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Feast '87: one spirit, one family

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Despite natural, political and economic disasters before, during and after the 1987 Feast of Tabernacles, "God's hand of protection was there," said Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

"Satan was just trying to do his level best to discourage us," he added. "We are living in dangerous times."

As brethren traveled to 96 sites around the world, the Pasadena area was recovering from earthquakes and aftershocks Oct. 1 and 4 measuring 5.9 and 5.3 on the Richter scale.

Mr. Tkach said Satan wasn't successful at frightening brethren at the Pasadena site, "judging from the spirit that prevailed here during the Feast" and "the wonderful cooperation and willingness to participate."

Proclamation in Fiji

On the international scene, Fiji's military leader, Col. Sitiveni Rabuka, after leading coups in May and September, proclaimed Fiji a republic, ending a 113-year bond with the British monarchy. The Festival site on the South Pacific island was undisturbed.

In late September torrential rain in South Africa caused deaths and left "thousands of Zulus in Natal province homeless as floodwaters smashed bridges and washed out roads, rail lines and houses," reported the Sept. 29 Los Angeles, Calif., *Times*. The Feast in Durban, South Africa, went ahead on schedule (see article, page 9).

During an insurgency in the northern Sri Lankan city of Jaffna 120 people were killed in three days of fighting, according to a report in *The Wall Street Journal*. In southern Sri Lanka 147 brethren kept the Feast.

In Manila, Philippines, a Feast of Tabernacles site, a bomb exploded outside a hotel, injuring at least 10, the *Journal* said, none of them brethren (see article, page 7). Government authorities placed extra security at hotels and restaurants in the capital.

In Argentina, where 320 brethren observed the Feast in Villa Gesell, the government drafted an emergency austerity plan to cut inflation. Measures adopted during the Feast included a wage and price (See FEAST '87, page 6)



WORLDWIDE FAMILY—In Pasadena, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (top right) sets the pace for the 1987 Feast of Tabernacles. Clockwise from center: A family shares a hymnal in Hamilton, Bermuda; Feastgoers celebrate in Fiji; a member shows grandmotherly attention in Tucson, Ariz.; brethren dress in native attire at a folklore evening in Brno, Czechoslovakia; a costumed performer dances in Acapulco, Mexico; and children participate in a family dance in Castelvichio-Pascoli, Italy. [Photos by Robert Taylor, Graham Mocklow, Norm Smith, Charles Feldbush, Christel Wilson, David Malcomson Jr. and Daniel Peacock]

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

I hope each of you had as inspiring and meaningful a Feast of Tabernacles in your respective sites as I did here in Pasadena!

Again this year, I was able to spend a great deal of time meeting and talking with the many brethren who transferred in from around the world.

And at this year's Feast there certainly seemed to be a greater sense of "one family" in Jesus Christ than ever before!

I believe that God, through His Spirit, is binding His elect ever more tightly together as this present age draws toward its close.

The earthquake here in Southern California, the unprecedented hurricane-force winds that ravaged southern England

only the very night after the Feast, as well as the dramatic fall in the stock market Oct. 19, along with the continuing tension in the Persian Gulf, should all serve as *warning bells* to God's Church that time is growing short!

Such events should make us all the more acutely aware of the need to fulfill God's commission to us of proclaiming the warning message of the climactic end of this age and the commencement of the glorious new world tomorrow under the *rulership* of Jesus Christ!

As we *grow spiritually* in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, drawing closer to Him and to one another *through Him*,

the Church will be *prepared* for its *final work* in this age and for the wonderful marriage to Jesus Christ at His return.

Now that another Feast has come to a close, we must keep our eyes on the *fulfillment* of these Holy Days that will come yet in the future. Our lives, too, must more and more *reflect* the fruit of God's Holy Spirit so that we can be the useful tools in His hands that He wants us to be.

Of our own selves we can do nothing. But with God's power working in us through His Spirit, we *can* accomplish all He sets before us!

This Work is not done by *human* might, or by *human* power, but by the Spirit of God. It is

only as we submit to God's rule in our lives, acknowledging Him in all our ways and putting our hearts into *overcoming* and coming out of this world (Revelation 18:4), that we will be able to fulfill His will for us.

The point is this: A humble, *repentant* spirit and *obedience* to God are essential to doing His Work. The apostle Paul wrote: "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light" (Romans 13:11-12).

(See PERSONAL, page 6)

Two German states develop cautious ties

PASADENA—The prospect of a visit by Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev to the United States has unfortunately overshadowed another major summit session—the unprecedented five-day visit of East German leader Erich Honecker to West Germany in early September.

Officially his trip was classified as a working visit rather than a state visit, but Mr. Honecker was accorded all the honors of a visiting head of state. Discussions with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and other officials in Bonn produced a series of (prearranged) agreements on strengthening bonds between the two nations.

With regard to the “national question”—reunification—the two leaders agreed to disagree. Mr. Honecker urged West Germans to give up the “sweet dream” of reunification and accept the existence of two German nations. Chancellor Kohl replied that this was not possible, that “on behalf of the federal government, we are firm about the unity of the German nation.”

Despite understandable differences the trip was hailed in both Germanys as a success. In parting remarks Mr. Honecker expressed his hope that the border that divides the two Germanys may one day be free of barriers and fortifications.

The cautious relationship between the two German states, both of which are wary over the intentions of their respective superpower patrons, gives every indication of deepening in the years ahead. Chancellor Kohl probably will pay a return visit to East Germany. There is talk of regular summits between the leaders of the two German states.

From all indications the future of Germany involves something less than full reunification, but instead

closer harmonization in the center of Europe as not only the two German states but other nations of East and West knit closer together.

“It would be wrong to scamp for the conclusion that Honecker’s visit, and Kohl’s readiness to return the favour, have set the scene for a march towards inevitable reunification,” reported the Sept. 13 *Sunday Times* of Britain. “The process now started is more subtle than that.”

