



1986-87 SEASON — Conductor Herbert von Karajan is scheduled to conduct the Berlin Philharmonic in two concerts in the Ambassador Auditorium in October.

World-class orchestras, artists featured in new concert series

By Michael A. Snyder
PASADENA — The 12th concert season of the Ambassador Foundation will present more than 100 world-class artists and ensembles in 1986-87, including the Berlin and Vienna philharmonic orchestras, opera star Joan Sutherland and ballet artist Rudolf Nureyev.

"I have reviewed the new season with Mr. Ellis La Ravia and Mr. Wayne Shilkret and I feel that the selection of artists reflects the high standards of excellence that Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong intended for the concert series," said Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, chairman of the Ambassador Foundation.

Mr. La Ravia, an evangelist, is a vice president of the foundation. Mr. Shilkret serves as director for performing arts of the foundation.

Standard of excellence

"The 1986-87 season reflects the caliber of excellence that the Ambassador Foundation insists on, and the foundation in turn reflects the high standards of the Church," said Mr. La Ravia in a June 9 interview with *The Worldwide News*.

The season will open Sept. 6 with

a performance by the famed Philharmonia Orchestra of London under Giuseppe Sinopoli. "The orchestra must be considered one of the top in the world," Mr. Shilkret said.

The Ambassador Foundation will present four other orchestras in the Great Orchestras of the World series: the Berlin Philharmonic under the legendary conductor Herbert von Karajan, the Vienna Philharmonic under Claudio Abbado, the Orchestre National de France under Lorin Maazel and the Gewandhaus Orchestra of Leipzig (East Germany) under Kurt Masur.

"You can't plan for a series of this magnitude," Mr. Shilkret explained. "You just can hope for it. Orchestra schedules are usually very complicated, and it's often difficult to adapt their schedule to fit ours."

"We are very fortunate to present five of the top world-class orchestras in a single season," he said. "It is clear that the Ambassador Foundation's performing arts series has developed an international reputation with more and more conductors requesting to be scheduled in our series."

World-class performers

"We also don't want to forget the other stellar performers we're presenting this year," the performing arts director continued. "Joan Sutherland is returning this year to perform with a symphony orchestra [the opera soprano last performed in the Auditorium Oct. 5, 1975, in the original season sponsored by the foundation]."

"We're presenting Rudolf Nureyev and other outstanding ballet dancers for one night in the Shrine Auditorium [in Los Angeles, Calif.] and [pianist] Andre Watts in the Auditorium," Mr. Shilkret said.

"We're especially proud to

present [soprano] Aprile Millo," Mr. Shilkret said. "She first performed on the Ambassador stage in 1982 as part of our Gold Medal series, and the foundation helped her record an album of Verdi arias on Angel records."

"The album, *Presenting Aprile Millo*, is now a best-seller and was described by one music critic as a classic," Mr. Shilkret said.

Community service

"Mr. Armstrong's desire in establishing the concert series was to give something of high quality to the community that reflected God's way of life," Mr. Tkach said, explaining the original purpose of the series.



OPERA SOPRANO — Soprano Aprile Millo, a Gold Medal recording artist, will perform in the Ambassador Auditorium Dec. 14.

By practicing the give way, Mr. Tkach said, the foundation demonstrates God's way of life in action. "The result has been to provide a greater degree of what the apostle Paul referred to as 'free course' [II Thessalonians 3:1] for proclaiming the Gospel," he said.

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

Foundation sponsors West Coast appearance

Kirov Ballet performs in U.S.

By Jeff E. Zhorne
LOS ANGELES, Calif. — After a 21-year absence from the United States, the Kirov Ballet of Leningrad, Soviet Union, presented six performances May 21 to 26 in the Shrine Auditorium here.

The ballet company was presented in Los Angeles by the performing arts division of the Ambassador Foundation, in association with ICM Artists and Great Artists Management, Inc.

Evening performances took place Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and a Friday afternoon performance was conducted May 23.

About 38,000 attended four full-length productions of Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov's *Swan Lake*, set to composer Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky's musical score, and a program featuring highlights and diversissements from *Chopiniana* (also known as *Les Sylphides*), *La Bayadere* and *Paquita*. All the ballets staged were choreographed before 1910.

"No company in the world today approaches the classics with the same intense obsession with correctness and purity," reported the Pasadena *Star-News* May 23. "It was worth the wait."

According to Wayne Shilkret, performing arts director, "One reason that we were so involved in presenting the ballet is because of the peaceful aims of the project."

The Kirov performance was "a direct result of the cultural agreement" reached by U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva, Switzerland, last year, Mr. Shilkret said.

North American tour

More than 90 Kirov principal dancers, soloists and corps de ballet and 60 musical, technical and administrative staff members began their North American tour by appearing May 14 at the Expo 86 world festival in Vancouver, B.C.

(After their Los Angeles appearances, the Kirov Ballet conducted performances in Philadelphia, Pa.; Trenton, N.J.; Washington, D.C.; Ottawa, Ont.; and Montreal, Que. They were scheduled to return to the Soviet Union in mid-June.)

The Kirov company brought two

Soviet conductors, Victor Fedotov and Evgeny Kolobov, to lead an orchestra of area musicians.

"The Shrine was chosen because it has a larger stage and it accommodates a larger number of patrons, allowing us to keep ticket prices low," said Mr. Shilkret.

The Ambassador Foundation provided the ballet company with two interpreters, one of whom was

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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

I have just approved the preliminary 1986-87 airing schedule for the *World Tomorrow* television program to begin this fall!

The first program of the new season is scheduled to air the weekend of Sept. 6 and 7 with David Hulme speaking on the topic of international terrorism.

A new set for the telecast is already under construction. I'll give you more details about that next time I write.

Also, new brochures designed to be offered on television are being produced for the new season. These will be much like those you have probably already seen, titled *Sexually Transmissible Dis-*

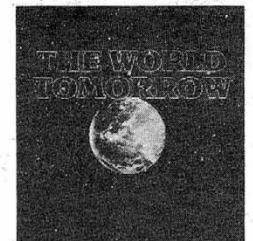
eases, What Is Man? and Authority of the Bible.

Child rearing, family relations, prophecy and making decisions are a few of the topics the brochures will cover.

Summer reruns will begin the first weekend in July and continue through August. This will involve selecting the top programs of each host and retaping the concluding remarks so that each program will lead into the next.

The summer reruns will give the Television Department time needed to prepare this year's *Behind the Work* production for the Feast of Tabernacles, and to research data and footage for the new season.

Let's continue our prayers for



TV PROGRAM — The above logo from the 1986 *World Tomorrow* program will be changed for the 1986-87 program series, according to Media Services.

the television personnel and the success of the most important program on earth! We need to show God that we care about what He is doing and get involved through heartfelt personal conversation with Him about it.

Evangelist Richard Rice, director of our Mail Processing Center, reported to me this week

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Evil forces arrayed against the family

PASADENA — Never has the God-given institution of marriage been under such a satanic barrage.

The contemporary assault on marriage and the family is coming from many directions: the rise in homosexuality and lesbianism; the new singles culture and acceptance of living together; and the women's liberation movement in which many women choose careers and postpone marriage until it's too late.

And finally, there is the impact of bioengineering — obviating normal husband-wife relations in the role of childbirth. Together, the impact of these powerful trends on marriage is staggering, almost overwhelming.

Despite calls from concerned individuals and organizations to get the family back together again, the forces of evil are pulling too strong in the opposite direction. A good example is what is occurring in Britain, where the Conservative government of Margaret Thatcher would like to reintroduce what it calls "moral considerations" and "family values" to the school curriculum.

This will be extremely difficult to do, wrote Mary Kenny in the April 6 *Daily Mail* of London. "The rot is so deep and so widespread within ... society ... that nobody should imagine that reintroducing these values into the classroom will be easy." Opposition forces, the author predicts, will tear down Mrs. Thatcher's proposal as being "moralistic,"

"judgmental" and "value-laden."

The truth is, almost anywhere in the Western world government agencies, the media, education, science and even religion are arrayed against Bible-based moral values. The philosophy of situation ethics reigns supreme.

Destroy the normal family

God intended that His values, including the traits of love and concern for others be experienced, nurtured and developed inside the family, with both parents present, and with a firm yet compassionate father in charge.

One doesn't have to look much farther than the inner cities of America or Britain to see that the breakdown of the family and widespread illegitimacy have produced a loveless anticulture.

In 1965 Daniel Patrick Moynihan, now a senator from New York, delivered a report titled "The Negro Family: The Case for National Action." In it he lamented about the accelerating number of one-parent black families in America. He urged that national resources be spent to restore the "stability and resources of the Negro American family" — which was stable in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. (American blacks were generally referred to as Negroes until the mid-1960s.)

But as Glenn C. Loury, a black sociologist, points out in the June issue of *Commentary* magazine, in-

fluent civil rights leaders argued instead that vast sums be spent attacking not the family breakdowns, but rather real or alleged economic injustices. "In fact," said Mr. Loury, "the now familiar indictment, 'blaming the victim,' which is still invoked whenever anyone suggests that failings of values and character might somehow be connected with an individual's poor

rights" tend, he added, to dominate meetings whenever officials discuss the nation's social dilemmas.

Homosexuality continues to enjoy semi-official acceptance despite the AIDS epidemic, which threatens to career out of control. (In New York City, AIDS is the leading cause of death for men aged 30 to 39 years.)

In the United States an estimated

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



economic condition, was literally invented in reaction to Moynihan's argument.

Programs were expanded to funnel money to unmarried mothers, making them dependent upon government rather than the fathers of their children.

Other anti-family pressures

No one wants to publicly address the issue of the family. "The time when public officials," said Mr. Loury, "could intimate to citizens ... what manner of family life was or was not good for them, is now definitely and decidedly over."

Moreover, powerful groups espousing "feminist and homosexual

13 percent of the male population is considered to be homosexual.

"Homosexual activists," wrote Yehuda Levin in the Feb. 3 *New York Times*, "want legal recognition of same-sex marriages and sex-

education courses that teach that the homosexual life style is just as valid as the nuclear family."

Then there is the mushrooming singles culture: The phenomenon of people remaining single longer, past the prime marriage age — with many of them ultimately not marrying, though sexually active.

A new government survey reports that four out of five single American women in their 20s have had sex, one third of them get pregnant at least once and 40 percent of these abort their first pregnancies.

According to the June 2 *Newsweek*: "Many career women no longer need husbands for economic security. Nor, thanks to the sexual revolution, do they need to marry for sex. Indeed, as the marriage rate has declined, the number of people cohabiting has been rising sharply, quadrupling since 1970."

Elsewhere in the Western world, the living-together phenomenon is mushrooming. In France the number of unmarried couples living together under 35 soared from 67,000 in 1968 to 589,000 last year.

In Sweden some 60 percent of (See FAMILY, page 11)

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Rating the British press: Are newspapers truthful?

BOREHAMWOOD, England — The London School of Economics conducts evening courses for foreign journalists. Specialists lecture on a panorama of subjects from religion to finance.

I posed the following question to Eileen Barker, dean of the undergraduate school and an expert on religious groups: "Does the press accurately report the activities of certain religious groups?"

The answer was an unqualified "No!"

Dr. Barker documented case studies of press misrepresentation. Newspaper stories were full of unwarranted witchhunts.

Usually there was a grain of truth. But the facts were inevitably blown out of proportion. Hyperbolic exaggeration was the rule; balanced reporting the exception.

Next came the topic was crime in Britain. I asked Professor Terence Morris and Paul Rock the same question in connection with crime.

No, the press did not report criminal activities in an accurate and balanced fashion. Risks of crime were inevitably exaggerated. Press stories lacked proper perspective. Statistics were misused and abused. Low risk groups became unnecessarily frightened to go out on the streets.

Not that crime is not a deadly risk in certain inner city areas like Liverpool 8, Brixton and specific Manchester boroughs, but the chances of victimization are slight in most areas of Britain.

The British tabloids

The inevitable question: Do daily newspapers come close to reflecting the truth on a given occurrence?

Yes and no! It depends on which part of the print media one is talking about. Rigorously restricting ourselves to daily newspapers for the moment, even the top end of the tabloid press does occasionally exaggerate events out of proportion.

Unlike the United States nationwide dailies dominate daily newspaper reading in Britain. They are called national newspapers.

The *Daily Mail* and the *Daily*

Express are tops among the tabloids. The *Mirror* is several rungs down the ladder. Several steps below *The Mirror* are the *Sun* and *The Star* — both noted for their photographs of unclad young women.

The tabloid press is not noted for its commentary and analysis. Usually the facts are telescoped into brief accounts riddled with emotive and provocative wording. The reading public is misled by unbalanced reporting.

The pity is that these newspapers (See PRESS, page 11)

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Mind your own business!

Two Church members assured my friend's landlady that he was earning a good annual salary. His protests to the contrary were of no avail. The landlady immediately raised his house rent.

In truth he only earns an average income, and with a growing family of three teens, could ill afford unexpected expenses.

What they did wasn't done maliciously. In innocent ignorance, yes. Malice, no. These brethren thought they were only boosting the ego of a fellow member. In their own minds, they were supporting a brother in Christ. It simply did not occur to them that a landlady is the last person to mention annual salaries to.

Note Proverbs 26:17 about meddling and Proverbs 11:13, 12:23 about gossip.

What these brethren did was a classic case of meddling! And it's perfectly natural to human beings. It afflicts the whole race. We are all guilty.

But universality doesn't make meddling any less dangerous. It can cost people money, time, their reputation — and even, on occasion, their lives.

Two kings of ancient Judah found this out — the hard way.

