

## HWA travels to Syria, Jordan; meets royalty, officials, students

By Aaron K. Dean  
AMMAN, Jordan — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong arrived here May 8 aboard the Church's G-III jet, continuing his European and Middle Eastern tour. The pastor general had flown to Jordan from Damascus, Syria. Arriving in Damascus May 6

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

from England, Mr. Armstrong was greeted by UCLA Professor Giorgio Buccellati and Dr. Marilyn Kelly-Buccellati of California State University, Los Angeles, archaeologists excavating in the ancient city of Terqa in the Mesopotamian Valley on the Euphrates River and the site of Tell Mozan, possibly ancient Urkish, near the Syrian border with Turkey.

The Terqa excavations are funded in cooperation with the Ambassador Foundation, the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) and other foundations and individuals.

Also present to greet Mr. Armstrong were Professor Zuhd, curator in chief of Syria's National Museum, and Mr. Burgess, cultural attaché from the United States Embassy.

After clearing Syrian customs the group was driven to the Meridian Hotel.

### Museum tour

Tuesday, May 7, at 11 a.m. the group entered a car provided by

Prime Minister Abdul-Ra'ouf al-Kassem's office for a drive to Syria's National Museum.

There Mr. Armstrong was given a private tour of artifacts and relics from the time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (early second millennium B.C.). One artifact Mr. Armstrong viewed with interest was a rare tablet displaying the Ugaritic alphabet.

He also saw Hittite ivory and gold jewelry, clay tablets with seals from different kings, and idols to pagan gods of the period.

Mr. Armstrong made some additions to his book *Mystery of the Ages* to show how ancient cultures viewed deities.

From the museum the group drove to the office of Najah Attar, the Syrian minister of culture, who was Mr. Armstrong's official host for the visit. With Dr. Attar was Afif Bahassi, director general for antiquities in Syria, and William Eagleton, U.S. ambassador to Syria.

Dr. Attar thanked Mr. Armstrong for his support of the Terqa excavations. The pastor general gave her the latest publication about artifacts uncovered at Terqa.

Dr. Attar then gave Mr. Armstrong a silver hand-tooled set of cup holders, which Mr. Armstrong said will be displayed in the Hall of Administration.

### Street called Straight

Next the group was driven to Azem Palace in the center of the old city. It is near the end of the street called Straight. This is the street described in Acts 9:11, where the

apostle Paul met Ananias, through whom God restored his vision.

The group drove the length of this boulevard before turning left into the palace.

Mr. Armstrong recalled that he viewed the same palace 29 years ago during a tour with his wife, Loma, and oldest son, evangelist Richard Armstrong.

He said the palace had not changed much in 29 years, although the city is much larger.

After visiting the palace the group drove to the residence of Ambassador Eagleton and his wife, Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Eagleton invited a number of top U.S. Embassy personnel, Dr. and Mrs. Bahassi, and the mayor of Mayadin, a town near (See HWA, page 3)



VISIT WITH STUDENTS — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (center) shares a light moment in his Amman, Jordan, hotel suite May 8 with Ambassador College students serving on Ambassador Foundation projects in Jordan. (Photo by Aaron Dean)

## 1985 may be 'watershed year'

# Europe: media doors opening

By David Hulme  
PASADENA — It appears that 1985 will be a watershed year concerning *World Tomorrow* television coverage in Western Europe.

David Hulme, a pastor-rank minister, is director of Media Purchasing for the Church.

After a 12-day trip to Europe with Donald Mitchum, president of BBDO/West (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn), we learned that

several television markets are going to open up in European countries in 1985 and 1986.

After beginning the trip April 28 I met with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong May 3 at the British Regional Office in Borehamwood, England. I reviewed with the pastor general a May 2 daylong meeting in Luxembourg with officials of Radio-Television Luxembourg (RTL).

There we discussed broadcasting opportunities in Europe using satellites and current and potential *World Tomorrow* air times on RTL.

The French government is planning to deregulate French television. It is expected that private, non-government television will begin there in 1986. France has three national, government-controlled television stations.

Mr. Mitchum and I flew to Monte Carlo May 6. The next day we met with Jean-Louis Medecin, president of Tele-Monte-Carlo (TMC) and the brother of the mayor of Nice, France. Along with the Italian-subtitled

program, God's Church also airs the French-subtitled *World Tomorrow* program on TMC.

During our meeting we discussed additional air time on TMC and the coming changes in French television.

Before returning to the United States, Mr. Mitchum and I traveled to Paris, France, to meet with French BBDO executives. This branch of BBDO's international network has a reputation as a top creative agency.

The officials briefed us on the electronic media situation in France. The government plans to provide cable for 1.5 million homes in Paris, which is expected to be part of a private cable network in the future.

European media doors could open wide in the coming months. Since our media budget is already fully allocated, the Media Purchasing area would appreciate your prayers that God will provide the necessary financial means to walk through those doors when they open.

## AC Pasadena graduates 227

By Jeff Zhorne  
PASADENA — Warning against the hazards of drug abuse, evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor, addressed 144 graduating seniors and 83 associate degree candidates at the 35th commencement exercises of Pasadena Ambassador College May 17.

Mr. Hoeh, who delivered the commencement address in the Ambassador Auditorium, filled in for Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong, who was in the Mideast (see article this page).

