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Brethren give Mr. Tkach warm Hawaiian aloha

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA — "I'd never seen so many leis in my life, and they were all around my neck!" said Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach after a five-day church visit to the Hawaiian Islands March 22.

Mr. Tkach shook hands and talked to 174 brethren at Sabbath services March 21 in the Turtle Bay Hilton in Kahuku, on the island of Oahu.

The pastor general quipped that the hardest part of the trip was removing in groups of eight or 10 the "beautiful leis of fresh flowers" brethren put on him. "They were piled so high, I couldn't even see."

Mr. Tkach and his party, composed of Ellen Escat, his administrative assistant; Julie Stocker, an executive secretary; Michael Rasmussen, an assistant to Mr. Tkach; and Mr. Rasmussen's wife, Juli; were met in Honolulu March 19 by Joseph Locke, Ambassador Foundation vice president of international projects, and Jim Little, an Ambassador College junior and Mr. Locke's assistant, returning from a trip to Sri Lanka, Thailand and Nepal (see article, page 8).

Captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich (a local elder in the Long Beach, Calif., West church) and steward Jay Brothers served as Mr. Tkach's Gulfstream III crew.

Some of the brethren who assembled in Kahuku traveled 200 miles by plane to hear the pastor general, according to David Fraser, Honolulu pastor.

Mr. Tkach spoke on "the importance of unity, harmony and love in God's Family, the Church, keeping in clear focus the reason for our calling, doing the work and preparing for the coming Kingdom of God," Mr. Fraser said.

"During the sermon Mr. Tkach always seems to bring personal experiences into his message," Mr. Locke said. "He usually recognizes a few people in the congregation and tells something personal — maybe a personal experience he has had with them. This really makes the brethren feel so close to him."

Surprise announcement

From the podium Mr. Tkach announced that a member of the audience, Neal Daniel, had been accepted to Ambassador College. "This was very exciting for the whole congregation, but especially

the student," said Mr. Locke.

When he heard his name, "he looked up, threw his hands back and sighed loudly," Mrs. Escat recalled.

"It was amazing the love the brethren wanted to show Mr. Tkach," according to Mr. Rasmussen. "By the time he had finished greeting the brethren he had been given between 30 and 40 beautiful leis, many of which took many painstaking hours for the brethren to make."

"The Hawaiian brethren are very giving people," even though the cost of living is high, he added.

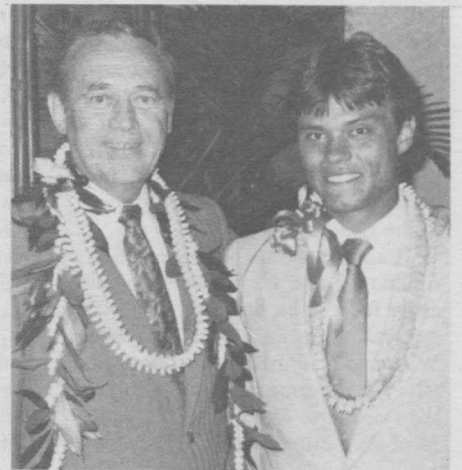
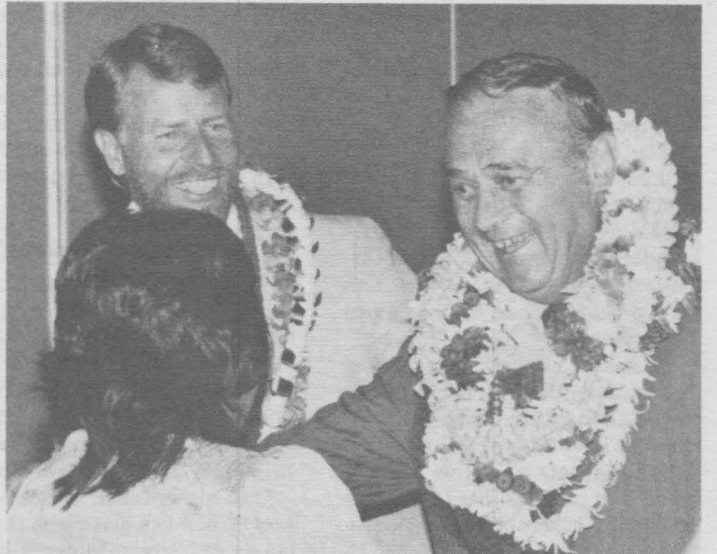
On behalf of the brethren, Mr. Fraser presented Mr. Tkach with a framed picture of an erupting volcano, inscribed with "The Lord your God is a consuming fire" from Deuteronomy 4:24.

After meeting the members, Mr. Tkach was host at a luau for them on the veranda of the Turtle Bay Hilton.

"We turned the tables on them," Mr. Tkach told *The Worldwide News*. "I threw it for them by making all the arrangements in advance from here and working with Mr. Fraser in Hawaii."

"We had the hotel prepare all the food, and about an hour after services everyone gathered downstairs, where tables were set up on the out-

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DRAWING BRETHREN TOGETHER — Clockwise from top left: Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's five-day church visit to the Hawaiian Islands includes a stop at Honolulu international airport March 19; greeting members at Sabbath services March 21 in Kahuku, with David Fraser, Honolulu pastor; announcing that Neal Daniel is accepted to Ambassador College; and meeting children in Kahuku, some of whom had saved money so they could buy Mr. Tkach leis. [Photos by Frank Baker, Ellen Escat and Joseph K. Kolman Jr.]

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

I hope each of you will have or have had a wonderfully inspiring and profitable Holy Day season!

I thought it would be helpful to you in this "Personal," among other things, to give a few more comments on the subject of the proper use of the medical profession.

As I explained in the last issue of *The Worldwide News*, the Bible does not condemn or denounce physicians or even medicines. In fact, the Bible often mentions medicines in a favorable light, as legitimate remedies for physical ills.

However, the Bible does not in any way imply that it endorses all the nostrums and poisons that pass for medicine, and all the quacks and fakers who call themselves doctors, nor the habit of saturating the human system with drugs.

The Bible recognizes the legitimacy of the principle of using remedies for physical ills; and man, looking to God for wisdom and help, must work out how to apply the principle.

There are unquestionably abuses in the use of medicine. Like in any realm of human endeavor, some people, even some "professionals," are dishonest, incompetent, irresponsible or unconcerned. Nonetheless, the fact that abuses exist does not mean

that all doctors or medicines are bad, no more than all auto repairmen, or all lawyers, or all mayors, etc., are bad.

A person should use care to thoroughly check out the reputation and qualifications of a doctor. It is also wise to do some personal research about one's particular illness or problem so that one has some background on the pros and cons of various forms of treatment for it. It is always wise to get two or three separate opinions before going ahead with any surgery or medical treatment.

A person should be willing to respectfully ask all the questions on one's mind, and the doctor should be willing to answer them. If the doctor isn't willing to do that, a different doctor would be advisable.

Let's keep one thing firmly in mind. While the Bible is favorable to the proper use of remedies, its foremost emphasis is on the importance of prayer and right relationship with God. Our spiritual relationship with God is the most important thing in our lives if we are true Christians. It is God who will raise us from the dead, and it is God who "healeth all thy diseases."

Whether healing comes directly from God, or indirectly through physical remedies, it is nevertheless from Him. The person who puts all his faith for recovery in medicines and doc-

tors makes a serious mistake. These have their place, but they should never displace the Creator who gives and sustains life.

Asa's great mistake was not that he turned to the physicians, but that he turned away from God. The very same thing will happen to those "who put their trust in uncertain riches." Yet, riches are not wrong.

Abraham was very rich. But Abraham was able to properly use his riches without losing faith in God. He didn't let riches become more important to him than God, nor did he trust in them instead of God.

The prayer of faith with anointing should not be a demand that God fulfill an "unconditional promise" to heal "right now," but a faithful request that God look at the person's situation and extend His mercy and compassion in His great wisdom to relieve his or her suffering through healing.

Can a Christian employ a doc-

tor and use medicine and still thank God for his recovery?

In the wilderness the children of Israel received the manna directly from God. They had no other source of food, and God performed a miracle to provide food for them. But this was only a temporary measure. Later they were taught that the products of the "land flowing with milk and honey" were just as truly from God as was the manna.

In fact, the faith that saw God in the fruitful vineyards and the rich harvests was in some respects a stronger faith than that which saw Him in the giving of the manna and the water in the wilderness.

Jesus made the same point when He told the doubting apostle, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."

