

## Church officials, TV crew travel to Orient for interviews, summit

By Gene H. Hogberg  
PASADENA — *World Tomorrow* and *Plain Truth* staff members returned May 9 from an extensive fact-finding and filming trip to Asia, including Tokyo, Japan, for the economic summit.

Personnel included David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing and Public Relations; Larry Omasta, director of Media Services; John Halford, associate producer of *The World Tomorrow* and a senior writer for *The Plain Truth*; and me, world news editor of *The Plain Truth*.

Several members of the *World Tomorrow* camera and engineering crew taped segments for the fall television season.

### Philippines update

The trip began April 25 when Mr. Halford and I traveled to the Philippines. Part of our mission was to observe political and social conditions. In March a bloodless revolution abruptly elevated Corazon Aquino to the presidency.

On a flight from Tokyo to Manila, Philippines, I sat across the aisle from Agapito "Butch" Aquino, brother-in-law of the new president. Mr. Aquino played a key role in

rallying masses in support of rebellious army officers whose mutiny toppled Ferdinand Marcos. Mr. Aquino told me how he used the Catholic Church's Radio Veritas to issue the appeal to public action.

The political scene is far from settled. We saw crowds of Marcos supporters in front of the U.S. Embassy with signs proclaiming "America, Give us back our President."

In the countryside, Communist guerrillas of the New People's Army show little interest in accepting terms of a ceasefire and negotiations offered by the government.

While in Manila, Mr. Halford and I visited the Church's office and conferred with Guy Ames, regional director, and Rodney Matthews, office manager.

Mr. Matthews obtained permission for us to have press tours of two huge American military installations in the Philippines — Clark Air Base and Subic Naval Base.

April 28 we toured Clark along with Mr. Matthews, Sgt. Darrell Hartsock, husband of a member, who serves at the Clark facility, and Bermevo Dizon, pastor of the San Fernando, Pampanga, church.

After a briefing by Major Thomas

Boyd, public affairs officer at Clark, we photographed much of the 9,155-acre U.S. facility, including repair hangars and the flight-line lineup of operational aircraft.

The next day our group set out for Subic Naval Base, 1½ hours from Clark. The Subic facility is the U.S. Navy's largest logistical support base in the Western Pacific.

It is hard to exaggerate the strategic importance of these bases, which protect the Free World's sea-lanes throughout the Pacific and to the U.S. shores. As Major Boyd said, "Geography is still destiny."

April 30, the last day of Unleavened Bread, Mr. Halford and I spoke to more than 1,000 Filipino brethren (See ORIENT, page 2)



**JAPANESE INTERVIEW** — David Hulme (left), one of the *World Tomorrow* speakers and director of Media Purchasing and Public Relations, interviews Takeshi Araki, mayor of Hiroshima, Japan, May 8. [Photo by Gene H. Hogberg]

## Ministers encourage trainees at teas

# 'Be a servant,' urges Mr. Tkach

By Michael A. Snyder  
PASADENA — "When you go out to serve, make sure you go with the mind of Christ. Be a person who is teachable, one who is serving," said Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach to ministerial trainees and wives May 5.

Mr. Tkach's comments were part of two teas he was host to for full-time and summer ministerial trainees in his Hall of Administration office May 5 and 13.

The teas, served formally with refreshments, were the first Mr. Tkach conducted for ministerial trainees. "We wanted to get to personally know the graduates and students who are being given this unique opportunity to serve and learn," Mr. Tkach told *The Worldwide News*. "We want to encourage them and help them get off to a good start."

Mr. Tkach began the first tea with Mr. McNair by personally greeting

each person as he or she entered his fourth floor office.

Full-time ministerial trainees (and their assignments) and wives attending the May 5 tea were: Michael Medina and his wife, Adriana (Chile); Michael Mitchell (Caribbean); Eke Udeagha and his wife, Grace (Nigeria); Larry Roybal and his wife, Blanca (Mexico); and Sio Oui Shia (New Zealand).

Ministerial trainees for the summer of 1986 who attended the May 13 tea are: Kevin Armstrong, Reese Edmondson, Aldrin Mandimika and his wife, Elinah, Abraham Mathiu and Carlos Lester. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Edmondson will serve in Canada, and the other three trainees will serve in the United States.

Nigel Bearman, a summer trainee, did not attend because he is already serving in England.

### First meeting

Refreshments were served by Ro-

man Borek, house manager of the Ambassador Auditorium; Raymond Epperson, assistant to the house manager; and other members of the Auditorium house staff. Members of Mr. Tkach's office staff, including Ellen Escat, administrative assistant, helped in preparations.

Ministers and officials assisting Mr. Tkach were evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College; Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration; Gregory Albrecht, Pasadena dean of students; Douglas Horchak, assistant director of Church Administration; and Michael Feazell and Joseph Locke, personal assistants to the pastor general.

### Prayer emphasized

The group was seated in a circle on couches and chairs. After Mr. Tkach opened the May 5 meeting with prayer, he outlined some ministerial responsibilities.

Encouraging the men and women to dedicate themselves to service, Mr. Tkach distributed handouts for the trainees. One was American philosopher Elbert Hubbard's admonition to be a profitable worker.

The pastor general referred to a handout on prayer, commenting that "some mistakenly believe they can let down on prayer. If anything, you'd better increase your prayer time," he said. "Never let anything get in between you and God."

After the trainees and others introduced themselves and briefly discussed their backgrounds, Mr. McNair said: "One thing I hope you'll keep in mind... is the matter of being a servant. For me, just to be in God's work — to have a part — is the greatest thing that a human being could have. Wherever I go I stress that to me show complete loyalty to this work."

Mr. Albrecht encouraged them: "Whenever you go into an area... you can learn a lot from [God's people] and their experiences."

Mr. Tkach, Mr. Salyer, Mr. McNair and others recounted their years in the ministry and explained other duties of ministers and wives (See SERVANT, page 6)

## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear brethren,

Last evening, May 12, I had the privilege of being host to the graduating senior class for a special formal banquet as a capstone to their four years at Ambassador College.

As you know, Herbert W. Armstrong began the tradition more than 15 years ago of inviting the seniors in small groups to his home for a beautiful formal banquet.

In this way, over the course of each year, Mr. Armstrong was able to be host to the entirety of the senior class. (This is a tradition I intend to maintain, beginning with next year's senior class.)

But this year, because of his ill-

ness, Mr. Armstrong had been unable to be host for any seniors. Likewise, because of my schedule for these first months after his death, I have been unable to, either. So this year we have done the next best thing by inviting all seniors to this one fine banquet, which took place outdoors in the beautiful lower gardens on campus. I was able to talk to quite a number of seniors, and at least greet and shake hands with many.

From the comments I've heard, they seem to have had an outstanding evening that will be long remembered. We deeply appreciate these young men and women and the commitment they have made to God and to the preparation for His coming Kingdom.

I hope all of us are remembering to pray for the students at the colleges, that God will lead them and encourage them that they can make the most of the opportunities He has given them.

As we now move from the Days of Unleavened Bread to the day of Pentecost I have called upon the ministry to increase their prayers. I have asked them to begin praying a little more fervently, as well as a little longer every day. Certainly I should also pass that admonition along to all you brethren around the world. Mr. Armstrong often said, "God's Church moves forward on its knees." How true that is! I wonder if all of us really understand just how little we can do without God.

God did not call any of us because of how obedient we were, or (See PERSONAL, page 3)



**HIGH TEA** — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach greets Grace and Eke Udeagha May 5 at a tea for ministerial trainees from Ambassador College. The pastor general was host for a tea for summer trainees May 13. [Photo by Warren Watson]

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from nine congregations at the Manila Midtown Hotel.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach hoped to come to the Philippines, but felt it essential to remain in the United States during the Spring Holy Day season. Mr. Halford told the Filipino brethren that Mr. Tkach "sent his apologies — and Mr. Hogberg and I are his apologists."

The two Pasadenaans were overwhelmed by the warmth and enthusiasm of the Filipino brethren.

### Growth in Japan

Mr. Halford and I left for Tokyo May 1. There we joined Mr. Hulme and Peter Shelton, senior vice president and management supervisor of BBDO (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn) Los Angeles, Calif., the Church's advertising agency.

Earlier in the week, Mr. Hulme and Mr. Shelton met with Masao Inagaki, the president of Asatsu, the BBDO affiliate in Tokyo. They discussed the Church's advertising program in Japan, which consists of ad-

vertisements in the new Japanese-language edition of *Newsweek* and a magazine called *Ji Ji Eigo*, a publication devoted to the study of the English language.

Sabbath morning, May 3, Mr. Hulme conferred for 40 minutes with Prince Mikasa, younger brother of Emperor Hirohito and close friend of the late Herbert W. Armstrong. The two discussed activities under way between Japan and the Ambassador Foundation.

The prince was interested in the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Hulme passed along Mr. Tkach's respects, adding that the new pastor general intends to visit Japan.

Later that afternoon, despite inclement weather, an annual holiday weekend and tight security in central Tokyo because of the approaching Tokyo summit, 45 people, not counting those from Pasadena, attended a *Plain Truth* lecture by Mr. Hulme. It took place at 2 p.m. in a banquet hall in the Imperial Hotel.

Those in attendance included four members in Japan — all women — Catherine Okano, Ethelyn Iina, Kimiko Yato and the newest member, Makiko Tsuchitani.

In his lecture Mr. Hulme discussed the unique, Bible-based viewpoint of *The Plain Truth*. Mr. Hulme stressed that most people, including those in prosperous, first-world Japan, don't want to face up to the crises confronting mankind. He referred to several books presenting grim scenarios of the future.

The Bible, too, tells of perilous times, said Mr. Hulme, but it also reveals that there is a way of escape for those willing to live God's way.

Everyone in attendance was offered the Church's first booklet published in Japanese, *The Seven Laws of Success*.

### Summit and interviews

May 4, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Omasta, Mr. Halford and I made preparations for attending the Tokyo summit, beginning later that day.

Though we had been forewarned, we were amazed at the security precautions taken to protect the heads of state or government of the United States, Japan, Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and Canada.

Major roads in downtown Tokyo were sealed off to the public, turning parts of the central area into a deserted ghost town.

World leaders are no longer safe to conduct business except under fortified conditions. Such is the state of the world today — accurately described in II Timothy 3:1 as being one of "perilous times."

May 6, the last day of the Tokyo summit, was the busiest one for us.

The day began with a visit to the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Atomic Bombing Photo Exhibition, which opened that day in Tokyo's Parliamentary Museum.

The *World Tomorrow* crew taped opening remarks by dignitaries including Japanese Diet members, the mayor of Hiroshima, Takeshi Araki, and his Nagasaki counterpart, Hitoshi Motoshima.

Mr. Hulme interviewed Mayor Motoshima for a *World Tomorrow* segment and was in turn interviewed by newscasters from Hiroshima and Channel 6 in Tokyo.

When Mr. Hulme told the mayor of Hiroshima that he intended to visit his city the next day, he was invited to interview him in his office.

Later in the day, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Halford and I attended the final press conferences at the summit.

We were impressed by the deci-

siveness conveyed by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher — often in contrast to the hemming and hawing of the male cabinet ministers seated next to her.

Wednesday, May 7, the team flew to Hiroshima. Late that afternoon, an interview was conducted in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum with its director, Yoshitaka Kawamoto. In a taped segment for a *World Tomorrow* telecast, Mr. Kawamoto related the gripping story of how he survived the atomic destruction of his city.

His mission in life, Mr. Kawamoto said, was to educate children to the grim reality of contemporary warfare. Many children, mostly Japanese, visit the museum.

The next day came the interview with Mayor Araki. Mr. Hulme invited both the mayor and Mr. Kawamoto to speak at Ambassador College.

After returning to Tokyo, most of the Pasadena personnel flew home to Los Angeles May 9, while Mr. Hulme and Mr. Shelton flew to Hong Kong to visit officials in charge of telecasting there.



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

### Who says you can't?

It's not easy being a writer. Every time you write, part of you is exposed to public view, and either praise or ridicule. Even worse, sometimes you're just ignored!

Let me share with you part of a letter I received from a member in Australia in response to my article in the February *Good News*, "A Balanced Budget — From the Bible."

"I assume from statements in your article that you were referring to overcoming financial troubles in 1986 and not in the 'world tomorrow.' Your article was 'nice and pretty' but completely unrealistic."

The writer said: "Imagine what people in Fiji, Thailand, India or the Philippines are going through. Then they read your article while you sit in your nice home with your nice salary and most likely a company car."

Those words hurt, but they were easier to take when I realized the writer probably is in desperate straits financially, and pessimistically sees no way out of his dilemma.

The member believes I have no financial worries, living in Southern California near headquarters. (Anyone who lives here would be amused, because Southern California is one of the most expensive places to live.)

### Bad times and good

Actually, I wrote it because I have lived by these principles through bad times and good, and I know they work. I learned them when I first came in the Church, and I wanted to share them with others.

I thought about the letter and it brought back memories of the times when my wife and I barely eked out a living, of the years we were happy to have a few beans to eat and a roof over our heads. I lived by those same financial principles then, and they worked. What we couldn't afford, we did without.

Life is not easy. Sometimes through no fault of our own, we get into various predicaments that seem impossible to escape. Most of the time, of course, we are simply reaping the results of wrong decisions we've made. Whatever the cause, we must guard against becoming pessimistic. Life is always going to have its share of problems.

In God's Church problems should be looked at as a means of developing

character. We are not like the world, without hope. God is there to help us through any and all problems, if we will positively trust in Him to do so.

Pessimism (lacking hope that one's troubles will end, or that success or happiness will come) is nothing less than lack of faith in God. If we truly believe what God says, we will be optimists (looking on the bright side, expecting things to turn out for the best), not pessimists.

### Born to win

God's Word reveals that when we were called, were baptized and received the Holy Spirit, we were not destined to defeat. As God's elect we're born to achieve victory. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37).

God inspired Paul to write that we are not just conquerors, we are more than conquerors! When we enter a battle, whether physical or spiritual, we don't win an incidental victory. We overwhelmingly defeat the enemy. We are to take the Kingdom "by force" (Matthew 11:12!)

We've all heard it said that when the going gets tough, the tough get going. God's people worldwide are tough. So those of you who are feeling depressed and pessimistic, shake off that feeling of defeat and get yourself going! Remember, God is for us. "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

In Joshua 1:2-9 we read about God's straightforward approach to success and victory. It's so simple, the world doesn't even understand. Notice our part as God's people: "Arise, go over . . . be strong and of a good courage . . . be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law . . . turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest . . . thou shalt meditate therein day and night . . . be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed."

Now God's promised part: "I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (verse 5). The positive result? "Then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (verse 8).

How many of us have forgotten

this simple yet effective promise? Christ reinforced it in Matthew 28:20, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Now that is a positive attitude. One man expressed it well: "A pessimist is a person who suffers seasickness during the entire journey of life." The pessimist is a man or woman who says, "If I don't try, I can't fail." The optimist, and every one of God's people needs to be one, says, "If I don't try, I can't win!"

Brethren, we can turn our defeated, pessimistic, gloomy outlook on life into an overcoming, faith-charged, hopeful, positive, godly way of thinking. To do so, we must reverse our thinking, revise our vocabulary and change our attitudes.

Instead of saying, "I can't seem to get my prayers answered," say, as John wrote in I John 3:21-22: "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

This is being confident and positive in mind and body. Instead of complaining, "I can't, my unconverted mate makes it too hard for me to grow and overcome," declare and do as God inspired in Titus 2:7-8.