This marks the first time in the history of May commencement exercises here that associate of arts and associate of science degrees were conferred on students who completed two years at Ambassador College.

At 3 p.m. the faculty and 227 graduates filed in to "Pomp and Circumstance" from the lower lobby to seats in the Auditorium. The men wore dark suits, and the women wore floor-length white dresses, and each carried a dozen red roses.

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

Before Mr. Hoeh's address, outgoing Student Body President Joel Meeker gave the discourse (see page 7).

Then the Ambassador Chorale, directed by John D. Schroeder, pre-

sented "The Last Words of David" by Randall Thompson and "The Hallelujah Chorus" by George Frederick Handel, accompanied on the trumpet by freshman Richard Gillis.

Mr. Hoeh, in his address titled "The New Lost Generation," explained the problems besetting today's generation of students. He told the graduates about polydrug abuse, which includes "alcohol, licit and illicit hard drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, the uppers and downers. The list seems nearly endless."

Continued Mr. Hoeh: "Faculty members of one of the public schools of our Los Angeles [Calif.] system told my wife and me that on an average in the classes of this non ghetto, this non-inner city school of the Los Angeles system, upwards of one half of the students, she said, to use the modern term, are 'out of it.'"

"They are either on alcohol, hard drugs or have worked long hours and are tired and exhausted by 8 a.m. in order to earn money to buy a car to have a good time or to be able to go somewhere to buy the drugs.

"If one half of the non-inner cities, imagine what could be true of some of our inner-city schools," Mr. Hoeh said.

According to the Registrar's Office those who received degrees

are as follows:

### Bachelor of arts

With high distinction (cumulative grade point average [GPA] of at least 3.80): Patricia Eileen Briggs, Belinda Falk, Rebecca Lyn Ella Harden and Kerri Jean Miles.

With high distinction (cumulative GPA of at least 3.50): Kelly Ileen Ambrose, Kathleen Jane Bellamy, Ronald Bolzern, Linda Levada Brooks, Denise Heather Browne, Mardy Ben Cobb, Teresa Marie Conti, Roxanne Dowd, Raymond Armon Eddings, Pamela Faye Fannin, Donald R. Hornsby, Curtis Edward Lindsley.

Joel Christopher Meeker, Martin Timothy William Prince, Daniel Lawrence Reyer, Michael Andrew Rice, Sio Ching Anke Shia, Kathleen Marie Shields, Linda Arlene Snuffer, Garry Mark Steadman, Linda Marie Strelow, Karen Elizabeth Thomas, Charles B. Wakefield and Robert Daniel Walker.

With distinction (cumulative GPA of at least 3.20): Gregory Todd Achtemichuk, Gloria Guimid Angel, Gary O. Campbell, Helen Marec Chandler, Jeffrey Scott Dowd, Lisa Sprotte Girouard, Millie Sarai Gonzalez, Cynthia Lynne Gray, Barbara Carolyn Haines, Socrates Karagiannidis, Gerard Ian Landreth, Saul Langarica Verdin, William A. Lewis.

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## Texas campus confers 158 associate degrees

By Kerri Miles  
PASADENA — One hundred fifty-eight associate of arts or science degrees were conferred in commencement exercises at Big Sandy Ambassador College May 15 in the field house auditorium, according to the academic dean's office in Big Sandy.

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, editor of *The Plain Truth*, gave the commencement address.

Faculty members led the processional, followed by the degree candidates. The men wore dark suits, and the women wore white dresses and each carried a dozen red roses. Processional and recessional music was provided by Ruth Walter, pianist and a faculty member at Big Sandy

Ambassador College. The freshman graduation monitor was Janice Dion.

Larry Salyer, dean of students, gave the invocation, and evangelist Leslie McCulloch, deputy chancellor, welcomed the faculty, graduates, students and guests.

Randal Urwiller, sophomore class president, gave the discourse, titled, "A Time of Change."

Next, the Big Sandy Ambassador College Chorale, directed by Roger Bryant, sang "Praise the Lord" by Handel and "He, Watching Over Israel," by Mendelssohn.

Mr. Hoeh's address was on "The New Lost Generation" who are being inundated by hard drugs and

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 the Terqa excavations. The group totaled 15.

The ambassador, who speaks Arabic, French and Spanish, has served in the U.S. Foreign Service for more than 30 years. He served 33 years ago as a staff member in the Syrian Embassy and has returned as ambassador. Most of his career, as he told the group, was in the Middle East and Northern Africa.

Mr. Armstrong explained the activities of the Ambassador Foundation and talked about his new book *Mystery of the Ages*. As has happened before, many were surprised that Mr. Armstrong is traveling and writing at age 92.

The meal began with steamed artichokes, followed by Moroccan dishes (the ambassador employs a Moroccan cook) and spicy chicken. After dessert of lemon chiffon, Mr. Armstrong accepted an invitation for an informal dinner that evening and returned to the hotel.

That afternoon Mr. Armstrong and his personal aide, Aaron Dean, worked on a "Personal" explaining the tragedy of abortion for the September *Plain Truth*.

At 7:30 p.m. the group returned to the ambassador's residence for dinner. The Buccellatis were there with the Eagletons to greet Mr. Armstrong.