When God performs an obviously miraculous healing it is a
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New Look for *The Worldwide News*

PASADENA — For the first time since *The Worldwide News* was founded April 1, 1973, a change has been made in the masthead or nameplate of the Church's newspaper. Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach made the decision to upgrade *The Worldwide News* with better quality paper, a new masthead and the addition of one color — blue. In the March 9 edition, negative halftones were used and with the March 23 edition, the paper was printed on a higher quality paper stock. If you compare the quality of the photographs and paper with previous editions, the difference is immediately apparent. This issue the color blue and a new masthead designed by Monte Wolverton, *Plain Truth* art director, were added. The staff felt it was fitting that the first new, revitalized *Worldwide News* is datelined April 6, 14 years after the first issue of the paper was printed.

Major rupture in U.S.-Japanese relations

PASADENA — The United States, in a landmark decision March 27, announced the imposition of trade sanctions against Japan.

Beginning in mid-April, up to \$300 million in tariffs will be slapped on a number of Japanese-made products using Japanese semiconductors. These silicon components, also known as computer chips, are the key building blocks of electronic goods.

The decision means that Japan will be confronted with U.S. trade sanctions for the first time since World War II — an ominous reminder of when Washington forbade the sale of scrap metal to Tokyo before Japan bombed Pearl Harbor.

At issue is an agreement reached last August in which the Japanese promised to stop dumping semiconductors in the United States and other markets at below market value — a practice that U.S. semiconductor makers claimed seriously undercut their sales.

U.S. officials have charged that the Japanese, while ceasing to dump their chips in this country, have violated the agreement by continuing to sell them cheaply in other markets such as Hong Kong and Singapore, where they in turn can be incorporated into products for export to the United States.

The Japanese are not expected to retaliate. Some U.S. officials seem eager for a fight, however. Regarding retaliation, an aide to Sen. Pete Wilson of California said: "Personally, I'd welcome it. It would open the floodgates for us to hit at least 18 of their other market practices."

Such an attitude reflects a growing angry mood in Congress, where far-ranging omnibus trade bills are progressing in both chambers that could subject Japan, as well as other countries that have sizable trade surpluses with the United States, to further sanctions.

It is almost certain that Congress will produce some sort of trade legislation this year. It is only a matter of degree as to how severely protectionist it will be. It conceivably could be relatively mild in 1987 — with the screws tightening each succeeding year.

Transatlantic troubles

The trade conflict with Japan runs concurrently with similar frictions between the United States and the European Community.

Both sides are squaring off over sales of the Airbus passenger aircraft, a joint product of France, Britain, West Germany and Spain. U.S. makers such as Boeing and McDonnell Douglas claim the Airbus is unfairly subsidized by the four governments. They are disturbed over growing purchases of Airbus models by U.S. airlines.

American defense contractors also claim they are being cut out of bidding on subcontracts worth billions of dollars in the planning of a new European Fighter Aircraft (EFA) to be produced by West Germany, Italy, Britain and Spain.

The Europeans countercharge that the problem lies in Washington, which has stringent laws forbidding sales of American technology to Soviet bloc and some nonaligned countries. By using U.S. parts, the Europeans claim sales of

the EFA would be restricted.

Buying out America

America, meanwhile, continues to suffer a yearly trade hemorrhage. The deficit amounted to about \$170 billion in 1986. A year earlier the United States became the world's

equally significant. Last year Japanese investors alone bought an estimated \$5 billion worth of American real estate. The cheap dollar makes blue-chip skyscraper properties in Manhattan, N.Y., and Los Angeles, Calif., affordable.

Bruce Babbitt, former Arizona

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



biggest debtor nation.

This massive outpouring of dollars, of course, doesn't just disappear. It flows back in the form of heavy purchases of U.S. government securities (private foreigners now hold 16.5 percent of outstanding U.S. federal debt), corporate stocks and bonds and real estate.

Last year 260 American corporations were taken over by foreign interests. Other foreign companies have started up their own operations inside the United States to surmount expected trade barriers.

While the outsiders provide an estimated three million jobs, many observers are uneasy over what they claim is the sellout of corporate America. According to economist Pat Choate, the Japanese "will be in a position to dominate our economy in every area that matters by the mid-1990s. You ain't seen nothing yet."

The move of excess foreign-held dollars into U.S. real estate is

governor and announced Democratic candidate for President in 1988, said, "We're witnessing the greatest debt-for-equity swap of all time — our trade deficit for American assets."

The overall cash infusion may be

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Mittleuropa: balance between East and West

BOREHAMWOOD, England — For 40 years Europe has been stable — its political borders drawn. This period of relative stability follows geographical turmoil in the first half of this century.

Europe's map was redrawn after The Great War (World War I). The Habsburg Empire disappeared. Germany lost territory. Poland regained sovereignty.

But with the passing of two decades came another world war. Six years of fighting ended in an unnatural division of Europe. Germany was torn down the middle. An Iron Curtain was drawn to separate East and West.

This political division of Europe is unsatisfactory to Europeans. Peoples who were culturally one were separated. German families were torn apart — some living in East Germany, some in the West. Inevitably, the status quo cannot continue for much longer.

Reunification is not far from the German mind. West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has repeatedly said that a united Germany is among his long-range goals.

Concept of Central Europe

The concept of *Mittleuropa* (German for Middle Europe) is fast gaining support. Both sides of the Iron Curtain seek to break down postwar cultural barriers.

Neil Ascherson, political columnist, wrote in the March 15 *Observer* how he ultimately conceives Central Europe: "The vision here is of a great band of neutral or semi-neutral states in the middle of Europe, without foreign armies of occupation and their nuclear weapons. Britain and France would cease to count much. They might well stay tied to the United States, but Germany — reunited or a federation of two states — would find its destiny in a new *Mittleuropa* balanced between the West and a pacified Soviet Union that has withdrawn behind its own frontiers."

Chancellor Kohl envisions the eventual reunification of Germany going hand in hand with the unification of Europe.

However, as Elizabeth Pond wrote in the March 16-22 *Christian Science Monitor* world edition,

welcome now, but, as the *U.S. News & World Report* of March 30 reported, "Foreign investors have become so essential to the smooth operation of the American economy that any abrupt shifts on their part could bring disaster."

In Deuteronomy 28:12 God foretold that His people, Israel, if obedient, would "lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow" (New King James). For many years after World War II the United States was the world's leading lender, shoveling out hundreds of billions of dollars in economic and military foreign aid.

But the tables have since turned. In the time of our growing national wickedness (crime, divorce, homosexuality and AIDS), the prophecy in verses 43 and 44 instead holds true:

"The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail" (NKJ).

who lived God's ways ever talked negatively about others. There is a great deal of truth in that observation.

Godly people should speak in faith, love and outgoing concern. These qualities go together.

Paul tells us plainly in Galatians 5:6 that faith works by love. If we as true Christians bite and devour one another, we will never be great men and women now or in the Kingdom of God. As Paul notes in I Corinthians 13, even if we have the faith to move mountains, without love, it profits us nothing.

If you have been guilty of verbally biting and devouring other people like a shark, you need to "turn over a new leaf" and to confess your sins to God.

Answers to prayer depend upon faith, and faith depends upon outgoing concern and love. If you know that someone "has ought against you," for you to pray successfully and grow spiritually requires that obstacle to be forgiven and removed. Now is the time to examine yourself.

Build a strong family

Note that Galatians 5:15 speaks of biting and devouring *one another*, just as verses 13 and 14 of Galatians 5 spoke of loving and serving *one another*. Love, outgoing concern, serves one another, but biting and devouring *consumes* one another.

Love edifies, but hate divides. Love encourages, helps, builds up; but sins of the tongue discourage, hinder, destroy.

In the past we've had enough division of families and friends in the Church of God. Now let's join minds and hearts with our brothers and sisters in Christ and work together to build a strong family, as Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach has exhorted, rather than destroy it.

If we really want to usher in the Kingdom of God, let's learn to think and talk in love, especially with those who are of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10).



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Beware shark syndrome

The need for good communication between family members was brought home to me when a friend told me this story:

He had admonished his teenage daughter: "There are two words I'd like you to drop from your vocabulary. One is *awesome* and the other is *gross*."

"OK, Dad," she said. "What are the two words?"

Communication is vital to healthy relationships. A conciliation court in Montana studied its records for a one-year period, hoping to identify the primary problem experienced by married couples. The most common concern was "lack of communication." In 88 percent of their court cases, couples either did not or could not talk over their problems.

How many times in your life have you said, "But that's not what I said"? Or, "That's not what I meant"? Or, "Why didn't you do as I told you"? Or, "We're talking about two entirely different things."

Most of us believe we communicate clearly. We assume that if we speak the same language we will understand each other. Good communication, however, is neither commonplace nor simple. It occurs only when a receiver understands a message as it was sent.

