

Mr. Tkach 'builds bonds' on trip to British Isles, Kenya, SEP sites

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA — "What a joy! It is always so amazing that wherever you go God's people are the same!" reported Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach in his Aug. 11 W/N "Personal," about his first trip to England, Scotland, Kenya and Northern Ireland, July 29 to Aug. 10.

The pastor general also made a one-day visit to the Summer Educational Program (SEP) for Mexican youths in Orr, Minn., Aug. 14. Articles about each place Mr. Tkach visited appear below.

Mr. Tkach was accompanied to London by Joseph Locke and Michael Feazell, two of his personal assistants; Mr. Feazell's wife, Vicki; Ellen Escat, the pastor general's administrative assistant; Dean May, director of the Church's Transportation and Fleet Department; Kermit Nelson, who coordinates Youth Opportunities United

(YOU) activities; Lois Weber, an executive secretary to Mr. Tkach; and Mr. Tkach's Gulfstream III crew: captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich and steward Jay Brothers.

London

After visiting campers at the second session of SEP in Orr, Mr. Tkach and his party left for England July 30. They arrived at Luton Airport outside London shortly after 3 p.m. London time. Members of the Church's film crew (John Halford, an associate producer of *The World Tomorrow*, cinematographer Russ Alsobrook and engineer Steve Bergstrom) traveled to London by commercial jet.

They were met by evangelist Frank Brown, British regional director, and Francis Bergin, business manager for the Church's Borehamwood, England, Office.

"Everywhere Mr. Tkach went he was met with great warmth and affection," Mr. Brown said. "I am still getting comments from people who were amazed that he would take time out to come and visit. Many said it was the highlight of the year for him to come see them."

As Mr. Tkach wrote in his Aug. 11 "Personal," he toured some of London's sites, conducted an annual board meeting, attended a luncheon and ministerial meeting, visited Ambassador Press and the former Ambassador College campus at Bricket Wood, England, and addressed brethren from more

than 24 congregations Aug. 2.

That evening Mr. Tkach telephoned brethren assembled at afternoon Sabbath services in the Ambassador Auditorium.

"We are having a wonderful time here in jolly old England," he told the congregation. "We were well received, like long-lost relatives. I am quite impressed with our Ephraimite brothers."

At the London services the regional director presented the pastor general with a brass carriage clock. When he gave him the gift, Mr. Brown said, "Every time you look at the time you will know what time it is — time to go back to England."

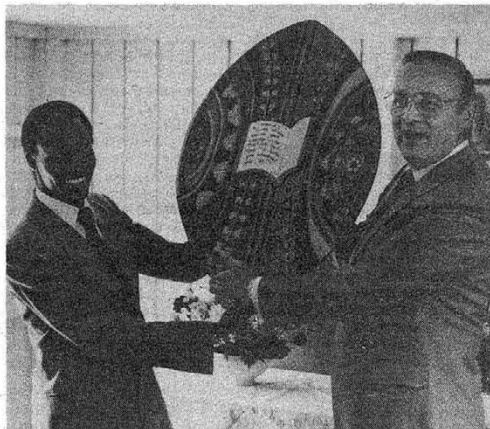
On the morning of Aug. 3 the group boarded the G-III for Glasgow, Scotland, to visit the SEP camp at Loch Lomond. Mr. Brown, his wife, Sharon, and the film crew flew to the camp by commercial jet.

SEP Scotland

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Paul Suckling, camp director and director of Church Administration in the Borehamwood Office, and Colin Wilkins, pastor of the churches in Scotland, met Mr. Tkach and his party at the Glasgow airport and escorted them back to the campsite.

There they were greeted by a pipe and drum band, campers and staff.

Said Mr. Suckling: "We were pleased he liked the Scottish march-
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PASTOR GENERAL OVERSEAS — Above, on behalf of brethren in Kibirichia, Kenya, Estes Marate presents a shield of seeds to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach Aug. 6. Below, Mr. Tkach reviews page layouts of the camp newspaper Aug. 3 at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp in Loch Lomond, Scotland, with evangelist Frank Brown, regional director, and Paul Suckling, camp director. [Photos by Owen Willis and Phil Halford]



LONDON TOUR — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and regional director Frank Brown view sights of London July 31 including Big Ben (background). [Photo by Phil Halford]

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

Home again!
Since my last "Personal" to you we have returned safely to Pasadena after a most successful and inspiring trip to Britain and Kenya.

A very thorough article about the trip in this issue of *The Worldwide News* contains the details I didn't get to last time, so I'll just make a few observations before I get on to other matters.

Surely the most striking lesson to be learned from traveling to visit God's people around the world is the marvelously unifying, binding force of God's Holy Spirit. Wherever you go, whatever the history, culture or background of the people, when you walk into the meeting hall of God's people you are home!

The oneness of purpose, mind, attitude and goal is clear and unmistakable. And that should be no surprise.

The apostle Paul was inspired to write, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is

above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

You know brethren, that unity and oneness in the congregations of God's Church is not there without effort on our parts. God's Spirit must be used. It must be exercised.

Notice what Paul said in the previous three verses, "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:1-3).

Yes, it takes work! It takes submitting ourselves to God's will in humility. It takes mercy and forgiveness for one another. And it takes continual effort to overcome our sins, faults and weaknesses. But God gives us the needed help, support and encouragement to succeed. And we can see the fruit being born in the congregations everywhere.

Many of you will receive this issue of *The Worldwide News* shortly before the first telecast of the new season of *The World*

Tomorrow. Be sure to tune in! I hope that none of you who have the telecast available in your area will miss a single program. And brethren, let's be praying unitedly for the success of these new programs.

The Feast of Tabernacles is only a few weeks away now! I want to encourage all God's people to read carefully the articles, ideas and instructions about the Feast in the pre-Feast editions of *The Worldwide News*, *Good News* and *Youth 86*. It is through careful planning and organization, following instructions and thoughtfulness that we are able to have a successful and inspiring Festival.

The apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 14:33, "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."

This takes a concerted, collective and individual effort by all. The Feast is the most exciting, momentous and inspiring time of year for God's Church. The hope of every Christian is wrapped up in the fulfillment of what the Feast portrays — the triumphant return of Jesus Christ to restore God's government of peace to the earth!

The August co-worker letter has just been mailed out. I'd like to ask you brethren to pray for a strong response. God has blessed us in recent months with much growth. But sometimes growth

can cause us to let down just a little.

When Mr. Herbert Armstrong died, I know many made a recommitment, a rededication to obeying God and overcoming. Brethren, let's not begin now to get complacent about the calling God has given us.

We must endure to the end. But not only endure, we must grow! As the apostle Peter stated in II Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Let's keep that rededication alive and well! God is faithful. And so must we be.

The new college year is under way! I was able to be in Big Sandy for the orientation message and faculty-freshman reception Aug. 18 and 19, and in Pasadena for the same events Aug. 20 and 21. We seem to have a fine group of new freshmen entering Ambassador this year. I have enjoyed the opportunity of meeting each of them and look forward to hearing great things about them in the future!

Well, brethren, I'll close for now. Remember to stay close to God. He is our strength, our salvation, our hope, our life. This world has nothing to offer God's elect. Thank you again for your encouraging support and prayers.

In Christian love,
Joseph W. Tkach

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Small steps set stage for European unity

PASADENA — The Church's minister assigned to Italy, Michael Caputo, made an interesting observation while here for the Ministerial Refreshing Program.

Mr. Caputo said he noticed a sign on a highway leading to Turin proclaiming that this northern Italian industrial center is "a European city."

Mr. Caputo, who said that he has seen similar signs elsewhere in Italy, remarked that the European city concept was yet another indication of a growing sense of European solidarity transcending national boundaries.

Furthermore, he said, young people in Europe travel much more to other parts of the Continent and world than their parents and grandparents did. Increasingly, they consider themselves as Europeans, as well as Germans, Frenchmen or whatever their passports reveal.

Speaking of passports, a new European Community passport is being phased in throughout the 12-nation community. The words *European Community* (or equivalent

in each language) are stamped on the cover, along with the name of the member country.

In the Aug. 11 issue of *The Worldwide News*, in his "European Diary" column, John Ross Schroeder discussed the semantic contribution to this sense of European togetherness: the lengthening list of what he termed "Euroswords." (Mr. Schroeder told me he had thought of ending his column with "Eurs truly" but I see he resisted the temptation.)

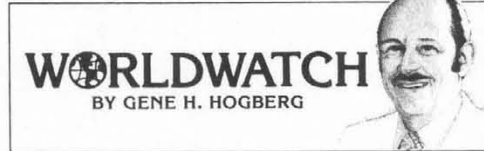
This behind-the-scenes Europeanization has been observed by a few journalists. For example, Israeli journalist David Krivine in the July 3 *Jerusalem Post* gave his impressions of Europe after attending a seminar about the Common Market in Brussels, Belgium, and Strasbourg, France.

"The most startling thing I discovered," wrote Mr. Krivine, "... is the rise, albeit in vestigial form, of a distinct sense of European nationality... What I detected was an intangible something underlying the way people talk among themselves and

discuss common problems...

"The EEC is still not fully integrated, as the 50 states of America are integrated... Most of the barriers are due, it is hoped, to be swept aside by 1992... As H. G. Krenzier, Deputy Secretary-General of the European Commission, told the

that Europeanism is stuck in mid-course. Governments will cooperate, but not fuse... The inhabitants of the Twelve are... halfway to becoming Europeans. The German as an individual is not any more the wholehearted German patriot that he was, nor has he yet become a



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BY GENE H. HOGBERG

seminar: "We want to create a Europe without frontiers."

Whether a frontierless Europe will be fully implemented by 1992, continued Mr. Krivine, is still in question "because sovereign states do not like their powers diluted... Nor are all the states equally keen Europeanists. Least enthusiastic are Denmark, Greece and the UK."

"The conclusion to be drawn is

wholehearted European patriot either...

"Europeanists... put their faith in gradualism. Power will be slowly eroded in the European capitals, it will slowly accrue in Strasbourg [one of the sites of the European Parliament]."

But will gradualism suffice — or will it require a common outside political or economic threat to all Europeans to inspire a greater need for coordinated action? Even then, prophecy indicates the final union will be a mixture "partly of iron and partly of clay... They will not ad-

gives through His Spirit. God's Spirit prompts us with feelings of concern and the desire to help. Don't ignore or squelch these feelings. Use them to build compassion.

Learn the art of intercessory prayer. Have we ever asked about the progress of a sick member when we hadn't remembered to pray about the problem? If so, those could have been vain words. If we were truly concerned, we would also have prayed about the situation.

God delights in answering the prayers we send up for others. He loves to see unity, love, compassion and concern grow in the Church. Sometimes prayers are the only action you can take to help. Your prayers will make a difference if you pray wholeheartedly, out of compassion for the one suffering.

• Do what you can to help physically. Prayers for the person are not enough if it's in your power to do more (James 2:14-17). Your minister may help point you in the right direction. Uplifting conversation is always in order. You might want to clean house for someone who is ill, or send cards of encouragement. The most important point is that you get involved in the person's life. Their burden will become your burden, too, which will lighten their load (Galatians 6:1-2).

Involvement takes effort and time. It requires selfless awareness of other people. It presupposes wisdom, since we need to know *how* to involve ourselves in another's problems. But, possibly the most important ingredient is patience with others in their faults and in their trials.

• Be patient! It's so much easier to see a situation clearly when we're not the ones suffering in it. Sometimes it seems obvious to us what the solution is. We can become impatient. "If he won't help himself, there's nothing I can do!" But, God requires us to suffer long with brethren.

Job said, "A despairing man should have the devotion of his friends, even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty" (Job 6:14). He is saying that we shouldn't give up on a friend during a low period.

Help the afflicted person endure his or her trial until the end, when God's purpose for the trial comes to fruition (James 5:7-11). It may take longer than we had hoped, but then, how many times has God had to wait patiently on us?

Read Romans 12. It shows what is God's mind on the subject and gives an outline of how to have compassion for our brethren. Take the time to live this chapter. You will be able to have a part in a brother's growth by your compassion. And more, you will begin to learn a trait that God will have us extend to every human being.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Do you hear thunder?