King Uzziah

II Chronicles 26 tells the tale of Uzziah. The Bible calls him a righteous king (verse 4) — and a ruler of many accomplishments. He greatly expanded Judah's agricultural base and its military might. God was with him.

But King Uzziah had a major weakness. He couldn't confine himself to his kingly responsibilities. He began to meddle in priestly affairs. The Bible puts it this way: "His heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the Lord his God by enter-

ing the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense" (verse 16, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

Azariah and 80 other priests immediately confronted the king. They made it clear that burning incense was the exclusive function of the progeny of Aaron.

God was even more displeased than Azariah and the other priests. Uzziah had arrogated to himself a priestly duty — a deadly serious sin in God's sight. So when Uzziah rejected human correction, God struck him with leprosy.

This judgment may seem harsh, but remember, the priests had warned him first. Uzziah could have immediately left the premises. But he waited around and therefore suffered God's fearsome punishment. Only then did he leave in a real hurry.

Uzziah lived out the rest of his days as a leper. Confinement was imperative. Jotham, his son, had to rule in his stead. What a price to pay for meddling!

Thankfully Jotham did learn the lesson. The Bible says of him: "And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Uzziah had done (although he did not enter the temple of the Lord)" (II Chronicles 27:2).

The good king Josiah

If Uzziah was a basically righteous king, Josiah outshone him considerably (II Chronicles 34:2, 27; and especially II Kings 23:25).

From the beginning to almost the end, Josiah amassed a solid reputation for doing the right thing — and with enormous enthusiasm! He went above and beyond in righteous fervor.

But he, too, became a meddler. In this case Josiah foolishly intervened in a war between the king of Egypt

and another power (II Chronicles 35:20). Sadly, it cost him his life. That's how serious meddling can be.

God warned Josiah first. Notice verse 21: "But he [Pharaoh Necho of Egypt], sent messengers to him [Josiah], saying, 'What have I to do with you, King of Judah? I have not come against you this day, but against the house with which I have war; for God commanded me to make haste. Refrain from meddling with God, who is with me, lest he destroy you.'"

Unfortunately, pharaoh's godly warning went unheeded. Josiah was fatally wounded at the valley of Megiddo (verses 22-24). Perhaps he had neglected to read Isaiah's account of Uzziah's life (II Chronicles 26:22).

We dare not forget the hard lessons learned by Josiah and Uzziah.

New Testament warnings

The apostle Paul was particularly concerned about meddling. He encouraged the brethren in Thessalonica to "aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business" (I Thessalonians 4:11). Paul also warned about busybodies (I Timothy 5:13). He knew the misery that meddling automatically brings.

Peter was no stranger to the problem. He warned scattered Christians in Asia Minor not to have to suffer because of being "a busybody in other people's matters" (I Peter 4:15).

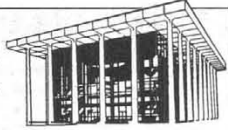
A word of qualification is necessary. Sometimes a fairly thin line separates meddling and helping. We may have to cross that line a time or two in order to discern the difference.

Obviously we are to have deep concern for our brethren. In a sense, we are to be "our brother's keeper." The key is found in Jesus' words: "Go and tell him his fault between you and him alone" (Matthew 18:15).

There is a great principle here beyond just dealing with a sinning brother. If you have made a mistake and are meddling, the damage is automatically limited if you are in the habit of following this precept.

Avoid meddling in the private lives of others. Our daily prayer should be, "God, help me to mind your business and my own business and stop at that."

Onstage at Ambassador



Ambassador International Cultural Foundation

Kirov's Swan Lake thaws Soviet cultural freeze

This issue of The Worldwide News introduces a new feature, "Onstage at Ambassador." By sharing personal observations by staff members on major performances in the Ambassador Auditorium, this feature will introduce the most uplifting music and some of the finest artists performing today.

In this society, people are bombarded by the substandard, the mediocre, even the grotesque in musical expression. Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach feels, as did his predecessor, Herbert W. Armstrong, that one of the most important goals of the Ambassador Foundation, the cultural and humanitarian arm of the Church, is to present those performers who dedicate their lives to excellence.

By Sheila Graham

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Enthusiastic ballet patrons filled to capacity the 6,600-seat Shrine Auditorium here May 21 for the premiere performance of *Swan Lake*. The cause of the excitement — the performance was the first in Los Angeles after 21 years for the Soviet Union's Kirov Ballet of Leningrad.

As we entered the massive auditorium, we moved with a sea of people, urged on by an intercom voice to quickly find our seats before the performance began. Past the souvenir programs and posters and T-shirts, we left today's reality to enter the three-hour storybook world of Prince Siegfried and the queen of the swans.

In continual performance for more than 100 years, *Swan Lake* is the symbol for classical ballet as certainly the 200-year-old Kirov is for the classic ballet theater. Rudolf Nureyev, Natalia Makarova and Mikhail Baryshnikov, much-publicized defectors to the West, were all products of Kirov training.

As the haunting strains of Tchaikovsky's prelude preceded the drawing of the massive curtain, we leaned forward in our seats, anticipating our first look at, if not the best, certainly one of the finest classical ballet companies in the world. We were not disappointed.

Staging and costuming unlike any we had seen in the United States only accentuated the overwhelming display of technical skill and disciplined dancing that followed.

Though some individual performances among both male and female performers were noteworthy, the strength of the Kirov is its corps de ballet. Thirty-two strong, the women of the corps shimmered white and lovely against the dark and brooding scenery of the lake in the forest.

The graceful lifting of arms and legs, the tilting of heads, sometimes simultaneously, sometimes in contagion, poetically portrayed the beauty of the birds they reflected. The principal danseuse, Galina Mezentseva, although distractingly thin, performed flawlessly, executing 32 perfect fouettes in Act II. These turns are a climactic high point of *Swan Lake*. Both the parts of Odette, queen of swans, and Odile, the black swan, are played by the same dancer.

Perhaps the longtime popularity of *Swan Lake* is because the swan queen personifies pure love and altruism — a world of much higher and nobler aspirations than the one we know. The performance of *Swan Lake* seemed a fitting choice to begin the cultural thaw between the United States and the Soviet Union.



REFLECTIVE MOMENT — A corps de ballet member of the Kirov Ballet of Leningrad, Soviet Union, during *Swan Lake*. (Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.)

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Feast Office announces Festival music directors

PASADENA — The Festival Office here announced U.S. and Canadian special music coordinators (SMC), Festival choir directors (DIR) and children's choir directors (CCD).

Instrumentalists or soloists should contact the special music coordinator for the site listed below that they plan to attend.

Those interested in performing at a Feast site should contact the appropriate person listed below and request copies of the music to be used. List the instrument you play or voice part you sing and your experience level.

Please note that contacting the appropriate director and learning the music before the Feast is mandatory. Rehearsals during the Feast are only to warm up the group and put the final polish on the performance.

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South African ministers meet

By Robert Klynsmith and Frank Nelte

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Two regional ministerial conferences took place in South Africa in May.

Robert Klynsmith pastors the *Harare and Chegutu, Zimbabwe, churches, and Frank Nelte is pastor of the Port Elizabeth and East London, South Africa, churches.*

Eleven ministers and their wives from northern South Africa met May 5 to 8 in Johannesburg. Six full-time ministers, three local church elders and their wives from southern South Africa met here May 11 to 15. Both conferences were led by Roy McCarthy, South African regional director.

Northern conference

Ministers who assembled in Johannesburg's Carlton Hotel represented Botswana, Lesotho, Mauritius, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe, as well as three of the four South African provinces: Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal.

Dr. McCarthy opened the conference with a message about the worldwide scope of the Church's work. He stressed the importance of Church unity and the need to be 100 percent behind headquarters.

Dr. McCarthy told the group: "God's Church is a theocracy with Jesus Christ at the helm under God, followed by His chosen human instruments under Mr. Joseph Tkach. It is vital that we submit to God's will and exercise faith in God's government. History has proved that Jesus Christ is perfectly capable of leading the Church."

Ministers received instruction on a variety of subjects ranging from a minister's priorities, stress, faith, endurance and the role of a minister's wife, to sessions covering administrative procedures, the Feast of Tabernacles and the Summer Educational Program (SEP).

Each minister presented trends and statistics from his area. The political unrest in southern Africa was a factor in almost every report.

Black members in the townships are especially vulnerable to intimidation and violence. They need the constant prayers of the brethren.

Social occasions contributed to the theme of unity at the conference. After three days of instruction, ministers and their wives left Johannesburg highly motivated and better equipped to serve God's people.

Southern conference

Before the southern conference began, ministers and wives had a get-together and informal dinner May 11 at the home of Dr. McCarthy and his wife, Tine, in Cape Town.

The next day the conference began at Cape Town's Newlands Hotel with reports and discussions focused on subjects such as the Church's work on a worldwide and regional scale.

Reports from the two church pastors on hand were supplemented by taped reports from the previous week's northern conference in Johannesburg.

Dr. McCarthy presented an overview of the Ministerial Refreshing Program sessions in Pasadena, for the benefit of those who will not be traveling to Pasadena for some time.

Other sessions covered the same topics that were covered in the

northern conference.

Wednesday evening, May 14, the group ate a fish barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dicks, Church members in the Cape Town area.

The conference concluded with a luncheon message on loyalty, faith and endurance after the final session by Dr. McCarthy.

Report from

the Treasurer's Office

Gray Neff

PASADENA — In May the combined worldwide audit was completed, and for the first time we had combined figures for 1985. These figures are in both local currencies and in U.S. dollar equivalents. We were encouraged to learn that the worldwide income in dollars increased by 10.8 percent. This figure would have been quite a bit higher if the dollar had not weakened so much during the year.

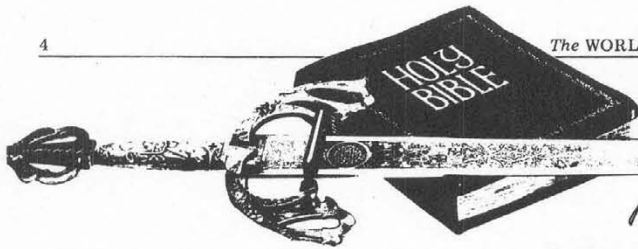
The May 31 year-to-date income report was not up to expectations. It turned out that April's modified figures of 11.1 percent for the month and 11.6 percent for the year, based on the later occurrence of the Holy Days, gave a misleading comparison, and the actual figures were more nearly correct. In May we had an increase of 7.3 percent, while the year-to-date stands at 5.8 percent. This is 1.2 percent below our conservative budget.

On the expense side of the ledger we are in good shape. Expenses are 0.3 percent below budget. The departments have done well so far this year in staying within what has been, for most, a no-growth mode. The budget was set this way so that needed reserves could be added during 1986. As a result the reserves are increasing in an encouraging way.

Possibly my previous financial reports for this year, along with our continually breaking old records in media response, has helped promote a letdown in prayer and financial contributions.

I hope that all of you have remembered to send in the title of the second title for the festivals, as Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach requested. This contribution makes it possible to pay for the many different kinds of expenses related to the Holy Days, and in addition, to assist those who should be assisted to attend the Feast of Tabernacles.

Please do not forget to pray urgently for the financial needs of the Church. When we forget, the numbers are not so good!



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Bring Christ into your marriage to resolve difficulties in family

By K. Neil Earle

Is Christ in the middle of your marriage?

That should make all the difference in the world, especially if you are a woman in the Church and your husband isn't a member — even if he is downright antagonistic!

K. Neil Earle, pastor of the Toronto, Ont., East and West churches, is a regular contributor to The Good News.

This article is built around a letter we received from a member who sets a fine example in this sometimes tense predicament. We will quote from it at length and comment as we go. Thousands like her have already seen God's hand working miraculously in this situation over the years. Thousands more have yet to reap the blessing of putting Christ in the middle of the husband-and-wife relationship, even where both are members.

Christ wants to help

First, notice how much the Head of the Church wants to give aid and comfort in this situation:

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne" (Revelation 3:20-21).

How hopeful — how encouraging!

But how easy it is to overlook a bedrock principle in this nonmember mate situation: Christ knew you needed this! He could have called your mate but He didn't. God knows everything, and He knows that the sensitivity, wisdom and subtlety it takes to live skillfully with an unbelieving mate are character traits He wants in you for all eternity.

"For our light affliction," Christ promises in II Corinthians 4:17-18, "which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Intelligent submission

Listen now to this 16-year veteran of a nonmember mate situation. She reports:

"Living with an unconverted mate teaches the lesson of being content with the pasture He chooses. A sermon series on Psalm 23 last summer drilled this into me finally. Sometimes rebellious sheep try to get over the fence where the grass is actually brown! Now I am convinced that Jesus, as my Shepherd, knows what pasture is best for me at this time for overcoming my flaws in character.

"Often Satan and my human nature will inject a huge dose of self-pity so that I feel the spiritual gap as an excruciating loneliness. Over the years, God has always responded to my cry at these times. He will draw close and comfort. He will lead from self-pity to thankfulness. He will teach of His stability, since the home life often will get unstable, especially during the world's holiday

seasons and God's Holy Days.

"By learning firsthand the principle in Luke 14:26, of forsaking all except God, He becomes very precious."

Excellent advice from someone who has made the difficult but exciting trek from self-pity to trust in God. Christ knew what He was doing when He called you and not your mate (I Corinthians 7:20). But is that so hard to believe, really?

A question of attitude

When Christ begins working in our lives and our marriages, our attitudes begin to change. We go from scrappy, contentious, self-reliant people to trusting, submissive, pliable clay in the hands of the Master Potter.

