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HWA flies to Europe, receives decoration, conducts meetings

By Aaron K. Dean.
BOREHAMWOOD, England — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong landed at the Luton, England, airport at 5:15 a.m., May 2, in the Church's G-III jet, beginning the first leg of a planned 24-day trip to Europe and the Middle East.

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

During the first portion of the trip Mr. Armstrong conducted a Worldwide Church of God board meeting at the British Regional Office here; visited Princess Lilian, widow of the late King Leopold of Belgium; conducted Sabbath services for about 800 brethren in London, England; and addressed a conference of local church elders and ministerial trainees.

The trip began at 10:30 a.m., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), May 1, in Burbank, Calif., with Mr. Armstrong boarding the G-III with evangelist Ronald Kelly, *Plain Truth* senior writer; Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor; personal aide Aaron Dean; Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services; and Mr. Armstrong's nurse, Elaine Brown.

After takeoff Mr. Armstrong came back from his office in the sky in the front of the G-III to discuss world events and activities of the Church with Mr. Kelly, Mr. Hogberg, Mr. Wright and Mr. Dean.

At 12:30 p.m. a lunch of cantaloupes stuffed with grapes, filet mignon with french cut green beans and baby boiled potatoes was served.

After a dessert of ice cream and coffee Mr. Armstrong returned to his desk where he and Mr. Wright discussed the publishing operations of God's Church.

Increased 'Good News' circulation

Mr. Armstrong previously approved offering a subscription to *The Good News* to individuals who

had requested religious literature from the Church at least twice. Mr. Wright explained that this offer is expected to add more than 200,000 new subscribers to *The Good News*.

Since this expected growth was not budgeted for earlier in the year, Mr. Armstrong needed to approve the expense.

After discussing that *The Good News* provides a good diet of spiritual food and is a major source of new co-workers and donors, Mr. Armstrong decided that the offer was an investment in the future. On faith, he then approved the release of funds from Church financial reserves to cover the added expense.

Before landing for refueling at Frobisher Bay, Northwest Territories, Mr. Armstrong reviewed samples of paper stock for his new book *Mystery of the Ages*. He also discussed advertising and marketing of the book.

During the refueling stop, Mr. Hogberg, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Dean and Mr. Wright stepped off the plane for some fresh air. After throwing a few snowballs in the 15-degree (minus 9 Celsius) weather, the group rejoined Mr. Armstrong aboard the G-III and continued the flight to England.

Mr. Armstrong played one of the Young Ambassadors Festival films on the on-board videocassette recorder, and afterward the group tried to get some rest before landing at Luton Airport.

At 5:20 a.m., local time, Thursday, May 2, the group was met by evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for the British Regional Office, and Francis Bergin, business manager for the office.

After clearing customs, the group said good-bye to Mr. Hogberg and Mr. Kelly, who continued to Bonn, West Germany, to cover the economic summit for *The Plain Truth*.

After Mr. Armstrong rested at the Dorchester Hotel, Mr. Brown joined him for lunch.

After the meal Mr. Armstrong was driven to Harrods department store for shopping before returning to his suite to make some final additions to the preface of *Mystery of the Ages*.

Board meeting

At 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 3, the group left the Dorchester for an 11 a.m. board meeting of the Worldwide Church of God.

After conducting Church business, Mr. Armstrong adjourned the meeting and joined about 40 ministers and staff members of the British Regional Office for lunch at 1 p.m.

After a meal of smoked salmon, roast beef, vegetables and ice cream and strawberries, Mr. Armstrong (See HWA, page 3)



ROYAL DECORATION — Princess Lilian, widow of the late King Leopold III of Belgium, presents The Cross of the Veterans of King Leopold, to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong May 5. [Photo by Aaron Dean]

Brethren 'doing well spiritually'

Evangelist tours South America

By Michael A. Snyder
PASADENA — "Despite severe economic problems, earthquakes and terrorism, Church members living in South America have extremely good attitudes and are doing well spiritually," said evangelist Leon Walker May 6.

Mr. Walker, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas, returned here April 30 with his wife, Reba,

from a month-long trip to Colombia, Peru, Chile and Argentina.

"The main purpose of this trip was to continue our personal contact with the Spanish ministry, see firsthand their problems and needs, and to update them on administrative and doctrinal matters," Mr. Walker said.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker left Sunday, March 31, for Bogota, Colombia.

He met with members in the outlying Bible study in Medellin, Colombia, and with the members in Bogota for the Passover, Night to be Much Observed and the first day of Unleavened Bread.

"While in Colombia we wanted to buy an IBM Personal Computer for our chief translator, Margarita Cardenas," Mr. Walker said.

"Our past procedure was to mail the English [Church literature] manuscripts to her, where she would read them and dictate a Spanish version into a recorder.

"She would then type out the recording on a typewriter, making editorial and style changes, before sending the typed manuscripts to the regional office here in Pasadena," Mr. Walker continued.

With the purchase of the IBM computer, translated copy will be inputted into the computer instead of a typewriter. "That way she will send a floppy disk to Pasadena instead of typed copy. We simply insert the disk into our Bedford [typesetting] computer system, and the article will be ready for editing and layout.

"This cuts out the whole extra step of typing the material into the computer from her typewritten pages," he said. "When you're talking about a 32-page magazine, plus other literature, this represents a big time- and money-saving step."

The Walkers flew to Lima, Peru, April 7, where they were met by Reginald Killingley, pastor of the Lima and Huaraz, Peru, churches. Mr. Walker spent several days with Mr. Killingley and Wilfredo Saenz, who assists Mr. Killingley in Peru. He also spent the last day of Unleavened Bread and the weekly Sabbath of April 13 with the members in Lima.

"We originally planned to visit La Paz, Bolivia, after Peru, but a terrorist threat caused all of the airlines to cancel their flights," Mr. Walker said. "We eventually flew on to Santiago, Chile."

Earthquake effects

After arriving April 16, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, and Santiago pastor (See EVANGELIST, page 3)

Projected income lower, reports Church treasurer

By Leroy Neff
PASADENA — At the end of the first third of the year, the income is still lower than projected.

Evangelist Leroy Neff is treasurer of the Worldwide Church of God.

Thankfully, this continues to be offset by an almost equal amount that the departments are under budgeted expenses. Although income has not met our expectations, we have a year-to-date increase of 9 percent over last year.

A little background might be helpful to show what has happened. You may recall that last year there was quite a lot of emphasis on being prepared for the Holy Day offerings, resulting in a fine increase in

the spring offerings of almost 30 percent over 1983.

This year, we were comparing our numbers with those larger-than-average increases. And because there has not been the same emphasis on being prepared in 1985, the total offerings were actually less than last year by about 4 percent. This has lowered our overall average for the year to the 9 percent figure.