As I watched the news a couple of nights ago, an update focused on a class in a leading Southern California medical school.

A required course for medical students was training in compassion. I was amazed to find that compassion is no longer considered a natural human emotion or trait, but a lost virtue that needs to be researched and taught in college.

Society is learning that humans need and crave a great amount of compassion.

It brings to mind a time Christ and His disciples journeyed to Jerusalem. On the way they planned to rest at a Samaritan village. The group sent messengers ahead to arrange accommodations, but the village refused to cooperate. Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, and the Samaritans wanted nothing to do with the trip because of their animosity toward the Jews.

The disciples were furious — these villagers refused Christ! "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" they asked (Luke 9:54, New International Version throughout).

James and John, nicknamed "sons of thunder," were zealous for what they believed. But they lacked an important ingredient: the compassion that comes from God's Holy Spirit.

Sometimes it seems that we in the Church are inclined to be more like the "sons of thunder" than compassionate Christians.

Some have told me that they have little sympathy for certain people in their trials. They feel that afflicted members deserve their problems. Or that those in trials should develop backbone and work their way out of the problems, without complaining or depending on others for solutions. People have even told me that this world is not for the weak, and maybe we would be better off without these people to slow us down.

Strong words! They have a degree of truth. We often bring on our own problems. And, when it comes right down to it, we are responsible for the character we build (or don't build), and for working out our own salvation (Philippians 2:12).

Compassion in this world faces extinction. Romans 1:29-31 paints a picture of our time. II Timothy 3:2-3 says that those living in the last days love themselves, boast, are brutal and abusive, and refuse to love others or forgive them.

Do we realize that these attitudes have poisoned the way we treat our own brethren?

David had to deal with unfeeling people. "Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none" (Psalm 69:20). Christ went through this same agony centuries later.

But what was David's attitude? Psalm 35:13-14 says that David mourned for his enemies when they were ill. He had grief for them, as he would have had for friends or family. He hated their works and asked God to humble them because of their evil. But once they were humbled, he took their trials personally and even fasted for them on occasion.

Compassion is sympathy with someone's suffering and a desire to ease their pain.

Compassion means you literally help bear the afflicted person's burden. Compassion is concern to the point of personal involvement.

How can you build active compassion?

• Avoid self-righteous attitudes. Read Romans 12:3-5. We can't condemn someone because of his or her circumstances. God has called people in nearly every circumstance. There's a purpose in everything God does. We can learn from those who seem a little weaker and slower than the rest of us in some areas.

And even if the other person's trial is self-inflicted, we should put ourselves in that person's situation. Sure, he caused the problem, but now he is suffering. Think about the pressures and sorrow the person is under. How would you feel?

Sometimes we are quick to find fault in teenagers, for example. You might want to talk to parents of a teenager (or to your own teenager) and listen to a few stories about some public schools. I would not want to face what some teens face. They really need our support.

• Build on the compassion God

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Litter bugs the British into nationwide cleanup

BOREHAMWOOD, England — *That's Life* is a popular Sunday evening television program in Britain. Some aspects of the format resemble the old American *Candid Camera* show.

Not so long ago a British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) camera crew visited a dirty street in London. A man with a microphone interviewed some seven or eight passersby. One or two were caught in the very act of dropping litter to the pavement.

All were asked to pick up a piece of rubbish and deposit it in a receptacle. All refused! One man rudely brushed past saying, "You've got to be kidding, buddy!" Two or three were profuse with excuses. One was too embarrassed to act. And so it went.

The point is that Britons are not in the habit of picking up litter. It does not come as second nature. Not that Britain is necessarily any dirtier than anywhere else in the West. In the words of one individual close to the prime minister's office, "There is an enormous amount of litter around the Western world." One remembers Pasadena's Colorado Boulevard on the morning after the Rose Parade.

This is a throwaway society! Our fast-food technocracy breeds rubbish. Practically everything comes in disposable cartons. And many dispose wherever they happen to be standing at the moment. Trash receptacles are not everywhere present.

The prime minister acts

But Britons are starting to do something about the situation. It all started on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's return flight from Israel. Mrs. Thatcher was impressed with Jerusalem's clean and tidy streets — in contrast with the typical British street scene. She happened to mention this to journalists.

here to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay" (Daniel 2:42-43, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

"Or, as journalist Krivine put it: "Governments will cooperate, but not fuse."

Progress on three fronts

The growing mood of Euro-awareness (to coin another Euro-word) is matched by solid political, economic and even religious developments.

As reported ("Worldwatch," July 14), significant amendments to the 1957 Treaty of Rome have been approved by the European Communities (EC) Council of Ministers. The amended treaty must now be approved by the national legislatures.

Significantly, this new legislation is called the Single European Act. The key ingredient is the proposal to abolish the absolute veto of each member state and replace it with qualified majority voting. In this way, Britain, Denmark or any other less-than-cooperative member will no longer be able to impede the drive to unity.

Economically as well, the EC states are growing closer together. At the fiscal heart of the Europe-under-construction are two elements. The first is the European Monetary System (EMS), intended (See UNITY, page 11)

She commented on the scruffy streets on the long drive from London's Heathrow Airport to her residence on Downing Street.

The note struck a chord. Perhaps they had nothing very significant to write about. For whatever reason the print media ran with the idea. (See CLEANUP, page 9)

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ing band so much. It was his favorite music when he was a boy. We didn't know that at the time. We just organized the band because it is typically Scottish."

The pastor general gave a 40-minute address to 312 campers and 140 staff members "which was enthusiastically received by everyone present," said Mr. Brown. An SEP choir then performed "Welcome Mr. Tkach," an original composition by Philip Gray, assistant pastor of the London and Basildon, England, churches, and Jeremy Rapson, a ministerial trainee in the Borehamwood and St. Albans, England, churches.

"As a highlight feature, campers from Northern Ireland described the lyrics using deaf sign language," Mr. Brown said. Mr. Suckling added that Mr. Tkach "was obviously moved by the composition."

Two gifts were presented to the pastor general. The first was a photographic story of SEP, the cover featuring a portrait of Mr. Tkach, drawn by Sarah Tyrrie from Tiverton, England. The other gift was a framed painting of 24 of the camp's activities.

Mr. Tkach was then "virtually

mobbed by campers talking to him, taking photographs and seeking autographs," Mr. Brown said.

According to Mr. Suckling: "This was the first clear day after several rainy ones. Although it was misty that morning, it brightened up for the day, and Mr. Tkach was able to see all the activities at camp."

"Mr. Tkach liked the poster decorations we had around the main tent. They are motivational posters with little caricatures. One says, 'The highest goals are achieved one step at a time.' Another shows a picture of Mt. Everest with the words: 'To reach the top begins with the very first step.'"

According to Mr. Brown, the pastor general also liked the rock well, constructed by one of the boys units and titled "The Word of God is a well of knowledge."

Mr. Suckling said that campers didn't forget the three Os Mr. Tkach talked about in his address — order, opportunity and oneness.

"Mr. Tkach was very appreciative of the number of staff who give of their time voluntarily to SEP. More than 90 percent of our staff are volunteers and don't get paid," Mr. Suckling said.

After SEP Scotland, Dr. Nelson and Mr. Locke returned to the

United States. Mr. Tkach and members of his party, accompanied by Mr. Brown and the film crew, traveled on to Nairobi, Kenya, aboard the G-III.

"Mr. Tkach wants to eventually visit all the churches in Africa, and the trip to England was an opportunity to get started," said Mr. Feazell. "He chose Nairobi first, because Kenya is easier to get into and is more conducive to travel."

Kenya

Arriving at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport at 9 p.m., Aug. 4, the group was met by Owen Willis, pastor of the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches, John Andrews, a 1983 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate who assists Mr. Willis, and other Church members.

Evangelist Harold Jackson and his wife, Helen, from Pasadena also met the group in Nairobi. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson served in East and West Africa from 1973 to 1980.

The next day Mr. Tkach visited the Church's office in Nairobi and met with about 135 brethren that evening, according to Mr. Brown. "That's the highest attendance we have ever had for a Church meeting in Nairobi," he said.

Said Mr. Jackson: "On arrival he was greeted by an explosive 'Jambo!' Both young and old were spellbound as he approached. Some had traveled many miles to see him, and their smiles showed their excitement."

Mr. Tkach asked the brethren: "If there is any doubt in anyone's mind about whether or not this is the work of God and that it is a worldwide work, then what am I do-

ing here in Kenya?"

He also posed the question, "Does God love Africa — a continent which has been abused, misused and now in the 1980s left to itself?"

He answered by reading Isaiah 2, which describes the Millennium. "There is [a] power coming, not only to Africa but to the entire world. That government is going to be putting more into Africa than it ever took out, not merely fitting Africa back into the first world, but into a new world, which will be God's world."

"Brothers and sisters of Christ, all of us together, it doesn't make any difference what type of culture we were called out of [or] what race we have been called out of," he said. "We should be expressing our love by looking beyond ourselves, our own needs, our trials, our hardships and realizing that God is using us to usher in a new age."

"That new world is going to be brought in here to Kenya and to Africa, and you — all of you — will be instrumental in helping to bring [it] about for the people on the African continent."

He concluded by telling the brethren that Simon of Cyrene, an African, was asked by a Roman soldier to carry the load of Christ's work of completing the final leg of His earthly journey — that was to carry the cross.

"Once again, you as an African, a begotten son and daughter of God, have been asked, this time not by a Roman soldier, but God Almighty Himself has called you to help and support and finish the work and to carry the load that God has placed upon us."

Afterward Mr. Tkach met with the African brethren "and spent a

long time fellowshiping and answering questions," said Mr. Brown.

In a telephone conversation with *The Worldwide News*, Mr. Willis said: "The brethren were very excited and impressed by Mr. Tkach's warmth and friendliness. His approachability — that was the biggest thing. He was not standoffish, but very involved."

"I haven't met anyone with such warmth, and I've been here 10 years," he added.

The Nairobi brethren presented Mr. Tkach with a hand-carved wooden sculpture, "a family tree that illustrates one of Kenya's national mottos, the Swahili word *harambee*. It means working together and supporting one another," said Mr. Willis. "The idea of the gift is that the brethren here are all supporting Mr. Tkach in carrying out the Gospel."

Kibirichia

Aug. 6 the group flew by light aircraft to an airstrip in Nanyuki, Kenya, about 100 miles north of Nairobi.

"There we were met by vehicles and driven to the Church building in Kibirichia village, which is about an hour and 15 minutes' drive," Mr. Brown said.

"Kibirichia is about 7,000 feet above sea level, right in the shadow of Mt. Kenya [elevation 17,058]. Mr. Tkach liked the cool air there."

Mr. Brown called the people there "very hardworking and diligent. They are well informed about the Church and read thoroughly all the Church's publications."

"I think Mr. Tkach was very inspired to see their depth of conviction and inspiration about the work. I know he was really very pleased to see the brethren."

"Mr. Halford said it had been a fabulous day for filming, and the only thing that would make it perfect would be some wildlife," Mr. Willis related. "Well, we found some giraffe right by the road on our way back to the airstrip. So it was really a bonus for him."

A group of young children performed a specially composed African song of welcome in Swahili, English and the Kimeru dialect.

"Mr. Tkach very much enjoyed that," said Mr. Brown. "He asked the children to sing the song again outside," after he addressed about 80 brethren.

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Pastor general conducts joint Pasadena services

PASADENA — "This news should mean a lot, because we are talking about the Family of God," said Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach during his sermon to the combined Pasadena churches Aug. 16.

About 3,500 brethren were either in the Ambassador Auditorium or listened to the sermon in other locations.

Area shut-ins, the Glendale, Calif., congregation and Publishing Services personnel at the Church camp at River Glen in the San Bernardino Mountains were able to hear the services by telephone hookup.

"Mr. Tkach wanted the brethren in Pasadena to know what he tells brethren on his trips, so he decided to call a combined service," said Michael Feazell, one of Mr. Tkach's personal assistants.

Announcements were made by Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration in Pasadena, and special music was performed by Bill Daniels, an Auditorium P.M. member, who sang the theme to *Exodus*, which Mr. Tkach referred to in his address.