After a pleasant conversation the group entered the dining room for a dinner of salad and egg souffle and dessert of strawberries and coffee.

The ambassador thanked Mr. Armstrong for allowing him to be part of the Ambassador Foundation's activities in Syria. He explained that the U.S. government gets partial credit for any successful project whether the government has any official part in it.

He led a discussion of the Arab world in general, which proved useful to the group's understanding. At 9:30 p.m. Mr. Armstrong said good-night and returned to the hotel.

**Special luncheon**

Wednesday, May 8, the group packed and sent the luggage back to the G-III. Before leaving, Dr. Attar was host to a luncheon for Mr. Armstrong at the Cham Palace Hotel. We learned later from Ambassador Eagleton that it is a rare honor for a government official to play host to a luncheon for a private individual, like Mr. Armstrong.

On the way to the luncheon the group toured one of the world's oldest mosques, the Great Omayyad Mosque.

The mosque was built about 70 years after the death of Muhammad in A.D. 632.

The mosque is at the end of one of the world's longest souks, or open markets. The mosque's mosaics are in beautiful condition and presented a good example of architecture during the A.D. 700s.

The visit gave Mr. Armstrong ideas for additional material to add to *Mystery of the Ages*.

The group rode to the 15th story of the Cham Palace Hotel for a reception, where they met Dr. Bahnassi, Mr. Daglish, director of the National Library, the dean of faculty of the University of Damascus, Ambassador Eagleton and other officials.

After a lunch of traditional Arabic dishes such as Arabic salad, humus, pita bread, lamb, chicken and baklava, Dr. Attar spoke about archaeological projects in Syria.

Ambassador Eagleton then spoke about Americans like Mr. Armstrong who try to help humanity in spite of its seemingly unsolvable problems.

At the conclusion of the luncheon Mr. Armstrong addressed the group, startling them by saying he also worked for the U.S. government. In a humorous comment about paying taxes, Mr. Armstrong said, "Half of my salary goes to the

[U.S.] government and another part to the State of California."

He then discussed world conditions and said that peace is coming to the Middle East, but not in the way that most might expect it.

**On to Amman**

Mr. Armstrong thanked Dr. Attar and then left with the group for the Damascus airport. The group was greeted for a final time by the Buccellatis and Dr. Zuhd at the VIP lounge. Mr. Armstrong then boarded the G-III, and the plane took off at 4:30 p.m.

Thirty minutes later Mr. Armstrong stepped off the plane at the Amman, Jordan, airport, where he was greeted by Richard Weber, director of the foundation projects in Jordan, and Cliff Parks, an Ambassador College student.

He was escorted to the VIP lounge where he was greeted by Khawla Abu Odeh, wife of Adnan Abu Odeh, Jordan's former minister of information, who serves as a principal royal aide to King Hussein.

The pastor general then stepped into a Mercedes-Benz supplied by the Jordanian government and was driven to the Marriott Hotel.

He received an exceptionally warm welcome from the Ambassador College students here.

They joined Mr. Armstrong in his hotel suite for discussions covering a wide variety of subjects including the two main projects in Jordan: the Bunyat Center for Special Education and the Al Hussein Center for the Physically Handicapped.

At 7:30 p.m. the students said good-night, and after a light dinner Mr. Armstrong went to bed.

At 10:45 a.m., Thursday, May 9, Mr. Armstrong was driven to the royal palace for a meeting with Princess Sarvath, wife of Crown Prince Hassan.

She greeted Mr. Armstrong warmly, escorting him into a sitting room. Also present were Mrs. Abu Odeh; Mrs. Kadijeh, secretary to the princess; and Ghusoon Karah, the principal of the Bunyat Center.

The princess updated Mr. Armstrong on the progress of the center, spoke of certain problems and discussed the vocational business shop the center hopes to build.

She said she is pleased with the work of the students and asked if another group had been selected.

The pastor general told her that another group had been selected and is anxious to begin work.

After having tea Mr. Armstrong said the foundation is glad to be of service and said good-bye to the princess and the group.

After lunch at the Marriott, the group drove to the Jordan Sports Center for a wheelchair basketball demonstration. At 4 p.m. the physically handicapped players began the game, which was inspiring to Mr. Armstrong's traveling group.

Smiles and happiness seemed to permeate, and Mr. Armstrong was told that this attitude did not exist before Ambassador students became involved.

After a 20-minute demonstration, the handicapped players defeated Ambassador College vol-



**SYRIAN VISIT** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong talks with Giorgio Buccellati (left), a professor from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) who is helping to excavate ancient sites in Syria. [Photo by Aaron K. Dean]

unteers in a scrimmage.

The students managed to talk Mr. Armstrong's personal aide into a wheelchair to participate. That added some unexpected comedy when Mr. Dean fell over backward while trying to make a shot. This caused Mr. Armstrong to joke that he "didn't know you were a pente-

costal," referring to the practice of Pentecostals falling backward during certain religious ceremonies.

After the game ended with "high fives" — a greeting sometimes used by American athletes, Mr. Armstrong posed in a wheelchair with the group.

At 6 p.m. the students arrived at Mr. Armstrong's hotel suite for an informal senior dinner of hamburgers and french fries. It was not the same as the formal meal served by Mr. Armstrong to seniors at the Social Center in Pasadena, but it was welcomed by the students.

