

## Pastor general travels to SEPs in Minnesota, Texas to give talks

By Aaron K. Dean

ORR, Minn. — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong arrived here at 5:15 p.m., Central Daylight Time (CDT), Tuesday, July 9, beginning a three-day trip to the Church's Summer Educational Program (SEP) here and in Big Sandy.

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

As the pastor general drove into the Orr camp, he was greeted in the now-traditional manner of campers lining the road. He waved back as the smiling and excited campers waved and shouted greetings.

Mr. Armstrong spoke at the first SEP session at Orr June 30 (see "HWA Attends UN Conference, Travels East to Address Brethren," *WN*, July 8).

He scheduled this visit to address the second SEP session and to meet with the international SEP and Youth Opportunities United (YOU) program directors who had gathered for meetings at Orr (see article, page 3).

### International meeting

After a rest at the cabin he was staying in and meeting with some of the international directors, Mr. Armstrong went to the camp's communication classroom. This room was temporarily transformed into a private dining room for Mr. Armstrong, YOU officials and international directors.

Attending the dinner were Mr. Armstrong; Mr. Dean; Kevin Dean, YOU and SEP director; Guy Ames, regional director of the Philippines; Frank Schnee, regional director for German-speaking areas; Kermit Nelson, Big Sandy camp director; and YOU program directors from

Africa, Australia, the Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, New Zealand and the Philippines.

Decorating the walls were photographs made by campers of SEPs worldwide. On the tables were floral arrangements in birch logs. Mardell Kielczewski, wife of Floyd Kielczewski, handpicked the flowers, and they added a nice touch to the occasion. The Kielczewskis live on and maintain the Orr facility year round.

After a meal of fresh berries, filet mignon, vegetables and ice cream, Kevin Dean asked the international directors to report on their SEP and YOU programs.

After the presentations the YOU director asked the SEP section directors to report on the activities of the Orr camp.

Jeb Egbert, YOU business administrator, outlined the objectives of the SEP sports programs; Randal Dick, pastor of the Dallas, Tex., West church, explained how SEP activities are designed to help campers mature and overcome; Dennis Robertson, director of college publications at the Pasadena campus, talked about how campers improve their written and verbal communication skills at SEP; Ricky Sherrord, principal of Imperial High School in Pasadena, explained how SEP activities are scheduled to ensure that the goals of the program are accomplished; and Andrew Silcox, principal of the Imperial elementary school; showed how campers learn computer skills and participate in club activities.

Kevin Dean followed with an outline of the overall objectives of YOU. He explained that all SEPs worldwide cannot have the same programs because of budget and physical restrictions, but they all teach the same principles of leadership, teamwork, overcoming challenges and building character.

These principles permeate all SEP activities.

Mr. Dean also emphasized that campers are encouraged to talk about their problems with their parents and ministers, and are encouraged to seek God and follow His ways.

Mr. Armstrong closed the meeting with a discussion of the importance of the YOU and Youth Educational Services (YES) programs. "Of all of the people that we are commissioned to preach the Gospel to, the most important are the young people — children of Church members," Mr. Armstrong said.

He said that the importance of opening lines of communication between children, their parents and ministers could not be overemphasized. Mr. Armstrong thanked the  
(See TALKS, page 3)



CHINESE VISIT — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and Li Shoupao (right), executive vice president of the Shanghai (China) People's Association for Friendship With Foreign Countries, share a light moment in the Ambassador College Social Center July 9. [Photo by Warren Watson]

## Say members display 'unique spirit'

# Chinese officials visit Pasadena

By David H. Evans

PASADENA — "There is a unique spirit here among all your people. You do everything with attention to detail. It is excellent," Li Shoupao, executive vice president of the Shanghai People's Association for Friendship With Foreign Countries, told Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong during his visit to the Ambassador

College campus, July 8 to 11.

Mr. Li, also general secretary for the National Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations (YMCA) of China, was invited to the Ambassador College campus by the Ambassador Foundation, according to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the foundation.

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sultative Conference.

Mr. Li was accompanied by Han Wenzao, vice president of the Jiangsu People's Friendship Association.

Mr. Armstrong greeted them at the campus Social Center July 9, before he left for Orr, Minn., to address campers at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) there. (See article, this page.)

Mr. La Ravia said that Mr. Li has been in touch with the Ambassador Foundation on a regular basis. In a letter Mr. Li said he wanted to learn more about the changing values of American youths during his visit. He met with evangelist Herman Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor; evangelist Ronald Kelly, a senior writer for *The Plain Truth*; Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the Church's publications; Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor; John Halford, a pastor-ranked minister who works in the Church's Media Services Department; and Mike Bennett, assistant managing editor of *Youth 85*; asking them questions  
(See CHINESE, page 3)

## Foundation unveils season

PASADENA — More than 100 world-class orchestras and artists are scheduled by the Ambassador Foundation to perform in the 1985-86 concert season in the Ambassador Auditorium, according to evangelist Ellis La Ravia.

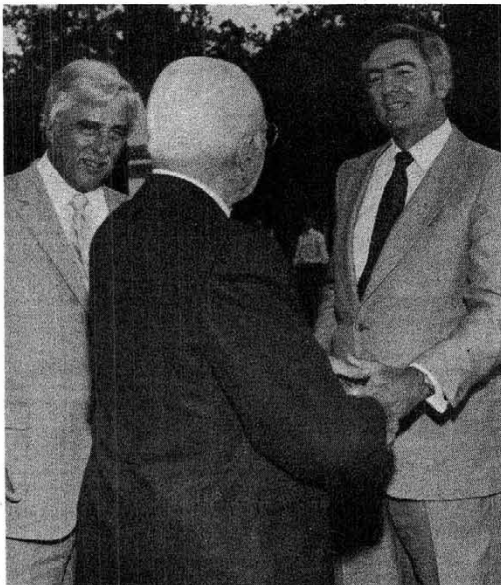
Mr. La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation and director of the Auditorium, said: "We've been able to maintain our annual series at a high level that is unique in music circles. It's hard to describe the level of excellence that we have without it almost sounding like hyperbole."

"Each year it seems a little more difficult to maintain the level of excellence. Since the Auditorium began offering concerts, many other colleges and music halls in the Los Angeles [Calif.] area have begun concert series."

"But," he added, "it would be difficult to find a concert series that could match ours. Our reputation is now such that we continually hear from international world-class artists who want to perform in the Ambassador Auditorium."

Twenty-two subscription series will be offered at the beginning of this 11th season in the Auditorium.

The Concertgebouw Orchestra  
(See SEASON, page 3)



BIG SANDY TRIP — Evangelist Leslie McCullough (left), deputy chancellor of Big Sandy Ambassador College, and Donald Ward (right), Big Sandy academic dean, greet Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong after his arrival at the Big Sandy airstrip July 10. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

## Response Tops 20,000 Mark

PASADENA — Telephone response to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on the *World Tomorrow* telecast topped the 20,000 mark July 13 and 14, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

"The program *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* brought in an all-time record of 20,064 calls," Mr. Rice said. "This is over 2,000 calls higher than the previous record of 18,050 for *Mystery, Babylon the Great*, set during the weekend of May 18 to 19."

Mr. Rice attributed part of the higher response to the showing of the toll-free Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) number earlier in the program, when Mr. Armstrong displayed the free literature he was offering. The toll-free number was shown again when Mr. Armstrong told viewers the number to call for free literature.

"The effect was that we received the equivalent of two ring-throughs each time the program was shown," said Scott Toliver, a senior operator in the department. A ring-through occurs at the conclusion of a program when all operators simultaneously receive one or more calls.

Mr. Rice said, "The record is even more remarkable considering we are in the midst of the summer season." During the summer, telephone response normally dips, since potential viewers spend less time watching television.

# Efforts of UN peacekeeping forces fail

PASADENA — "Historians like to give names to various eras, the Age of Faith or the Age of Reason. Ours can only be called the Age of Terrorism."

So wrote Vermont Royster in the July 3 *Wall Street Journal*. "We are no longer dealing with the isolated acts of bandits or deranged killers," added Mr. Royster. "Those we have always had. What we are living through is a revolt against all ordered society, a war on civilization itself."

While the attention of many people, especially in the United States, was focused on the fate of Americans held hostage in Lebanon, other nations too have been the object of recent terrorist activity.

"In Britain," continued Mr. Royster, "a resort hotel was blown up killing and maiming members of that country's government. In a London department store six random shoppers were killed in purely wanton destruction. In Burma a bomb killed six visiting government officials from South Korea."

"And . . . [in June] an Indian airliner was blown up in mid-ocean killing more than 300 men, women and children. The list is endless, reaching back to the massacre of Israelis at an Olympic village."

Terrorism is certain to increase, with the techniques and weapons

becoming ever more diabolical.

Why can't the United Nations do something, many ask. The UN, as one reader of the *Los Angeles Times* pleaded, "should finally wake up from its slumber and act immediately to put an end to the international hijackings of airplanes . . . and all other forms of terrorism and bombings."

### UN ineffective

The United Nations, however, has proved to be an ineffective mechanism to root out this modern-day scourge.

The issue of terrorism came up at the June 23 to 26 UN review conference in San Francisco, Calif., which was attended by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and several members of the *Plain Truth* staff (*Worldwide News*, July 8).

In a major address at the San Francisco meeting, UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar told 1,500 assembled guests that "resolutions and conventions have been adopted in the past by the General Assembly . . . outlawing hijacking and taking of hostages."

But mere outlawing of hostile acts is not enough. Without an effective international police force at its command, the UN is helpless. It has been left to the nations themselves to fight the battle alone.

The crisis over terrorism points up once again the inability of the United Nations to fulfill the most important responsibility its member states have pledged themselves to perform — keeping world peace.