"Perhaps God knew I needed this extra incentive for change. After many times of crying to God for the love to give my husband, to take away resentment and for the energy of His Spirit to make home life pleasant for the family, I can now totally give God the credit for it. It is still a daily need for God's help, but it is easier than 16 years ago. God knew what a poor homemaker He started with."

Why do millions of people with marriage problems still turn to a minister first for marriage counseling? Ministers are not marriage counselors per se.

Oh, but although those in severe marital difficulties may never articulate it, daily experience has taught them that marriage problems are actually spiritual. Usually it's too much self and not enough service in the relationship.

This is especially true early in marriage, when complex questions about authority, finances and child rearing have to be resolved. This is not an easy period. Marriage is a wonderful experience, the pinnacle of all human relationships, but, as Herbert W. Armstrong used to say, "Rose bushes have thorns."

Marriage is difficult today because we are living in the end-time society described in II Timothy 3:1-9, a time when men and women to one degree or another have adopted selfish, destructive temperaments.

Surely there is not much of Jesus Christ's yielded, submissive, steel-like strength in most marriages today. And because the living Jesus Christ is not dwelling in the minds of people, many marriages are mere cold-war truces — arrangements of convenience that hang together rather loosely until one mate finally offends the other past the point of reconciliation.

This is the way millions are living in their marriages. It is selfish, shortsighted and carnal, and God's Word predicted it would be this way (Matthew 24:12).

Yet Jesus Christ, who would like to direct your marriage, showed the way out:

"Whoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34).

In a nonmember mate situation this means adopting a key perspective in successful human relationships: trying to see the other person's point of view. It means the practical application of the give way.

Note the empathy 16 years of constant contact with Christ can produce:

"Living in this situation has refined my prayers for my husband. At first, my motive for his calling was to make my life easier. Now I feel God's patience to a timetable and can pray for God's mercy on him, totally convinced that God loves him and knows best!"

And there are other fruits as well: "Compassion and fervor in 'reasoning with God' for others who feel alone at times: singles, widows, prisoners and those cut off from ministers in isolated parts of the world. One can be useful in encouraging others to keep sight of God, who is still on His throne, and to keep on, knowing that through His love He will meet our emotional and spiritual needs.

"This situation builds faith, patience, wisdom, and God will not leave us alone in our trial. Hebrews 13:5 has become my most-loved verse, and God has used my situation to prove that over and over."

And what does Hebrews 13:5 say? "Let your conversation [conduct] be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).

Put Christ in your marriage

Putting Christ dead center in your marriage gives you access to the dynamic mind and wisdom of God. Jesus Himself promised: "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:23).

Putting Jesus Christ's attitudes into our minds through regular prayer and fasting unleashes the strength of God's Holy Spirit. Like rivers of living water, God's Spirit flows out in kindness, gentleness and good deeds of service toward our mates, making us more humble, tender and appreciative (John 7:37-39).

It is truly miraculous.

Eventually we can even feel Christ-like sorrow for unbelieving mates who have to face Satan's society without the help available to us.

God's Spirit in a transformed human mind (Romans 12:2) can sweep away the bitterness, the rock-



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hard hearts, the resentment and pride that can bedevil a marriage. And the Holy Spirit works the same whether your mate is a member or not (Acts 10:34).

And even if your mate is incorrigibly hostile and antagonistic, Jesus Christ would still have you show the mercies of God to your partner before drastic decisions are made (I Corinthians 7:13-15). Acts 22 shows how a converted mind approaches an antagonistic audience. The principles are instructive for those with exceptional family difficulties.

Handling hostile people

The apostle Paul taught the basic principles in being an effective ambassador for Christ. He had just been assailed by a mob in the Temple (Acts 21:30-32). How did he get them to listen? Here are seven principles to take note of:

(1) He addressed his antagonists in terms of respect: "Brethren, and fathers" he called them (Acts 22:1). A wife must always remember that the husband is the head of the home, a God-ordained office (Ephesians 5:23), and a husband is commanded to "be courteous" to his wife (I Peter 3:8).

(2) Paul acknowledged their sincerity and talked their language — literally. He used the Hebrew dialect (Acts 22:2). It worked. The Jews listened.

Paul made neutral observations to calm them down: "You are all zealous toward God." This was true. When faced with thorny issues like pagan holidays, for example, why not open up with: "I know how much Christmas means to you" or "I'm not trying to convince you to abandon Christmas at all."

(3) After being respectful and showing how he identified with their feelings, Paul showed empa-

thy: He once shared their feelings. "I used to keep Christmas and Easter myself" is a neutral yet true comment that can defuse some tense moments. "I wasn't always a member of this Church, and I'm not doing this to condemn anyone," was Paul's inspired approach (Acts 22:4-5).

(4) Paul postponed controversial matters to the last, not hitting them in the face right off. "A soft answer turneth away wrath," Proverbs 15:1 teaches. Rather than tirade "I hate Christmas because it's a pagan, filthy custom," it is wiser to leave out incendiary material. Instead, open with, "I'm not going to bother with it this year."

(5) Don't tell all, either. Paul didn't mention that Ananias was a Christian, but that he had a "good report of all the Jews which dwell there" (Acts 22:12). This is tact, diplomacy. Never lie, but God says that on some occasions, "A prudent man concealeth knowledge" (Proverbs 12:23).

(6) He admitted his mistakes, too (Acts 22:19-20). We could say: "I don't condemn anyone for keeping Christmas, I'm too busy working on my own faults. You're my mate. You know I've got plenty." Paul didn't have a self-righteous martyr complex. Neither should we.

(7) Paul was as tactful and humble as possible, but he wouldn't compromise with truth. "Yes, I do teach the gentiles whom you despise" was his forthright conclusion. We can learn from this: Don't expect to convince your antagonist. Paul didn't on this occasion.

We can conclude: "I'm just as sorry as I can be that my not keeping Christmas has caused such trouble, but I truly hope you will respect my decision. I can't go back on it."

Count the cost

In the end a Christian cannot compromise. Jesus Christ candidly warned that some families would suffer irreparable damage because of one mate's commitment to the truth of God (Luke 12:51-53). These cases are sometimes unavoidable, but even here Christ expects His people to go the extra mile, to diligently practice the principles of the Bible.

The chances are high indeed that if you put Christ and His doctrines of godly conduct in the middle of your marriage, you can live successfully with a nonmember mate.

The lessons and principles learned in this challenging — but not hopeless — situation can help you get a firmer grip on your crown (Revelation 3:11). Thousands of you know this is true!

Test Yourself

Test yourself! Here is a set of questions about information that appeared in the June issue of *The Plain Truth* or the June-July issue of *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: No major war will be fought solely between the United States and the Soviet Union. (June *Plain Truth*, page 3)

(2) Why has God so far called only the minute few to salvation? (June *Plain Truth*, page 10)

(3) What factor makes people see the need to change? (June *Plain Truth*, page 16)

(4) What was the Quartodeciman Controversy? (June-July *Good News*, page 3)

(5) True or false: God's Church is interested in the quality of conversion in people, not in how many people it can "get saved" in our brand of religion. (June-July *Good News*, page 8)

(6) What is the starting point for sex education in the home? (June-July *Good News*, page 14)

Words of appreciation to Mr. Tkach

Letters to the Publisher

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach receives many cards, letters and notes of appreciation from Church brethren. Some of these are printed below.

Support and encouragement

Mr. Tkach, I just get so proud of you. I really love and appreciate the example you set in so many areas — and thrill at the delight you seem to have in sharing *everything* with *everyone*. As much as I miss Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong, you have been so good for us all . . . You can and will touch many lives, and that is as it ought to be.

Pasadena

Thank you so very much for the continued inspiration you provide for God's Church. Your example of diligence and perseverance, and your warmth and compassion are such encouragement to me to keep striving forward.

I try to thank God every day that He is working through you, and that you are obedient and responsive to His commandments.

Pasadena Ambassador College

I wanted to send you this note to tell you how thankful I am that Jesus Christ has given us you to be the Chancellor of Ambassador College and the Pastor General. I really appreciate the warmth and the love that you show the student body by taking the time to hold senior dinners and to speak to us in our forum.

I think the thing that means the most to me, though, is the time you take to stop and say hello to the students when you're out walking around campus. I really appreciate the support you give us as a student body.

Pasadena Ambassador College

Words cannot express our appreciation for all that you and your staff did for us while we were out there. Thank you for all the lovely flowers, the use of a car, the love, the support, the sympathy, the outpouring from each and every refreshing program participant and so many other things.

West Henrietta, N.Y.

It has been so thrilling to see God's hand moving His work in the way He wanted it to go.

I have been so proud of how smoothly the work has gone. Just the way Mr. Armstrong would have had it.

The telecasts have been outstanding with Mr. David Hulme, Dr. David Albert and Mr. Richard Ames . . .

Thank you, Mr. Tkach, for being there when Mr. Armstrong and God the Father needed you.

Norfolk, Va.

Pastor general's trips

I was glad to hear you were coming to Anchorage on the last day of Unleavened Bread for a visit.

I was overwhelmed when you came to visit us in prison. This is not the place I would have picked for the head of God's Church on earth to come to, but it shows the compassion and love God has for every one of His children. Only God could have made it possible for you to visit us on short notice. It makes me feel very small and humble.

Anchorage, Alaska

I want to thank you for taking time out from your very busy schedule while here in Anchorage, Alaska, to come to visit me in jail.

I knew you were coming if there was time and was very apprehensive. When I walked into the visiting room I didn't know what to expect. I found you to be a very warm, humble, caring person.

I sat there knowing I was talking with the most important man in the whole world and yet it was as if I were talking with a very, very dear friend. The tremendous privilege and joy of having the opportunity of meeting and talking with you I shall never forget.

You reached out to give me comfort and understanding at this time of trial in my life. I was so impressed by your kindness and understanding. You are truly living God's word in Matthew 25:34-40.

How God has blessed us all, by choosing you to . . . [follow] in the footsteps of Mr. H.W. Armstrong. You are truly a great man we can feel privileged to call our brother and friend. God bless and keep you always.

Anchorage, Alaska

I feel compelled to write to tell you you warmed the cockles of my heart! Thank you so very much, and thank God for bringing you to Alaska on the last day of Unleavened Bread. What a great joy it was to hear the messages you and Mr. [Ralph] Helge brought us! You said the Alaska churches are warm and friendly, but I must say, you and your party brought a lot of that warmth and friendliness with you when you came. Of course, I know it was more than that, it was God's love and His Spirit that was present, which I have never experienced in such great supply before that day.

How great and wonderful will be that day when we can share this love with Jesus Christ in person, with God's people, and eventually all people! I pray that God will continue to give you the strength and the power to visit His people all over the world and give them what you gave us.

Anchorage, Alaska

We appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedule to come to Alaska and bring us the exciting news of how the work is progressing, plus the background of the leading up to the smooth transition. It was informative as well as encouraging, and gave us a much greater understanding.

We thank you for all the inspiring sermons and sermons on the last day of Unleavened Bread. We enjoyed meeting all of you and deeply appreciate the opportunity you gave us to serve you.

Anchorage, Alaska

A few short words but they express our warmest thanks for your thoughtfulness in coming to Anchorage for the last day of Unleavened Bread!

Fairbanks, Alaska

Thanks for inviting me on the Church visit to Alaska! Being with you and serving with you has always been very special. It truly was a beautiful trip, one I will never forget. Thanks again for your love and leadership. Our prayers are always with you.

Pasadena

How thoughtful and kind you are to take AC students home to visit their parents when you visit church areas! And how wonderful of you to make visits to the church areas. Your visits will help the Church in many ways, including getting to know you.

Thank you for the well-done tributes to Mr. Armstrong in all the Church publications. Dexter Faulkner and the editorial staff are doing a tremendous job. Also, Mordakhai Joseph's article in the March 10 *Worldwide News* was outstanding.

The television crew is also doing a great job, and as far as David Hulme, David Albert and Richard Ames are concerned, they mutually excel each other (to borrow a phrase used to describe the three AC campuses).

Texarkana, Tex.

The highlight of the month was certainly the special Sabbath service in the Chicago, Ill., area on the occasion of a visit from the pastor general. We really appreciated the opportunity to hear from him in the ministers' meeting and the sermon. For many of the brethren (including our 5-year-old daughter) it was a tremendous thrill to not only hear Mr. Tkach in person but also to shake hands and even hug him . . . There seemed to be a great outpouring of love and respect for God's leader in those handshakes and hugs.

Edgerton, Wis.

People here really reacted favorably to Mr. Tkach's warmth and zeal. Very enthusiastic comments about his sermon and his willingness to come out among them and shake hands, hug a number too! Mr. Tkach's warmth has certainly made them feel they are more a part of the work.

Merrillville, Ind.

I have been searching for words to express my thankfulness to you for your kindness and love in moving us to Glendale [Calif.]. There seems to be no other way but to say "thank you."

Thank you for your love to us, to our children and to our grandchildren.

We have seen your expressions of love many times to many others and we hope to emulate you in this.

Thank you, sir, for being such a great example. We are truly looking forward to our new assignment.

Merrillville, Ind.

The high point of the month for the brethren in this area was the visit of the pastor general, Mr. Joseph W. Tkach, to Big Sandy on the Sabbath of March 15. There were many comments about how much the brethren were inspired and greatly encouraged by his visit and the message he brought. We are sure his visits to other areas will produce much positive fruit.

Houghton, La.

25-year awards

Your thoughtfulness and concern are uplifting and greatly appreciated. The honor was totally unexpected on my part since I thought such gifts of recognition would be for those currently employed. It touched me so deeply that I had to fight to hold back the tears.