In view of the lower-than-expected offerings during the Days of Unleavened Bread, I hope we all will be better prepared for the Pentecost offering. Increased income will make possible the hiring of more badly needed ministers to visit new prospective members and to care for the local churches, as well as increase our ability to spread the good news of God's soon-coming Kingdom.



SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP — Map shows the route evangelist Leon Walker, regional director of Spanish-speaking areas, and his wife, Reba, took to visit ministers and brethren in April. [Map by Ronald Grove]

Ministerial Refreshing Program III

Session 15, April 17 to April 30



William & Glen Bentley
Church pastor
Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, and
Lusaka, Zambia



Elmer & Elsie Conley
Local church elder
Liberal, Kan.



Ray & Norma Cowan
Local church elder
London, Ky.



Clyde & Lyda Critchlow
Local church elder
Prince George, B.C.



Melvin & Barbara Dahlgren
Church pastor
Tacoma and Olympia, Wash.



Joseph & Beverly Daniele
Local church elder
Pasco, Wash.



Joseph & Dorothy Dowson
Assistant pastor
Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough,
Newcastle upon Tyne and
Sheffield, England



Mark & Alexia Ellis
Church pastor
Sydney, Australia, South



Joseph III & Brenda Emmerth
Local church elder
Elkhart, Ind.



Martin Fiorillo
Local church elder
Cleveland, Ohio, East



James Forrester
Local church elder
Memphis, Tenn.



John & Susan Foster
Church pastor
Canton, Ohio



Lowell Foster
Associate pastor
Chicago, Ill., North and
Northwest



Dennis & Jane Gillen
Local church elder
Paducah, Ky.



Gordon & Barbara Graham
Associate pastor
Edmonton, Alta., North



Garvin & Sandra Greene
Church pastor
Midland and Cadillac, Mich.



Douglas & Martha Hardin
Local church elder
Rome, Ga.



Vernon & DeLee Hargrove
Church pastor
Columbus, Ohio, A.M. and P.M.



George Hatch Jr.
Local church elder
Meriden, Conn.



James & Shirley Henderson
Local church elder
St. Albans, England



Glenn & Dixie Holladay
Local church elder
Birmingham, Ala.



Noel & Rebecca Horner
Church pastor
Eau Claire, Wis., and St. Paul,
Minn.



David & Valerie House
Church pastor
Channel Isles, Godalming,
Reading and Southampton,
England



Clarence & Billie Kay Huse
Local church elder
Pasadena Auditorium A.M.



John & Hannah Knaack
Assistant pastor
Monroe and Alexandria, La., and
Natchez, Miss.



**Graemme & Lynette
Marshall**
Church pastor
Calgary, Alta., North and South



Stanley & Carolyn McNeil
Church pastor
Topeka, Kan., and St. Joseph,
Mo.



James & Nell Mortensen
Local church elder
Uvalde, Tex.



Alvin & Dorothy Nordstrom
Associate pastor
Winnipeg, Man., East and Thunder
Bay, Ont.



Richard & Mary Pinelli
Church pastor
Kansas City, Mo., East



Vernon & Dixie Schemm
Local church elder
Scott City, Kan.



**Gerald & Constance
Schaarrenberger**
Local church elder
Denver, Colo., East



Paul & Mary Seltzer
Local church elder
Minneapolis, Minn., South



Rex & Patricia Sexton
Associate pastor
Albany and Salem, Ore.



Steve & Evelyn Shafer
Associate pastor
Seattle, Wash.



Carroll & Leona Short
Local church elder
Corpus Christi, Tex.



Ronald & Diane Sower
Local church elder
Pasadena Auditorium P.M.



Gerald & Donna Steenport
Local church elder
Appleton, Wis.



Randall & Linda Stiver
Associate pastor
Elkhart, Michigan City and
Plymouth, Ind.



David & Rosaphine Stone
Church pastor
Hattiesburg and Picayune, Miss.



Henry & Edeltraut Sturcke
Assistant pastor
Union, N.J.



Britton & Donna Taylor
Church pastor
Binghamton and Corning, N.Y.



Joe & Hazel Taylor
Local church elder
Knoxville, Tenn.



Eric & Amy Warren
Assistant pastor
Halifax, Digby and Sydney, N.S.



**Abner & Sharon
Washington**
Church pastor
Los Angeles, Calif.



Kenneth & Kim Webster
Church pastor
Lethbridge, Alta., and Maple
Creek, Sask.



James & Ella Jean Wilson
Local church elder
Madisonville, Ky.



Gene & Connie Zhorne
Local church elder
Waterloo, Iowa

Not pictured:
Della Forrester

Key word: 'flexibility,' reports Caribbean regional director

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — How does a regional office administer an area larger than the United States that includes the Dutch, French, English and Spanish languages?

"When you have nine full-time ministers serving 1,010 Church members, you learn to conserve your resources," joked Stan Bass, regional director for the English-speaking areas of the Caribbean.

"The complexity of the area requires that we work very closely with Mr. Dibar Apartian and Mr. Leon Walker on a continual basis," he said. Mr. Apartian and Mr. Walker, both evangelists, are the regional directors for French-speaking and Spanish-speaking areas.

The regional office in San Juan serves brethren and co-workers living on more than 25 islands throughout the Caribbean. "This includes the Dutch-speaking islands [Netherlands Antilles] and a few islands under British control," Mr. Bass said in a May 3 telephone interview with *The Worldwide News*.

New office

In November, 1984, the Caribbean Regional Office moved to new facilities in Santurce, which is part of metropolitan San Juan. "The old office was simply inadequate," Mr. Bass said.

Asked what is necessary to successfully preach the Gospel and feed the flock in the Caribbean, the regional director said, "It can be summed up in one word—flexibility."

"Most of these islands have separate governments with different requirements to operate a religious organization," he said.

"This makes it sometimes difficult for our ministers to move from country to country even to conduct Sabbath services."

Mr. Bass cited an example where one government required a minister to complete an application for residency status, even though the minister did not want the status and the government said it used the form even though it did not intend to grant residency status. "Like I said, you've got to be flexible."

In addition to Mr. Bass other office employees are Paul Brown, ministerial trainee; Connie Deily, secretary and receptionist; Domingo Negrón,

custodial; and Bryan Weeks, business manager. Three local church elders serve in the area.

Videotaped sermons

"We have 13 churches and three outlying Bible studies in the English Caribbean," Mr. Bass said. "Since the only way for ministers to travel to services is often to fly, we have some real logistical problems in conducting more than one Church service per minister on the Sabbath."

"Because of airline schedules, a minister might be able to reach another island after conducting services for another congregation on a different island, but he would probably arrive either after the Sabbath was over or when there was insufficient time."

To combat this problem, the regional office bought videocassette recorders. "We use tapes from headquarters and videotape some of our ministers giving sermons. Then we have a deacon play the tape when a minister can't visit the congregation to deliver a live sermon."