A new book has been written about the 40-year-long experience of the

state against another . . .

"Certainly, the United Nations family of organizations has taken on myriad other assignments, from facilitating the delivery of mail between nations to the eradication of hunger and malaria. In some of these tasks it has been remarkably successful



United Nations. Authored by Thomas M. Franck, it is titled *Nation Against Nation* — a fitting title which, according to Bible prophecy, accurately describes this age (see Matthew 24:7).

"There are two principal tasks for which the United Nations was established and on which it ultimately must be judged," wrote Mr. Franck. "First, there is the task of mitigating, or better resolving, disputes and keeping peace between states when interests clash. Second, there is the task of mobilizing the international community to act collectively to deter, or, if that fails, to resist aggression by one

ful . . . Yet, all these specialized activities for the amelioration of the human condition presume that there will continue to be a human condition to ameliorate."

Efforts at collective security and peacekeeping by the United Nations have proven to be few and ineffective. Israel's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, Aryeh

Levin, told the San Francisco conference: "Of the 140 conflicts that have occurred since 1945 and at least \$3 billion in UN expenditures on peacekeeping, the UN has engaged in limited debate on only 40 and did not contribute significantly to the resolution of any. Fifty-three of the conflicts were not even debated."

Original attempts by the UN to set up a more or less permanent multinational police force did not get off the ground.

Only once did the United Nations assemble a successful collective security force. That was in 1950, to counter aggression by North Korea against South Korea. But that was possible only because the Soviet Union was temporarily absent from the Security Council. Had it been there, it would have cast a veto against the UN action.

Various other UN peacekeeping operations have been established, usually to police borders or patrol buffer zones between warring nations — and always only when both sides agreed.

How effective peacekeeping forces really are was revealed in late spring, 1967. A United Nations Emergency (See EFFORTS, page 7)



## Strength through unity

A wizened old sage was addressing a group of students gathered around him. In his feeble hands the old man held a bundle of sticks fastened together with a cord.

"Now," the frail old man said, "I want each of you to try to break these sticks in two." He handed the bundle to one of the students, a tall, brawny fellow.

Grasping the bundle of sticks at each end, the young man strained with all his might, but couldn't snap them. Looking defeated, he handed the bundle to the person on his right.

"Ha!" the next fellow laughed. "I know how to do it." He held the sticks at either end and pressed his knee into the middle of the bundle, attempting to break the sticks across his knee. He pressed for all he was worth, but the sticks remained intact. He sheepishly handed the bundle to the next person, a rugged-looking young man with muscular arms and legs.

"I know a way," the young man said. "You fellows are just weaklings." Laying the bundle of sticks on the ground, he stepped on one end with his heavy boot and grasped the other end in both hands. Then, his brow furrowed and his teeth clenched, he pulled as hard as he could. Nothing. He tried again, summoning all his strength and this time jerking upward on the sticks.

The only result was that the sticks slipped out of his hands and he fell over in frustration. The others laughed. "Well," the defeated challenger mumbled, "there is no way to break these sticks in two." The other young men nodded in agreement.

"No?" the elderly teacher asked. "I can do it." The burly young men stared at him in disbelief.

Taking the bundle of sticks, the old man, with his frail fingers, untied the knot in the cord. Then, taking each stick one by one in his feeble hands, he broke each in two.

### United we stand

"Do you understand the lesson of

the bundle of sticks?" asked the old man when he finished. "When we are bound together in unity, no power can harm any one of us. We remain strong and intact. But separated, we are each easy prey for a destroying force."

So it is with us in the Church. Together, we are a strong, solid unit, working powerfully to support Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in preaching Christ's Gospel to the world in this end time. Each individual member plays an important part in the Church's work. But without unity the work cannot function.

The apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:16 that the whole Church, "fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Everyone of us is important in doing the Church's work, so we need to be like minded and speak the same thing, relying on each other and working together to fulfill the great commission.

God's Word places great stress on the theme of unity and oneness: "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

In these three verses the word one is used seven times, implying the need for perfect oneness in God's Church. Seven is the number of perfection.

### Promote unity

What are some ways we can promote unity in God's Church?

• **Cooperate.** As members of the same team, we all need to work together in harmony to achieve the goal. Whether we are acting on the instruction in one of Mr. Armstrong's letters or following the directions of a parking-lot attendant in our congregations, we should do

so in a willing, humble attitude.

• **Have a constructive attitude.** Many a worthwhile project has been ruined by pessimism alone. Satan is the source of negativity, but Philippians 4:8 shows us what we as Christians should keep our minds on: the positive, the uplifting, the helpful, the encouraging. Avoid gossip and talebearing — no other force is more destructive in God's Church.

• **Welcome responsibility.** Look for opportunities to help and serve individual brethren and the Church as a whole. Don't leave things for someone else to do. Look for ways to get involved.

• **Show enthusiasm.** As the old saying goes, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." And enthusiasm is infectious. If you are excited and positive about a particular project or job, those around you will see your attitude and follow suit.

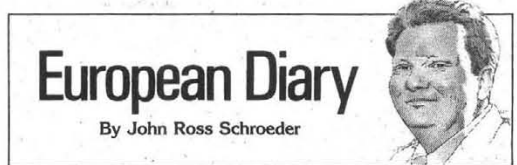
• **Don't worry who gets the credit as long as the job gets done.** A team — like the Church — can accomplish much as long as no one becomes selfish. Our purpose as Christians should not be personal aggrandizement, but the overall good of the Body of Christ.

• **Keep learning and growing.** Correct past mistakes in your personal behavior. Think of and apply new methods of promoting togetherness and strong bonds of unity among brethren and in your family.

• **Fellowship with the brethren.** This is one of the greatest keys to strengthening unity in the Church. Get to know every member in your congregation. The more involved you become with your brethren, the more genuine, godly love you will develop for each other. This promotes unity among God's begotten children.

Satan would like to destroy God's people. The only way he can do this is to divide and attack us individually. Alone, none of us is a match for Satan's diabolical devices, but if we stick together, supporting, helping, praying for and encouraging each other — especially staying in unity with God and Jesus Christ in every way — nothing can make us fall.

Remember Psalm 133:1, which was Mr. Armstrong's mother's favorite scripture: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"



## Religious revival?

BOREHAMWOOD, England — What is happening in Europe on the religious front? Is a major religious revival just beyond the horizon? Are the efforts of Pope John Paul II beginning to pay off?

A couple of years ago the East German government began to "rehabilitate" Martin Luther, father of the Reformation in Germany. This

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

**Semiannual letter**  
As I reread and analyze your May 6 letter to the *Plain Truth* subscribers, I become more and more aware of the phenomenal insight you have into what is taking place in this world.

Your analysis of the motivations and methods of Communists; your perception of what is, and will, happen in Central America and Korea; how all this will help bring about the prophesied United Europe; and your awareness of the fast-developing trade war.

All of these things come to us in bits and pieces through the world news media, but you and your staff put it all together so that we can see the whole picture.

Not only do you give us the whole picture, you make it come alive and then tie it in to Bible prophecy in such a way that only those who do not want to see could possibly deny the 'plain truth' of it all.

Richard V. Case  
Eugene, Ore.

Your most recent letter gave us a real view of world trends and a possible future outcome. The outcome is not in doubt, and it certainly seems that current events are leading to the tribulation.

What seems strange to the human mind is how the Communists can stay so doggedly on track after so obviously worthless a goal. Their system brings misery and poverty to every country it controls. Yet they pursue this loser as though it were good. And in spite of its failures, more countries embrace it — or let it be imposed on them. Amazing. Thanks for keeping us informed.

Allen P. Crombie  
Portland, Ore.

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was the first major manifestation of a possible religious revival. That fervor has continued to spread in Eastern Europe.

But first and foremost this movement is mainly Roman Catholic. And it does not necessarily affect every country. The movement is primarily on the flanks of Europe — not in major Continental countries. In England this trend has assumed a different form — conversions from Anglicanism to Roman Catholicism.

Desmond O'Grady wrote in the *Tablet*, a liberal Catholic weekly, June 8: "Signs of a religious revival in Eastern Europe are widespread if uneven. In societies atomized by social and political oppression 'religion is providing a new basis for community.'"

But what are the countries involved? In Poland a poll indicated (See REVIVAL, page 7)

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# Talks

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men for their diligent work at SEP and encouraged them to fully realize the importance of their responsibilities.

He concluded the meeting at 11 p.m.

At 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 10, Mr. Armstrong toured the camp and reviewed some of the SEP activities before joining the international directors in the camp dining hall for lunch.

After lunch the pastor general invited the directors to the facility

where he was staying for some informal discussion. At 3 p.m. the group went to the SEP gymnasium, where the campers waited to hear Mr. Armstrong.

### Challenge from Mr. Armstrong

Loud applause greeted the pastor general as he was driven into the gym. Calling the campers "young pioneers," Mr. Armstrong spoke to them for a little more than an hour. He encouraged and challenged them to be different from their peers, standing up against wrong peer pressure.

"Don't be afraid to say 'No' to drugs," he said, encouraging them

to apply the way of life taught at SEP. After explaining the incredible opportunities the campers will have in the Kingdom of God, Mr. Armstrong finished his talk and was driven to the Orr airport.

Boarding the G-III with Mr. Armstrong were Mr. Schnee; Dr. Nelson; Paul Suckling, camp director of the SEP in Scotland; Harry Sneider, director of health and fitness at the Pasadena campus; and Mayra Colon, a senior student from Pasadena who will serve as a counselor for the Spanish SEP scheduled on the Big Sandy campus in late July.