From all indications, Soviet leader Gorbachev, who had to approve the Honecker visit, is cautiously choreographing affairs in the heart of Europe, the pivotal space that the two German states occupy. He apparently hopes that West Germany, which is in a confused political state of mind over the impending withdrawal of U.S. intermediate-range missiles, might now be more amenable to Soviet ideas. Bonn could be a major component in Mr. Gorbachev’s policy of *perestroika*, or restructuring of the Soviet economy.

The editor of the *Sunday Telegraph* in Britain, Peregrine Worsthorne, commented in his paper’s Aug. 30 edition that West Germany could be given “a marvelously fruitful and exciting economic outlet in Eastern and Central Europe; one that might involve the two parts of Germany coming closer together.”

This could even lead to, as Mr. Worsthorne said, the two Germanys “growing together, possibly in some loose federal system.”

Such a confederation has been proposed by other experts for all the European states straddling the East-West dividing line, not just Germany.

One far-reaching speculation appeared in the Spring, 1983, issue of *Foreign Policy* quarterly. Titled

“Freedom for Europe, East and West,” the article was written by Klaus Bloemer, an official in the Press and Information Office of the West German government. (Mr. Bloemer said the views expressed were his own.)

“It is a harsh truth,” wrote Mr. Bloemer, “that the political emancipation of Europe—East and West—will proceed with difficulty as long as Western Europe remains utterly dependent upon the United States.”

As far as the nations of Eastern Europe are concerned, continued this West German official, their bleak economies constitute an acute drain on Soviet resources.

This gives West Europeans the opportunity to offer the Soviets and their East European partners what Mr. Bloemer calls “a New Deal-Marshall Plan-type proposal” to modernize their economies.

“An essential precondition for such an evolution,” he added, “would be ending both Soviet and American military presence in East and West European countries,” with a West European defense organization arising to replace the departing Americans in the West.

The end result, Mr. Bloemer hopes, would be the “Finlandization of Moscow’s European allies” and the emergence of “two self-governing halves of Europe.”

One wonders whether Mr. Blo-

emer’s prognostication might not be close to the way events will materialize, as indicated in Daniel 2. Might the Europe to come be composed of two confederated halves: one leg (and foot and five toes) representing Western Europe, the

with the Americans gone.

The French, it appears, are more committed than ever to large scale military cooperation with West Germany. In September, 20,000 French forces joined 55,000 West Germans in a large scale exercise called “Bold Sparrow.” In a symbolic gesture, the French troops were placed under *Bundeswehr* (German army) command in the final phase of the exercise.

Paris is thus giving notice that it recognizes the need to keep a politically and militarily frustrated Bonn tied to it, even though economically West Germany and much of Western Europe will continue to develop much closer ties to the East.

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



other leg comprising the nations of Eastern Europe, existing in a Finlandized form, giving consideration to Soviet security interests?

But the new Europe (at least the Western half, the East in this case presumably remaining neutralized) would still need to protect itself

Economic Crisis

This column was written before the Feast of Tabernacles. Gene H. Hogberg plans to address the global economic picture in the next issue of *The Worldwide News*.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



This present evil world: tears for a bygone age

BOREHAMWOOD, England—My wife and I saw a U-rated (general rating) film called *84 Charing Cross Road*. It was a throwback to a more innocent age.

Forty years ago daily life was different in both Britain and America. I shed tears for a bygone age.

The manners. The dress. The courtesy. The unfeigned concern for others. One forgets how it was in 1949. Things weren’t perfect then. They never have been. But people did wear their humanity with much greater grace.

Somehow we’ve lost something! You don’t realize it until some filmmaker portrays how life really was a generation ago. For instance, the happy faces of the fans supporting the Tottenham Hotspurs football club in the early ’50s. These were not the faces of football hooligans. Indeed there was no hooliganism then.

Now British football has been banned from Continental European shores. Why? Because of unfettered fan violence.

The film *84 Charing Cross Road* is a true story of a transatlantic correspondence between a New York woman and her London bookseller. They never did meet, but the letters continued.

One day in the ’60s the London man is shown sitting on a park bench. Suddenly a young woman walks by in a miniskirt. Mouths gape open. Everyone is astonished.

The scene shifts to New York City. Students are rioting at a university. The real troubles had started on both sides of the Atlantic. They weren’t destined to end soon.

We’ve come a long way since the early ’50s. Hard to believe the world could somersault in one generation.

Just how is life now? One mass murderer said: “I mean there are so many people. It shouldn’t be a problem. What’s one less person on the face of the earth anyway?”

Did that come out of the mouth of a human being? Some people are almost completely dehumanized.

My newspaper files are filled with incredible reports. “Boy Quizzed on Rape of Girl, 4”; “84-year-old Widow Raped”; “Widow, 87, Beaten Up”; “Widow Killed in Stab Frenzy”; “Gun Revenge at 72.” And on and on. Stories like

these aren’t all that hard to find. Just read your daily newspaper.

Jesus said this is how things would be. He gave us keys to understand prophetic events. One key is, “Even as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of man” (Luke 17:26, Moffatt).

But how was it in the days of Noah? Genesis says the earth was filled with dehumanizing violence. So much so that God determined to execute a whole generation.

And yet a merciful God gave that generation 120 years to turn things around. He also gave them Noah—a preacher of righteousness. But they dismissed Noah’s warnings and laughed him to scorn. But then it began to rain.

Today God is using the Church to warn the world. Some 40 years ago God’s Church was small and uninfluential. The world was different.

“This present evil world” desperately needs God’s Church—desperately needs the true Gospel—desperately needs a warning and a witness!

But how did conditions change so much in only one generation? The answer in one word is Satan. He has always broadcast his attitudes and moods to unsuspecting minds. Now he’s beginning to turn the volume up. The proof is in the way people are behaving. Violence has become part of our Western way of life. Our age is addicted to it!