The shark syndrome

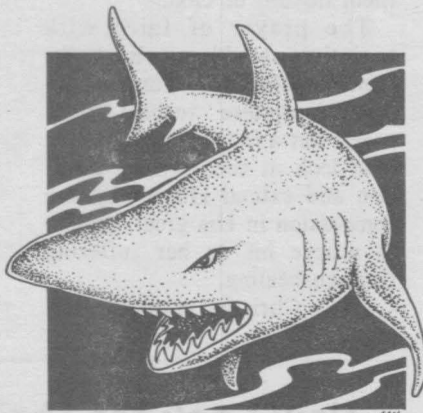
The apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians about a communication problem that we as God's family today need to be aware of and put in check. I'll call it the shark *syndrome*.

Paul refers to this form of com-

munication in Galatians 5:15: "But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

What does a person bite with? His or her mouth. So Paul is speaking here of sins of the tongue — gossiping and maligning.

It's not necessary to be around



other people to bite and devour them. All it takes is malicious talk. That talk can go on in their presence or out of it, at home in the family or in church, around town or 2,000 miles away. The result is the same.

Biting and devouring always ends in someone being consumed. If you bite an apple enough times, it will be gone. Think about that a minute. It means a mate, friend, child, relative, fellow worker or one of God's servants could be consumed — ripped apart by ill-chosen words.

A longtime member of God's Church told me he noticed that no great leader — man or woman —

Pasadena foundation honors landscape of campus stream

By Marie Myers

PASADENA — Installation of a stream on the Ambassador College campus, surrounded by rocks and foliage, was honored by the Pasadena Beautiful Foundation at a banquet Tuesday Feb. 24.

The foundation presented plaques to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and Jon F. Myhre, a landscape architect contracted by the college. Ambassador was one of 12 organizations recognized for beautification of nonresidential property.

The foundation, founded in 1960, is to "encourage the beautification of Pasadena," according to Ronald Grassmann, manager of the Ambassador College Landscape Department and a member of the foundation's board of directors.

The foundation recognizes landscape excellence for private and commercial properties. Lindsay Macdonnell, cochairman of the awards, said this is the first time the foundation has given an award for

landscaping only. Until this year, awards were given for renovation of old buildings and attractive new buildings and landscape.

The stream and walkway run from the upper to lower campus.

The project took three years to design and construct, according to campus architect Bill Scott, who coordinated the project.

After Herbert W. Armstrong approved the project in 1981, the college surveyed the site and retained Mr. Myhre for design services. Mr. Grassmann said the project was a team effort among the Plant Maintenance Department, Landscape Department and architects. After more than two years of planning, construction began.

Mr. Scott said that Mr. Myhre supervised placement of every rock and plant to make the stream and surrounding area look as natural as possible.

After completion, the mall was dedicated by Mr. Armstrong Oct. 4, 1984.

"We felt this type of usage of rocks and water was suitable. It was very well designed . . . a very lovely setting," Mr. Macdonnell said. "Ambassador always has done good work and we always try to encourage those who do a good job."

This was the third time for the college to be recognized by the Pasadena Beautiful Foundation, Mr. Grassmann said. The foundation recognized the college for the Ambassador Auditorium in 1975 and for landscaping and maintenance service in 1982.

"It's somewhat of a prestigious award," Mr. Scott said.



LANDSCAPE EXCELLENCE — Ambassador College received an award from the Pasadena Beautiful Foundation Feb. 24 for a stream that runs from the upper to lower campus. The stream, which took three years to design and construct, was dedicated by Herbert W. Armstrong in October, 1984. [Photo by Ronald Grove]

Publishing official speaks at printing conference

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA — Roger Lippross, production director for Publishing Services, and Donald Patrick, composing supervisor, attended the 10th annual Electronic Printing Systems conference in Miami, Fla., Feb. 22 to 26.

Mr. Lippross gave a presentation titled "Challenging the '80s — Worldwide Pagination of One Magazine in Seven Languages." It was put together by Mr. Lippross, Mr. Patrick, Ron Nelson, composing proofreader, and graphics personnel.

The presentation focused on how the Church uses electronic printing systems (Bedford, Autologic and IBM [International Business Machines] Personal Computers) to produce *The Plain Truth* in seven languages.

Mr. Lippross discussed how production of the Church's multilingual publications is coordinated from the Church's headquarters in Pasadena using a Compatible Overseas Magazine Pagination, or COMP 3000, system.

"In the industry people are beginning to take notice of what we're doing," Mr. Lippross said. "People are realizing we are in the forefront in our application of technology. It isn't that others cannot buy the same equipment; it's the way that we apply it that's unique."

The conference featured about 50 speakers, representing such companies as Xerox, IBM, Kodak and American Telephone & Telegraph (AT&T). About 1,000 people attended the conference.

"We felt it was a good witness for the Church, and an opportunity to explain what we're doing in publishing to the technical world," he said.

Afterward Mr. Lippross fielded questions from the audience. "Some PT readers came to me privately afterwards," he said. "One guy wanted to arrange for a visit. I gave him my card and told him how to contact the local minister."

Mr. Lippross said that it isn't just the technology or equipment that enables the Church to do its publishing work. "There is a missing element, and that is God's Holy Spirit and God's government in action in some very practical areas."

"A lot of companies would like to do seven languages worldwide, but they don't have the government structure from the top down. No publisher in the world that I know of has that control. . . . Other companies give local overseas autonomy. They don't look to the headquarters office in the same way. . . . It's what makes us successful."

Seminar directors told Mr. Lippross that his presentation was one of the top three given at the conference.

Presentations given at the conference, including slides, will be reproduced in a two or three volume set of conference proceedings called "Lasers in Graphics — Electronic Publishing in the '80s."

Mr. Lippross also met with Bedford management and negotiated for savings of about \$50,000 in software and equipment to be purchased in 1987 by the Church.

Personal

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source of great encouragement to us — because we see a literal demonstration of His great power. But does God have to perform powerful, moving, supernatural miracles for His own begotten children to believe He is God and delivers His people?

Can't we rejoice and thank God for His deliverance even when it is indirect, through a policeman, fireman, paramedic, forest ranger, or a medicine or a doctor? And can't we also rejoice and thank God that He is our deliverer and healer even when no remedy helps and He chooses not to perform a miracle?

Going to a doctor is not "throwing faith out the window." Instead, faith should go hand in hand with using physical remedies as it should with any other aspect of life. The prayer of faith should be part and parcel with any use of doctors or medicine — faith in the living God who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Divine healing is *never limited* — whether an ill is humanly curable or incurable. And neither is God's *decision* to heal limited or restricted by a person's use of physical remedies.

Is it God's will for a Christian to suffer terrible pain from an accident or a disease, while pain relieving drugs are available that will reduce or relieve the suffering? The great God has not required that as some test of commitment to Him.

The spring Holy Day season should be a time of profound appreciation and deep spiritual joy for what the living God has done for us and all mankind. We should partake of it in confidence and assurance of God's unbreakable Word and promises!

In I Corinthians 12:14-27, the apostle Paul shows that each of God's people is to have the same love, care and concern one for another regardless of position, "status" or "importance." It does not matter if a person is rich or poor, educated or uneducated — he is a member of the Body of Christ and should be treated as such, in the love of God.

In verse 26 Paul says, "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it."

Some of the members at Corinth were not having the same love and care one for another. They were, in effect, despising the Body of Christ — both in how they were treating one another and in their disre-

spect of the meaning of the Passover service — and creating divisions in the Church (I Corinthians 11:18). That is why Paul told them in chapter 11 to examine themselves and properly discern the body of Christ.

When we eat and drink the Passover we are in effect saying that Christ is not divided — that there are no divisions in the Body of Christ. We are saying that we are reconciled with God, Christ and each member of the Body of Christ. Therefore it behooves us to take the necessary steps to *make sure* that what we are saying by eating and drinking the Passover is true.

In I Corinthians 3:17, Paul says: "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

There are many ways to defile the temple of God — or the Body of Christ. Certainly gossiping, holding grudges, bitterness or resentment toward another, cheating or taking advantage of another are examples.

Leviticus 19:16-17 says: "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the Lord. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin

upon him [or, bear sin for him]."

The Passover should drive home to us the tremendous importance God places on maintaining unity in the Body of Christ, and the need to make sure we are continually reconciled with one another.

Jesus underscored this principle as expressed in the sermon on the mount. In Matthew 5:23-24, He said that if we come to offer our gift (prayers, Revelation 8:3) before the altar (throne of God) and remember that our brother has anything against us, that we should first go and be reconciled to our brother, then come and offer our prayers before the throne of God.

