglas] MacArthur occupied it at the end of the Second World War, he prepared himself for a guerrilla war.

"What did he find instead? Respect and smiles. The prewar militaristic Japan gave way to commercialistic Japan.

"Has the competition between Tokyo and Washington ceased because of this? Or shouldn't it rather be said that Japan, having been crushed at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, is biding its time for revenge some time after the year 2000?"

A rather shocking assessment. The fruition of any such vengeful feelings, should they ever occur, would await future leaders, not men like Prime Minister Nakasone, who are doing all in their limited power to preserve the shaky U.S.-Japan relationship.

But what if a full-blown trade war should erupt, bringing modern Japan, which lives by trade more than any big power, to its knees? The United States would certainly, in Japanese eyes, be cast as the prime villain.

ALARM AT NIGHT

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

(Continued from last issue)

Major slipped on into the dining room and listened as Grandfather talked excitedly on the phone. "Send the fire truck to Tiller's farm!" he shouted. "Their old barn's on fire!"

Jim appeared at the head of the open stairway. "What's happening?" he asked.

"Fire. Out of the way, please!" Grandfather started up the stairs. "I've asked the fire department to bring their truck out to Tiller's farm."

"Are you going to the fire?" Jim asked.

"Yes."

"May I go along?"

"Are you a member of the Rural Volunteers?" Grandfather asked, rushing by Jim.

"No, sir."

"All right then, back to bed."

Major had crept halfway up the stairs. He wanted to slip into Jim's room in the excitement. "You go back to the kitchen," Grandfather ordered, catching sight of him. He shook a finger. "I know you don't like thunder but it's almost over. Persist. Overcome!" and he disappeared into his bedroom.

Jim stepped on down to the middle of the stairs, picked up Major and carried him down to the kitchen. Laying him on the jacket, he stroked his head for a few moments. "It's OK, it's OK, go to sleep little hound," Jim soothed.

Major stopped trembling as Jim continued to stroke his head and back.

Grandfather came rushing by, pulling on a rubber raincoat. "James! Back to bed."

"Yes, sir." Jim gave Major a final pat and got to his feet. He started for the stairs, looking over his shoulder through the hall window at the blaze in the distance.

Soon there was darkness and quiet except for the light rain and a distant rumbling as the thunder moved away. Major slept. He raised his head when Grandfather came in. His clothing had a strong smell of wood smoke that lingered in the kitchen after he had gone on to bed.

The next morning as Grandmother scrambled eggs in the kitchen, Jim and Grandfather came down together, dressed for the new day.

"Did the barn burn to the ground?" Jim asked Grandfather.

"It's only a pile of ashes," Grandfather replied as he accepted a glass of fresh orange juice from Grandmother. "Makes me think of the ashes of Malachi 4."

"I wish Major had seen the fire sooner," Grandmother said as she gave Jim his orange juice.

"It wouldn't have made much difference," Grandfather said thoughtfully. "Once dried hay or straw is fired by lightning, there's no stopping it.

"Besides, I'm not so sorry it's gone. The old place was falling apart anyway and someone could have been hurt in there."

"Now I see the reason that I shouldn't go in old buildings," Jim said.

"I hope I'll always remember to obey you even if I don't understand why just then."

"I hope so too," said Grandfather. He looked down at Major and smiled. "We have to give Major credit. He tried to alert us in time. He's a smart dog. There's not another dog in the world like him. Jim, how'd you like to give Major to me?"

Jim knelt beside Major. "Oh, no, sir, I couldn't do that! Major and I belong together." He smiled as Major licked his neck and ear. "But Major thanks you a lot for the offer, Grandfather. It's nice to be loved by so many people."

Major looked up at Grandfather and wagged his tail. He smiled.

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

PASADENA — Jaroslav Gebert, an official with the Czechoslovakian tourist bureau CEDOK, which handles Festival arrangements for the Brno site, met with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong April 16, according to Aaron Dean, personal aide to Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Gebert invited Mr. Armstrong to make his first visit to Czechoslovakia during his scheduled European trip in May.

"After some discussion Mr. Armstrong accepted and the visit is now scheduled," said John Halford, a pastor-rank minister, who attended the meeting in Mr. Armstrong's Hall of Administration office here.

Also present were Mr. Dean and Thomas Root, Ambassador College German instructor.

Mr. Gebert also met with evangelist Ellis La Ravia, who serves on the Festival Coordinating Team, before leaving for New Orleans, La.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services released the following ordinations:

George Bell Jr., Gregory Griswold and David Hatmaker, deacons in the Hammond, Ind., church, were ordained local church elders on the first day of Unleavened Bread April 6.

Steve Burns, a deacon in the Midland, Tex., church, was ordained a local church elder April 6.

John Coco, a deacon in the Chicago, Ill., West church, was ordained a local church elder April 6.

John Isola, a deacon in the Tren-

ton, N.J., church, was ordained a local church elder April 6.