We can and must remove the destructive words I can't from our vocabulary now and forever. Don't try to think why you can't. Think how you can with God's help.

### You can win

Search the Scriptures! Nowhere in God's Word is there any indication that there is anything you or I cannot accomplish. Instead, Philipians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

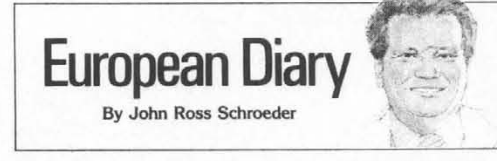
Notice: It doesn't say, "I think I can," but "I can!" That is a positive attitude, one we all need today.

Determine never to say, "I can't pay my bills," or, "I can't keep God's tithing laws," since Philipians 4:19 says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." That is a living full of optimism.

Resolve never again to say: "I just can't get my prayers answered, I can't be healed." For, "By His [Jesus Christ's] stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5, Revised Authorized Version). We must never forget this.

We can receive healing and answers to all our prayers because Christ said, "These signs shall follow them that believe . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17-18).

Let's talk, think and live victory — not defeat, discouragement and faithlessness. Act like conquerors, for with God's help we can!



## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

### Attack strains NATO, U.S. and British relations

BOREHAMWOOD, England — "Americans are a bit like a rather bad Bulgarian wine: they don't actually travel very well."

These are the words of a British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) broadcaster. And they stirred up a hornet's nest. The British Tourist Authority received 50 calls from Americans canceling holidays in Britain.

Americans are not popular in England. For the first time since the United States attacked Grenada, there is a tangible wave of anti-Americanism.

Since the American bombing of Libya, a bomb has shattered the British Airways office on London's Oxford Street. There have been other bomb scares.

After attending a night class in London, I noticed that the Piccadilly Circus area was cordoned off. I enquired of a policeman on special duty. He told me that "there was a device, but it was being defused." The bomb squad succeeded — this time!

The April 26 *Financial Times* brought news about a "British Tourist Shot Dead as Attacks Continue." This English fatality took place in Jerusalem. A few days before, a French-based British executive was murdered in front of his home. He headed an American company in Lyon. Later, the American Express office in Lyon was bombed.

The British public firmly believes there is a connection between the Libyan bombing and these violent incidents in the aftermath.

### Special relationship strained

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's decision to let U.S. F-111 bombers use a British base in the Libyan bombing strained the special relationship between America and Britain.

According to a report in *The Mail on Sunday*, April 20, "Not one of her colleagues agreed with her decision." She stood alone in the cabinet. Of course, later they supported her in public once the decision was irrevocable.

The extent of public disaffection was widespread. Several commentators reported that the Thatcher

decision would cost the Conservatives the next general election. But that's two years hence, and the political climate could change.

Of more immediate concern is the mass cancellation of British holidays by American travelers.

The British economy will be hurt. And quite aside from economic considerations these travel cancellations have contributed to rising anti-Americanism. Willy Newlands, the *Daily Mail's* travel correspondent, wrote in an article titled "Shame of the Cold-Foot Americans," published April 26, "Booking have collapsed, cancellations have soared as a massive wedge of Americans have failed to follow the stand-up-for-our-principles policy of their President."

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# Brethren unified in support of Church Officials make Holy Day trips

**By Jeff Zhorne**  
**PASADENA** — Three regional directors and a ministerial trainee reported about trips they took during the Spring Festival season. They are evangelist Leon Walker, regional director of the Church in Spanish-speaking areas; evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director of French-speaking areas; Clifton Veal, who will be serving in Italy; and Peter Nathan, regional director of New Zealand and the South Pacific.

### Latin American trip

"I find terrorism and violence in Latin America more pronounced every time I visit," said Mr. Walker, who completed a month-long trip to Latin America May 2. "Left-wing guerrilla groups are constantly causing problems, not only in rural areas but also in cities like Lima, Peru," Mr. Walker said.



LEON WALKER

April 3 he flew into the Peruvian capital, where car bombs, electrical blowups and kidnappings are almost everyday occurrences.

At Sabbath services April 5 in Lima, Mr. Walker raised Reginald Killingley, pastor of the Lima and Huaraz, Peru, churches, to preaching elder. More than 100 were in attendance.

April 8 the regional director flew to La Paz, Bolivia, accompanied by Mr. Killingley and Wilfredo Saenz, associate pastor of the Lima and Huaraz churches.

"A general strike had been called that day which resulted in quite a bit of violence," according to Mr. Walker. "Rocks which had been thrown at vehicles could be seen littering the road from the air-

port to the city center.

"Across every bridge were soldiers in full battle gear, and even tanks were present," he continued. "Certain sections of La Paz were cordoned off. This was quite a welcome for my first visit to Bolivia."

"It is ironic that La Paz means peace," said Mr. Walker, "but they have had more coups there than in any other Latin American country." Since its independence from Spain in 1825, "Bolivia has had an average of one change of government every nine months."

Mr. Walker, Mr. Killingley and Mr. Saenz met with Eliseo Guanca, one of two Church members in Bolivia, and arranged for a *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) Bible lecture. Mario Seiglie, pastor of the Santiago and Temuco, Chile, churches, will fly to La Paz to conduct the lecture in August.

From there Mr. Walker traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he conducted a Bible study in his hotel room on the Sabbath, April 12, for six Church members.

April 14 the regional director flew to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he was met by his wife, Reba. Public demonstrations about the U.S. raid on Libya April 15 were taking place in the Argentine capital.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker attended Sabbath services April 19 at a new location in downtown Buenos Aires, where about 39 brethren have been meeting since Dec. 14, 1985. The Walkers also took the Passover there April 22.

After flying to Santiago, Chile, the next day, they spent the Night to Be Much Observed with Mr. Seiglie and his wife, Catalina, and attended the first and last days of Unleavened Bread in Santiago.

"In Chile you could feel the tension in the air," the regional director remarked. "Several policemen were killed during the week I was there. A bomb was set off in front of the U.S. ambassador's residence." "I can definitely see the need for prayers for the ministers and brethren who must live in and travel to those areas in Latin America," said Mr. Walker.

"Things can surprise you; you can be ambushed," he continued. "But God has protected in the past and will in the future. If we continue to ask Him, He will continue to protect us."

"I conveyed to them that the work is moving ahead, and everything is working out marvelously. They wish to express the same support, loyalty and love to Pastor General Joseph Tkach as to Mr. [Her-



DIBAR APARTIAN  
 bert] Armstrong."

### French-speaking areas

Mr. Apartian described the trip he took to Europe April 20 to May

7 as "quite revealing."

Mr. Apartian and his wife, Shirley, attended the Passover in Paris, France, before traveling to Geneva, Switzerland, for the Night to Be Much Observed and the first day of Unleavened Bread.

Mr. Apartian spoke at morning and afternoon services on the first Holy Day and conducted a *Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*) Bible lecture that evening for 47 new people.

The next day Mr. and Mrs. Apartian traveled to Lausanne, Switzerland, where 88 new people besides brethren attended a Bible lecture that evening.

"Usually after a lecture I mingle with the audience, but in Lausanne I stood at the pulpit for two hours answering questions," said the regional director. "There is an awakening there—I think people are realizing we are in the end time."

On the Sabbath, April 26, in Bern, Switzerland, Mr. Apartian and Thomas Lapacka, pastor of the Basel and Zuerich, Switzerland, and Stuttgart, West Germany, churches, addressed 250 French- and German-speaking brethren assembled together for the first time in Switzerland.

After the Sabbath Mr. and Mrs. Apartian flew to Lyon, France, where the regional director con-

ducted a Bible lecture April 27 for about 80 new people.

"In Lyon we started at 3:30 p.m. and finished before 5 o'clock," he said. "And people stayed until almost 8:30 that night asking questions."

April 28 Mr. Apartian conducted an evening Bible study for the Lyon brethren. "Lyon is Peter Waldo's [Church leader of the late Middle Ages] hometown," said the regional director. "That's probably why we eventually expect to have more members there."

The Apartians then flew to Strasbourg, France, where they attended services on the last Holy Day, April 30.

Mr. Apartian addressed brethren in the morning and afternoon and conducted another Bible lecture that evening.

"I can see God's blessings there," he said. "In Strasbourg 84 new people attended the lecture and were very receptive. Something is happening there."

The Apartians flew back to Paris the next day, and the regional director spoke to more than 230 brethren on the Sabbath, May 3.

A Bible lecture the next day broke records, with 310 new people "sandwiched in a building with a maximum capacity of 300," he said.

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## PERSONAL

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how much talent we had. He called us to *repent* of what we were and to *submit* to Him so He could use us. God is not out to save the world right now. That will come later. God says that judgment now is on the *house of God*, or the Church. We are being judged now, so that we may be prepared to rule with Christ when the whole world is judged yet in the future.

But we need to realize that we cannot be prepared for that task by aimlessly wandering through our daily lives. We must instead catch the vision of the great goal set before us and understand why God has called us. We cannot just drift. True Christianity takes work. We need God. We need His Spirit, and His support, encouragement and faith.

We will be prepared for nothing unless we are *growing* in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18). But how can we grow if we are not close to God, main-

taining a close personal relationship with Him through prayer and Bible study? Can the divine nature of God become a part of us by osmosis, with no effort on our part?

Jesus prophesied in Matthew 24:9-13: "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated of all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved" (Revised Authorized Version throughout). Let us not think that maybe these things won't happen. Jesus said they would!

In the next chapter, chapter 25, He told the parable of 10 virgins who were waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. He said that five of them were *prepared* with oil in their vessels to use when the oil in their lamps ran out. But the other five were not so prepared. We should take that parable as a *warning*.

The day of Pentecost is coming in a few weeks. Let us be stirring up the gift of the Holy Spirit God has given us — not wasting it. Again I ask, can we be *using* God's Spirit in us if we are neglecting contact with God through prayer and study of His Word?

When the trials Jesus spoke of actually begin to occur, how close to God will you be? You know it takes time to develop any close personal relationship. That seems to be the lesson of this parable. When the crises that close this age begin to happen, we need to already be wholeheartedly worshipping and serving God, humbly maintaining close contact with Him. We need to be already an integral part of the *Body of Christ*, being fitly framed and built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit (Ephesians 2:19-22).

God called you to be a part of His firstfruits by His own personal choice. He knows you can be successful. He wants you to be. He will give you all the help you need, from forgiving your sins to delivering you from trials to encouraging you. But the fact is that none of us is able to remain faithful, obedient and steadfast alone. We must be as branches attached

to the vine. We must be connected to God — tuned in to Him, on His wavelength. But we won't be, and can't be, without daily prayer and Bible study.

Brethren, we need that close personal contact with God to endure the trials we have even right now, before the events Jesus mentioned begin to happen. I'm sure most of us are enduring trials of one sort or another right now. One part of our spiritual training is learning to rely on God, staying close to Him, through these trials.

I know God has mercifully given me the strength to endure these last several years without my wife fully at my side. Those who knew her in Chicago, Ill., before she became incapacitated, remember what a dynamic, enthusiastic help she was to me.

When this trial first began in the late 1960s, I fully expected it to be temporary. It was nearly devastating for the children and me to see her in such a disabled condition. But as time went on, I began to realize that my wife may never recover in this life. It is still my firm hope and prayer that she will. But until then, a merciful God hears my prayers for the courage and patience to wait for His time in His perfect wisdom.

Brethren, whatever our trials, and most of us have many, God will see His people through. We have to realize that God is *building sterling character* in us. That is not an easy process. But it is so well worth it.

The apostle Peter wrote, "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when his glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy" (I Peter 4:12-13).

All the problems and sorrows of this world that grieve us today we will one day have a part in *solving* with Jesus Christ. That is why we've been called. That is why we need God. So let's rededicate ourselves to earnest, meaningful prayer and Bible study, with regular fasting (under a physician's advice for those with health problems). All eternity is before us. Let's prepare for it with all our might!

With deep love,  
 Joseph W. Tkach

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### Meaning of Passover

I have just finished reading the articles about the Spring Festivals and "What Passover Means to God" [March 24]. It certainly was a very moving and inspiring article causing man to examine himself, to slow down and get back to the basic things in this life. Such deep love God has for us, and how deeply heartrending it is for God to have witnessed His only begotten Son to suffer such a horrible, brutal death. Mr. Earl Williams commented about the paradox and sacrifice of Jesus Christ — how Jesus knew man would reject Him. That really must have been devastating — the man He created in the beginning and offered eternal life, now was going to kill Him.

C. Leonzal  
 Duluth, Minn.

I just finished reading your article in the March [24] *Worldwide News* titled, "What Passover Means to God." It was so inspirational and good to me. It sobered me; it chilled me. It really made me see and understand God from a whole new viewpoint. It made me stop and really realize the depth of God's love for us. It gave me a better understanding of how God feels . . . and it woke me up from the passive attitude that we sometimes allow ourselves to fall prey to. This is one of the best articles I have

ever read about the Passover. It leaves me with no doubts that God loves us.  
 Corine Thomas  
 Union Springs, Ala.

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### 'Personal'

I just finished reading your [Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's] "Personal" in the March 24 *Worldwide News*. I think, like many members, we immediately back you, pray for you and support [you], but have quietly wondered what you are like (though I needn't have wondered!).

I want to thank you . . . for such a loving and lucid and care-full talk with us . . .

It gives us confidence to know you "stick so close to the trunk of that tree." I'm looking forward toward hearing more, and I'm listening. As we understand more of what God wants, we understand more of what God is like. We are praying for you and all the team under you — for unity, and inspiration and courage.

Mrs. Dale F. Keeler  
 Allegany, Ore.

I so much appreciate God's inspiring you to reaffirm what Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong taught regarding make-up. It brought to mind what I experi-

enced when I was baptized.

My sister was baptized before me and wrote, "Do not wear make-up to your baptism," so I did not . . .

The next day I was ironing and tears were streaming down my face. I thought, "I'm not going to be pretty anymore!" Then the thought came to my mind, "Do you think you'd ever see an angel wearing make-up?" The very idea seemed sacrilegious.

Shortly after that I told my husband that I wouldn't be wearing make-up anymore. I liked his positive comment, "Good, then I can kiss you whenever I want to!" God truly rewards us when we have the right attitude and are willing to step out in faith.

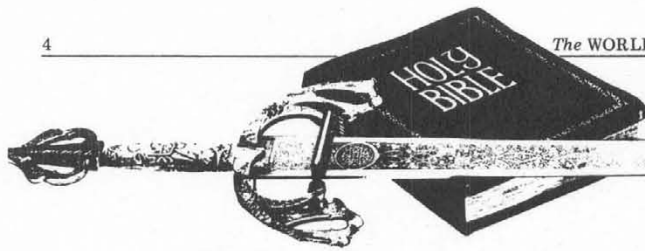
Vivian Maleomson  
 Rochester, Minn.

Your "Personal" in the March 24 *WN* showed great insight on the problem of make-up. I think the husbands have a great influence on their wives' attitudes. I know when I was married, my husband did, and I wasn't even in the Church then. It would be more important now.

For that matter, all the men in the Church should be supportive in this matter . . . I think writing on this again is very timely. We need to come together stronger, spiritually, now more than ever.

Mr. Tkach, we certainly appreciate your leadership and authority. I and my family support you completely. We pray for you daily.

Carolyn Kinworthy  
 Mowaqua, Ill.



# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## Drought, locusts, mildew, wind: battling threats to God's harvest

By Henry Sturcke

Jesus Christ often used agricultural analogies to explain God's plan of salvation. He likened the preaching of the Gospel to the sowing of seed (Matthew 13:3-23). He used the term *harvest* to describe those who are converted and begin to live God's way (Matthew 9:37-38, John 4:34-38).

Jesus inspired the apostle James to write that those few who are called in this age become "a kind of firstfruits" of God's ultimate spiritual creation (James 1:18).

June 15, God's Church will observe the Feast of Firstfruits, or Pentecost, the Holy Day showing that God is only working with a few people now, analogous to the small first harvest in early summer in the land of Palestine.

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Ancient Israel was an agrarian society. They depended on good harvests for economic prosperity and survival.

But an abundant harvest every year was by no means assured. Some years the harvest was meager because of damage from one of four major threats: droughts, locusts, mildew and a hot desert wind called the sirocco.

Just as there were dire, ever-present threats to that physical harvest, so are there threats to God's spiritual harvest today. In fact, each of the four major threats to the physical harvest is a type of a major threat to God's elect. Any one of these problems could damage — or destroy! — the tender seed God has planted and nurtured in us.

If we are to overcome and be born into God's Family as the firstfruits of salvation at the return of Jesus Christ, pictured by the Feast of Pentecost, we must understand the threats to God's spiritual harvest and how to defend against them.

### Drought

Of all the threats, the most frequent and the most feared was drought. Israel cultivated what we call winter wheat. They plowed and planted in the fall, after the Feast of Tabernacles, then expectantly awaited the early rain at the start of winter. When it came, this rain gave the fledgling crop a generous soaking for a good start. But the latter rain, just before Passover, was needed as well to bring the grain to final ripening, ready for harvest.

In Deuteronomy 11:13-14, God promised abundant, timely rainfall among His blessings if Israel would "hearken diligently" to God's commandments, and "love the Lord your God, and . . . serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

The prophets repeated this promise: "For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids. Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field" (Zechariah 9:17-10:1).

But Israel often failed to ask. When they rebelled, they forgot

their absolute dependence on God for rain (Jeremiah 5:23-24). Jeremiah 14:22 shows a repentant Israel forsaking the pagan practices they'd adopted, and returning to trust in the one true God for rain: "Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O Lord our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things."

When Judah returned from captivity in Babylon, they strove never again to forget God's laws. So, on the Last Great Day, in the fall, just before the time of plowing and planting, water drawn from the pool of Siloam was poured out at the altar, and the congregation prayed for rain.

In John 7:37-39, we read how Jesus Christ gave new meaning to that ritual when He stood in the Temple on the Last Great Day and cried out: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

Just as the farmer desperately needs water for his crop, so we absolutely need God's Holy Spirit to be God's firstfruits. Romans 8:14 says only those who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God. Verse 9 says, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Without God's Spirit, we aren't part of the firstfruits.

On the day of Pentecost God first made His Spirit available, in a tremendous outpouring, as we read in Acts 2. Verses 16 to 18 quote a prophecy of Joel that likens the pouring out of God's Spirit to the latter rain.

But Joel's prophecy comes from a time when the harvest was threatened, not by drought, but by the second enemy: locusts.

### Locusts

The first 12 verses of Joel 1 describe a deadly locust swarm and compare it to an invading army. Turn to Joel and read this vivid description for yourself.

Locusts — large grasshoppers with voracious appetites — are always present in Palestine. But they inspire increased dread when, every few years, they change in nature from solitary to gregarious and begin to travel in thick swarms. Observers recorded one swarm that covered some 2,000 square miles. The sky darkens, the air fills with their chattering hum and devastation appears in place of a flourishing crop.

Does the Church today — the firstfruits of God's harvest — have enemies who swarm and devour? Most certainly! Let's read of them in I Peter 2:1-3:

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction . . . And through covetousness shall they with feigned

words make merchandise of you."

These enemies seek to exploit — to devour — God's people. Such attacks originate, of course, with Satan, the chief devourer (I Peter 5:8).

God inspired the prophet Joel to call upon the people to fast for deliverance (Joel 2:12-17). In I Peter 5:6, the same advice is given to us that we, too, may resist the devourer. We need to continually humble ourselves before God.

### Mildew

Unlike locusts, which were a noisy attack from the outside, mildew, the third major enemy of the harvest, works silently, insidiously. It almost seems to come from within the plant.

There are several forms of plant disease. Many are fungi — plants themselves. They take nourishment from the plant they inhabit, leaving the host plant withered, covered with white webby goop. This is called "blast" in the Bible; the seven ears of grain Pharaoh saw in his dream suffered this fate (Genesis 41:6). In Amos 4:9, God warned that mildew was one form His punishment would take.

Synonyms for mildew include blight, blast, canker, cancer, mold, rust, rot and smut. These terms can help us see the parallel in our lives, an inner corruption that saps the Spirit right out of us.

Speaking of the end time, Jesus warned, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24:12). Iniquity and immorality can blight God's Spirit within us. We read, in Psalm 51, David's prayer when he had been corrupted by spiritual mildew. "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin," he begged God (verse 2). David's concern? That he would lose God's Spirit (verse 11).

Hebrews 12:15 speaks of a common root disease, bitterness, that has caused the Spirit to shrivel and die in many.

Paul wrote, in Galatians 6: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (verses 7-8). Then, in verse 9, he mentioned another



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spiritual fungus, apathy: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Just as there are many forms of plant disease, such as mildew, so there are many spiritual fungi that threaten God's Spirit within us. Immorality, bitterness and spiritual apathy are among them.

### The sirocco

But God's harvest faces a fourth major threat, which can be likened to the sirocco, a fierce desert wind, produces the highest temperatures of the year in the Mideast, even if it comes in the middle of winter.

A dusty yellow haze fills the air, reducing visibility. The sun casts only the palest of shadows for days on end. The air becomes superarid, wringing moisture out of plants. The plants wither on the stalk.

This is the east wind of Pharaoh's dream in Genesis 41:6. In Jeremiah 4:11-12, God likens it to an invading army.

This wind can undo the careful efforts of the most diligent farmer, as God shows in the parable of the two great eagles in Ezekiel 17. Here, an eagle takes seed and plants it "in a fruitful field . . . by great waters" (verse 5).

Verse 8 reiterates, "It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine."

Then God asks, in verse 10, "Behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither,

when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew."

What is the parallel in our lives? James gives us the answer when he says the trials of a rich man will eat his flesh "as it were fire" (James 5:3).

The sirocco did just this. These trials could be related to finances, job, health, family or any other area of our lives. Just like the sky, our lives can seem to be filled with a dusty haze, reducing visibility, causing the sun to cast only the palest of shadows, with the heat of the trial threatening to burn and erode spiritual growth.

Trials are meant to strengthen us, as we can see from I Peter 1:6-7 and 4:12-13. But unless we look to God, they have the opposite effect: They wither us.

As long as Israel obeyed God, life was fruitful (Deuteronomy 28:1-13). But when they disobeyed, disaster followed. The number of times drought, locusts, blast (mildew) and the east wind are referred to is striking.

Truly, a rebellious Israel found: "The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed" (Deuteronomy 28:21-24).

The lesson: They were totally dependent on God for a good harvest, even though much work on their part was required. The same is true for us. If we obey, our lives can be fruitful. If we disobey, rebel or even just forget, disaster is not far away.

When we read of these major threats to the harvest in Palestine, let's remember that each has a parallel in our lives that could destroy God's Spirit within us. Let's draw closer to God for protection from spiritual drought, from persecutors, from corruption and from the potentially destructive effects of hot trials. By doing so, God's Spirit can flourish within us, bearing much fruit, to bring us to an abundant harvest.

## Test Yourself

Test yourself! Here is a set of questions about information that appeared in the May issues of *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*. See how many you can answer accurately. In parentheses after each question is the page number on which you can find the answer.

(1) True or false: The prophecy of Ezekiel 38 reveals events to occur after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. (May *Plain Truth*, page 5)

(2) True or false: The Church is the instrument God is now using to try to save the world. (May *Plain Truth*, page 9)

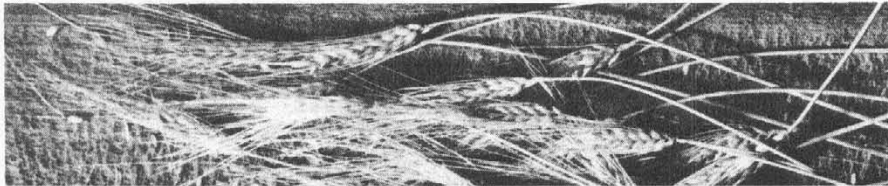
(3) What percentage of jobs available on any given date are not advertised? (May *Plain Truth*, page 14)

(4) True or false: The Bible shows smooth and orderly transfers of human authority under God's government throughout history. (May *Good News*, page 12)

(5) What steps must we take to enjoy the abundant life God offers us for the asking? (May *Good News*, page 24)

(6) Who is responsible for keeping Church leaders on track spiritually and administratively? (May *Good News*, page 29)





# FOCUS ON PENTECOST

## Defending against distractions: Observe festivals God's way

By S. Douglas Johnson

Everything seemed to be as it should. Presidential guard John Parker arrived at Ford's Theater early enough that evening of April 14, 1865, to check the lobby, the stairs to the circle of special box seats and the Presidential box itself. True, the locks did not work properly, but that seemed of small concern since his post would be at the door.

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Shortly after 8:30 p.m. the President and his party arrived, as the play *Our American Cousin* was in progress. The actors and theater patrons gave him a resounding ovation, which the President acknowledged, and the play resumed. John Parker became bored — he couldn't see the play from his seat. There was an empty seat in front of the gallery — perhaps from there . . .

That was better! At least he could see, and wasn't too far from his post at the President's back. But the evening seemed too quiet, and a drink at nearby Taltavul's Star Saloon with the driver of the Presidential carriage sounded more interesting. He would only be gone a few minutes.

The rest is history. Shortly after Parker's departure, crazed actor John Wilkes Booth entered the Presidential box and shot the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, mortally wounding him. Lincoln died at 7:22 the next morning. What seemed at the time a harmless distraction, for just a few minutes, drastically changed the course of history.

Just as John Parker was distracted from his important duties as the President's guard, so may we be distracted and influenced into taking our eyes away from what God intends for us.

And at no time is this more crucial than in the observance of the Feast of Pentecost. God designed this festival to show us the importance of using God's Holy Spirit to develop God's character within us, as the precious few firstfruit leaders to rule with Jesus Christ in God's coming Kingdom on earth.

To help guard against failing to observe Pentecost properly, consider these important areas of possible distraction:

(1) *Divided loyalties.* God's Word tells us that "a double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8). That certainly applies in the observance of God's Holy Days! Do the cares and concerns of everyday life intrude even as you attempt to live a pattern of God's plan for mankind?

Why not forget, on this coming Pentecost, the bills that need to be paid, the water tap that leaks, the weeds in the yard and the difficulties on the job? Determine ahead of time that during this observance nothing will draw your eyes from this feast of God and the future it pictures.

(2) *Self-deception.* All of us at times have played games with ourselves. We have kidded ourselves into believing something we know to be inaccurate, because the truth can be painful.

God's Holy Days present an outline of His plan for mankind. But in learning of that great plan, we come face to face with our own shortcomings. We see that while God offers us a fantastic future, He also requires many changes in us.

Will we accept the challenge, make the changes? Each of us must make that difficult decision. With God's help, we can choose to act on God's truth, revealed in His annual Holy Days.



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(3) *Mixed-up priorities.* Which feast is more important — the spiritual or the physical? Ask yourself, "Why am I here before God?" Christ said some would make light of the wedding supper itself (Matthew 22:5), missing the reason for which they were invited.

Resolve before you come into God's presence that all the sparkling physical blessings God wants us to enjoy on this feast, including fine food, nonetheless come second to the tremendous spiritual feast He has prepared for you.

(4) *Shallow understanding of the festivals.* The spiritual side of God's festivals is by far the most important part of keeping them. And while God has given us as humans the matchless privilege of observing them, these are still the feasts of the Eternal. We show Him how much we yearn for the reality of the events they picture by how we keep them in His presence.

Paul reminded the Corinthians that they were yet unable to handle the strong spiritual meat of God's Word, even after a considerable time in God's Church (1 Corinthians 3:1-3). We can't afford to let the same section of Scripture describe us as we keep the Holy Days.

(5) *"I've heard it all before."* This syndrome usually hits the veteran feast keeper, rather than those who are relatively new. Over time, often because of failure to listen carefully to the messages presented by God's ministers, some begin to feel they have nothing more to learn about God's plan through the Holy Days. They become disgruntled over this or that problem or offense (real or imagined), and God's own feasts begin to lose their glow.

What does God's Word say? "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:12-13).

(6) *Problems, trials and hazards in keeping the Holy Days.* What do you risk by obeying God's commands to observe the days He made holy? Marriage troubles? Your

job? Poor grades in school? Friction from relatives or friends? Maybe you can even add to the list.

The homespun wisdom of author Mark Twain might help here. He once commented that if we should see 10 troubles coming down the road toward us, we could be sure that nine of them would run into the ditch before they reached us. And he was right. We so often fret ourselves into difficulties that need not arise.

And what of the one trouble out of 10 that reaches us? Frankly, there will be times in God's service when we experience opposition for our determination to be obedient.

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" (1 Peter 4:12-13).

Can we trust God, that as He has promised, He will with that trial provide some way to pass the test (1 Corinthians 10:13)? Ask yourself, "What would I risk by not keeping these Holy Days, once I have proven to myself that God requires their observance?" Surely that is the more pertinent question.

(7) *Forgetting we need God's help to keep His festivals.* How could this happen, you wonder? How is it possible to take one's eyes off God when keeping His feasts? Let's answer that in the form of another set of questions: Have you ever missed praying to Him during

His feasts? Have you ever neglected the study of His Word while at a feast? If the answer is yes, then you have run the risk of trying to observe God's Holy Days without Him!

Paul observed to the Athenians on Mars hill that "in him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). Do you feel the same way, whether you are a veteran of years of Holy Day observance or a newcomer to picturing God's plan?

John Parker's job on that April evening long ago was important. He knew that, yet was distracted from it. How much more important is your task of picturing the plan of salvation through God's annual festivals? Will you be distracted? Or will you, with God's help, step out and richly experience the blessings that come from properly observing Pentecost and all God's other festivals?

The decision is yours.

## Analyzing effects of radioactive fallout Aftermath of Soviet accident

By Rex Sexton

During the last week of April the world was shocked to hear of the Chernobyl nuclear accident in the Soviet Ukraine.

Since the disaster, accurate information about what took place has been slow in coming, and as we go to press many details are still not known.

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Through the modern technology of satellites and radiation detection equipment, Western scientists know that a Soviet reactor experienced a tremendous explosion and fire. During the process huge amounts of radioactive material were belched into the atmosphere over a period of days.

Swedish scientists compared radioactive fallout from the Chernobyl disaster to that of a 30-megaton atomic blast — more than 2,000 times stronger than the Hiroshima, Japan, atomic bomb.

It may be many years before the full consequences of the Chernobyl accident will be fully realized. And yet, despite voices to the contrary, nuclear accidents are possible at any of the dozens of nuclear plants in nations worldwide.

### Foretold in prophecy?

How do we as Christians, hoping for God's Kingdom, react to the news of a disaster of this type and the tremendous amount of radioactive pollution that came from it? Is it possible that some of the plagues and suffering prophesied in the book of Revelation could come from widespread nuclear contamination? Let's look first at Revelation 16:2: "There fell a noisome and grievous sore upon . . . men."