He added that some churches receive a visit once a month from a minister, but that most usually receive two each month. Sabbath services are conducted each week in Hamilton, Bermuda; Nassau, Bahamas; Kingston, Jamaica; Bridgetown, Barbados; Port-of-Spain, Trinidad; and Georgetown, Guyana.

Good growth

"We continue to experience fantastic growth on our mailing list in Guyana and Jamaica," Mr. Bass said. "The other areas continue growing at a more moderate rate."

The *World Tomorrow* telecast featuring Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong airs weekly on eight islands, and the radio broadcast airs on four islands.

"Mr. Armstrong has a very definite following in the Caribbean," Mr. Bass said. "People believe he speaks with the authority of God."

The regional director explained that while people believe Mr. Armstrong speaks with God's authority, "they often don't want to fully submit to all of the doctrines of the Church and merely want to have some kind of loose affiliation with the Church."

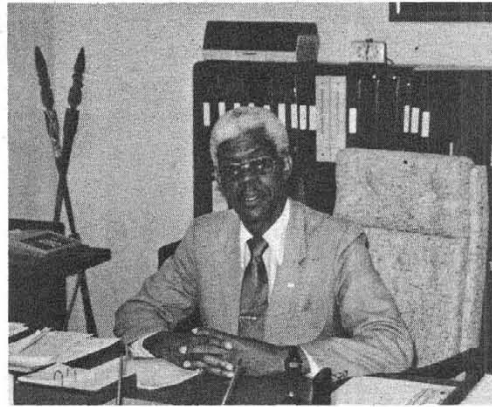
He said the chief problem facing brethren is economic. "Most brethren

have modest incomes, and sometimes have difficulty in making ends meet."

"At one time we had a problem in that we had some countries where contributions exceeded expenditures, and government regulations said we couldn't take the money out of the area."

"We have now solved that problem by arranging to print the Caribbean *Plain Truth* in England using that money, which the authorities will allow."

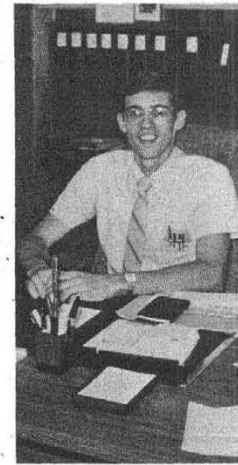
He said that English-language *Plain Truth* circulation in the Caribbean is about 76,000, including 6,000 newsstand copies.



REGIONAL DIRECTOR — Stan Bass, pictured at his desk in the new facilities of the Caribbean Office in San Juan, Puerto Rico, has served as regional director since July, 1972. Mr. Bass also pastors the Roseau, Dominica, and St. John's, Antigua, churches. [Photo by Leroy Neff]



ENGLISH CARIBBEAN — The Church's regional office in San Juan, Puerto Rico, serves members and co-workers on more than 25 islands throughout the Caribbean. At right is Bryan Weeks, business manager. [Map by Ronald Grove, photo by Leroy Neff]



Keys to successful job hunting

It's not too late for summer job

By Richard D. Mann
KANSAS CITY, Kan. — If you haven't found a summer job, it isn't too late to look.

After assessing your skills, experience and financial needs, register with a job placement agency or equivalent wherever you live. Such agencies receive job orders for summer openings from many places. These centers handle summer job listings furnished by business associations in many large metropolitan areas. Many of these jobs, both public and private, are also listed in the classified ad sections of some newspapers.

Richard D. Mann, a member who attends the Kansas City, Kan., South church, has been with *Human Resources* for more than 19 years.

In the United States, a Job Service Center is the place to go. While there, check the eligibility requirements for the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program. Many members of families with low income for the previous six months qualify. Those who meet the criteria can provide substantial tax savings and a strong incentive to be hired by would-be employers.

What you can offer

Be positive. You are a unique individual and might have something to offer a prospective employer. Your personal, home, school and Church background may provide the skills you need for some jobs.

A hobby, a skill in sports or experience in performing household tasks may prepare you for related sales or service work. Home economics courses can develop special talents in cooking or sewing.

Clerical skills learned in school, the timely preparation of your lessons and good work habits are essential in successfully finding work in many corporate offices. Many warehouse jobs require the use of computer terminals or word processing equipment for ordering, shipping and inventory control. Related school courses can qualify you for these positions.

Tips from friends, relatives, Church members and others can help you find job openings. Openings may exist that haven't been publicized. After receiving a valid lead, contact the employer in person — or if that isn't possible, call and say you want to make an application.

You may even want to start your own summer business. Contract with neighbors to keep their automobiles cleaned or their grass mowed and shrubs trimmed. This type of work can be done on an hourly basis or you can charge a flat fee for a month's work.

If a minimum-wage job is sufficient, the fast-food (take-away) industry provides full-time, part-time and summer jobs.

Small shops and businesses can use students for delivery work, sales clerking and stocking merchandise. Golf courses employ caddies and lawn-maintenance workers. And don't forget concession stands at summer sporting events.

Try the library for additional job information. Other sources are bulletin boards at supermarkets, skating rinks and entertainment centers.

Job interview

What can you do to make the interview a success?

The day before the interview review your experience. What do you have that would make you a valuable employee?

Go to bed early so you can be refreshed and alert. Pray for guidance and favor with the employer. Dress sharp, clean and appropriately for the job for which you are applying. If in doubt, it is better to overdress than to underdress.

Plan to arrive at the reception area 10 to 15 minutes early. This gives you more time to fill out an application. Tell the receptionist why you are there and whom you came to see.

Fill out the application completely. This reflects on your thoroughness. Many would-be employees lose out because they fail this simple task. Be neat. Answer all questions as well as you can.

During the interview be friendly. Allow the interviewer to ask most of the questions. Respond courteously, honestly and clearly. Speak distinctly and use proper English. This is no time for slang. At the end of the interview, thank the interviewer for his or her time.

After several days, you may call to see if the job is still open and if you are still being considered. Continue searching until you have a definite offer of employment.



NEW OFFICE — The Caribbean Regional Office moved to new facilities in Santurce in metropolitan San Juan, Puerto Rico, in November, 1984. [Photo by Leroy Neff]

30 full-time employees serve in Australian Regional Office

By John Curry
BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — "Seeing our office facility here was an inspiring experience for me," wrote Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in the *Pastor General's Report* after he visited the Australian Regional Office in May, 1981.

John Curry is an assistant to Robert Morton, regional director of the Church's Office in Burleigh Heads, Australia.

Mr. Armstrong had not seen the office before, and he wrote that it was a larger complex than he had expected, with "several executive and private offices, work rooms, an assembly for the local church services, adequate storage rooms, reception, etc." He described it as "a very splendid building complex."

The Australian Regional Office is at Burleigh Heads, on Queensland's Gold Coast. The area is renowned for its beaches and climate, and is a major tourist destination with easy access to Australia's major cities.