**Winning at hearts**

At 8 p.m. the dinner ended, and the table was prepared for a game of what has become known as Jordanian hearts. With 10 people playing, the group used 60 cards instead of the usual 52, so all could hold six cards apiece.

Hearts is a giving game, where the player with the lowest number of points wins. Mr. Armstrong again demonstrated his giving capacity by ending up with the lowest number of points.

At 10 p.m. the game broke up, and a pleasant evening ended.

On the Moslem Sabbath, Friday, May 10, Mr. Armstrong polished a few final additions to *Mystery of the Ages*. He had been invited to attend a fund raiser on a train ride across the desert, but decided instead to work on *Mystery of the Ages* with his aide.

Sabbath, May 11, the Ambassador College students returned to Mr. Armstrong's suite for a 2:30 p.m. Sabbath service.

The students usually hear sermon tapes sent from Pasadena. Occasionally a minister from the United Kingdom conducts a service.

Mr. Armstrong explained *Mystery of the Ages*, discussing the purpose of angels, the original purpose of man, the ultimate purpose of mankind and what lies ahead for humanity.

He said *Mystery of the Ages* will be the textbook for the required Bible class for sophomores and that everyone would need to read this book with the scriptures.

**Ordination ceremony**

At the close of the service, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Dean and Lawrence Dietrich, the co-captain of the G-III and a local elder from the Long Beach, Calif., P.M., church, ordained Mr. Weber a local elder.

The students were excited and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Weber on his new responsibilities. Mr. Weber will no longer have to use the anointed cloths that he did for illness among the students, but will now be able to anoint for sickness

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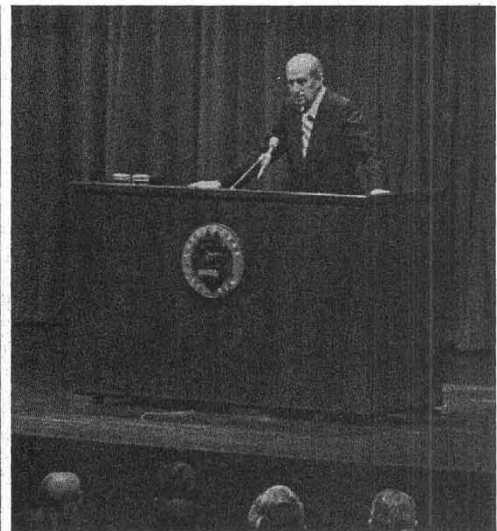
## Big Sandy



**DIPLOMAS AND ROSES** — One hundred fifty-eight students received associate of arts or science degrees at commencement exercises in Big Sandy (left photos) May 15 in the field house auditorium. In Pasadena 227 degrees were conferred at the commencement ceremony May 17 in the Ambassador Auditorium. Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh delivered the commencement address at both campuses. [Photos by Mike Bedford, G.A. Belluche Jr., Kevin Blackburn, Ken Tate and Warren Watson]

# Commencement 1985

Pasadena



## President's speech to class

Deputy Chancellor [Raymond] McNair, members of the faculty and administration, honored guests and fellow students:

In the year A.D. 1346, war afflicted Europe. On Aug. 26 of that year, on a northern French hillside near the town of Crecy, the first battle of The Hundred Years War had just ended. It had ended in the decisive victory of the outnumbered English longbowmen, over the noble knights of the French heavy cavalry.

*Joel Meeker, student body president, delivered the discourse at Ambassador College commencement exercises in Pasadena May 17. Mr. Meeker will serve as a ministerial trainee in Strasbourg, France.*

According to British tradition, as recounted by the head librarian of the British Consulate of Los Angeles, walking through the bloody aftermath of the battle, passing among the dead and dying soldiers, was the Prince of Wales.

Sixteen-year-old Edward, named by history the Black Prince, discovered a scene which deeply moved him.

Edward came to the body of old John of Luxembourg, the king of Bohemia, who had sided with the French. What moved the emotions of the Prince of Wales on the finding of one more casualty among so many dead, was the fact that John of Luxembourg, the king of Bohemia, was blind.

In order to enter the battle, he had interlaced the traces of his horse's livery with those of two of his most-trusted knights, one on either side of him. Thus, they had guided the blind king into the fray. And this was how Edward found the soldiers: three dead knights, in their burnished armor, the reins of their dead horses still intertwined.

King John hadn't needed to enter the battle. He could not have raised his sword against a single adversary. As far as history can tell, John never struck a blow. But, no doubt, his example of selfless courage and faith in his men steered their resolve and strengthened their morale. He felt his place was with his knights, doing what he believed served the best interest of the people he ruled.

What impressed Prince Edward most of all as he considered this scene, and the events which had brought it to pass, was the crest that the old king wore. He wore a crest of three ostrich feathers over a simple two-word motto in Old German: "*Ich dien*."

The young English prince saw the truth of those words, *Ich dien*, in the life and in the death of John of Luxembourg, the king of Bohemia.

These things moved Edward so deeply that he took that crest, with its motto and made it his own. It became, in fact, the official crest and motto of each and every Prince of Wales to present day, 639 years later.

It is a very inspiring story. But how does it apply to us as graduates of Ambassador College?