Before heading for Big Sandy,

the G-III flew low over the Orr SEP facility, where Mr. Armstrong saw the campers in a formation that spelled *YOU*. The G-III pilot dipped the aircraft's wings to wave good-bye, and the plane continued to Texas.

After touching down on the Ambassador College airstrip at 7 p.m., Mr. Armstrong was welcomed by campers lining the road next to the airplane hangar as he was driven to the executive guest house.

### Health and fitness

Mr. Armstrong had a light dinner in the home and discussed health and fitness with Mr. Sneider. Mr.

Sneider explained that he was visiting the SEP camps to give advice on health and fitness.

Mr. Armstrong said he noticed that several teens are overweight and that the Church should have better dietary and exercise patterns.

The pastor general talked about the years he had studied nutrition and the articles about the subject that he wrote in *The Plain Truth* and other Church publications.

Mr. Sneider said that besides teaching fitness to Pasadena Church employees and working with world-class athletes on the Pasadena campus, he teaches a physical fitness class in the Ministerial Refreshing Program. Evangelist Ellis La Ravia, Church facilities director, covers the principles of sound nutrition in another class for the refreshing program.

# Church conducts black Africa conference

By Melvin Rhodes

**BOREHAMWOOD, England** — The fourth annual black Africa ministerial conference took place July 2 to 4 at the regional office here. Previous conferences were in Togo, Ivory Coast and Kenya.

Melvin Rhodes, associate pastor of the Plymouth and Tiverton, England, churches, was pastor of the churches in Ghana.

The British Office administers the Church's work in the 10 English-speaking countries of West and East Africa plus two provinces of predominantly French Cameroon. This covers an area of about 1.25 million square miles and a population of almost 200 million people.

The meetings were conducted by evangelist Frank Brown, regional director. All full-time ministers and

wives serving in black Africa were present: Owen Willis and his wife, Christina, and Steve LeBlanc from Nairobi, Kenya; Lateef Edalere and his wife, Yvonne, and Elijah Chukwudi and his wife, Florence, from Lagos, Nigeria; and Josef Forson and his wife, Gloria, from Accra, Ghana.

Also present were David Stirk, business manager here; Melvin Rhodes, who formerly pastored the churches in Ghana, and his wife, Diane; Ben Kaswaga, who works for the Church in East Africa; and secretary Cathryn Francis.

Special guests were Gregory Albrecht, Pasadena Ambassador College dean of students, and his wife, Karen.

Mr. Brown opened the conference with a presentation on the Church's work in areas served by the Borehamwood Office — especially an overview of the Church's work in black Africa. This is vital since communications between

black African states are not always the best.

### East Africa

The three Church pastors in black Africa gave presentations on the Church's work in their areas. Mr. Willis showed how the past year has seen further growth in East Africa, which comprises Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Malawi.

It is hoped the Church can have a full eight-day Feast in Uganda for the first time this year. Feasts in Kenya and Malawi take place on a regular basis.

Mr. Willis urged the conference to pray for the registration of the Church in Malawi. This will guarantee the members a Feast there and also allow the Church's work to continue unhindered.

### Nigeria

In his presentation, Mr. Edalere recounted the past year's economic

problems in Nigeria, black Africa's richest nation. Years of economic mismanagement have caught up with the country, and the new government is working hard to put things right. Inflation has affected the Church (postage, for example, has gone up 500 percent), but the Church's work continues to grow rapidly. A high degree of interest is shown in the Church's publications.

### Ghana

Mr. Forson's report on Ghana revealed a continuing improvement in that country's economic situation and steady growth for the Church. The end of fuel rationing enabled the ministry to serve the people more effectively. Next year should see even greater growth.

The Accra farm program continues to make a great contribution to the well-being of the Church there, and good crops have been produced enabling all members to enjoy fresh fruit and vegetables.

Mr. Forson was raised to the rank of preaching elder by Mr. Brown, who was joined in the laying on of hands by Mr. Albrecht and Mr. Stirk.



**LIVING LOGO** — Campers form the initials of Youth Opportunities United in Orr, Minn., July 10. [Photo by Aaron Dean]

Mr. Armstrong said he was glad that these classes are being taught, and he wished he had more time so he could write more articles on nutrition.

At 11:30 a.m., Thursday, July 11, Mr. Armstrong toured some of the activities of the Big Sandy SEP with Dr. Nelson. Most campers attending the Texas SEP are older than their counterparts at Orr.

### Marriage and the family

After viewing the basketball activity in the field house, Mr. Armstrong sat in on the marriage and the family class, taught by Charles Calahan, pastor of the Paris and Sherman, Tex., churches.

Dr. Nelson said that since many of these older teenagers will not attend Ambassador College, the Big Sandy SEP includes a class on marriage and the family. This class gives guidelines on choosing a mate and God's perspective on the family.

The group then went to the campus club rooms for lunch with the faculty and staff. After the meal the group went to the field house, where campers waited to hear the pastor general. Mr. Armstrong spoke to the group with the same power and enthusiasm that he had the day before to the Orr group.

He closed his talk with the challenge that the campers take home the principles they learned at SEP and apply them.

After finishing his talk, Mr. Armstrong was driven to the airstrip for the flight back to Burbank, Calif. The G-III touched down at 4:30 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), concluding a successful visit with some wonderful teens.

# International conference in Orr, Minn.

# HWA addresses YOU directors

By Dennis R. Robertson

**ORR, Minn.** — A visit by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong was the main event in the first camp directors conference here June 30 to July 10. The conference was conducted to encourage uniformity in Youth Opportunities United (YOU), Youth Educational Services (YES) and the Summer Educational Programs (SEPs) worldwide.

Dennis R. Robertson, director of college publications at Pasadena Ambassador College, is director of communications at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn.

Directors from 14 SEP sites around the world greeted Mr. Armstrong at the Orr Regional Airport July 9 when he arrived on the Church's G-III jet.

At a dinner meeting that night Mr. Armstrong told the directors, "There's nothing that we're doing that's more important than these camps." He said the youth programs in the Church are part of the "whole great picture of the work we have ahead of us." In a banquet for Mr. Armstrong and the directors, Mr. Armstrong reiterated the importance of working with Church youths.

Mr. Armstrong suggested the conference be conducted to build unity and to promote oneness among the directors of youth programs around the world, according to Kevin Dean, YOU director.

"All the camps have been running smoothly for years, but the conference will help each director fulfill Mr. Armstrong's desire to strengthen the youth in God's Church," Mr. Dean said.

During the conference the direc-

tors were kept busy with meetings, classes, lectures, work shifts in various camp departments and other duties that kept them working from early morning to late at night.

One of the most adventuresome endeavors was a 24-hour wilderness canoe trip, designed to show each director the rigors and at the same time the beauty of a wilderness experience. In the midst of a thunderstorm, Frank Schnee, regional director of the work in German-speaking areas, said: "It's marvelous to be out here, in touch with nature and God's creation. The whole camp experience is the most marvelous opportunity for our youth. All regional directors need to see this and put it into practice."

Most of the directors were here just before the opening of their own camps, many of which are scheduled for late July and early August.

The men visiting the camp and the areas they represented are: Guy Ames, Philippines; John Bartholomew, South Africa; Olivier Carion, France; Lateef Edalere, Nigeria; Donald Engle, New Zealand; John Karlson, West Germany; Robert Klynsmith, Zimbabwe; Kingsley Mather, Bahamas; Peter McLean, Australia; Kermit Nelson, Big Sandy; David Noller, Australia; Mr. Schnee, West Germany; Paul Suckling, England; Thomas Turk, Mexico; and Edmond Macarag, Philippines.

Mr. Noller summed up the directors' overall impression of the conference. "If we can implement what we have learned here," he said, "it will have a tremendous effect on the youth worldwide."

Mr. Armstrong spoke to the campers Wednesday afternoon, July 10. He said: "Here we have peace, cooperation, teamwork and harmony. Satan hates that! But let's stay all in one accord speaking the same thing."



**JOSEF FORSON**

Mr. and Mrs. Forson have served the churches in Ghana for two years. He is a graduate of Ambassador College and a native of Ghana, and his wife is from Nigeria.

Mr. Albrecht spoke about the admission, training and employment of African students sent to the college. Discussing these areas with the African ministry will enable Mr. Albrecht to help the college meet the needs of the Church's work in Africa.

# Chinese

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about changes that have taken place in young people and why they have happened.

"China's Recent Economic Development and Its Impact in the World" was the topic Mr. Li covered in a lecture to the Pasadena Rotarians July 10. He said that the main points of economic reformation are to invigorate China's domestic economy and to open China to the outside world. China has conquered the problem of feeding and clothing its people, but not enough time has been spent on improving their life-styles, he said.

Some of the areas that are being changed are the method of income distribution — an egalitarian process that did not motivate diligence

— and paying people according to what they are worth, and readjusting planning procedures so considerations are given to the market as well as to supply and demand.

Mr. Li also said, "It would be foolish not to open up to international investment, which would benefit both parties." Already the open doors have helped business to grow in China, "but it can't happen overnight," Mr. Li said.

"Peace and human progress," Mr. Li said, are being sought after. China cannot develop economically without cooperation with the outside world. Throughout his visit in the United States, Mr. Li will lecture at several universities on the same subject.

Mr. Li and Mr. Han left Pasadena July 11, and will travel throughout the United States until they return home Aug. 8.

his first recital on the U.S. West Coast in more than a decade as part of the guitar series.

The foundation will also present three stage productions: *Cyrano de Bergerac*, *Antologia de la Zarzuela* (excerpts from various Spanish operettas), and Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*.

"This is an experiment of sorts," Mr. La Ravia said. "In the past we haven't staged full productions like *Cyrano de Bergerac*, but we expect it to be successful."