Death from radioactivity is a horrible form of torture for which there is virtually no known medical treatment. The victim can seem normal for a few hours or days, but then uncontrollable nausea and internal bleeding begin. He or she breaks out in painful sores over much of the body and dies in a few weeks as body

systems and immunity cease to function.

In addition to those who suffered intense radiation at the Chernobyl accident site, many others will suffer contamination from the fallout.

### Dangers of radioactivity

The process of splitting the atom is called fission. The fission of nuclear fuel in a chain reaction produces by-products, or smaller atoms and molecules. These are called fission fragments and are simply variant forms of elements commonly found in nature.

The splitting of uranium 235, the most common reactor fuel, forms nearly 100 different fragments or elements. Some of these are harmless, but the majority are radioactive forms of elements called radionuclides.

When these dangerous elements are kept contained in a reactor vessel, there is no immediate danger, but when they are spread into the atmosphere in tremendous quantities (as happened at Chernobyl) — and as could, under the wrong circumstances, happen at other nuclear plants) they can wreak havoc.

The released radioactive gases escape into the atmosphere and dissipate in the wind. The highly charged particles begin to fall to the earth downwind from the source and spread out over a large area.

They can be deadly to people in three ways: First, they can be inhaled. These small particles can remain in the lungs, causing cancer there as they emit radioactivity, or they can be carried in the bloodstream to other parts of the body.

Second, radioactive elements can come into contact with the skin and cause severe damage. If they lodge in a skin pore they can be difficult to remove. I knew of a man at the Hanford Nuclear Works in Richland, Wash., who, after removing his contaminated shoes, scratched his head and lodged a plutonium particle in his scalp. When washing and shaving his head did not remove the radioactive particle, the technicians had to scrub his scalp with a wire brush.

Third, fallout contaminates the food chain. As the radionuclides fall to earth they enter into the flora, where they are eaten by cows, sheep

and other animals eaten by humans. Fish seem to absorb high amounts of cesium 137, one of the most common fission products, since it is chemically similar to potassium, an important nutrient needed by animals.

These particles can build up in animals, such as when a cow grazes for weeks on contaminated pasture. When humans use the animals for food we can ingest a concentrated amount of radionuclides. The particles lodge in the thyroid, bones, muscles and fatty tissues, where they can cause tumors months or years later.

Contamination in the soil can cause crops to be dangerous for years to come. Knowing this, the Western European nations stopped food importation from the Soviet Union. This could prove to be a devastating blow to the Soviets, as the Ukraine area where the plant is located produces 25 percent of farm produce in the Soviet Union.

The Chernobyl accident could mean political as well as nuclear fallout if the nations of Eastern Europe become resentful of the Soviets for the damage done to their countries.

The black and pale horses of Revelation 6 represent consequences that could come about because of a worldwide nuclear catastrophe. If contamination covered major farming areas of the world, famine would surely follow soon. Deaths could also come from the radioactive particles being spread in huge amounts around the earth.

In the Millennium, one difficult challenge we will face will be the removal of the toxic and hazardous substances that man has spread around the earth. When we understand that many of these substances have become an integral part of air, water, land, plants and animal life, it is apparent that the cleanup may well require supernatural intervention.

We in God's Church should keep a constant watch on world news events such as the Chernobyl disaster, especially European reaction. Events such as this one may accelerate the terrible plagues and disasters prophesied to befall mankind at the time of the end.

## Trips

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May 5 and 6 the French-speaking ministry from Switzerland, Belgium and France arrived in Paris for two days of meetings conducted by Mr. Apartian.

That evening Mr. Apartian, at the request of Paris pastor Samuel Kneller, conducted an etiquette dinner for about 100 French brethren.

For the first time, videocassettes of Mr. Apartian's messages in France and Switzerland will be sent to other French-speaking areas around the world.

"There were record offerings all over France, and the churches and brethren are strongly backing Mr. Tkach and God's Church," Mr. Apartian concluded.

### Italian-speaking areas

Mr. Veal, named a ministerial trainee May 14, traveled to Italy April 14 to 28 on behalf of Mr.



**CARN CATHERWOOD**

Catherwood. Mr. Veal, his wife, Connie, and three children, Heidi, 3, Esther, 2, and Daniel, 6 months, will move to Italy this summer.

April 16 Mr. Veal was joined by Daniel Bosch, a Pasadena Ambassador College junior, and Luciano Cozzi, an Ambassador graduate, both of whom work in the Italian Office.

"Daniel and Luciano were in Rome [Italy] May 4 to assist in the first *Pura Verita* Bible lecture we have ever done," said Mr. Veal. "We sent 5,000 letters of invitation to those who have received the magazine for some time and had a turnout of 250. That's a 5 percent response."

The lecture was conducted by Michael Caputo, pastor of the Rome, Milan and Catania, Italy, churches.

Mr. Veal and Mr. Bosch conducted the Passover in Catania for 14 Church members, and Mr. Caputo and Mr. Cozzi conducted the Passover in Rome for 28 members.

About 30 brethren met on the first day of Unleavened Bread in the Catania Sheraton Hotel. In the morning Mr. Veal gave a sermonette and Mr. Bosch led songs, before a taped sermon from Mr. Caputo about applying the Ten Commandments, Mr. Veal said.

In the afternoon Mr. Bosch conducted the offertory and Mr. Veal led songs, followed by the remainder of Mr. Caputo's tape. "The brethren really love Mr. Caputo," said Mr. Veal.

## Servant

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before ending the tea.

### Service the key

Mr. Tkach and Mr. McNair gathered again in Mr. Tkach's office May 13 for the tea with the summer trainees. After they greeted each individual, Mr. Tkach led with a question-and-answer session.

"You men have been selected to gain some experience in a unique opportunity to serve," he told the group. "Make the most of it."

After explaining some principles of counseling, Mr. Tkach pointed the group to the experience of the local minister, explaining that the pas-

About 70 brethren met at the Hotel dei Congressi in Rome, where Mr. Caputo conducted services on the first Holy Day, according to Mr. Veal. Several from cities in northern Italy, including Turin, Brescia and Prato, traveled to Rome to observe the festival.

Shortly after the Days of Unleavened Bread in Pasadena Mr. Catherwood received official approval from Mr. Tkach to conduct the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles in Lugano, Switzerland, for Italian-speaking brethren and some transfers.

Mr. Catherwood said he plans to survey the Lugano site when he visits Italy for Pentecost June 15.

Additional information about the Lugano Festival site will appear in *The Worldwide News*.

### New Zealand and South Pacific

Mr. Nathan and his wife, Karen, left Auckland, New Zealand, April 22 to conduct the Passover and first day of Unleavened Bread in Wellington, New Zealand. About

155 attended the first Holy Day.

In an interview with *The Worldwide News* May 13, Mr. Nathan said he spoke to Auckland brethren on the Sabbath, April 26, and the



**PETER NATHAN**

last Holy Day, when 407 were in attendance.

After the festival, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan traveled to Fiji to visit Church members, before attending the fifth session of the Ministerial

Refreshing Program May 7 to 20 in Pasadena.

"Before the Days of Unleavened Bread is the end of the hurricane season in Fiji," Mr. Nathan said. "One was diverted northeast, but stationary low pressure settled over Suva [the Fijian capital]."

"Suva had three to four weeks of constant rain, with flooding, mud and debris," he continued. "All the filtration plants were clogged with mud, so the only water people could use was rainwater they collected themselves."

Mr. Nathan told how the farm home of a member outside Suva was "engulfed in a mudslide" April 19.

While escaping the flooding, he cut his leg on a wire fence but didn't pay attention to it, because he was helping others flee the area.

"His leg got so badly infected that he had to be flown by helicopter to Suva, because the roads were impassable," said Mr. Nathan.

He added that were it not for the helicopter, the Church member would not have been able to attend

the Passover. "He would have had to walk for miles through flooded areas, mud and fenced areas."

For Suva brethren as a whole, conjunctivitis, an eye inflammation often caused by impure water, set in. "And it was contagious, because people were using the same water," said Mr. Nathan.

Fortunately, by the time Mr. and Mrs. Nathan left Fiji for the United States May 5, the conjunctivitis had abated.

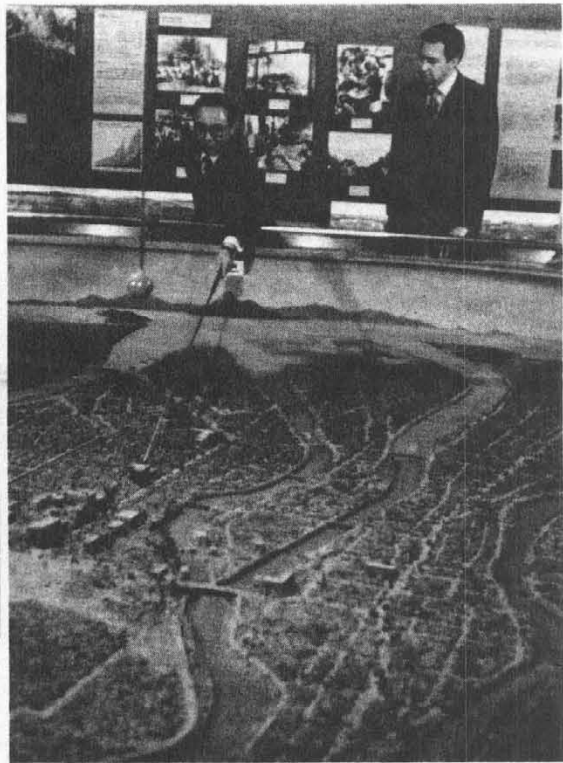
"The Holy Days were a great lift for everyone," the regional director said. Suva brethren gathered with brethren from Lautoka (on the west side of Fiji) and brethren from the outer islands (Tavenui and Rabi) at Pacific Harbour, Fiji. About 78 were in attendance.

Before leaving Fiji, Mr. Nathan conducted Sabbath services May 3 in Suva for about 50 brethren.

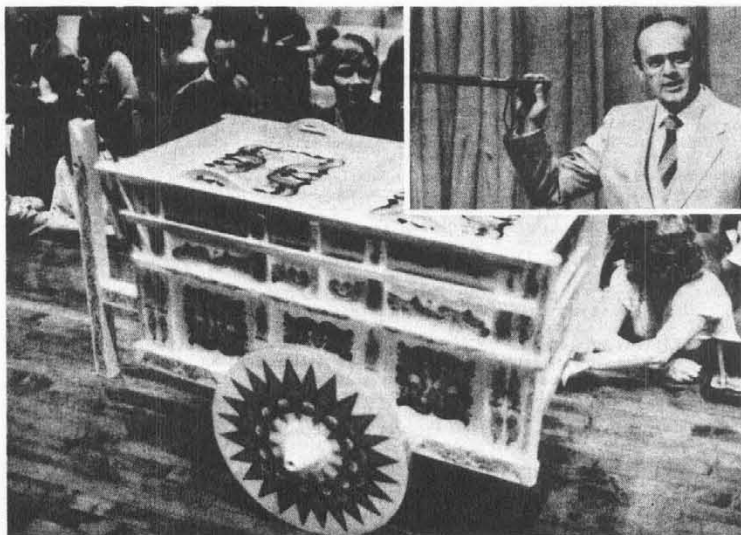
Offerings were up in Fiji and Tonga, said Mr. Nathan. "As far as the world's goods are concerned, these brethren have only a widow's mite, but they give generously."



**HIROSHIMA EXHIBIT** — Top photo, David Hulme (left) interviews Hitoshi Motoshima, mayor of Nagasaki, Japan, for *The World Tomorrow* in Tokyo, Japan, May 8; right photo, on a scale model of Hiroshima, Yoshitaka Kawamoto, director of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, shows Mr. Hulme where he was when the city was bombed Aug. 6, 1945. (See article, page 1.) (Photos by Gene H. Hogberg)



**HAND-PAINTED CART** — Brethren in Costa Rica sent this hand-painted cart to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach with the expression "a cartful of love, affection and embraces." The Costa Rica brethren also sent a baton (see inset). (Photos by Nathan Faulkner)



tor is not lightly chosen for his position. "You are there to serve in whatever way you can," he said.

He emphasized the need for personal prayer. "If you're going to get some callouses this summer, make sure you get some on your knees from praying," he said.

The trainees discussed their backgrounds, and Mr. Tkach and the ministers explained ministerial responsibilities before the tea ended.

The trainees and wives expressed their gratitude for the teas. "Whatever the future holds, I'll never forget this tremendous opportunity," said Kevin Armstrong, a college junior from Regina, Sask. "We all deeply appreciated the time Mr. Tkach and the others took to encourage us."



## Security experts warn travelers to take precautions overseas

By Lisa Kelly

WASHINGTON, D.C. — [Typical] travel patterns may seriously endanger [your life] in the event of a terrorist strike.

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Why? First-class, bulkhead and aisle seats make passengers conspicuous and accessible during a terrorist hijacking. And airport waiting areas which are open to the public are most vulnerable to terrorist bombings and attacks.

This consensus was reached by security experts at a recent conference on Terrorism, Tourism and Traveler Security sponsored by Antone Security. With 3,012 terrorist incidents monitored in 1985, and more of the same expected this year ... modify [your] traveling habits to maximize personal safety.

Yet despite the ominous proliferation of terrorist activity, business travelers are not "sitting ducks," especially if they employ a little street savvy, common sense — and luck. "It is prudent for travelers to be alert, not alarmed," noted Eugene Mastrangelo, senior analyst of Risks International, a security consultant firm which has monitored more than 25,000 terrorist incidents since 1970.

While he predicts terrorism will continue to escalate throughout 1986, Mastrangelo stressed that international travelers can take concrete measures to protect themselves. Other conference speakers agreed with Mastrangelo that executives can minimize the chance of — and even avoid — becoming victims of international terrorists.

### Airport security most critical

The passenger boarding area, located beyond security checkpoints, is the safest place in the airport, emphasized the experts, who urged travelers to proceed to this area quickly, avoiding public access areas as much as possible.

To achieve swift transfer to se-

cured areas, travelers should:

- Have boarding passes in hand for all legs of trip.
- Use airline club lounges when possible.
- Check luggage, if arriving at the airport early, then leave. Return closer to departure time.
- Have maps of airports to know exactly where to go.
- Avoid baggage claim areas by going to restrooms, lounge clubs, car rental desks, etc., until this area is cleared and all other baggage is picked up.

Business travelers should book only those carriers with good track records on security. In areas particularly prone to terrorist activity, carriers of politically neutral countries, such as SAS, Swissair or Qantas, were recommended by Robert Hogan, assistant vice president in international security, Bankers Trust Co.

Direct and nonstop flights on wide-bodied aircraft were preferred by Claude Watkins, travel security consultant for the U.S. Department of State and 11 other federal agencies. "No multi-aisle plane has ever been hijacked by terrorists," Watkins said, because maintaining control of such a large aircraft is difficult.

Corporate identification should not be on any tickets or luggage, according to Jerry Hoffman, president, Antone Security. For maximum protection, only the passenger's name and company mailing address should appear on the luggage identification tag. These tags should be covered or inserted backwards, so they cannot be casually read.

Government or corporate documents should not be carried by passengers, Hoffman said. These documents can be sent overseas before hand, and passports and other passenger identification should appear as routine as possible.

"Be inconspicuous in dress and demeanor," cautioned Watkins. "Dress like everybody else. Don't make a big deal of your nationality." Casual clothes rather than the conventional trappings of Corporate America further enhances anonymity.