Here the 30 permanent office employees serve an area that includes not only Australia, but also the Indian subcontinent and much of Asia.

The Australian Office has been in Burleigh Heads since 1974 when it was transferred from Sydney. Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse opened the Sydney Office in December, 1959, but by 1973 the high rents and cost of living placed a heavy burden on the Church's financial resources.

To relieve the situation, the regional director at that time, Dennis Luker, commissioned a feasibility study, and the decision was made to relocate the office out of Sydney and to build a Church-owned office complex rather than relying on rented space. After much searching a suitable site was selected in a new industrial park near Burleigh Heads.

The office was moved from Sydney in January, 1974, to temporary rented premises while the building was being constructed. By early 1976, the 14,000-square-foot complex was completed. Timber and brick were used extensively in the construction, both inside and out, to harmonize the appearance and decor with the surrounding landscape. The building is on three acres of gently sloping land, with a lake in front.

The office is divided into five departments, each responsible to the regional director, Robert G. Morton.

Ministerial Services

Ministerial Services provides support and direction to the 37 full-time and 29 nonemployed ministers in

Australia and Southeast Asia. The department organizes regional conferences, Festival sites and overseas travel arrangements for ministers.

It is headed by William Winner, a pastor-rank minister. He is assisted by Bruce Greenaway and secretaries Sandra Atkinson and Beverley Kelly. Mr. Winner travels throughout Australia on Mr. Morton's behalf, preaching and conducting seminars for members and the ministry.

Financial Services

The Financial Services Department has a staff of nine, under the direction of Rob Kelly, business manager. In addition to taking care of the accounting functions, the department is responsible for data processing and management of the office facilities. Torin Archer, previously employed in the financial area of the Publishing Department in Pasadena, joined the staff in December. He is helping to develop a computer-based budget projection system. This will enable Mr. Morton and the budget team to more quickly and accurately assess the effect of decisions on the budget before they are implemented.

Mail Processing

In 1984, for the first time in 25 years of God's Church in Australia, the Mail Processing Department mailed more than one million pieces of mail. This is in addition to the subscription and newsstand issues of *The Plain Truth*. The department head is Reginald Wright, who began working in the Sydney Office as a mail reader in 1967.

He and his staff of 11 receive and open the mail from Australia and 35 Asian countries, adding to and updating the magazine subscription lists, sending out the publications and, where necessary, sending a personal reply to readers' inquiries.

Four lines similar to the Wide Area Telephone Services (WATS) lines were installed in the department so *World Tomorrow* viewers can phone the office from anywhere in Australia for the price of a local call.

Most of the phone calls are received on Sunday mornings, and they are taken by a volunteer staff from among the office employees.

Media Services

Assisting Mr. Morton in Media Services are Robin Jackson and his secretary, Kathy Tuck. Mr. Jackson communicates with the Church's regional advertising agents about promotion of *The Plain Truth* in major magazines and the placement and airing of *The World Tomorrow* on television.

In addition, he interfaces with the

Australian printers for *The Plain Truth*, and with ministers and members involved in the newsstand program.

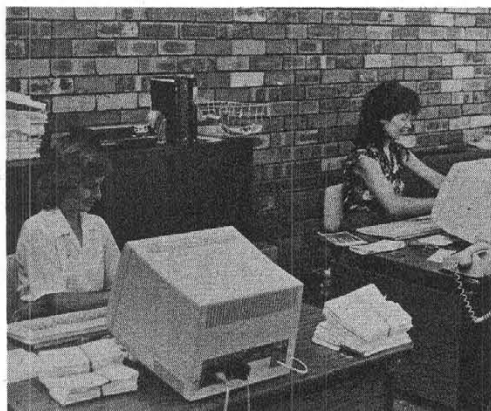
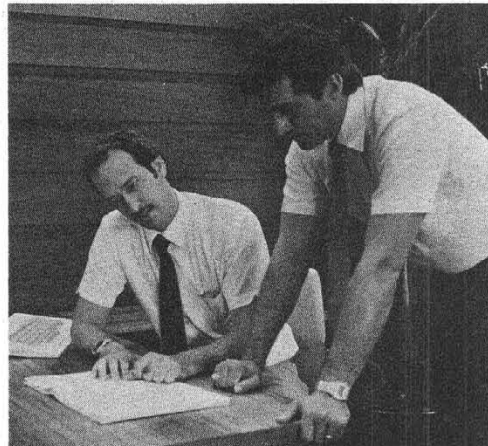
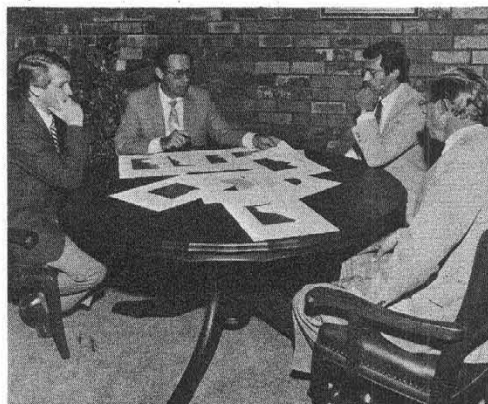
The department also provides internal printing for the office, and a tape service for the blind, duplicating on high-speed copying equipment the master tapes sent from Pasadena.

YOU

In 1983 a Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Department was set up to implement youth programs approved by Mr. Armstrong. The department head is David Noller, pastor of the Lake Moogerah, Kingaroy and Warwick, Australia, churches.

Assisting him are Gary Regazzoli and his secretary, Deborah Denning. They take care of administrative details associated with the various programs, especially the summer and winter camps at the Church-owned facility at Lake Moogerah.

OFFICE PERSONNEL — Top photo, staff members of the Church's Regional Office in Burleigh Heads, Australia, prepare graphs and charts during a Jan. 9 to 16, 1984, trip to Australia by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. From left: Robin Jackson of Media Services, regional director Robert Morton, business manager Rob Kelly and William Winner of Ministerial Services. Right photo, Mr. Kelly (right) discusses a budget project with Torin Archer. [Photos by Warren Watson and John Curry]



UNIFIED TEAM — Counterclockwise from above, Diane Kelly (left) and Fiona Thomas work in the Mail Processing Department; an exterior view of the office building, completed in 1976; and volunteers from the Gold Coast, Australia, church mail out a co-worker letter from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. [Photos by John Curry]

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Areas sponsor spring dinner dances

Two hundred seventy DAVENPORT, IOWA CITY and WATERLOO, Iowa, brethren gathered at the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Sheraton Inn for the first day of Unleavened Bread April 6, after which a dinner and dance took place.

Speakers were Steve Nutzman, pastor of the three churches; John Bailey, an Iowa City local church elder; and Gene Zhorne, a Waterloo local church elder. During the afternoon service Mr. Nutzman, assisted by the two elders, ordained Steve House of Davenport and Joe Rehor of Iowa City deacons.