Of course, Jesus did not mean that God won't hear our prayers at all until we are actually reconciled. But He did mean that our prayers are of no value if our attitude is not one of forgiveness, and desiring and seeking to be reconciled. As we know, Jesus set forth the steps Christians should follow in resolving conflicts and problems with one another in Matthew 18:15-17.

Let us press forward, brethren, daily striving to strengthen our relationship with God, overcoming, and putting on the very life of Jesus Christ!

With deep love, in Jesus' name,
Joseph W. Tkach

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Report from

the Treasurer's Office

Joseph W. Tkach

PASADENA — At the end of the first quarter of 1987 the income is ahead of budget. The month's increase in income is 7.8 percent, and the year is 13.2 percent.

Quite a few contributors sent some of this year's tithes and offerings at the end of last year for tax reasons. This gave a big boost for the first week of 1987, but a gradual decrease since. We hope that the income during the second quarter will not decrease further.

Contributions for the Office Facilities Building have now reached about \$923,000. This only includes those contributions that are "to buy the building" or mention the Office Facilities Building or indicate by initials or abbreviations that they are meant for this specific building.

Some of you may not know that Herbert W. Armstrong established a special building fund many years ago to help pay for our major buildings. Some of these buildings, especially the Auditorium, will not be paid for until 1989. When a contribution made to the building fund is not said to be specifically for the Office Facilities Building, it is not included for this new building. We believe there are many additional contributions intended for the Office Facilities Building fund that are not being credited to that fund, as it is not clear that they are for this purpose. If you make a contribution for this purpose, please state clearly that it is for the Office Facilities Building.

My report a month ago was sent from New Zealand while I was on a trip to the Church's Far East offices. Each place I went, Church members and ministers told me about special projects that were under way to help raise funds for this building. We here at Pasadena appreciate the effort, the interest, the concern and the contributions of all the brethren around the world for this very important building.



GOAL REACHED — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach prepares to enter the country of the one millionth subscriber to *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) into a computer in the Spanish Department March 16. Background (from left): Alec Surratt, mail processing supervisor; evangelist Leon Walker, regional director; and Keith Speaks, PV circulation manager. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Pastor general records one millionth subscriber

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA — Spanish Department employees and guests watched as Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach entered the one millionth subscriber to the *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) computer files March 16.

"Today marks a rather important milestone for the work in the Spanish Department," evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas, told Mr. Tkach.

Mr. Tkach said the day marked another milestone. "It was a glorious day in Chicago 61 years ago. This happens to be my birthday," he said with a smile.

Mr. Walker explained the background of *La Pura Verdad*. He said the first issue was published in February, 1968, with about 3,000 subscribers.

Circulation now stands at about 225,000. It took 19 years to add a total of one million subscribers, and 500,000 of those were added in the last five years, Mr. Walker said.

"It should be understood that

these are cumulative adds and have no relationship to current subscription levels," said Mr. Walker. "Because of the annual renewal process, many are added and many drop off. We are trying to reach new people all the time, and the magazine has probably been a witness to more than seven million people."

When Mr. Tkach arrived, a chart showed subscriptions at 999,988. Alec Surratt, mail processing supervisor, who has worked in the department more than 17 years, introduced his staff to Mr. Tkach and entered 11 subscribers, one each from Chile, Brazil, El Salvador, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Colombia, Mexico, Peru and Texas, which brought the total to 999,999.

Mr. Surratt typed in all of the information for the one millionth subscriber, Rafael Guillen Garcia, except the country (Spain). He asked Mr. Tkach to do this.

"By the way, how much are we paying terminal operators?" Mr. Tkach asked as he sat down. He typed S-P-A-I-N, pressed the "enter" button and said, "Ole!"

Mr. Walker asked Mr. Tkach to sign a letter to Mr. Guillen saying that he is the one millionth subscriber. Mr. Tkach read the English translation of the letter, and Mr. Walker read the Spanish. The letter told Mr. Guillen some of the history of *La Pura Verdad*. "We are honored to include you in our growing family of subscribers," it read.

"This is truly a very momentous occasion. It couldn't be done without you," Mr. Tkach told the employees. "We appreciate you, and God appreciates you even more. Thank you very much. I love all of you." He stressed "*somos familia*" (we are family), and told the group that the word for family in Russian is the same as in Spanish.

Mr. Walker presented a card to Mr. Tkach from the department that read, "Thanks a million, amigo!" Mr. Walker said that he would like Mr. Tkach to be a millionaire and gave him a Bolivian 10 million peso note.

"It's worth about \$5," Mr. Walker said. "That's your wages for being our terminal operator today."

Champagne was served, and Mr. Tkach proposed a toast, "Saludos amigos. Here's to the second million," he said. The occasion is one that God is smiling on, and it is a worthwhile cause for rejoicing, said Mr. Tkach.

The celebration, which was videotaped by Media Services, ended with refreshments. Mr. Walker gave Mr. Tkach a tour of the department.

Spanish director travels to South America

PASADENA — Evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas, returned from a trip to Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile and Peru March 1.

Mr. Walker left Pasadena Feb. 5 for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He planned to conduct a Bible study there and sent letters to members announcing the time and place. "Unfortunately the letters didn't arrive until a week after I did," Mr. Walker said.

"The delivery of mail in all of Latin America is just getting worse all the time. We've had problems

with literature and personal letters," Mr. Walker said.

Mail is lost, stolen or slow. In Uruguay there were more than 40 postal strikes in 1986. "There just doesn't seem to be a solution," said Mr. Walker.

The main purposes of Mr. Walker's trip were to visit members, meet with the ministry and discuss mailing of *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*).

"We are seriously contemplating the printing of the *PV* in Chile due to the enormous delay in mail reaching the southern cone [Argentina,

Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay]. Delivery from England [where the magazine is now printed] is slow just for geographical reasons.

"Chile has good facilities. On my last trip to Chile in August, we looked at the press that prints the *Reader's Digest* and many other top quality magazines in Spanish."

Mr. Walker said that 70,000 to 80,000 magazines go to the southern cone region — about one third of the *PV* subscription list. "If the magazine were printed in Chile these people would receive their

magazines in days or a couple of weeks at the most, instead of upwards of six months," Mr. Walker said.

No final decision has been made "but everything is looking very favorable. There are two or three minor problems to be worked out." If it isn't possible to print the magazines in Chile, magazines that will be printed in Canada will be distributed to the region, according to Mr. Walker.

(Printing of the *PV* will be moved to Canada by the next one or two issues, according to Keith Speaks, circulation manager for the *PV*.)

Feb. 9 Mr. Walker went to Buenos Aires, Argentina. He and Albert Sousa, pastor of the Buenos Aires and Ezeiza, Argentina, and Salto, Uruguay, churches, traveled to Salto for the Sabbath Feb. 14. This was Mr. Walker's first visit with brethren there since June, 1982. Sunday Mr. Walker joined members and their families for a Uruguayan *asado* (barbecue) and sports near the River Uruguay. There are 34 members in Uruguay.

Mr. Walker spent the Sabbath, Feb. 21, with Temuco, Chile, brethren, and attended a Spokesman Club ladies night with Santiago, Chile, brethren Feb. 22. He spent the Sabbath, Feb. 28, in Lima, Peru.

Visit to Spanish-speaking areas

Manager surveys postal centers

PASADENA — Keith Speaks, circulation manager for the Spanish *Plain Truth* (*La Pura Verdad*), returned to Pasadena Feb. 19 from a trip to Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico.

"The main purpose of the trip was to investigate and set up freight and mailing operations for the *PV*," Mr. Speaks said.

Mr. Speaks said that most of the *PV* will now be printed in Canada and will be shipped to consolidation points from which it will be mailed.

Mr. Speaks spoke to brethren in San Salvador, El Salvador, on the Sabbath, Feb. 14.

"It is inspiring for the brethren there to have someone from

Pasadena there for the Sabbath," Mr. Speaks said.

"They are so far removed from headquarters and other brethren, but the spirit is exactly the same." "They said I inspired them, but ... they inspired me much more."

Herbert Cisneros, pastor of the Guatemala City, Guatemala, and San Salvador churches, and Mr. Speaks viewed damage from the October, 1986, earthquake.

"It was really sobering," Mr. Speaks said. "But it was very encouraging to see Salvadoran people working, cleaning up. Everywhere we went they were working by hand with shovels and hacksaws."

In Guatemala, Mr. Speaks said,

"Almost every person we met got the *PV* or knew someone who did."

He said the people he met were cooperative and count it a privilege to do business for the Church. One freight forwarder "literally jumped out of his chair" when he heard that Mr. Speaks represented the *PV*.

"He had been reading the magazine for 10 years and required his children to subscribe when they left home," Mr. Speaks said.