All concerts at Ambassador Auditorium are presented by the Ambassador Foundation and sponsored by Ambassador College.

# Season

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of Amsterdam, Netherlands, will open the season Sept. 25 with Bernard Haitink conducting. The Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields orchestra will return, as will violinist Nathan Milstein; the Philadelphia Orchestra with conductor Riccardo Muti; and guitarists Andres Segovia, Julian Bream and Christopher Parkening.

"I think our guitar series is particularly outstanding this year," Mr. La Ravia said. English classical guitarist John Williams will present

## 84-year-old receives diploma, has no plans to slacken pace

By Christy Daler

DANA POINT, Calif. — At 84 years of age, Adeline Quam is the oldest graduate in Saddleback Community College's history.

But after earning her degree in business management a few weeks ago, Dana Point resident Quam has no plans to slow down.

"I'm 84 years old, but I never think about my age. I don't let it stop me."

*This article about 84-year-old Adeline Quam, a member who attends the Garden Grove, Calif., church, appeared in the June 11 San Clemente, Calif., Daily Sun/Post and is excerpted by permission.*

Quam, who said she returned to school after a 42-year absence, said she hit the books once more "so she wouldn't get senile."

Quam is gearing up for the summer school session at college, where she will begin taking classes towards a degree in basic music theory.

How do the students at the college, who are typically young adults, react to their 84-year-old classmate?

"I was treated like an equal," Quam said. And indeed she seemed to be a favorite of the students, who gave her a standing ovation when she picked up her diploma at the graduation ceremonies in May.

"The average graduate is 29, and I'm 55 years older," Quam said.

While working in naval communications during World War II, Quam was the first U.S. employee to receive the news on the teletype that the Japanese had surrendered.

Quam, who is fluent in several languages including Norwegian, Danish and Swedish, traces her lineage back to Harald Haarfagre, the first king of Norway.

While Quam and her husband Henry, who passed away in 1968, did not have any children, when Quam was 21 she took her sister's infant Alice to raise after her sister succumbed to black smallpox.

"The last thing she told me was will you take care of my baby until I get well and can take care of her myself," Quam recalled. When her sister did not recover from the illness, Quam found herself a surrogate mother, a task she found she enjoyed.

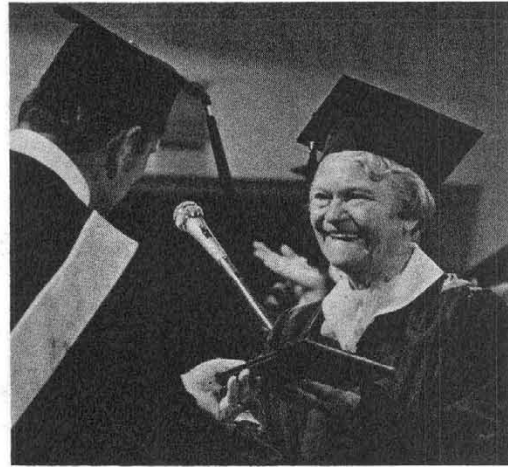
In addition to holding down a variety of jobs, Quam also has traveled around the world five times.

"Some women withdraw from the world, sit in a rocking chair and vegetate," Quam said. "But not me."

In fact, little seems to daunt Quam, who used to march 14 blocks each day to catch the bus to the Saddleback Campus.

What is next for Quam after she completes her degree requirements in music? Why, a third degree of course.

"When you stop learning, you also stop living."



**NEVER TOO LATE** — Adeline Quam, 84, a member who attends the Garden Grove, Calif., church, receives her diploma May 23 from Saddleback Community College in Mission Viejo, Calif. [Photo courtesy of the San Clemente Calif., Daily Sun/Post]

## Disabled member longs to serve many brethren

By Salvador U. Cucharo

CEBU, Philippines — Francisco Basilla Sr., 79, a bedridden Cebu member, would like nothing better than to be able to serve the brethren.

In 1983 Mr. Basilla suffered a fall that fractured his right wrist and worsened the arthritis in his lumbar joints, both knees, his ankles and most of his toes. He is unable to attend Sabbath services.

*Salvador U. Cucharo attends the Cebu, Philippines, church.*

Atrophy has whittled his once athletic body to a skeletal frame, especially affecting his legs and arms. Both knees are curved to an acute angle, making walking impossible. Sitting is also painful.

"Please be patient with me because I have difficulty of hearing," Mr. Basilla often says when conversing. His daughter attends to his needs.

Born Aug. 20, 1905, in Bacay, Philippines, Mr. Basilla finished the seventh grade and grew up as a farmer. He married at 21. He began looking for a better means of providing for the future of his family, and at 25 he settled here, working in a transportation company as a shop man, mechanic and driver. He was able to send all seven of his children to school.

He well remembers hiding in the mountains of Cebu during World War II and his athletic days of playing baseball. His past is still vivid in his mind.

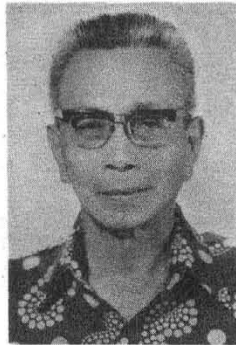
In 1963 Mr. Basilla responded to a *Plain Truth* advertisement that appeared in the *Philippines Free Press* weekly magazine. He wrote to Pasadena and began his contact with God's Church. He told his family, "I have found the true religion."

Even though convinced of Church teachings, Mr. Basilla was not baptized until before Pentecost, 1979. He attended his first Feast of Tabernacles that year.

While none of his children from two marriages (he is a widower twice) attend Sabbath services, they all respect and love him. One of his sons commented, "I keep the

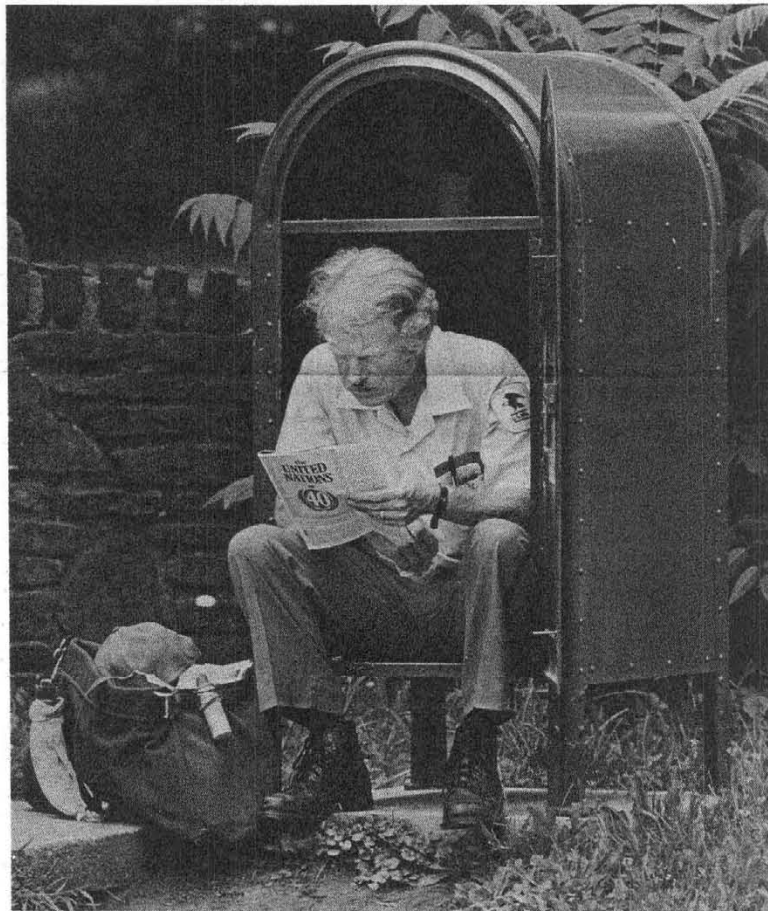
short diary of my father because I will show it to my own children."

Mr. Basilla, who has undergone cataract operations, can barely see. His spiritual-feeding is done through the taped sermons sent by Reynaldo Taniajura, pastor of the Cebu, Dumaguete and Tagbilaran, Philippines, churches.



FRANCISCO BASILLA SR.

"I told God I already have repented of all my sins and beg Him continually to include my name in the Book of Life and be healed completely that I could stand, walk and be capable to serve many people," Mr. Basilla said.



**WHAT'S HE READING?** — If your mail is late, perhaps your mail carrier is spending time reading *The Plain Truth*, like Jack Blades of Stoystown, Pa. [Johnstown, Pa., Tribune-Democrat photo]

## Mother watches baptisms of three children

By Henry Sturcke

UNION, N.J. — When Wilmatine James, 43, was baptized two years ago, only one of her 11 children came to witness the event.

*Henry Sturcke is assistant pastor of the Union, N.J., church.*

But, March 31 Mrs. James returned to another baptismal ceremony to watch as three of her children were added to the Body of Christ.

James Jenkins, pastor of the Union and Middletown, N.J., churches, said that in 20 years of being a minister he couldn't recall baptizing three brothers and sisters at one time.

Stan, 24, one of those baptized, accompanied his mother to her baptism in 1983, because Mrs. James needed someone to drive her from their Newark, N.J., home to the baptism site in Bayonne, N.J.

"I didn't want to go inside, and I don't know why I did," said Mr. James. "When I did go in, I was just going to be a spider on the wall."

But as Mr. Jenkins conducted the final counseling, Mr. James' leg fell asleep, and he fell down. "So much for being inconspicuous," he remarked.

Mrs. James added: "I was telling everybody what I learned, but it didn't seem that Stan was listening. Then one Sabbath he asked, 'What time do we leave for services?'"

