

Mr. Tkach 'unifies,' 'inspires' brethren in New York, Denver

PASADENA — The G-III swooped out of the sky to land July 17 in the shadow of New York City's skyscrapers at the Teterboro, N.J., airport. On board was Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach on his eighth visit to church areas and his first visit to New York.

(Over the July 4 weekend Mr. Tkach visited the Denver, Colo., area.)

As a result of Mr. Tkach's visit to New York "the area is lifted and unified as I have never seen it before," said Robert Fahey, pastor of the Westchester, N.Y., church.

About 75 ministers and deacons and their wives greeted Mr. Tkach and his traveling group, which included Michael Feazell, one of his personal assistants; and his wife, Vicki; Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach's administrative assistant; Tanya Horchak, one of Mr. Tkach's daughters; and grandchildren Christine and Gregory; Julie Stocker, an executive secretary; and David Evans, an assistant to evangelist Ellis La Ravia in Facilities Administration.

Serving on Mr. Tkach's G-III crew were captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich and steward Jay Brothers.

According to Mr. Feazell, included in the welcoming party was a surprised George H. Evans, a local church elder in the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., church, who didn't know his son was on the G-III.

City tour

Friday morning, July 18, Mr. Tkach began a whirlwind tour of New York City, led by Mr. Fahey.

Mr. Tkach and his group had a private tour of the Statue of Liberty arranged by Mr. Evans, who is a project engineer for the Statue of Liberty Restoration Project.

Mr. Tkach and the group rode the elevator as far as it would go and then made the strenuous climb up the narrow, spiral staircase to the crown, where they viewed the harbor and the Manhattan skyline.

Mr. Tkach said that "the Statue of Liberty was the most impressive thing that I saw in New York City. My parents sailed past the statue over 80 years ago as they

entered this country."

From there Mr. Tkach toured the United Nations, the aircraft carrier *Intrepid* and the New York City church office.

The church office is in No. 1 Penn Plaza, 28 floors above Pennsylvania Station, the busiest commuter terminal in New York City.

At the office Mr. Tkach met Hulita Blyden, a deaconess in the Manhattan church, who donates four days a week to serve as receptionist.

That evening in his hotel suite, Mr. Tkach was host for a buffet dinner for the New York City ministry.

The next day Mr. Tkach boarded the G-III for the flight to Mt. Pocono, Pa.

Sabbath services

From the airport Mr. Tkach and his traveling group were driven to the Mt. Pocono Feast site, where more than 5,300 brethren from 21 church areas gathered for afternoon services.

The 21 churches included Bethlehem, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Binghamton, Brooklyn North and South, Corning, Manhattan, Middletown, Nassau, Queens, Suffolk and Westchester, N.Y.; Jersey City, Middletown, Montvale, Trenton, Union and Vineland, N.J.; and Wilmington, Del.

Fog and overcast skies turned out

to be a blessing, according to Roy Holladay, pastor of the Wilkes-Barre and Bethlehem churches, who said that the weather made the metal Tabernacle building cooler.

Earl Williams, pastor of the Brooklyn North and South and Queens churches, gave a sermonette about being small in your own eyes.

Special music was performed by a combined choir from the churches in attendance. They sang "Praise the Lord O Jerusalem," by Maunder. They were led by King Finlay, Feast choir director in the Poconos.

In his sermon Mr. Tkach compared the "recent Statue of Liberty celebration to the great and glorious celebration of liberty we will have when we enter the Kingdom of God," Mr. Williams said.

"The people warmed to him very, very much. It was an electric thing. He seemed to be inspired by the group, and the group was inspired by him," Mr. Fahey said.

"People mentioned that they were really struck by his warmth and love, the fact that he was a very genuine person, down-to-earth, one that they could very readily identify with," said Mr. Holladay.

After Mr. Tkach's sermon, Mr. Fahey, who led songs, gave Mr. Tkach a Steuben crystal lion on behalf of the 21 churches.

"The lion reflects strength and dignity," Mr. Fahey said.

After services ended Mr. Tkach



GREETING NEW YORKER — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach exchanges warm greetings with Clara Candiotte, 91, a member who attends the Brooklyn, N.Y., South church, at Sabbath services July 19 in Mt. Pocono, Pa. [Photo by Peter Ekonomakos]

was "mobbed" by brethren, according to Mr. Fahey. He shook hands and talked with brethren for nearly two hours after services.

The pastor general said that he was "impressed with the warmth and loyalty of the New York

area brethren."

Afterward Mr. Tkach met with the ministers and their wives in the Festival Administration building.

Mr. Tkach told the ministers he "could not believe it" that God had

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PERSONAL FROM *Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear brethren,

We had a wonderful visit with the brethren from New York City and surrounding areas on Sabbath, July 19.

Just over 5,300 met together in the Feast building at Mt. Pocono, Pa.

George Evans, a project engineer for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and a local church elder in the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., church, gave our party a private tour of the statue early Friday morning before normal opening hours.

We climbed the 168 steps to the top of Miss Liberty's head and viewed New York City across the harbor through the windows in the crown. It was quite an exciting and moving experience for us to tour the statue and the museum depicting the quest for freedom of the immigrants from around the world who have through the decades arrived in the United States under Liberty's torch.

I was reminded of the grand celebration televised to the whole nation two weeks earlier on the July 4 weekend. It commemorated America's independence and the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty's ded-

ication in New York harbor.

I told the brethren in Mt. Pocono that this celebration was perhaps the grandest any of us have ever seen in our lifetimes. Yet it was only a candle glimmer in comparison to the magnificent glory of the joyous celebration that will occur at the splendid arrival of the great Prince of Peace on earth to take over rulership of all nations!

Brethren, can we see what God is showing us — what He is preparing for us? *True* liberty is coming. *Real* liberty. *Real* freedom! The sufferings, the agony, the anguish of man are going to end.

And God has called you and me, the weak of the world, to be a part of it — to be there when "the King of Glory" takes His throne, and to make His word our command as we serve Him in the joyous process of building a new society from the ground up for all men based on God's law of love and peace.

We also took time Friday to tour the United Nations building in New York City. And I must say I was impressed. I appreciate the dedication to peace that organization has. They are indeed to be applauded for their efforts toward making easier the lives of suffering peoples around the

world. They are sincere people.

It was obvious that our guide believed in what she was doing as she described to us age-old world problems and the work and goals of the UN toward finding solutions. But the sad fact is that world peace cannot and will not be found by the cooperation of man, not even in the General Assembly or the Security Council of the United Nations.

The simple truth is that man has never known how to have peace. "The way of peace they know not" (Romans 3:17). Man does not understand the *why* of war and conflict, nor the *why* of peace. Certainly man understands, for the most part, that war is bad.

Gen. William Sherman said, "War is hell."

Neville Chamberlain, a former British prime minister, stated, "In war, whichever side may call itself the victor, there are no winners, but all are losers."

But in spite of its horrors, war is considered by man a necessary evil. And in the governments of men, so it is. Without God, war is the only avenue people have for protection from aggressors. But it should not be that way! It does not have to be that way.

There is a cause for war. There is a reason that peace is absent. The reason is that man has rejected God! Man prefers to rely on himself rather than God. And man prefers the devil's way of get, rather than God's way of give.

So there are aggressors and there are defenders. There al-

ways have been and always will be until the Way, the Truth and the Light, in the Person of Jesus Christ, arrives.

Brethren, do you realize that there is and has long been a true "United Nations," actually doing the day-to-day work of bringing real peace to the earth? Indeed there is! It has been a small group, made up of nowhere near the number of employees of the UN headquarters in New York. But its work will bring true, lasting, permanent PEACE! That *true* "United Nations" is called the Church of God!

God has been preparing His future ruling team for nearly 6,000 years in the form of His Church, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ as the Chief Cornerstone. God teaches and trains those He calls into His Church. As they submit to Him, they grow to understand that repentance and obedience to God is the solution to world problems.

God has given us a wonderful calling — a calling that is not for our personal benefit alone — but for the benefit of the whole world!

Thank you brethren again for your loyalty and faithfulness to your heritage as ambassadors for Christ, representatives of the government and coming Kingdom of God! Continue to pray earnestly for one another and the Work God is doing through us.

With love, in Jesus name,
Joseph W. Tkach

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Is the sun setting on the Commonwealth?

PASADENA — During the third week in July, Britain's Queen Elizabeth had more on her mind than the marriage of her second son, Prince Andrew, to Sarah Ferguson. A more critical matter was the clouded future of the Commonwealth (formerly British Commonwealth), of which she is also head.

The Queen's prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, is under fire, especially from members of the 49-nation Commonwealth, to levy economic sanctions against South Africa, a former Commonwealth member (but not for the past 25 years).

Backing up their demands, one Commonwealth member after another pulled out of the Commonwealth Games, the quadrennial track and field mini-Olympics — the so-called friendly games in Edinburgh, Scotland, beginning the day after the July 23 royal wedding.

The boycott left the games with hardly any representation from African and Caribbean nations. India, the most populous Commonwealth member, withdrew its team in sympathy with the African states who initiated the boycott.

A much bigger issue than the games is the future of the Commonwealth itself, certain to be topic No. 1 at the seven-nation Commonwealth minisummit in

London in early August.

The meeting is a follow-up to last autumn's full-scale Commonwealth Conference in the Bahamas. On that occasion Prime Minister Thatcher resisted calls for trade sanctions. But she agreed to send a mission of former Commonwealth leaders — the so-called Eminent Persons Group (EPG) — to Pretoria.

The lack of success of the EPG accelerated demands for comprehensive and mandatory sanctions, with the threat by several Commonwealth nations that they would pull out of the association if they didn't get their way.

Prime minister responds

Through it all, Mrs. Thatcher has held firm. Outlining her opposition to punitive actions in newspaper interviews, the prime minister was especially incensed at accusations that by not supporting sanctions she was avoiding a moral course of action. She said she could not understand the morality of throwing hundreds of thousands of people, mostly black, out of work.

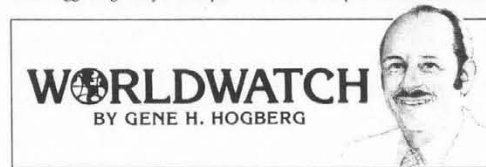
She told Hugo Young of *The Guardian* July 9: "Alright, supposing you start with [banning the import of South African] fruit and vegetables. That would be 95,000 people, blacks and their families, out of work. Moral? Poof! Moral? No social security. Moral?"

Then the prime minister touched on the irony of saving people from starvation in one part of Africa while sending others to the brink of starvation in another part:

"I find it astonishing... that on the one hand we're doing everything to help Ethiopia, everything to relieve poverty and starvation, everything to get the right seeds, the right husbandry. And at the same time we're suggesting that you turn peo-

ple who are in work, out of work... When people call that moral, I just gasp."

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WORLDWATCH
BY GENE H. HOGBERG

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"I sometimes get the map out and say look at it," said Mrs. Thatcher. "Have you looked at how goods are going to get in and out of Zambia and Zimbabwe? Close Beit Bridge [border between South Africa and Zim-

babwe] and how are you going to do it? That's the maize route. When there was drought, that's the route through which maize went to keep people alive. I ask them, have you looked at it? Have you looked at the [potential] poverty and hunger and starvation?"