Satellite broadcasting discussed

Ministers confer in England

By Robert C. Boraker

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Growth potential in Europe is enormous because of the new satellite broadcasting systems being developed, according to evangelist Frank Brown, regional director.

Mr. Brown made his comments at a ministerial conference that took place March 8 and 9 for 24 United Kingdom ministers and their wives.

Robert C. Boraker is head of the Personal Correspondence Department in the British Office.

Joseph Tkach Jr., assistant director of Church Administration in Pasadena, attended the meetings. His wife, Tamara, and son, Joseph

III, accompanied him here.

Mr. Brown opened the conference with an update of the work served by the British Office. He described the financial situation and plans for growth during 1987.

David Gunn, *Plain Truth* circulation manager for the British Office, illustrated graphically satellite broadcasting systems.

After a buffet lunch the ministers heard from Mr. Tkach Jr., who assists evangelist Larry Salyer in Church Administration. He introduced himself by giving an icebreaker about his background before being employed by the Church.

Several ministers commented on how much they appreciated hearing more details about the Tkach family as well as how the work is being ad-

ministered more efficiently at Pasadena by coordinating the planning of all departments.

During dinner that evening Paul Suckling, director of Church Administration for the British Regional Office, presented Mr. Tkach Jr. with a black bowler hat as a reminder of his trip to the London area and made him an "honorary Englishman."

Other lectures given at the conference included such subjects as Festival planning, mail processing, insurance plans, counselling teens, health and healing and being a good steward.

At the conclusion of the two-day conference Mr. Tkach Jr. was presented with a crystal decanter as a token of appreciation.

Telecast ranks fourth

By David Hulme

PASADENA — *The World Tomorrow* is rated the fourth-most-watched religious program by Arbitron, a U.S. media rating service.

The late 1986 report placed the telecast first in number of potential viewer households and second in U.S. markets reached.

Evangelist David Hulme is director of Communications & Public Affairs.

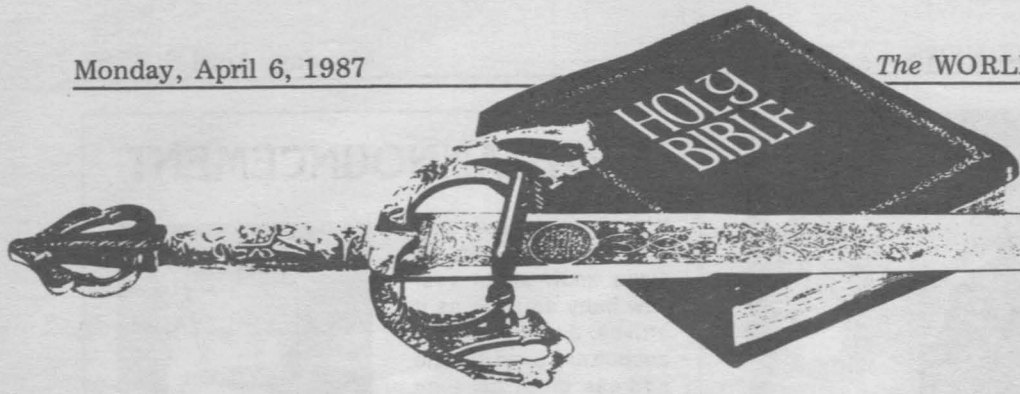
A 5½-year strategy brought about these rankings. There is the most important spiritual part, but we should be thankful that Batten,

Barton, Durstine & Osborn (BBDO) was put in our path enabling us to promote *The World Tomorrow* more successfully.

The World Tomorrow is on just about every U.S. station necessary to reach vast majorities of people.

The emphasis now is to maintain the program's media position, improve airing times and take advantage of new opportunities.

BBDO representatives call television stations to negotiate reimbursement each time the program is preempted or not aired at its regular time. Their efforts and time-buying negotiations saved the Church about \$1 million last year.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

How does salt lose its savor? Lessons from Christ's analogy

By Norman L. Shoaf

You are no doubt familiar with Christ's instruction that His people are to be the "salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13).

Christ used the analogy of salt to teach us several lessons: His called followers are sprinkled sparingly among the billions of people now alive on earth. We are to be pure. We are to have a special zest for life. And, because of us, God will preserve life on earth through the coming Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21-22).

In Matthew 5:13, Christ warned that His followers should not "lose their savor":

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

Salt without any flavor is, indeed,

good for little. But how does salt lose its savor? And what does this warning mean to Christians?

Salt is an enduring mineral. It can last a long time and undergo a lot of pressure before its quality diminishes.

The deposits in salt mines, from which man obtains most of the salt used in the world, are thousands of years old. Yet the savor or taste is still there.

Even refined salt can be stored for extended periods and retain its flavor. Though the salt may grow hard or lumpy, its "salty" quality remains. Salt cannot spoil.

Dissolved in water, salt disappears, but its quality remains. Taste the water and you'll find that the salt is still there.

Salt can also be subjected to extreme temperature. Even at 800 degrees centigrade (1,472 degrees Fahrenheit), the temperature at

which it melts, salt still retains its particular chemical composition.

So how can the savor of salt be compromised or destroyed? Only if it reacts chemically with some other substance — if it is, so to speak, contaminated by some outside influence.

The salt used in Christ's day was often natural rock salt. This salt, when exposed to the rain, sun and air, could lose its saltiness. But the salt that remained unexposed was protected and retained its savor.

Can you see the implication for Christ's followers?

Jesus said that though we must be in the world, we are not to be of the world (John 17:15-16).

Consider this strong warning in Revelation 18:4: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

Choked by "the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in," Christians can become unfruitful (Mark 4:19). As the "salt of the earth," we can lose our savor, and be thereafter "neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill" (Luke 14:35).

Have you known members of God's Church who "lost their savor" and left the Body of Christ because they allowed themselves to be contaminated by this world?

Perhaps they became obsessed with making money. Maybe they let the trials in their Christian lives overwhelm them. Or maybe they listened to the arguments and attacks of dissidents and detractors, and decided this was not God's Church.

What about you? What concerns you the most?

Is it your job, family troubles, the broken-down home you live in, the desire to be married, your loneliness or an endless list of *things* you would like to acquire for yourself?

Or is it the high calling of Jesus Christ, His end-time work and your part in it and developing the perfect, holy, righteous character that pleases God?

If you are concerned most with anything other than the items in this latter list, stop and examine yourself. Get back on the track quickly. You are the "salt of the earth," but salt can lose its savor through contamination from outside influences. You need to stay close to the Rock, Jesus Christ.

God wants you to obey Him and be in His Kingdom. That's why you were created. Nothing else matters. Nothing else will make you happy. Be the "salt of the earth" — and don't lose your savor!

BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

Most suppose that Jesus was crucified on Friday and resurrected Easter Sunday morning.

But Jesus staked His claim to being our Savior upon remaining three days and three nights in the tomb: "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:40).

- The Bible definition of "days" and "nights" is 24 hours.

"Are there not twelve hours in the day? . . . but if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth" (John 11:9-10).

"God divided the light from the darkness . . . And the evening and the morning were the third day" (Gen. 1:4, 13). This counts up the amount of time in the expression "the third day." It includes three dark periods called "night," and three light periods called "day."

- The Bible said Christ would rise again after three days (Mark 8:31, Matt. 27:63, John 2:19). Jesus was in the grave three full 24-hour days or the only supernatural proof He gave fails.

Jesus had to be resurrected at exactly the

same time of day He was buried.

Jesus died on "the preparation," or day before a Sabbath (Matt. 27:57-62, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54). The preparation day was "the preparation of the Passover" (John 19:14). "For that sabbath day was an high day" (verse 31).

Jesus died soon after the ninth hour or 3 p.m. (Matt. 27:46-50, Mark 15:34-37, Luke 23:44-46). Bodies were to be buried before the beginning of the Sabbath or a Feast day (Deut. 21:23). Hence Jesus was buried shortly before sunset the same day He died (Matt. 27:57-60).

Christ our Passover (1 Cor. 5:7) was slain on the same day the Passover was slain every year. The Hebrew calendar shows that in the year Jesus was crucified (A.D. 31), the 14th of Abib, Passover day, was Wednesday. The annual high day Sabbath was Thursday.

Since Jesus was buried late Wednesday, and the resurrection took place at the same time three days later, the resurrection occurred late Saturday about sunset.

Source: *The Resurrection Was Not on Sunday.*

from the Pastor General's Report

Question: Is taking vaccine a sin?

Answer: Neither the Bible nor the Church teaches that any particular medical procedure is sin. Equally, the Church, as a spiritual body, is not in the business of approving or disapproving medical procedures. This includes inoculations and vaccines.