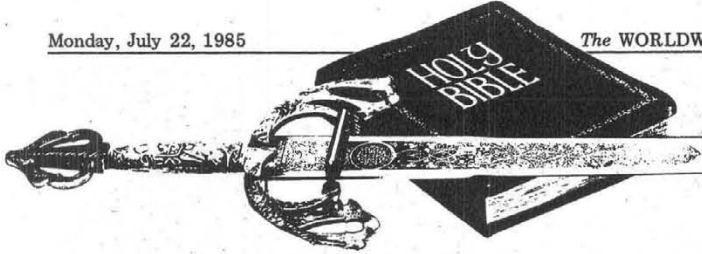
Kate, 25, and Jacky, 23, were also baptized that day.

Henry Sturcke, Union assistant pastor, worked closely with all three: "It was amazing. Kate began to counsel. When I went back for a re-

visit, Stan was there and asked if he could sit in. When I went back again, Jacky asked if she could sit in.

"The last time I went over, their oldest brother, Eric, sat in, and a cousin from Jersey City [N.J.] sent a message saying he was sorry he couldn't be there. I think it says a lot about the example Mrs. James has been to her family."

Mrs. James has seven children who are members of Youth Opportunities United (YOU) or Youth Educational Services (YES). They are Joycelyn, Tracy, Kim, Derek, Damian, Courtney and Jarrett.



# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## Job description for a Christian: above and beyond call of duty

By John White

How many today are willing to go above the call of duty? Is just doing our job enough? What is our Christian responsibility? What sort of work ethic, as it were, does God lay down in terms of our Christian calling?

*John White pastors the Pretoria and Pietersburg, South Africa, churches.*

In most jobs today, the employee is issued a job description to show exactly what his or her responsibilities are. It probably gives the hours of work, duration of leave, salary scale and side benefits. It also spells out the rules and regulations of the job as laid down by the management.



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

Should there arise any misunderstandings or problems on the job, the employee can always refer to the job description for clarification.

The trouble with many employees today is that they use these job descriptions as an excuse not to work. They hide behind them. They may do their work — but only what is expected of them. They may never set a foot wrong, yet fail to succeed. They miss out on promotions or salary increases. Some may even quit or have to be dismissed.

Why?

Employers look for the worker who shows initiative — for the one who goes above the call of duty, who reads more into his job description than just what he reads on paper.

### The Christian job description

Such is the Christian life. We have all been given a job description of our basic Christian duties. But we can fall into the same trap as the unsuccessful employee, jeopardizing whether we fulfill our commis-

sion and qualify for the Kingdom of God. Why so?

We may feel that as long as we do what is expected of us, it is enough. We may feel that as long as we do our normal Christian duties — attend Sabbath services or Bible studies, for instance — we're doing our part.

But no. Mere passive Christianity is not enough. We must strive to come out of the comfortable ineffectiveness of passive Christianity and make special efforts to go over and above the normal call of duty.

Jesus gave some excellent examples of this principle.

Luke 17:7-10 gives an account of a normal working man. There's nothing unusual about his performance. But in verse 10, Jesus said that if we only stick to the job description, we are just ordinary, passive workers.

Let's look at another example. This time Jesus Himself was directly involved.

In Matthew 19 is the well-known account of a young man who realized he had to do more than the ordinary to become an effective Christian. But is simply knowing enough? Let's find out.

Notice in verse 16 how Matthew recorded the question. Instead of merely asking, "What must I do?" the young man asked, "What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Is it possible that this man realized that, as human beings, our abilities are limited in what we can achieve? The apostle Paul wrote, "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing" (Romans 7:18).

Christ answered in Matthew 19:17, "If thou wilt enter into [eternal] life, keep the commandments."

In a sense, Jesus was telling the young man: "You have the spiritual job description. Go ahead and do it." But this eager person wanted more detail. Verse 18: "He saith unto him, Which?" And Jesus spelled it out to him: He needed to keep the laws as laid down in the Ten Commandments.

Here was a man who had an opportunity to speak to the Master in person, and he was determined to make the most of it. Christians are also in a position to speak personally to Christ about their job opportunities.

On a physical level, we also have the additional advantage of counsel-

ing with God's chosen ministry. Shouldn't we take every chance to have our spiritual lives evaluated?

This young man kept right at it. He asked a bold and loaded question in verse 20: "What lack I yet?" In essence, "What must I do, over and above the call of duty?" He was asking for an evaluation on his spiritual growth.

So must we ask God what we as individuals must do to inherit eternal life.

In Psalm 19:13, David asked God to keep him from presumptuousness. We may feel we are doing fine as Christians — doing the necessities. Yet we may lack that extra spark of initiative that Christ is looking for. We may be doing only the barest of necessities!

Paul warns that we must be careful, because many times when we think we stand firm, we may fall flat

(I Corinthians 10:12). But if we ask God, He will help us in our inadequacies.

### The crux of the matter

So what happens when our shortcomings are exposed? This can be the make or break point in the Christian's life.

Let's go back to our friend, the rich young man.

Jesus knew this man's problems. He knows ours, better than we know them. This man had plenty of ability. He was on the right track, but was he really willing to leave behind the encumbrances of his riches (Ecclesiastes 5:10-13), and go above and beyond the call of duty?

Jesus told the young man to cut back on what took most of his time, energy and attention. This was his great test. Was he going to make it? It's the same for us. In this young man's case, it seems he did not.

How very sad. Christ held the door open for him. There was a place for him among the firstfruits in God's Kingdom. Now, when the test came, he hesitated to go further than he was accustomed, and backed off. It was a crucial point in his life.

Jesus then explained to His disciples just how this man failed. The lesson is recorded for us as an example with far-reaching implications.

Mark, in chapter 10 of his gospel, makes the conclusion clear. Peter said that, in a sense, the disciples had already gone over and beyond their normal call of duty (verse 28). We, too, may have gone beyond the basic Christian job description. What now?

Christ explained that to truly follow Him, certain sacrifices will have to be made. Sometimes those sacrifices will not be pleasant or easy. There are, however, tremendous rewards in the end (verses 29-30).

In our efforts to become more than passive Christians, we must ask God to reveal what we lack and how we must go beyond the call of duty. But we'll never be made righteous merely by knowing. We must do (Romans 2:13).

Christ is judging us now (I Peter 4:17-18). He will bring certain rewards and promotions with Him at His coming. Our future depends not only on how we read and handle our spiritual job description, but on whether we're prepared to go over and above the call of duty.

## Do you use Sabbath services as classroom for character?

By Hugh Mauck

For the true Christian, participating in Sabbath services is a major part of character development.

The Sabbath is a holy convocation, a commanded assembly (Leviticus 23:3, Hebrews 10:25). These convocations are worship services and training sessions that teach us how to become more like God, to put on God's mind and character, to grow in grace and knowledge, to prepare us to become God.

*Hugh Mauck is an employee of the Mail Processing Center in Pasadena.*

But we know that Sabbath services are not always the delight and joy they should be. What can we do to get the most out of Sabbath services every Sabbath? Read on to find out.

### Prepare properly

The sermon is the main reason for coming to services, so whatever we can do to get the most from each message, we should do. Our responsibilities begin with planning properly for Sabbath services even before the Sabbath begins.

To be physically and mentally prepared for Sabbath services means we can't leave everything to be done on Friday afternoon before the Sabbath. How many of us have exhausted ourselves, working as hard as we can until sundown, preparing for our day of rest? Physically we're a wreck every Sabbath.

If that's happening to you, it shows you need to organize your schedule a little better. What can be done during the week to prepare for Sabbath services? Proper attention to clothing is one important responsibility.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong stresses that when we appear at services, we should wear the finest we have. Services are not a fashion show, but we should dress our best to honor God. Clothes can be checked to be sure they are clean and free from wrin-

gles or other flaws well ahead of time.

If you have children, Sabbath books, pencils and tablets can be packed. Let your children help when they are old enough.

The training of your children for Sabbath services should not be left to the Sabbath day. Each day during the week, a quiet time can be set for children to sit and play with their books or toys. Even very young children can be taught to stay on a pallet or pad, playing quietly until they are ready for a nap. (This also allows Mother a break for rest and Bible study.)

Child training at home frees both parents from unnecessary trips outside services with fretful, bored children and shows regard for other members of the congregation as well. Mothers should not have to spend every Sabbath, week after week, in mothers' rooms instead of in services listening to sermons.

Attention to your car should be taken care of ahead of time so you don't have any unpleasant surprises when you start out for services.

Before leaving for services, time should have been scheduled to ask God to bless the ministers in their sermon preparation and to ask His overall protection and blessing on the day.

Next, we should prepare to arrive at least a few minutes early so we can get settled and be ready to listen when services begin. This means being organized again and not waiting until the last minute to leave for services. Allow time for the unexpected.

Now that we're prepared, in our seats on time, rested and alert, we can truly enjoy Sabbath services.

### Get the most from services

The song service isn't just for those who sing well. Singing is a major way we can worship and praise God. We should participate wholeheartedly. Our joy before God can be expressed by pouring out our love and devotion to Him in song. After an enthusiastic song service, we're even more pre-

pared to listen attentively.

God has prepared a spiritual feast for us (Isaiah 55:1). We should give our undivided attention to the speakers. Taking notes helps us recall the messages, and it also helps us pay attention to what is said.

Too much note taking, however, can cause us to lose large portions of the sermons. Also, responsive books are much more inspiring to the speaker than the tops of our heads. The reaction of the audience is vital to every minister's effectiveness.



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

When we attend Sabbath services we are coming into God's presence, to be taught by God through His ministers. Church services are holy because of God's presence in them.