Strategic minerals

Nor would the retaliation stop with the impoverishment of Black

Africa. There was also, noted the prime minister, the West's strategic interest in raw materials — and here too the moral issue kept breaking through.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

'Unloved and Leaving'

In my last column I encouraged you to communicate with your children, especially your teenagers. I mentioned that we are receiving hundreds of letters regularly to *Youth 86* from young people who have problems they are not taking to their parents.

Let me share with you excerpts from some of the letters to prove my point.

"I have some really big problems, and I don't know what to do next. I ran away from home not too long ago. I'm home now, but I really don't want to be. I hate being at home. My parents are never around but if they are, they're 'busy'... I'm just really scared of what more is going to happen and what to do. Can you help me?"

"Sincerely, Unloved and Leaving"

"My father seems hard to get along with especially with my mom. You might say he drinks a lot too, which I think has affected him a great deal. It's very depressing to be around him. What can I do to try to get along with my dad and help him get along with my mom better? It seems as if I have tried everything."

"During an argument, my father says terrible things that really hurt me. Whenever this happens, he... destroys all my self-confidence, which takes me forever to rebuild. It's not fun being constantly put down and feeling deserted."

"I have a serious problem. My mom is not emotionally stable. She is constantly crying and babbling on and on about how she can't put up with anything any more and she feels she's going to 'fall apart' and then everything will be over. She is divorced. I can't handle this any more. I'm only 13! What can I do? I know running away is not the answer. Please respond as soon as possible. I'm at the end of my rope."

All of these letters were addressed to *Youth 86*. Unhappily, some of these letters came from Church youths.

Parents, before the hearts of the children can be turned to their fathers, the hearts of the fathers must be turned to the children.

"And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" (Malachi 4:6).

Fathers are mentioned here first, and that's the way it should be.

Father should take the lead in providing the atmosphere for two-way communication between himself and his wife and their children. That's his responsibility as head of the house.

And especially his responsibility as a Christian in this end-time work of God.

God has a lot to say about child rearing as you know. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-7:

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

How well are you as a family teaching and assimilating God's laws into your lives? God commands His laws not just be referred to occasionally, but taught diligently. Let's test ourselves.

• At least once a week, do we talk about how best to follow God's laws in our family — about our values and spiritual commitments?

• Do we attend church and Bible study services, sitting together as a family, regularly?

• Do we and our children understand that our commitments to God and His work are bigger than ourselves and our own self-interests?

• Do we read and use the Church's publications to teach our young people about God's way of life?

• If a family problem becomes too big for us to handle, do we seek counseling from God's ministry before the problem turns into a crisis?

• Do our daily schedules allow time to improve family character development? In other words, do you have time to talk to your children about a problem whenever one comes up?

• How about God's festivals? Are they anticipated in our families? Many of us made a big deal of the world's holidays when we celebrated them. How about God's feasts? Do we make them special to our children, planning for them weeks and months in advance?

Part of instruction, of course, is correction. In our society correction is a bad word, but that's not the way God looks at it at all. Correction is a positive word in God's sight.

God views correction as a vital part of our lives, as a proof of His love for us. Loving correction is also proof to a child that his parents love him. Let's test ourselves again.

• Do our children feel free to come to us with any problem? Do they understand that no matter what mistake they may have made, their family will never stop loving them?

• Is discipline in our family always a spanking or a slap, or are other means such as denying privileges also used? Discipline should be applied according to the infraction, and the age and level of understanding of the young person should be a factor.

• When problems arise, are they dealt with immediately?

While we are on correction, give some thought to how many family frustrations can be avoided altogether. Test yourself on preventing conflicts.

• Are family stresses relieved daily by exercise, hobbies, relaxation?

• Is the home well organized? Are meals consistently on time?

• Are family members fully aware of all family rules and the consequences of breaking them?

• Do all children in the family feel they are equally loved by their parents? Is there favoritism toward some children?

Ruling or managing a family successfully in this end-time society of Satan's world may be the biggest challenge of our Christian lives.

But that's what we are being judged on.

Still more stormy weather for Church of England

Writer's note: The Church of England is known as the Anglican church. The British sovereign has been the supreme governor (human head under Christ) since the mid-16th century. It has no American counterpart in its official government status. (The Episcopal Church is virtually the same in doctrine and practice — being a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion.) Many other church bodies exist in England. The term "free churches" distinguishes them from the Church of England.

BOREHAMWOOD, England

— Anglican doctrine has been in a state of ferment for nearly a decade. Before that time Anglican evangelicals — and even those who espoused a more liberal theology — had long considered the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the core of Christianity.

Then, in 1978, those who envisioned a solely human Christ emerged out of the woodwork. Seven British theologians produced a book titled *The Myth of God Incarnate*.

Few religious works in living memory so captured the attention of the small and usually sedate church-going public. This collection of controversial essays challenged the heart of evangelical theology. Seven had stated their case for Christ's humanity — while denying His deity.

Reaction was swift. Rebuttals began pouring off the presses. First were the British evangelicals with a potpourri of refutations edited into a popular paperback titled *The Truth of God Incarnate*. Even Ian Paisley got into the act. The controversial clergyman-politician from Northern Ireland published his own private refutation.

It's easy enough for traditionalists to assign blame to outspoken bishops. But what these theologians represented was a surfacing of deeply felt, usually unexpressed doubts in the hearts of the clergy.

Conservative reaction was some-

what muted. It seemed as if mainstream Christendom didn't know quite how to handle the refutation. In the meantime lightning struck York Minster, a beautiful Anglican cathedral in Yorkshire, England. Damage was considerable. Conservative laymen interpreted this as an act of a God angry with Anglican doctrinal developments.

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Teens get taste of Soviet Union on tours of Leningrad, Moscow

By Victor Kubik
 FARMINGTON, Minn. — The 1986 Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Soviet Union tour will bring back vivid memories for the 36 Church youths and six adults who traveled there June 24 to July 3.

Victor Kubik, pastor of the Minneapolis South and Mankato, Minn., churches, is a second-generation Ukrainian.

Our young people's conduct set an outstanding example. One Intourist (the Soviet Union's travel bureau) guide said he didn't think we were Americans when he saw how courteous our group was.

Another guide remarked, "Even though I am a nonbeliever, after seeing the conduct of your group, I could become a believer."

The tour began in Leningrad, the former capital of Russia, which is near the same latitude as Anchorage, Alaska. We were amazed at how long the days were. At 1 a.m. it was still light outside, and at this time of year streetlights aren't turned on until 2:30 a.m.

We toured the Hermitage, which was the winter palace of the czars, and Peter and Paul fortress, the original city of St. Petersburg that Peter the Great started building in 1703. Also, we visited a cemetery where 500,000 of the 1.5 million Leningraders who perished during the 900-day siege during World War II are buried in massive mounds.

Our students had ample opportunity to talk to Russian people. Four Church youths and two adults speak Russian in varying degrees. Most Russians we talked to were outgoing and interested in Americans.

In Leningrad, Igor Ivanov, the head set designer of the Kirov Ballet and Opera, whom I became acquainted with in Los Angeles, Calif., in May, took my wife, Beverly, and me to dinner at the Astoria Hotel in central Leningrad. In the Soviet Union he is widely known for his artwork on stage and opera sets. I gave Mr. Ivanov a picture album of his tour in May of Ambassador College and the Auditorium.

After dinner we walked to the Kirov Theater where he introduced us to Yuri Timarkonov, who is reputed to be one of the top five symphony orchestra conductors in the world.

Also present was one of Russia's best known modern composers, Andriy Petrov, and the former head of the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow. I presented them with brochures of the Ambassador concert season for next year. Also, in both Leningrad and Moscow, on behalf of Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach I gave the heads of Intourist the Kirov Ballet brochure from their May performance in Los Angeles, which showed Ambassador Foundation's sponsoring the Kirov performances.

On the Sabbath, June 28, in Leningrad I conducted a Bible study for the traveling group about the origins of people in the Soviet Union, where they are headed in

prophecy and how God says peace will come.

From Leningrad we traveled by overnight train to Moscow, the Soviet Union's capital and largest city.

In Moscow we visited Red Square and Vladimir Lenin's mausoleum, where we saw his embalmed body in a glass coffin. Also, we walked through the Kremlin, the State Art Museum, the Exhibition of Economic Achievements and many other places.

On our way home we spent nearly a day in the Baltic port of Helsinki, Finland. We took a walking tour of the city and saw its abundant open air fruit and vegetable markets.

Impressions of the YOU trip to the Soviet Union were shared with family and friends and helped those in our party to better understand people in another part of the world.



NEW YORK ON THE VOLGA? — At the State Art Museum in Moscow, Church youths and their chaperons photograph a replica of a statue depicting a man beating a sword into a plowshare. The original, presented to the United Nations by the Soviet Union, is at UN headquarters in New York City. [Photo by Mike Warren]

Mr. Tkach

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 chosen him and was moving the Church's work forward faster than anyone ever imagined.

After the ministerial meeting 104 ministers and wives enjoyed a dinner prepared by some of the women of the Mt. Pocono church. Many of the 16 waiters and waitresses were sons and daughters of the ministry. Mr. Tkach personally greeted the ministers and wives at the 14 tables. He thanked everyone for making this such an inspiring church visit.

After dinner Mr. Tkach boarded the G-III for the flight back to the New York City area.

Mr. Tkach returned to the Burbank, Calif., airport Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Horchak, who made her first church area visit with her father, said she was "impressed with the enthusiastic responsiveness of the people."

David Evans said: "It was a great thrill to accompany Mr. Tkach and his party. I find the phrase 'familiarity breeds contempt' quite untrue with Mr. Tkach. It breeds respect and the desire to support and help him more and more."

Denver visit

The pastor general described his July 4 to 6 trip to Denver as "a great boost and encouragement for me to speak to, meet and greet so many enthusiastic, positive people of God."

"Many commented that it was just like a Feast day," said Joseph Tkach Jr., Mr. Tkach's son who, with his wife, Tamara, and son, Joey III, accompanied the pastor general.

Mr. Tkach had not seen his grandson since his trip to Chicago March 29. "It was a nice family reunion," said Mrs. Escat, who was also on board.

Also accompanying Mr. Tkach were his G-III crew: Don and May Hall from Phoenix (Tamara's parents who formerly attended the Denver church); Joan Maher and Lois Weber, executive secretaries; Lori Sexton, daughter of James Reyer, pastor of the Denver East and West churches; and her son, Teddy.

At 1:15 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time (MDT), the group arrived at Denver's Stapleton International Airport, where Mr. Tkach was greeted by about 50 people, including area ministers and their wives and families.

July 5 brethren from 13 church areas traveled as far as 500 miles to attend 1 p.m. Sabbath services in the Grand Ballroom of the Regency Hotel.

"One special highlight was a fine children's choir, which sang special music for services," Mr. Tkach wrote in the July 22 Pastor General's Report.

The 98-voice choir, composed of children 5 to 13 and directed by Donna Myers, wife of Norman Myers, an associate pastor of the Denver East and West churches, performed "Elohim" and "It Won't Be Long Now."