After mentioning the 44th wedding anniversary of evangelist and Church treasurer Leroy Neff and his wife, Maxine, the pastor general gave brethren a Peruvian Indian greeting of "Happy Sabbath."

Mr. Tkach read a Swahili greeting from brethren in Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya.

His sermon focused on proclaiming liberty when Jesus Christ returns to earth.

Warning that "major trials are coming," he encouraged brethren to pray for faith and courage to be able to withstand them (II Timothy 3:1-5, 12).

"Today is the time for all positive Christians to be looking at Christ, with eyes fixed on the goal," the pastor general exhorted.

He asked brethren, "Are you putting distance between you and [spiritual] Egypt?" He listed three ways to do so: (1) keep the big picture in front of you at all times, (2) do the will of God and (3) have absolute faith and confidence in the promises of God.

"The mysterious malady is indifference," the pastor general said, "and the cure is involvement. Don't have a spectator's attitude. If you're not involved now, you

won't be involved in the Kingdom." "As God's army, we must be advancing constantly," Mr. Tkach said.

Mr. Tkach welcomes freshmen

College begins academic year

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA — The 1986-87 academic year began at the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses of Ambassador College Aug. 18 with orientation activities. Classes began Aug. 25.

Big Sandy

Big Sandy enrollment is 349 full-time undergraduates, plus married and special students.

"We feel that we are off to a very good start," said evangelist Roderick Meredith, deputy chancellor of Big Sandy Ambassador College.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach visited the campus Aug. 18 and 19. He left the Pasadena area on the Church's Gulfstream III jet at 11 a.m., Aug. 18. He was accompanied by Ellen Escat, his administrative assistant; John Halford, an associate producer of *The World Tomorrow*, his wife, Patricia, and daughter, Becki; Joseph Locke, one of Mr. Tkach's personal assistants; Julie Stocker, executive secretary; and television film crew members Russ Alsobrook and Steve Bergstrom.

"We were very pleased that Mr. Tkach came," Dr. Meredith said. "He was very positive about how Big Sandy makes a special contribution."

Mr. Tkach addressed the freshman class at the annual freshman reception Aug. 18 in the Festival Administration building. He mingled with the students and shook hands with almost every freshman, according to Dr. Meredith. "He came to the dance [in the field house], and I heard he stayed until almost midnight."

Tuesday morning, Aug. 19, Mr. Tkach met with Dr. Meredith, Donald Ward, Big Sandy dean of faculty, and Richard Thompson, Big Sandy dean of students. Later he gave an assembly for the student body, where "he emphasized building a family spirit and recapturing

true values," Dr. Meredith said.

After the assembly Mr. Tkach attended a luncheon in the faculty dining room. Mr. Tkach left Big Sandy on the G-III at 2:30 p.m.

Other orientation activities included a leadership conference for the student leaders Aug. 11 and 12. Dr. Meredith, Dr. Ward and Mr. Thompson spoke on aspects of leadership.

Pasadena

Enrollment on the Pasadena campus includes about 525 on-campus students and about 125 married and special students, according to evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor for the Pasadena campus.

"It looks like a very good incoming freshman class," Mr. McNair said. "We are looking forward to the best year in the history of Ambassador College."

Two full-time instructors were added to the college faculty this year, Mr. McNair said. They are evangelist Dean Blackwell, who returned last year after conducting a Ministerial Educational Program (MEP) in the Philippines, and Michael Snyder, former international news editor for *The Worldwide News*. Mr. Blackwell will teach theology courses, and Mr. Snyder will serve as assistant director of college publications.

"Mr. Tkach delivered a very inspiring message in his orientation forum," said Mr. McNair. "He pointed out that Ambassador College offers many opportunities and challenges and urged the students to 'think big' and make the best of these fantastic opportunities."

Mr. Tkach greeted freshmen at the annual faculty-freshman reception Aug. 21 on the Academic Center Mall. A dance also took place in the student center that evening.

Pasadena campus student leaders attended a leadership

conference Aug. 13 to 15.

"Various officials and lecturers addressed the student leaders on aspects of college life and leadership with a strong emphasis on the biblical point of view," said Mr. McNair. "The purpose of the conference is to help them know better how to serve their fellow students."

34 degrees conferred on Pasadena students

PASADENA — Thirty-four degrees were conferred in commencement exercises Aug. 12 in the Pasadena Ambassador College Lower Gardens.

Evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor for the Pasadena campus, gave the commencement address. He said that Ambassador College provides vital keys of knowledge.

"The first key to real understanding is that you come to believe in and accept your Creator. Secondly, you need to know that His Word — the Holy Bible — forms the true bedrock of a solid, true education."

Mr. McNair said that Ambassador College equips students to be successful "in every sense of the word... One who is truly successful will not only be successful in the financial sense, but will also be successful in his human relationships."

Summer graduates for 1986 are as follows.

Bachelor of arts

Lisa J. Carle, Francis Leo Clancy (with highest distinction), Luz Nereida Colon, Ross Couston, Roy Couston, Bruno Gebarski, Robyn Spencer Herbert, Johannes Adri-

aan Heykoop, Roger Michael Hooper, Paul Craig Johnston, Bharat Jethalal Naker (with distinction), Ngugi Marie-Therese (with distinction), Joseph L. Pons, Sheryl Rowse, James Prakash Sebastian and Donna Cherie Wood (with distinction).

Associate of arts

Marcus Dwayne Allen, Richard Benoit, Jennifer Dawn Cox (with distinction), Ruth Devine, Amy Lyn Harrar, Karen Sue Jones, Deborah Ann Nickel, Carlisle Simons Parker II, Pamela Jo Terry, Arthur Mena Villanova, Heidi Ann Werner and Heather Marilyn White (with high distinction).

Associate of science

Marcus Dwayne Allen, Joy Leah Cuvelier, Bret William Dixon (with high distinction), Jennifer Catherine Gunning, Sheila Michelle Diane Hildebrand and Dovie Matulaitis.

To graduate with distinction a student must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.2 or better. High distinction requires a GPA of 3.5 or better and highest distinction, 3.8 or better.

Trip

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"The teens wanted to sing a couple of songs too, so they did," he added. "And a group photo was taken. The kids were very, very thrilled that Mr. Tkach would come through there. They were on a high for the rest of the day."

Mr. Willis introduced Mr. Tkach's address by saying, "If you think about it, this is the most famous day in Kibirichia's entire history."

The pastor general began his talk, which was simultaneously translated into Kimeru, with a Swahili greeting and said, "I have never received a warmer welcome in my life."

His address in Kibirichia was similar to the one he gave in Nairobi. He ended by reading a poem titled *Don't Quit*.

Afterward brethren gave Mr. Tkach an African shield made by Church members from seeds representative of the area.

On behalf of the brethren, Church member Estes Marate said in presenting the shield: "To honor your presence we have prepared a small shield, not of any significant value of money, but the value lies on the importance of the symbolism it portrays. This shield was prepared by the members here, one, to show that you as the pastor general of the Worldwide Church of God need that shield of faith. . . . The other is we are . . . supporting you that you will be strong because God is with you wherever you go."

When the pastor general stepped out onstage in the Ambassador Auditorium Aug. 16 to address the combined Pasadena churches, he

brought with him the shield from Kibirichia.

Mr. Tkach wrote in the Aug. 19 Pastor General's Report: "In Kibirichia, one can feel he is at the end of the world. We flew in on a light plane and landed on a tiny airstrip in the midst of a real wilderness."

"But as soon as we arrived at the Church's meeting hall, we were home! The joy, smiles, interest in the work, and many little children, were just what you'd expect in any congregation of God's people in the world."

Later that Wednesday, Aug. 6, Mr. Tkach, Mr. May, Mr. Brown, Mr. Willis and the film crew visited the farm of a Church member.

Paul Ntiritu, his wife, Lilian, and two children warmly received the pastor general, Mr. Brown said. "They considered his visit to be a great privilege."

"Mr. Tkach looked around the farm and showed quite a bit of interest in the crops growing — potatoes, beans and fruit plants," he added. "Mr. Ntiritu invited us into his home, and we sat around the table talking with them about Africa and the Church."

"The Ntiritus were surprised how much Mr. Tkach knew about agriculture," Mr. Willis said after the visit. "He was talking very intelligently to them about potatoes and beans and all the rest of it."

The pastor general and the party then rejoined the rest of the group at the airstrip in Isiolo, Kenya, before returning to Nairobi.

"You probably heard about the little children who sang," Mr. May commented. "Now I don't cry easily, but I'm telling you that I had to hold back tears when I heard them. It was really moving how these little

children were so eager to perform their best for Mr. Tkach."

Mr. May continued: "It was a joy to see what an impact Mr. Tkach had on the brethren over there. They would warmly shake your hand, and they almost wouldn't let go!"

"In Kibirichia, the farthest-out place we went, a whole family — five people — crunched on these little benches, where three people would normally sit," Miss Weber said. "The kids sat there during services the whole time and didn't squirm. It was good to see how well they had trained their children to sit in church."

Mr. Jackson commented: "This trip to Kenya brought headquarters to the people, something no one had expected. The pastor general was no longer a photograph in a faraway land, but a live person whom they have seen with their eyes, heard with their ears and touched with their hands."

Northern Ireland

On the evening of Aug. 6, Mr. Tkach, at the suggestion of Mr. Brown and Mr. Halford, decided to take up an offer from John Jewell, pastor of the Belfast, Ballymena and Craigavon, Northern Ireland, churches: "Would Mr. Tkach like to visit Northern Ireland?"

"Belfast usually gets left off people's itineraries," said Mr. Brown. "So we flew back to London on Thursday night [Aug. 7], having previously arranged the whole thing with Mr. Jewell on the telephone from Nairobi."

In the words of Mr. Jewell: "Mr.

Brown called me and said he had good news and bad news. So I asked him for the good news first."

"He said, 'The good news is that Mr. Tkach is coming to Belfast; the bad news is that he's coming this Sabbath!' I said, 'That's great!'"

(Aug. 8 Mr. Tkach toured the World War II cruiser *HMS Belfast*, moored in the Thames, before traveling to Belfast the next day.)

Traveling aboard the G-III to Belfast were Mr. Tkach, Mr. and Mrs. Fezell, Mr. May, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, David Gunn, *Plain Truth* circulation director for the Borehamwood Office, Mr. Gunn's secretary, Jacqueline Eve, Mrs. Escat, Miss Weber and the G-III crew.

"It was wonderful how the hall worked out," said Mr. Jewell. "We had been trying to get it for some time, but it was never available. On this occasion it was just the hall we needed, and it was free."

He continued: "The members were wonderful in their cooperation. Nobody held back. Everybody threw themselves wholeheartedly into the jobs they had to do, did them early and went above and beyond."

"John Jewell and Tony Goudie, pastor of the churches in the Irish Republic, performed an organizational miracle," said Mr. Brown later.

At Sabbath services 500 brethren from the three churches in Northern Ireland — "about 90 percent of the membership here — and brethren from Dublin, Galway and Cork in the Republic of Ireland — about two thirds of them — attended."

Before arriving at the hall, Mr. Tkach was shown the hot spots of Belfast, including where, the night

before, the Irish Republican Army (IRA) "burned Union Jacks and Ulster flags on bonfires," said Mr. Jewell. "The road was potted and scarred from those fires."

"While the film crew was taking footage, police pulled up and surrounded us with three armored cars and two police Land Rovers," said Mr. Jewell.

"Rifles ready, they descended on us, but only for questioning. We had already checked in with police headquarters. So they radioed in and found we were OK. However, they warned us not to film a nearby military establishment."

Mr. Jewell continued: "Later we showed them [14-foot-high steel] fences running between two backyards. A man can walk out into his backyard, and 10 feet away is this fence — just to keep Catholics and Protestants separated! And they both say they're Christian. It's a very divided community."

But in the building where services took place were people from Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic meeting together — "a testimony to the city of Belfast that unity can be achieved by God's Spirit," Mr. Fezell said.

Mr. Tkach wrote in the Aug. 19 Pastor General's Report: "Belfast is also like another world — sometimes similar to an armed camp. . . . Only the return of Christ will end the problems there. But in the meantime, 500 lights will be shining in that darkness."