You have our prayers and full support for the important role you must play in the leadership of this great end-time work.

Big Sandy

You made my day! Thank you very much for the watch and plaque for 25 years service in God's work.

Could not help adding my deep appreciation to you for the fine job you're doing as God's Pastor General. God must be oh, so very, very pleased with you!

Thank you for your concern and love you've shown to all the "little guys and gals" in God's work. Guess even us little ones need love and affection. God must have realized that when He chose you for the job.

Keep up the good works! You're loved and always remembered in our prayers.

Mr. [Larry] Salyer was such a fine choice [to be Church Administration director]. We love him too. We really miss him here in Texas, but know you need him more.

Big Sandy

Thank you very much for asking me to help you present the plaques and watches at the employee forum. It was a special opportunity I will never forget, and a tremendous honor to be an active part of those proceedings.

The enthusiasm, spontaneity and warmth expressed by the audience was so obvious and inspiring. *They loved you!*

The biggest privilege, however, was simply being with you and helping you. You were very generous to ask me to help. Thanks again. I deeply appreciated it.

Pasadena

Madeline and I do want to express our heartfelt appreciation for your thoughtfulness and love in presenting us both with such beautiful watches. We would have thanked you personally the night they were presented to us but we were unable to get to you in time.

We pray that God will continue to bless, protect and use you in this greatest of all offices on earth that He has placed upon you.

Greenwell Springs, La.

Kirov Ballet

Thank you for including us in a lovely evening last night. The dinner and ballet were quite an experience. We were treated royally.

Our young people serving were quite an example. Some at our table commented on them.

Keep up the good work! I don't know how you do it all. You are an example of true giving.

Pasadena

Lydia and I want to thank you for including us in the opening night fes-

tivities of the Kirov Ballet. We thoroughly enjoyed both the dinner and ballet.

By the way, feedback from the public has been good with some people writing just to thank the Foundation for sponsoring the event.

Pasadena

Thank you for the opportunity to serve at the Shrine Auditorium Wednesday night. It was a memorable experience and we learned much.

We know God is taking care of the big things for you, but for all those "little" ones, please call on us . . . we're with you all the way!

Pasadena

Thank you dearly for the opportunity I received to participate in serving for the historic Kirov dinner.

The hi-lite, however, was when you came back afterwards and thanked the staff. I personally was touched.

Pasadena Ambassador College

We would like to express to you our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to attend the Kirov Ballet Monday evening. It was a most enjoyable and memorable performance and we are thankful that you made it possible for us to experience it.

Pasadena

Terry and I attended the Kirov Ballet last night and thoroughly enjoyed it. We want to thank you for remembering us. Our tickets were balcony seats, which gave us a wonderful view of the entire stage; seeing the dancers from above revealed the combined artistry of the troupe.

Pasadena

The Swan Lake performance Friday afternoon was spectacular, inspiring, beautiful — on and on I could go!

I want to express my gratitude to you and those involved for making me feel so special.

Pasadena

I just had to tell you, "Thank you" for making it possible for me to attend the Kirov Ballet. It truly was wonderful.

Pasadena

Thank you so much for providing the opportunity for me to attend a performance of the Kirov Ballet. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. It was a wonderful performance.

Also, I would like to thank you for your concern and interest in remodeling in Church Administration. We appreciate the new decorating very much.

Pasadena

Thanks ever so much for the opportunity to see the Kirov Ballet and also for the shirt with their emblem on it. You are wonderful to do all these things for us. We love you truly.

Pasadena

Thank you very much for allowing us to see the Kirov Ballet. It was really exciting! Thank you also for the Auditorium pin and the many other gifts and opportunities you've provided.

Pasadena

Graduation

This has been a most wonderful nine days in Pasadena. My husband sent me here to be with our daughter Christy and her husband, Scott, who work on campus and live in Pasadena, to attend our daughter Stacey's graduation . . .

I personally want to thank you and all who worked so hard to assure that students and family would feel special by being here at God's College. I have met many students, faculty and ministers of prominence and have noticed, with pleasure, the humility and beauty of all. Each has made me feel a family member.

Raleigh, N.C.

Thank you for your leadership of God's work at this time. We have thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the refreshing program. The care and concern was evident.

Thank you also for the many opportunities Valerie has had in her college

career. No young people anywhere can possibly have the same great opportunities for growth and maturity as well as the many physical blessings. We feel very blessed to be a part of God's great work.

Castlegar, B.C.

Ambassador College gives us so much in ways of growth and development. It was an honor and a delight to have had the opportunity to give back by being able to organize graduation brunch 1986.

Pasadena Ambassador College

Senior dinner

As a senior here at Ambassador College I was privileged to attend the formal dinner which you hosted for us on Monday evening. I have never experienced an evening of such quality and elegance. Thank you for giving us an experience that I will long remember as being one of the highlights of my Ambassador career!

Pasadena Ambassador College

We thank you so much for the wonderful evening you provided for us. The meal was superb, and we really appreciate it, as well as your warmth and hospitality.

The graduates of the French Office

Pasadena

I wanted to express my warmest thanks for the *superb* banquet for the seniors! Everything was of such high quality and so enjoyable. Thank you for being so thoughtful and appreciative of us as students. I really respect you and pray for the job you do.

I will remember the banquet all my life, and your concern and care for others. AC has been the greatest experience of my life.

Pasadena Ambassador College

You provided the finest memory of my Ambassador College experience. Thank you for bringing all the seniors together and showing us how God's servant gives to His people. A great example of hospitality.

Pasadena Ambassador College

As a graduating senior, I'd like to express my deepest gratitude for the splendid senior dinner which you most graciously hosted for the graduating class. It was an evening I will long remember.

Also, I'd like you to know that those of us from Ambassador Auditorium who served the dinner at the Shrine Auditorium [before the Kirov Ballet] greatly appreciated your personal thanks at the end of the evening. We're behind you!

Pasadena Ambassador College

Ministerial transfers

This is long overdue, but thank you for your sincere concern and help to God's Church and the ministry.

Helen and I especially want to thank you for the help you have given us and for our new assignment. Joplin, Mo., and Independence, Kan. We can hardly wait to begin our tour there. This also puts us closer to our kids in Texas for which we too are very thankful.

Duluth, Minn.

Ministerial trainee tea

Thank you very much for yesterday's . . . tea. I deeply appreciate the two hours you gave to us. You set a sterling example for all of us to follow in doing God's work!

Pasadena Ambassador College

Imperial Schools

Thank you for Imperial Schools. Our first child, Jason, is now finishing his Kindergarten year. He loves school so much that he almost hates weekends!

Gloria and I have so hoped a desire to learn and love for school would be instilled right away in the children so they would not "hate school." We are so thankful for the enthusiasm that has been instilled in Jason and amazed at his learning development that the Iowa Achievement Tests have shown.

With three more headed for Imperial we realize how blessed we are to have the school.

Pasadena

First U.S. performance in 21 years

Kirov Ballet of Leningrad



CLASSICAL BALLET — From top: The corps de ballet perform in *Chopiniana* May 25; (from left) Irina Sitnikova, Aleksander Lunev and Irina Chistiakova in a pas de trois from *Paquita* during a full dress rehearsal May 25; Kirov dancers pose with Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (right of center) after the company's final Los Angeles, Calif., performance May 26. The dancers presented the Ambassador Foundation with a charcoal drawing of trees, held by evangelist Ellis La Ravia (rear), a vice president of the foundation; and a pair of ballet shoes, held by Mr. Tkach. [Photos by G.A. Belluche Jr. and Nathan Faulkner]

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Victor Kubik, pastor of the Makato and Minneapolis, Minn., North churches, who was attending the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena.

Mr. Kubik's parents grew up in the Ukraine, and Mr. Kubik spoke only Ukrainian, which is similar to Russian, until age 5. He studied Ukrainian at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis and is now taking a Berlitz course.

Working with Kirov personnel backstage, Mr. Kubik said he was impressed with the Soviets' sensitivity. "The Kirov prides itself on being the best in the world. They were extremely concerned about what the critics would think."

Maksim Krastin, Kirov director of opera and ballet, told Hal Eisner of KTTV-Channel 11: "It is very important to show a good performance. We have a big desire to leave a good impression of Kirov theater."

Backstage presentation

On the last night, May 26, the company made a backstage presentation to Joseph W. Tkach, Ambassador Foundation chairman, of a pair of ballet shoes, signed by the Kirov dancers.

This after the company staged an unprecedented four encores "as a tribute to the very expressive and warm cordiality they received here," according to the Ambassador Foundation staff.

The foundation chairman presented the company with four leather-bound photo albums of their performances and visits to Universal Studios and Disneyland.

Included in the albums were photographs of every Kirov performance, shot, processed and printed by the Church's Photography Department.

"They huddled around those albums," according to Mr. Kubik. "They appreciated that we thought enough about their trip to give them something to take back with them."

"At Disneyland there were five groups of 30, each with an interpreter," said Mr. Kubik. "We had a friendly, lively group with open communication. I think the founda-

tion showed them something about openness and warmth."

Gala dinner

Before the company's performance, Mr. Tkach was host to a banquet in the Shrine Auditorium Exhibition Hall. The dinner was coordinated by Mr. La Ravia and his staff and served by Pasadena Ambassador College students.

Present were area dignitaries, public figures, consuls general, corporation presidents, financiers and store and restaurant owners. This group included Pasadena Mayor John C. Crowley; Pasadena Superior Court Judge Coleman Swart; Arthur Groman representing Armand Hammer, president of Occidental Petroleum Corp.; and Kirov management and tour personnel.

Pasadena Ambassador College, Church and Ambassador Foundation officials, department heads and ministers who attended the dinner with their wives or guests included evangelist Raymond McNair, college deputy chancellor, and his wife, Eve; evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, and his wife, Maxine; Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications, and his wife, Shirley; Larry Omasta, director of Media Services, and his wife, Judith; and Ray Wright, manager of the Church's Publishing Services Department, and his wife, Linda.

After Mr. La Ravia's introduction, calling the Kirov performance "a historic occasion," Mr. Tkach presented Viktor Lopatnikov, department chief of the Soviet Ministry of Culture, with a framed letter from President Reagan to members of the Kirov Ballet.

Mr. Reagan wrote: "Your splendid striving for perfection continues a balletic tradition that goes back to the 19th century, when Russian dancers, choreographers, composers and impresarios dazzled the world with their brilliant productions and their bravura style . . ."

"As the first major performing group from the Soviet Union to tour in the United States since the signing of the renewed exchanges agreement, we wish you *dobro pozhalovat* [we are pleased you are here] and *Khrani vas Gospod* [God bless you]!"

Mr. Lopatnikov presented Mr. Tkach with a book on Russian theater and a medal commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Kirov Ballet.

Mr. Lopatnikov said: "A high spiritual quality was always a Leningrad Kirov Ballet trademark, and now they have just celebrated 200 years. We invite you to the performance tonight, and we hope that this great art will serve as mutual understanding and close friendship between our peoples of America and the Soviet Union . . . We shall try to show you the best we have."

Public figures comment

During an intermission at the opening night performance, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley told *The World News*: "*Swan Lake* as performed by the Kirov Ballet is truly one of the most magnificent performances that one can enjoy. We in Los Angeles are highly honored that, as a part of the cultural exchange between the Soviet Union and the United States, the Kirov Ballet has come to our city. Thanks to the Ambassador Foundation it is possible."

Henry Mancini, composer and conductor, said: "It is very enjoyable seeing some perfection . . . If the cultural exchange between the Soviet Union and the United States results in something like this, then there must be some great use for it."

Madame Sylvia Wu, owner of Madame Wu's Garden in Santa Monica, Calif., remarked: "First we enjoyed the formal dinner and reception. I own a restaurant, you know, so I know food and service. I thought the service was so great, because they are not professionals — they are students!"

Swan Lake

Swan Lake first appeared in 1877 at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow and was a "dismal failure," according to an official Kirov Ballet program.

But 17 years later ballet masters Ivanov and Petipa applied their choreographic hands to the production, and it met with glorious success when it premiered at the Maryinsky in January, 1895.

Since 1950, when *Swan Lake* was choreographed by Konstantin Sergeyev, the poetic image of the swan maiden has become "the symbol of Russian classic ballet," according to a Soviet media package.

"The work is regarded as one of the great ballets of the romantic school and the second act is in the repertory of virtually every company in the world," wrote John Martin, former dance critic emeritus of the *New York Times*.

History of Kirov

The Kirov company "has always epitomized a balletic finesse that goes back 200 years," according to Oleg Vinogradov, 48, Kirov artistic director.

The Kirov Ballet, formerly the Maryinsky Theater of Opera and Ballet, was founded in 1783 by edict of Catherine the Great.

May 18 the *Los Angeles Times* published an interview with Mr. Vinogradov, who said: "The teaching remains the same, the great tradition continues. No one else has our purity of style. We must never give that up. We want to remain the world's greatest classical theater, and our school maintains the essential values."