But will world conditions get even worse yet? The answer is yes. Solomon wrote: “Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil” (Ecclesiastes 8:11).

Men do not make use of time to mend their ways. Jesus gave the Thyatiran Jezebel “space to repent . . . and she repented not” (Revelation 2:21). Instead the apostle Paul assured us that “evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived” (II Timothy 3:13).

We live at the end of one age and the onset of another. We have a big job to perform before the world tomorrow totally replaces this present evil world. Our protection lies only in getting the Gospel to the entire world—whatever our part may be.



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

‘Am I in your way?’

Since “*Just One More Thing*” now appears monthly in *The Plain Truth*, the title of Dexter H. Faulkner’s *Worldwide News* column has been changed to “*Just Between Friends*.”

Here in our tiny kitchen in Editorial Services, I was getting some ice out of the refrigerator when one of our writers came in for a cup of coffee. I refilled the ice tray and turned to put it back in the refrigerator, trying not to spill it, when I noticed a perplexed look on *Plain Truth* senior writer Paul Kroll’s face.

“Am I in your way?” I asked.

“Yes,” he said. “You are in my way. Actually, everyone’s in my way. That’s why we have the last six of the Ten Commandments, so we can handle everyone being in our way.”

It was meant to be funny, and I laughed, but it was also thought-provoking, and I had to agree. After all, why do we get angry or frustrated or impatient? It’s because someone is in our way—in the way of our getting what we want.

Especially here in Southern California, whether it’s on the busy freeway on the way home from work, in the long line at the supermarket or trying to find a place to park, someone is always getting in our way.

Who is in your way? Who is

keeping you from getting what you desire? Is it your boss, or your next-door neighbor, or your husband (or wife), or your minister, or your children, or your parents or who?

Think about those last six commandments. God directs us to honor our parents. Why does God have to make that one of His Ten Commandments? Because our parents can and do get in the way of things we want.

Parents are our first authority, and, therefore, the source of our first frustrations. They frustrate our attempts to get what we want, especially if it is bad for us.

But sometimes what we want isn’t bad for us. At times parents say no because it’s not convenient for them at the time to say yes. That can really be frustrating.

God says when our parents do frustrate us by saying no, no matter whether we think it is a right or wrong decision, we are to respect and honor them and obey their instructions.

Good parents will take care not to unduly frustrate, but if they truly love their offspring, they will make sure their children always obey them and treat them with respect. They will make sure this Fifth Commandment is upheld.

Children who have not been taught to obey and respect their parents will have trouble obeying or respecting anyone. They will thus have trouble with all adult authority

figures—teachers, policemen, ministers, employers.

Because they don’t have a base of reference from the home, they will not understand why they are constantly irritating others, why they can’t seem to get along with people.

Teaching your children to respect you is showing love to them and giving them a vital and valuable key to success.

After we are adults and our parents are grandparents, and then great-grandparents, and begin to need our care in their later years, their needs may again frustrate our desires to have what we want.

Will the frustrations never end? No, not as long as there are parents and children on this earth. That’s why God commands us to honor our parents, no matter what.

OK, what’s next? Let’s read it in Romans 13:7-10: “Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

“For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet . . .”

Why do people commit adultery or other sexual sins? Why do people kill others or steal from others or lie about others or covet what others have? Because other people are in the way of what they want.

God says not one of these acts is an act of love, no matter what justification is given. When you do any of these things, you are harming someone who is in your way. God says don’t do it.

Look around you. Who’s in your way? Quoting Mr. Kroll, everyone.

What should you do about it? God in His mercy and all-encompassing love tells us in the last six of His Ten Commandments.

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'We are one family'

"Make this the most enjoyable Feast of Tabernacles that you have ever experienced," Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach said on the first Holy Day. For eight days 141,817 members of God's Family observed the Feast of Tabernacles at 96 sites worldwide. In the next eight pages, accompany *The Worldwide News* on a tour of the Festival sites around the world. Welcome, as Mr. Tkach said, to "a time of peace, real peace."

90,229 Feastgoers meet at 23 sites in United States

PASADENA—"The fellowship and family that Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach has been emphasizing was really prevalent" at 23 Feast sites attended by 90,229 brethren in the United States, according to evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration.

Members met at sites from Hawaii and Alaska to the beaches of the East Coast. More than 5,000 brethren attended a new site in Daytona Beach, Fla.

"The fellowship, the camaraderie, the unity—the highlight of the Feast was certainly the people," said Mr. Salyer.

Headquarters

"As a Festival site, headquarters takes on a completely new dimension," said Joseph Tkach, Jr., assistant director of Church Administration. "Since nearly 3,000 people transfer to Pasadena from around the world, the atmosphere is energizing. It is exciting to see God's future family working together in harmony."

"It was an inspiration and an encouragement to all," Mr. Tkach Jr. added.

The pastor general spent hours daily talking with brethren, posing for pictures with families and signing *Envoys*.

"It was like a church visit . . . but it lasted for eight straight days," said Robin Webber, coordinator.

"Oftentimes his visits would center around the *sukkah* (temporary dwelling booth), which is constructed every year in the main plaza of the campus," he said. "The palm-frond-thatched building with the

colorful tapestries inside are a reminder of our heritage and what the entire world has to look forward to."

Many times Mr. Tkach would take time to visit with the disabled or children who were ill, he added.

"Pasadena is known as the volunteer Feast site because many vital functions of the work need to continue even though it is Feast time," Mr. Webber said. Brethren served in the Security, Telecommunications and Custodial departments and ushered.

Although festivities commemorating the 40th anniversary of Ambassador College took place Aug. 28 (see Sept. 14 *WN*), the anniversary was Oct. 8, the first Holy Day.

As shown in the satellite transmission, Pasadena Mayor John C. Crowley presented Mr. Tkach with a plaque designating Oct. 8 as Ambassador College Day.