Certain items carried on the plane can irritate terrorists, Watkins said. During one recent hijacking, terrorists were angered by alcohol and pornographic magazines found in carry-on bags and this led to further abuse of passengers.

While traveling overseas, passengers should control alcohol intake. "Drink in moderation, so you'll be better equipped to react to a stressful situation," warned Hoffman.

### Rent a car safely

"When renting abroad, don't be ostentatious. Select an average car for that particular country," noted Watkins. A car with a hood that releases from the inside is safest, be-

cause bombs cannot be easily planted.

Business travelers who spend only a few days at an international destination are unlikely targets for vehicular attacks, according to Gerald Smith, director of training, BSR Inc. Good candidates for this type of terrorism are executives "who stay in an environment long enough to be identified as American and who can be monitored and predicted in terms of movement.

"About 80 percent of vehicular attacks occur near the home," Smith said. "My advice is to be particularly aware of danger with this radius of home."

Executives should be wary of anything which makes them stop within this predictable route. When an obstacle is encountered, like a car pulling out of a driveway, a stalled truck or a group of people crossing the street, the driver should slow down and keep a good distance from the disruption in traffic.

"Drivers should avoid center lanes because they can be literally trapped by traffic on both sides.

And they must always leave at least one car length of space in front of them in stopped traffic, for a swift getaway in the event of a terrorist attack or kidnapping."

Looking for the unusual while driving can save lives, Smith said. One military officer noted two men wearing full helmets on a motor scooter approaching his vehicle from behind. He watched them, noticed a gun, jumped the road divider and fled. What tipped off the officer, Smith said, was the fact that no one wears helmets on motor scooters in that particular section.

What were the recommendations on lodging choices? Always stay at a first-class property in a respectable part of town, Hoffman said. But, more importantly, executives should pay strict attention to the actual security systems within the hotel.

Rooms between the third and sixth floors are the safest, he said. These are high enough off the street to avoid problems below, and the rooms are low enough to be reached by fire-truck ladders in case of fire.

## Soviet trip: concert, meetings

PASADENA — Six representatives of Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach flew to the Soviet Union April 13. They represented the pastor general at an April 20 concert by pianist Vladimir Horowitz.

The Ambassador Foundation helped sponsor the American television coverage of the pianist's performance in the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory, according to Aaron Dean, a vice president of the foundation.

Making the trip to Moscow were Mr. Dean; evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the foundation, and his wife, Gwen; Wayne Shikret, director of performing arts for the foundation, and his wife, Kathy; and Joseph Locke, a personal assistant to Mr. Tkach.

After the pianist's performance, the foundation representatives attended a dinner in Mr. Horowitz's honor at the American Embassy in Moscow.

"At the dinner we were able to talk with the maestro," said Mr. Dean in an interview with *The Worldwide News*. "He said he was sad that Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong had died and expressed his condolences."

Mr. La Ravia presented a letter from Mr. Tkach and a photograph of the pastor general to the pianist during the brief meeting.

The group met with Arthur A. Hartman, U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, April 21. "We discussed the cultural exchange program agreed to by the Soviet Union and the United States," Mr. Dean said. "It was a very pleasant meeting. He offered any help we might need.

"Maestro Horowitz' performance was part of a diplomatic agreement forged by President [Ronald] Reagan and Soviet chief [Mikhail] Gorbachev during the 1985 superpower summit," Mr. Dean continued.

"The Kirov Ballet [from Leningrad] is touring the United States as part of this exchange, and the Ambassador Foundation is their host during the Southern California part of their tour," Mr. Dean said.

"We met with GOS concert executives. GOS is the official government agency that oversees major performing artists' tours between the Soviet Union and other countries," Mr. La Ravia said.

The Kirov Ballet will perform in Los Angeles, Calif., under the auspices of the Ambassador Foundation May 21 to 26. Because of the size of the group, the performances are scheduled in the newly renovated Shrine Auditorium rather than in the Ambassador Auditorium, Mr. Dean said.

The foundation representatives also met with officials of the People's Friendship Association of the Soviet Union before returning to Pasadena April 22.

The Soviet agency was host to the Sister Cities International association during the visit of Mr. Tkach's representatives. The Soviet officials were negotiating arrangements for Friendship Association officials to attend the 30th anniversary of Sister Cities International in Los Angeles in July.

Sister Cities International is a U.S. humanitarian organization that promotes friendships and cultural understanding between cities in different countries.

According to Mr. La Ravia, the foundation will play host to the opening reception of the July conference, and will present Soviet and other groups in the Ambassador Auditorium.

### STORY FOR YOUNG READERS By Shirley King Johnson

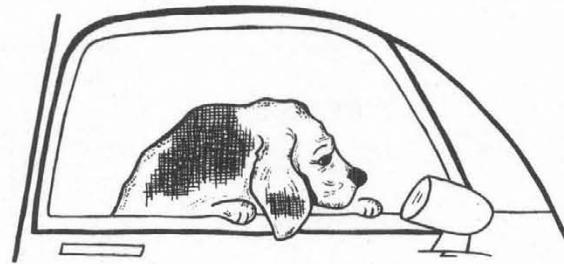
When Grandfather and Jim came in from mending fences on a sunny day they sat down to eat the luncheon that Grandmother and Susie had prepared. Grandmother served spaghetti and meat sauce with cheese while Susie tossed a salad made with garden greens.

"Susie and I would like to go to town this afternoon to get some quilting material," Grandmother said during the meal. "I want her to learn to quilt. Will it be all right with you if I take the car, Ben?"

"I wish you wouldn't drive until they finish working on the road down by the bridge," replied Grandfather as he buttered a whole wheat roll. "The grades are kind of steep. It'll take extra caution on the approach to the bridge."

"I'm not totally helpless," Grandmother said with a light laugh. "Susie and I will make it just fine."

## Major's wild ride



Artwork by Alisa Ferdig

"Now, Jennie, when you get that overconfident air I worry about what will happen."

"If you don't want us to go, that's all right, we won't," said Grandmother meekly, still smiling.

"You can go, but be careful," Grandfather said doubtfully.

"Let's take Major along," Susie suggested. "Then we'll be all right."

"No, please don't," Jim protested.

"He'll get tired of waiting in the car while you shop."

"He won't have to wait longer than 15 minutes," Grandmother assured.

So Major was invited into the car when Grandmother and Susie went out to the garage. "Come on, Major," Susie said as she opened the car door for him. "Hop in."

"Did you remember to buckle your seat belt, honey?" asked Grandmother as she turned the key in the ignition.

"Yes ma'am, I've buckled it," Susie replied as the seat belt clicked

into place. "Blast off."

As they pulled out of the driveway they waved to Grandfather and Jim, who were tying up tomato vines in the garden.

Major curled up on the seat between Susie and Grandmother. He loved to ride in the car; so, closing his eyes, he settled down for a short nap.

A sharp exclamation from Susie soon startled him to wakefulness.

"What's happened to the road?" Susie asked.

Standing up, Major could see that they were approaching the bridge that spanned Seven-Mile Creek. A huge road grader stood at the edge of the road near the bridge. The flat road had new diagonal grades on each side.

"Can we get past the grader?" Susie asked.

"I don't see why not," Grandmother replied in a tight voice.

"Where are the workers?" Susie asked. "Nobody's around."

"They've apparently gone off on another job for now. Hold on, I'm going to creep across the bridge."

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# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Youths, camp, ski, dance

ADELAIDE, Australia, SOUTH youths and parents camped at Sundews Youth Camp above Onkaparinga Gorge in the Adelaide hills March 28 to 31.

Saturday evening, March 29, the church was invited to the camp to welcome Adelaide's new pastor, D'Arcy Watson, and his family. Mr. Watson also pastors the Darwin, Australia, church.

Sunday, March 30, the campers hiked into the gorge. The next day Mr. Watson and his family returned to the camp, and Mr. Watson gave a lecture on etiquette.

Other activities included volleyball, canoeing and a treasure hunt.

## Banquet honors Church teens

A banquet honoring 84 TOLDO and FINDLAY, Ohio, Church youths for their participation in youth activities and service took place April 12. About 250 people attended.

"My initial impression of the YOU group has been magnified since we've been here, and I deeply appreciate the contribution they all have made to a most successful local program," said David Fiedler, pastor of the two churches.

After a spaghetti dinner, Mr. Fiedler expressed appreciation to the teens. "I admire each of you young people in the way you uphold YOU's high standards. . . . You're building fibers in your character that will never leave you."

Two youths, Debbie Sendelbach and Aaron Wiley, addressed the group and shared some of their YOU experiences.

Mr. Fiedler and David Gilbert, assistant pastor, awarded certificates of appreciation to each youth. Gold arrows marked which of 20 areas of participation each was involved in during the year.

To conclude the evening, Mr. Gilbert drew Juanita Holcomb's name from a jar containing the names of the 84 youths. She will receive a fully paid scholarship to the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn. Robert Harsanje.

## Family weekends take place

A District 54 family weekend took place April 5 and 6 for TEXARKANA, Tex., brethren.

Ronald Jameson, associate pastor of the Texarkana, El Dorado, Ark., and Shreveport, La., churches, conducted a family Bible quiz Saturday morning, April 5.

Charles Bryce, pastor of the Texarkana, El Dorado and Shreveport churches, gave the sermon at afternoon services.

A roller-skating party took place Saturday evening, and later James Neff led a sing-along at the Atlanta, Tex., State Park campground, where many brethren camped for the weekend.

About 150 brethren took part in a novelty olympics Sunday morning at the park. The Texarkana church served barbecued chicken and brisket for lunch, and the group played volleyball, softball and fellowshipped in the afternoon.

NASSAU, Bahamas, brethren attended a district family weekend March 28 in Freeport, Bahamas.

Activities began with a Bible study March 28 at the Bahamas Princess Resort. Sabbath services the next day took place at the Ba-

hamas Hotel Catering and Allied Workers' Union Building.

After services and a potluck meal a Bible bowl took place. Church youths, singles and adults participated. The YOU all-star group lost to the adults. The evening ended with novelty olympics.

March 30 the group met at Sea Surf Bowling Lanes for bowling. Bowler of the day was Thomas Nesbitt Jr., who had the highest YOU score. Peanuts, popcorn, punch and ice cream were served at the home of Maxine Nesbitt.

Monday, March 31, the women sampled unleavened items they made and shared their recipes. Kingsley Mather, pastor of the two churches, spoke to them about de-leavening their homes.

The MARION, N.C., cheerleading squad performed at the District 21 family weekend in Johnson City, Tenn., March 22 and 23.

This was the first year Marion has had a cheerleading squad. Uniforms were sewn by mothers of the girls, and the girls bought gloves and pom-poms.

Paulette Jameson, Maxine Nesbitt and Kathy Williams.

## Anniversaries celebrated

EVERGREEN, Ala., brethren celebrated the church's first anniversary March 22. Seventy-two attended.

To begin the celebration a cedar lectern, made by Church members Harvel Hanks and Mitchel Jay, was unveiled. After Sabbath services a buffet meal was served, and Ralph Orr, pastor of the Evergreen and Montgomery, Ala., churches, gave a study on the history of God's Church in Alabama.

When the Evergreen church was begun March 16, 1985, 60 were in attendance. Today 83 attend, six of whom have been Church members for more than 25 years.

The celebration concluded with punch and a cake made by Brenda Nichols of the Mobile, Ala., church.

Church youths from BELFAST, BALLYMENA and CRAIGAVON, Northern Ireland, stayed at Waterside House on the south shore of Lough Neagh April 2 to 6. There they received professional instruction in sailing, canoeing and skiing on a dry ski slope.

Other activities included table tennis, volleyball, swimming, darts, a treasure hunt, a film and a barn dance. A video on vision was shown.

A presentation on fitness and relaxation to music was made, and John Jewell, pastor of the three churches, gave a Bible study emphasizing that the teen years are a time for making decisions.

ATLANTA, Ga., EAST and WEST Church youths put on their second annual regional formal dance April 5 at the Depot in downtown Atlanta.

Four hundred people from six states attended the event, which featured a prime rib buffet. Teens were encouraged to complete a dance card with at least 14 names. The cards were submitted for a drawing, and prizes included a woman's and a man's gold-plated Seiko quartz watch.

Dance music was provided by Family, an Atlanta church band. Margaret Scotland, Stuart W. Foster and Randi Bloom.



SKI INSTRUCTION — Belfast, Northern Ireland, Church youths receive professional ski instruction April 3 on dry slopes near Craigavon, Northern Ireland, during a four-day spring camp.

## Activities conducted for single brethren

Thirty-two singles from SOWETO and PRETORIA, South Africa, and SWAZILAND gathered for a weekend of activities March 29 to 31.

After Sabbath services in Soweto March 29, the group attended a

dance. They practiced ballroom and folk dancing, and light refreshments were served.

After the dance, the group camped in the Magaliesberg mountain range.

Sunday morning, March 30, the men slaughtered and skinned a sheep for a braai (barbecue) in the afternoon. Petros Manzingana, pastor of the Soweto church, arrived at noon to conduct a Bible study, which included 14 points on being a leader.

Activities in the afternoon and evening included volleyball, sing-alongs, dances, skits, jokes and riddles.

Monday morning the Swaziland singles returned home. The rest of the group took a one-hour hike on Magaliesberg Mountain before sharing a roasted leg of lamb. The camp concluded in the afternoon.

The Church-owned camp at LAKE MOOGERAH, Australia, was the site of a singles camp March 28 to 31, attended by 104 baptized singles from Australia. Four singles from Perth, Australia, traveled 4,000 kilometers (about 2,500 miles) to attend.

According to Robert Morton, regional director for the Church in Australia and Asia, the purpose of the camp was to bring the singles together for fellowship and give them teaching focused on their needs.

Mr. Morton and his wife, Sandra, attended the camp, along with William Bradford, pastor of the Melbourne, Australia, East church, and his wife, Jeanette.

Mr. Morton and Mr. Bradford conducted Bible studies and Sabbath services during the weekend. Subjects included dating God's way, making full use of being single to grow spiritually and biblical examples of successful singles.

Activities included golf, water-skiing, volleyball, swimming, basketball, aerobics and touch football. "Hat and Bow Tie" was the theme of a dance Saturday evening, March 29, and prizes were awarded for the most original and creative hats. Sunday evening the group participated in a quiz about God's work, indoor games and a sing-along.

At the end of the camp Carol French of Brisbane, Australia, said, "I feel my potential as a single has increased."

Fiona Thomas of Gold Coast, Australia, said, "I've found this camp to be the best ever as far

as encouraging us to make the most of our lives now while we are single."

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., singles built an evening around an old-fashioned box social March 29. Gerald Flurry, pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., churches, and Charles Holladay, associate pastor, auctioned prepared and decorated box dinners to the highest bidders.

After the meal singles viewed baby pictures of each other and tried to identify them. Melody Hoppe guessed all correctly. Mr. Flurry read facts about each single and invited the others to guess whom he described. Mike Meyer and Christie Laser were winners of a card-game mixer.

The auction covered the cost of the activity and added to the church activity fund.

Twenty-eight singles from the TACLOBAN, CATBALOGAN and LILOAN, Philippines, churches attended a four-day camp-out March 27 to 30 at the Hermann Gmeiner School Buildings in Sitio Tigbao, Philippines.

The outing featured lectures on becoming mature, personality development, etiquette, grooming, sports, nutrition and health. The lectures were given by Felipe Casing, church pastor, Teodoro Sernal, a local elder, and Arturo Reyes, a deacon.