'PURITY OF STYLE' — According to Oleg Vinogradov, Kirov artistic director: "No one else has our purity of style. We must never give that up." Clockwise from top left: a pas de deux from *Chopiniana*, a ballet suite also known as *Les Sylphides*, features Kirov dancers Elena Evtseyeva and Sergei Vikharev May 25; Tamara Mirhzoyan in a pixieish solo during a May 26 performance of *Paquita*, scored by Ludwig Minkus and choreographed by Marius Petipa; Lubov Kunakova dances a solo variation in *Paquita* during a dress rehearsal May 25; Irina Sitnikova leads principal dancers and corps de ballet members on point in *Chopiniana* during the company's final appearance in Los Angeles, Calif., May 26; principal dancers Galina Mezentseva as Odette and Konstantin Zaklinsky as Siegfried in the final act of *Swan Lake* on opening night May 21; Kirov soloists and corps de ballet members view a photo album presented to them by the Ambassador Foundation. Inset: Aleksander Lunev in flight in *Paquita* May 25. [Photos by G.A. Belluche Jr.; below photo by Nathan Faulkner]

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ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Brethren take part in dinners, dances

The **SUDBURY** and **NORTH BAY**, Ont., churches sponsored a formal dance April 26 at the Northbury Hotel in Sudbury. "Springtime in the North" was the theme. Guests from the Barrie, Kitchener, Sault Ste. Marie and Peterborough, Ont., churches attended. The evening featured a buffet meal and ballroom dancing. Fifteen couples from the Sudbury church demonstrated what they learned in six weeks of ballroom dancing lessons.

Church youths provided floral decorations for the dance.

Three hundred brethren from the **COLUMBUS**, Ohio, A.M., and P.M. churches attended a dinner and dance at the Marriott North Hotel in Columbus April 26.

Cocktails were served before dinner, and dancing took place from 8 to 11 p.m. Wally Gitchell and his 12-piece band provided music from the Big Band era.

Robert Dick, former pastor of the Columbus churches, who now pastors the Elkhart, Ind., church, his wife, Dyanne, sons, Phillip and Tim, and Mrs. Dick's mother, Louise Moore, were special guests. Mr. and Mrs. Alex James helped organize the social and dance.

One hundred sixty-seven **YOUNGSTOWN**, Ohio, brethren attended a formal dinner and dance April 26 at the Maronite Center.

Church youths served the dinner of roast beef, baked haddock or moo goo gai pan. Unleavened desserts were made by some of the Youngstown women.

Dance music was provided by the Second Time Around band, and photographers took pictures.

QUEENS and **BROOKLYN**, N.Y., **NORTH** and **SOUTH** brethren gathered April 27 at Astoria Manor in Queens for an annual spring dinner and dance. More than 300 people from the East Coast states, Michigan and Texas attended.

City Lights, a church band directed by Juan Quinones, a Brooklyn local church elder, provided music. Local church elder Walter Dolengo and his wife, Kathy, coordinated the evening.

FORT COLLINS, Colo., brethren were hosts for an annual semiformal dance April 26 at the Fort Collins Holiday Inn.

Women received corsages as they arrived. A candlelight dinner served poolside consisted of wines, salads, fried chicken, roast baron of beef, barbecued ribs, steamed vegetables and potatoes. Chocolate mousse and coffee completed the meal.

The Modernaires Orchestra from Denver, Colo., played music from

the '20s and '30s through the '80s. Area brethren provided entertainment.

Ballroom dancing was taught before the dance by Tony Dominguez and his wife, Sharon.

PEORIA and **MACOMB**, Ill., brethren attended combined services, a catered dinner and a formal dance in Canton, Ill., April 26.

During the evening children played supervised games, and women provided unleavened refreshments.

High school graduates were introduced, and brethren were given a handout that gave the background about each of the graduates, along with some of their hopes and goals for the future. Ronald Lohr, pastor of the two churches, presented each graduate with a Cross pen and pencil set.

Peoria graduates are Dan Ackley, Heather Richey, Jared Olar and Dennis White; and Macomb graduates are Lucien Hughes III, Brandy

Track meets conducted for youths

The **PROVIDENCE**, R.I., and **BOSTON**, Mass., churches were hosts May 4 for a YOU and Youth Educational Services (YES) track and field meet at Attleboro, Mass., Senior High School.

About 380 brethren gathered from Boston and Springfield, Mass.; Meriden, Conn.; Portland and Bangor, Maine; Albany, N.Y.; Concord, N.H.; Montpelier, Vt.; and Providence.

This was the first time YES-age children participated in games of their own. Jim Franks, pastor of the Providence and Boston churches, presented YOU track and field awards to outstanding athletes at the meet.

A YOU District 14 track meet took place at Walkersville High School in WALKERSVILLE, Md., May 4. Church youths from Delaware, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia and Pennsylvania attended.

Thomas Oakley, associate pastor of the Baltimore, Md., church, was sports announcer.

New district records set in the senior division were boys 110-meter high hurdles by Robert Butterbaugh of Baltimore, 15.14 seconds; boys discus, Chris Patterson, Delaware, 133 feet, 9 inches; boys two-

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McKee and Roger Steiner.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., brethren gathered April 26 for their annual spring dance. Three hundred forty people, including guests from other areas, attended the event at the Sacramento Hilton.

A talent program, coordinated by local church elder Hal Williams, was presented after a dinner of roast beef and trimmings. The program included renditions from *Hello Dolly* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. The evening also featured Scottish Highland dancers with bagpipe accompaniment.

WILKES-BARRE and **BETHLEHEM**, Pa., brethren and Church youths gathered at the Holiday Inn in Bethlehem for their annual formal dinner and dance April 27.

After a cocktail hour, a dinner of tenderloin or boned chicken breast with wild rice and baked potato was served.

Brother John's Band from Clarks Summit, Pa., provided dance music.

The **COLUMBIA**, Mo., church's second annual spring semiformal dance took place April 26 at Tonzano's Country Inn in Guthrie, Mo.

A dinner featuring roast beef and chicken was served buffet-style, and the Jim Widner Combo entertained and provided dance music.

MODESTO and **STOCKTON**, Calif., brethren attended a spring formal dance April 26 at the Sharpe Army Depot Consolidated Club.

The evening began with cocktails followed by a dinner of steamship round beef, vegetables, baked potatoes and salad. More than 200 attended, including guests from other areas.

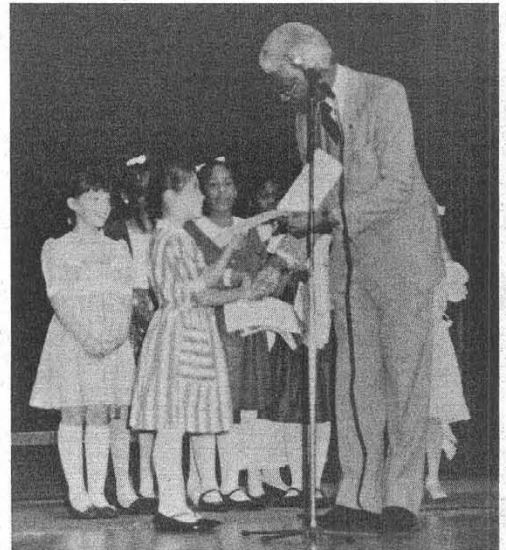
Mr. and Mrs. Buck Burchett coordinated the evening's activities. Carol Silva and Jean Harris prepared floral and plant decorations, and Bill Jones was photographer.

Diane Cheley, Estella Everetts, Tina Kyle, Terzah N. Lewis, Roma Tennison, Janice Keefer, Marci Walton, Margie Storm, Noel E. Blythe and Carolyn Burchett.

Seniors honored at banquet

The **BOISE**, Idaho, church was host to its 10th annual banquet honoring graduating high school seniors May 7 at the Crystal Ballroom. This year eight graduates from Baker and Ontario, Ore., and Boise were honored, and 120 were in attendance.

The purpose of the event is to recognize the achievements of seniors from the Baker and Ontario, Ore., and Boise churches.



EXTRAVAGANZA — Stan Bass, regional director of the Church in the Caribbean, presents a music award to Angela Caldwell at the Hamilton, Bermuda, church's youth talent extravaganza April 28. [Photo by Graham Mocklow]

Talent show, recital staged

The **HAMILTON**, Bermuda, church's second annual youth talent extravaganza took place April 28, during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

The first half of the show included violin, recorder, guitar and piano solos, two modern dance selections, a ballet and a poetry recitation. Skits patterned after television commercials were interspersed throughout the program.

The second half featured the children's choir singing a friendship medley and spiritual songs.

Stan Bass, regional director for the Church in the Caribbean, presented scholarship awards to Angela Caldwell, Kyle Outerbridge,

Sandra Richards and Wendy Taylor.

Fourteen brethren from the **ST. PAUL**, Minn., area performed May 4 at Bridgeman Recital Hall on the campus of St. Paul's Hamline University.

About 240 brethren attended the event titled "An Evening of the Classics," which included piano and vocal solos, a vocal ensemble performing a cappella and instrumental solos and duets. The selections were from the baroque, classical, romantic and impressionist periods and the 20th century.

Will Boettcher of the Minneapolis, Minn., North church organized the event. Noel Hornor, pastor of the St. Paul and Eau Claire, Wis., churches, was master of ceremonies.

Senior Pulley and Marvin Root.

Areas burn garbage, make sales

Fourteen **IMUS**, Philippines, brethren gathered April 27 to burn and bury garbage in a vacant lot next to the Machico restaurant where Sabbath services take place.

The group worked four hours. The restaurant owner, impressed with the purpose of the activity, served the group a snack.

The **PASADENA** Imperial P.M. church sponsored a three-in-one weekend to serve the community April 13. The project included a rummage sale, bake sale and car wash.

Some Pasadena citizens arrived an hour early to wait for activities to begin at 8 a.m.

Church members donated rummage sale items, and the women baked and donated bake sale goods. Some people snacked or shopped while they waited for their cars to be washed. Bicyclists and joggers also stopped to sample the goods.

The church's Graduate Club and two Spokesman Clubs organized the fund raiser. Singles organized and operated the car wash.

Ella Neale, Epifanio M. Almeda and George Hague.



ONSTAGE — City Lights, a band from New York, N.Y., performs at a Queens and Brooklyn, N.Y., North and South annual spring dinner dance April 27 at Astoria Manor in Queens. [Photo by Peter Ekonomakos]

Germans visit museum, castle ruins

About 50 **DARMSTADT** and **BONN**, West Germany, brethren met March 23 at the wine village of Oppenheim-Rhine. They toured the Viniculture Museum, which showed tools used from the 16th century to the present.

The museum includes the world's largest mousetrap collection, containing about 200 different traps.

After a wine tasting, the group walked to the ruins of castle Landskron. The castle was built in the 13th century and destroyed in 1689.

The day ended with dinner in a restaurant. *Peter Abstein.*

Spokesman Clubs sponsor activities

The WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Spokesman Club sponsored a ladies morning May 4. Club members, wives and dates had breakfast at the Ohariu Valley Country Club.

After the meal Joop Beets conducted tabletopics. Quack Choi Voon was toastmaster. Grahame Gee and Andrew Robertson shared the Most Effective Speech award; John Morton and Ross Andrew

shared the Most Improved Speaker award; and Robert Crump gave the Most Helpful Evaluation.

Lyall Johnston, club director and pastor of the Wellington church, read excerpts from a biography of Winston Churchill to show how he struggled to overcome speech difficulties with the assistance and support of his wife, Clementine.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Spokesman Clubs A and B concluded their club

year May 10 in separate graduation ceremonies.

Club A met at Churchill's Silver Maple Room for a ladies night and graduation dinner, with more than 50 in attendance.

After a formal dinner and meeting, David Gilbert, club director and assistant pastor, presented a graduation certificate to Leroy Hoffman.

Club B met at the Sweden House for an alumni, ladies and graduation evening. Sixty-eight members, alumni and guests attended.

David Fiedler, club director and church pastor, presented graduation certificates to Ben Reeck and Ezra Simmet Jr. Extra money from

the club treasury went to purchase a gift certificate for Mr. Fiedler "to buy the red tie that he's always admired but never bought."

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Spokesman Clubs A and B combined for ladies night and graduation at the Hotel Intercontinental in San Diego May 18.

Servers dressed in tuxedos served a chicken dinner. Ken Riha, president of club B, was topicmaster, and Mark Boyer was toastmaster. Speakers were Doug Roff, club A president; Mike Allen, club A vice president; Bernard Tatum, club A secretary; Bob Knowles, club B vice president; and Phillip Aust, club B secretary.

Jerold Aust, club director and associate pastor of the Yuma, Ariz., and San Diego churches, presented

graduation certificates.

Daniel Kurtz, Bob Harsanje and Philip Helmuth.

'PT' seminar takes place in Wisconsin

About 70 representatives from the KENOSHA, MADISON, MILWAUKEE, WAUKESHA and WEST BEND, Wis., and ROCKFORD, Ill., churches attended a Plain Truth newsstand distribution seminar at the Holiday Inn in Milwaukee May 4.

John LaBissoniere, Plain Truth newsstand coordinator in Pasadena, was guest speaker. Mr. LaBissoniere detailed the duties of a Plain Truth service representative, gave a slide presentation and explained guidelines to make the program more efficient, effective and harmonious. Cathy Folker.

Areas put on sports events

The ST. CATHARINES, Ont., church was host for a women's invitational volleyball tournament May 4 on the Brock University campus. Ten teams from Ontario and New York participated. The Buffalo, N.Y., team placed first.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Church youths sponsored a novelty olympics April 27. One hundred twenty-six people attended.

Afternoon activities began with a

potluck and an olympic torch run by David Carley, pastor of the Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colo., churches.

Master of ceremonies was Patrick Sloma. Events included tugs-of-war, a balloon stunt, a hot-dog relay, a baby-bottle-drinking contest and a matzo relay. First, second and third place teams received ribbons.

Gary King and Karen Sloma.

Jamaicans stage concert

More than \$7,000 was raised at a national public concert staged by the KINGSTON, Jamaica, church choir April 27 in Kingston's Merle Grove High School Auditorium.