Also, the Bible teaches us to be subject to civil authorities, who sometimes require certain vaccinations. For some, however, taking an inoculation may be a matter of conscience — for any number of reasons. The Bible, of course, teaches that "whatever is not from faith is sin" (Romans 14:23, New King James).

Even though the Church teaches that taking an inoculation is a medical matter and not sin, some individuals may prefer to avoid taking inoculations for reasons of their own.

The apostle Paul explained this principle in Romans 14:21-23. "It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak. Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin."

So while the Church teaches that taking inoculations is not sin, it also does not condemn those who choose, due to conscience or personal choice, not to do so. In either case it must be a personal choice made by the individual.

Question: I have not been given a polio vaccine. If my child is given a live vaccine, could I catch polio from my child?

Answer: This question is important to members reared in the Church and who have not been vaccinated,

or any others now members but who have not been vaccinees. Children who are given a live vaccine (the most common type) put out live viruses in their saliva, vomit and stools.

It is possible for a nonimmunized adult to be infected by these live viruses. The chances for complications are very small, but the Church does want to advise members of this situation because it may apply to a significant number of members. The Church makes no recommendation; the decision must be yours.

For your information, we are reprinting a section of the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, Jan. 29, 1982:

"In rare instances, administration of OPV [oral polio vaccine] has been associated with paralysis in healthy recipients and their contacts . . . Although the risk of vaccine-associated paralysis is extremely small to vaccinees and their susceptible, close, personal contacts, they should be informed of this risk . . .

"Adults who have not been adequately immunized against poliomyelitis with OPV or IPV [injected polio vaccine] are at a very small risk of developing OPV-associated paralytic poliomyelitis when children in the household are given OPV. About 4 such cases have occurred annually [in the United States] among contacts since 1969 . . .

"The Committee recommends the administration of OPV to a child regardless of the poliovirus-vaccine status of adult household contacts. This is the usual practice in the United States. The responsible adult should be informed of the small risk involved.

"An acceptable alternative, if there is strong assurance that ultimate, full immunization of the child will not be jeopardized or unduly delayed, is to immunize adults . . . before giving OPV to the child."

Hawaiian aloha

(Continued from page 1)
side of the hotel. We had a variety of Hawaiian food and fun and fellowship," he continued.

"Everybody had a great time and enjoyed having Mr. Tkach with them," Mr. Fraser said.

'Big Island' tour

After arriving at General Lyman Field in Hilo from the Burbank, Calif., airport March 18, Mr. Tkach and his party toured "the Big Island" (Hawaii), including "an extensive tour" of Volcanoes National Park, according to Mr. Fraser.

Black sand beaches, subterranean caverns, lava-scarred deserts and steaming lava flows are evidence of the fiery rivers of red lava from the five volcanoes that form the Big Island.

Within Volcanoes National Park is Kilauea, a volcanic crater two miles wide — "the largest and most active volcano in the world, our tour guide told us," said Mr. Tkach.

When Kilauea periodically erupts, it spews molten rock down mountainsides, carving pathways

through rain forests, grassland, deserts and flower orchards, finally spilling into the Pacific.

The last big eruption added about 56 acres to the island's size, Mr. Tkach said. As he and his party walked around the crater, observing the effects of Kilauea's last eruption in 1986, sulfur fumes steamed from cracks in the ground.

"We saw the tin roofs and cars that had been caught in the volcanic path," said Mrs. Escat. Some lava splinters into hairlike strands, which "feel like glass" and can be carried miles from the site of an eruption.

March 19 the group flew to Oahu and attended a Polynesian show in Honolulu that evening.

The next day they toured Pali Lookout and the Polynesian Culture Center.

They also saw the Pageant of the Long Canoes, a parade of boats with performers doing native dances, said Mrs. Escat.

The group left Honolulu at noon March 22, arriving at the Burbank

airport that evening.

'Love in action'

"What impressed me most was Mr. Tkach's emphasis on expressing true love in actions and not just words," Don Dias, a member from the island of Maui, told Mr. Fraser.

"I was very happy to meet him in person, very uplifting spiritually," said Yolanda Johansen, a member who traveled 200 miles by plane to services.

"I'd like to say something about Mrs. [Katharine] Fraser making fresh juices for Mr. Tkach," said Mrs. Escat. "He really appreciated that and others who have done similar things."

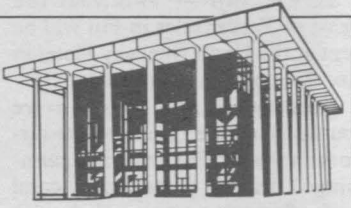
Mr. Tkach said that Mr. and Mrs. Fraser "are an excellent team, working together serving God's people."

Mr. Tkach said the purpose of the church visits, besides meeting the brethren and seeing how well they are faring, is to "check the physical and spiritual state of the churches — just like a general goes out to view the troops on the front line."

Mr. Locke said that Hawaii, one of the smallest congregations for a church visit, "is one of the warmest, and we were most well received."

Onstage at Ambassador

Ambassador International Cultural Foundation



Philharmonic embraces dignity, Old World charm

By Michael Hale

PASADENA — The audience loved it. Music critics applauded it, and one seems assured Beethoven himself would have been pleased when two Beethoven symphonies were performed here March 15 by one of the grandest of orchestras — the Vienna Philharmonic.

Michael Hale, graphics editor for Youth 87, performs in Ambassador College and Church productions.

To meet demand for seats for the one-night performance, the Amba-

sador Foundation staged the event in the 3,000-seat Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

As the musicians from Vienna assembled onstage to a lengthy applause, it became apparent this was no ordinary philharmonic. These were silver-haired men (there are no women in the orchestra) who exude the dignity, tradition and Old World charm of Beethoven's city.

Guest conductor was the commanding figure of Claudio Abbado. The popular Italian Abbado understands this special group of musicians. Among his other responsibilities, he is music director of the

Vienna State Opera (which uses Philharmonic musicians).

Mr. Abbado's straightforward and dignified approach to Beethoven seems perfectly suited to the Philharmonic — so much so that the orchestra is in the midst of recording a Beethoven cycle under his baton. On their current tour the Philharmonic is playing all nine Beethoven symphonies.

Though Beethoven's scoring calls for a smaller ensemble, the orchestra performs a technically accurate Beethoven that is big but not extreme, dramatic but without excess. This is attributed to the conducting of Mr. Abbado and the warmth and legendary blend of the Vienna Philharmonic.

Describing the event, evangelist David Hulme, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, said: "Clearly the Vienna Philharmonic continues to be one of the world's greatest orchestras. Together they became more powerful as the evening went on."

The first half of the program was Beethoven's *Symphony No. 1*. This early work is heavily colored with the influences of Haydn and Mozart, but Beethoven's wit and youthful energy abound.

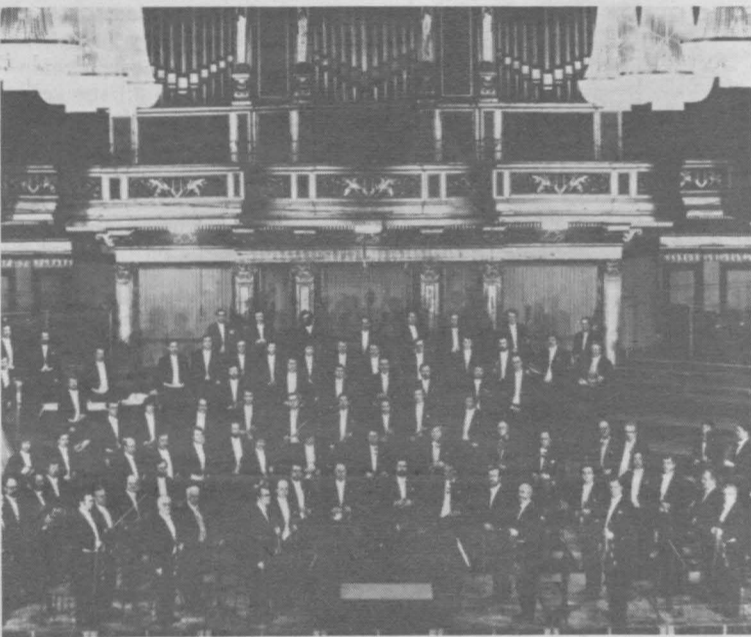
The massive orchestra returned after intermission to perform the ever popular (and said to be Beethoven's favorite) *Symphony No. 3 (Eroica)*.

Mr. Abbado lovingly and powerfully directed an uplifting performance of the work, which ranges from the hauntingly mournful funeral march of Napoleon to the strong, surging triumphant finale.