Activities began Thursday, March 27, with a puzzle, which each camper tried to solve alone, and a lecture on how to butcher a goat.

Friday's activities included a five-kilometer (about 3.1 miles) hike to the beach and the 2.6-kilometer (about 1.6 miles) San Juanico Bridge. After a lecture on swimming and first aid, the group swam and ate lunch. That evening Mr. Casing conducted a Bible study about successful singles who obeyed God.

The next day area brethren joined the campers for Sabbath services. An afternoon Bible study took place and was followed by a talent show.

Sunday featured lectures about sports, a game of softball and a formal lunch. Mr. Casing concluded the activities with a message about giving honor to God and His Church through good conduct.

Seshudu Phoshoko, David Newton, Heather Gray, Mickolai Kicul and Brian Smart, Mike Crist and Ernesto S. Zeta Jr.



## Areas attend get-togethers

**BARRIE, Ont.**, brethren took part in their third annual carnival social and fund raiser April 5. More than 100 brethren and families ate a meal of chicken a la king and salads.

After the meal, booths, including a fish pond, ringtoss and pin bowl, contributed to the carnival atmosphere. Tables offered baked goods, crafts and miscellaneous used items.

Brethren from **BRANDON, Man.**, and **MOOSOMIN, Sask.**, attended a social with an Italian theme March 29.

Activities included a Bible bowl, an Italian potluck supper, a hat contest, a dance and a Cribbage tournament.

**LAS VEGAS, Nev.**, and **KINGMAN, Ariz.**, brethren attended a royal extravaganza Saturday evening, April 5, at the Winterwood Village Clubhouse.

Brethren and guests danced to the music of the Los Angeles, Calif., church band. Decorations included eight replicas of the royal crowns of England, each atop a pedestal.

A buffet of hors d'oeuvres, salads and pastries was prepared by the women and served by Church youths.

**FORT WAYNE, Ind.**, brethren were hosts for a formal dance April 12 at the Grand Wayne Center. More than 150 people attended.

Dance music was provided by an 18-piece stage band. Lowell Blackwell was host for the evening's entertainment. Diane Carr served as pianist and producer. Five musical numbers were presented, and the Fort Wayne choir performed "76 Trombones" for a finale.

Hor d'oeuvres included roasted lamb leg Provencal, petit beef and chicken brochettes, stuffed mushrooms with chicken and trays of cheese, fruit, vegetables and eggs. Punch, coffee and mixed drinks were available.

Some brethren took horse-drawn carriage rides, and several dinner gift certificates were awarded as door prizes.

Brethren from **SALZBURG** and

**VIENNA, Austria**, and **MUNICH, West Germany**, combined in Mattsee, Austria, March 29 to hear Frank Schnee, regional director for the Church in German-speaking areas, and attend an activity weekend.

After services brethren stayed for a buffet dinner and a dance. Dance music was provided by the Bonn, West Germany, Ambassador Band, directed by Mark Schnee.

Sunday's activities included volleyball, table tennis, basketball and family relay races. Brethren met for lunch, and an awards presentation took place.

**TEMORA, Australia**, brethren attended a woolshed dance March 22 at the home of deacon Jim Laing.

Neil Druce and his crew prepared a barbecue, and the women made salads and desserts. A three-piece ensemble from the Wodonga, Australia, church provided dance music.

**BRISBANE, Australia, SOUTH** brethren participated in a family night March 22.

Families, singles and elderly brethren danced to the music of the Paddington Bear Jazz Band led by Malcomb Jennings. Guest entertainers were Leanne Fraser, vocals, and John Rouse, organ. Children's games were conducted during dance breaks. A dinner was then served.

*Doreen Pinkney, Heather Bowman, Lyndon B. Graves, Ginny Martin, Elaine Schnee, John and Ros Chrinside and Ronald Ion.*

## Seniors are guests at socials

**JACKSON, Tenn.**, Church youths sponsored dinner and entertainment for widows April 5. Forty-two attended, and meals were sent to eight shut-ins.

The meal consisted of cornish hens with wild rice, green beans almondine, rolls and chocolate mousse.

After entertainment, each widow received a pink carnation in a vase. **COLUMBIA, S.C.**, and **AUGUSTA, Ga.**, singles sponsored a senior citizens social and luncheon March 30. Sixty people attended the turkey dinner.

After the meal the group played a newlywed game and cards and listened to songs from the 1930s through the 1960s.

*Michael Horchak and Paul Nowlen.*

## Picnics feature sports, food

April 13 the **MEXICALI, Mexico**, church sponsored its first social, a picnic, at the rural property of Church members in Ejido Guanaquato, about 35 kilometers (22 miles) from Mexicali. Seventy people attended, and activities included volleyball, badminton, soccer, children's games and a sing-along.

Lunch consisted of *carne asada* (thin beef steaks) with hot sauces, guacamole, radishes, lettuce, beans and beverages. Dessert was *pico de gallo*, fruit salad sprinkled with dried ground red-hot peppers.

Juan Cabanillas and his mother, Gilda, were in charge of preparing and serving the food.

An annual **FORT MYERS** and **SARASOTA, Fla.**, church picnic took place April 13 at Matlacha Park, with about 200 people in attendance.

The morning began with shuffleboard, volleyball, children's games and a horseshoe-pitching contest won by the father-and-son team of Roger and Frank Koster of Fort Myers.



**CHILDREN'S MUSICAL** — Youth Educational Services (YES) children from Champaign, Ill., dressed in traditional dress from the days of the apostle Paul, stage their third annual musical April 5. The children, directed by Jonnie Perry and Janice Young, presented a program based on a biblical theme of "Faith, Hope and Love." [Photo by Duane Baillie]

## Clubs meet for meals, graduations, lectures

**SANTA ROSA, Calif.**, Spokesman Club members and guests gathered April 6 for a ladies day at the home of Arthur Docken, pastor of the Santa Rosa and Fairfield, Calif., churches, and his wife, Marie.

"Giving" was the theme of the day, and Bill Lund conducted table-topics. Speakers were club President Bob Lindberg, Ed Frandsen, Steve Nielsen, Mark Riffle and Matt Hickok. Emery Dann, assistant club director, gave an overall evaluation.

After a potluck lunch Mr. Docken led some of the group on a mountain hike.

Graduation and ladies night for the **TACOMA** and **OLYMPIA, Wash.**, Spokesman and Graduate clubs took place April 8.

Graduate Club officers served a meal of turkey and roast beef to members and guests.

Topicmaster was Leroy Mitchell, Olympia secretary, and Gary Reed, Olympia club president, was toastmaster. Tacoma graduates were club President Obie Stagg, Frank Dickinson, Jerry Farley and Michael Erickson.

The **CHARLESTON, PARKERSBURG** and **LOGAN, W.Va.**, combined Spokesman Clubs met March 30 for their last club meeting of the season and graduation ceremonies at the Scarlet Oaks Country Club in Pocca, W.Va. More than 100 people attended.

After a buffet banquet, the meet-

ing began. Carew Ferrell was topicsmaster, and toastmaster was Ron Batson. Speeches were given by Michael Burgess, John Bogard, Cecil Tankersley, Fred DeMent and Mark Morgan. Evaluators were Jan Bailey, Robert Summers, Guy Weaver, Thomas Harmon and Elbert Cline.

Steven Botha, pastor of the three churches, gave the overall evaluation.

Mr. Botha and three assistant club directors, Calister Vallet, David Ramsel and Martin Davey, associate pastor of the three churches, presented graduation certificates to Jack Boyles, Timothy Groves and George Hampton of Charleston; Richard Abicht, Mr. Bogard and Roger Calendine of Parkersburg; and Earl Franklin, Mr. Harmon and David McNeely of Logan.

A special meeting of the **FLORANCE, S.C.**, Spokesman Club took place March 15 at the Florence church hall.

The meeting featured a Red Cross volunteer who spoke on CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), a lifesaving technique to help victims of heart stoppage.

An emergency medical technician explained the Heimlich maneuver, another lifesaving technique, to aid choking victims. All Florence brethren were invited.

Forty-six people attended a **NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, England**, Spokesman Club and ladies afternoon March 16 at the civic center in Newcastle.

Each table was served 10 types of cheese along with biscuits, three varieties of wine, celery, mixed nuts,

fruit, chips and onions.

Tabletopics were presented by James Stewart. Speeches were given by three club graduates and two club members. Tom Wallace received the award for the Most Helpful Evaluation; Gerry Harin, Most Effective Speech; and John Daglish, Most Improved Speaker.

Individual evaluations were given by David Magowan, pastor of the Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne and Sheffield, England, churches and club director.

The fourth annual combined Spokesman Club lunch took place March 23 at the Ballymascannon Hotel in BELFAST, Northern Ireland.

Club members, graduates and guests from the Belfast Spokesman and Graduate clubs and the Dublin and Galway, Irish Republic, Spokesman Clubs were welcomed by Mike Leonard.

After lunch and tabletopics by S. McKenna, Belfast Spokesman Club president, toastmaster Frank Watson, Belfast Graduate Club president, presented speakers Michael Moroney, Michael Prunty, T. Rooney and Morris McCabe. Anthony Goudie, pastor of the Irish Republic churches, gave an overall evaluation.

Tom Hogg received the Most Helpful Evaluation award, and Mr. Prunty received both the Most Improved Speaker and the Most Effective Speech trophies.

*Roger and Dora Fossa, Susan Carmichael, Z. Harlean Botha, Charles B. Edwards, Raymond Hislop and Dorothy McClatchey.*

## Brothers refuse reward for providing assistance

*This letter to the editor appeared in the Dec. 11, 1985, edition of the Rochester, Minn., Post-Bulletin and is reprinted by permission. Kurt and Mark Whyndy, 21 and 20, are from Rochester but attend the Kansas City, Mo., East church, while they are enrolled at the DeVry Institute of Technology in Kansas City.*

On Dec. 1, during the bad weather that took hold of the Midwest, I was stranded in Story City, Iowa. My car wouldn't start and frustrated by my lack of luck I entered a gas station near my motel for assistance. The clerks at the station were no help, but two young gentle-

men offered to give my car a jump start.

To make a long story short, these two men not only started my car; one of them drove me to Des Moines [Iowa]. As I found out on Interstate 35, Kurt and Mark are from Rochester [Minn.] and attend technical school in Kansas City [Mo.]. These two brothers from Rochester found my disaster an adventure! They would take no money, no reward other than a thanks. I want their parents to know how wonderful they were in this emergency. If my two sons are as helpful to a stranger as your sons were, I will consider myself a success as a parent.

Maria Kirk  
Binghamton, N.Y.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**AINSWORTH,** Robert and Marlene (MacLeod), of Perth, Australia, boy, Rowan John, Feb. 21, 1:40 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**BANKS,** Chester and Margerite (Hull), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Angela Michelle, March 19, 11:03 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**BOATING,** Donalace and Romelda (Gordon), of Flint, Mich., girl, Grace Elizabeth, Dec. 12, 1985, 1 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**BOONE,** Peter John and Dee (Carkos), of South Sydney, Australia, boy, Edward James, March 30, 8:16 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**BROWN,** David and Marie (Stephens), of Palmer, Alaska, boy, David Kevin, April 8, 8:20 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**CAMPBELL,** Joe and Karen (Hazelip), of Pasadena, girl, Leah Lynn, April 1, 4:45 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**CHILDERS,** Wayne and Naomi (Reed), of Palmer, Alaska, girl, Rachel Elizabeth, April 19, 5:08 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**COOPER,** Keith and Jackie (Carovich), of Kansas City, Mo., boy, William James, April 3, 11:59 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**CURRY,** Paul and Laurie (Douglas), of Houston, Tex., boy, Robert Douglas, April 9, 2:45 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

**DUNN,** Ricky and Anita (Barrett), of Anston, Ala., boy, Andrew, Feb. 3, 2:16 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

**ELLIS,** Bryant and Karline (Hoeh), of Huntington Beach, Calif., girl, Erin Ashley, April 8, 11:50 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**FRANTZEN,** Jeffrey and Naomi (Henry), of Topeka, Kan., boy, Avery Jamison, March 4, 8:04 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys.

**FRIESEN,** David and Joyce (Woeffe), of Winnipeg, Man., girl, Karla Ann, March 25, 9:23 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

**FULMER,** Michael and Faith (Blanton), of Huntsville, Ala., boy, Michael Allen, Dec. 14, 1985, 7:49 p.m., 9 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**GATES,** Dwayne and Shelly (Russell), of Denver, Colo., boy, Aaron Donald-Dean, Feb. 17, 2:37 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

**GODFREY,** Terry and Danielle (Genest), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Michael Andrew, March 27, 4:47 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys.

**HAZZARD,** Chris and Gwen (Baker), of Fort Worth, Tex., boy, Lloyd Benjamin Hazzard II, Jan. 2, 3:38 p.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

**HOOD,** Paul and Lisa (Karr), of Kansas City, Mo., girl, Heidi McKenna, April 5, 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

**HDI,** Henry and Minnie (Weykoo), of Vineland, Ont., girl, Stacy Melissa, Jan. 12, 1:17 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

**HOLLIDAY,** Clive and Hester (Van Wyngaert), of Durban, South Africa, boy, Duane Peter, March 21, 7:42 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**JEFFRIES,** Joey and Pamela (Allen), of Lafayette, Ind., girl, Jayne Kristin, Jan. 17, 2:42 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

**JONES,** John and Darlene (Gable), of Big Sandy, girl, Deborah Michelle, Jan. 14, 9:16 a.m., 10 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

**KEYSER,** John and Rachel (Herrera), of Pasadena, girl, Nadia Leslie, April 17, 2:13 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**LOCCISANO,** James and LeeAnn (Cole), of Wheeling, W. Va., boy, Aaron James, March 9, 3:50 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

**MARTIN,** Randy and Edna (Brown), of Yuma, Ariz., boy, David Ayrin, Feb. 28, 5:11 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys.

**MORTIER,** Donn and Alice (Burdick), of Appleton, Wis., boy, Chad Aaron, Aug. 22, 1985, 11:02 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**MOSER,** Oradiah and Jan (Bowers), of Jersey Shore, Pa., boy, Aaron James, March 27, 9:11 p.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

**NEWPORT,** Lee and Sherry (McCloud), of Grand Island, Neb., girl, Shannon Lee, March 31, 8:44 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

**NICE,** Greg and Debi (Trivino), of Louisville, Ky., boy, Brandon Gregory, April 7, 9:43 p.m., 10 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

**RICHARDSON,** Warwick and Elizabeth (Burzan), of Sydney, Australia, girl, Katharine Elizabeth Marie, March 20, 4:56 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

**ROBINSON,** Richard and Lynette (Todd), of Kettle Falls, Wash., boy, Jesse William, April 7, 1:28 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

**SCHREIBER,** Steve and Louise (Morris), of Rochester, Minn., boy, Brian Jay, March 20, 3:45 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**SHEPPARD,** Ernest and Paula (Grew), of Ada, Okla., girl, Rinae Rachelle, Jan. 5, 8:04 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

**SLOAN,** Scott and Bonnie (Burgener), of Decatur, Ill., girl, Sarah Diann, March 13, 10:30 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

**STAMLER,** Richard and Shannon (Barber), of Lincoln, Neb., girl, Lacey Dawn, March 7, 4:49 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**TAYLOR,** Malcolm and Josephine (Wormack), of Hull, England, girl, Sarah Louise, March 28, 5 p.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

**THOMAS,** Bo and Nancy (Elen), of Oregon City, Ore., girl, Melinda Sue, March 12, 5:50 p.m., 11 pounds, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**THOMAS,** Joel and Shelly (Roessler), of Newport Beach, Calif., boy, Graham Scott, Jan. 9, 1:50 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

**TREVINO,** Tim and Susan (Black), of Pasadena, girl, Courtney Ann, Feb. 26, 4 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**WERVEN,** Ralph and Nancy (Carpenter), of Backoo, N.D., girl, Carley Ann, Feb. 17, 11:30 p.m., 7 pounds, now 2 girls.