The 35-member choir, directed by Joseph Brown, performed works by Beethoven and Strauss and received a standing ovation. "The Holy City" was presented for an encore.

Guest accompanists were Paulette Bellamy, piano and violin, and Noele Seale, drums, both accomplished and recognized Jamaican musicians.

Soloists were tenors Derrick Milwood and Leaford Henderson, and

sopranos Maisielin Gordon and Rochelle Sutherland. Richard Chin assisted on drums. The event was organized by Mr. Brown. Carlton A. Gordon.

Brethren display arts, crafts

One hundred seventy-five SEATTLE and BELLEVUE, Wash., brethren attended a craft festival with a Middle Eastern theme April 27.

Greg Daugherty, dressed as Moses, heralded the event by sounding a trumpet. The event featured Middle Eastern costumes; Israeli dancing; and 16 craft activities, including rock painting, unleavened cookie decorating, knot tying, creative picture-making, knitting, crocheting and jewelry making.

LeeAnn Luker told a Passover story with the participation of children. Church youths served authentic Middle Eastern food to the group, which was seated on the floor in tribal sections. A piano solo of "Exodus" concluded the event.

The talents of many CALGARY, Alta., NORTH and SOUTH brethren were showcased in an arts and crafts show at Henry Wise

Wood Senior High School in Calgary.

Cynthia Langlo of the Calgary South church organized the event, which included displays and demonstrations of talents and hobbies from more than 65 people. Twenty-five booths included gold-panning techniques, wedding cake decorating, sewing and needlework, photography, art and sculpture, coins and stamps and computers. One display exhibited handmade children's toys and items made by children.

Winners in a baking contest were Louise Griffin, Calgary South, pies; Gillian Bartlett, Calgary South YOU, cakes; and Maria Ferrara, Calgary South, English trifle.

Tom Schwanke of Calgary South planned games of skill. Brethren also presented a variety of musical entertainment. About 500 people viewed the displays.

Vicki Mills and Emily Lukacik.

Track

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miler run, Jim Scott, Richmond, Va., 11:03.63; girls mile run, Melanie Caldwell, Baltimore, 6:39.10; girls 800-meter run, Melanie Caldwell, 2:55.28; girls 800-meter relay, Baltimore, 1:57.14.

Records set in the junior division were boys 400-meter relay, Washington, 51.38; boys shot put, Daymond McDaniel, Washington, 35 feet, 6 inches; boys triple jump, Ricky Campbell, Baltimore, 33 feet, 9 1/2 inches; boys mile relay, Baltimore, 4:11.07; girls 800-meter run, Scarlett Suh, Richmond, 2:55.65; girls mile run, Stephanie Cyran, Delaware, 6:39.76; girls two-mile run, Stephanie Cyran, 15:34.38.

The trophy for most points scored went to the Delaware team, coached by Mark Roberts. Baltimore, coached by Mike Gladden and Mark Campbell, placed second,

and Washington, coached by Richard Stark, was third.

The FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., church was host for a District 31 track and field meet at Cape Fear High School May 4.

One hundred seventy-one Church youths from Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina participated. The day's events included races for Youth Educational Services (YES) children.

Outstanding athlete awards in each division went to Zack McMillan of Greensboro, N.C., senior boys; Frank Christy, Augusta, Ga., junior boys; Lashawn Richardson, Greensboro, senior girls; and Rose Horne, Charlotte, N.C., junior girls.

The Greensboro team placed first with 263 points; the Charlotte and Columbia, S.C., teams tied for second with 210 points each; and Fayetteville was third with 173 points.

Ray Blouin, Jon and Ginnie Cook and Lawrence W. Greider.

Brethren attend social at river inn

"Springtime on the Waterfront" was the theme for a PADUCAH, Ky., spring social April 27 at the Executive Inn on the Ohio River.

After dinner adults played cards, while children played other games. Dancing and entertainment followed. Teresa Hopkins.

Major's wild ride

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

(Continued from last issue)

"Hello, Grandfather," Susie called merrily, waving a hand out the car window. "Grandmother drove us into the creek!"

"So I see," Grandfather replied. He splashed around to the driver's side. "Hello, Jennie. Are you all right?"

"My feelings aren't all right," Grandmother replied shortly. "I wish I'd stayed at home as you said."

"Major had me worried when he showed up wet and wanting us to follow him. How did you wind up down here?" He leaned closer as Grandmother wound her window down.

"I don't know how it happened," she replied. "I slowed down at the bridge and stepped on the accelerator, and the next thing I knew, the creek was coming up at us. Lucky for us it's just a trickle of water this time of year."

"We could have been drowned like rats," Susie piped up.

"And thank you for coming," Grandmother concluded.

Grandfather turned and looked back to the bank where Jim and Major stood looking on with interest. "Both of you stand back out of the way," he called to them. "I'm going to see if I

can't back this car up out of here. It's got a good reverse in it and the creek bottom's almost solid rock by this bridge. I believe I can do it." He opened the car door. "Move over, please, I'll take the wheel."

Grandmother unfastened her seat belt. "You climb over into the backseat," she told Susie.

Susie vaulted to the backseat. The car soon leaped to life. Grandfather shifted into reverse and the car rocketed back out of the water, kept backing up the grade and came to a quick stop on the road. Motioning for Jim and Major to get in, Grandfather idled the motor as they climbed into the backseat with Susie.

There was silence in the car as they turned the corner and drove up the gently sloping hill to the farm driveway.

"Just put it in the garage, Ben," said Grandmother. "I'm too flustered to go to town now."

"You're welcome to give it another try," Grandfather said. "If at first you don't succeed . . ."

"Thank you for your kind attitude, but our quilting can wait until they finish grading that road."

"But Grandfather drives over it almost every day," Jim said from the backseat.

"James, never mind," Grandfather said. "Your grandmother feels lower

than a snake in a wagon rut as it is."

The car moved into the garage, and he cut the motor. They all got out and walked toward the house.

"The main thing," said Grandmother, smiling at last, "is we're all OK. Isn't that the important thing?"

"You're absolutely right," Grandfather agreed, putting his arms around

Grandmother and Susie as he walked between them.

"And the car is still in one piece," Jim added.

Susie stooped to rub Major's wet back. "And Major went for help for us. Don't forget that. He's the best dog in the whole world."

Major waved his tail and smiled.



Artwork by Alisa Ferdig

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ALEXANDER, Melvin and Monica (Auch), of Omaha, Neb., boy, Matthew Lee, April 9, 6:09 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

ALLEN, Daniel and Pamela (Fox), of Wrennapp, Man., girl, Bonnie Marie Louise, April 17, 5:20 p.m., 11 pounds 1½ ounces, now 3 girls.

ANDRUCHOW, Clark Patrick and Pamela (Wolske), of Calgary, Alta., boy, Richard Sterling, April 16, 7:36 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys.

APPLETON, Edward and Linda (Raco), of Long Beach, Calif., twin boys, Nathan Edward and Brett Wilson, April 24, 5:45 and 5:52 p.m., 5 pounds 12½ ounces and 4 pounds 1½ ounce, first children.

CODD, Lindsay and Audrey (McKinlay), of Christchurch, New Zealand, boy, Stephen James, April 22, 12:20 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys.

COLEMAN, Stephen and Angela (Grant), of Melbourne, Australia, boy, Jared Grant, Feb. 17, 9:11 p.m., 7 pounds 8½ ounces, first child.

DATTOLO, Fred and Janet (Johnson), of Pasadena, girl, Rachel Karen, May 14, 1:57 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ECHENBARGER, Glen and Connie (Haas), of Canton, Ohio, boy, Jason Lee, April 21, 4:37 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

FARKAS, Gary and Loraine (Arntsen), of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Jaclyn Jeannette, April 19, 9:21 a.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

GODFREY, Peter and Sandie (Hinton), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Jessica Lynn, May 14, 9:20 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HAAS, David and Debbie (Emerson), of San Diego, Calif., girl, Janiece Laraine, April 24, 7:06 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

HADDON, Herb and Margaret (Cameron), of Ottawa, Ont., girl, Chavah Marie, March 24, 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

HANSHAW, Steven and Brenda (Miller), of Peoria, Ill., girl, Ashley Michelle, April 17, 6:07 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JOHNSTON, Allen and Ellen (Skinner), of Tucson, Ariz., boy, Alexander Majors, May 11, 9:01 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KLOSKA, Randy and Yvonne (Schmucker), of Salmon Arm, B.C., girl, Valere Anne, April 24, 5:40 a.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MANDEVILL, Garry and Piper (Turner), of Chickasha, Okla., boy, Aaron Joseph, May 14, 11:42 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MCQUEEN, Rodney and Martha (McKee), of Huntington, W.Va., girl, Penny Elizabeth, May 5, 12:40 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

MILNER, Dennis and Judy, of Flint, Mich., girl, Rachel Marie India, Jan. 12, 7:29 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

NEWCOMB, Dean and Heidi (MacLearnsberry), of Pasadena, girl, Stephanie Ann, May 19, 6:46 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

NOBLE, Max and Fay (Acanatar), of San Pedro, Philippines, boy, Michael Alcantara, Dec. 10, 1985, 2 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

OBIEN-ATIMU, Erasmus and Georgina (Mensah), of Takoradi, Ghana, boy, Joseph Paul Clement, Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m., 8 pounds, now 4 boys, 8 girls.

PINKSTON, Gary and Lynae (Bryant), of Dighton, Kan., girl, Aiyana Le, Feb. 7, 12:05 p.m., 9 pounds 1½ ounce, first child.

PLOWMAN, Kenneth and Cat (Bakewell), of Creston, B.C., boy, Laren Brett, April 22, 8:14 a.m., 8 pounds 5½ ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RECAURTE, Edgar and Patricia (Peterson), of Everett, Wash., boy, Justin Edward, April 18, 3:44 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

RICHUSO, John-Paul and Gina (Lampson), of Staten Island, N.Y., girl, Gianna Rose, April 27, 7:09 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

SAGULLA, Robert and Susan (Nalato), of Toronto, Uganda, boy, Joseph Naleba, April 12, 10:33 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

SCHAFFERS, Shane and Judy (Hemmerling), of Edmonton, Alta., boy, Devin Shane, April 18, 3:05 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

VIEL, Francis and Judy (Tibbitts), of Fredericton, N.B., boy, Roman Jared Francis, April 28, 8:07 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

WEAVER, Mark and Linda (Crawford), of Waynesboro, Ga., boy, Matthew Kyle, May 13, 9:30 a.m., 9 pounds 8½ ounces, now 2 boys.

ENGAGEMENTS

Wif and Donna Screen of Elmore, Alta., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Cindy to Joe Wilkinson, son of June Wilkinson of Atlanta, Ga. An Aug. 24 wedding is planned.

Morgan Boyle and Hadee Byrty of Fort Wayne, Ind., are pleased to announce their engagement. A June 22 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hardestad and Mike Goen of Portland, Ore., would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Andrea M. Goen to Benjamin Stores, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Stores of Eugene, Ore. A June 29 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Warrill of the Des Moines, Iowa, church are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Rebekah to Brian Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shaw of New York Mills, N.Y. A Sept. 28 wedding in Hinsdale, Ill., is planned.

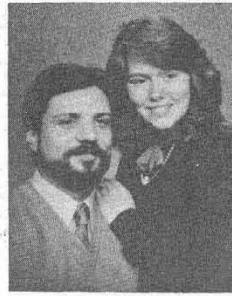
Nancy Marie Narducci and Cyndy Andrew Larsen of Bellingham, Wash., are pleased to announce their engagement. A July wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hildebrand of the Calgary, Alta., church are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sheila Michelle Diane to Roy Coustou, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Coustou of the Brisbane, Australia, church. An Aug. 24 wedding is planned in Pasadena.

Diane Lawton of the Glendale, Calif., church is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Lori Denise to Donald Filipovich. A June 22 wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS

Rebecca Wooten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wooten of Detroit, Mich., and John Howell Blevins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Blevins of Flint, Mich., were united in marriage Feb. 2 in Fowlerville, Mich. The



MR. AND MRS. JOHN BLEVINS

ceremony was performed by the bride's father, pastor of the Detroit West and Ann Arbor, Mich., churches. Anita Pope, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Scott Maidment was best man. The couple reside in Linden, Mich.



MR. AND MRS. EARL JACOBS

The Javines were married in Tulsa. They have two children, Richard Javine and Rilla Willhite, members who attend the Tulsa church. Mr. and Mrs. Javine were baptized in 1974. Richard has been a Church member since 1965.



MR. AND MRS. EARL JACOBS

The couple have five children, including twin girls, and 12 grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs reside in Innisfail where they garden and raise horses.

ANNIVERSARIES

To Mr. and Mrs. Simpson: Happy 52nd anniversary in May to a special couple. We love you both so much. We also would like to thank you for all the happy times we've spent together — those times mean a lot to us. May God bless you with many more happy anniversaries. With much love, the Meyers.

To Dad and Mom: Happy 21st anniversary June 5. God has blessed us so much to have given us parents like you. Thank you for loving us all these years. We love you, too. Love, your daughters, B.B.B., Ted Ripper and Froggy.

Linda, I love you very much! Thank you for two wonderful boys and a warm, love-filled home. Happy anniversary June 11. Love, Mark.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morgan of Mesa, Ariz.: Happy 25th anniversary June 11 from Mark, Glenda, Michael and Daniel Elliott, Arlington, Tex.

To Robert, the man I truly love and always will. Happy anniversary June 15 — 23 years. With love always, your wife, Oradell.