It applies because King John's motto *Ich dien* is translated "I serve," and I submit to you, that these simple words are words by which we should live.

Jesus Christ, the greatest man who has ever lived, or will ever live, came as the greatest servant of all time. He came to serve mankind, and to teach that service is the highest possible calling of any living being.

He taught that learning to serve is the very purpose of human existence. He has left us a record stating we should follow his words and his example. Let us resolve to do so.

In a few minutes we will be receiving diplomas representing our degrees. This is the culmination of years of study and training in widely varied areas.

The diplomas read: "Ambassador College upon recommendation of the faculty and by the authority of the board of directors, hereby confers upon (your name), the degree of (your degree), and with all the rights, privileges, honours and responsibilities thereunto appertaining."

One of the rights we now have is the right to serve, perhaps not the way we would choose; often those who serve may not choose the manner of their service. But serve we can nonetheless.

One of the privileges we now have is the privilege to serve, which our education has prepared us to do.

One of the honors we now have is the honor to serve. We have learned here what a great honor this is.

Perhaps above all, one of the responsibilities we now have, is the responsibility to serve. With every right, with every privilege, with every honor, comes responsibility. Much responsibility has fallen on us. Will we fulfill it?

This time of commencement is a time of mixed feelings. We feel the joy of accomplishment, but the sadness of leaving an institution we deeply love. And for those who move away, there is the sadness of leaving friends. We feel perhaps a bit uncertain about the new lives we are about to begin. But mostly we look forward, in the confidence of faith, to futures of great luster and brilliance.

We are now about to enter the main arena of the great endeavor of our lives. And as we enter a world built on a rotten crumbling foundation of greed and competition, let us be sure our foundation is firm. Firm it must be if it is to withstand the withering test of time.

Today some say foundations must crumble, that nothing is permanent or secure, that all is relative. But I say, if we, with the help of God, imbed deeply in the foundations upon which we build our lives and the lives of our children, at the core of our foundation of beliefs and goals, near its very center, if we there imbed the desire to serve mankind through the mighty purpose being worked out here below, there is no power in heaven, or on earth, which will be able to destroy our foundation or the work of our lives.

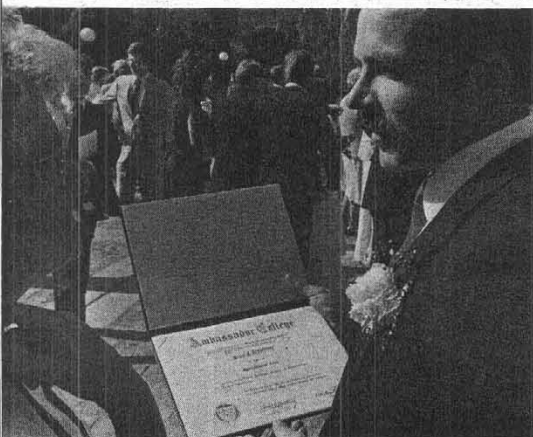
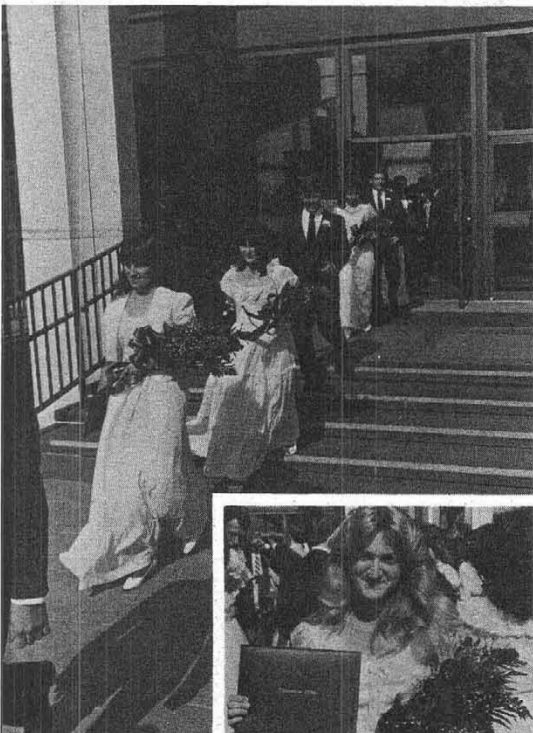
So, when we leave this Auditorium today, let it not be with a diploma alone, nor just with the wonderful memories of the years we have spent here at Ambassador College.

I ask each of you to take with you a motto you have made your own. A motto of long and distinguished history, a motto of great meaning and import.

Let no act of service seem too small. Jesus Christ told us that none are.

Let no act of service seem too great. With the help of Almighty God, none can be.

Let us begin now lives of service, service toward God and service toward our fellowman. Let it be said of us, as people look back on our lives, "There was a class that lived by the words, '*Ich dien*!'"



# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Churches put on country fair, chili cook-off

The fifth annual Country Fair and Chili Cook-off took place April 21 in Pasadena, sponsored by the LOS ANGELES, RESEDA and GLENDALE, Calif., churches.

On the Imperial Schools campus a stage show featured live music and entertainment provided by Mark Kersh's Unity Band, the Pasadena Spanish church's Folklorico dance troupe and the Stardusters square dance group.