**WINDSOR,** Ben and Lorraine (Wood), of Scarborough, England, boy, Karan Dale Fraser, March 29, 6:10 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. R. Neale of Bristol, England, are pleased

to announce the engagement of their daughter Wendy Joyce to Marty Phio, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Phio of St. Abans, England. A September wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shuster of the Washington, D.C., church are pleased to announce the engagement of Mrs. Shuster's son Wiley Radford Wirt to Sandra Noel Whittaker. A Sept. 21 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. David Moss are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Samantha to Stephen Michael Charlesworth of Vancouver, B.C. A June 22 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burbeck of Scottsdale, Ariz., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Carol Helen to George Townsend, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Kermit Townsend of Laurel, Miss. The couple will graduate May 23 from Pasadena Ambassador College. A July 13 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Joyce Anna Mae to Robert Papay. A July 13 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McChesney of Minneapolis, Minn., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Stephanie Ruth to Philip James Bauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bauer of Minneapolis. A July 27 wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS



**MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL BESONART**  
Angela Gass and Michael Besonart were united in marriage Sept. 25, 1985, by Cecil Maraville, pastor of the Montreal and Magog, Que., English churches. The couple reside in Montreal.



**MR. AND MRS. ALAN OBERLANDER**  
Patricia E. Wasse and Alan L. Oberlander were united in marriage March 9 in Omaha, Neb. The ceremony was performed by Terry Swagerty, pastor of the Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., churches. The matron of honor was Avis Morris, sister of the groom, and the best man was Dennis Morris, brother-in-law of the groom.



**MR. AND MRS. S. BOCCICCHIO**  
Roselba Monti and Severino Bocchicchio were united in marriage Sept. 1, 1985, by Cecil Maraville, pastor of the Montreal and Magog, Que., English churches. The couple reside in Montreal.



**MR. AND MRS. PASQUALE AUDI**  
France Beaujoin and Pasquale Audi were united in marriage Sept. 8, 1985, by Donald Picaud, pastor of the Montreal, Que., North and South French churches. The couple reside in Montreal.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. R. Neale of Bristol, England, are pleased



**MR. AND MRS. JACK LEIGHTON II**  
Leah R. Wheeler, daughter of Robert and Shariyne Wheeler of Duluth, Minn., and Jack G. Leighton II, son of Carolyn Ragan of Hoveyville, Kan., and Jack Leighton Sr. of Ponca City, Okla., were united in marriage April 6 in Duluth. William Gordon, pastor of the Duluth and Grand Rapids, Minn., churches, performed the ceremony. Attendants were Gilford Leighton, grandfather of the groom, and Teresa Wheeler, sister of the bride. The couple reside in Pasadena.



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**MR. AND MRS. W. HARRINGTON**  
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wright Jr. of Lenoir, N.C., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Rose Marie to William Lee Harrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harrington Sr. of Berlin, Wis. The wedding took place Aug. 18, 1985, in Lenoir and was performed by Douglas Peltz, associate pastor of the Lenoir, Boone and Marion, N.C., churches. The matron of honor was Ruth Wright, and the best man was Jerry Harrington Jr. The bride and groom are 1984 graduates of Pasadena Ambassador College, and they reside in Berlin.



**MR. AND MRS. RICHARD SMALL**  
Richard Lincoln Small and Anne Carol Walton were united in marriage April 6. The ceremony was performed by Leroy Cole, pastor of the San Jose and Agnes, Calif., churches. Jean Cole was matron of honor, and Richard W. Small, son of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Regina, Sask.



**MR. AND MRS. C. STARKEY**  
Sonja Knutson and Christopher Starkey were united

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Our coupon babies this issue are Cherice (left) and Joe Cal Mumford, children of Tracy and Connie Mumford of Hobbs, N.M.

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in marriage Sept. 22, 1985, by Cecil Maraville, pastor of the Montreal and Magog, Que., English churches. The couple reside in Montreal.

marriage March 1. The ceremony, which took place in Boise, Idaho, was performed by Lawson Tuck, pastor of the Baker and Ontario, Ore., and Boise churches. Matron of honor was Donna Pickens, sister of the bride, and best man was D.E. Brady, grandfather of the groom. The couple reside in Boise.

## ANNIVERSARIES

We want to wish a happy 50th wedding anniversary to Helen and Floyd Hartley. With much love from your family, Don, Joyce, Tim, Joshua and Darlene.

To my darling wife, Sharon Happy first anniversary! You are the sparkling gem of my life, the precious flower I yearn to hold. I love you, Andy.

## Weddings Made of Gold

LONG ISLAND, N.Y. — Ralph and Corali Capo celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at a party in their honor Feb. 2.



**MR. AND MRS. RALPH CAPO**  
About 50 Church and family members attended the celebration at the home of the couple's son Charles, a deacon in the Suffolk, N.Y., church. The Capos also have a daughter, Emily, who lives in Connecticut; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Capo has been a Church member since 1973.



**MR. AND MRS. RAY CHILDERS**  
LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Ray and Dorothy Childers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 11. They (See ANNOUNCEMENTS, page 11)

**MR. AND MRS. DAVID FISHER**  
Mary Henderson and David Fisher were united in



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 were married in 1936 in Peru, Ind.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Childers became interested in the Church in 1967 and began attending services in 1969. They were baptized in March, 1969.

## Obituaries

**BOULDER, Colo.** — Wade Michael Curless, 23, died Feb. 27 as a passenger in a one-car accident near Arvada, Colo.  
 Mr. Curless is survived by his parents, Mike and Rose Curless of Boulder; three sisters, Rena Norvell and Marcy of the Denver, Colo., area, and Velma at home; one brother, Brandon, at home; and his grandmother, Celia Wiggins of Scottsbluff, Neb.



WADE CURLESS

Memorial services were conducted in Denver by James Reyer, pastor of the Denver East and West churches. Graveside services were conducted in Pitsfield, Ill., by Ronald Lohr, pastor of the Macomb and Peoria, Ill., churches.

**WINDSOR, Ont.** — Mary Klem, 77, died Feb. 20, six days after suffering a heart attack. Mrs. Klem was born Sept. 25, 1908, and was baptized in February, 1972, with her husband, Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Klem celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary two days before her heart attack.



MARY KLEM

Mrs. Klem is survived by her husband; a son, Nestor, and his wife, Pat; three daughters and their husbands, Ollie and Mary Parks, Sally and Don Dupuis and Mary and Darwin Brandt; grandchildren Kevin Parks and his wife, Donna, Evelyn McBride and her husband, Dan, Debbie Dickinson and her husband, Walter, and Krystal and Bradley Brandt; and great-grandchildren Jessica Parks, Tamiema and Daniel McBride and Walt and Luke Dickinson; all of whom attend Church services.

Mrs. Klem is also survived by three other sons, Maurice, Tony and Bill, and their families. She is predeceased by one granddaughter, Darlene Parks, a Church member attending Pasadena Ambassador College at the time of her death.

Funeral services were conducted Feb. 24 by Francis Ricchi, pastor of the Windsor church.

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — Joe Lester, 58, died March 27 after a short bout with cancer.

Mr. Lester and his wife, Retha, were baptized in 1968. They attended the Baltimore, Md., church before moving to Florida in 1974.

Mr. Lester is survived by his wife, one son, Leslie; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted March 28 by Allen Bullock, pastor of the Jacksonville, Gainesville and Ocala, Fla., churches.

**YPSILANTI, Mich.** — Wilhelm Ziegler, 62, died at home July 29, 1985,

after an extended illness. He was baptized in 1960.

Mr. Ziegler was born Jan. 29, 1923, in Danzig (now Gdansk, Poland). He came to the United States in 1950 and was married in 1955.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine, and a daughter, Mari Elizabeth, both baptized members who attend the Ann Arbor, Mich., church. He is also survived by a son, David Karl of North Carolina.

Ray Wooten, pastor of the Ann Arbor and Detroit, Mich., West churches, conducted funeral services.

**SULPHUR, La.** — Jesse E. Teel, 60, died March 22. He has been a Church member since 1953, and served as vice president of the Lake Charles, La., Spokesman Club.

Mr. Teel is survived by his wife, Jean, who attends the Lake Charles church; a son, Paul, who attends the Tulsa, Okla., church; a son, Daniel, who attends the Dallas, Tex., West church; a daughter, Kathy Bare, who attends the Fayetteville, Ark., church; a daughter, Grace; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Edward Mauzey, pastor of the Beaumont, Tex., and Lake Charles churches.

**PORT ARTHUR, Tex.** — Ruth Reeder, 69, died Aug. 9, 1985, after an extended illness. Mrs. Reeder was a longtime member who attended the Beaumont, Tex., church.

Mrs. Reeder is survived by her husband, Frank, and her daughter, Sheila, both of whom attend the Beaumont church, and seven sons.

Funeral services were conducted by Eugene Koch, a minister in the Beaumont church.

**GRABILL, Ind.** — Douglas Meadows, 52, a Church member since 1962, died Jan. 16.

Mr. Meadows was a native of Thomas County, Ga., and lived in Indiana the last 12 years.

Mr. Meadows is survived by his wife, Rose, also a Church member; two sons, Wade, a Church member, and Ed; a daughter, Rosemary; one grandson; two brothers; and two sisters.

Darris McNeely, pastor of the Fort Wayne, Ind., church, conducted funeral services.

**LOUISVILLE, Miss.** — Mary Fulton, 70, died of cancer Feb. 24. Mrs. Fulton has been a Church member since July, 1952.

Funeral services were conducted by John Cafourek, pastor of the Tupelo and Columbus, Miss., churches.

**DES MOINES, Iowa** — Mabel Ellen Duncan, 77, died March 22 after an extended illness. Mrs. Duncan has been a Church member since 1971.

Mrs. Duncan is survived by her daughter, Sue Hertz, a member who attends the Des Moines church, and a son, Joe, a member who attends the San Francisco, Calif., church.

Robert Cloninger, pastor of the Des Moines and Ottumwa, Iowa, churches, conducted funeral services. Graveside services were conducted near Trenton, Mo., by Stanley McNiel, pastor of the Topeka, Kan., and St. Joseph, Mo., churches.

**PHARR, Tex.** — Lorena Jessup Raines, 72, died March 19 after suffering a massive heart attack. She has been a Church member since 1975.

Mrs. Raines is survived by her husband, Eldon; a brother, Russell Jessup; and three sisters, Audrey Rushing, Virgie Jessup and Betty Sands.

Funeral services were conducted by Robert Flores Jr., pastor of the Corpus Christi and Harlingen, Tex., churches.

**NANAIMO, B.C.** — Art Feather, 79, died April 1 at home. Mr. Feather has been a Church member since 1971 and attended the Courtenay, B.C., church.

Mr. Feather is survived by his wife of 54 years, Myrtle; two daughters, Karen and Bev; and several grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted April 4 by William Rabey, pastor of the Courtenay and Victoria, B.C., churches.

**PLYMOUTH, England** — Joseph Tomlinson Ogden, 70, died Feb. 9 after a long illness. He was a longtime Church member and a deacon in the Truro, England, church.

Mr. Ogden is survived by his wife, Margaret; a son, Joseph; a daughter, Janet; and seven grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by David Howe, pastor of the Bristol, Channel Islands, Plymouth and Tiverton, England, churches.

**WOLVERINE, Mich.** — Alice Jacobs, 86, died Feb. 23. She has been a Church member since 1972.

Mrs. Jacobs is survived by three children. One son, Garland, and his wife attend the Wolverine church.

Funeral services were conducted by Donald Mears, pastor of the Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and Wolverine churches.

**WOLVERINE, Mich.** — Sylvia Smithingell, 87, died at the Petoskey, Mich., Geriatric Village Nursing Home Feb. 23. She was in a coma for some time.

Mrs. Smithingell is survived by four sons, two daughters, 21 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Donald Mears, pastor of the Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and Wolverine churches.

**LAKELAND, Fla.** — Orville L. Wessel, 73, died of a heart attack March 21. He has been a Church member since 1973.



ORVILLE WESSEL

Mr. Wessel is survived by his wife, Luella, also a Church member; two daughters, including Helen Maloney, a member who attends services in Atlanta, Ga.; two sons; one sister; two brothers; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted March 24 by Frank R. McCrady III, pastor of the Lakeland church, at Memorial Chapel in Plant City, Fla.

## Relations

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John Boon, chairman of the British Incoming Tour Operators Association, said in the same article, "If Americans don't travel to Europe and to Britain they are giving in to terrorism — that's just what [Libyan leader Moammar] Gaddafi wants."

*Sunday Today* (a new British newspaper) expressed the problem in different terms in its April 25 edition. Said its editorial leader: "Even before yesterday's bomb, America was running scared of terrorism in Europe. American opinion was right behind President [Ronald] Reagan's raid on Libya. But Americans are not stupid. They know where the terrorists will hit back."

The *Today* editorial went on to comment: "[What] *Today* foresaw in the immediate aftermath of the raid, is that the attack on Libya would create a climate of violence in Europe. Ordinary Americans, too, realised Europe would be in the front line. That is why they are refusing to cross the Atlantic. But Europe has no wish to occupy a front line of America's creation either."

### Defense of Western Europe

But why did Mrs. Thatcher take such a grave risk? Why did she put her own career in jeopardy? The answer probably lies in the preservation of the Anglo-American alliance.

Said *The Daily Telegraph* April 26, "We would guess that the public doubt and anxiety still chiefly concentrate on the question whether the British government was a partner in President Reagan's venture as a matter of conviction, or whether it went along reluctantly..." on the simple assumption that the preservation of the Anglo-American alliance is the be-all and

end-all of British foreign policy." Peregrine Worsthorne is the new editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*. He has labored long and hard in the service of this stalwart Sunday newspaper. Without a doubt, he is one of the most astute and perceptive journalists in the British Isles.

Mr. Worsthorne wrote April 20, "The argument this weekend should not be about how to stop terrorism, but about how to maintain the Atlantic Alliance... she [Mrs. Thatcher] gave her agreement, not because she feared the raid would put an end to Libyan terrorism, but because she feared refusing agreement might put an end to the Atlantic Alliance."

The strains on NATO have been obvious for years. Mr. Worsthorne sums up a growing feeling in the United States: "American attitudes to the defence of Western Europe are not what they once were. It may well have been true that the United States would have kept its troops over here however uncooperative West European governments proved themselves to be. This is no longer the case."

"Isolationism there is growing fast," Mr. Worsthorne continued, "so also is the suspicion that the U.S. might be better able to pursue its own national interest unilaterally without the handicap of having to carry recalcitrant allies along with it."

"Powerful sections of the American right are eagerly looking for an excuse to bring the legions home. What better excuse than a refusal by European governments to allow the U.S. to do what it believes to be necessary to punish a terrorist government which has been found guilty of killing and maiming those legions?"