"The brethren were absolutely overjoyed and over-moved that Mr. Tkach came to see them on his first trip overseas," Mr. Jewell said.

Return home

After a ministers meeting in (See TRIP, page 12)

'Singles Experience in Pasadena'

Singles 'plunge' into activities

By Thomas C. Hanson
PASADENA — "I hate to see anybody missing out on the kind of relationship that God created when He created and instituted marriage," Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration, told more than 800 singles gathered here Aug. 9 and 10 for the fourth annual "Singles Experience in Pasadena."

The singles were primarily from California, Nevada and Arizona, but some came from as far away as Canada and New York, according to Robin Webber, an associate pastor of the Auditorium P.M. church and event coordinator.

"It was exciting for me to walk into the gym and see the positive attitude of the singles as they plunged into the weekend activities," Mr. Webber said.

"Headquarters continues to show it has an understanding of our single members' needs and has an ongoing

commitment to offer a variety of high-quality activities designed to bring out the very best in everyone," he said.

The weekend began with Mr. Salyer's Sabbath morning Bible study in the Ambassador College gymnasium and was capped off by a semiformal dance, "The Imperial Garden Gala."

At the dance singles entered the student center on red carpets flanked by a guard of honor of men and women. The men were dressed in white tie, red sashes and white gloves. The women wore pink formal dresses.

"We wanted to create an atmosphere and aura of elegance," Mr. Webber said.

Murray Korda and His Monseigneur Strings, who have performed before 20 heads of state, provided dance music. Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services at Ambassador College, played piano with the Monseigneur Strings at the dance.

Refreshments included sparkling apple cider and hors d'oeuvres. The dance was also attended by Pasadena area ministers, ministers in on the Ministerial Refreshing Program and married couples.

Weekend activities

After the Bible study singles gathered in the student center for a hospitality hour. All were invited to the Ambassador Auditorium for afternoon services. There they heard a sermonette about sacrifice by John Kennedy, an assistant pastor of the Auditorium P.M. church, and a sermon by Douglas Horchak, assistant director of Church Administration, about male leadership in the home.

Saturday evening some went to area restaurants for dinner before attending a games evening in the student center.

Sunday activities included a hike to Mt. Waterman, above 8,000 feet,

a bike tour of Pasadena and tours of the Ambassador College campus and the Auditorium. A picnic with games took place in the afternoon.

The weekend activities were not "designed for forced relationships. On the contrary, we would like to discourage those," Mr. Salyer said.

Bible study excerpts

"A lot of single people have told me they resent married people telling them that they should get married," Mr. Salyer said.

Referring to Genesis 2:18 ("It is not good that the man should be alone.") he told the singles: "Please don't take it as an offense. . . . when a minister says from the pulpit, or a friend of yours says to you, 'It is not good to be alone.' God said that. Now that doesn't mean that there aren't reasons and circumstances in which a person should or must be alone."

"Please understand . . . that their intent is for your good. . . . They want what they think is best for you."

Later, Mr. Salyer told the singles that unless they have a proper relationship with Jesus Christ, they will have difficulties in their human relationships.

Mr. Salyer told the singles to ask themselves: "Do I want to remain single, or do I want to eventually be married? . . . If your desire and your want is to be married, then you need to ask yourself some further questions such as . . . What am I willing to trade in order to be married? Am I willing to give up something that I presently have, such as my independence (whether I'm a male or female)?"

"Because ladies you may think that when you get married you give up your independence, but the husband keeps his, because you have to submit to him. Don't marry a man who believes that."

"Men, when you get married you



SINGLES EXPERIENCE — Above, Murray Korda performs at "The Imperial Garden Gala," a semiformal dance, and below, Robin Webber, an associate pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church, launches the weekend of singles activities. [Photos by Thomas C. Hanson]

have to give up your independence too . . . and you must give of yourself in sacrifice many times to take care of that family — even as Christ did the Church."

"If you're not willing to give up something . . . then you're missing the point of marriage and compatibility altogether."

Attendees comment

"This is the best weekend I've had in 21 years," said Eric Moss, 21, of Lincoln, Neb., who was working in Redondo Beach, Calif., during the summer.

"It was nice to be here and take part in a quality Ambassador College experience like we had in college," said Randi Bloom, assistant pastor of the Atlanta, Ga., West church, who was here for the Ministerial Refreshing Program.

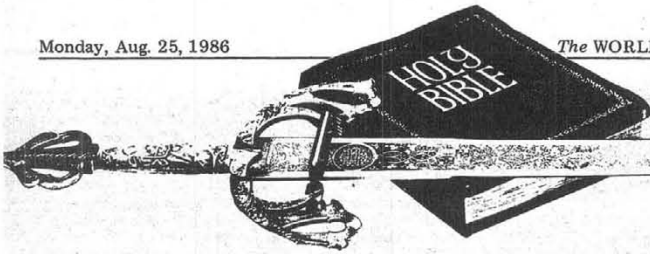
His wife, Debra, said: "It was a real treat for the ministers and wives to be exposed to such culture. The orchestra was outstanding."

"We have a lot of ideas to take back for our singles," Mr. Bloom said.



DIRECTOR SPEAKS — Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration, speaks to more than 800 singles in Pasadena Aug. 9. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]





IRON SHARPENS IRON

God restored these 18 truths: How thankful are you for them?

The Editorial Services staff has compiled here, for the first time in any of the Church's publications, 18 essential, basic truths that God restored to His Church through our late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

As you prepare spiritually for the coming Feast of Tabernacles, please spend time with this important article, reviewing each of the 18 truths and thanking God for restoring them to His Church.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach

How much do you value God's truth? Do you daily give God thanks for your calling and the knowledge of His ways?

Can it be said of you, as the apostle Paul said of the Thessalonians: "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" (II Thessalonians 2:13)?

The apostle Peter exhorted: "His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue. . . . Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall" (II Peter 1:3, 10).

In his last book, *Mystery of the Ages*, the late Herbert W. Armstrong wrote: "This Church, until after the year of 1933, had lost many . . . vital truths. At least 18 basic and essential truths have been restored to the true Church since that year" (page 251, hardcover edition).

Mr. Armstrong listed some of these truths in a sermon Dec. 17, 1983. He listed a few others and enumerated them when he spoke to the Ministerial Refreshing Program May 2, 1984.

It's good to review this list to better appreciate how much we have benefited from what God restored through Mr. Armstrong.

These points are listed basically in the words Mr. Armstrong used when he spoke to the Ministerial Refreshing Program:

Jesus said, "Elias [Elijah] truly shall first come, and restore all things" (Matthew 17:11). Jesus was referring to something that was to happen in the future. John the Baptist had already come, and Jesus didn't even begin His ministry until John had been put in prison. John didn't restore anything. Jesus was referring to another man, not John.

Shortly before the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord, someone would come in the spirit and power of Elijah, in the spirit and power of John the Baptist, and would restore all things to the Church. Now, what has been restored to the Church?

(1) **The government of God.** When Christ comes, He will restore God's government to the whole earth. So you can be sure the one to come in the spirit and power of Elijah would restore God's government in His Church. When Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong came among the Oregon Conference era of the Church of

God (Seventh Day), the church had the right name, the law, the Sabbath and the tithing system. But they also had a government of men, with a bi-annual conference, voting just like they do in the world.

Today, the government of God has been restored to His Church. That's the kind of government you find in Ephesians 4 and I Corinthians 12.

(2) **The Gospel of the Kingdom of God** has been restored after 1,900 years. The Church of God (Seventh Day) did not have a clear understanding of the Gospel; they emphasized what they called a "third angel's message."

(3) **The purpose of God**, that we are to be born of God and become God. God is reproducing Himself, and no other church on earth knows that or preaches it. As a counterfeit they talk about being already born again. Christ is the firstborn of many brethren. Has anyone else been born again by a resurrection from the dead like He was?

(4) **Who and what is God?** The Jews think God is one person. Many people mistakenly think that God the Father is the God of the Old Testament and then Christ came as His Son. Traditional Christianity believes in the trinity, that the Holy Spirit is a person. God is neither one person nor a trinity. God is a Family into which we may be born and also become God. His Spirit witnesses with our spirit that we are the begotten children of God. And when we are born of God we will not even be able to sin.

(5) **What is man?** Do we have an immortal soul? Or are we just an animal? What happens at death? The dead are unconscious and they don't know anything. The Church of God (Seventh Day) people understood some of what happens at death, but not fully. They believed that man did not have a spirit. That's been explained more fully now.

(6) **The human spirit in man.** What makes the difference between a human mind and an animal brain is that there is a human spirit with the human brain. That spirit is not the conscious part of the man. And it needs to be united with the Spirit of God.

(7) **The Church is only the first-fruits**, and not the end of God's plan of salvation. God isn't trying to save the whole world yet. It starts with us,

and we're being taught and trained so that we, under Christ, will be the teachers and rulers when Christ comes to rule in the Millennium, when He starts to save the rest of the world.

We have the great opportunity of being made God and, in the future, to rule over others and teach them and help them be converted so they can become children of God, also. And those who are converted during the Millennium will, with us, be kings, priests and teachers for the rest of the world that will be resurrected after the end of the Millennium.

(8) **The Church is not yet the Kingdom of God**, but we are the embryo that will become the Kingdom of God.

(9) **Only those whom God the Father calls and draws to Him can be converted now.** No other church knows that or believes it. That's another truth restored to the Church through Mr. Armstrong. None of us had ever heard that before, except as we got it through Mr. Armstrong. Only those God chooses and calls now can come in and become part of the firstfruits. Satan has deceived the whole world, and the Church is called out of that world.

(10) **The resurrection to judgment, the Great White Throne Judgment.** God has a plan to save those who have not had an opportunity for salvation and who are now dead in their graves. They have not had the Holy Spirit. Their time is coming. But our time comes first, and we have to fight the devil, and they won't.

In the judgment, they'll be found guilty and condemned to death. They'll have their first chance to know that Christ came and paid the death penalty for them. They'll be allowed to accept that payment, and they'll have 100 years to prove they want to live differently than they did in their first life. They can be saved at last.

(11) **The Millennium.** The Kingdom of God will rule nations on earth, and Christ and the saints will rule and bring prosperity to the entire earth. The Church of God (Seventh Day) understood the time duration, but, because they did not adequately grasp the full meaning of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, they knew little in the 1930s of what the Millennium would be like. Sal-



HERBERT AND LOMA ARMSTRONG — In the early 1930s, God began to use the Armstrongs to restore these 18 essential truths to His Church. Could we, today, lose sight of them?

vation will be open to all for the first time since Adam sinned and God closed the tree of life.

(12) **The Holy Spirit coming into us only begets us.** It opens our minds so we can understand the coded book, the Bible. Eye has not seen nor ear heard the things God has in store for us, described briefly in the Bible. God does reveal them to His Church by His Spirit that resides in us. Without that Spirit we cannot understand the Bible. Spiritual knowledge comes from the Bible, but by the Holy Spirit.

(13) **We are only begotten now, not born again.** We are heirs, not yet inheritors. The Holy Spirit begets us as children of God, but we are not yet born.

(14) **The identity of modern Israel.** What are America's roots, our national identity? We are Manasseh, one of the lost 10 tribes of Israel. Numerous other groups have some knowledge of this truth, but no major denomination does. The Church of God (Seventh Day) officially rejected this truth. Mr. Armstrong wrote up the proof in an article and sent it to the leader of that church. You'll find a copy of the leader's letter in response in Mr. Armstrong's autobiography.

(15) **Prophecy can be understood only if you know that we are the Israelites**, and what prophecies apply to us and which do not. Others who do not know Israel's identity can't understand, for example, the 30th chapter of Jeremiah and scriptures like that, which show the Great Tribulation will be the time of Jacob's trouble.

(16) **The annual festivals**, the feast days. What other church knows about them or keeps them? Where did you hear it from? God revealed it to Mr. Armstrong.

For seven years he and his wife kept the annual Holy Days alone. And for seven more years they kept God's Holy Days with the Church in Eugene, Ore., before God revealed their meaning.