Attractions included pony rides, hayrides, a children's animal petting zoo, a game booth arcade, a craft fair, flea market, bake sale and a noon chili parade featuring Eenic Meenie Chili Beanie, Miss Tomato, Hal-A-Peno and Colonel Corn.

Brethren took part in contests ranging from log sawing, apple bobbing and root-beer drinking to an egg toss, pull-up contest and women's bake-off.

The main event was the chili cook-off with entrants from 15 churches in California and two in Texas. First place went to Marilyn Francis of the Los Angeles church; second, Zola Sylvester, Glendale; and third, John Ivy, Dallas, Tex., West. Andrew Castle of Los Angeles won the YOU division; Brian Hoadley of Glendale was second; and Beth Bulharowski of Reseda was third.

Jean Campbell of Los Angeles won the cake-decorating contest; Sue

Coimbra of Reseda took first in pie tasting; and first in cake tasting went to Dana Davidson of Glendale.

Chili cook-off judges included evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services; evangelist Ellis La Ravia, director of Facilities Management; Arthur Suckling, financial aids officer at Pasadena Ambassador College; Dexter Faulkner,

managing editor of the Church's publications; Victor Root, associate pastor of the Auditorium A.M. church; Robin Webber, an Auditorium P.M. associate pastor; Sheila Graham, *Worldwide News* senior editor, and her husband, Ed; Curtis May, associate pastor of the Imperial church; and Mark McCulley, Festival planning coordinator. *Pam Mosher.*



**CONTEST WINNERS** — Left photo, Robin Webber (center), an Auditorium P.M. associate pastor, and evangelist Ellis La Ravia (left) congratulate Andrew Castle of Los Angeles, Calif., who won the YOU division at the Country Fair and Chili Cook-off in Pasadena April 21. Above, overall winner Marilyn Francis of Los Angeles stirs her prize-winning chili. [Photos by Sheila Graham]

## Spring dances take place

SEATTLE, Wash., brethren sponsored a semiformal dinner and dance April 7 for all the western Washington churches, including Everett, Sedro-Woolley, Tacoma, Olympia, Bremerton and Auburn.

After the meal brethren were entertained by recording artist Gina Funes, whose musical arrangements were accompanied by her husband, Fred Radke, and his orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lindsley of Seattle, dinner and dance coordinators, presented Gina with a bouquet of red and white roses.

After intermission Mr. Radke, a trumpet player, composer and conductor, fired up his orchestra. Mr. Radke's career includes playing lead trumpet for the Harry James Orchestra and the Glenn Miller Orchestra and performing before former President Richard Nixon.

Richard Duncan, pastor of the Everett and Sedro-Woolley churches, said Mr. Radke's orchestra was the finest he ever danced to.

A fashion show and annual spring dance of the ROCHESTER and SYRACUSE, N.Y., churches took place at the Auburn, N.Y., Holiday Inn April 7.

Leslie Schmedes, pastor of the churches, welcomed the about 200 in attendance, who ate a dinner of roast beef or spring chicken.

Carla Beilstein and Mary Hazelwood kicked off the fashion show by doing a dance routine to "Puttin' on the Ritz." Dean Schantz, a Rochester deacon, and his wife, Juanita, were masters of ceremonies for the evening. They described creations worn by the 40 participants, who modeled their own fashions or those handmade for them.

Roger Davis, a Rochester member, provided background music. Each model was escorted to the stage by one of four Rochester YOU members: Tim Clouthier, Robert Salter, Gordon Rowe or Jeff Stevens.

Assisting behind the scenes were Wilma Peterson, a Syracuse deaconess, and Kim Gullo, Noelly Fetock, Marina Kulbida, Marva Davis and Jill Clouthier of Rochester.

Brethren danced to the music of the Rochester Frontiere band, consisting of Mr. Davis, Jeff Hawver,

Dennis Dudek, Darrell Spencer, Craig Eaton, Charles Sumner and vocalist Rebecca Hudson.

March 30 SPRINGFIELD, Mass., brethren sponsored a social titled "The Wonderful World of Dance" that featured dance instruction.

Participation at previous dances wasn't always high, and it was discovered that many would like to dance but didn't know how. So the church hired dance instructors to give step-by-step lessons. The floor was filled with couples, including YOU members, trying to master dances such as the waltz, fox-trot and swing.

Dancers were encouraged to practice at home, and several refresher lessons are planned.

The evening meal consisted of tacos, Spanish rice and sundaes for dessert. Children were entertained by a movie.

Gary Crouse, Jake Hannold and William Korzenowski.



**DOCILE FRIENDS** — Clockwise from above left photo, (from left) Gerrod, Jason and Trenton Graham watch a turtle; Keith Stump (right), *Plain Truth* senior writer, and Les McColm, pastor of the Long Beach, Calif., A.M. and P.M. churches, rate chili; and Nancy Joseph, wife of local church elder Mordakhai Joseph, watches her daughter Sharon (left) pet an animal. [Photos by Sheila Graham and Tom Hanson]

## Areas stage concerts, show

Brethren from throughout southern England gathered at Mahatma Gandhi Hall in London's Fitzroy Square for their annual spring concert, sponsored by the LONDON church April 28.