The event began at 6:30 p.m. when preteens viewed the 1984 Young Ambassadors Feast film and *The Black Stallion*. Brethren dined on a catered buffet before an evening of fellowship and dancing.

The new deacons and their wives shared the first dance. Other dances were the Hava Nagila, special YOU dances, a broom dance and freeze dance.

Dancing pipe-cleaner figures were awarded to the team of Connie Zhorne, wife of Mr. Zhorne, and their son Matt, 15, for winning the broom dance; and Paul Graham and Debbie McCoy, who won the freeze dance.

The Golden Slipper Award, for the best all-around dancers, was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Holmes. Mr. Holmes is a deacon in the Davenport church.

Disc jockeys who played selections from the 1930s, '40s and '70s

were Gene Reisner, Doug Kress, George Bushlack, Jerry Rehor and Todd Woods.

On the evening after the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 6, 123 brethren from BOISE and TWIN FALLS, Idaho, and ONTARIO and BAKER, Ore., attended the fifth annual spring dinner dance.

The dinner entree was a choice of steak Diane or breast of chicken bournaise. The Jim Knapp Band, an area group, provided live music after dinner.

Floral centerpieces and wine were given away in a drawing at the close of the evening. Barry Baker took photographs in an adjacent room.

Many members prepared for the event by attending ballroom dance classes last winter taught by Fred Whitlark, a deacon in the Boise church.

March 23, 95 GREENVILLE, S.C., brethren and guests from ASHEVILLE, N.C., participated in a formal "Night in the Old South" at

the Quality Inn in Greenville.

Guests entered through a bower decorated with magnolia leaf clusters, and women were presented with silk flower corsages. Pink and burgundy napkins decorated the tables, and magnolia clusters surrounded white candles.

Danny Freeman, master of ceremonies, opened the festivities with a dance by the ministers and their wives. A professional dance band played favorites. Also featured were an anniversary waltz for those with anniversaries within six weeks of the dance and two elimination dances, won by Linda Cox and Mark Williams, and Don and Velma Barnes. APPLETON and GREEN BAY, Wis., brethren attended a semiformal dinner and dance March 30 at the Colonial House Supper Club in Freedom, Wis. The menu for the 160 present was chicken, beef, dressing, potatoes, vegetables, relishes, rolls and cheesecake.

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Brethren honor YOU groups

The Mandalay Four Seasons Restaurant provided a fitting setting for the April 6 dinner and dance commemorating high school graduation for 20 DALLAS and FORT WORTH, Tex., seniors.

After a meal of Cornish game hens with wild rice, glazed carrots and chocolate and strawberry mousse, the Big Sandy Ambassador College dance combo played dance music for the group of almost 300.

The Young Ambassadors introduced the entertainment portion, launching into a medley of songs and setting the stage for introducing graduating seniors.

Robert Smith, Fort Worth A.M. and P.M. pastor, read autobiographies submitted by the seniors. He presented certificates to Janette Berg, Treyon Bradford, Patrick Davis, Arlene Hawkins, Theresa Mantzke, Donald Trumble and Michael Weaver.

Randal Dick, Dallas West pastor, read biographies listing the academic and social accomplishments of five graduating seniors from his area. Mr. Dick presented certificates to Debbie Parrish, Jerry Hansen, Mary Brown, Karen Terry and Donessa Washington.

Kenneth Swisher, Dallas East pastor, concluded the presentation by

listing the accomplishments and projections of eight young people from his area. Mr. Swisher awarded certificates to Charles Crisman, Reasor Holland, Paul Kennebeck, K. DaLynn Krebbs, Byron Phillips, Memory Scott, Scott Talbot and Ronny Ross.

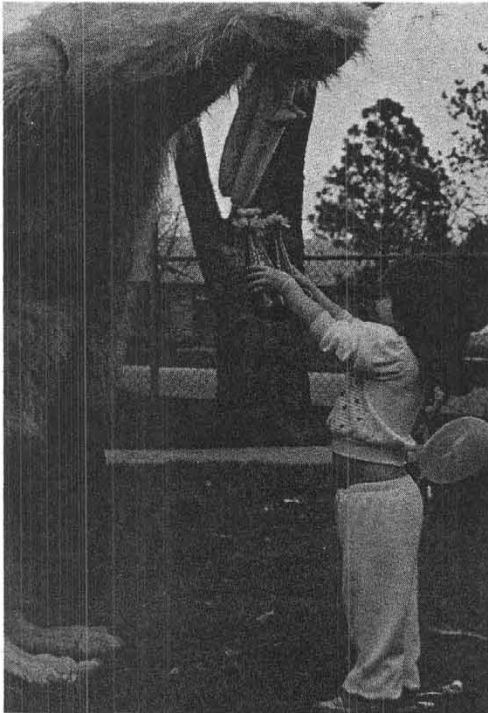
The SIOUX FALLS, WATER-TOWN and YANKTON, S.D., churches were hosts to a YOU prom weekend that began with Sabbath services March 30. Guests included YOU members and chaperons representing 17 churches in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and North and South Dakota.

After services Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services in Pasadena, conducted a Bible study, bringing to mind the order and infinite variety of God's creation. Mr. Jutsum also emphasized individual responsibility and accountability for the selection of appropriate music.

A prime rib dinner was served in a candlelit atmosphere, after which Mr. Jutsum was disc jockey for an evening of dancing and fellowship.

The host churches provided a pancake breakfast the next morning, after which Bismarck, N.D., won the District 44 basketball tournament.

Robert Smith and Karen Dickerson Colburn.



HAVE A WHIFF — Kerri Barbee, 3, who attends the Topeka, Kan., church with her parents, James and Deborah Barbee, offers Big Bird a smell of her flowers at a children's picnic April 7.

Club members attend special meetings

Eyebrows were raised in the border town of DUNDALK, Irish Republic, March 31, when Church members of Protestant and Catholic backgrounds from Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic met in unity for their third annual All-Ireland Spokesman Club meeting.

Ninety-three brethren, including wives and dates, gathered at the Ballymacanlon Hotel for a lunch of Irish lamb and trimmings. Members of the Belfast, Northern Ireland, Spokesman and Graduate Clubs and the Dublin, Irish Republic, Spokesman Club then spoke.

The proceedings were begun by Eagar Hickson, a Dublin deacon and the Dublin club's sergeant at arms. Bill Huston, Belfast club president, then took the chair for the remainder of the first half. Raymond Jordan from Dublin conducted tabletopics. During the second half Gordon Hall, Dublin president, was toastmaster and introduced speakers Danny Campbell from the Ballymena, Northern Ireland, church; Victor Scott from Dublin; and Stuart Foster and Bobby Beggs from Belfast.

Evaluations were given by Seamus McKenna, Frank Watson and Desmond Simpson from Belfast and

Brendan Behan from Dublin.