At a ministerial banquet at the end of the Feast, Mr. Tkach thanked the ministry and Festival department heads and was presented a three-dimensional cake in the shape of a lion, lamb and child.

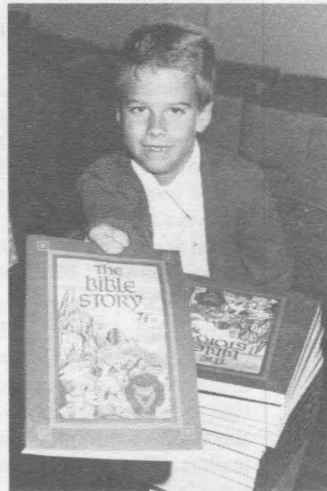
Serving the family

"There was an outstanding spirit of cooperation and willingness to serve each other on the part of God's people," said Robert Jones, coordinator at the Norfolk, Va., site.

Volunteers, including Church youths, assisted the elderly and disabled and worked on security, parking, ushering and setup at many sites. Church youths served at senior citizens banquets at several sites. Name badges were dis-



Pasadena



Tucson, Ariz.



Eugene, Ore.



Pensacola, Fla.



Jekyll Island, Ga.



Spokane, Wash.

tributed at Festival sites for the first time, and brethren were encouraged to meet and learn one another's names.

"More than 50 percent of the orchestra participants in Wisconsin Dells, Wis., were Church youths," said Mr. Lillengreen site coordinator.

More than 1,600 brethren in Pasadena, Pensacola, Fla., Big Sandy and Anchorage, Alaska, answered 28,558 Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) calls for *The World Tomorrow* during the Feast.

'Hour by hour' intervention

Hurricane Floyd threatened sev-

eral Feast sites in Florida, but effects were minimal, according to Festival coordinators.

"The highlight of the Feast was without a doubt the opportunity for the brethren to watch the direct hour by hour intervention in regard to Hurricane Floyd," said Randal Dick, coordinator at the Daytona Beach site.

"Prayers were answered as Floyd turned east sooner than expected and skipped through southern Florida doing no serious damage," said Ronald Howe, coordinator at the St. Petersburg, Fla., site.

Instead of the 75-mile-an-hour winds and five to 10 inches of rain that was forecast, St. Petersburg re-

ceived a "beneficial, gentle rain," according to Mr. Howe.

A blizzard dropped about eight inches of snow in areas surrounding Saratoga Springs, N.Y., a few days before the Feast, according to Lyle Welty, site coordinator. Some members had difficulty getting to the site because of blocked roads and an airport closing.

"Saratoga received only about one inch [of snow]. Our area was spared," Mr. Welty said. When the Feast began, the snow had melted and no more fell.

Steve Buchanan, coordinator of the Rapid City, S.D., site, said a pilot and three passengers, all Church members, were protected from injury when the pilot crash-landed a small plane he had rented for sight-seeing because of engine trouble.

"Even though the plane had to land in a rocky clearing in the Black Hills the pilot and three passengers walked away without injury," said Mr. Buchanan.

Prayers for healing

Several Festival coordinators reported healings of brethren.

A prospective member attending the Feast in Dayton, Ohio, gave birth to an infant 3½ months prematurely, said Ray Meyer, site coordinator. The infant weighed less (See UNITED STATES, page 12)

Satellites beam services worldwide

PASADENA—For the eighth time, services on the first Holy Day were transmitted to Festival sites around the world. Services began here at 12:30 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).

"This year we had the smoothest transmission yet, with only a few minor annoyances," said Larry Omasta, director of Media Services.

"Mr. Joseph Tkach's dynamic message, coupled with his warmth and concern for the spiritual well-being of the brethren worldwide, certainly set the pace for the Feast,"

Mr. Omasta continued.

The audio and video signals went directly from an uplink dish outside the Ambassador Auditorium to satellites, from which they were beamed to 37 sites.

This year satellites Westar IV and RCA K2 beamed the services to 23 sites in the United States, including Niagara Falls, N.Y., Alaska and Hawaii, and five sites in Canada, including La Malbaie, Que., said the Media Services director.

Two satellites, Major Path I and the Pacific satellite, "also beamed

services to Bermuda, four sites in the Caribbean, three sites in the British Isles and also to faraway New Zealand."

The transmission was also received in Brisbane, Australia, at 6:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 9. Because of the early time, the live message was videotaped, and copies were distributed to eight sites in Australia.

Other sites that received a videotape of Mr. Tkach's message are St. Lucia, Dominica, Irish Republic, Channel Islands, France, West Germany, Italy, Denmark, Netherlands, Czechoslovakia, Fiji, Tonga, India, Sri Lanka, Singapore and two sites in West Africa.

The Feast sites in Jordan and Thailand received a tape-delayed audio of Mr. Tkach's sermon. In all, 27 sites received a tape-delayed message.

"That means that a total of 64 sites . . . which represents approximately 85 percent of the brethren attending the Feast, received the first Holy Day services via satellite transmission," said Mr. Omasta.

The remaining brethren in Central and South America, Africa, Philippines and French-speaking Caribbean will receive videotapes of the satellite transmission to be played in their local church areas.



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Canadian sites experience oneness

VANCOUVER, B.C.—More than 12,000 brethren met at five English-speaking sites from Victoria, B.C., to Charlottetown, P.E.I., according to evangelist Colin Adair, Canadian regional director.

The satellite transmission of Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's message "came through loud and clear, and his call for a spiritual Feast did not fall on deaf ears," said Mr. Adair.

Site coordinators remarked how the messages "dominated the Festival atmosphere," he added.

Members expressed their appreciation of seeing others in the worldwide family through the eye of the video camera. The videos gave brethren a perspective on the lives of members in different, and in some cases, less fortunate, circumstances. We were "able to see the oneness of the body," Mr. Adair said.