Fifty singers, under the direction of Peter James, musical director of the London church choir, presented a musical program, accompanied on piano by Peter Webb and Jennifer Clarke.

The first part of the program featured excerpts from "Olivet to Calvary" by J.H. Maunder, with choral selections and vocal solos by Alan Grist, tenor, and Don Stilwell, baritone.

Afterward, the choir performed "O Lord, Thou Hast Overthrown" from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. Mr. Stilwell and soprano Esme Clothier sang solos. Mr. Stilwell and Mrs. Clothier then sang a duet from the same oratorio.

The program concluded with choral selections by Johann Sebastian Bach and Pietro Mascagni and a contralto solo by Jane Jones titled "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Lon-

don women then provided refreshments.

April 21 more than 200 MINNEAPOLIS NORTH and SOUTH, LAKE CRYSTAL and ST. PAUL, Minn., and EAU CLAIRE, Wis., brethren watched a classical music concert put on by 18 members.

The concert took place at Bridge-man Hall on the Hamline University campus in St. Paul. Performances included vocal and instrumental solos.

The evening began and ended with Frederic Chopin piano solos. John Freeman began by performing "Ballade in G Minor," and Amy Hargarten concluded by playing "Polonaise in A Flat."

A chamber group composed of Heinke Lee, Rene Pruszinske, Steve Fagerstrom and Steve Ouellette performed "Canon," by Johann Pachelbel. Christy Ellison, 10, daughter of Bill and Sue Ellison, played a piano solo titled "Three Little Pieces," by Antonio Diabelli.

Don Patterson accompanied his wife, Janet, who sang "Die (See AREAS, page 9)



## YES attends sports banquet

FAIRFIELD and SANTA ROSA, Calif., brethren were hosts to a Youth Educational Services (YES) sports banquet and family roller-skating party April 21 in Napa, Calif.

Medallions were awarded to YES basketball players and cheerleaders. A plaque of appreciation was pre-

sented to Ray Lowrie, YES basketball coach, and to Shirley West, YES cheerleading coach.

Don Weaver, assistant director of the Fairfield YES group, organized the afternoon. Seventy people attended the banquet, and about 100 roller-skated afterward. *Carrie Docken.*









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

**COLOMBO, Sri Lanka** — Members living in Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka, were not directly affected by the May 14 massacre in which at least 200 Sinhalese civilians were killed, according to **Mohan Jayasekera**, church pastor for Sri Lanka.

Mr. Jayasekera said that 10 members were in the city May 14. Seven are permanent residents.

One member has an office about half a mile from where the massacre took place, although he was not affected, Mr. Jayasekera said. The member's wife, a schoolteacher, reported some panic when people heard of the massacre, and then the schools were closed.

The situation throughout Sri Lanka is tense, Mr. Jayasekera said. Church members are taking precautions in case of riots in reprisal against the Tamil community. Tamils are considered responsible for the massacre.

"The members here very much appreciate the concern and prayers for them," he said.

He added that further outbreaks of violence are expected.

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**BONN, West Germany** — *Plain Truth* staff members **Gene Hogberg** and **Ronald Kelly** arrived here May 2 to cover the Western economic summit.

After flying to England with Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** (see "HWA Flies to Europe, Receives Decoration, Conducts Meetings," *WN*, May 13), Mr. Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, and Mr. Kelly, an evangelist and a senior writer for *The Plain Truth*, continued on to West Germany.

"It was certainly an interesting experience," Mr. Kelly said in a May 21 interview with *The Worldwide News*. "There was a definite feeling in the air that leaders of powerful nations were gathering together."

Mr. Hogberg and Mr. Kelly also visited the cemetery in Bitburg, West Germany, where U.S. President **Ronald Reagan** and West German Chancellor **Helmut Kohl** laid memorial wreaths.

After traveling to Trier, West Germany, and Luxembourg, Mr. Hogberg and Mr. Kelly traveled to Strasbourg, France, to cover President Reagan's address to the European Parliament.

"Trier is Europe's oldest city, which, according to tradition, was founded by **Trebeta** [in the 21st century B.C.], stepson of **Semiramis**, queen of Assyria," Mr. Kelly said.

Mr. Kelly delivered sermons in German in Bonn May 4 and in Vienna, Austria, May 11.

Mr. Hogberg returned to Pasadena May 10. Mr. Kelly returned May 15 after checking a site in Saalbach, Austria, for a possible international Winter Educational Program (WEP).

Mr. Hogberg's analysis of the summit appears on page 2.

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**PASADENA** — Four professors from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, visited Ambassador College and Imperial Schools here May 19 to 22, according to **Leon Sexton**, a representative of the Ambassador Foundation for Asia.

"They were impressed by Ambassador College, but were especially impressed with the teaching methodologies used at Imperial Schools," Mr. Sexton said.

In the tour were **Ambai Sucharitakul**, former dean of faculty of education; **Praphasi Siha-Umpai**, chairman of the department of the Foundation of Education; **Tisana**

**Khemmani**, chairman of elementary education; and assistant professor **Woranan Aksawpong**.

"They have requested and we are sending an Ambassador student to teach English at one of their demonstration schools for teachers in Bangkok next year," Mr. Sexton said. Junior **Robert Burbach** will spend a year in Thailand teaching English at the **Satit Chula Demonstration School**.