Jesus Christ regularly attended services on the Sabbath day when He lived on this earth. He fulfilled His own command to meet for worship services every Sabbath.

The apostle Paul assembled on the Sabbath (Acts 17:2), and he admonishes us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25). Children and adults are to rejoice in God's Sabbath and enjoy fellowship on this day. After the sermon, be sure to spend time with your brethren and try to meet some new people each week.

Now go back over these points and by applying them see if you can't make all of God's Sabbath services the pure delight and joy they should be for you and your family.

## Milestones in Church's work

- July 31, 1917 — Herbert W. Armstrong and Loma Dillon are married in Chicago, Ill.
- July, 1933 — Mr. Armstrong gives a series of lectures in Eugene, Ore., that leads to the formation of the Church's worldwide work.
- July, 1955 — *The World Tomorrow* appears on television for the first time.
- July 19-20, 1976 — The Viking landing on Mars is viewed in the Ambassador Auditorium in cooperation with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.
- July, 1982 — Mr. Armstrong meets Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Prince Charles.
- July 27, 1982 — First Summer Educational Program (SEP) in 18 years concludes on Big Sandy Ambassador College campus.
- July 10-13, 1983 — Otto von Habsburg, a member of the European Parliament and a proponent of the European unification movement, visits the Pasadena Ambassador College campus.

# Ministerial Refreshing Program III

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**Carrol & Phyllis Bryant**  
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Savannah, Ga.

# Letters TO THE EDITOR

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they are offering to the world. I also want to thank you very much for my 1985 pre-paid subscription. It was wonderful having it in 1984 and I said to myself that I need to study the word of God harder in 1985.

E. Victorin  
Vieux Fort, St. Lucia

I am a teenager attending secondary school and wish to inform you that I enjoy reading many articles from the *Plain Truth* magazine. These articles do

help me much with my school work. For the benefit of myself and fellow students I would be very happy to be a subscriber to your *Youth Magazine* and to assist in the Work of God.

Prakash Balgobin  
Guyana  
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### One more thing

Thank you with all our hearts and minds for your outstanding article, "Are You Dull of Hearing?" in the *WN* of June 10, 1985. It stands in front of us like a pillar of fire to find the strait gate and to remain on the narrow way.

You've helped us again to focus our minds on God's plan of salvation and our hearts on thankfulness for God's manna (or milk and meat) instead of murmuring for more meat. It certainly requires our whole attention to extract and retain

the nutrients essential to an abundant and fulfilled Christian life — not only for our life now, but life eternal . . .

All of your articles are most appreciated, but for this one which gave us a thorough "spiritual workout" we'd like to thank you in particular. As well as thanks to the writer who caused you to admonish us in this way.

Astrid Spector  
Rose Rivera  
Pam Stevens  
Zhararula Michos  
Sammy Texeria  
Billie Mahoney  
James Dubois  
Sidney Webb  
Manhattan, N.Y.

Thank you so much for all your "Just One More Thing" columns in *The*

*Worldwide News*. They have so often shown me clearly Christian principles that I have heard before but not really put to use in my life. This last one, "Are You Dull of Hearing?", has indeed hit home.

I have been a member of God's Church since 1968, and have at times thought that some of the articles were strictly for newcomers to God's truth. It was amazing to me how many of the questions in that column I only sort of thought I knew, instead of really knowing, and how many I just plain didn't know.

I resolved, however, to correct the situation, and looked up and found each answer, even the ones I was sure were right (one of which happened to be wrong). Thank you again for making me more aware of being a doer rather than a

hearer only, and of how much we still have to learn.

Katherine McKelvey  
Godefroy, N.Y.  
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### New member comments

As a newly baptized member (April 26), I must let you know how excited and thrilled I have been to receive *The Worldwide News*. I can hardly express the joy and excitement I find in learning of the activities and work of the Church as a whole, as well as local congregations; examining significant world events; and, most wonderful of all, the spiritual food of "Iron Sharpens Iron."

I thank all of you who produce *The Worldwide News*, the members whose prayers and titles support this wonderful aspect of God's work, and the Eternal Himself for this great, unexpected blessing.

Judy Williams  
Greer, S.C.  
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### Teen appreciates *Plain Truth*

I am writing to congratulate you on the brilliant articles about teenagers in a recent issue of *The Plain Truth*. As I am only 14, and thought no one would understand me, your article helped me to understand better. Could you please send me the book *Why Were You Born?*, and I would please like to enroll in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course.

Shabana Akram  
Birmingham, England

## Revival

(Continued from page 2)

that 90 percent of the population has religious beliefs. The youths and intelligentsia are in the forefront.

Antoni Pospieszalski wrote in *The Tablet* May 18: "To go to church in Poland is to make a political statement . . . That is one reason why Polish Catholicism is so strong. Increasingly, however, there is another reason — a rising trend of personal conversions."

Next: Yugoslavia. Barney Petrovic wrote in the April 7 *Sunday Times*: "Yugoslavia's Communist rulers are clearly embarrassed by a sudden surge of religious feeling among their 22m people after 40 years of officially imposed Atheist ideology . . . In February this year, an opinion poll in the Catholic heartland of Dalmatia showed that more than half of the youngsters considered themselves faithful to the Church while the number who said they were Atheists was only 16%, half the figure of ten years ago."

What about Hungary? A spokesman for Cardinal Lazo Lekai said in *The Tablet* June 8: "There's a very strong religious revival which sometimes surprises even us . . . In my Budapest parish, compared to ten years ago, twice as many school-children come for religious instruction."

And in Czechoslovakia the government is so concerned about certain religious activities (perhaps unwise activities on the part of some zealots) that it is allegedly waging a campaign of harassment against the Catholic Church.

Richard Bassett reported from Vienna, Austria, in *The Times*, June 18: "Relations between the

Roman Catholic Church and the Czechoslovak State continue to deteriorate as dissident sources report new police suppression of Catholic activists in recent weeks. More than a dozen Catholics have been imprisoned in the past fortnight for 'smuggling' religious literature and the authorities continue to make searches of houses lived in by prominent Catholics."

Poor relations have existed between the government and the Catholic Church since 1950. But these bad feelings have taken a new and sharper tone. This corresponds to the general revival impetus in Eastern Europe as a whole.

As mentioned earlier, however, this religious revival is uneven. For instance, Albania does not permit citizens to read their Bibles. The maximum penalty is 12 years behind bars. Proclaiming itself "the world's first atheistic state" in 1967, Albania forbids parents to name their children after biblical heroes. There are, however, undercurrents of revival even in Albania.

Now to the western flank of Europe — the British Isles. The Church of England is concerned about a surge of converts to Roman Catholicism.

"The Anglican Chaplain at Lincoln College, Oxford . . . yesterday became the latest member of the Church of England to announce his conversion to Roman Catholicism. He is expected to be received into the Roman Catholic Church next month" (*The Guardian*, June 22).

He is only one of an increasing number to "declare themselves." A leading Anglican official has personally dealt with 25 cases since late last year.

The Anglican chaplain at Lincoln College considers his conversion as a declaration for Christian unity. He

said, as quoted by *The Guardian*, "The great Church of the Christian West, held together in unity of the faith by the common loyalty to the Bishop of Rome, the historical symbol of unity in the Christian Church, is where I find my spiritual home." He said in a letter to friends, "I have lost confidence in the Anglican Church's ability to move toward visible Catholic unity."

Clifford Longley, religious affairs correspondent for *The Times*, wrote June 20, "In a recent address to the Church Union . . . the Bishop

of Chichester . . . referred to 'clear and increasing evidence' that many members of the Church of England were contemplating joining the Roman Catholic Church."

And don't forget that two major Catholic countries, Spain and Portugal, will officially join the European Community Jan. 1.

Will some of these trends — on the flanks of Europe — spread to major countries on the Continent? Religious trends in Europe should be matters of vital concern to all Church members.

## Efforts

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Force (UNEF) had been established to monitor the peace between Israel and Egypt after the 1956 Middle East War. UNEF troops were positioned at key border points.

Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser, however, demanded their removal in 1967 because he was planning to launch an attack on Israel and they stood in his way. Mr. Levin summed up the ineffectiveness of the UNEF as follows:

"The important point worth remembering in relation to UN peacekeeping is that UNEF collapsed . . . just as it was on the verge of realizing its most important task, that of preventing war."

Throughout the UN's 40-year history, one member nation after another has gone to war, claiming it had just reason for doing so, and that the UN charter condemning territorial aggression didn't apply in its case. In fact, there is not a single instance of a nation acknowledging it has violated the charter!

A notable example was India's move in December, 1961, against the

tiny colonial enclave of Goa on the west coast of the subcontinent. Goa had been in Portuguese hands for nearly 450 years, and India was determined to "liberate" it. The prevailing mood in the UN was that of anticolonialism.

Indian troops secured a quick victory. The UN Security Council debated but did nothing, because India had the support of the Soviet Union and a number of Third World nations who, as one source put it, refused to "blow the whistle" on a fellow member of the anticolonialist grouping.

In a commentary on the UN's failure to act at that time, U.S. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson said: "Tonight we are witnessing the first act in a drama which could end with the death of the organization. The League of Nations died, I remind you, when its members no longer resisted the use of aggressive force . . . We have witnessed tonight an effort to . . . sanction the use of force in international relations when it suits one's own purposes. This approach can only lead to chaos and to the disintegration of the United Nations."

### House built on sand

When the United Nations was

founded in 1945, there was almost a feeling of euphoria. The UN charter, some said, was the greatest document ever penned by the hand of man.

A bold few urged caution. One of these was Britain's chief delegate to the 1945 San Francisco conference, Lord Halifax, who said, "Time alone can show whether the house that we have tried to build rests upon shifting sand, or, as I firmly hope, upon solid rock, to stand as shield and shelter against every storm."