Gary Richards, student housing officer at Pasadena Ambassador College, was ordained a local elder at Sabbath services April 20. He serves in the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church.

Paul Shumway, a local elder in the Olympia, Wash., church, was ordained a preaching elder April 6.

Melvin Spangler, a deacon in the Denver, Colo., West church, was ordained a local church elder April 6.

John Turner, a deacon in the St. Joseph, Mo., church, was ordained a local church elder April 6.

Douglas Winnall, a local elder in the Providence, R.I., and Boston, Mass., churches, was ordained a preaching elder April 6.

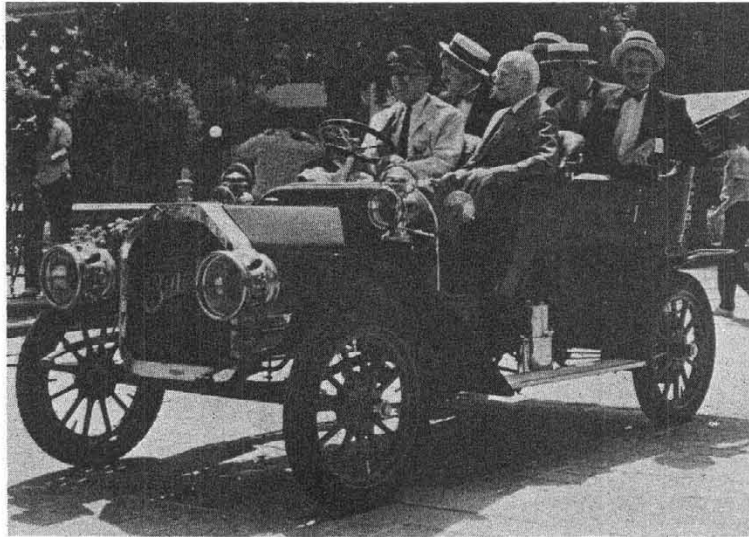
Maurice Yurkiw, a preaching elder in the Saskatoon, Sask., church, was raised to rank of pastor April 6.

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PASADENA — The first Church members in Bolivia were baptized in April in La Paz by Wilfredo Saenz, associate pastor of the Lima and Huaraz, Peru, churches.

One man is an engineer in La Paz who speaks six languages, according to Reginald Killingley, pastor of the two churches. He came into contact with the Church by reading the English-language *Plain Truth*.

The other is an accountant with the national airline who lives in Cochabamba. He flies to La Paz when a minister comes to the country to visit. He came into contact with the Church through *La Pura Verdad*, the Spanish *Plain Truth*,



TRIP THROUGH TIME — During a break in filming April 16 for the 1986 Young Ambassadors Feast film, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong takes a ride in a 1908 Buick with Doug Eastwood (driver) and Young Ambassadors Grant Ledingham, Michael North, David West and Steven Myers. The car is part of a 1910 musical medley scheduled to be included in the 1986 Festival production. Mr. Armstrong was 16 years old when the car was manufactured. [Photo by George Hague]

according to Keith Speaks, promotion director for the Spanish edition. *Pura Verdad* circulation in Bolivia rose from about 20 in 1980 to its current level of about 2,700, Mr. Speaks said.

Mr. Killingley plans to conduct *Pura Verdad* Bible lectures in La Paz in late July.

According to Mr. Speaks, Paraguay is now the only free Spanish- or Portuguese-speaking country with no members.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England — Seventeen Church members in Malta met for the Passover and services on the first day of Unleavened Bread at the Hal-Ferh (City of Joy) holiday village, according to David Stirk, who traveled there from England.

Mr. Stirk, who pastors the Luton and Cambridge, England, churches and serves the Mediterranean brethren, said that a power failure during the foot-washing ceremony caused the remainder of the service to be conducted by candlelight.

While in Malta Mr. Stirk counseled with two prospective members.

From Malta, Mr. Stirk went to

Italy to make arrangements for the Feast of Tabernacles in Fiuggi. He arranged for catered lunches on the Sabbaths and investigated less-expensive housing arrangements in pensioni.

For the last day of Unleavened Bread and the weekly Sabbath, April 13, Mr. Stirk was in Athens, Greece. After a four-hour counseling session, he baptized a prospective member, increasing membership there to five.

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PASADENA — The Festival Office here announced that Festival sites reached capacity in Bonndorf, West Germany, Cracow, Poland, and Brno, Czechoslovakia, and can accept no more transfer applications.

If you applied to one of these sites, you will be notified of your transfer status by the German Office by May 5.

The Feast sites in Bredsten, Denmark; Dunoon, Scotland; Pacific Harbour, Fiji; and Port D'Albret, France; also reached capacity.

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PASADENA — God's Church will use an ink-jet printing label to personalize messages to U.S. *Plain*

Truth subscribers beginning with the September issue, according to Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services.