"Mr. Tkach enjoyed them so much, at the finish he stood up and applauded," said Mrs. Escat.

After a sermonette by Ted Herlofson, an associate pastor of the Denver East and West churches, the pastor general addressed the group of 1,920 about coming out of the world.

Mr. Tkach then shook hands with brethren for about an hour. He met Donald and Marguerite Webster, the first members in Denver, who were baptized in 1952 by the late Herbert W. Armstrong.

Said Mr. Webster: "Mr. Tkach's sermon was very good, and I've heard a few of them, being in the Church for 35 years. His ability to speak, friendliness and outgoing concern for everyone was inspiring."

After services Mr. Tkach was presented a bronze bucking horse and rider sculpture titled "Angora Chaps," sculpted by Curtis Zabel, an artist from Steamboat Springs, Colo.

"When Mr. Reyer presented the sculpture to Mr. Tkach, he said he chose that particular piece because the rider is firmly in the saddle and under control, as we know Mr. Tkach has things so under control as pastor general," Mr. Myers said.

After an hourlong ministerial meeting, in which Mr. Tkach exhorted 51 ministers and their wives about the urgency of the times, about 800 brethren attended a dinner and dance in the Grand Ballroom, with music by a Denver church orchestra.

"Mr. Tkach stood and just greeted people all through the dance, from about 8:45 to 12:15," said Mr. Myers. "People were so impressed with his genuineness and availability."

The group left Denver and arrived at the Burbank airport at 2:15 p.m., July 6.

"It was like a mini-Feast," said Mrs. Escat. "I heard the brethren tell him how much it meant for him to come to Denver and meet them."



SCULPTURED GIFT — James Reyer (right), pastor of the Denver, Colo., East and West churches, presents a bronze bucking horse and rider sculpture to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach July 5. The sculpture portrays the rider "firmly in the saddle and under control." [Photo by Bob Castle]

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Letters to Mr. Tkach

At first I wanted to give you my model and Tara wanted to give Mrs. Tkach her porcelain doll. But Daddy said the best gift would be obedience. So we are going to try to give it to you.
 Denver, Colo.

The night of the [Pasadena] centennial celebration I happened to be standing near the end of the line of women [in the choir] as you walked out of city hall to go to your seat for the evening activities. I was specifically with two other coeds...

As you passed us you made the comment, "You can sure tell our girls." It was a very small comment, but it made the days of my friends and I. And I wanted to thank you for that. You had a smile on your face and you were obviously pleased with the difference we exhibited, not only my friends and me — but all of the Worldwide Church of God women. After you made the comment I looked at [my friends] and they were grinning as broadly as I was.

As women trying to be what God wants us to be, encouragement is vital. Sir, you are excellent at that and I just wanted to thank you for that, and many other qualities.
 Pasadena

We would like to thank you for such a memorable graduation from Ambassador. It all started with the senior dinner in the most beautiful setting I have ever seen on campus. Every detail from the capers to the harpist was excellent.

The climax of our graduation was, of course, graduation day. Since my and my husband's parents are not in the Church, I was a bit edgy before you spoke. We all know you don't mince words! But what you said not only instructed and reminded us church members of our exciting future and responsibilities, but you also spoke to the unconverted.

My father does not like formal occasions because they're too "stuffy." But he was so impressed with your liveliness and sense of humor, he has announced that he has changed his opinion of Ambassador College!

Because of your open manner, our parents enjoyed our graduation and even

said they were proud of us. I hope you can realize how much that means to us. Thank you for your spark of life which continues to strengthen the brethren and attract the skeptical.
 Pasadena

Your "Personals" in the *Worldwide News* are so personal. Thank you for sharing the long trial of your wife's incapacitation and how God has given you the patience and courage to bear it. You are such an example to us of God's qualities — caring, approachable, warm, patient, giving. I cry when I daily thank God for allowing you to lead this Work as the physical head...

The Work truly is running the gun lap. Such marvelous increased God is doubling the outpouring of His Spirit and blessings on you and the team — answering our fervent prayers. Keep running!
 Silver Springs, Md.

Your thoughtfulness meant much more than words can ever say. But I still can't believe 25 years have gone by. I'm not old enough, for one thing. Nevertheless — just in case — I will hang on to the beautiful watch and plaque as two of my most prized possessions. Thanks again.
 Pasadena

Thank you for a wonderful Feast of Pentecost and for speaking with boldness as Peter did on the first Pentecost. Your enthusiasm motivated me to "get up and do" rather than "sit and stew!"

Appreciate so much what you are allowing God to do through you. Please keep reminding us of the urgency of the harvest. You and our dear Mr. [Oswald] Engelbart have given us much help in realizing our awesome responsibility as firstfruits.
 Modesto, Calif.

This note is a thank-you for continuing to lead the way, to encourage God's people that each must strive forward. Your commencement address printed in *The Worldwide News* of June 2, 1986, continues to be reread. It gives direction that the high goal must be ever before me and all brethren.
 Columbus, Ohio

Flood of student talent goes into model of Ark

By Donat Picard
MONTREAL, Que. — "Papa, next Sabbath I have to bring two elephants to church. Can you help me?"

Donat Picard pastors the Montreal, Que., North and South (French) churches.

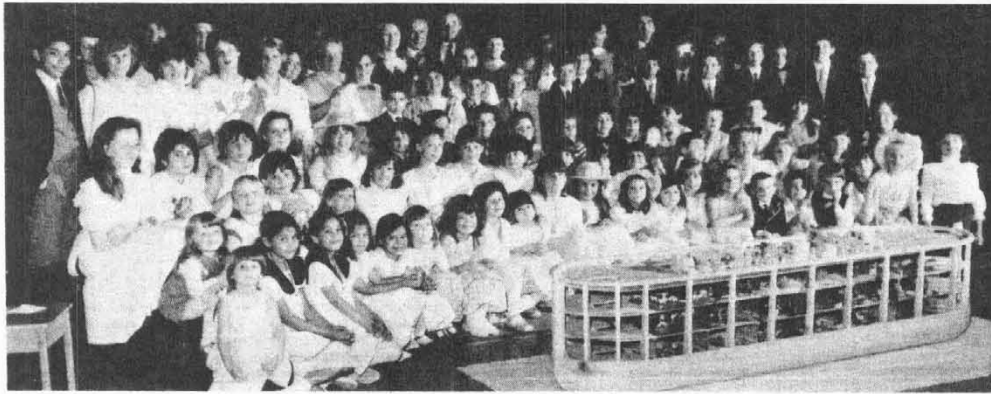
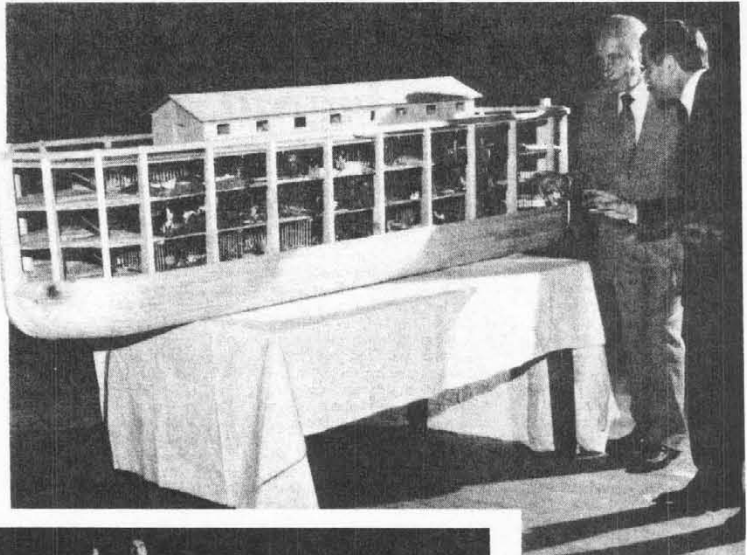
Parents in the Montreal, Que., North and South (French) churches heard questions like this since Oct. 15, 1982, when children began a project to build their version of Noah's Ark. Finishing details were put on the ark May 29, and it was unveiled June 21 during the visit of evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for the Church in French-speaking areas. The purpose of the project was to provide a constructive activity for the children after morning and-

fore afternoon services. It began with a study of the Flood in Genesis and clean and unclean animals.

Deacons Claude Pepin and Jacques Secours constructed an ark 8 feet long, 2 1/4 feet wide and 1 1/4 feet high, divided into four stories. The ark was made with detachable sides to allow work inside.

Sixty-nine children ages 4 to 12 worked on the project twice a month, 45 minutes each time. They made stalls for the animals, living quarters for Noah and his family and even animals when none were available in the right size.

Quarters for Noah and his family were built on the fourth floor with the animals on the other three floors and food stored in the bottom of the boat. Details included bales of hay in the stalls and a pulpit with seven chairs where Noah and his family could have Sabbath services.



MONTREAL'S ARK — Pictured at left are children and monitors from the Montreal, Que., North and South (French) churches who participated in a project to build a model of Noah's Ark, which began in 1982. The ark was completed May 29 and unveiled June 21 during a visit by evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for the Church in French-speaking areas. Above: Mr. Apartian and Donat Picard, pastor of the two churches, look at details inside the ark. "My first thought was, What a tremendous achievement," said Mr. Apartian. "I was very impressed with the effort the children and those who worked with them had made." [Photos by Georges Pilon]

Youths graduate with honors

In this issue *The Worldwide News* recognizes Church youths who have achieved a high academic standing. The youths pictured below graduated first or second in their classes.



Faye Lorna Ashby
Ninth grade salutatorian
Arthur A. Richards Junior High
Frederickstad, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands



Paul Banks
Second in class
The Scots School
Bathurst, Australia



Stacy Lee Black
Valedictorian
Alto High School
Alto, Tex.



Sara Jane Border
Valedictorian
Indian Valley North High School
New Philadelphia, Ohio



Lisa G. Cole
Valedictorian
West Albany High School
Albany, Ore.



Rebecca Ann Foote
Valedictorian
Field Kindley Memorial
High School
Coffeyville, Kan.



Eric Frantz
Valedictorian
Fordland High School
Fordland, Mo.



Gina Grace
Valedictorian
Clarkville High School
Clarkville, Ark.



Susan Annette Hosch
Salutatorian
Bruno-Pyatt High School
Pyatt, Ark.



Justina Joy Johnson
Salutatorian
Ness City High School
Ness City, Kan.



John K. Livingston
Valedictorian
Pilgrim High School
Warwick, R.I.



Stephanie Miller
Salutatorian
Laurel Valley High School
New Florence, Pa.



Tammy Charie Northrip
Salutatorian
Stoutland R-11 School
Stoutland, Mo.



Tanisha Parker
First in class
St. Sabina School
Chicago, Ill.



Jeffery J. Read
Salutatorian
Belle Plaine High School
Belle Plaine, Minn.



Martha Rupp
Valedictorian
Dayton High School
Dayton, Pa.



Rocky Joe Swenk
Second in class
Farmerville High School
Farmerville, La.



Michael Shaun Tarkington
Salutatorian
Gideon High School
Gideon, Mo.



Cynthia Fay Wilburn
Salutatorian
Rosedale Academy
Rosedale, Tenn.



Shawna Woodall
Co-valedictorian
Ryan High School
Norfolk, Va.