"They have taken some of Imperial's teaching methods and are applying them already in their school systems," Mr. Sexton said. "They like our example and want further contact with the way we teach here."

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**PASADENA** — Ministerial Services announced the following ordinations:

**Jacob Enns**, a deacon in the Saskatoon, Sask., church, was ordained a local church elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread April 6.

**Edward Johnston**, a deacon in the Fort Collins, Colo., church, was ordained a local church elder March 30.

**John Katai** and **John Kohoot** of the Vancouver, B.C., church, were ordained local church elders on the last day of Unleavened Bread April 6.

**James Taylor**, a deacon in the Hattiesburg, Miss., church, was ordained a local church elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread April 6.

**Richard Weber**, project leader for Ambassador College students working in Jordan, was ordained a local elder May 11.

**Wilmer Thompson**, a deacon in the Cumberland, Md., church, was ordained a local church elder April 12.

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**PASADENA** — The Festival site in Jerusalem, Israel, is filled to capacity and can accept no more applications. Any who applied after the limit was reached will be put on a waiting list, and will be notified by JMT Travel.



**VIENNA SABBATH** — Members who attend the Vienna, Austria, church take a Sabbath walk May 11. Evangelist **Ronald Kelly** delivered the sermon in German at Sabbath services. [Photo by **Ronald Kelly**]

**LENOIR, N.C.** — Despite forest fires that destroyed more than 80,000 acres of woodlands during the first week of April, Church members suffered no injury or damage to their homes, according to **John Moskel**, pastor of the Lenoir, Boone and Marion, N.C., churches.

According to Associated Press (AP) reports, a 4-mile swath of fire raged across western North Carolina, leaving more than \$4 million in damages and injuring 30 people.

"Some of the brethren had to evacuate their homes just a few hours before the Passover service [April 4]," Mr. Moskel said.

He said that Church member **Martha Hefner** "packed up what valuables she had and left her home as the flames raced up the [Mineral Springs] mountain."

"She arrived at the Passover service just in time. Many roads, including Interstate 40, were closed due to fires and heavy smoke."

"The fire . . . came within 10 feet of her home and went around it," he continued. "It was left intact. Several of her neighbor's homes were completely gutted by the fire."



**THAI VISIT** — Professors from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, visit Imperial Schools in Pasadena May 20. Principal **Ricky Sherrod** and **Joan Bogdanchik**, second grade teacher, conduct the tour. [Photo by **Warren Watson**]

quality of Sabbath services has been greatly enhanced. The Haitian church leaders, **Jean-Pierre Jove** and **Franklin Blaise**, continue to give strong and dedicated service. In spite of poverty and difficult circumstances, the little church remains faithful and dedicated, firmly desiring to play its part in the overall work of God. Twenty-eight brethren took the Passover this year, and a record 62 attended services on the first day of Unleavened Bread.

Each week one of the young men in the church updates the church on the world situation and news of the Church's work. (Since some members don't have radios and can't afford newspapers, they would otherwise find it hard to "watch and pray.")

*The World Tomorrow* in French, with evangelist **Dibar Apartian**, is heard on radio in several towns in the country.

*The World Tomorrow*, with Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** can be seen on WGN Chicago, Ill., which is beamed to Haiti by satellite and cable. Only one member has cable, but those who can, come to his home to watch.

In poor countries people tend to use every scrap of physical food. In Haiti it is the same way with the spiritual food — booklets, magazines, and every piece of news about the work is devoured by the members. They may be one of the smallest churches in the world, but they strive to be faithful and loyal.

## INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

**PASADENA** — For the first time the Church conducted *Plain Truth* lectures in Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanzania, March 9, 16 and 23. Two Church members live in Tanzania, a country on the East Coast of Africa more than twice the size of California with a population of more than 20 million.

Some 1,500 letters sent to *Plain Truth* subscribers throughout Tanzania in early February did not arrive. The Church quickly mailed letters to the 550 subscribers in Dar es Salaam.

### Tanzania lectures

Before the March 9 lecture it appeared that only a handful of readers would attend. But before long 110 people, a 20 percent response, packed the meeting hall, taking up all sitting and standing space.

**Owen Willis**, pastor of the Blantyre, Malawi, and Kibirichia and Nairobi, Kenya, churches, spoke on "Why *The Plain Truth*?" Afterward Mr. Willis answered questions from his listeners, who were so excited they did not want to leave the hall.

Assisting Mr. Willis was **Ben Kaswaga**, a Tanzanian who attended Ambassador College in Pasadena. Mr. Kaswaga, who works for the Church in East Africa, gave lectures March 16 with 53 in attendance and March 23 with 70 people in attendance. He spoke on "Did Jesus Rise on Sunday?" and "What Is True Water Baptism?"

"How could I have been so deceived all these years!" wondered one listener when he learned what biblical water baptism is.

### Haiti

**John Halford**, a pastor-rank minister working in Media Services in Pasadena, conducted the Passover and services on the first day of Unleavened Bread in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He said the little church there continues to make good progress.

Since funds were made available for **Gilbert Carbonnel**, pastor of the Pointe-a-Pitre and Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, churches, or **Erick Dubois**, pastor of the Fort-de-France, Martinique, church, to travel to Haiti once a month, the

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