The overall evaluation was presented by John Jewell, pastor of the Ballymena and Belfast, Northern Ireland, and Dublin and Galway, Irish Republic, churches and director of the three clubs.

March 30 FLORENCE, S.C., Spokesman Club members conducted a meeting about China, which

Girls put on fashion show

"Look to the Children" was the theme for the March 30 girls fashion show for the combined MUNCIE and RICHMOND, Ind., churches. Combined Sabbath services and a dinner preceded the annual event.

The girls made the outfits themselves, but assistance from a parent or adult was allowed. The 32 girls who participated ranged in age from 4 to 20.

The girls narrated the show and provided entertainment. To conclude the fashion show, Michael Shrader sang "Look to the Children," written for the event by Deborah Dolak.

The stage was decorated with a bridge and garden scene with a gazebo. A three-tiered cake (decorated like the stage), coffee and

was opened to Florence brethren. Harlan Brown from Raleigh, N.C., gave a slide presentation of his 1984 Feast trip to Nanjing, China.

After a speech by Mike Howell outlining the history of China, Mr. Brown's slides illustrated aspects of Chinese life-style.

Linda Wood and Edythe Hall and Charles B. Edwards.

punch were served.

The purpose of the event is to encourage and recognize homemaking skills among the girls, while helping them to develop poise and confidence. Michelle Baumgartner.

Members make taffy, pick grapes

Sixty-five QUEBEC CITY, Que., brethren took part in their annual *partie de sucre* (maple sugar party) March 17. After a meal and the traditional tasting of fresh, hot maple taffy spread over a bed of snow, participants played family games inside the *cabane a sucre* (sugar cabin).

In a musical game, guitarist Larry Tredger and flutist Marie Therese Boutin played the first few notes of hymns by the late Dwight Armstrong. Members on two teams then tried to guess the hymn title or psalm number.

Forty-six ADELAIDE, Australia, brethren and their children raised \$1,200 March 24 picking grapes for Leo Burings, a leading wine maker in the Barossa Valley, 45 miles north of Adelaide.

From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. the group picked 16 tons of grapes. Jeff Rosenzweig, who works for Mr. Burings, organized the event.

Robert Scott and Bruce Scotland.



AWARDS NIGHT — Robert Smith, pastor of the Fort Worth, Tex., A.M. and P.M. churches, gives a certificate to Treyon Bradford, who attends the Fort Worth P.M. church, at a combined Dallas and Fort Worth dinner and dance April 6 commemorating high school graduation.

Church member regains use of once-severed hand

By Rex Morgan
AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Despite prognosis to the contrary, Margaret Burfoot, a Church member here who had her right hand severed in an auto accident Nov. 14, has regained a good deal of the use of her hand.

Rex Morgan, a local elder, is an employee of the Auckland, New Zealand, Regional Office.

Mrs. Burfoot, 59, was traveling on an isolated country road, when one of the car's front tires suddenly blew out, sending the car careening into a ditch. The auto rolled over three times before coming to rest in the front yard of one of the only houses in the area.

Mrs. Burfoot was trapped inside the car holding her severed right hand in her left hand.

This is where God's intervention began. Amazingly, for such an isolated road, a truck happened to be following her. The driver had an

expert knowledge of first aid and quickly freed Mrs. Burfoot and stemmed the flow of blood.

Doctors said she would have died within three minutes if help had not come.

Mrs. Burfoot was rushed to the nearest hospital, where the hand was stitched back on. The first thing that amazed the doctors was the number of cards that poured into the hospital from concerned brethren who had been asked to pray for Mrs. Burfoot.

The hospital staff was surprised at Mrs. Burfoot's rapid recovery. Specialists assured her that her hand would be a dead limb — she would not be able to hold a pen or a knife again.

But five months later, Mrs. Burfoot takes notes at Sabbath services with her injured hand, holds a knife while eating and shakes hands with her friends.

She gets checkups and therapy at the hospital, where she still hears comments like "incredible," "amazing" and "unbelievable."

Vietnam

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AIDS epidemic that threatens to careen out of control — the closer God's punishment draws near. America's leaders can no longer stand up against, or even in many cases identify, the nation's sworn enemies.

In the April 5, 1983, "World-watch" column, the Vietnam syndrome was predicted to lead to the action that took place in Congress:

"The curse of Vietnam, which crushed America's pride in its power (Leviticus 26:19), stalks the halls of Congress and the corridors of editorial offices all over America."

"One gets the distinct impression that, like in Vietnam, the United States will get haltingly, half-heartedly, fearfully — unsure of itself and of public opinion on the home front . . .

"The Soviets and Cubans are not afraid to pour in enough power in Nicaragua to meet the challenge, whereas the U.S. Congress will probably blow the

whistle on the operation."

It was easy to see that this would happen. America's weakness is now fairly predictable. To continue:

"The United States has not learned the real lesson of the war in Vietnam: that, in this world, a nation must fight to win, not to fight a war 'on the cheap' and with the limited objectives against a foe determined to gain vital victory.

"Solomon wisely said there is a 'time of war' (Ecclesiastes 3:8, Revised Authorized Version) — and when engaging in it, like anything else, 'do it with your might' (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

"The Soviets, on the other hand, did learn a lesson from the U.S. debacle in Vietnam, as expressed by Ian Greig, deputy director of Britain's Foreign Affairs Research Institute: 'The American withdrawal from Vietnam,' he said, showed the Soviets that 'American domestic politics would not readily allow U.S. military intervention abroad again . . .

"Truly a national calamity of immense proportions awaits the United States from the ferment in its 'soft underbelly' region."



ROYAL VISIT — Top photo: John Hovey, a Church member and managing director of the Solent Container Services Terminal in the Prince Charles Container Port in Southampton, England, explains the operation of the terminal to the Prince of Wales April 10. Right photo: Prince Charles and Mr. Hovey listen to an explanation by the shift manager (right). Mr. Hovey showed the prince various aspects of the operation including the computer control system, a container ship and introduced him to staff members. Mr. Hovey said that Prince Charles was keenly interested in everything he saw. The prince is no stranger to ships as he captained a minesweeper in the Royal navy. [Photos courtesy of Solent Container Services]



Letters TO THE EDITOR

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was struck by the beauty of the buildings and grounds. I particularly liked the dancing in front of the fountain. I called five neighbors in to watch it and they enjoyed it also.

Florence Bongiovanni
Pinellas Park, Fla.

I would like to tell you how much I enjoyed the television broadcast about

the Ambassador College singers and dancers. I really enjoyed the young lady and the little girl with the baby lamb and lion. In fact, I watched it again on Sunday. After I watch your broadcast my day seems to go better.

Mrs. Richard Fox
East Wenatchee, Wash.
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Campus visits

A few days ago I was privileged to tour Ambassador College in Pasadena. The high quality in character, beauty, education, warmth and friendliness was breathtaking. It is a beautiful example to this world and a beginning of the world tomorrow. I was so excited.