Not pictured:

Molly Irwin
Salutatorian
Hambal Central School
Hambal, N.Y.

Sonya Long
Salutatorian
Dover High School
Dover, Ark.

IRON SHARPENS IRON

Resist the magnetic pull of sin: Be wary of its hidden strength

By John Anderson

If you have played with a magnet, you may have noticed that when the magnet is brought closer and closer to a piece of steel, the two items eventually almost jump together. The pull of the magnet on the metal increases enormously as the two are brought closer together.

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A magnet held one inch from a piece of steel exerts a force a hundred times greater than it would at 10 inches away, and a thousand times greater than at 31½ inches.

There is a parallel between the pull of magnetism and the pull of sin. The closer we are to sin, the stronger its pull. Conversely, the farther we are from sin, the weaker its pull. As Christians we can use this principle to our advantage in striving to overcome the pull of sin.

The apostle James wrote, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed" (James 1:13-14). God is not trying to trip us up and entice us into sin. We are not all tempted to the same degree by the same things. But we should stay far away from that which does tempt us.

Proverbs brings out this principle of staying far away from sin in the context of warning young men to avoid the enticement of immoral women. "Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house" (Proverbs 5:8).

Proverbs 7:6-8 tells about a man who didn't heed the advice to stay far away. He didn't have good sense. He was passing through the street near her corner and was tempted to go to her house. The verses that follow complete the story. This young man was obviously where he shouldn't have been. He became enticed and went after her like an ox going to the slaughter (verse 22). Verse 26 says, "She hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her."

It's not the few, but the many, who get picked off by temptation.

If you play around with a magnet, trying to get the magnet as close to a piece of steel as possible yet still keep them apart, sooner or later you'll slip. You will misjudge the

distance and the strength of the magnet. The same thing happens with sin. If we try to get as close as we can to sin and yet still somehow not sin, we will get caught.

Take the alcoholic who is striving to overcome his weakness. He shouldn't have liquor in his house. It is too much of a temptation.

But alcoholics often do just the opposite. They hide liquor where they can come back to it if they ever have an "emergency." By doing this, they are staying close to their sin and do not give themselves a chance to break away from it.

Physical proximity isn't the only factor involved in staying away from sin, because sin is rooted in our thinking. The physical actions of sin are just the result of what has already been going on in our minds and hearts (Matthew 5:28, 15:19). Therefore, just maintaining physical distance from sin isn't enough.

Consider the alcoholic again. He doesn't have to have a bottle of scotch stuck behind the books on his bookshelf, or tucked underneath his bed. He can be drawn back to drinking by just thinking. All he has to do is let his mind entertain the thought that he would love to have a drink. If he lets himself dwell on that thought, pretty soon he's going to have an overwhelming desire to have another drink.

Wrong thinking leads us to sin. Therefore, to resist sin we must put mental as well as physical distance between ourselves and sin.

How? If we want to put the wrong kind of thinking out of our mind, we've got to be putting God's thoughts in. God's thoughts will help us drive out wrong temptations. We will see sin as God does, for the evil that it is. We won't be deceived into thinking that sin is somehow good or fun or pleasurable. We will see the pain that sin produces.

Anyone who has seriously abused alcohol and who has given up drinking will from time to time have the thought that it would be nice to have a drink. But when he has that thought, he needs to put God's thoughts into his mind, listing to himself all the reasons why he does not want to drink.

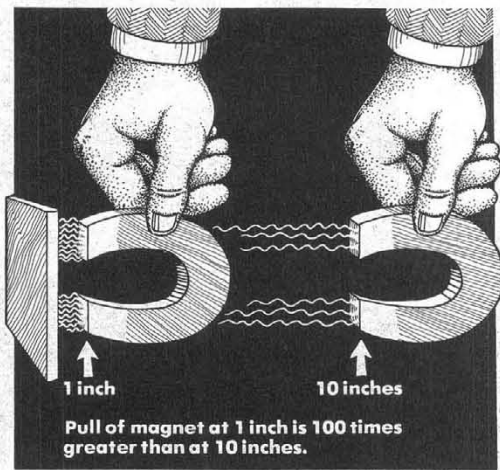
He should say to himself: "I don't want to drink because I don't want to be enslaved. I don't want to drink because I don't want to mess up my life and the life of my family. I don't want to be in a fight with my wife or get into an accident and kill somebody. I don't want to drink because I don't want to be rejected

from the Kingdom of God."

These kinds of thoughts bring us to our senses. They put mental distance between us and sin.

The next time we find ourselves tempted to sin, we need to remember the lesson of magnetism: As a magnet gets farther away, its pull weakens. As we get farther away from sin, the pull of sin weakens.

Finally, we must truly get away from sin both physically, in our environment, and mentally, in our thinking, by putting God's thoughts in and driving out the enticing thoughts. If we don't, we will inexorably be drawn into sin just like a piece of steel placed too close to a magnet.



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The process of conversion

Weaving the wedding garment

By Douglas G. Peitz

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's last name means "weaver." His job as the physical head of God's Church, under Christ, is not only to lead us toward perfection as individuals, but to weave us into a perfect team to rule with Christ in the world tomorrow.

Douglas G. Peitz is the associate pastor of the Boone, Lenoir and Marion, N.C., churches.

The Scriptures reveal that this will be accomplished. As a fitting symbol of that accomplishment, Christ will clothe us in a garment made of one of the finest fabrics — linen: "The marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints" (Revelation 19:7-8).

God always chooses symbols that are meaningful and instructive. The physical must aptly represent the spiritual. This is especially true with linen. Not only does the end product — a brilliantly white, high-quality garment — represent righteousness, but, also, the manufacturing of linen correlates with the development of character. Let's look at this remarkable parallel.

Making linen

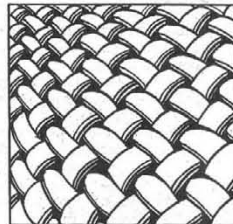
First, the flax plant, from which linen fibers come, must be pulled up by the roots. If it is cut off, the fibers will be too short to be used. In the analogy, we are called to come completely out of this world (II Corinthians 6:14-18, Revelation 18:4). Retaining the ways of this evil world will render us useless to God.

The next step is called *ripping*. The plant is dried and stripped of its seeds and leaves, leaving the stalk exposed. The carnal mind, which camouflages its true self, must also be exposed.

God says, in Jeremiah 17:9, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" We are deceived into thinking that we are good (Proverbs 16:2). When God calls us, He re-

moves the scales from our eyes, forcing us to see ourselves as we really are. This spiritual ripping brings us to repentance.

Now the stalks are immersed in water, a process called *retting*. This prepares the fibers to be separated from the rest of the stalk. Similarly, upon repentance we are to be immersed in water (Acts 2:38). This prepares us to receive the Holy Spirit and to begin working toward spiritual perfection.



Artwork by Monte Wolvertson

Now the stalks are broken up by running them through grooved rollers. Then the fragments and splinters, called *shives*, are scraped off the fibers with knives, a process called *scutching*. Now the fibers are exposed and seen as they really are.

This is analogous to how God tests and tries us, removing sin and developing character. Through prayer, Bible study and the guidance of God's Church, we view ourselves and our purpose realistically: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

The next step is called *hackling*. To make fine linen, the fibers must be run through increasingly fine combs to remove impurities and deformities.

This is comparable to the effort we must make to remove all sin from our lives by continual self-examination. We must beseech God as David did: "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart" (Psalm 26:2). We must go

over our spiritual lives with a fine-toothed comb.

"Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression" (Psalm 19:12-13).

But these fibers are useless unless they are woven into fine linen. Likewise, we must also be woven together as a team. We can't, by ourselves, do what we as a church are called to do. The many members of the Body of Christ must be as unified as the many fibers in a cloth. "For as the body is one, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ" (I Corinthians 12:12).

That unity is accomplished by God's government. Paul said in Ephesians 4:11-13, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

An appropriate name

How appropriate it is that the human head of God's Church, Joseph W. Tkach, has a last name that means "weaver!"

Linen is one of the strongest and most beautiful cloths. But it soils and wrinkles easily. A linen garment must be cleaned and pressed before being worn. The Church, presented to Christ as His Bride, must also be "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:27).

Mr. Tkach has been given this tremendous responsibility. Under his leadership, we will be made a perfect team by Christ. And the linen garment worn by the Bride at the marriage supper will represent the whole process of spiritual perfection, as well as the end product — a perfect team, part of God's very Family!

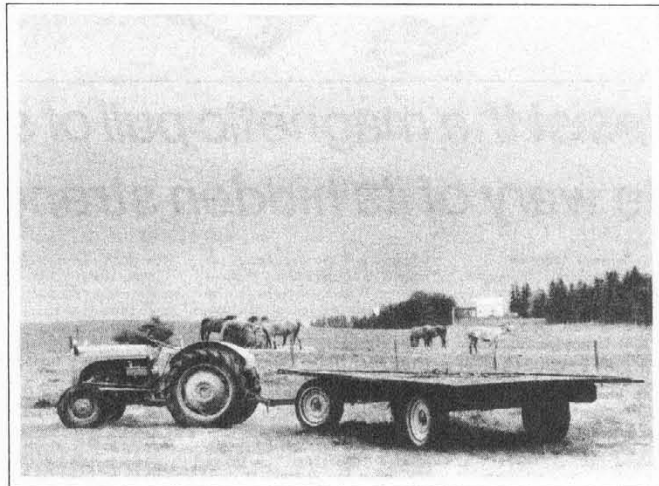
Test Yourself

Test yourself! Here is a list of questions about information that appeared in the July-August issue of *The Plain Truth*. See how many you can answer accurately. In parentheses after each question is the page number on which you can find the answer.

- (1) What country is the world's third-strongest nuclear power? (page 2)
- (2) True or false: The beast of Revelation 17 will be a superdictator over a coming Asian confederation. (page 3)
- (3) Who are the modern-day descendants of Japheth, son of Noah? (page 4)
- (4) On whom did Jacob bestow the birthright blessing? (page 18)
- (5) The true Gospel has finally been proclaimed for the first time in how many years? (page 25)



BEST OVERALL BLACK AND WHITE: DOUG MYLYMOK



BEST OVERALL COLOR: ISRAEL DIAZ

Canadian Photography Contest

Youth Opportunities United

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Israel Diaz, 17, of Scarborough, Ont., took the best overall color photograph in the 1986 Canadian Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Photo Contest. Doug Mylymok, 17, of Summerland, B.C., took the best overall black and white photograph.

Contest winners will receive plaques and cash awards. The contest was judged by Michael Guidolin of the Vancouver Office, and Robert Ausma, Andrew Borm and Darlene Moss, members who

attend the Vancouver church. Colin Adair, regional director in Canada, was overall evaluator.

Mr. Adair encourages Church youths to continue to use their talents and participate in opportunities provided by YOU.

First, second and third places and honorable mentions in each category are as follows.

Nature (color): Israel Diaz; Michelle Engblom, 14, Winfield, Alta., and Lars Larsen, 15, Westlock, Alta. (tie); Arthur Gonzales, 17, Toronto, Ont.; Peter Schwanke,

17, Calgary, Alta. (honorable mention).