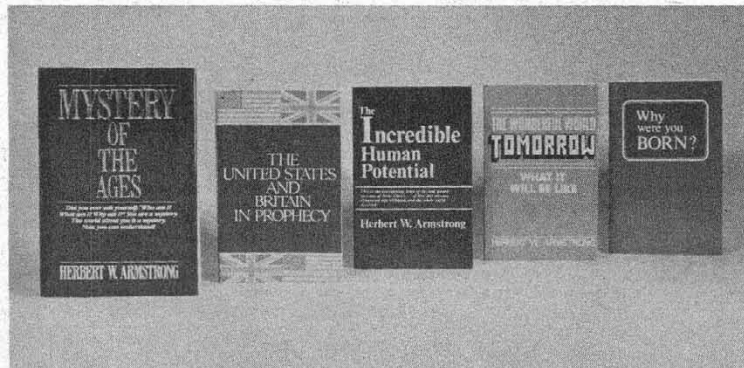
It was not until the end of World War II in 1945 that they began to see that we have to get away from our homes for the Feast of Tabernacles. These Holy Days picture the seven major events in God's plan of salvation. How many of us would have kept God's days for 14 years without fully understanding their meaning?

(17) **The authority of the sacred calendar, preserved by the Jews.** Before Mr. Armstrong revealed this to the Church of God (Seventh Day), they were confused as to when the year should begin. Mr. Armstrong also made clear the importance of the Jews' preservation of the weekly cycle.

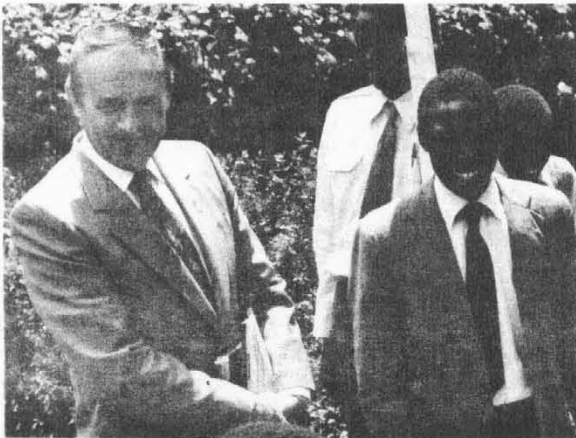
(18) **Second and third tithes.** What other church knows these points? The second tithe is for God's feast days. Other churches do not keep the feasts, so they have no reason to have second tithe. Third tithe is for the needy, primarily within God's Church.

Read Revelation 19:7. It's about time to be glad and rejoice, because the time is coming when the Bride will have made herself ready, and the time of Christ is at hand. The Bride, as a whole, will be ready, but not necessarily everyone in it. That depends on each individual.

Where would we be without these truths? Without them — without Herbert W. Armstrong's legacy of these 18 restored truths — there isn't much left.

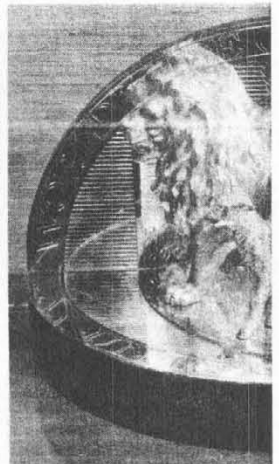


A LIFE'S WORK — Though Mr. Armstrong didn't know it at the time God began to call him, God had a lifelong job for him: to restore to His Church truth that the centuries had dimmed. In the last year of his life, Mr. Armstrong finished *Mystery of the Ages*. His final collection of these essential truths. (Photo by Warren Watson)

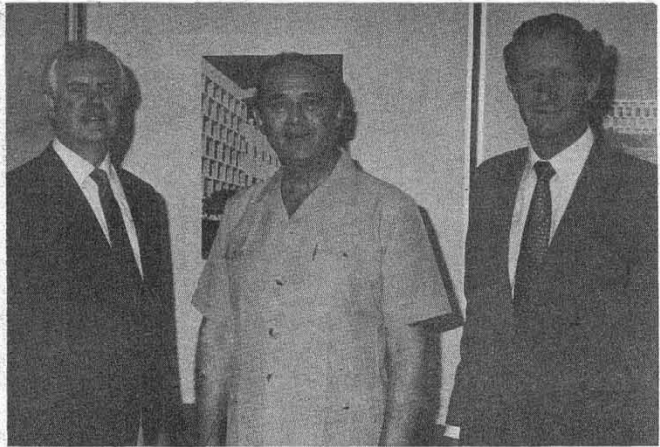


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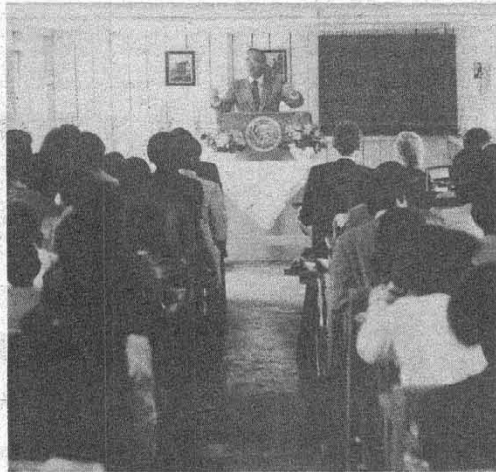
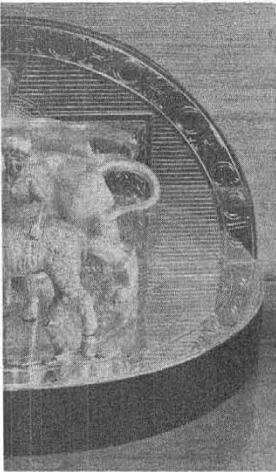


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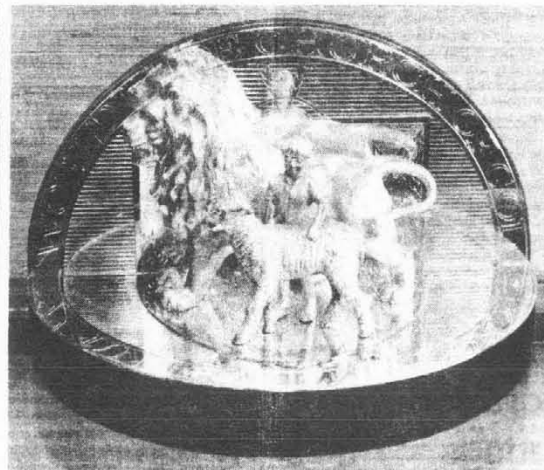


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ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Teens have fun in the sun

WACO, Tex., Church youths participated in a weekend of YOE olympics July 19 and 20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delton Cox near Abbott, Tex.

Activities began Saturday evening when teens, parents and guests shared a taco supper. Games that evening included volleyball, table tennis, basketball and capture the flag.

Sunday, July 20, the teens ran an

obstacle course race organized by Leigh Ann Cox and Stuart Mahan. Participants had to run through tires, jump on a rebounder, crawl through boxes, putt a golf ball, carry a potato on a spoon, hammer nails, sew a button and blow up a balloon then sit on it until it popped.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Young, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Riggs and Mr.

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Youths visit park, Expo 86

Forty-one MILWAUKEE and WEST BEND, Wis., Church youths and chaperons left July 6 for Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

The group traveled 2½ days in six vehicles to reach their campsite at the ranch of Phil Wilson, a Church member.

Activities included a tram ride to the top of the 9,600-foot Rendezvous Mountain, a boat ride across Jenny Lake and a hike into Cascade Canyon, a day tour of Yellowstone National Park and white-water rafting down the Snake River.

Friday evening, July 11, a fireside Bible study took place. Sabbath services July 12 were in an open air barn with hay bales for seating.

Camp broke July 13, and the

group returned home along a northern route with a stop at Mt. Rushmore and two nights of camping along the way.

During the trip the group traveled in seven states and saw about 30 species of wildlife. *Daniel DiVenanzo*.

Fifty CALGARY, Alta., NORTH and SOUTH Church youths and parents traveled to Vancouver, B.C., July 20, where they spent two days touring the international pavilion at Expo 86.

The group stayed with Church members in Vancouver and spent three days camping near Shuswap Lake, B.C. There the group participated in water sports, including waterskiing and white-water rafting. The group returned to Calgary July 25. *John and Pat Borax*.

Hats on for Durban dance

Two hundred fifty DURBAN, South Africa, brethren wearing an assortment of hats attended the church's family winter social ball July 19.

Frank Renouf provided dance music, and Jack and Joan Johnson were hat judges. Overall winners

were Kathy Anderson, whose hat was made from kitchen paraphernalia, and Fred Liebenberg, who sported a lighted four-sided *Plain Truth* newstand on his head.

Pamela Murrison and Daryl Naidoo had the best hats in the children's category. In the YOE and singles category prizes went to Trevonica and Trevor Paul, sister and brother.

The activity was organized by Chris and Jill Khoury.

"I especially felt that it was one of the best dances I've attended for a long time," said John White, pastor of the Durban church. "Enthusiasm was high throughout." *Geoffrey Nielson*.

Spokesmen graduate members

A NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE and MIDDLESBROUGH, England, Spokesman Club ladies night took place July 13 at the Cavalier Inn in Sunderland, England.

John Blakey was toastmaster. Ken Kidd gave the Most Helpful Evaluation and Peter Harrison was the Most Improved Speaker and gave the Most Effective Speech.

David Magowan, club director and pastor of the Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne and Sheffield, England, churches, awarded graduation certificates to John Bage, Munir Jamani and James Stewart.

A dinner of roast beef, turkey, lamb, vegetables, wine and coffee was served after the meeting. *Raymond Hislop*.

The PHOENIX, Ariz., WEST, Spokesman Club graduation and ladies night took place July 13 at the Pointe at Tapatio Cliffs resort. Roger Morris was toastmaster.

After a chicken dinner, toastmaster Jon Hoffman introduced speakers Cliff Egerton, Gene Skinner, Barry Fall and Bob Lehman. Club members provided impromptu evaluations.

James Turner, pastor of the Phoenix West church, awarded graduation certificates to Mr. Fall, Dave Sanaski, Kerry Presley, Dale Twigg and Dennis Winston. Mr. Turner and assistant director Art Elliott, a Phoenix West local church elder, received gifts. *Robert G. Lehman*.

North Bay celebrates 10th

About 150 NORTH BAY and SUDBURY, Ont., brethren gathered July 12 for combined services and the 10th anniversary of the North Bay church, which began meeting regularly July 17, 1976.

Harold Cheley gave the sermonette and Leo van Pelt, pastor of the

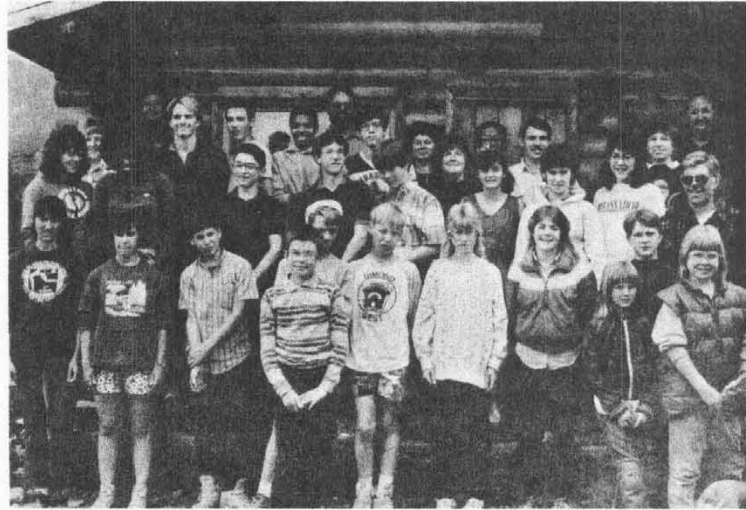
Club members sponsor ladies nights

The SOWETO, South Africa, Graduate Club sponsored a ladies night July 12 at the Johannesburg Hotel in Johannesburg, South Africa. Friendship was the theme of the meeting.