Guest speakers "added a great deal to the respective sites," said the regional director. Ray Wooten, pastor of the Ann Arbor and Detroit, Mich., West churches, was in Charlottetown; David Wainwright, a Pasadena Ambassador College professor, was in Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Arthur Docken, pastor of the Santa Rosa and Fairfield, Calif., churches, attended in Regina; and evangelist Raymond McNair was in Penticton and Victoria, B.C..

"We did attract some media attention, and I'm happy to say it was of a positive nature," said Mr. Adair.

"There was an infectious feeling of excitement as brethren left for home—a great start to a new year and something on which they can build during the coming year," Mr. Adair said.

In Charlottetown, coordinator Jack Kost described a spirit of family togetherness, love and cooperation among the brethren as so striking it almost left one "breathless."

A YOU escort service for the disabled, elderly and women with infants demonstrated "an exceptional degree of enthusiasm, cooperation and unity" on the part of the youths.

Isabel Enta, a member who attends the Halifax, N.S., church who could not attend the Feast because of illness, "was overwhelmed by the love and concern demonstrated by the brethren in the form of numerous flowers, cards and phone calls," said Mr. Kost.

Michael Dodge of the Digby, N.S., church, keeping his first Feast, was struck by the friendliness and warmth of the brethren. "He had a book full of names and addresses of members from many different areas who invited him to visit in their homes," Mr. Kost said.

Neil Earle, Niagara Falls coordinator, said: "The dominant note that was different this year in Niagara was the respect and affection that seems to be there on the part of the local community and business leaders. The press coverage was favorable."

Business First of Buffalo published a chart of the largest conventions in the Niagara Falls area, with the Worldwide Church of God ranking No. 1.

Convention Center officials appreciated a letter in a newspaper from a member praising their facilities.

A "relaxing and warm family environment" prevailed in Penticton, where activities included three boat cruises on Lake Okanagan, a YOU talent contest and special music by a 150-voice Youth Educational Services (YES) choir, reported Anthony Wasilkoff, coordinator.

The city of Penticton presented Penticton Ambassador pins to the ministers at a civic reception.

At Regina, "the entire Feast was exceptional this year," said Glen Weber, coordinator. "I have attended the Feast for 30 years, and

this was by far the most loving and family-oriented Feast ever. It would have been difficult for anyone to 'stick out' in their love, since everyone was so loving."



Niagara Falls, N.Y.

A YOU service team was composed of youths desiring to serve at Victoria, according to coordinator William Rabey. More than 75 volunteered three to nine hours during the Feast to baby-sit, usher and help mothers.

A waitress commented on the respect, courtesy and example of

Church children, saying she was going home to work on her 4-year-old.

Charlottetown, P.E.I.	1,362
Niagara Falls, N.Y.	5,672
Penticton, B.C.	2,327
Regina, Sask.	2,020
Victoria, B.C.	1,497



Charlottetown, P.E.I.



Victoria, B.C.



Regina, Sask.

Thailand features flavor of royalty

PASADENA—From royal palaces to hill tribe villages, brethren attending the first Feast of Tabernacles in Thailand learned firsthand of the graciousness and

friendliness of the Thai people. Warm smiles and fragrant leis greeted 309 brethren at the teakwood and mirrored five-star Orchid Hotel, site of the Festival in Chiang Mai, northern Thailand's largest city.

Representing the Ambassador Foundation, the brethren were exhorted by John Halford, Festival coordinator, to "show the people of Thailand what Christianity should be like." He also encouraged them to learn how to be kings by observing the serving attitude of the Thai Royal Family toward its people.

During and immediately after the Feast, members toured several of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej's royal projects. While in Chiang Mai, the group visited the Huai Hong Khrai Agricultural Research and Development Study Centre, where watershed conservation and agricultural development studies are conducted.

In Bangkok, with temperatures in the lower 90s Fahrenheit (low 30s Celsius) cooled by easy, off-and-on showers, brethren were invited to tour several agricultural projects the king has established on the royal villa grounds, including a dairy cattle and milk production center. They saw rice processed so that not only human food, but ani-

mal feed and fuel were the results. Compost was being compressed into green fuel, which was then made into charcoal in a kiln. Sugarcane alcohol was being processed into fuel for combustion engines.

Brethren saw Thai people personally chosen by Queen Sirikit being trained in arts and crafts so they can go back to their villages to be teachers of their relatives and neighbors.

The tour of the royal projects Oct. 16 preceded the royal barge procession that afternoon. The largest barge, the king's gilded *Sub-anahongsa*, was accompanied by some 50 ornately carved escort barges down the Chao Phraya River to Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn).

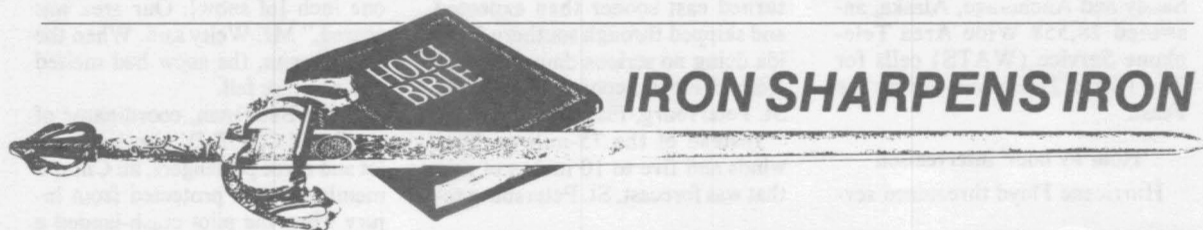
Each barge was manned by traditionally costumed oarsmen calling out rhythmic boating chants to regulate their strokes.

Before the Feastgoers left Bangkok, they toured the Grand Palace Oct. 19, which included an invitation to see the throne room. Queen Sirikit expressed her personal concern about everyone's health and graciously sent each a souvenir book of the barge procession titled *Royal Barges, Poetry in Motion*.