Nature (black and white): Guido Borean, 18, Burlington, Ont.; Doug Mylymok.

Human interest (color): Israel Diaz; Ann-Louise Bagnall, 15, Winnipeg, Man.; Charles Bruneski, 18, Surrey B.C.; Joanne Heykoop, 17, Fenwick, Ont. (honorable mention).

Human interest (black and white): Doug Mylymok; Darren Cardno, 17, Winnipeg, Man.; Morgan Millman, 17, Westlock, Alta.

Humorous (color): Ann-Louise Bagnall; Arthur Gonzales; Candace Enge, 16, Evansburg, Alta.

Unusual (color): Wenonah Mirehouse, 13, Vancouver, B.C.; Sandra Logozar, 13, Legal, Alta.; Karen Quinn, 15, Godfrey, Ont.

Unusual (black and white): Guido Borean, Doug Mylymok.

Portrait (color): Israel Diaz; Ann-Louise Bagnall and Doug Mylymok (tie); Peggy Almas, 18, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., and Jerry Dumont, 13, Grande Prairie, Alta. (honorable mentions).

Portrait (black and white): Doug Mylymok; Arthur Gonzales; Guido Borean.

Action (color): Doug Mylymok; Ed Patrickson, 14, North Vancouver, B.C.; Ron Patrickson, 16, North Vancouver, B.C.

General subject (color): Israel Diaz; Peter Schwanke; Shari Bircher, 16, Charlie Lake, B.C.; Israel Diaz (honorable mention).

General subject (black and white): Doug Mylymok; Helga Bruneski, 16, Surrey, B.C.; Charles Bruneski.



BEST ACTION (COLOR): DOUG MYLYMOK



MOST UNUSUAL (B&W): GUIDO BOREAN

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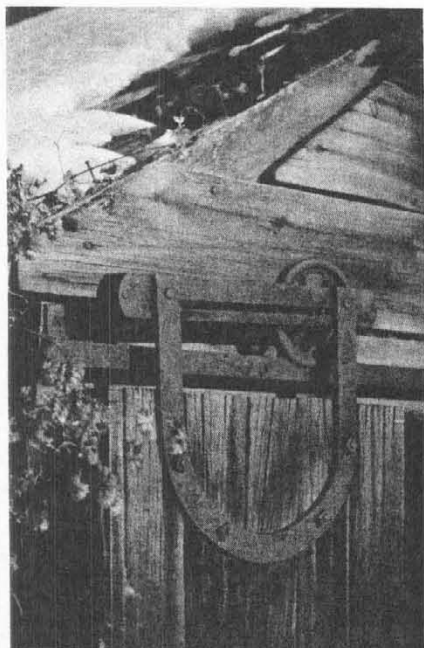
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MOST HUMOROUS (COLOR): ANN LOUISE BAGNALL



BEST GENERAL SUBJECT (B&W): DOUG MYLYMOK



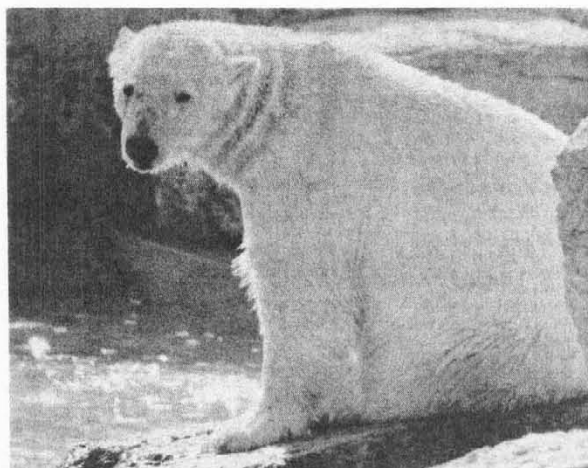
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MOST UNUSUAL (COLOR): WENONAH MIREHOUSE



BEST NATURE (COLOR): ISRAEL DIAZ

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Clubs conduct dinners, ladies nights, banquet

The LAFAYETTE, La., Spokesman Club conducted its last meeting of the club year June 1. Tyrone Miller was topicmaster.

Dinner was served before the meeting, and cheesecake was served during a break. After the break toastmaster Walt Zenon introduced speakers Martin Foster, Abraham Vice, Jim Baugh, Tim Youngblood and Westley Hunter. The speeches were evaluated by Larry Price, Don White, Don Jones, Dennis Elser and Clarence Webb.

Warren Waian, assistant pastor of the Lafayette and Baton Rouge, La., churches, presented trophies. Mr. Price gave the Most Helpful Evaluation, Mr. Foster was the Most Improved Speaker and Mr.

Baugh gave the Most Effective Speech.

A NOTTINGHAM, England, Spokesman Club ladies night took place June 18 at the Colwick Hall hotel. Fifty-four club members and guests attended.

Brian Gale, club president, opened the meeting and gave David Bedford, club director and pastor of the Nottingham, Cambridge and Northampton, England, churches, a check from the club for 37 pounds (about \$55) for the Summer Educational Program (SEP) fund.

Ron McLaren was topicmaster, Ron Whiteman was toastmaster and speeches were given by Mark Hill, Peter Howlett and David Balding. Evaluators were Manzey

Harper, Robert Salter and Michael Maher.

Mr. Maher gave the Most Helpful Evaluation, Mr. Howlett was the Most Improved Speaker and Mr. Balding gave the Most Effective Speech.

A WILKES-BARRE, Pa., combined Spokesman and Graduate club banquet took place June 8 at the Hilton, Lackawanna Station, in Scranton, Pa.

The event began with a 26-mile scenic ride on the Lackawanna Steamtown Railroad from the Hilton to Moscow, Pa., and back. Railroad employee Steve Jacob played the fiddle and led a sing-along.

A luncheon, including fruit, chicken a la king, broccoli, parfait and coffee was served.

Roy Holladay, pastor of the Wilkes-Barre and Bethlehem, Pa., churches, gave graduation certificates to Anthony Wojnar, Scott Close, Willard Weisenfluh, Tom Davis, Anthony Kolativa and Barry Simonette.

The first ladies night for the CAGAYAN DE ORO, Philippines, Spokesman Club took place after Pentecost, June 15, at the De Luxe Hotel and restaurant.

During dinner Jessup Bahinting, club director and pastor of the Cagayan de Oro and Iligan, Philippines, churches, gave tips on etiquette and table manners.

After dinner Alexander Agcopra served as topicmaster, and Jerome Manriquez was toastmaster. The Most Effective Speech cup went to Cesar Esquinas, Edilberto Mugot Jr. was the Most Improved Speaker and Felix Raut gave the Most Helpful Evaluation.

Glenda Crawford, Ron McLaren, Margie Storm and Edmundo Rebollido.



AWARD CEREMONIES — Joel Lillengreen (right), pastor of the Kenosha and Waukesha, Wis., churches, presents medals at a regional track meet in Des Moines, Iowa, June 8, to (from left) Cory Rhodes from Des Moines; Brian Hoselton of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; and Doug Holt of Springfield, Mo. [Photo by Judy Rhodes]

Brethren bid pastors farewell

The SASKATOON, Sask., church bade farewell to pastor Maurice Yurkiw, his wife, Lorraine, and their family June 21 at the Walter Murray Collegiate auditorium.

The congregation gave the Yurkiws six oak chairs to complement a dining room table Mr. Yurkiw handcrafted. A cake decorated by Yvonne Nicholls and Gertrude Dyck was served.

Brethren later joined the Yurkiws for a picnic and fellowship at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gary Yeomans at Pike Lake, Sask.

Mr. Yurkiw now pastors the North Battleford, Sask., church.

Brethren in GRACETON, Minn., bade farewell to Royston Page, pastor of the Winnipeg, Man., East and West churches, with a buffet supper after Sabbath services June 7.

Jon Nelson, 17, presented Mr. Page with a framed original ink drawing. Jon, who is confined to a wheelchair, draws plants and animals. Mr. Page now pastors the Prince George, B.C., church.

HARRISBURG, Pa., brethren said farewell to their pastor, James Rosenthal, his wife, Diane, and

their family after Sabbath services June 21.

The men's chorus sang three farewell songs written for them by Shirley Price, and Herbert Witmer read a poem written by his wife, Bonnie, from a card painted by Diana Thomas.

The Rosenthals were presented with the card, a cake, three bottles of wine and a Zenith videocassette recorder on behalf of the brethren.

Cake, fresh fruits, cheeses, crackers, nuts, juices and coffee were served.

Mr. Rosenthal now pastors the Trenton and Middletown, N.J., churches.

SPOKANE, Wash., and COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, brethren gave a going-away party for their pastor, Roger Foster, and his wife, Janice, June 29 in Spokane.

The activity included a potluck and entertainment, including a variety of musical numbers, poems and skits.

Mr. Foster, who has served the two churches for almost nine years, now pastors the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., church.

Edie Clemens, Mrs. Elmer Nordstrom, Margie Mishler and Rod Hall.

Singles share activities

Twenty-four singles from the BRISBANE, Australia, church attended an outing June 22 at the Queensland Art Gallery, which featured an exhibit of 81 masterpieces on loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, N.Y.

A trained guide explained some

of the works to the group. The display included 20th century works from Europe and the United States.

The activity ended with a visit to a display of Dutch antiques featuring furniture, china and silverware.

Eighteen singles from the NAGA and IRIGA, Philippines, churches spent the night June 7 at the home of Virgilio Repaso in Pasacao, Philippines.

The men serenaded the women while they prepared the evening meal. After dinner the group had a sing-along.

Sunday, June 8, the group swam in the Ragay Gulf and played badminton, Frisbee and chess.

The activity ended at the home of Medardo Maninang, church pastor, where the group watched videotapes of the World Tomorrow program.

Selwyn Russell and Eduardo C. Laureles.

Events make Pentecost special

BUFFALO, N.Y., SOUTH brethren were visited by Gregory Albrecht, dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College, and his wife, Karen, on Pentecost, June 15.

Mr. Albrecht gave the offertory and the afternoon sermon. He also met with prospective Ambassador College students.

Forty-one children from the ASHEVILLE, N.C., and GREENVILLE, S.C., churches provided special music for Pentecost services June 15 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Greenville.

The group, directed by Diane Beam, sang "Simple Gifts," a folk song arranged by John Coates Jr. Kathy Wright accompanied the children on piano.

Joanne M. Koenig and Patti Ridgeway.

Australians travel 3,300 miles

Twenty Church youths and adults from the ADELAIDE, MOUNT GAMBIER and BENDIGO, Australia, churches attended an outing at Red Centre, Australia, May 19 to 28.

(See AUSTRALIANS, page 9)

Youths attend prom, banquet

One hundred fifty AUSTIN and WACO, Tex., parents and Church youths attended a YOU prom June 1. About 30 youths helped decorate the hall with streamers and an ivy-covered archway.

Preparations for the event included a YOU fund raiser, dance instruction and practices.

The evening began with a dinner of chicken Kiev, wild rice, broccoli, vegetables, fruit, crescent rolls, tea and coffee. Much of the food was prepared by youths and their parents. During the meal Tim

Hollingshead played piano. Laura Bryant and Carston Sprotte also provided dinner music.