A dinner of rice, beef and chicken, vegetables, ice cream and coffee was served. Philip Mlambo conducted tabletopics, and Norman Vister was toastmaster. Speech topics were characteristics of true friendship, what friendship is, the basis of true friendship and keeping in touch.

Petros Manzingana, club director and church pastor, spoke about the obligations that go with friendship. *Seshudu Phoshoko*.

The NASSAU, Bahamas, Spokesman Club conducted a ladies night July 6 at the Paradise Towers on Paradise Island, Bahamas. Naomi Lockhart and Lorenzo



ALASKAN CAMP — Campers and staff gathered in the Alaska wilderness July 6 to 20 to practice outdoor skills such as backpacking, orienteering and riflery. The staff also taught classes in indoor skills including dancing, art and music. [Photo by C.L. McClure]

Campers learn in Alaska's wilderness

The 10th annual session of the ALASKA church-sponsored summer camp took place July 6 to 20 at Mile 68 on the Denali Highway. Fifty-three campers, staff members and children attended, including one camper from New York and one from California.

The camp was established to provide camp experience for teens

unable to attend the Summer Educational Programs (SEPs) in Orr, Minn., Big Sandy or other areas. Classes and activities included Bible, backpacking, compass orienteering and map reading, riflery (taught by a certified National Rifle Association instructor), wilderness survival, archery, personal finances, photography, basic art,

music appreciation, etiquette, line dancing, volleyball and table tennis.

Campers also took a three-day, 13-mile (21-kilometer) backpacking trip through a mountain pass. They used a compass and topographical map to find their way. On the trip they saw moose, caribou, marmots and bald eagles.

Counselors were Mark Henson, a former Ambassador College student, and Kathy Brown, a sophomore at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Dennis Gentleman, instructor in hunter safety and riflery and a Fairbanks, Alaska, local church elder, presented hunter safety and National Rifle Association Marksmanship certificates to campers for completing the courses. *Carol Roemer*.

Picnickers head for the park

TIJUANA, Mexico, brethren attended their annual church picnic July 13 at Parque de la Amistad (Friendship Park), near the United States border.

Activities included gunnysack races, volleyball, horseshoes and badminton. *Pico de gallo*, a fruit salad with lemon juice and chili powder, was served.

After a lunch of roasted chicken and a variety of salads, activities

continued, and a sing-along took place. *Ignacio Mendoza*.

COLUMBIA, S.C., and AUGUSTA, Ga., brethren attended a combined picnic and social July 13 at Aiken, S.C., State Park.

Activities included horseshoes, softball, swimming, paddleboats, hiking and lunch. *Paul Nowlen*.

About 125 ROSEBURG and COOS BAY, Ore., brethren gathered at Laverne Park July 13 for an annual church picnic.

While Chuck Houseman prepared hamburgers, some brethren played volleyball.

After lunch children and adults participated in a peanut race, a potato race, a gunnysack race and water balloon and egg tosses. Ed Peters organized activities, and Paula Keeler and Sally Villers made ribbons. *Leonard Schreiber*.

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Water's the word for outings

DAYTON, Ohio, singles were hosts for a singles weekend July 11 to 13 at Woodson Bend Resort on Lake Cumberland in Kentucky. Nine states were represented by the 104 singles in attendance.

Activities Saturday, July 12, included a catered brunch, hymn singing, Sabbath services, dinner and a dance. Harley Cannon of Lexington, Ky., and John Maggard from Somerset, Ky., provided dance music.

Sunday's activities were waterskiing, pontoon boat rides, swimming, volleyball, tennis and golf. *Roark Plummer*.

Sixty-five singles from the UNION, MIDDLETOWN and TRENTON, N.J., churches gathered July 27 for a beach party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown in Spray Beach, N.J.

James Rosenthal, pastor of the Middletown and Trenton churches, conducted a Bible study. After the study the group ate grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, corn, vegetable salads, watermelon and desserts.

The group spent the rest of the day on the beach, where activities included swimming, volleyball, football and card games. *Dominic Micala*.

Sears, the oldest members who attended services in the Bahamas, were honored guests.

A five-course candlelit meal was served. Greg Ritchie was topicmaster, and Edward Robinson was toastmaster. Joseph Wood, Mickie Barry, Cyril Thompson, William Duncombe and Kirkwood Adderley gave speeches. Kingsley Mather, club director and pastor of the Nassau and Freeport, Bahamas, churches, outlined the goals and purposes of Spokesman Club.

Clifford Barton, club president, presented Mr. Mather, his wife, Janet, Mrs. Lockhart and Mr. Sears with flowers and gifts. *Flossamae Bowleg*.

The DUNSTABLE and BASILDON, England, Spokesman Club ended the club year with a ladies night July 12 in Castle Ashby. Evangelist Frank Brown, regional

director for the Church in the United Kingdom, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East, and his wife, Sharon, were guests of honor.

The evening began with a guided tour of the mansion, which has accommodated royal visitors, including Elizabeth I, James I and William III.

After tabletopics conducted by Ciaran Prunty, a dinner of salmon mousse, chicken and apple and almond gateau was served.

Toastmaster Martin Clarke introduced speakers Frank Gardiner, Alan Quinn (Most Improved Speaker), Alan McDonald, Les Bayer (Most Effective Speech) and David Lloyd.

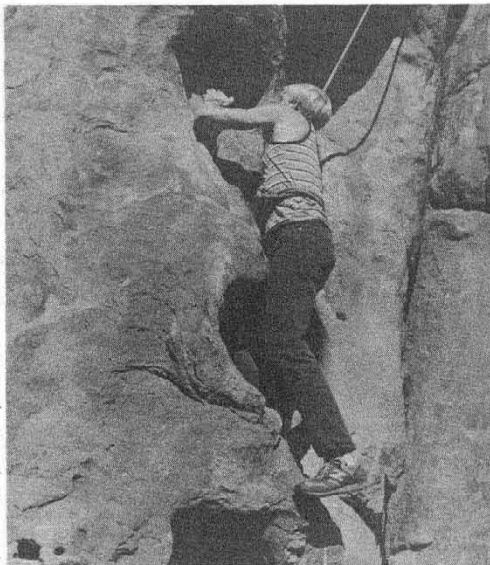
David Stirk, pastor of the two churches, evaluated the meeting. *Gerry van der Wende*.

Teens

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 and Mrs. Ben Mauldin.
 Weekend activities concluded with a swimming party and refreshments at the home of Walter Johnson, Waco and Austin, Tex., pastor, and his wife, Carol. *Jo Gail Fry.*
PASADENA Imperial P.M. Church youths learned fundamentals of rock climbing July 20 at Stony Point in Chatsworth, Calif. Teens and their parents climbed rope on 20- to 50-foot sandstone cliffs. Former Summer Educational Program (SEP) staffers and Ambassador College students taught basic techniques and safety procedures. Sheldon Monson coordinated the instruction. Beginning and intermediate climbs were set up.
 Refreshments were served at the end of the activity. The event was organized by Dan Reyer, Imperial P.M. YOU activities coordinator, and the group was accompanied by Murray McClung, an Imperial P.M. local elder. *Mike Warren.*

RALEIGH, N.C., Church youths and their families sponsored a waterski party July 13 at Kerr Lake. Church youths and parents from other areas joined the group. Church members contributed ski boats and equipment. *Lyndi Cole.*
FORT WORTH, Tex., A.M. and P.M. Church youths combined their efforts to enter a float in the annual Arlington, Tex., Fourth of July Parade.
 The YOU float, with a theme of famous Texans in honor of the Texas sesquicentennial, was awarded first place in the noncommercial float category.
 The float was divided into three sections: past, present and future.
 The first section, the past, featured youths dressed to represent Texans Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie, Sam Houston, Jane Long, Dwight D. Eisenhower and "Babe" Didrikson Zacharias. The state is also known for longhorn cattle, armadillos and the cotton and oil industries.
 The today section featured youths dressed as famous Texans of

the present representing the space program, law enforcement, education, entertainment, rodeo and sports.
 The world tomorrow was the third section. Youths dressed in costumes to depict a time when mankind will learn through education better ways of farming, engineering, construction, scientific research, music and the arts, homemaking and family relationships. On top of the world tomorrow section were two children, a teenager and a scroll with a paraphrase of Isaiah 11:6.
 During the parade a YOU band played songs about America and Texas. *Jerome Berg.*
PITTSBURGH and BEAVER VALLEY, Pa., Church youths and their families spent the afternoon of July 13 at a water slide in Mill Run, Pa.
 The teens and their families chose between a two-person, 300-foot slide or a one-person, 400-foot slide. Cool and rainy weather turned sunny and warm after an indoor lunch. *Mark Anstis.*



UPWARD BOUND — Elmer Miller reaches for a handhold on the Pasadena Imperial P.M. rock climbing trip in Chatsworth, Calif., July 20. (Photo by Murray McClung)

Activities feature fresh air, fellowship

The **INDIANAPOLIS** and **COLUMBUS, Ind.**, churches sponsored their second annual golf outing July 13 at the Hoosier Links Golf Course in New Palestine, Ind. Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Indianapolis and Columbus churches, encouraged the golfers to compete with the game and not with each other.
 Golf balls were awarded for various accomplishments at a picnic after the outing. Family members joined the participants for lunch and an afternoon of fellowship.
 Brethren also came from the Muskegon and Grand Rapids, Mich., churches and church areas throughout Indiana. *Joe Atkinson.*
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., brethren were hosts for an annual goat roast at the home of Jerry and Betty Rayce near Clinton, Ind. Activities began July 2 when campers began to arrive.
 Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., churches, conducted a Bible study Friday, July 4, and Sabbath services July 5. Saturday evening the group participated in a hot dog roast,

hayrides and a sing-along.
 More than 200 brethren from Indiana, Illinois and Ohio were on hand Sunday, July 6, for the goat roast, volleyball and card games. *Sarah Lee Osborn.*
ROCKFORD, Ill., and MADISON, Wis., brethren participated in a combined camp-out weekend July 11 to 13 at Blackhawk Park near Milton, Wis.
 Camp was set up Friday afternoon, July 11, and 74 campers attended.
 Saturday morning activities included a Bible study and nature walks. Afternoon services took place in a clearing near a lake. Galen Morrison, a Rockford deacon, gave the sermonette, and Randall Stiver, pastor of the two churches, gave the sermon.
 Sunday morning a brunch of whole-wheat pancakes, scrambled eggs and juice was prepared by the deacons and elders of the two churches and served to the campers and 25 guests. Activities ended about noon. *Richard and Kim Todd.*
 Seventeen **PALMERSTON**

NORTH, New Zealand, brethren and their families hiked 2½ hours up a snow-covered mountain trail July 7. The trail ended at a hut about 3,000 feet above sea level.
 The group participated in a snowball fight, crossed a suspension bridge 100 feet above a mountain stream and ate a picnic lunch.
 The event was organized by the Spokesman Club. *Graeme Roff.*
Brethren bid farewell to pastor
 More than 300 **FAYETTEVILLE** and **FORT SMITH, Ark.**, brethren said farewell to their pastor, John Elliott, and his wife, Meribeth, after Sabbath services July 5.
 Mr. Elliott now pastors the Sioux Falls, Watertown and Yankton, S.D., churches. The churches presented the Elliotts with gifts, including a silver ice bucket and a crystal punch bowl.
 Cake and champagne were served, and brethren proposed toasts to the Elliotts and to the Kingdom of God. *Dan Jefferson.*