Chiang Mai, Thailand 309



Chiang Mai, Thailand



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Deepen understanding each year

Plan now for your best Feast

By Joseph W. Tkach

Each year, it seems, we call the Feast of Tabernacles the "best Feast ever!" Yet, how is it possible year after year, *in reality*, to have the "best Feast ever"? Is such a statement an idle, empty boast—just "the thing to say" when talking to other Church members about the Feast? Or do we indeed have the *best Feast ever* year after year?

I am convinced that we do! Now, I realize that some few among us may not, every year, have the best Feast ever. But I think that the Church of God as a *whole* does indeed!

Why?

With each passing year we should have learned more of God's precious truth. We should have a deeper understanding of the *meaning* and *values* of God's annual Holy Days and His Master Plan for mankind.

Therefore each Feast of Tabernacles—in fact, each annual Holy Day throughout the year—should have a greater impact upon us than the one a year earlier. Each successive Feast should impress upon our minds even more fully the reality of the soon return of Jesus Christ to restore the Government

of God to this dying earth.

As we draw closer to God, learning more about Him, His law and His way of life, thereby growing in *understanding* and in His grace and knowledge, even the weekly Sabbath will mean more to us.

The "best Feast ever" should be a reality for every one of us, not just empty words. And it will be, brethren—if we are *growing* from one Feast to another. If this Feast doesn't rate as the best ever for you, you'll have to begin *now* to be sure that next year's Feast *does!*

After the Feast we have about six months before the observance of the next Holy Day. Those six months between the Last Great Day and the Passover are the longest stretch without a Holy Day in God's sacred calendar. Let's make the absolute most of that time that we can.

The Feast of Tabernacles should be a time of earnest spiritual rededication and recommitment to see us through that six month "dry spell." We need to begin immediately *applying* the principles and instruction obtained at the Feast so that by next Passover they have become a *part* of us.

God has called us to become like

Him. Jesus told us to become perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect (Matthew 5:48). The apostle Peter told us to follow in Jesus' steps, to imitate His example. Indeed, our lives are dedicated to patterning ourselves after His perfect example and to living by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4).

As the apostle John explained, "Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God" (I John 3:9, New King James).

When we become literal born sons of God in His Kingdom *we will be like Him*. We will have His attitude, His character, His viewpoint. We will be in total harmony, total agreement with Him. That is why it is so important for us to be striving, with God's help, toward perfection now.

Brethren, we are a family—the children of God. Not because we chose to be, but because *God* chose us to be. Let us make that wonderful calling and election *sure*. Make *each day* count. Pray for one another and for the Work God is doing through us.

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French sites 'led by God's Spirit'

PASADENA—Brethren attended six French-speaking sites this year: in Port d'Albret, France; La Malbaie, Que.; St. Francois, Guadeloupe; Tartane, Martinique; Jacmel, Haiti; and Kinshasa, Zaire.

"Each of these sites had its own particular charm, and they were all led by God's Spirit," said evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director, who attended in Port d'Albret and La Malbaie.

"For the last 20 years we have been able to keep the Feast of Tabernacles in a family atmosphere; that is, we have been able to have for our own exclusive use each Feast site, allowing the members to eat together and to dwell in nearby bungalows or houses."

At Port d'Albret attendance included 230 English-speaking brethren. Instead of expected sunshine, rain and occasional storms were the rule. Mr. Apartian called the weather "good for our attitude!"

One rainy evening brethren presented an impromptu entertainment show. "To our delight we found out that we had tremendous talents among us," said the regional director.

The mayor of Port d'Albret sent this letter to Mr. Apartian: "The community of Vieux-Boucau has appreciated your loving attitudes and superb courtesy.

"With our natural surroundings: ocean, dunes, lake and forest, Port d'Albret is a place for relaxation and meditation . . . which seems to fit the family theme of your meetings.

"Please express to your members on my behalf that they are welcome to stay here as long as they please."

At La Malbaie 1,242 brethren enjoyed springlike temperatures, instead of the expected rain and cold weather, according to coordinator Donat Picard.

The castle Le Manoir Richelieu, with its 900 beds, "became home for most of us," said Mr. Apartian. "The Americans who attended the Feast highly praised the warmth of the French-Canadian brethren, as well as the powerful sermons they were able to hear in English with the use of earphones."

On Martinique, in the West Indies, attendance was smaller than last year's because 40 Martinique brethren spent the Feast at other French-speaking sites.

Samuel Kneller, pastor of the Paris, France, church, and Robert Scott, pastor of the Quebec City and Trois-Rivieres, Que., churches, were guest speakers.

In Guadeloupe, where 304 attended, members often had lunch at the beach.

"Our brethren in Haiti were also able to hear Mr. Tkach's sermons" with French translations, Mr. Apartian said.

"This year decent food was much harder to get, and nearly everyone suffered an upset stomach one time or another," he added.

For the first time the Feast was conducted in the central African nation of Zaire. Bernard Andrist, manager of the Geneva, Switzerland, Office, spent the Feast there. Ten Cameroonians also attended.

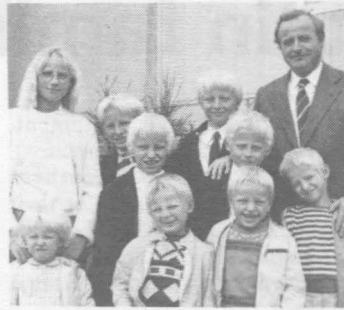
Mr. Andrist reported: "After each assembly our brethren had to pick up their chairs and carry them to another hall located a couple of

blocks away, where they took their meals. Reason: lack of chairs!

"There was a food shortage. One day we got a whole beef and cooked it ourselves. The country has extremes—with the very poor and the very rich. The average income in Zaire is about \$30 per month.