William Beebe, an Austin local church elder, organized music for the dance.

An AKRON, Ohio, YOU spring banquet took place June 11 at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Lions Park Lodge to honor 1986 high school graduates and YOU participants.

After dinner William Jahns, church pastor, introduced the events for the evening, which began with comments from Church youth Gary Haymond. Coordinators and coaches for the talent contest, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, track and Bible bowl gave accounts of the past year.

Mr. Jahns read the names of YOU participants, and Don Cline, who assists Mr. Jahns with the YOU, gave each a trophy and a handshake. Mr. Jahns mentioned the accomplishments of the four high school graduates: Tina Bishop, Sherry Stief, Mark Geiser and Eva Goertzen. Each received a gift.

Randy Gregory and Lori M. Oros.

Seniors hike, view animals

Forty senior citizens from BONN and DUESSELDORF, West Germany, participated in an outing June 29.

Refreshments were served after a hike organized by Johannes Eisermann. The afternoon ended with a sing-along led by Alfred Helleman, associate pastor of the Bonn, Dueseldorf and Darmstadt, West Germany, churches. The day's activities were organized by Siegfried and Helga Pietrala.

Singles from the HAMILTON and ST. CATHARINES, Ont., churches were hosts for an outing for 29 senior citizens to the African Lion Safari in Rockton, Ont., June 22.

The group saw elephants, cheetahs, lions, baboons, rhinoceroses and other animals in areas that resemble the animals' natural habitat.

After the tour the group ate strawberry shortcake at a community hall.

Christel Wilson and Carmine Morelli.

Group meets for Pentecost in Japan

Several Church members gathered at the home of Catherine Okano in KOHOKUDAI, Japan, on the afternoon of Pentecost, June 15, for a taped sermon and fellowship.

The group ate a dinner of fresh fruits, open-face sandwiches and pastries. After the Sabbath they played Uno. Henry P. Hansard.

District 42 wins track meet

The 11th annual YOU regional track meet in DES MOINES, Iowa, took place June 8 at Valley High School in West Des Moines. One hundred ninety-eight youths from six districts participated.

District 42 placed first with 413 points, District 45 was second with 360 points and District 46 was third with 328 points. First-, second- and third-place medals for each event were awarded in a ceremony after the meet.

Awards also went to the most valuable athlete in each division. For the senior boys it was Brian Hoselton of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. He placed first in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes and second in the 400-meter relay.

Brant Johnson of Peoria, Ill., was most valuable athlete, junior boys. He won the 100- and 400-meter dashes and the 400-meter relay, and placed third in the 1600-meter relay.

Julie Bitz of Waukesha, Wis., was most valuable athlete, senior girls. She won the 400-meter dash and 800-meter run, was second in the 1600-meter run and third in the 800-meter relay.

Becca Still of Macomb, Ill., was most valuable athlete, junior girls. She placed first in the long jump, high jump, 200-meter dash and the 400- and 800-meter relays. Judy Rhodes.

Groups go waterskiing, tour capital

CHARLESTON, S.C., and SAVANNAH, Ga., brethren attended an outing June 22 at Lake Marion, north of Santee, S.C. The activity was sponsored by the YOU and included waterskiing.

The group was taught to avoid diving or skiing in unknown waters and to follow safety rules.

June 22 was also the wedding anniversary of Robert Persky, pastor of the two churches, and his wife, Kay. Brethren presented them with a cake.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Church youths and parents took an educational trip June 8 to 12 to the Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg, Pa., and the nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

June 9, after touring Gettysburg, Church youths from Hagerstown, Md., were hosts to a pool party for the Fort Wayne group.

The group spent June 10 and 11 in Washington visiting memorials, the Capitol building, the Senate and the Smithsonian Institute.

Youths and parents raised money for the trip by selling popcorn.

Ken Jackson and Teri Pfister.



BIG BAND SOUNDS — From left, George Lee, Winston Gosse, Bob Cary and Larry Crawford, musicians who attend the Barrie, Toronto, Kingston and Kitchener, Ont., churches, perform for the Barrie Spokesman Club gala dinner and dance June 29 in Orillia, Ont. [Photo by Doreen Pinkney]

Youths, club play hosts to senior citizens

SALEM, Ore., Church youths honored the Silver Ambassadors June 29.

After youths served a meal of stew, cole slaw, rolls and ice cream, three Silver Ambassadors, Gerald Yoder, Walt Landon and Alex Murray, gave speeches on the highlights of the 1920s, '30s and '40s. Master of ceremonies for the pro-

gram was Gerald Cranford, a Salem local church elder.

Masters of ceremonies for entertainment were Dan and Gracie Miller. Entertainment included Kelly Barnes, flute medley; Steve Berkey, unicycle riding; Rod and Sherry Mitchell, vocal duet; Scott Ernest, juggling; and Lynn Emery, a demonstration

of sewing and designing skills.

Afternoon activities concluded with five games for mixed teams of youths and Silver Ambassadors. Prizes were awarded for the first three places.

The games were coordinated and judged by Jess Ernest, pastor of the Salem and Albany, Ore., churches; Eric and Karla Keefer; Donald Henson Jr., assistant pastor of the Salem and Albany churches; and Mr. Cranford.

Twelve senior citizens of the **FRESNO, Calif.**, church were guests at a Spokesman Club meeting May 25 at the home of Glen White, pastor of the Fresno and Visalia, Calif., churches.

A team of club members prepared breakfast for the Spokesmen and their guests. The buffet meal was followed by tabletopics and five speeches.

Paula Ernest and Dennis Milligan.

Couple honored in Louisiana

MONROE, La., brethren honored Eke and Grace Udeagha with a reception after Sabbath services June 14. Mr. Udeagha is a ministerial trainee assigned to serve in Ghana.

Mr. Udeagha became interested in the Church while attending Loui-

siana Tech University in Ruston, La. The Udeaghas were baptized and attended the Monroe congregation before they left to attend Pasadena Ambassador College.

Brethren have them gifts of linens and an eight-place table setting. *Joyce Brown.*

Families meet for camp-outs

CABOOLTURE, Australia. brethren attended a family weekend camp-out June 7 to 9 at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) site on Lake Moogerah, Australia. About 165 brethren came to attend Sabbath services at the campsite.

Sunday's activities included golf, basketball, riflery and waterskiing. A formal dance Sunday evening, June 8, featured the decor of a French restaurant.

Meals were prepared and served by the singles and youths under the supervision of Lyn Keillor.

At a barbecue lunch Monday, June 9, Rodney Dean, pastor of the Caboolture and Brisbane, Australia, South churches, thanked those who assisted with the event.

John Whitby organized the activity and was assisted by Terry Laverack.

About 75 **KALISPELL, Mont.**, brethren attended their second annual weekend camp-out at Bitterroot Lake June 20 to 22.

Thirty-seven others joined the group for Sabbath services, June 21, conducted by Bill Quillen, pastor of Kalispell and Missoula, Mont., churches. A Sabbath brunch was provided by Church youths.

Activities included a camp fire sing-along Saturday night and swimming, fishing, canoeing, waterskiing, volleyball and horseshoes Sunday.

Daphne Affleck and Bill Quillen.

Setting sun

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(some of it from or through South Africa) for their populations to survive.

What the future holds

John Ellison of the *Daily Express* of London was even more dismal than Mrs. Thatcher in his predictions of an almost indescribably bleak future for the whole of subcontinental Africa if the sanctions campaign succeeds.

A crash in South Africa, he wrote June 18, would result in each of those economies crumbling in turn, with the West asked to pick up the pieces. . . . Hunger, anarchy and violence would ensue.

Yet emotions are running so high over the sanctions issue that the livelihood — and lives — of millions

of people appear to be of secondary importance. Hopes of reasoned debate in the Commonwealth mini-summit appear lost.

But by no means do all black leaders in South Africa favor such actions. Zulu Chief Mangosuthu Gatsha Buthelezi is outspokenly opposed to both the coordinated violence in South Africa's townships and the coordinated worldwide campaign for sanctions.

He wrote to *The Wall Street Journal* July 16: "If I am a 'divisive figure' for condemning violence and for opposing divestment and sanctions that will compound the present misery of blacks, so be it. . . . We can change things by acting like civilized human beings. . . . We can change things by negotiation and national reconciliation and by creating a just society in which blacks and whites have a future together."

The chief knows full well that the

Australians

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The group took a 23-hour, 1,000-mile (1,600 kilometers) train journey from Adelaide to Alice Springs. They spent the first night on the train and the next night in a motel.

From Alice Springs they traveled 300 miles (480 kilometers) southwest by bus to Ayers Rock and the Olga's in Yulara National Park. There they spent the night in a campground and saw Ayers Rock at sunrise. Fifteen group members climbed to the top of the 1,169-foot monolith before return-

Club graduations take place

The **GRAND RAPIDS** and **MUSKEGON, Mich.**, Spokesman Club annual ladies night and graduation took place June 5.

Topicsmaster was Steve Buckley, and Bill Washington was toastmaster. Stan Briggs, Joseph Bernard, Doug DeGroot and Kelly Eyestone, all graduating members, gave speeches.

George Kackos, club director and pastor, awarded graduation certificates.

Between 175 and 200 brethren attended a **GREENSBORO, N.C.**, combined annual formal dance and Spokesman Club graduation banquet June 8 at the Radisson hotel in High Point, N.C.

After a dinner of prime rib, five speakers representing the Greensboro Graduate Club and the Greensboro and Winston-Salem, N.C., Spokesman Club were introduced by Dan Rogers, church pastor, George Hart, assistant pastor, and James Averett, a local church elder.

The speakers were Steve Ferenciak, Bill Parham, Robert Cobbler, Joel Irueta and Pan Isley. Their speeches focused on Spokesman Club and their experiences in club.

Graduates from the Greensboro club were Mr. Parham, Mr. Isley, Aubrey Stern, Leon Everette, Marshall Dunn and Stanley Snider. Winston-Salem graduates were Mr. Irueta, Mr. Cobbler, Gordon Wilson, Harold Jackson, Eric Edins and Lynn Benjamin.

Dancing began after the speeches and awards ceremony. Music was provided by a band composed of faculty members from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The **SHREVEPORT, La.**, **TEXARKANA, Tex.**, and **EL DORADO, Ark.**, Spokesman Clubs combined for a graduation banquet June 8 at Howard Johnson's in Texarkana.

After the noon buffet, Jack Elliott spoke about how Ambassador and Spokesman clubs began. Bob Corbett led tabletopics, and Fred Rodriguez introduced speakers Richard Davis, Mike Crosby, Collin Vestal, Greg

Turner and George Bobo.

Evaluators were Elmer Turner, Pat Cossey, Bill Jones, Cliff Farmer and James Neff. Mr. Vestal was the Most Improved Speaker, Mr. Neff gave the Most Helpful Evaluation and Mr. Turner gave the Most Effective Speech.

Graduation certificates were awarded to Danny Anderson of Texarkana, John Kraft of El Dorado and R.S. Belton, John Bryan, Jesse Prunty and Booker T. Sample of Shreveport.

The **SARASOTA** and **FORT MYERS, Fla.**, Spokesman Clubs combined for graduation night and a dinner dance June 29.