Picnics

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VICTORIA, B.C., brethren attended a picnic July 20 at the home of Don Jodrell in Sidney, B.C.
 Morning activities were men's baseball and women's softball games and children's games, including pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey.
 For lunch the church provided smoked and barbecued salmon, and brethren brought salads and desserts. Afternoon activities were volleyball, horseshoes, trampolining and baseball. *Nancy Floyd.*
ROLLA, Mo., brethren attended an annual church picnic July 13 at St. James, Mo., City Park.
 Activities included a family obstacle course, card and table games, softball, volleyball and swimming.
 Deacon Don Crook barbecued chicken, and brethren supplied potluck items. *Johnita Wells.*
 The annual **WAUKESHA, Wis.**, church picnic took place July 27 at Pewaukee, Wis., West Park.
 Activities included a father and son softball game, a mother and daughter softball game, coed softball, children's soccer, family volley-

ball and other games. Tennis and horseshoes continued all day.
 Baking contest winners were Valera Jaekel, women; Harry Bitz, men; Becky Doherty, YOU girls; Ron Jurkowski, YOU boys; Mindy Jaekel, Youth Educational Services (YES)-age girls; and Doug Dexter, YES-age boys. *Cathy Folker.*
Springfield seniors attend social
 The **SPRINGFIELD, Mo.**, 60-plus Club attended a Farmer Brown social July 13.
 Senior citizens came in farmer clothes. Contests for the best Farmer Brown outfit, best bow tie, bits of wisdom and best poem took place. Door prizes, games and a potluck were also part of the activity.
 Don and Carol Carey organized the event. They were assisted by Church youths. *Scott Smith.*



ARE THEY DONE YET? — Howard Shew, a deacon in the Terre Haute, Ind., church, stirs a pot of soup beans — his contribution to the congregation's annual goat roast and camp-out, which took place July 2 to 6. (Photo by Mary Johnson)

Cleanup

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 Newspaper coverage was expansive.
 Plans for a national cleanup campaign are now under way. A celebrity was appointed to oversee the whole program. Five thousand unemployed young people are to make war on Britain's rubbish. Indeed many preparations for tidying up Britain were already made before the prime minister's personal involvement.
 But is all this just another electioneering device? Do the British Isles really need a cleanup?
 Indeed they do! Travel writer Paul Theroux has embarked on many exotic train journeys in foreign lands. But he had not really seen much of Britain itself.
 He decided to remedy this lack in 1983. He journeyed around the coast of Great Britain and recorded it in writing. His account of the trip is candid and compulsive.
 Mr. Theroux already knew that "parts of London were full of scribbled-on walls, dirty old buildings and ugly new ones" (*The Kingdom by the Sea*, page 13). He was to discover that one coastal town's "marine bathing pool had been neglected and now lay vandalized and full of smashed chairs and broken glass" (page 32). Another seaside

fishing resort had "indestructible litter on the foreshore" (page 38).
 This is how he described a popular British beachside resort: "Collapsing huts and rusting caravans and weeds and even a dump full of twisted metal and yesterday's plastic — this disfigurement was reminiscent of a Third World country, where they did not know any better, and just let the detritus pile up as evidence that this rubbish was just another aspect of civilization. It struck me that as time passed, some countries, with nothing in common but poverty, would begin to resemble one another because while civilizations are often vastly different and each culture is unique, everyone's junk is just the same" (page 53).
 No point in continuing to page through Mr. Theroux's book just to hammer home the dirty Britain theme. I'm sure he found lots of litter in most coastal cities and towns. That's true whether he mentioned them all in writing or not.
Who's to blame?
 The next question is who shall we blame? A source close to Mrs. Thatcher simply said, "Why the one who drops the litter, of course."
 Robin Page, in the May 29 *Daily Telegraph*, put it another way: "Who to blame? The schools? Of course. The parents? Them too."

What about the law itself? According to Mr. Page, it is already adequate. "Fines up to 400 pounds are available for those who leave litter. But there were only 1,427 successful prosecutions last year and the average fine was only 30 pounds. It is also clear that the police will not want to spend their time pursuing droppers of sweet papers [candy wrappers] and beer cans when there are rather more serious criminals on the rampage."
 No, it all comes down to Mr. and Mrs. Britain and their children. Or Mr. and Mrs. America and their children. Individual responsibility is the only permanent solution.
 Concluded the *Daily Telegraph* article: "Litter is an obvious and unwanted form of environmental pollution and it is good that Mrs. Thatcher intends to take action against it." But we all know that no army of 5,000 youngsters can really succeed unless thousands of British families are somehow persuaded to stop littering the cities and countryside.
 What no newspaper said is that the litterbug problem is deeply symptomatic of a spiritual malaise that afflicts our whole Western world. My mother taught me that cleanliness is next to godliness. That's not a quote from the Bible, but the principle isn't far off the mark.

Obituaries

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illness. She has been a Church member since 1982.

Mrs. Landon is survived by her husband, Dainie, also a Church member. Mr. and Mrs. Landon were married more than 47 years and had one son and two daughters.

OTTERVILLE, Mo. — James Roy Thomas, 80, died April 29 after a brief illness. He has been a Church member since 1967.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his sister, Anna Thomas, a member who attends the Columbia, Mo., church.

WEST BEND, Wis. — Edgar O. Kraemer, 76, died June 22 after a short illness. He has been a Church member since 1965.

Mr. Kraemer is survived by his wife, Barbara, also a Church member; a son, Mark; three daughters, Polly, Peggy and Debbie Wawak, a member who attends the Picayune, Miss., church; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Eugene Noel, pastor of the West Bend and Milwaukee, Wis., churches.

CALGARY, Alta. — John Eldridge Hatten, 82, died July 30 from injuries sustained when he was struck by a freight train July 5. He attended the Calgary North church.

Mr. Hatten was preceded in death by his wife, Marlene, a Church member. She died Dec. 25, 1984.

Funeral services were conducted Aug. 2 by John Borax, associate pastor of the Calgary North church.

CAIRNS, Australia — Pearl White, 79, died June 5 after a long illness. She first heard Herbert W. Armstrong on radio in 1958 and was baptized in 1966.

Mrs. White is survived by two sons, Charles and Robert; five daughters, Olga Turnbull, a member who attends the Blaxland, Australia, church, Pat Campbell and Diane Murray, members who attend the Cairns church, Val Ellis and Marie Folpp; 21 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A graveside service was conducted

by William Dixon, pastor of the Blaxland and Bathurst, Australia, churches, at Muswellbrook, Australia, cemetery.

TOWNSVILLE, Australia — Betty Graham Dyne, 59, died July 27 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1969.

Mrs. Dyne is survived by her husband, Ron, a deacon in the Townsville church; two daughters, Davina and Lynne; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Orest Solyma, pastor of the Cairns, Townsville, Clermont, Malanda, Rockhampton and Mackay, Australia, churches.

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — Earl Legge, 60, died June 6 after a lengthy struggle with lung cancer. He was a deacon in the Belleville church and has been a member since 1961.

Mr. Legge is survived by his wife, Pat, also a Church member.

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

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — Daisy Deppe, 79, died June 6 at home. She has been a member of God's Church since 1966.

Mrs. Deppe is survived by her husband, Paul, also a Church member.

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

MOUNT VERNON, Ill. — Leonard Erbe, 92, died June 8. He has been a Church member since 1959.

Funeral services were conducted by Steven Pelfrey, assistant pastor of the Belleville, Ill., church.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill. — Edna Haynes, 81, died June 23. She has been a Church member since 1967.

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

MUNCIE, Ind. — Joseph A. Curtatt Sr., 93, died July 6 in New Castle, Ind. He was born Jan. 23, 1893, in Big Springs, Ind., and has been a Church member since 1962.

Funeral services were conducted July

9 by Richard Baumgartner, pastor of the Richmond and Muncie, Ind., churches.

DARMSTADT, West Germany — Eleanor Clark Pope, 50, died of cancer Oct. 23, 1985. Mrs. Pope and her husband, James, were baptized together in New York in 1973.

The Papes moved to West Germany in 1984.

Mrs. Pope is survived by her husband; three daughters, Cynthia Borst, 19, Charlotte, 22, and Stephanie, 16; and three sons James, 17, Clark, 16, and Charles, 16.

Grant Spong, pastor of the Darmstadt, Bonn and Duesseldorf, West Germany, churches, conducted a memorial

service in Vogelweh, West Germany. Another service was conducted by Kenneth Williams, pastor of the Concord, N.H., and Montpelier, Vt., churches. Burial was in Campton, N.H.

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Sherman Young, 89, died June 19 of a heart attack. He has been a Church member since he was 85.

Mr. Young was born March 23, 1897, on a farm near Pollock, Mo., and moved to Arizona 40 years ago.

Mr. Young is survived by his wife of 55 years, Flossie, a niece and a nephew.

Memorial services were conducted by Mark Cardona, pastor of the Phoenix East church.

AMARILLO, Tex. — Rena E. Bell, 74, died at home June 10 after a long illness. She was baptized June 14, 1964.

Mrs. Bell is survived by her husband, Cleo Clifford Bell, and two brothers, Shorty Wood of Petaluma, Calif., and Oscar Wood of Broken Bow, Neb.

James O'Brien, pastor of the Amarillo, Tex., church, conducted funeral services in Amarillo and graveside services in Plainview, Tex.

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Joseph Wegler, 65, died July 13 after a long illness. He has been a Church member since 1973.

Mr. Wegler is survived by his wife, Gertrude, four children and four grand-children.

Unity

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to reduce fluctuations between the currencies of the EC countries. Second is the European currency unit (ECU), a communitywide monetary denomination that, although not issued as paper currency, is every bit as valid a currency as, say, the deutsche mark or French franc.

In religion, the greatest interest — indeed fervor — is being expressed in Communist-dominated Eastern Europe. This fervor is ready to be implanted in Western Europe if and when elements of the two halves of Europe combine to form the final resurrection of the Roman Empire.

The Aug. 25 issue of *U.S. News & World Report* carried a fascinating article titled "A Flowering of Faith Across Eastern Europe." It detailed the growth of religious appeal throughout the region, especially among youths. Three fourths of the young people in Poland, for example, said they participate in religious events and more than half said they believe in miracles. And in Yugoslavia, a poll indicated 52 percent of young Yugoslavs — up from

33 percent in 1965 — described themselves as religious.

It is in Yugoslavia, in fact, where one of the most unusual religious events is taking place — daily. The *U.S. News* article recounted that "the most dramatic public evidence of the spiritual revival in Yugoslavia is the pilgrimage by as many as 100,000 believers to the village of Medjugorje. The faithful believe the Virgin Mary's image has appeared there to young people every evening since June, 1981."

Few understand meaning

Yes, behind the scenes much indeed is happening. Now and then a few individuals, especially in Britain, express grave concern about what is under way. But they fail to grasp the full prophetic significance of what they themselves report.

For example, William Cash, the Conservative member of Parliament for Stafford, wrote an article in the June 16 *Times* of London, titled "Warding Off the EEC Steamroller." In it he expressed grave doubts about the Single European Act and what it would do to Britain if adopted.

"The Act," wrote this MP, "will

have a direct impact on British commercial and industrial practice. It will effectively mean that there will be hardly a corner of British business — buying and selling, manufacturing, agriculture, the environment, insurance, the right to set up in business — which is not woven into the fabric of the Treaty of Rome. For, once the Act is passed, we are bound to accept all legislation adopted by the Council of Ministers."

Shocking words! How startlingly like the passage in Revelation 13:17: "That no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

Once Europe is sufficiently united economically and politically, the religious authorities, offering to restore to Europe its cultural and religious heritage, will be able to control and dominate events (Revelation 17:3).

Slowly, almost imperceptibly, the system outlined in the book of Revelation and elsewhere is taking on a shape that only those who understand Bible prophecy can see. As we learn more about the Single European Act, we will keep you posted.

Children's Corner

Follow the Leader

By Vivian Pettijohn

Miss Jones collected the spelling test papers from her new third grade class. Then she announced: "During recess today Harvey Krause and Jeff Winfield are appointed to lead a game — follow the leader. Those of you in rows one and two will follow Harvey. Rows three and four will follow Jeff. Each leader will choose what he wants his group to do."

As soon as Harvey led his group outside, he began hopping on his left leg. Immediately, his followers hopped on their left legs. Then he turned and kicked Richard, the person behind him. Richard exclaimed "Ouch!" and scowled as he turned and kicked Susan. Susan groaned. Then she and the others in line turned and kicked. Next Harvey led his group toward a large sandbox, where the kindergarten children were building a sand castle. Harvey ran, his arms flapping, right through the castle. His group followed.

Meanwhile, Jeff, on the other side of the playground, first led his group by galloping like a horse. His followers grinned and galloped, too. Next he stopped and bowed to the person behind him. Each person then turned, smiled and bowed to the person behind. Finally, Jeff crawled, then took baby steps, scissor steps and giant steps back to the starting place. His group laughed and followed.