To Mom and Dad: Happy anniversary June 15. We love you very much. With love always, your kids, Richard, Ricky and Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jeffrey celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary May 12 at a dinner given by their son, Robert, and his wife, Christine. This year is also Mr. Jeffrey's 25th year as a member of God's Church. Mrs. Jeffrey has been a member for 23 years. The couple have five children and three grandchildren.

To our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Ramsey: Wishing you both a very happy and memorable 30th anniversary June 20. With much love, Jacqueline, Scott, Ruth, Steve and Margaret.

Weddings

Made of Gold

TULSA, Okla. — Earl and Delphine Javine celebrated their 58th wedding

anniversary Feb. 11 with their two children, family members and friends.



MR. AND MRS. EARL JACOBS

The Javines were married in Tulsa. They have two children, Richard Javine and Rilla Willhite, members who attend the Tulsa church. Mr. and Mrs. Javine were baptized in 1974. Richard has been a Church member since 1965.

INNISFAIL, Alta. — Harold and Beryl Jacobs celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 5 with family members and friends.

The Red Deer, Alta., church also honored them at Bible study May 7. Philip Hopwood, associate pastor of the Red Deer and Wetaskiwin, Alta., churches, presented them with a cake and a gold-leaf china tea service.



MR. AND MRS. HANS BRACKHAHN

Mavis Burton and Hans Brackhahn were united in marriage March 15 in Bonn, West Germany. The ceremony was performed by Frank Schnee, regional director for the Church in German-speaking areas. Suzanna Burton, daughter of the bride, was maid of honor, and Marc Burton, son of the bride, was best man. The couple reside in Cologne, West Germany.

MR. AND MRS. DANIEL RAMCHARIT
Aruna Kumari Prashad and Daniel Ramcharit were united in marriage Dec. 22, 1985, at the groom's home in Berbice, Guyana. The ceremony was performed by Paul Krautmann, pastor of the Georgetown, Guyana, church. The groom's brother was best man, and the bride's sister was maid of honor. The couple reside in Georgetown.

Obituaries

DAYTON, Ohio — Frank Johnson, 51, died May 3 after a long illness. He has been a member of God's Church since 1971.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Joan; a son, Andre of Charlotte, N.C.; and a daughter, Rhonda of Dayton; all baptized Church members. He is also survived by four other children and five sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by Ray Meyer, pastor of the Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Dennis James McRae died May 3. He is survived by his wife, Helen, a Church member who attends the Colorado Springs church.

BOONEVILLE, Ark. — Howard R. Warrington, 78, died Feb. 18. He has been a Church member since 1968.

VICTORIA, Tex. — Maurice V. D'Herde, 85, died May 18. He has been a Church member since 1974.

Mr. D'Herde is survived by his wife, Maxine, four sons, two daughters, 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

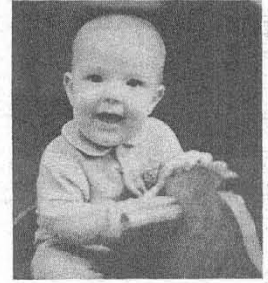
Funeral services were conducted by Kenneth Giese, pastor of the Victoria and Houston, Tex., West churches.

BELLE VERNON, Pa. — Ruth Umbel, 73, died May 11 after a long illness. She has been a member of God's Church for 22 years.

Graveside services were conducted by

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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John Dobritsch, pastor of the Belle Vernon and Washington, Pa., churches.

MARINA, Calif. — Bobbie Umberfield, 55, died March 17 after a long bout with cancer. She has been a Church member for 15 years.

Mrs. Umberfield is survived by her husband, Clayborn, a daughter, Roberta, a son, Clay, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Umberfield was buried in Teague, Tex.

EDMONTON, Alta. — David Biggs, 52, died April 16 after a brief bout with cancer. He has been a member of God's Church since 1965.

Mr. Biggs is survived by his wife, Alice, also a Church member; their children, Lisa and Ken; three daughters and one son from a previous marriage, Muriel Johnson, a Church member, Helen Wilson, Theresa Biggs and Jim Biggs; his mother, Meta; a sister, Lillian Spais; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by Gordon Graham, associate pastor of the Edmonton, Alta., North church.

ORFORD, N.H. — Virginia J. Tatham, 61, died March 26 after a long struggle with cancer.

Mrs. Tatham was born in Haverhill, N.H., and lived several years in Orford. She has been a Church member since 1967, and attended services in Montpelier, Vt.

Mrs. Tatham is survived by a son, James D. of Orford; two foster daughters, Marian Whitcomb of Littleton, N.H., and June Goodrich, a Church member who lives in Berwick, Maine; six grandchildren; two brothers, Leighton Perry of Orford and Frank Perry of North Conway, N.H.; and three sisters, Helen Belyea of Glencliff, N.H., and Lindsey Mac Ladd and Eleanor Chase of Orford.

Funeral services were conducted by Kenneth Williams, pastor of the Concord, N.H., and Montpelier churches.

BELLELEVILLE, Ill. — Burtis E. Staley, 74, died April 29 after a brief illness. Mr. Staley has been a member of God's Church since 1973.

Mr. Staley is survived by a son, Clarence, a Church member who attends the Belleville congregation.

Funeral services were conducted by Dan Creed, pastor of the Belleville and Mount Vernon, Ill., churches.

DONNA, Tex. — Ruth Christensen, 87, died March 18. She was born in Onawa, Iowa, in 1899, and has been a Church member for about 20 years. For many years she traveled 140 miles to attend services in Corpus Christi, Tex.

Mrs. Christensen is survived by three nieces, Eda Mae Powell, Mrs. Ivan Bates and Mrs. Cecil Tonk.

Funeral services were conducted by Carroll B. Short, a minister in the Corpus Christi church.

COWANSVILLE, Que. — Esther

Anderson, 83, died May 6. She has been a Church member since 1960.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by two sons and two daughters. One daughter, Grace Tanner, attends the Magog, Que., church.

Funeral services were conducted by Cecil Maranville, pastor of the Montreal, Que., English and Magog churches.

MONTREAL, Que. — Denis Gascon, 54, died of cancer April 26. She was baptized in 1973.

Mrs. Gascon is survived by her husband of 27 years, Gilles, also a Church member; two sons, Pierre, a Church member, and Robert; and one daughter, Julie.

Graveside services were conducted by Cecil Maranville, pastor of the Montreal English and Magog, Que., churches.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Ruby V. McClain, 77, died May 4 after a short illness. She has been a Church member since 1969.



RUBY MCCLAIN

Mrs. McClain and her husband, Jess, attended the St. Joseph, Mo., church before moving to the Springfield area 12 years ago.

Mrs. McClain is survived by her husband, who serves as a deacon; two children; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Aurora, Mo., by George Meeker Jr., pastor of the Springfield church.

CANTON, Ohio — Florence Gabriele Sr., 80, died Feb. 24 after a short illness. She has been a Church member for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Gabriele is survived by her husband of 63 years, Joseph; three sons, Joseph Jr. of Kent, Ohio, a member who attends the Akron, Ohio, church, Armand and Michael; six daughters, Rose Prince of Michigan, a member who attends the Canton church, Wanda and Rhoda Gabriele, Katherine Potter and Gloria Jean DiChiara; one brother; three sisters; and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by John Foster, pastor of the Canton church.

Double amputee completes trek with support from foundation

By Aaron K. Dean
 WASHINGTON, D.C. — Robert Wieland, a Vietnam War veteran and double amputee, completed his walk across America May 14, placing an American flag at the base of the Vietnam War Memorial here. While in Washington he met with President Ronald Reagan and Congressional leaders.

Since Harry Sneider, director of executive fitness at Ambassador College, helped train Mr. Wieland for his cross country walk, Pastor

General Joseph W. Tkach sent Mr. Sneider and me to cover the last mile in Washington.

Mr. Wieland, emotionally moved by the starving children he saw while on military duty in Vietnam, decided in 1981 to walk across America to draw attention to the needy and hungry people of the world.

Walking without legs
 What made this especially difficult is that Mr. Wieland lost both of

his legs in Vietnam when a mortar booby trap exploded while he was trying to help a fellow soldier.

Mr. Wieland's first "steps" in the continental trek that began in 1981 were on the track at Pasadena Am-

Aaron K. Dean, a personal assistant to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, is a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.



END OF JOURNEY — Robert Wieland (right), who completed a "walk" across the United States to draw attention to world hunger, pauses on the steps of the U.S. Capitol May 14 with Aaron K. Dean. Mr. Dean is a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation. [Photo by Harry Sneider]

PERSONAL

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 that from January through May of this year, 7,213 new contacts were made by our United States ministers. These are people who themselves requested a visit by a minister for the first time. This number is 43 percent higher than last year's January to May count of 5,049!

Why such an upsurge? For one thing, more new people are viewing the telecast. Also, Mr. Rice feels that the strong doctrinal content of some programs has influenced many to request a visit.

Luke 15:10 says there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents. We, as God's firstfruits, can also rejoice in the calling of additional firstfruits of God's harvest.

I want to share with you one of the many letters we receive from people telling us how pleased they were to meet God's true ministers for the first time. This person writes: "The minister for my area was here this morning, and answered many of the questions I had. I can't begin to tell you how I've waited with great anticipation for that meeting. I've prayed to God and asked for wisdom and guidance. I would like to thank the ministers and all the people who are continuing God's Work, for all that you have done for me."

Brethren, God has called each of us to be fitly framed together into one collective body or building through which He does His Work. And we can certainly rejoice as God adds daily to His Church "such as should be saved" — as Luke puts it in Acts 2:47.

God has given us the primary responsibility of preaching the Gospel, or good news, of the Kingdom of God soon to come to

this earth. That is the same message Jesus Christ Himself preached (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-16).

Secondly, God gives His Church the responsibility of feeding the flock, consisting of those He personally selects and calls before Jesus returns to set up that Kingdom. God calls these His firstfruits (James 1:18).

I'm sure most of us have been praying that God would send more laborers into the harvest. And He does seem to be answering those prayers, as more and more are being added, both as baptized members and as co-workers, sharing with us the burden of carrying out the commission God has given His Church. Baptisms are up more than 15 percent over the January through May period last year.

As I wrote to the ministers, I had a fine visit the Sabbath of June 7 to the Oklahoma City, Okla., church, which was host to the Ada, Enid, Lawton and Tulsa, Okla., and Wichita, Kan., congregations. More than 1,900 were in attendance. I was able to spend about an hour and a half after services meeting and shaking hands with the brethren. I was pleasantly surprised to see several familiar faces of brethren I knew in Chicago, Ill., more than 25 years ago. [An article about Mr. Tkach's trip to Oklahoma is scheduled for the June 30 *Worldwide News*.]

Brethren, I am continually inspired by the warmth and enthusiasm of God's people on these visits! How thankful we should all be for the marvelous gift of God's Holy Spirit that binds us together in His unity! We have a wonderful and exciting future before us. Let's carry on with full confidence in God's power and love.

With deep love,
 Joseph W. Tkach

ambassador College. Mr. Wieland was training with Mr. Sneider in weight lifting (Mr. Wieland, despite having no legs, broke the world record for the bench press in the bantam weight division, but was not allowed to hold the record because of technicalities).

Mr. Sneider helped Mr. Wieland develop his method of "walking," where Mr. Wieland lifts his torso by extending his arms and swings his torso forward about three feet. Mr. Wieland estimates that it took about 4.9 million of these steps to cross the continental United States.

After 1½ years of training with Mr. Sneider, Mr. Wieland began his walk. Three years, eight months and six days later, Mr. Wieland had a private meeting with President Reagan. He said the President was moved by the determination that Mr. Wieland exhibited during the walk.

Mr. Wieland told the President in the 45-minute meeting that the Ambassador Foundation helped him complete the walk.

Emotional moment

After completing his last mile, Mr. Wieland located the name of the soldier who was dying when Mr. Wieland stepped on the booby trap while running to help him. (The Vietnam memorial has the names of American soldiers killed in Southeast Asia engraved on a marble slab.)

Mr. Wieland laid an American flag under the soldier's name while Vietnam veterans watched. Television crews from American networks videotaped the event, and segments

appeared on the national news that evening.

From the memorial Mr. Wieland, riding with the Ambassador Foundation representatives, drove to the U.S. Capitol for a press conference. There he was met by Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr., speaker of the U.S. House of Repre-

sentatives, and other officials.

At the press conference Mr. Wieland again gave credit to the Ambassador Foundation for assisting him with his walk.

Mr. Wieland was named to President Reagan's Council for Physical Fitness and is scheduled to meet with Mr. Tkach in June.

Press

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 possess the lion's share of the reading market. The *Sun* dominates circulation figures at four million strong; *The Daily Mail* and *The Daily Express* are at nearly two million each (mid-1985 figures, source: Audit Bureau of Circulations).

Most people in Britain do read a national daily. But usually it's only one. If it's the *Sun*, well...

The best dailies

At the apex are *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Times* and *The Guardian*. The first of these three is conservative and right of center. *The Telegraph* is characterized by profuse analysis and balanced commentary from many journalists and

reporters. It is popular with Church members.

The Times moved right of center in the last year or so. Like *The Telegraph* it has good credentials. Although *The Guardian* is somewhat left of center, some of its writers, like diplomatic correspondent Hella Pick, are excellent fact-finding, first-class journalists. Their articles are generally well worth reading.

The sad part is that only the intelligentsia read these newspapers. *The Times* and *The Guardian* are both just under 500,000 in circulation. Fortunately *The Daily Telegraph* has a readership of 1.25 million.

The Financial Times is a superb financial daily with a smattering of general news stories. Its circulation is not quite a quarter million readers. Its American counterpart is *The Wall Street Journal*.