Then I came home and looked at all

the unhappy and empty lives, the grief and suffering going on in Satan's world . . . It has inspired me to get behind you [Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong] and pray for you and this World more than ever so God's will can be done on this earth.

Carolyn Comer
Elk City, Okla.

I went to see your place (the college) last year and I'd like to tell you that it is just so beautiful there. Everything is so nice and clean. Everyone looks so neat and happy. The cafeteria served us good food and I really enjoyed the place.

Claire Carreau
South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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the late Johnny Broyles, and David Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stephens, were united in marriage Dec. 16, 1984, in Jamestown, Tenn. The ceremony was performed by John Combs, pastor of the Knoxville and Crossville, Tenn., churches. The matron of honor was Ann Lambert, and the best man was Denton Stephens, brother of the groom. The couple reside in London, Ky.

Charles: As the number 7 is God's symbol of spiritual completion, we rejoice in the completion of our first seven years together. May 28: May the joys and hardships we've shared truly bond and enhance the future of our "little kingdom" as we allow God to build upon and within it. We love you, Your Cathy and little princess, Matthew and Nathan.

To Randy: My love for you is growing as the years we share together go by. Having you for my husband is such a wonderful blessing. Thank you, Darling, for 12 wonderful years! Your wife, Connie.

Brent, Thank you for the best two years of my life. Happy anniversary May 15. ILY, Colleen.

Mrs. Adams was baptized in 1962 along with two of Mr. Adams' brothers and one of her sons, Tom, in Chicago by evangelist Harold Jackson. One year later Mr. Adams and his daughter, Myrtle, were baptized.

Ind., and Madisonville, Ky., churches.

READING, England — Georgina G.M. "Nan" Taylor, 84, died March 12 after several months of failing health. Mrs. Taylor was baptized in October, 1975. She was buried next to her husband.

arthritis condition. Funeral services were conducted by Laurie Nyhus, associate pastor of the Toronto East church.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Charles Waldo Lentz, 75, a deacon in the St. Petersburg congregation, died March 21.

Survivors include his wife, Wreatha, one daughter, two brothers, four sisters, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Robert Jones, pastor of the St. Petersburg church.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Madeleine Meland, 37, died March 7 of injuries received in an auto accident March 2. Mrs. Meland has been a Church member since 1974, and attended the Portland East church.

She is survived by her husband, Ron, a deacon; and four children, Kim, 15, Karleen, 14, Karen, 11, and Scott, 9.

The funeral service was conducted March 10 by Bryan Hoyt, pastor of the Portland East and Hood River, Ore., churches.

MODESTO, Calif. — Iris Smith, 70, died March 15 after a long fight against cancer. She was born in Baker, Ore., Jan. 22, 1915.

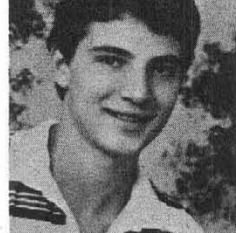
Mrs. Smith was baptized in July, 1976. Although sometimes in pain she attended services regularly. The last service she attended was just two weeks before her death.

Mrs. Smith left no survivors; her husband died several years before her death.

Obituaries

TORONTO, Ont. — Rose Capel, 85, died March 1. She left her estate to the Church.

When she retired from auxiliary class teaching at Centre Street Public School in Oshawa, Ont., she was called "a teacher who truly exemplified all that was best in the teaching profession . . . Truly she taught others how to live because she herself knew the secret."



JOSEPH KOLLER

Mr. Koller is survived by his parents, Herschel and Violet Koller; Church members, and sisters Deborah and Robin and a brother Benjamin, all of whom attend services.

The funeral was conducted by Fredrick Bailey, pastor of the Evansville,



ROSE CAPEL

Miss Capel was baptized in June, 1968. The last four years of her life she was confined to her home with an

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. AUGUSTUS JOSEPH

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Joseph of the London, England, church celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary March 23 with 130 of their friends. The couple, with their two sons, Alexander and Adrian, have attended services in God's Church since the 1960s.

Weddings Made of Gold

PASADENA — Mr. and Mrs. Willie Adams of Pasadena celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary April 11. They were married in 1933 in Fernwood, Miss., and moved to Chicago, Ill., in 1954.

The Adamses moved to Pasadena in 1978.

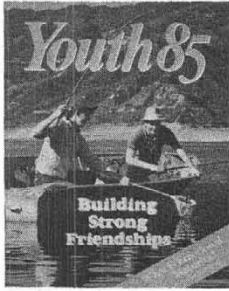
For their 50th anniversary they were taken out to dinner with some friends and given two gold watches by their three children, Tom of Covina, Calif., Myrtle Tate of Pasadena and Willie Jr. of Chicago. They have one grandchild, Nicole Tate.

The Adamses came into the Church through Mr. Adams' mother, who was baptized in 1952. They began listening to the *World Tomorrow* broadcast in 1954.

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

PASADENA — A library subscription program added more than 31,000 subscribers to *Youth 85*, according to Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services.

"We rented a list of high school and college libraries in the United States and sent them a specially packaged copy of the January issue," said Boyd Leeson, U.S. circulation manager for *Youth 85*. "Of the 33,000 we sent out, about 85 percent accepted the free subscription offer."



MAY 'YOUTH 85'

U.S. library circulation is now 46,650.

Mr. Leeson added that about 1,000 subscribers are added each month from issues placed in the libraries.

"We're excited about this new opportunity to reach a different audience of teenagers and college students," said Dexter H. Faulkner, managing editor of Church publications.

"This exposes a whole new group of people to Mr. Herbert Armstrong's articles and a lot of positive, helpful advice on how to live that we put in each issue of *Youth 85*."

Worldwide circulation of *Youth 85* for the May issue stood at 181,162, Mr. Leeson said.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services released the following ordinations:

Earl St. Denis, a deacon in the Wetaskiwin, Alta., church, was ordained a local church elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread April 6.

Charles Lowe, a deacon in the Bridgetown, Barbados, church, was ordained a local church elder on the last day of Unleavened Bread April 12.

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PASADENA — Beginning with the June issue, *Youth 85* will be available on tape for the blind, according to Garland Snuffer, supervisor of Radio Production and Educational Services for the Handicapped. Previously, selected articles from *Youth 85* were put on tapes of *The Good News*.

The tapes are loaned out for three weeks to brethren who have physical handicaps that make reading difficult or impossible, Mr. Snuffer said. U.S. brethren may request tapes of the magazine by writing to the Worldwide Church of God, Services for the Handicapped, Pasadena, Calif., 91129. Brethren outside the United States should write to the nearest regional office.

Mr. Snuffer also said that tapes of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's *World Tomorrow* radio broadcasts taken from the book of Hebrews were sent to all English-speaking congregations the week of April 22 to 26. The four tapes include eight half-hour broadcasts.