When both groups had returned to Miss Jones, she said: "Class, this was more than just a game. I wanted to

learn a little more about the two boys I picked today as leaders. This is a new school year, and I'm only beginning to get acquainted with all of you. Harvey, after you apologize to those children for ruining their sand castle, you and your group must rebuild it for them. And, children, remember that even though your leader does wrong things, you should not do as he does and hurt anyone again! Jeff, you and your followers go ahead and play until I call you."

That evening, as the Winfield family ate dinner, they discussed the day's activities. Just after Jeff told about being a game leader during recess, the telephone rang. Dad went to answer it. In a few minutes he returned, carrying his Bible. "Jeff," he said, "that was Miss Jones."

"Did I do something wrong, Daddy?" Jeff asked in a worried voice.

"No," Dad answered, "I'd say you did something right. Here, Rocky," he said, passing him the Bible, "please



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read to us Proverbs 29:2. Then we'll talk about what Miss Jones said."

Ten-year-old Rocky read: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when a wicked man rules, the people groan" (Revised Authorized Version).

"Daddy," Jeff asked, "what does that verse have to do with me?"

"Well," Dad replied, "your teacher said that because you were a good leader today, your followers were happy. But, she said the other leader did bad things and caused many children to groan and have bad feelings. By the way, guess which third grader has been chosen to be Miss Jones' playground assistant this month?"

As Jeff's eyes opened wide, he grinned and the others clapped.

Dad continued: "This proverb also reminds me of the next Holy Day. Jeff, in what way could this proverb fit in with the Feast of Trumpets?"

"Well," Jeff answered slowly, "right now there are bad leaders in the world who make many people unhappy. But the Feast of Trumpets pictures Christ's return to earth. He will be the perfect leader and everyone will become happy. Right?"

"Right!" Dad agreed. "And that will be a wonderful time!"

As Mother served each person a slice of apple pie, 6-year-old Kathy asked: "Daddy, may we play Jeff's game, too? You start the dessert."

The family leader gladly took a bite of pie, and the others happily played follow the leader.

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UPDATE

PASADENA — The *World Tomorrow* program *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* drew 33,908 calls when it was broadcast Aug. 16 and 17, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center.

This is the highest response for a summer telecast and the fifth time the record has been broken this summer.

When the program, by David Hulme, first aired in May, it drew 37,748 calls.

In-home operators took a record 7,276 calls, 21 percent of the weekend response.

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PASADENA — According to Dexter H. Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications, more than 90 percent of the readers of *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News* and

Youth 86 are not associated with the Church.

"We can't assume our readers understand the doctrines and terminology we are so familiar with in the Church," Mr. Faulkner said. "We don't shy away from educating our readers about the Church, but we have to be very basic in our approach, not assuming they will automatically understand what we are talking about."

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BIG SANDY — Thirty-eight sign language interpreters gathered on the Ambassador College campus here July 13 to 20 for a seminar on the Church Administration deaf program.

The seminar was "designed to focus the attention of the interpreters on unity, proper approach and atti-

tude toward their jobs, and to give overall direction for the future," according to Selmer Hegvold, director of the deaf program.

The interpreters are involved with sign language interpretation of services in their churches. The seminar's classes were taught by Mr. Hegvold; Gerrie Leimbach, executive assistant to Mr. Hegvold for the deaf program; and Brian Bettes, assistant to the deaf program.

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PASADENA — There are now more than 70,000 active co-workers on file, the largest number since 1971, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center.

An average of 2,500 donors are upgraded to co-worker status each month. New co-workers have written to say they are excited about becoming co-workers. One wrote: "I am proud my name is being placed on your list as a co-worker. I think I am the proudest person alive."

Another wrote: "I have just received my first co-worker letter from you, and believe me, I was so happy I almost cried... God's work and Church are all that mean

anything in this world to me."

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PASADENA — A new Youth Educational Services (YES) year has begun, and those children who will be age 5 by December and who are not enrolled should be enrolling now, according to Dexter H. Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications. Lesson 1 is in the mail.

If you have children and have already filled out a youth information card with their names and ages, the 5-year-olds will be automatically added to the mailing list. If you have not filled out the card, you may obtain one from your pastor. Fill it out and return it to him as soon as possible, Mr. Faulkner said.

The cards are also used to automatically place children on the *Youth 86* mailing list when they reach age 12.

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PASADENA — Harry Snieder, director of executive fitness at Ambassador College, and his wife, Sarah, traveled to the Goodwill Games in Moscow, July 2 to 21.

"The Goodwill Games were designed to bring people together

in sports and to raise high level ideals," Mr. Snieder said.

"The theme of the games was 'from friendship in sport to peace on earth,'" Mr. Snieder said.

Mr. Snieder coached high jumper Doug Nordquist, who won the gold medal with a jump of 7 feet 8 inches (2.34 meters). Mr. Nordquist beat four former world record holders and two Olympic gold medal winners. He defeated Igor Paklin of the Soviet Union, who holds the current world record of 7 feet 10 1/2 inches (2.41 meters).

Mr. Nordquist, who is now ranked as the No. 1 high jumper in the world, and Mr. Snieder were interviewed by Tass (the Soviet news agency), Radio Moscow, *Sports Illustrated* and others.

A Latvian film crew produced the official film of the Goodwill Games for the Soviets. Mr. Snieder, who speaks Latvian, spent much time with the crew during the games.

The Snieiders visited Riga, Latvia, where Mr. Snieder was born in 1941. Their hosts in Riga were members of the Latvian State Opera Company, who expressed a desire to perform in the Ambassador Auditorium, Mr. Snieder said.

Trip

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Belfast, the pastor general and his party flew back to London, where they stayed overnight before returning to the Burbank, Calif., airport Aug. 10.

After clearing customs in Las Vegas, Nev. (not as busy as Los Angeles, Calif.), the group arrived at the Burbank airport at 4:35 p.m.

As Mr. Tkach stepped off the plane, he was greeted by more than 50 headquarters ministers, department heads, administrators, office aides, assistants and ministers attending the fourth session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program and their wives.

Mr. Tkach told *The Worldwide News*: "Let me just describe the trip in the words of Tony the Tiger. It was grrrrreat! Can you beat that?"

Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration in Pasadena, jokingly asked the pastor general if he would be moving headquarters to England. "Well, it's sure nice over there," Mr. Tkach replied.

"I think once you've made that trip and return home, you need time to adjust," said Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications. "But I'm sure Mr. Tkach will be in his office tomorrow morning."

After the group's return to Pasadena, Miss Eve, Mr. Gunn's secretary, who attends the Borehamwood church, sent a facsimile to Mr. Tkach's office that read, "I think Mr. Tkach's warmth and kindness will affect the whole Church in a very positive way, and the Church will, as a whole reflect even more the Philadelphia era of God's Church."

Mexican SEP

The pastor general boarded the G-III Aug. 14 for a daylong trip to the SEP camp for Mexican youths in Orr. He was accompanied by Mr. Fezell, Mr. Locke, Reginald Killingley, pastor of the Pasadena Spanish church, the film crew and the G-III crew.

"When we first told the campers about Mr. Tkach's visit, they almost went crazy applauding," said Gilberto Marin, pastor of the Chihuahua and Juarez, Mexico, churches and assistant camp director.

"When he arrived on campus, the pastor general greeted the campers with *Hola, Mexicanos!* and gave them the now traditional high fives," Dr. Nelson said.

After shaking hands with the faculty and staff members, Mr.

Tkach and his party had lunch in the chalet.

Before addressing the campers, Mr. Tkach viewed waterskiing, canoeing, swimming, softball and archery.

"I would emphasize canoeing; it is one of the main things we are bringing out here, because it is a character development activity, first, and secondly, in Mexico we don't have those kinds of facilities," said Mr. Marin.

According to Mr. Fezell: "Mr. Tkach watched some of the campers get up on water skis for the first time. Many of them failed but tried again and again. He appreciated their willingness to stick to it and mentioned that in his address."

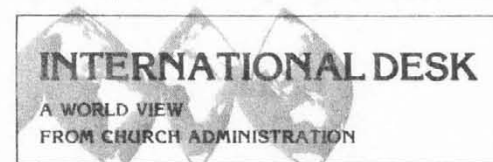
At 5 p.m. Mr. Tkach began his ad-

dress to the campers and staff with various Spanish greetings, according to Dr. Nelson. The address was translated by Mr. Killingley.

"He told the campers they are part of something very big that God is in the process of performing and developing," the camp director said.

The pastor general called SEP "a training camp, a learning and growing experience, a boot camp for excellence, hard work and challenge."

"We cannot outrun the blessings God will pour out on us for obedience," he continued. "God loves to give us good things, and SEP is among many dozens and dozens of blessings and opportunities that come by obedience to the laws, rules and regulations that God sets down."



dress functions in Suva.

Southern Africa

George Efthyououlos, a local church elder in the Cape Town, South Africa, church, and his wife, Poppy, will return to Zimbabwe to pastor the Bulawayo church, according to the Cape Town Office.

Mr. Efthyououlos is a Zimbabwean by birth, but his wife holds dual citizenship in Zimbabwe and Mozambique.

"This could present a problem as the Zimbabwean government recently legislated that Zimbabwean citizens cannot hold dual nationality," the office reported.

"Mrs. Efthyououlos may be required to renounce her Mozambique citizenship. Prayers for the success of this latest attempt to get another minister into Zimbabwe would be appreciated."

William Bentley, now pastor of the Bulawayo church, will move to Harare, Zimbabwe, and will continue to pastor the Lusaka, Zambia, congregation.

Curfews

A state of emergency still exists in South Africa, with certain areas under curfew at night.

"One of the results of the state of emergency is that some ministers are finding that they can once again go safely into black townships in order to visit members and prospective members," the office reported.

Before the emergency regula-

tions such travel was considered too dangerous.

Sabbath victory

August Rusche, a member who attends the Hannover, West Germany, church, won "an important victory" in court involving a labor dispute about the Sabbath, said Frank Schnee, regional director of the Church in German-speaking areas.

Last spring Mr. Rusche received notice that his employer was going to fire him because of his refusal to work three Saturdays during this summer's vacation time.

Mr. Schnee said: "Mr. Rusche took his case to labor court, and the judge stated during the hearing that she had examined all cases involving similar disputes and had learned that the religious rights of employees were respected by German courts, unless there was evidence that serious damage to a company would result by accommodating an unusual request for time off for religious reasons."

"In this case there was no proof that Mr. Rusche's not working on the Sabbath would cause the company hardship, since it had already agreed to allow him to have nearly all Saturdays off. For this reason the judge ruled that his firing was illegal by German law."

Czechoslovakian visit

"For the first time in modern history, a family in the northeastern part of Czechoslovakia received a visit," reported Thomas Lapacka, pastor of the Stuttgart, West Germany, and Basel and Zuerich, Switzerland, churches.

Mr. Lapacka and his wife, Linda, spent two days with the family, who had received Church literature from a relative in Poland.

Mr. Lapacka said that the visit "proved promising."

according to Dr. Nelson.

"The language barrier didn't stop me from spending quite some time meeting each of the campers personally," Mr. Tkach wrote in the Aug. 19 Pastor General's Report. "Because of the smaller size of the group, I was also able to spend a little extra time viewing the activities. These young people seemed to appreciate deeply the opportunities provided them at Orr."

Some of the campers made comments to Mr. Marin about Mr. Tkach's visit.

Ludmila Gonzalez from Mexicali, Mexico, said: "It was like a dream. I had never thought I would meet him in person. And I didn't think I would have the opportunity to greet him. This chance has motivated me to better myself and make an extra effort to submit to God's government."

According to Luis Avila of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico: "For me it was incredible that he visited us. I never thought he'd come to this camp session. It is an honor to get to know him. He seemed to be a very friendly man, and he emphasized unity and teamwork in a simple, but specific way."

Anna Maria Bocanegra from Guadalajara, Mexico, commented: "I never imagined he was such a down-to-earth person, and I liked his clear thinking and the authority with which he spoke. But most of all, his love for us."

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