In spite of the terrorist scare, many Americans still live in the British Isles — 5,000 in Aberdeen, Scotland, alone. That's North Sea oil country. Naturally Yankees want to keep updated on happenings stateside.

The International Herald Tribune is the most convenient media vehicle. It condenses stories from *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

City dailies dominate the American newspaper scene. There are but few prominent ones in Britain. One thinks of *The Scotsman*, the *Yorkshire Post* and the *Liverpool Echo*. Crime reporting tends to characterize most city dailies. Here crime can be somewhat overreported. Someone steals a bicycle — and it's big news.

To bring our analysis back into balance, each newspaper is designed for a certain market and to the extent that it serves that market, it has a useful purpose.

The main thing is to keep the news in perspective. Ask yourself: Which newspaper do I read? Is this story accurate? Should I consider reading a parallel account in another daily?

Weekly magazines are also essential for keeping daily news in proper perspective. *The Economist*, though a bit heavy going, is an excellent British weekly. *Newsweek* and *Time* are excellent American newsweeklies with many foreign editions.

And if all else fails, why not read *The Plain Truth*?

Family

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 peopled aged 20 to 24 live with a partner outside marriage. A government official in Stockholm claims that the issue of cohabitation no longer has a particular moral dimension.

Bioengineering revolution

The so-called advances in modern science are aiding the family breakdown. Granted, the so-called test-tube baby process — technically, in vitro fertilization — enables some infertile couples to have children. (The infertility, in some cases, was caused by a sexually transmissible disease.)

But science is not stopping with this development. In the formulating stages are such processes as the artificial womb (extracorporeal gestation) and cloning, the exact reproduction of particular individuals.

According to the British magazine *New Society*, scientists say that the technology exists for men to give birth! Although such a birth would pose many dangers, one expert said that undoubtedly, "someone will do it."

Leading candidates for male pregnancy are thought to be homosexuals and transsexuals. (Male pregnancy involves fertilizing a donated egg with sperm outside the body and implanting it into the bowel area, where it could attach itself to a major organ. The baby

would be delivered by cesarean section.)

Economist and sociologist George Gilder is disturbed by the ramifications of science's quest in bioengineering, unguided by moral and biblical precepts.

"Ultimately the womb could be made obsolete," he warned. "By circumventing the act of love, in vitro conception takes another small step toward dislodging sexual intercourse from its pinnacle as both the paramount act of love and the only act of procreation."

Our people are being destroyed for lack of knowledge — not scientific knowledge, but the revelatory spiritual and moral truths of God (Hosea 4:6).

If our people were obedient to the commandments, statutes and judgments of God, He would be blessing us nationally.

"He will love you and bless you and multiply you... You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren among you" (Deuteronomy 7:13, 14, Revised Authorized Version).

The sins and curses of homosexuality, cohabitation and the singles life prohibit God's blessings from taking effect. And sexually transmissible diseases scar millions of women, producing barrenness — the penalty which science tries to circumvent.

What grave penalties our people are paying for straying so far from the revealed knowledge of almighty God.



PROGRAM TAPING — David Hulme (shown above) will present the first program of the 1986-87 *World Tomorrow* series during the weekend of Sept. 6 and 7. [Photo by Warren Watson]

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

PASADENA — The Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC) set five records in May and June, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, MPC director.

From March 30 to May 31, about 3,000 people became co-workers. "This brings the year-to-date co-worker count to 12,100, which is the highest January-to-May count in the work's history," Mr. Rice said.

Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach's** May 5 *Plain Truth* semi-annual letter was mailed to 3,228,310 *Plain Truth* subscribers in the United States, "a new all-time record," according to Mr. Rice.

Telephone calls received in response to the *World Tomorrow* program totaled 164,142 in May. "This surpasses the previous record of 155,000 set January, which included response to the special tribute to Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong," Mr. Rice continued.

The telephone response area of MPC on the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College received its one millionth call on the Sabbath, June 7.

Mr. Rice said that volunteers serving on MPC's in-home telephone response program have answered more than 100,000 calls since the program began in July, 1985. "These volunteers presently receive about 15 percent of our weekend response," Mr. Rice said.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Despite widespread flooding in Jamaica, brethren are unharmed and none have suffered damage, according to **Stan Bass**, regional director for the English-speaking Caribbean. (See map this page.)

"They had 13 straight days of rain, and many roads and bridges were washed out," Mr. Bass said in a June 10 interview with *The Worldwide News*. "We have two members who live in the parish of Clarendon where flooding was the worst, but Mr. [Charles] Fleming has accounted for them, and as far as we know they suffered no injuries."

Mr. Fleming pastors the Kingston congregation and conducts outlying Bible studies in Mandeville and Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

The Mandeville and Ocho Rios Bible studies were canceled during the rains, but Sabbath services were conducted June 7 in Kingston, the nation's capital.

Mr. Bass said that brethren were grateful that no Church members suffered injury or damage. "I hope that people worldwide will pray for our brethren in Jamaica and elsewhere," Mr. Bass said. "This truly is a worldwide work, and I hope that God's people everywhere will remember their brethren in need."

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FREDERICTON, N.B. — Church members here were protected from a rash of 58 forest fires, which ravaged more than 70,000 acres, destroyed homes and caused the evacuation of thousands of people.

More than 1,000 firefighters and Canadian armed forces personnel fought the fires with heavy equipment, including aircraft.

Two Church families living outside Fredericton evacuated their homes and sought temporary refuge with relatives and brethren.

Church member and father of four, **David Bartlett**, who was among dozens of evacuees in his community, said flames came within 1,000 feet (about 300 meters) of his property. He was work-

ing in his backyard when one of his children told him how close the fire was.

"There was a lot of smoke and I could see we hadn't much time, so I told everyone to get the Bibles and get into the car. We didn't realize it could get so bad so quick," he said.

The family moved back home the next day. Mr. Bartlett said there was no explanation as to why the fire stopped advancing when it came to his property, except for God's intervention.

Another blaze about to burn a stand of timber, which was to be a source of summer and fall employment for several brethren, came to a halt at a freshwater stream that divided the timber stand from the others. Not a tree was harmed.

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PASADENA — "The 10 telecasts which have pulled the highest responses in the work's history have been aired since January of this year," said evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

Excluding the response to the *World Tomorrow* tribute to the late **Herbert W. Armstrong**, the top 10 programs and responses are: *The Middle East in Prophecy* (April 5 and 6), 45,290; *Where Are We Now in Bible Prophecy?* (Feb. 8 and 9), 44,207; *Is There a Real Hell Fire?* (May 17 and 18), 38,089; *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (May 3 and 4), 37,748; *Mystery of the Ages* (May 10 and 11), 35,288; *Sexually Transmitted Diseases: Our Modern Plague* (April 19 and 20), 32,055; *The Plain Truth About Easter* (March 29 and 30), 31,853; *The Authority of the Bible* (May 24 and 25), 29,600; *When Is the Christian Sabbath?* (April 12 and 13), 28,404; and *The Resurrection Was Not on Sunday* (March

22 and 23), 28,154.

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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:

Acapulco, Mexico; Hamilton, Bermuda; Georgetown, Guyana; Hengelhof, Belgium; and Pacific Harbour, Fiji.

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PASADENA — Eleven educational administrators from the People's Republic of China are studying English and American culture at Ambassador College this summer, according to evangelist **Ellis La Ravia**, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

"Each individual is an administrator who works in the foreign affairs office of different universities around China," explained **Frank Fish**, an assistant to Mr. La Ravia. "Since they help arrange international student exchanges and don't have the opportunity to travel much



FLOODED ISLAND — More than 40,000 people were left homeless or suffered damage during storms on Jamaica that killed 51 people, according to Stan Bass, regional director. [Map by Ronald Grove]

abroad, China's state educational commission felt it would be good for them to have this experience."

The Chinese group arrived on campus May 31 and had a private meeting with Chancellor **Joseph W. Tkach** in Mr. Tkach's Hall of Administration office June 1.

The administrators attend En-

glish classes for four hours during the morning and study in the afternoon. Tours of museums and libraries, cultural performances and other activities help provide exposure to Western culture, according to Mr. Fish.

The group is scheduled to return to China Aug. 21.

Church Administration releases names of ministers ordained

PASADENA — Church Administration released the following ordinations.

Samuel Butler, associate pastor of the Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer and Soldotna, Alaska, churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder on the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 30.

Reginald Killingley was raised in rank to preaching elder on the Sabbath, April 5. Mr. Killingley will pastor the Pasadena Spanish church until he returns to South America.

Charles Knowlton, associate pastor of the Murphy, N.C., and Chattanooga, Tenn., churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder at Sabbath services April 26.

Christopher Beam, associate pastor of the Asheville, N.C., and Greenville, S.C., churches; **Henry Sturcke**, associate pastor of the Union, N.J., church; and **Kenneth Treymbig**, an associate pastor of the Big Sandy church; were raised in rank to preaching elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 24.

Christopher Starkey, a deacon in the Montreal, Que., English church, was ordained a local elder April 24.

Reby Sherrod of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church was ordained a local elder on the Sabbath, May 10.

Ordained local church elders on the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 24, were **Roger Aligeyer**, a

deacon in the Suffolk, N.Y., church; **Clifford Belcher**, a deacon in the Pikeville, Ky., church; **Frank Best**, a deacon in the St. John's, Nfld., church; **James Capo** of the Suffolk church; **Emery Dann**, a deacon in the Santa Rosa, Calif., church; **David Huyink** of the St. Paul, Minn., church; **Douglas Johansson**, a deacon in the Rapid City, S.D., church; **Eugene Nouhan**, a deacon in the Flint, Mich., church; **Douglas Peterson**, a deacon in the Red Deer, Alta., church; **Charles Riffel**, a deacon in the Findlay, Ohio, church; **Charles Voss**, a deacon in the Picayune, Miss., church; and **Harold Way**, a deacon in the Honolulu, Hawaii, church.

David Adolfsen, a deacon in the Winnipeg, Man., East church; **Hadden Pace**, deacon in the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church; **Orville Skorseh Jr.**, a deacon in the Watertown, S.D., church; and **Robert Swihart**, a deacon in the Dayton, Ohio, A.M., church; were ordained local church elders on the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 30.

Dana Glatz, a deacon in the Helena, Mont., church, was ordained a local church elder at Sabbath services April 26.

brethren are Costa Ricans, but some are from El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala."

"The brethren asked lots of questions, and they are 100 percent behind headquarters," Mr. Joseph remarked. "Most don't speak English, but many try to read *The Worldwide News* by using a dictionary."

Philippines

The Feast of Tabernacles sites in Bacolod and Tacloban, Philippines, were canceled because of facility problems and will be combined with the Cebu, Philippines, site, according to the Church's Manila, Philippines, Office.

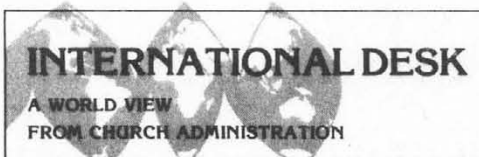
Other sites for 1986 are Baguio, Tagaytay, Naga and Cagayan de Oro. Transfers are welcome at any of these sites, except Naga, where hall space is reserved for area brethren.

In April the Manila Office expanded 45 percent by acquiring floor space on the second floor, beneath the office's third floor areas in the Singapore Airlines building in Makati.

Caribbean

Paul Brown, a ministerial trainee who worked in the San Juan, Puerto Rico, Regional Office and served in the St. John's, Antigua, and Roseau, Dominica, churches, married **Jacqueline McCalla**, a 1986 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, June 1 in London, England.

After their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Brown will move to St. John's to assist **Stan Bass**, Caribbean regional director, who pastors the St. John's and Roseau churches. Mr. Brown will handle personal correspondence from their home.



PASADENA — Racial unrest in South Africa makes it dangerous for some ministers to visit members or prospective members in the black townships. Arrangements are made to see these people in a safer area, such as at work. Some members have been threatened with death for not complying with boycotts and other disruptive activities.

"It is a time when wisdom must be rightly exercised and where God's protection must be sought," according to **Roy McCarthy**, regional director. In certain rural areas it is unsafe to travel on gravel roads, because land mines might be planted.

Members are unemployed in almost every area. Included are laborers, factory employees and white collar workers.

The depressed economy is nowhere better reflected than in the eastern Cape Province, where the automobile industry is based. Some factories are being closed, and others are cutting back on their work forces. A number of Church members were informed that they will be laid off.

Visit to Vanuatu

Rex Morgan, circulation manager for the Church's regional office in Auckland, New Zealand, visited brethren and *Plain Truth* readers in the Pacific island nation

of Vanuatu May 13 to 18.

Mr. Morgan visited four members and families and met with nine prospective members. He also met with nine individuals who had requested a ministerial visit.

After visiting the new contacts, Mr. Morgan said, "God is working with a group of around 30 people in Vanuatu, leading and guiding them into the knowledge of His truth in an environment which makes it considerably harder to live God's way than it is in many other parts of the world."

Mr. Morgan requested prayers of brethren worldwide for six schoolteachers in Vanuatu who may lose their jobs because of keeping the Sabbath and Holy Days.

Costa Rica

Mordakhai Joseph, a local church elder in the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church, spent the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread with brethren in Costa Rica.

Mr. Joseph visited the Feast of Tabernacles site in Liberia, Costa Rica, about 50 miles from the border of Nicaragua and formerly headquarters of the Sandinistas.

Mr. Joseph told *The Worldwide News*: "Costa Rica is a young church but growing rapidly — about 25 percent a year. Most of the

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