The group's much-heralded Vienna sound is no accident. Most musicians studied in Vienna and adopted a Viennese style of playing. The Philharmonic was formed in Vienna in 1842, 15 years after Beethoven died.

The orchestra functions without a permanent conductor. It performs with a small number of internationally renowned conductors with whom it has close relationships.

After their presentation in Pasadena, Mr. Abbado and the Philharmonic flew to Japan to continue their tour.



VIENNA PHILHARMONIC IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Department head dies

PASADENA — "I considered him one of my closest friends," said Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach of Fred Gilreath, 56, director of the Church's Telecommunications Department, who died March 12 after suffering a massive heart attack.

Mr. Gilreath kept an appointment with his doctor the morning of his death, and was scheduled to return the next day for further consultation after complaining of stomach pains, according to Aline Dunlap, communications assistant to Mr. Gilreath for eight years.

"It was completely out of the blue," Mrs. Dunlap said. "His death was a total shock. All we can say is that we'll miss him."

Mr. Tkach described Mr. Gilreath as "not only a valuable employee, but one who was certainly loved by many."

"For years and years we have served together. His life reflected caring and sharing, serving those who were in real need," Mr. Tkach said.

Mr. Gilreath was born Oct. 11, 1930, in Pine Bluff, Ark. He first came into contact with the Church in 1959 while stationed in Oregon serving in the United States Air Force. He was baptized in 1964.

Mr. Gilreath worked for the

Church more than 21 years. He was employed as a campus security guard July 10, 1965. In 1970 he became coordinator of the Communications Department, now Telecommunications, and served as department head until his death.

Mrs. Dunlap said Mr. Gilreath had a wealth of knowledge and will be missed in the communications industry. "He made a lot of friends in the industry through years of service in the community."

"Mr. [Kent] Lading [now head of the Telecommunications Department] had worked with him and learned a lot from Mr. Gilreath. The knowledge he will be bringing in will in one sense be an extension of Mr. Gilreath and that makes us feel good."

Mr. Gilreath is survived by his wife, Louise; five daughters, Taryn Sanchez, Tami Jacobson, Tawnya and Shawna Gilreath and Danise Stone; a sister, Ann Brewer; and three grandchildren, Ashley Anne and Alyssa Nicole Jacobson and Michael Scott Stone.

Mr. Tkach conducted funeral services March 17 at Riverside National Cemetery, about an hour and a half drive from Pasadena. Between 200 and 300 people attended the funeral.



FRED GILREATH

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



TOO MANY LEGS — Warren Newman, a member who attends the Glendora, Calif., church, performs a skit during the church's talent show March 14. [Photo by Charles Feldbush]

Fund raising fosters unity and teamwork

The Asheville, N.C., and Greenville, S.C., churches set a six-month fund-raising goal beginning Feb. 1. Each church area plans to contribute a certain amount to the Church's building fund on a monthly basis.

Each year the two churches have a fruit sale. This year there have been two fruit sales, a store inventory and a Spokesman Club work project to build picnic tables.

Michigan brethren have a ball

Grand Rapids and Muskegon, Mich., brethren attended a royal coronation ball Feb. 28 at The Bluff in Jenison, Mich. The evening's theme focused on the roles of brethren as kings in God's Kingdom.

Families were announced as they entered the hall, and Church youths served a dinner. After-dinner entertainment featured a display and explanation of royal emblems and symbols by Lonnie Neff, a children's parade and musical selections.

The evening concluded with a family dance. Harvey Wierenga Jr.

Church pastor Gerald Weston appointed a fund-raising team in each church area. The teams meet every two weeks to discuss fund-raising ideas, set goals and plan ways of meeting them. The meetings have stressed the importance of quality work, teamwork and the best use of time, resources and money.

Other fund-raising projects will be the selling of gourmet popcorn, a painting project, a bargain bazaar and concessions at area events.

These projects allow various age groups to be involved. Senior citizens sell items at area flea markets, Church youths help sell fruit, and YES-age children are planting seeds and growing plants to sell at the bargain bazaar.

"It seems to be bringing the churches together as a team. Everyone has been excited and enthusias-

tic about pitching in and helping," said Chris Beam, associate pastor of the two churches.

Seniors see Pasadena

Thirteen Abbotsford, Courtenay and Victoria, B.C., senior citizens flew to Pasadena for a six-day visit Feb. 18 to 24.

The trip included tours of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills, Calif., Universal Studios, Disneyland and the Ambassador College campus.

Other activities included eating in the college student center, assisting on the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines, and attending a concert in the Ambassador Auditorium. Nancy Floyd.

Church celebrates 25 years

More than 1,000 brethren from eight Alabama churches gathered Feb. 28 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Birmingham, Ala., church.

The Birmingham church was established in February, 1962, by evangelist Gerald Waterhouse and Carn Catherwood, now regional director for the Church in Italy. Mr. Waterhouse, evangelist Richard

Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center and pastor of the church from 1966 to 1971, and Kenneth Martin, pastor from 1974 to 1983, attended the celebration. Robert Dick, pastor from 1971 to 1974, was unable to attend, but was represented by his wife, Dyanne.

A dance took place that evening at the Bessemer, Ala., Civic Center. Mike Kelley.

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

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PASADENA — *The World Tomorrow* program, "Unlocking the Book of Revelation," aired March 28 and 29, brought in 64,104 calls — another record, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center. The program was presented by evangelist **David Hulme**.

This was 5,000 more responses than the previous record. In-home operators answered 22,183 or 34.6 percent of the calls.

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PASADENA — The Church's international offices received 89,930 responses to *The World Tomorrow* telecast and radio program in 1986, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center.

This number is 75.6 percent higher than the 51,202 responses the international offices received in 1985. The number of responses received by each office follows:

Australia, 10,774; Britain, 630; Canada, 29,400; Caribbean, 22,362; France, 6,582; Italy, 6,412; New Zealand, 823; and Philippines, 12,947.

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PASADENA — Church Administration released the following ordinations:

Andre van Belkum, pastor of the Cape Town, South Africa, church, was raised in rank from preaching elder to pastor Feb. 24.

Michael Blackwell, pastor of the Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D., churches, was raised in rank from local elder to preaching elder on the Sabbath, March 7.

Sydney Hull, pastor of the Johannesburg West and Klerksdorp, South Africa, churches; **Robert Klynsmith**, pastor of the Bloemfontein, South Africa, church; **Petros Manzingana**, pastor of the

Soweto, South Africa, church; and **William Whitaker**, pastor of the Quatre Bornes, Mauritius, and Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, churches; were raised in rank from local elder to preaching elder Feb. 24.

Jack Elliott of the Shreveport, La., church was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, March 14.

Anthony Lodge, a deacon in the Dunstable, England, church, was ordained a local elder on the Sabbath, Feb. 28.

Joseph Moulton, a deacon in the Cornwall, Ont., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Jan. 24.

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PASADENA — The Feast sites in Acapulco, Mexico; Eastbourne, England; Hoogeveen, Netherlands; Bonndorf, West Germany; and Castelvécchio-Pascoli, Italy; are closed and no further transfer applications can be accepted, according to the Festival Office here.

Additional applicants are requested for the Brno, Czechoslovakia, site.

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PASADENA — Archduke **Charles von Habsburg** visited the Ambassador College campus here March 18. He was received by evangelist **David Hulme** on behalf of Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach**, who was visiting the church in Hawaii.

The archduke met with Mr. Hulme, **Gene Hogberg**, *Plain Truth* world news editor, and **Aaron Dean**, who assists Mr. Hulme with Ambassador Foundation domestic projects. "We had a very profitable discussion about European political and economic developments and their various ramifications," said Mr. Hulme.

After the meeting the archduke

took a tour of the campus. "He remarked on its beauty, quality and character," Mr. Dean said.

"It was everything my brother [Otto von Habsburg] described," Archduke von Habsburg said.

Mr. Hogberg and Mr. Dean met the archduke in Brussels, Belgium, at a meeting with **Herbert W. Armstrong** and the archduke's brother Oct. 17, 1983, Mr. Dean said.

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PASADENA — Evangelist **Leslie McCullough**, regional director for the Church in southern Africa, and **John Garms**, a production analyst for the Church's Data Processing Center, received 25-year plaques at a Ministerial Refreshing Program dinner March 24.

Mr. McCullough has served in the ministry since Jan. 15, 1962. He and his wife, **Marion**, also received wristwatches with the Church's seal on the faces. Mr. Garms has worked for the Church since Feb. 2, 1962.

The awards were presented by evangelist **Larry Salyer**, director of Church Administration.



PASADENA — The Philippines celebrated a year of government under President Corazon Aquino in February with public holidays and celebrations, according to Philippine regional director **Guy Ames**.