"We're now conducting an analysis of where this will work best," said Roger Lippross, production director of Publishing Services.

The ink-jet service used by R.R. Donnelley & Sons replaces paper labels supplied by God's Church and makes it possible to place personalized messages on the back cover and inside the magazine.

"Initially we plan to point subscribers toward the *World Tomorrow* telecast in their area by printing beside their address the airing times and call letters of the local station carrying the telecast," Mr. Lippross said. "This has exciting possibilities for the future. Later on we can promote certain types of booklets and other literature that a particular subscriber may be interested in and even remind them that their subscription is up for renewal."

Mr. Wright; Mr. Lippross; Boyd Leeson, U.S. circulation manager for *The Plain Truth*; and George Birdwell, director of the Church's Data Processing Center; flew to Chicago, Ill., to finalize arrangements for the ink-jet process Feb. 24 to 27.

While there Mr. Wright and Mr. Lippross met Gaylord Donnelley, grandson of founder Richard Robert Donnelley.

New Zealand site open for 1985 Feast transfers

By Donald J. Engle

ROTORUA, New Zealand — Rotorua, one of New Zealand's most famous tourist areas and a Festival site, boasts picturesque scenery and natural wonders. It is set amid a thermal region of active geysers, crystal springs of hot mineral water, richly colored volcanic craters, glittering silica terraces and hissing fumaroles.

This article was written by Donald J. Engle, pastor of the Hamilton, Tauranga and Rotorua, New Zealand, churches and Feast of Tabernacles elder for the Rotorua site.

Feastgoers can enjoy lakes surrounded by native forest, colorful mineral springs and scenic walks. Rainbow and brown trout abound.

Tourist attractions are available, along with a number of organized Festival activities for families and single people of all ages.

Many restaurants, motels and hotels are within walking distance of the Sports and Conference Centre, where services will be conducted. Many motels provide heated swimming pools and private thermal spa pools, and almost all rooms are equipped with kitchenettes.

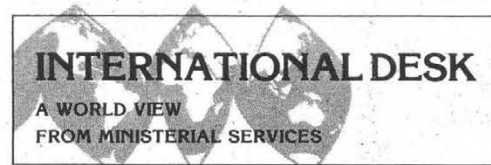
Prices for meals and housing vary widely, which makes it possible to enjoy the Feast within a wide budget range.

The devaluation of the New Zealand dollar allows visitors a favorable exchange rate. Various options are available for air fare and housing packages.

U.S. and Canadian brethren should write for details to the Festi-

val Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Other international transfers please write by airmail to the Festival Office, Box 2709, Auckland 1, New Zealand.



PASADENA — Australian mail and income in March were affected by a confrontation between the government of Queensland and striking electrical power linemen, and union activity within the post office, especially in the Sydney area.

Businesses and industry were severely restricted or shut down throughout the state. Millions of dollars in business and wages were lost. Two weeks of severe power shortages seriously disrupted work at the Australian Office in Burleigh Heads.

However, responses to the *World Tomorrow* telecast were the highest on record, primarily because of the toll-free telephone number advertised on the telecast (see *WN*, April 15).

The most successful program this year is *Ascend to Greatness*, which aired March 3 and offered Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. The program pro-

duced twice as many responses as any other *World Tomorrow* program aired in the country.

Seventy percent of those requesting literature responded to the program for the first time and went on file as new *Plain Truth* subscribers.

Caribbean

This year got off to a rather fast start at the San Juan, Puerto Rico, Office. Advertising responses for January increased 42 percent from January, 1984, while February responses were 61 percent more than February, 1984.

For the past year and a half the Caribbean Office has taken responses to *The World Tomorrow* through a new telephone system that controls three lines.

One hundred seventy-four calls have been received the first three months of 1985 from the *World Tomorrow* telecast airing on WSVI on St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands and on WSJU in Puerto

Rico. Through the end of March the office received more than 2,100 responses to the telecast aired on nine television stations.

Michael Mitchell will return from Ambassador College to his native home of Jamaica this summer to serve as a ministerial trainee. Afterward, Mr. Mitchell will return to Pasadena for his senior year.

British Office

As anticipated, renewals dropped *Plain Truth* circulation in March in the United Kingdom, Scandinavia, the continent of Europe and the Middle East. Circulation in the United Kingdom dropped to about 100,000. The British Office expects that figure to reach the record high of more than 166,000, beginning within a nationwide advertising campaign under way.

The office is testing a new four-color insert card in the newsstand *Plain Truth* in the United Kingdom in hopes that it will boost an already healthy 2.5 percent response rate.

Good News circulation grew considerably after *Plain Truth* subscribers of more than two years were offered the magazine: United Kingdom, up 25 percent to 13,890; Scandinavia, up 48 percent to 754; continent of Europe, up 33 percent to 3,330; and the Middle East, up 9 percent to 1,164.

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