"The transportation was not a problem, but it would have been a disaster if it had rained . . . God protected us. We enjoyed warm, warm days with wet, wet nights!"

Jacmel, Haiti	68
Kinshasa, Zaire	200
La Malbaie, Que.	1,242
Port d'Albret, France	1,350
St. Francois, Guadeloupe	304
Tartane, Martinique	305



Port d'Albret, France



St. Francois, Guadeloupe



La Malbaie, Que.

Members feast together in Italy

CASTELVECCHIO-PASCOLI, Italy—This first-time site provided a sense of unity and greater closeness for 781 brethren, said evangelist Carn Catherwood, Italian regional director.

Feastgoers lodged and ate together and took part in activities on the grounds of the same hotel.

"Italian food is always good," said Mr. Catherwood, "and we feasted both physically and spiritually."

"The scenic view of the valley and surrounding mountains, along with the superb Tuscan cuisine also added to the enjoyment of the dining experience," according to coordinator Clifton Veal.

A family focus prevailed in the sermons, social activities and get-togethers. The singles, both Italian and visitors, "set a tremendous example of service," Mr. Veal said. They helped set up and take down auxiliary halls, organize family day and handle luggage for arrivals and departures at the hotel.

At the close of the Festival, 10 people were baptized—eight from Italy and two from Malta. Nearly

all of the Italian and Maltese brethren attended.

Mr. Catherwood said offerings, up 55 percent over 1986, broke all records. Brethren were protected from tornadoes that caused damage a few kilometers from the site.

The Italian site used colored name tags that identified those who spoke English only, Italian only and both English and Italian. This encouraged fellowship between the Italians and visitors, as those who

could serve as translators were encouraged to do so.

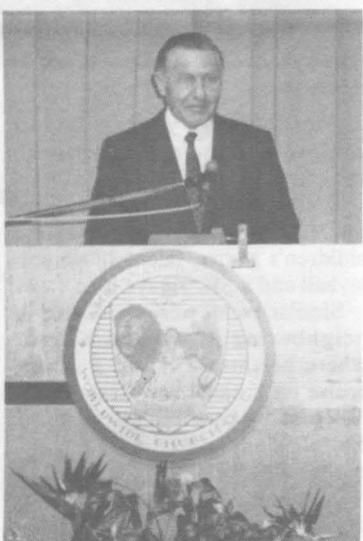
We Are One Family—Part II had "a great impact on the assembled brethren," Mr. Veal added.

"As the brethren watched the Italian children's performance and the ordination of Mr. Catherwood, the growing excitement manifested itself in spontaneous applause."

Castelvecchio-Pascoli, Italy 781



Bonndorf, West Germany



Brno, Czechoslovakia

Two German sites promote 'a real family atmosphere'

BONN, West Germany—The German Office administered Feast of Tabernacles sites in Bonndorf, in the Black Forest of West Germany, and Brno, Czechoslovakia, the lone Feast site in Eastern Europe.

"Bonndorf's smaller size gives it a real family atmosphere . . . and the ratio of about one Feastgoer transferring in to every three German-speaking members attending gives the site an interesting international flair," said John Karlson, acting regional director.

Brethren comforted Anny Schindler, whose husband, Jacques, died during the Feast. Church members also showed concern for Dirk Fenchel, a teen in the Stuttgart, West Germany, church, who had an operation for a torn ankle ligament.

The 303 brethren in Brno, Czechoslovakia, stayed in one hotel, ate together and attended services there. This provides an "intimate and close-knit family atmosphere

for fellowship," Mr. Karlson said.

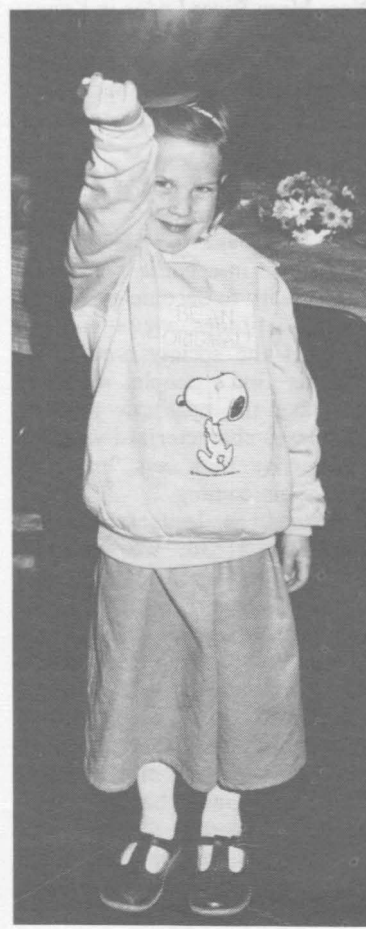
Feastgoers joined in and learned old Czech dances at the folklore evening. Brethren enjoyed music, dancing and dinner at the Queen Elizabeth wine cellar, and ate venison at Spilberk Castle.

Carola Fritz, wife of Feast coordinator Winfried Fritz, was rushed to a hospital before the Feast, but attended services one day later.

Most noteworthy was the royal treatment given to brethren by Cedok, the Czechoslovakian tourist agency, according to Mr. Fritz. Jaroslav Macourek, director of Cedok, said that the 10-year working relationship between Cedok and the Church has blossomed into a friendship and that despite differences in the two national governmental systems, we have proved that we are and can be one family.

Bonndorf, West Germany	1,078
Brno, Czechoslovakia	303

NIEUWEGEIN, Netherlands—More than 400 Church members from the Netherlands and



Belgium and 112 visitors from abroad attended the Feast of Tabernacles in Hooegeveen, Netherlands, according to regional director Bram de Bree.

Pieter Michielsen, pastor of the Grande Prairie, Alta., church, a regular guest speaker at the Dutch Feast of Tabernacles site, said, "The Feast is better because our growth in knowledge accumulates year by year."