To draw the analogy from Matthew 7:24-27, the United Nations has indeed been built upon sand. It has not stood the test of time or the assaults of nations and terrorist organizations determined to circumvent its principles.

The coming Kingdom of God will be built on a solid foundation: a rock — Jesus Christ — which the builders of the UN and other human attempts at world organization rejected (Psalm 118:22). Included in that solid foundation are the apostles and prophets of God (Ephesians 2:20).

The coming government of God erected on this rock-hard foundation will have the power "with a rod of iron" to enforce world peace at last (Revelation 2:26-27; 19:15).

# Ministerial Refreshing Program III

Session 18, July 10 to July 23



Dale & Sandra Ralston  
Local church elder  
Cincinnati, Ohio, East



Richard & Judy Rand  
Associate pastor  
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Roseburg, Ore.



David & Artis Roenspies  
Local church elder  
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Rodolfo & Belle Salsipan  
Assistant pastor  
Laoag and San Fernando, La  
Union, Philippines



Donald & Annie Shaw  
Local church elder  
Roanoke, Va.



Herbert & Wanda Simonton  
Local church elder  
Everett, Wash.



Victor & Grace Simpson  
Church pastor  
Bridgetown, Barbados; Castries,  
St. Lucia; and Kingstown, St.  
Vincent



Robert Sr. & Carol Thurlow  
Local church elder  
Portland, Maine



Braden & Georgia Veller  
Local church elder  
Tampa, Fla.

Not pictured:  
Sara Collins  
Sarah Kirkpatrick

# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



**TABLE FOR FIVE** — A San Luis Obispo, Calif., family garnishes a picnic table for lunch at a church social May 31 at Lake Lopez on California's central coast. Outdoor Sabbath services were conducted June 1.

## Youths attend balls, awards banquets, prom

The fifth annual graduation ball for high school students from the **TRENTON** and **VINELAND**, N.J., churches took place at Meadow View School in Chesterfield, N.J., June 23. About 250 brethren came to honor high school graduates for trying to follow God's way in a secular educational system.

Trenton deacon John Hunter, master of ceremonies, introduced a variety of area YOU musical performances, including Diane Aversa singing "We've Only Just Begun"; Mike and Mark Bastian, who sang "Graduation Day"; and Stacey Bittner, Conway Kuo and Andrea Hill, who were accompanied on piano by Jan Flynn.

Graduates of the Class of '85 from Trenton are Brian Ashford, Sonya Covington, Warren Lucas and Debbie Salato, and Susan Sawyer from Vineland.

Pastor Vincent Panella presented gifts from the congregations to each of the graduates. Bob Bittner presented a slide show, showing photos of each of the graduates.

In addition to honoring the graduates, other YOU members were recognized with awards. Winners in an area YOU essay contest were (senior division) Debbie Salato, first, Monte DiGiacomo, second, and George Gergely, Stacey Bittner and Brian Ashford, third; (junior division) Andrew Bittner, first, Kim Klucker, second, and Donna Gergely, third.

Mr. Panella also presented Pastor's Award certificates to several YOU members for showing effort and accomplishment in completing YOU Bible study assignments during the past 12 months. These are Diane Aversa, Karen Aversa, Andrew Bittner, Monte DiGiacomo, Andrea Hill, John Hunter Jr. and Debbie Salato.

Refreshments were served during the evening, and Clem Scardino and George Bastian provided dance music. The movie *The Black Stallion Returns* was also shown.

Ninety **MILWAUKEE** and **WEST BEND**, Wis., YOU teens, family members and guests attended a YOU sports and graduation banquet at the Pzazz restaurant June 11.

After 45 minutes of fellowship, the group shared a meal. Speeches were given by Ken Mentell, who talked about track; Heidi Greupink, cheerleading; Mark Mincey, basketball; and Amy Noel, volleyball. They explained how participating in

YOU activities helped them grow spiritually, mentally and physically.

Pastor Eugene Noel served as master of ceremonies and presented awards to the basketball and volleyball teams that placed first. Cheerleaders were awarded trophies, and Ken Mentell received a \$500 scholarship to Ambassador College.

The senior girls relay team, which came in first during the regional track meet, received awards, and Margaret Pittman and Steve Roth received the Pastor's Character Award.

YOU members presented Mr. Noel and his wife, Janice, with a gift for their support and involvement with the YOU sports program. The evening ended with a dance.

At the June 8 **TAMPA**, Fla., church prom, brethren honored graduating high school seniors and bade farewell to pastor Ronald Lohr, his wife, Patricia, and daughters, Rhonda and Jennifer.

After serving in the Tampa area for eight years, the Lohrs have been transferred to pastor the Peoria and Macomb, Ill., churches. The Lohrs were presented with a video recorder and a plaque. The event also marked the Lohrs' 16th wedding anniversary.

**OKLAHOMA CITY**, Okla., brethren were hosts to a District 64 YOU graduation ball June 1.

Eighty-five YOU members, 20 singles and 20 parents from the Hays, Salina and Wichita, Kan., and Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Ada, Lawton and Enid, Okla., churches attended the event.

A catered four-course dinner was served at the Holiday Inn West. Graduates were given corsages and boutonnières.

The Tulsa Dance Band played formal dance selections. A high point of the evening was when Donald Mason, Tulsa pastor and District 64 YOU coordinator, introduced and honored the graduating seniors with an account of their high school and YOU accomplishments.

The dance resumed with a program of dance cards and numbered dances to encourage dancing with different partners.

Ministers present were Mr. Mason; Arnold Clauson, pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid churches; Judd Kirk, Wichita pastor; Philip Rice, Tulsa associate pastor; and Charles Holladay, associate pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid churches.

YOU members from **HATTIESBURG** and **PICAYUNE**, Miss., combined June 1 at the Picayune church hall for a YOU awards banquet.

Pastor L. David Stone, assisted (See **YOUTHS**, page 9)

## Brethren, YOU go camping

Campers, tents and sleeping bags were packed around a campsite at Lake Lopez on California's central coast May 31, as **SAN LUIS OBISPO**, Calif., brethren prepared for a weekend of activities.

The group went hiking, fishing and swimming and had a sing-along around an open camp fire. Outdoor Sabbath services June 1 were conducted by Carlton Smith, pastor of the San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara, Calif., churches.

The group returned home Sunday afternoon.

Aimed at fostering the right kind of fun for young people in God's Church, **SAN FERNANDO**, Pampanga, Philippines, brethren spon-

sored a camp-out for YOU members of the San Fernando and Tarlac, Philippines, churches June 1 and 2.

Twenty-two youths met at Tayag resort for the event, organized by Bermevon Dizon, pastor of the two churches. After sundown and dinner June 1 activities were a sing-along, party games and a swim.

After breakfast June 2 a dance clinic took place. Next, Mr. Dizon gave a lecture on sports with pointers on how to enjoy them.

A volleyball game between the staff and YOU members preceded table games and swimming.

Charles F. Feldbush and Percival Gabriel.

## Singles plan weekend, trip

The annual regional singles weekend, sponsored by the Active Singles of **TORONTO**, Ont., took place May 18 and 19, with about 350 in attendance. Participants came from American states and Canadian provinces.

Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, and his wife, Barbara, of Pasadena were weekend guests of the singles.

Mr. Hogberg, who also writes the "Worldwatch" column in *The Worldwide News*, gave the sermon at the Toronto West church, drawing a parallel between how the Soviet Union — like a roaring lion — picks off smaller, nonexisting countries, and the battle Christians encounter with Satan.

In the afternoon Gary Moore, pastor of the Fredericton, Bathurst, Moncton and Saint John, N.B., churches, conducted a Bible study for singles. Mr. Moore showed how the seven laws of success were applicable in the life of Joseph.

A buffet at the 427 Holiday Inn preceded dancing to music provided by Paul Linehan, associate pastor of the Toronto West church. An intermission floor show, directed by Al Kosteniuk, consisted of music and song and dance routines from the mid '40s.

Sunday, May 19, Mr. Hogberg conducted morning and afternoon sessions dealing with world news as it pertains to Bible prophecy. A question-and-answer period followed.

On behalf of the singles, Rudy Enns presented Mr. and Mrs. Hogberg with a gift as a memento of their visit to Toronto. Mr. Enns also received a gift from the singles for his retirement after years of involvement with the

Active Singles Committee.

Twenty-three **BUFFALO**, N.Y., NORTH singles took 24 children ages 4 to 13 on an adopt-a-kid trip to the Ontario Science Center in Toronto, Ont., May 27.

As a service project singles "adopt" a child who has only one parent in the Church.

The group boarded Canada's VIA Rail train in Niagara Falls at 6:40 a.m. for the two-hour, 82-mile (See **SINGLES**, page 9)

## Dance, potlucks conducted

**PIKEVILLE**, Ky., brethren were hosts to their second annual semi-formal dance June 9 at the Perry Cline Community Center in Pikeville. The color theme for this year's dance consisted of royal blue, silver, pink and white.

A rotating mirrored ball was suspended over the middle of the dance floor, with alternating blue, pink and white crepe paper streamers extending from the ball to the walls.

The dance floor was separated from the seating area by a blue arch and streamers. Gail Hunt, wife of Robert Hunt, a Pikeville local church elder, provided a variety of music.

After the dance photographs were taken for those who wanted a memento of the evening.

More than 250 **RALEIGH**, N.C., brethren were on hand for a potluck June 9 at Camp Durant, north of Raleigh. The church provided barbecued roast beef and beverages, while individuals brought vegetable dishes and desserts.