Concluded Mr. Worsthorne: "Better a muddled raid of Gaddafi, and all the dangers that flow from this in the short term, than the ap-

daughter, Angela; and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Craig Bacheller, pastor of the Cocoa and Port St. Lucie, Fla., churches.

**FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.** — Bill G. Jones, 68, died April 9. He has been a Church member for 19 years.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Reba, also a Church member, who moved to Marshall, Tex.

Funeral services were conducted by Gregory Sargent, pastor of the San Antonio East and West and Uvalde, Tex., churches, at Ft. Sam Houston army base in San Antonio.

**FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.** — Pauline Mallow, 65, died April 13. She has been a Church member for 23 years.

Mrs. Mallow is survived by her daughter, Debbie Snell, also a Church member.

Funeral services were conducted by John Elliott, pastor of the Fayetteville and Fort Smith, Ark., churches.

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Robert Sullenger, 21, died April 17.

Mr. Sullenger is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Sullenger, who attend the Kansas City North church, and a sister, Betty Miller, also a Church member.

Funeral services were conducted by Mitchell Knapp, associate pastor of the Kansas City North and Kansas City, Kan., South churches.

**HURLOCK, Md.** — Jacqueline Cain, 37, a prospective member, died April 7 after a long illness.

Mrs. Cain is survived by her husband, Early, a Church member; a daughter; three sons; and a foster daughter.

Funeral services were conducted by David Register, pastor of the Seaford and Wilmington, Del., churches.

**SANTA BARBARA, Calif.** — Cynthia "Ellen" Place, 44, died April 14. She attended services for eight months and was a prospective member.

Mrs. Place is survived by one son and one daughter. A memorial service took place at Conejo Mountain Memorial Park in Camarillo, Calif.

**MERRITT ISLAND, Fla.** — Joanne M. Smith, 48, died at home Dec. 11, 1985, after a long fight with cancer. Mrs. Smith was baptized in Big Sandy in 1962.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, Andrew; five sons, Andrew Jr., Kerry, Tres, Derrick and Burton; one

daughter, Angela; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Craig Bacheller, pastor of the Cocoa and Port St. Lucie, Fla., churches.



JOANNE SMITH

**VILLE PLATTE, La.** — Verna S. Fontenot, 62, died Jan. 3. She has been a Church member since April, 1984.

Mrs. Fontenot is survived by her husband, Eddison, a Church member; three sons; and one daughter.

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 5 by Alton Billingsley, pastor of the Lafayette and Baton Rouge, La., churches.

**LYNDORA, Pa.** — Edward C. Adamsky Sr., 64, died April 15.

Mr. Adamsky was born Dec. 5, 1921, and married Stella C. Grystar Sept. 29, 1945.

Mr. Adamsky is survived by his wife, who has been a Church member for 12 years and attends the Beaver Valley, Pa., church; a son, Edward C. Adamsky Jr.; and a grandson.

Funeral services took place April 18.

**TULSA, Okla.** — Bessie E. Beougher, 92, a member of God's Church since 1962, died March 16. She was unable to attend services for several years.

Mrs. Beougher is survived by a daughter, Frances Diehl, also a Church member.

Graveside services were conducted in Oakley, Kan., March 19 by Glenn Doig, pastor of the Hays and Salina, Kan., churches.

pulling long-term dangers to world peace that would flow from an American withdrawal from Europe."

### Two-headed monster

This is a catch-22 situation — no matter what America or England does, it seems to be wrong. NATO is hurt if Britain doesn't help the Americans fight terrorism, and NATO is also hurt if it does aid U.S. efforts.

Said the April 26 editorial in *The London Standard*: "At the same time as the Prime Minister on radio was mounting a robust defence of the American bombing of Libya and her decision to allow British air bases to be used, Lord Carrington was summing up the cost to the Nato alliance."

"Relations between the United States and her European allies were as bad as at any period he could remember. Nato's Secretary-General said. There was a strong feeling in Europe that the air strike had solved nothing."

But did not we just read from Mr. Worsthorne that NATO might — and even fatally wounded — if England had chosen not to facilitate the American bombing? It seems there is no way to win for America and England.

Mrs. Thatcher is in the same position. She receives severe criticism for helping America. Had she not aided America she still would have received severe criticism — regrettably from many of the same people carping at her now.

The Soviet Union would like to decouple Europe from America. In the long run she is likely to succeed. (However, Europe and America will probably do it to themselves.) But it will not be in the Soviet Union's best interests. A United Europe will turn out to be a far more implacable enemy than America.

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

PASADENA — Feast sites in Israel, Italy and Poland are canceled for the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles, according to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

The Feast site originally scheduled for Fuggi, Italy, has been moved to Lugano in the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland, according to **Corn Catherwood**, regional director for Italian-speaking areas. Mr. Catherwood said more details about the Lugano site will be released after final arrangements have been completed.

"The threat of terrorism in Jerusalem and in the area of Rome [Italy] was too great to continue with our plans for those sites," said **Larry Salyer**, director of Church Administration. "We want to make sure that we're not exposing brethren to unnecessary danger and thus possibly lose the blessing of God's protection."

The Ambassador College biblical geography study tour of Israel, scheduled for May and June, was also canceled, according to **Richard Paige**, an associate professor and coordinator of the tour.

Participants will have their air fare and tour price refunded. Plans are being made to complete the European study tour.

"We canceled the Feast site in Cracow, Poland, after consulting with **Frank Schnee** and **John Karlson**," Mr. Salyer told *The Worldwide News* May 13. Mr. Schnee is regional director of the German Office and Mr. Karlson is office manager.

"With the radiation hazard from the Soviet reactor [in Chernobyl] and the declining numbers of transfers, it was obvious that God didn't want us there for this Festival," Mr. Salyer said.

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PASADENA — The *World Tomorrow* telecast, *Mystery of the Ages*, drew 35,288 responses May 10 and 11. Response to the program was the fourth highest in the history of the *World Tomorrow* program, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC).

Evangelist **Richard Ames** presented the program.

"This weekend's response pushed the total number of requests for [the book] *Mystery of the Ages* over the one million mark in the United States alone," Mr. Rice said. Another 300,000 copies of the book have been distributed outside the United States since August, 1985.

One caller responded from Antarctica. "I was very pleased to be able to receive the program today on the poor-quality satellite connection I have here," the caller said. "You don't know how hard it is to make a phone call from this place. I've got to call my mother later today for Mother's Day [May 11], but I called you guys first — I'm not sure why."

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EDMOND, Okla. — A tornado cut a two-mile strip of destruction May 8 two blocks north and 1½ blocks west of the home of **Gerald** and **Barbara Flurry**. Mr. Flurry pastors the Enid and Oklahoma City, Okla., churches. The Flurrys left for a Bible study about 35 minutes before the tornado touched down.

"We didn't know it had happened until after Bible study," said Mr. Flurry, "and then we couldn't get into our home because the area had been sealed off."

Although the tornado destroyed 45 homes and damaged 90 others,

there were only about 15 minor injuries. Seven or eight Church families live in Edmond, but none suffered property damage or injury, Mr. Flurry said.

"We were the closest," he said, "and yet at our house it hardly looked like there was a storm. A little of the fence was knocked down by the wind, but that's it."

Mrs. Flurry said the area where the tornado touched down looked like a war zone, "like an area that's just been bombed."

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WILMINGTON, N.C. — Church members suffered no damage from forest fires that raged in the Holly Shelter swamp area May 6 to 13, according to **Briscoe Ellett II**, pastor of the Wilmington and New Bern, N.C., churches.

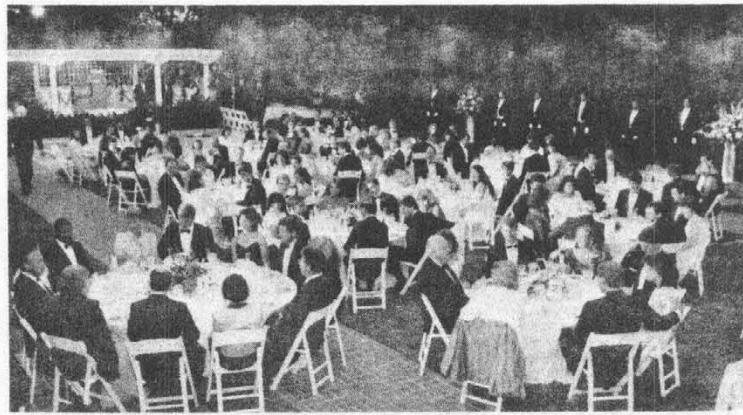
The fire, which destroyed more than 75,000 acres of forest, "caused a lot of delay in traveling to the north church [New Bern], because Highway 17 was closed," Mr. Ellett said.

Two Church members live in the fire's immediate vicinity, but both are safe and neither suffered property damage. "One member's home was virtually surrounded by the fire, but a strong wind seemed to come from nowhere and drive it back," Mr. Ellett said. "We had asked all the members here to pray about the situation and . . . God did intervene. It was quite miraculous."

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MANILA, Philippines — **Rodney Matthews**, office manager of the Philippines Regional Office, and his wife, **Ruth**, traveled to Japan to meet with brethren there in early April.

Mr. Matthews conducted a



**SENIOR DINNER** — About 230 Ambassador College seniors, faculty and members of the Advisory Council of Elders take part in a senior dinner in the campus lower gardens May 12. Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach, who was host for the event, comments about the dinner in his "Personal," page 1. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

morning and afternoon Bible study for eight people in Tokyo on the Sabbath, April 5.

The Matthews traveled 300 miles (480 kilometers) by train to Kobe to meet **Makiko Tsuchitani**, who was baptized that afternoon by Mr. Matthews.

The Matthews flew to Guam and Saipan to meet with brethren before returning to the Philippines.

**Arthur Suckling**, a preaching elder and faculty member at Pasadena Ambassador College, flew to Japan with his wife, **Marsha**, to conduct Holy Day services for brethren in Tokyo April 30. Mr. Suckling conducted services for the Passover and first day of Unleavened Bread in Hong Kong.

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PASADENA — The Feast site in Palmas del Mar, Puerto Rico, with services at the Candeleiro Hotel, will be open to English-speaking transfers, according to the Spanish Department here. Space is available for 200 transfers.

"It is a secluded, millennial-type

setting with services at a luxury hotel — one of the top hotels in the Caribbean," said **Pablo Gonzalez**, pastor of the San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Barquisimeto, Venezuela, churches.

Services will be in Spanish, and translation headset rental will be \$40 each for the entire Feast.

Hotel accommodations are \$55 a day for a double room with two double beds. A villa with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, refrigerator, washer, one queen-size and two twin beds is \$130 a day. Six percent sales tax is not included.

Buffet meals will be served at the hotel. Breakfast is \$6, lunch, \$10, and dinner, \$12. Reduced prices will be available for children.

This site on the coast offers golf, tennis, aquatic sports and horseback riding.

Since Puerto Rico is part of the United States, passports for U.S. citizens are not necessary, and the currency is the dollar. Contributions are tax deductible for U.S. citizens, and receipts will be issued.

For an application, write Puerto

Rico Application, c/o Pablo Gonzalez, Box 3272, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00904.

A discounted air fare is available from Travel, Inc. Interested brethren should call 1-800-468-2494, and mention the Church.

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PASADENA — The Festival Office here announced that the following Feast sites have reached capacity and can no longer accept transfer requests.

La Malbaie, Que.; Paradise Island, Bahamas; Christ Church, Barbados; Castries, St. Lucia; Mount Irvine, Tobago; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Paignton, England; Bonn-dorf, West Germany; and Brno, Czechoslovakia.

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PASADENA — Ambassador College senior **Steve Bearman** will be employed in the mail processing section of the Borehamwood, England, Regional Office after graduation. Mr. Bearman will be a supervisor working for **James Henderson**.

"We're very pleased to have Steve in this position. The fact that he has virtually grown up in the Church together with his Ambassador College training makes him eminently suitable. With the growth of the work in Britain and Europe we hope many more such opportunities can be made available not only in the Church office, but also in the ministry," said evangelist **Frank Brown**, regional director of the Borehamwood Office.

Mr. Bearman's name was left off the list in the May 5 *Worldwide News* of students hired full time.

## INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

PASADENA — A violent storm struck the outer southern suburbs of Brisbane, Australia, March 10, causing more than \$5 million Australian (US\$3.5 million) in damage, according to **Ron Ion**, a member who attends the Brisbane South church.

Wind, hail and rain caused flooding and tore apart house roofs and uprooted trees. Some areas were electrically blacked out for more than five hours, Mr. Ion said.

Brethren in the area were also affected. "The [Barney and Robina] Boland family had a limb from a neighbor's tree go through their roof," said Mr. Ion. "The carpenter of the [John and Mary] Gold family became unhinged and fell on their car." Expenses totaled \$4,000 (US\$2,808).

The [Ray and Margaret] Prickett family lost the roof of their house, and the front wall collapsed. The roof ricocheted off four other homes, Mr. Ion said.

"Although minor damage affected many brethren, there were no injuries, and we were thankful that the damage was not more serious," said Mr. Ion. "God's protection was with His people through this vicious storm."

Scandinavia

"Lives are being turned around" in Scandinavia because of the Norwegian *Plain Truth* and the *World*

*Tomorrow* telecast with Norwegian subtitles, according to **Peter Shenton**, pastor of the Ipswich and Norwich, England; Arhus, Denmark; Stockholm, Sweden; and Oslo, Norway, churches.

March marked the second anniversary of *Den Enkle Sannhet* (Norwegian *Plain Truth*). In that time the subscription list grew from 25,000 to 37,687 copies. The combined subscription and newsstand circulation of the April issue topped 56,000.

Since *The Good News* is not published in any Scandinavian language, "the knowledge of God's truth is coming to these people through *Den Enkle Sannhet*," said Mr. Shenton.

Before the Norwegian-language magazine, growth in the region was slow, he said. Now the pace is accelerating rapidly. "The witness is going out to a part of the world which previously had no exposure," Mr. Shenton continued.

Penetration of the magazine in Scandinavia is about the same level as in the British Isles. Newsstand distribution in Oslo averages 1,000 magazines a month.

Mr. Shenton said that the telecast with Norwegian subtitles is aired weekly on Janco-Vision, a cable station in Oslo, reaching about 100,000 homes.

"Increasingly, new visits are be-

ing requested by non-English speakers," he said, adding that a Norwegian-speaking translator is often needed on his visits.

Roy Ostensen, regional editor of *Den Enkle Sannhet* who works in the Borehamwood, England, Office, was incapacitated for several weeks because of an injured leg. Mr. Ostensen sent the following letter to **Dexter H. Faulkner**, editor of the Church's publications, May 6.

"I would like to thank everyone who has prayed for me and sent cards to me, for remembering me while my leg has been healing. The plaster is now off (the day after the foot washing [April 23]), after more than eight weeks, and I am taking physio[therapy] at the moment."

"It still is a few days away before I am allowed to put pressure on the left foot, because the leg needs a brace. It was the fibia that broke (the large bone in the calf), up into the knee, and the knee is still a little wobbly after the accident."

"Hopefully I will be back in the office within the next month, but in the meantime I carry out the function of the Scandinavian Office from home."

"Again, thank you all. All your cards and prayers have been much appreciated!"

South African visit

**William Bentley**, pastor of the Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, and Lusaka, Zambia, churches, baptized four people in Zambia during a week-long trip there March 14 to 20. The number of Church members in Zambia now stands at 31.

According to **Roy McCarthy**, South African regional director, Mr. Bentley counseled 50 Church members, prospective members and people making their first contact with the Church.

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