Gary Gooch, president of the Sarasota club, presided over the meeting. Ken Cowan presented tabletopics, and Dave Byers was toastmaster.

Speeches were given by Don Ballo, Henry Bailey, Dan Yoder and Steve Vincez. Daniel Bierer, pastor of the two churches, presented each speaker with a graduation certificate.

A dinner of prime rib or baked chicken was served, and the evening ended with dancing.

The **MEDFORD, Ore.**, Spokesman Club annual banquet and dance took place June 8 at the Ashland Hills Inn. Guests ranging in age from 13 to 92 joined the club for a buffet dinner, meeting and dancing.

David Cooke, Graduate Club president, presided over the meeting. Tim Kasdorf, Spokesman Club president, led tabletopics, and Steve Bruce was toastmaster. Robert Kirby, Jack Straus, Jim Brown and Ken Grantham gave speeches.

Jeffery McGowan, pastor of the Medford and Klamath Falls, Ore., churches, presented graduation certificates to Mr. Brown and Kevin Branson. Mr. Cooke and Mr. Kasdorf presented Mr. McGowan with gifts of appreciation from the church and club.

The **BARRIE, Ont.**, Spokesman Club gala dinner and dance took place June 29 at the Highwayman Inn in Orillia, Ont., with about 75 in attendance.

The evening began with a buffet of roast beef, lasagna, salads and desserts. During coffee and dessert Don Acheson, club president, started the meeting. John Black was topicsmaster, and toastmaster was Bob Saulnier. Mike Reads, Brent Crawford and Doug White gave speeches.

After the speaking session, George Lee, club director and Barrie pastor, evaluated the meeting and presented graduation certificates to Phil Bailey, Peter Beentjes, Doug Demers, John Hoyle and Burt Russell.

Dance music was provided by musicians from the Barrie, Toronto, Kingston and Kitchener, Ont., churches.

About 250 brethren attended the combined **BOSTON, Mass.**, and **PROVIDENCE, R.I.**, Spokesman Club banquet June 22 at Demitri's Convention Center in Walpole, Mass.

A dinner of roast rump of beef and rock cornish game hen was served family style. Gerry Galligan conducted tabletopics, and Mark Palmerino was toastmaster. Speeches were given by Rich Techeira and Ted Rounds.

Jim Franks, pastor of the two churches, awarded graduation certificates to Tony Carreiro, Kevin Farmer, Howard Freeman, Danny Johnson, Mr. Rounds, Mr. Techeira, Joe Teixeira and Juan Williams.

Mr. Franks also expressed appreciation to Douglas Winnail, assistant pastor, and Charles Wire, a Boston local church elder, for directing the clubs.

Harvey Wierenga Jr., Larry Penkava, Paulette Jameson, Janet Hendershot, Steve Bruce, Doreen Pinkney and Dick Travers.

set on fire. Such is what Mrs. Thatcher (and increasingly President Ronald Reagan) is up against. Either she gives in enough to placate Commonwealth leaders or the Commonwealth may be fractured beyond repair.

Understandably, Queen Elizabeth is deeply grieved over what is happening to the 49-member multiracial association, linked by historic ties. The Commonwealth is the only instrumentality that gives Britain a claim to be more than a regional power. The Queen and the royal family would also suffer great personal loss should the Commonwealth be destroyed, although many Britons are fed up with complaints from the former colonies.

Thus the Commonwealth, like the British Empire before it, appears doomed, yet another indication of Ephraim's fading glory (Hosea 7:8-9, 13:3).

Church

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glad acted as an official body.
Fifty-three bishops published a report on the nature of Anglican belief. The wording reflects the work of a committee. Every care was taken to accommodate as many differing views as possible. Yet the framers decidedly wanted to publish a conservative document.
The Times conclusion is positive. Its June 6 editorial said, "In the long-term struggle between doctrinal liberals and doctrinal conservatives, there is no mistaking the serious defeat the liberals have suffered at the bishops' collective hands."

Alexander Chancellor said something instructive in his weekly *Sunday Telegraph* column June 8. "The decision of Church of England bishops, though still with some qualifications, to affirm their belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the virgin birth has been heralded as a victory over the Bishop of Durham and other liberal theologians. But to most ordinary Christians, brought up to regard these doctrines as fundamental to their faith, it must seem extraordinary not only that this affirmation needed making but that it took so long to be agreed upon."

The church is also divided on whether women should be ordained to the ministry.

"Church May Split in Two Over Women Priests," said one newspaper headline. A London *Times* editorial June 2 summed up the situation. It said: "The Bishop of London, Dr. Graham Leonard, has likened the issue of women priests in the Church of England to two express trains rushing towards each other down the same track. The simile suggests the sense of urgency of railway passengers unaware of their imminent peril, and the grow-

ing alarm of engine drivers, signalmen, and well-placed bystanders as they begin to recognize the nature of the disaster impending if brakes are not sharply applied and lights set urgently to red."

This editorial espouses the liberal view. It later continued, "Perhaps the overwhelmingly sensible case for ordaining women as priests is bound to prevail, and it would do the church no harm to shed a few cranks [Bible believers]."

But the *Times* editorial did recognize that the bishop of London has quite a number of supporters for his conservative stand. It said: "Many of them feel as strongly as he does that the very identity of the Church of England is at risk. The

last ditch he has marked out for himself is the proposition that in its fundamentals, the Christian tradition cannot be changed; and the maleness of the priesthood is one such fundamental."

The *Times* expressed various conservative arguments in terms of "last ditches" of support — the final ditch being the Bible itself.

"And there is the fairly crowded last ditch of those who believe Christianity is completely revealed in the New Testament, even in detail, and thus nothing can excuse a departure from the text."

The allusion here is to the apostle Paul's clear statements on the subject (1 Corinthians 14:34-35, 1 Timothy 2:11-15).

Simply stated the Anglican controversy exists because the Bible is not the final arbiter in matters of doctrine and practice. It is only one consideration.

What the Bible says

The biblical view on women's ordination is simple. The Church is built on the apostles and prophets. Christ is the chief cornerstone. He chose 12 men as apostles. Later he drafted Paul as an apostle.

Paul said that women were not to preach in church services. The rationale stems from the Garden of Eden and the experience of Adam and Eve (1 Timothy 2:11-15).

This is not a matter of male superiority. Church members of what-

ever race, status or sex are spiritually the same before God — "all one in Christ" (Galatians 3:28). Both men and women were made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27).

Nonetheless, the apostle Paul points out that women are saved spiritually through performing a different function from men (1 Timothy 2:15). Both sexes will be judged on how well they carry out their differing roles. This is biblical teaching!

Back to the Church of England. The York Minster's roof is mostly reconstructed. Rebuilding church unity is altogether another kettle of fish. It is quite a juggling act to successfully hold so many different opinions under one roof.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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services June 21 with a cake made by Lois Tillman.

The Merwins were married in Phoenix, Ariz. They have two daughters and seven grandchildren. Mr. Merwin was baptized in 1981, and Mrs. Merwin was baptized in 1985.



MR. AND MRS. FLOYD RENNER
COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Brethren here honored Floyd and

Gertrude Renner on their 60th wedding anniversary with a cake, a card, a potted plant and a corsage after Sabbath services May 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Renner were married May 8, 1926. They have seven children, 23 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. They were baptized in May, 1972.

Obituaries

DULUTH, Minn. — Bertha Mandoli, 85, died May 28. She has been a Church member since 1970.

Mrs. Mandoli is survived by three sons and two daughters, 23 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted May 30 by William Gordon, pastor of the Duluth and Grand Rapids, Minn., churches.

SEABECK, Wash. — Hjalmer Dahl, 84, died May 20 of a heart attack. He has been a Church member since 1966.

Mr. Dahl is survived by his wife, Hazel, a Church member since 1965;

three daughters, Marna McCormick of Salem, Ore., Karen Anderson of Tacoma, Wash., and Jeannette Berg of Pasadena, all Church members; 10 grandchildren, including Church members Lance Cosgrove of Pasadena, Todd Cosgrove of Portland, Ore., Jeff Hermanson of Kent, Wash., Lannie Berg of Raleigh, N.C., and Julie Smith of Pasadena; 10 great-grandchildren; and one niece, Connie Armstrong of Denver, Colo., also a Church member.

Funeral services were conducted May 25 by Richard Parker, pastor of the Auburn and Bremerton, Wash., churches.

PRENTISS, Miss. — Annie Ball, 79, died June 2 of a heart attack. She was baptized on Pentecost, 1964, and attended the Hattiesburg, Miss., church.

Mrs. Ball is survived by 13 of her 16 children, 54 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren. One daughter, Clara Holloway, and one niece, Readie Mac Holloway, are Church members who attend services in Hattiesburg.

Funeral services were conducted June 6 by L. David Stone, pastor of the Hattiesburg and Picayune, Miss., churches.

MARYSVILLE, Mich. — Horace L. McCormick, 49, died June 10 after a six-month bout with cancer. He has

been a Church member since 1974.
Mr. McCormick is survived by his wife, June; three daughters; and eight stepchildren.

Funeral services were conducted June 13 by Richard Wilding, pastor of the London and Sarnia, Ont., churches.

HOUSTON, Tex. — Robert L. Link, 41, died June 7 of cancer. He has been a Church member for 16 years.

Mr. Link is survived by his wife, Patricia; a son, Michael; and a daughter, Christie; all of whom attend the Houston North church.

A graveside service was conducted by John Ogwyn, pastor of the Houston North church.

JOSHUA TREE, Calif. — George M. Houk, 60, died of a heart attack Jan. 27. He has been a Church member since 1965 and attended the Banning, Calif., church.

Mr. Houk was a native Californian. He is survived by his wife, Edith, also a Church member; a daughter, Joy Elaine of Joshua Tree; and a brother, a nephew and two nieces of Sacramento, Calif.

Funeral services were conducted by Wilbur Berg, associate pastor of the Long Beach, Calif., A.M. and P.M. churches, Feb. 3 at Green Hills Memorial Park in San Pedro, Calif.

Children's Corner

Give a Hand!

By Vivian Pettijohn

It was a warm August weekday morning. As the Winfields finished breakfast, Dad said: "Kathy, I'm glad your teacher asked her new first grade students to come in today and help get the room organized. Besides, it will help all of you to get acquainted before school starts next month. What work will you do to help Mrs. Schultz today?"

"Mrs. Schultz said on the telephone," Kathy answered excitedly, "that a partner and I will move the games and dolls from an old cupboard to a big, new one. I can hardly wait to play with everything!"

"We are going with her," Mother said. "Rocky and Jeff offered to pick up trash on the school grounds while Kathy and I help indoors."

"Good for you!" Dad commented. "And please remember to follow Solomon's advice regarding work. In Ecclesiastes 9:10 he said, 'Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might' [Revised Authorized Version]. Do you know what that means?"

"Yes, sir," Rocky replied. "It means that when you have a job to do, do it the very best you can."

"And," Jeff added, "get the job done without playing around. Right?"

"That's right," Dad agreed.
Later, after Dad left for work, the rest of the family walked four blocks to the elementary school. As Mrs. Winfield and Kathy entered the door marked GRADE 1, Mrs. Schultz beckoned to a smiling girl Kathy's size



Artwork to color by Ken Tunell

and said: "Melody, I want you to meet Kathy, who will be your work partner today. Kathy, this is Melody." Then the teacher showed the girls what they were to do.