Organized activities included canoeing, swimming, softball, volleyball, teeball, horseshoes, basketball, a "knowledge bowl," children's games and a meeting of *Plain Truth* contact representatives. Some went hiking or fishing.

Used clothing was also given away. Deacon Neal Brantley supervised the event.

June 2 **MOBILE**, Ala., brethren spent a day at Big Lagoon State Park in Pensacola, Fla., a 1985 Feast of Tabernacles site. The more adventurous spent the previous night camping, while others arrived at 10 a.m.

The group shared a potluck and homemade ice cream under the Governor's Pavilion, a spot secured early in the year by Hilford and Geanette Jones.

Gym sets and board games provided entertainment, while others played volleyball or went fishing or wading in Big Lagoon lake.

Debby Bailey, Harlan Brown and Treba Jackson.



**GOOD-BYE TO PASTOR** — Left photo, Aaron Colby and Lynisa Awad follow in adult footsteps at a Tampa, Fla., church prom June 8. Right photo, the event also honored departing pastor Ronald Lohr, his wife, Patricia, and children, Jennifer and Rhonda. Mr. Lohr now pastors the Peoria and Macomb, Ill., churches. [Photos by Phillip Brooks and Shirley Thomas]









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

PASADENA — The numbers of baptisms, new ministerial visits and prospective members of God's Church are increasing worldwide, according to evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services.

"In 1984 we averaged 465 baptisms per month worldwide," Mr. Tkach said. "For the first four months of 1985, the average number of baptisms per month worldwide has been 597."

"As you can see," he continued, "the rate of growth through baptisms is phenomenal. God is adding to His Church the equivalent of a good-sized congregation every month!"

Mr. Tkach said that the number of new visits by ministers is also up. "In 1984 we averaged 1,292 new contacts per month worldwide. Through April of 1985, we've averaged 1,972 new contacts per month worldwide."

He added that the number of prospective members is increasing. A prospective member is an individual who has been visited by a minister and has shown interest in being baptized.

"The 1984 monthly average for new prospective members was 453," Mr. Tkach said. "Through April of this year the monthly average has been 566."

"The growth God is granting His Church results primarily through His blessing the increased exposure of the *World Tomorrow* program and the increased distribution of *The Plain Truth*," the evangelist said. "As Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong has so often said, when our ways please God, He will bless us."

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PASADENA — Youth Opportunities United (YOU) scheduled its first intercontinental Winter Educational Program (WEP) in Saalbach, Austria, according to Kevin Dean, YOU director, in a telephone interview with *The World Tomorrow*.

"Space is available for 90 teens from the United States and 80 teens from Europe," Mr. Dean said. The Church's annual WEP had been for European teens only.

Mr. Dean said that the 12-day camp will offer activities such as downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, ice-skating, folk dancing, curling and Bible education classes.

Those participating will leave the United States Dec. 19 and return either Dec. 31 or Jan. 1, 1986. Cost for the camp is \$1,100. This includes transportation, rooms,



**NEW DISPENSER** — Forty-nine *Plain Truth* newsstand outdoor dispensers like the one pictured above were placed in "selected high-volume areas" in Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles, Calif., according to Boyd Leeson, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager.

meals, equipment rental and lift tickets. "We have secured an excellent site for the program, and expect it to be an exciting time for those who apply and are accepted," Mr. Dean said.

WEP applications will be available from church pastors "about mid-September," he said.

Evangelist Ronald Kelly and Winfried Fritz, pastor of the Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, and Munich and Nuremberg, West Germany, churches, inspected the site during Mr. Kelly's May European trip (see "Update," *W/N*, May 27).

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PASADENA — God's Church set a new record for mail received worldwide during the first five months of 1985, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

Mr. Rice said that 3.8 million pieces of mail were received during this period, including 2.5 million received in the United States.

During the first four months of 1985, 2.4 million pieces of mail were received by MPC and regional offices, including 1.6 million pieces in the United States.

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ORR, Minn. — The second session of the Church's Summer Educational Program (SEP) is "one of the best we've ever had," said Kevin Dean, director of SEP and Youth Opportunities United (YOU), in a telephone interview with *The World Tomorrow*.

The second session began July 3 and will end July 23. About 330 campers are attending this session.

"About the only event that marred the first session was the chilly weather we experienced," Mr. Dean said. "But the first group braved the rain and wind and showed a lot of enthusiasm."

The camp conducted its annual waterskiing exhibition July 4 for the city of Orr. "Wayne Grinditch, a six-time world champion in waterskiing and now a professional sports commentator, was on hand and participated during the performance," Mr. Dean said.

"He later commented that he was very impressed with our operation here and what we are able to do with Church youths."

The Orr SEP will conclude with the third session, scheduled for July 25 to Aug. 13. Three hundred thirty-six campers are scheduled to attend.

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NEW YORK, N.Y. — About 1,000 brethren are affected by the drought gripping New York City and Westchester County north of the city, according to Robert Fahey, pastor of the Manhattan, Westchester and Long Island East and West churches.

"It's a very serious condition for the city here," Mr. Fahey said, adding that Edward Koch, mayor of New York, imposed several water-saving measures, including the requirement that office buildings shut off their air conditioning two hours a day.

"The building where we have our church office shuts off its air conditioning from 4 to 6 p.m., which is often when we use it the most," Mr. Fahey said.

"It's odd that only New York City and Westchester County are affected," he continued. "The main city has received rain, but it doesn't seem to rain in the area in Westchester where the catch basins for the reservoirs are located."

He added that Long Island is not affected by the drought, "since they get most of their water from wells."

According to Associated Press (AP) reports, New York officials are pumping and treating 100 million gallons of water from the Hudson River daily, the first time in nearly 20 years.

"Unfortunately, that's barely a drop in the bucket for use by some seven million people," Mr. Fahey said.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services released the following ordinations.

Jessup Bahinting, pastor of the Cagayan de Oro, Butuan, Ozamiz and Valencia, Philippines, churches, was ordained a preaching elder June 19.

Felipe Casing, pastor of the Catbalogan, Liloan and Tacloban, Philippines, churches, was ordained a preaching elder June 19.

William Davies of the Edmonton, Alta., North church was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services May 26.

Wilhelm Mandel, a deacon in the



**CHINESE STUDENTS** — Evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College (second from right); John Halford, international student adviser (third from right); and Ralph Levy, instructor in English (far right); meet with students from Nanjing, China, July 9. The students are studying English for six weeks on the Pasadena campus. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Edmonton North church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services May 26.

Pacifico Magno Jr., a ministerial trainee in the San Fernando, Pangasinan, Philippines, church, was ordained a local elder June 19.

Ireneo Marquez, a local elder in the Santiago and Roxas, Philippines, churches, was ordained a preaching elder June 19.

Donald Pickenpugh, a deacon in the Wheeling, W. Va., church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services May 26.

Mel Rahel of the Montreal, Que. (English), church was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services May 26.

Rodolfo Salisipan, a ministerial trainee in the Baguio, Philippines, church, was ordained a local elder June 19.

Jerry Stewart, a deacon in the Sherman, Tex., church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services May 26.

Richard Taylor, a deacon in the Memphis, Tenn., church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services May 26.

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PASADENA — Response from Hawaii to the *World Tomorrow* telecast has more than tripled now that viewers can call from Hawaii on the Church's Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) line, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

Previously, residents of Hawaii

From Brno Mr. Karlson and Mr. Fransson traveled to Poland for meetings in Warsaw and Cracow, a new Feast site.

Don Patrick of Publishing Services arrived in Bonn June 16 to begin installation of the new Bedford Meteor 3000 pagination system and training office personnel to use the system. (Mr. Patrick also began installation of the Bedford system in the regional offices in Borehamwood, England, and Nieuwegein, Netherlands.)

Peggy Warkentin from Pasadena is traveling system instructor for the system in each area.

With this typesetting computer the three regional offices will eventually be able to typeset translated *Plain Truth*, *Good News* or booklet manuscripts. The typeset galleys will be put into a preset layout, which will be sent by telephone line to Pasadena, where the material will be run through the typesetter and film made for printing. This will reduce the time it takes to publish the magazine.

Circulation of *Klar & Wahr* (German *Plain Truth*) stood at 85,707 in June. Circulation of *Die Gute Nachricht* (German *Good News*) was 21,177 in June, up 71 percent from June, 1984. The rapid increase is primarily from offers of *The Good News* in *The Plain Truth*.



PASADENA — Jamaica is home to a thriving Church congregation.

From a modest start in 1975 the Jamaican church has grown to an attendance of 283, including 131 baptized members. In addition to Sabbath services in Kingston, the capital, Bible studies are conducted twice a month in Mandeville, monthly in Ocho Rios and every three months in Montego Bay.

Response to the *World Tomorrow* television program continues even though the program is no longer aired.

The Jamaican Office reports 68 visit requests for the first three months of the year. This keeps pastor Charles Fleming and his wife, Carmen, quite busy. Mr. Fleming, a native of Grenada, has served the Jamaican congregation since 1978.

Mr. Fleming reports positive attitudes and renewed commitment

among brethren to the work of God's Church. The Pentecost offering reflected a per person increase of 158 percent.

The Feast site at Ocho Rios is popular with visitors. The site reached capacity within five days of being opened to transfers.

#### German-speaking area

John Karlson, Bonn, West Germany, office manager, and his assistant, Wade Fransson, went to Brno, Czechoslovakia, in early June to work out final arrangements for the Feast of Tabernacles. Winfried Fritz, Festival elder, and Heinz Wilsberg, a Church member, accompanied them.

Mr. Karlson said that officials of the government tourist agency, Cedok, appreciated Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's trip to Prague, Czechoslovakia, in May (*W/N*, June 10).

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