Titles of those broadcasts are *Answered Prayer*, *Man's Destiny*, *Salvation*, *Real Christianity*, *The*

Sabbath, *Melchisedec*, *Christ: Head of the Church and a New Priesthood*.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here released the following itinerary for evangelist Gerald Waterhouse.

June 1, London, Somerset and Middlesboro, Ky.; combined Sabbath services; June 2, Hazard, Ky.; June 3, Pikeville, Ky.; June 4, Paintsville, Ky.; June 5, Mount Sterling, Ky.; June 6, Portsmouth, Ohio; June 7, Chillicothe, Ohio; June 8, Dayton, Ohio, A.M. and P.M., combined Sabbath services.

June 10, Richmond and Muncie, Ind.; June 11, Fort Wayne, Ind.; June 12, Lafayette, Ind.; June 15, Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., combined Sabbath services; June 16, Champaign and Springfield, Ill.; June 17, Peoria, Ill.; June 18, Macomb, Ill.; June 19, Ottumwa, Iowa; June 20, Des Moines, Iowa; June 22, Waterloo, Davenport and Iowa City, Iowa, combined Sabbath services.

June 23, Rockford, Ill., and Madison, Wis.; June 24, Michigan City, Ind.; June 25, Elkhart, Ind.; June 26, Plymouth, Ind.; June 29, Hammond, Ind., and Chicago, Ill., West, Southside, North and Northwest, combined Sabbath services; and June 30, Kalamazoo and Coldwater, Mich.



SEMIANNUAL LETTER — Coy Colbert (center), production foreman of the Church's Postal Center, and Paul Haymond, postal employee, check some of more than 1.7 million copies of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's May 6 semiannual letter to *Plain Truth* subscribers. According to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (which includes the Postal Center), the above letters are part of the about 4.4 million letters that will be mailed to subscribers worldwide. [Photo by Michael A. Snyder]

661 attend 'PV' Bible lectures

PASADENA — Ministers conducted *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) Bible lectures in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and Santiago, Chile, according to Keith Speaks, circulation manager for *La Pura Verdad*.

Two hundred eighty-six new people attended the lecture con-

ducted in Santo Domingo April 28 by Pablo Gonzalez, pastor of the San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Barquisimeto, Venezuela, churches.

The lecture at the Hotel Santo Domingo was the first in the country in six years, according to Mr. Gonzalez. Attendance was 17.5 percent of those invited.

According to Mr. Gonzalez, most were in the 25 to 35 age group. He counseled eight people while in the country.

Two Church members live there, and there are 6,100 *Pura Verdad* subscribers, Mr. Speaks said.

The World Tomorrow with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong appears on cable television four times a week, Mr. Gonzalez said.

In Santiago, about 3,700 miles south of Santo Domingo, pastor Mario Seigle conducted Bible lectures April 20, 21, 27 and 28. Three hundred seventy-five new people attended.

Mr. Seigle started follow-up Bible studies on Saturday nights for six weeks. He said that 150 people indicated they would like to come.

Subjects covered at the lectures were that the Bible is a book for today, signs of the end time and how to escape the coming tribulation.

Evangelist Leon Walker, regional director of the Church in Spanish-speaking areas, attended the first two lectures with his wife, Reba (see article, page 1).

Mr. Speaks said that about half of the Santiago church began attending services because of the *Pura Verdad* lectures, which began in 1982. About 170 people attend services in Chile, and 9,500 take *La Pura Verdad*.

INTERNATIONAL DESK A WORLD VIEW FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

PASADENA — Michael Caputo, a ministerial trainee in the Italian Department here, and his wife, Leonilda, visited members and prospective members in Rome and northern Italy in February.

Mr. Caputo, an Ambassador College junior, and his wife are from Toronto, Ont., and speak Italian as their native language.

They contacted 17 people during the trip. Ten showed a genuine interest in being baptized, and the other seven are good potential candidates for baptism later. Most prospective members in Italy came into contact with the Church through *The World Tomorrow* with Italian subtitles, *La Pura Verita* (Italian *Plain Truth*) and booklets.

The World Tomorrow began airing May 5 on Retequattro, one of the three largest independent televi-

sion stations in Italy. Retequattro has five times more Italian viewers than Tele-Monte-Carlo (TMC), and is heard by network in virtually every part of Italy.

The owner of Retequattro offered the air time to the Church's regional office in Borehamwood, England, in March. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong directed that the Church accept the offer.

The telecast will continue on TMC, where it began 1½ years ago. TMC reaches northern Italy and many cities along the western coast including Rome.

Canada

Plain Truth circulation is running at an all-time high in Canada. The English and French editions go to 414,594 subscribers, and 613,250 copies are distrib-

uted on newsstands.

In a direct-mail campaign 31,834 or 4.7 percent requested the English-language *Plain Truth*, and 13,295 or 6.7 percent requested the French *Plain Truth* (*La Pure Verite*).

New Zealand

Another tropical hurricane closed in on Fiji in March, but Church brethren were spared from any injuries. Epeli Kanaimawi, a local church elder serving the Suva, Fiji, congregation, wrote:

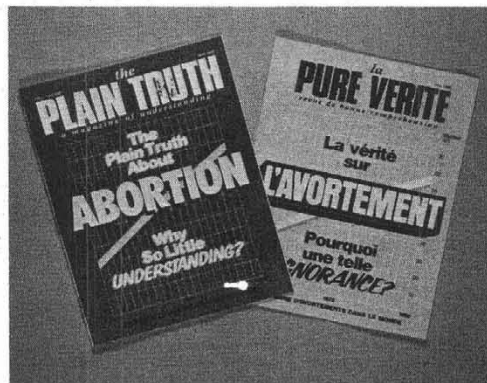
"Please convey our gratitude and sincere thanks to the brethren for their prayers for us in a frightening time of need. With three very strong cyclones through Fiji early this year, this fourth one was to be an experience of a lifetime!"

"Listening to the radio announcements on Saturday evening [March 16] and Sunday morning, one could clearly detect the terror and intense fear in the voice of the announcers as they described the path and intensity of hurricane Hina. There was no doubt that Satan was out to destroy us.

"We are grateful to the Eternal for intervening and sparing us from real destruction and death. All previous cyclones that I know of travelled either in a straight line or a gentle curve through Fiji. It can clearly be seen from the maps published in the local papers that the hurricane continued to be pushed away from Fiji's coastline as it approached the western coast of our islands.

"Winds of 120 knots per hour gusting to 160 knots or more per hour were 40 miles off-centre. The hurricane skirted Fiji at distances varying between 60 and 80 miles away — just enough distance from the centre to save the country.

"We have, in a very dramatic and unforgettable way, seen demonstrated the dynamic power of the Eternal and how He is willing and able to move the earth to answer His people's prayers. We thank you deeply for your part in praying for our safety. It has certainly brought us closer to one another in the unity that I am confident the Eternal is well pleased to see in the Church."



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