In a few minutes Mrs. Schultz tapped a ruler on her desk and announced: "As soon as you and your partner get your job done, please sit down at the desks. When everyone is

seated, you will be given a treat. After the treat you may play for 30 minutes before you go home."

Kathy and Melody began carrying the dolls and games, but they got so excited they forgot to work. Kathy began playing with a doll, and Melody started building a house with some dominoes.

Charles and Robert, who were

cleaning a nearby chalkboard, frowned. "You're not supposed to play now!" Robert said to them in a loud whisper. "Yeah," Charles added, "hurry up, because no one can have the treat until everyone gets their work done!"

Other children also began to play. Mrs. Schultz said: "Children, in first grade you must learn to work first. Then you may play. And remember, when you put off doing your work today, you just delay the treat for everyone!"

After Kathy and Melody had made several trips from the old, yellow cupboard to the new, blue one, Kathy began grumbling. "I'd rather play," she muttered.

Mrs. Winfield, who overheard her, moved closer and said quietly, "Remember King Solomon's advice, honey."

"Uh... oh, yes. I'll try, Mommy," Kathy answered sheepishly. When Kathy began working harder and acting more cheerful, Melody followed her example.

In a few minutes, when all sets of partners had finished their jobs, Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Winfield served apple juice and oatmeal cookies.

"Boys and girls," Mrs. Schultz remarked, smiling, "I really appreciate your good help. You gave me a hand, and now I want to give you one." Then she clapped her hands, thanking them.

Kathy was glad she had learned today to work better. And it felt good to get a hand from her teacher.

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

PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach attended an address by Han Xu, ambassador to the United States from the People's Republic of China, at a Los Angeles (Calif.) World Affairs Council meeting July 21, according to Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor.

Mr. Tkach met Mr. Han at a reception in the Beverly Wilshire hotel before the luncheon address and question and answer session.

Mr. Han "reaffirmed principles of the foreign policy of the People's Republic of China relative to the United States, the Soviet Union and the Third World," Mr. Hogberg said.

After the ambassador's address, Mr. Tkach and evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, presented Mr. Han with a leather-bound photograph of Mr. Han's visit to the Ambassador College campus the day before. Keith Stump, a senior writer for *The Plain Truth*, said Mr. Han was an aide to Premier Chou En-lai, who died in 1976, and "one of the top half dozen ambassadors to the United States, in terms of importance."

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PASADENA — Church Administration released the following ordinations.

David Cheperdak, a ministerial trainee in the Vancouver, B.C., church, was ordained a local elder on Pentecost, June 15.

Edward Partin, a deacon in the Middlesboro, Ky., church, was ordained a local church elder on Pentecost.

Jasper Hendren and Warren Wilson of the San Jose, Calif., church, were ordained local church elders on the Sabbath, June 14.

Thomas Peine, a deacon in the Indianapolis, Ind., church, was ordained a local church elder on Pentecost.

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BIG SANDY — This small East Texas town made national news when murder suspect Jerry Walter McFadden escaped from the Upshur County Jail in Gilmer, Tex., Wednesday, July 9. He took a hostage, a car and a sheriff sergeant's .38-caliber revolver, according to Associated Press (AP) reports.

"It appeared that he was right across the Big Sandy Creek from us," said Lee Stolley, director of security for the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus. "We thought he would cross onto our property."

Mr. Stolley said campus security officers and volunteers worked around the clock to maintain a perimeter along the creek to keep the murder suspect from coming onto the campus. Others periodically checked to be sure the doors of all vehicles on campus were locked and to be sure that the suspect had not come past the perimeter line.

"We had to cancel Bible study because of the roadblocks," said evangelist Burk McNair, pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches. "Fortunately he was caught early enough that we didn't have to cancel Sabbath services."

Between 200 and 300 law officers sealed off the town and asked residents to stay inside their homes while they used helicopters, dogs and horses in the search.

The suspect was apprehended Friday evening at about 10 p.m.

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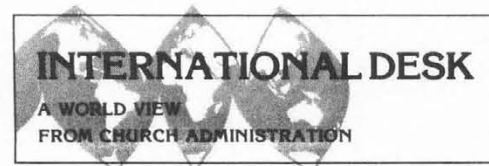
PASADENA — Twenty basketball players from Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, arrived at the

Ambassador College campus July 17 for a three week basketball training camp, according to Jim Petty, director of the Ambassador College Physical Education Department.

The group, called Club Hilal, is one of 10 basketball clubs in Saudi



NEW CAMERA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach tours the Church's television studios July 9 to view the new set and preparations for the fall season. Duane Aber, a production assistant, shows Mr. Tkach how to operate the zoom control on one of three state-of-the-art television cameras bought by Media Services. At left is Larry Omasta, producer of *The World Tomorrow*. The cameras replace the 18-year-old ones formerly used for the telecast. [Photo by Warren Watson]



INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

PASADENA — "Satan is evidently trying to disrupt *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) Bible lectures through political problems, as in Santiago, Chile, through scheduling mishaps and mail problems," said evangelist Leon Walker, regional director of the Church in Spanish-speaking areas.

Herbert Cisneros, pastor of the San Salvador, El Salvador, and Guatemala City, Guatemala, churches, had to postpone a lecture in San Salvador because hotel management canceled his booking without notice, Mr. Walker explained.

For various reasons, lecture invitations airmailed more than four weeks in advance were misrouted, lost or arrived too late.

"This has happened in Santiago, San Salvador, Guatemala and Rosario, Argentina," said the regional director.

He added that the Church has experienced exceptional growth in the past two to three years because of these meetings, and Satan does not like that.

"We would appreciate your prayers that Satan's hand be stayed and that these very important Bible lecture invitations will pass through the mails speedily," he said.

Philippine SEP

"The highlight of the past two months was undoubtedly the Summer Educational Program held at Baguio City [Philippines], from May 4 to 19," said Guy Ames, regional director of the Church in the Philippines.

It has been two years since the last SEP was conducted, because conducting the Ministerial Education Program required the camp be canceled in 1985.

Two hundred eighty youths took part in archery, riflery, cycling, swimming, table tennis, softball and volleyball. Educational classes taught basic skills in auto mechanics, photography, drafting, comput-

Arabia. Their trip is sponsored by Saudi Arabian prince Abdullah bin Saad al-Saud.

The group is here "to gain expertise from American basketball coaches, and as a sort of cultural exchange," said Mr. Petty.

The basketball players, ages 18 to 25, work out in the college gymnasium three times each day under the direction of Ed Goorjian, a coach at California State University Fullerton, and former head coach of Loyola Marymount University, and Mike Dunlap, an assistant coach at the University of Southern Califor-

nia, according to Mr. Petty.

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PASADENA — Sixty-one students and five chaperons from Bunkyo Women's Junior College in Tokyo, Japan, arrived on campus July 20 to study English. This is the seventh consecutive year Ambassador College has played host to the Japanese students, according to Arthur Suckling, director of the program and a personal assistant to evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor.

"The purpose of the program is threefold," said Mr. Suckling. "Many of the students are very good with grammar and punctuation, but are limited in their ability to communicate in spoken English, so one purpose is to stress conversational English."

The program also serves to expose them to American culture and is a sort of graduation present from their parents, Mr. Suckling said.

Each morning Monday through Friday the Japanese women study English, taught by Ambassador College faculty members.

The program will end Aug. 12, and the students will return to Japan after traveling to the Grand Canyon and San Francisco, Calif.

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PASADENA — *The Plain Truth* reaches an average of 1 out of every 592 people on earth and is circulated in 194 of the 202 commonly defined countries and territories in the world, according to Ron Urwiller, supervisor of the interna-

Personal Correspondence Department at the Church's Borehamwood, England, Regional Office, visited Greece, and David Stirk, business manager for East and West Africa, visited Malta for Pentecost.

Mr. Boraker, accompanied by his wife, Margaret, conducted services in Athens, Greece, for 10 brethren, including two Ambassador College graduates and a former student of the college.

Mr. Boraker, who last visited Greece seven years ago, was pleased to note the spiritual progress of members there, according to Frank Brown, regional director of the Church in Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East.

Mr. Stirk conducted the Holy Day services in Malta for 48 people. *Good News* readers on the island were invited to attend two lectures before Pentecost and two afterward. Although the World Cup soccer tournament was going on at the time, 38 new people attended the lectures.

"The interest shown in the Church by these people was quite strong, and we hope they will come along towards Church attendance during the next few months," Mr. Stirk said.

According to Mr. Brown, 710 direct-line telephone calls were answered by the Mail Processing Department in the Borehamwood Office. This figure represents a 33 percent increase over 1985. Thirty-four long-distance calls were received from the European continent.

Southern Africa

June 21 Roy McCarthy, regional director for the Church in southern Africa, spoke to 60 Church members on the island of Mauritius. He also conducted a Bible study and counseled with brethren while there.

Mauritius, in the Indian Ocean about four hours flying time north-east of Johannesburg, South Africa, lies almost directly opposite Pasadena on the globe.

Despite their geographic isolation, Mauritians members "are very enthusiastically involved and current on latest developments within the Church," said the regional director.

William Whitaker, pastor of the

tional section of the Mail Processing Center (MPC).

In 1971 only one country had a penetration greater than 1:100. Today nine areas have a circulation where more than 1 in 100 of the population receive the magazine. Those areas are Canada, 1:22; U.S. Virgin Islands, 1:35; United States, 1:45; New Zealand, 1:63; Malta, 1:68; Australia, 1:73; Nauru, 1:89; Trinidad and Tobago, 1:90; and Fiji, 1:98.

Countries with 100,000-plus circulations are the United States, 5,364,011; Canada, 1,189,996; the United Kingdom, 263,840; Australia, 215,984; South Africa, 201,624; and the Philippines, 109,293.

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PASADENA — A series of *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) public Bible lectures was completed June 29 in the Hotel Crillon in Buenos Aires, Argentina, by Alberto Sousa, pastor of the Buenos Aires and Ezeiza, Argentina, and Salto, Uruguay, churches.

"The attendance was low," especially on the last night, said Mr. Sousa, "because Argentina had just won the World Cup soccer tournament in Mexico, and they were wildly celebrating throughout most of the evening."

"Hardly anyone could get into town," he added.

Mr. Sousa said 25 to 30 people were interested in follow-up Bible studies.

Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, and Quatre Bornes, Mauritius, churches, visits the island four or five times a year and conducts the Feast of Tabernacles there.

During the rest of the year, the church receives taped Sabbath services from W. Whitaker. Brethren occasionally view videotapes of the *World Tomorrow* program, and Church publications also contribute to their spiritual nourishment.

Australia, Asia

Interest in *Plain Truth* newsstands in Sri Lanka and Malaysia "is exceptionally high," reported Robert Morton, regional director for Australia and Asia.

"If funds permitted, our distribution of *Plain Truth* magazines on newsstands in Sri Lanka and Malaysia could be rapidly expanded," Mr. Morton said.

The number of calls received from Australian viewers has jumped to an average of 277 a program, up from 141 last year, according to Mr. Morton.

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