"The cease-fire with the insurgents ended, and deaths in ambushes and clashes with the military (usually in more remote provinces) again became a regular feature of the news each day," said Mr. Ames.

In areas of Mindanao, the rise of citizens' anticommunist resistance groups "have made general living conditions safer for some members of the Church," he continued.

In other areas, insurgents continue to levy taxes, imposing finan-

SUVA, Fiji — This year the Feast of Tabernacles in Fiji will be kept at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Korolevu on Fiji's coral coast.

Korolevu is a one-hour drive southeast of the international airport in Nadi. Fiji features palm-fringed beaches protected by coral reefs, flowering trees and shrubs, sugar plantations and banana groves; and water sports.

Brethren keeping the Feast in Fiji can meet the Fijian brethren and learn of their culture. Fresh coconut milk, pineapples, mangoes, bananas, papaws and other tropical fruits and vegetables are available.

To apply for this Festival site, write to the Festival Office, Box 2709, Auckland 1, New Zealand; or call 64-9-60-8100.

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PASADENA — Evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications & Public Affairs, evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center, **George McFarland**, supervisor of mail re-

ceiving, **Ray Wright**, director of Publishing Services, and **Roger Lippross**, production director for Publishing Services, traveled to New York March 23.

The purpose of the trip was to look for new ideas in publishing, mail processing and advertising, Mr. Hulme said. The group toured the *Reader's Digest* headquarters in Pleasantville, N.Y.

"They were very hospitable and generous in giving us a complete tour of their facilities and procedures," Mr. McFarland said. "We did glean a number of very useful ideas."

Mr. Hulme, Mr. Rice and Mr. McFarland returned March 24. Mr. Wright and Mr. Lippross stayed in New York to visit other operations, including Time, Inc. and R.R. Donnelley & Sons financial group.

Mr. Wright said the meetings were successful and included an exchange of ideas and technical information.

They returned to Pasadena March 29.

said. "We also want that time off. We've got a whole church here — hundreds of people. He's only one."

"The director lifted up his eyes and said, 'This man alone was prepared to live or die by his beliefs. Not one of you has ever demonstrated that fact in all the years you've worked here. You've been compromising for years — be my guest, go on compromising.'"

Mr. Bentley said that Henry had decided no compromise, no surrender, "no giving in on God's truth, and God blessed him." The result was that he was the only person in the village allowed to keep the Sabbath day.

He was reported to the secret police, accused of being a South African spy, Mr. Bentley added.

"The secret police got on to him. They cleaned out his house. They found *Plain Truths*, they found booklets and *Good Newses*. Then they studied the lot and said, 'We know this. This is good stuff. You're OK.'

"One man's willingness to obey God paid off and bore such wonderful fruit."

In Zambia, Mr. Bentley said that although he visits brethren about six times a year, counseling about 50 people in a week, "they feel very lonely out there."

"But after two years of solid counseling, those efforts and prayers of many have borne fruit," he said. "Last year we had 16 new baptisms, giving us a total of 45 members."

Officials tour foundation projects

PASADENA — The officials we met "had nothing but praise for the foundation's involvement and the examples being set by Ambassador College students," said Joseph Locke, Ambassador Foundation vice president of international projects, after a Feb. 25 to March 19 tour of foundation projects in Sri Lanka, Thailand and Nepal.

Mr. Locke was accompanied by his assistant, Jim Little, a Pasadena Ambassador College junior.

Feb. 28 Mr. Locke gave the sermon at Sabbath services in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and ate lunch with student and graduate volunteers in Sri Lanka: **David Baker**, director of Sri Lankan projects, and his wife, **Dorrie**, **Donald** and **Nina Duchene**, **William** and **Kerry Flaman**, **Rachel Best**, **Robert Diehl**, **Irene Francis**, **Jennifer Pairitz** and **Keith Tomes**.

March 1 Mr. Locke visited the Parama Chetiya temple in Mount Lavinia, Sri Lanka, where Mr. and Mrs. Duchene teach English to Buddhist monks and nuns.

"We were welcomed here by the high priest of the temple, **Malagama Wipulasara Maha Thera**, who expressed his sincere appreciation for the work being done by the foundation," Mr. Little said.

The next day they visited the Waterfield Institute, a foundation-supported school in Nuwara Eliya, directed by Mr. Baker.

"The school is designed to teach English and some vocational skills to high school graduates who in

these rural areas have a very hard time finding employment," said Mr. Little.

Mr. Locke mentioned that the institute is like a mini-Ambassador College. Returning to Colombo, they were invited to breakfast March 4 with the high priest of the temple.

The next day Mr. Locke and Mr. Little flew to Bangkok, Thailand, to visit the Chitralada School, where **Betsy Docken** and **April Waybright** teach English.

"From here we went to the Satit Chula Demonstration School of the Chulalongkorn University, where **William Grinnell** teaches English in the Foreign Language Department," Mr. Little said.

Mr. Locke then visited the Wat Saket Secondary School, a school in Bangkok for monks from rural areas. Mr. Locke met with director **Phra Maba Sinta** and observed Ambassador students **David Kranich** and **Tim Peabworth** teaching English.

March 6 Mr. Locke and Mr. Little returned to the Chitralada School for a kindergarten show, also attended by **Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn** and **Princess Chulabhorn**.

"After the show we were treated as guests of honor of the royal family at a luncheon attended by more than 500," said Mr. Little.

Princess Sirindhorn "expressed her appreciation for the work of our students [and] **Jeff Caudle**, director of Thailand projects," he added.

March 9 Mr. Locke and Mr. Little left for Kathmandu, Nepal, and spent March 10 touring the foundation project at the Social Services National Coordinating Council.

"Here we are in the process of setting up a computer system to help the government of Nepal regulate the Social Services projects in the country," Mr. Little said.

"Mr. Locke commented how Nepal was truly a 'lonely outpost' of God's work, and the two men, **Scott Dixon** and **Mike Johnson**, need our prayers."

After lunch with **Gen. Aditya Rana** (uncle of **Queen Aishwarya Rajya Laxmi Devi Rana**), they left for Bangkok March 12.

In Chiang Mai, Thailand, the next day, Mr. Locke discussed Festival arrangements with hotel officials "for what looks to be a very beautiful Feast," Mr. Little said.

They also met some of the Karen brethren, former residents of Burma. "It was inspiring to travel back into the jungles about 2½ hours from Mae Sod and to find more of our family," he continued.

"The brethren are doing well but need our prayers continually for their safety as they are in a very volatile area. We also must pray that they will be able to attend the Feast this year in Chiang Mai."

After stops in Bangkok and Hong Kong, Mr. Locke and Mr. Little met up March 19 with Mr. Tkach, who was visiting the church in Hawaii. They returned on the G-III jet with Mr. Tkach March 22.

cial hardships on the poor.

Brethren face shortages

Editor **Dexter Faulkner** received the following letter from **William Bentley**, pastor of the Lusaka, Zambia, and Harare and Chegutu, Zimbabwe, churches, Feb. 11. Mr. Bentley and his wife, **Glen**, live in Harare.

"We arrived back home 12 days ago from the Ministerial Refreshing Program IV to find all kinds of shortages: no cooking oil, laundry soaps, shaving cream, motorcar oil, no toothpaste, car tires, no toilet rolls, etc., etc.

"Now all companies have suffered a massive cutback of their precious foreign exchange, starting with Shell Oil, the country's largest company, with a 53 percent cutback on last year's allocation!

"I believe this represents, after numerous such slashes, about 7 percent of their original pre-independence allocation in 1980 . . . Result? An astronomical price hike on almost everything. Our brethren most surely need your prayers in these deteriorating conditions.

"Thankfully, we are still free to worship and fellowship."

Visit to mining village

While in Pasadena for the Jan. 7 to 20 refreshing program, Mr. Bentley described to Auditorium P.M. brethren some of his experiences visiting brethren.

He told about visiting **Henry**, a prospective member in a Zimbabwean mining village of some 3,000 people. "The problem was that in a mine with 24-hour shift work, how do you keep the Sabbath day?"

Mr. Bentley related: "Henry went to see his supervisor; the answer was no. He saw the mine boss: no. He went to see the mine manager: absolutely no.

"Undaunted he went to the board of directors of the mine. He was told, 'You're a good worker. You could lose your job. Being on a mining village, you could also lose your house and your children's school.'"

He was adamant and willing to pay any price, Mr. Bentley said.

"Amazingly enough, the directors board changed the shift system so that Henry, out of 3,000 workers, could keep the Sabbath day," he continued.

"The next day a Seventh-day Adventist delegation arrived, hotfoot, at the managing director's door. 'We also keep the Sabbath,' they

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