The video messages helped unite brethren and make them feel more involved.

Activities included a visit to Giethoorn, Venice of the North; a dance; and a musical performance

by the Deep River Quartet.

More free time was available this year. This gave brethren "more responsibility to schedule our time and put the lessons on family unity into practice," said Rien Kersten, a deacon in the De Bilt, Netherlands, church.

"There is no reason to be saddened to return home after eight days," concluded Henk Wilms, from Calgary, Alta., "as there is enough to be done in the coming year."

Hooegeveen, Netherlands 535



Hooegeveen, Netherlands

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Sites in Britain family-oriented

BOREHAMWOOD, England—"From the three sites in England, one in Ireland, one in the Channel Isles, one in Denmark and five in Black Africa, reports have been coming in that this was the most trouble-free and family-oriented Feast ever," reported evangelist Frank Brown, regional director.

Communities "warmly welcomed" the Church, and Feast coordinators reported that cooperation from area people "was outstanding," Mr. Brown said. Some small problems of organization "were quickly resolved, and in no case was anyone greatly inconvenienced."

Gary Antion, an associate professor at Pasadena Ambassador College, was guest speaker in the United Kingdom.

Under the supervision of Maurice McCabe from Belfast, Northern Ireland, the meeting hall in Trabolgan, Irish Republic, a first-time site, was transformed for a medieval banquet, a high point of the Feast.

"In fact, the staff of Trabolgan Holiday Village were so impressed they want to use the same idea themselves," said Mr. Brown.

Denmark

The Denmark site featured first-ever translations into Finnish and the introduction of infrared translating equipment loaned by the German Office. Three baptisms took place.

Overseas visitors gave 4,000 kroner (Danish currency equaling about \$600) toward the purchase of

infrared translating equipment, said coordinator Peter Shenton.

Spokesman Club members showed remarkable talent at their once-yearly meeting. All Feastgoers are invited, and the meeting is conducted in English, not their first language.

Evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs in Pasadena, was guest speaker.

United Kingdom

About 250 brethren in Jersey, Channel Islands, took a day trip by sea to France, "which turned out to be exciting, to say the least, with heavy seas and high winds," said Mr. Brown.

On a ferry from Portsmouth, England, to Jersey before the Feast, a woman (not a member) in her 70s died of a heart attack, reported David Magowan, pastor of the Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough and Newcastle upon Tyne, England, churches, who was aboard the ferry with his family.

The *Jersey Evening Post* reported Oct. 7 how Mr. Magowan's father-in-law, Wilmer Parrish, a member who attends the Big Sandy church, pronounced the woman dead.

The dead woman and her traveling party were airlifted by a rescue helicopter in 40 mile-an-hour winds and more than 13-foot waves.

Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications, was guest speaker in Jersey.

On the evening after the Last Great Day, gales swept across the

English Channel and southern England, leaving behind a scene of storm devastation not experienced in 300 years (see article, page 7).

"Fortunately, most members were protected or had already left the area, and so injuries were at a minimum," reported Mr. Brown. "For many brethren the Feast at Camber Sands 1987 will always be memorable," said John Meakin, coordinator. "One had the impression all week long that Satan was trying to destroy the Feast."

He added, "Torrential rain and driving winds made conditions very trying, yet the spirits of our members remained high."

In Paignton, England, a non-member woman who attended with her husband was "overwhelmed with the cards, flowers, etc. sent to her after she was involved in a traffic accident at the Feast," said coordinator George Delap.

"I heard of one lady who was invited to eat in a nice restaurant by some visitors," related David Silcox, coordinator of the Southport, England, site. "It transpired this lady (from a very poor family) had never eaten in a restaurant before. It was an overwhelming experience for her."

Winds were so high on the first Holy Day in Southport that the tower supporting the satellite dish was unable to be erected to receive Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's message.

"The brethren were asked to pray about it, and with 15 minutes to spare the wind abated enough to erect the tower," Mr. Silcox said. "The reception was perfect."

Africa

On a moonlit evening in Nigeria, brethren ate a roasted cow donated by Mr. Brown and took part in a sing-along, said Lateef Edalere, coordinator.

Melvin Rhodes, pastor of the Birmingham and Gloucester, England, and Llanelli, Wales, churches, was guest speaker.

Activities in Nigeria included a miniolympics, combined Spokesman Club graduation and ladies day and cultural performances. Five brethren from Cameroon attended.

"Despite the obvious ethnic diversities within the nation the spirit of God prevailed and was evident in the love, care and unity displayed," said Mr. Edalere. On the last day of the Feast, 22 people were baptized.

Brethren celebrated the 10th anniversary of keeping the Feast at the Naro Moru River Lodge in Kenya.

"Our annual seven-kilometer run was again a success," said coordinator Owen Willis. "We had a new

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We live in a *godless age*, and it is so easy to become caught up in the attitudes, views and actions of the society around us. Yet, as God's people, we *must not* take the apathetic attitude that Jesus characterized with the perspective that says "my lord delays his coming."

Instead, as Jesus forewarned in Luke 21:36, we need to "Watch ye therefore [we must watch both *our own personal spiritual condition and growth* as well as the conditions of the world around us—the signs of the times], and pray always [*close personal contact with God*, remaining firmly attached to the true Vine], that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."



St. Helier, Jersey



Trabolgan, Ireland



St. Helier, Jersey



Winneba, Ghana

champion this year, Samson Mukindia, a 13-year-old who ran the course in 25:02."

Brethren also took part in a barbecue, Bible quiz, games evening, children's games, talent show, volleyball and a Mt. Kenya hike.

Similar events were conducted in neighboring Mombasa, Kenya, where brethren enjoyed a sunset cruise on a dhow (an Arab boat), followed by candlelight dinner at one of Mombasa's finest restaurants, said Mr. Willis.

Curtis May, an associate pastor of the Pasadena Imperial A.M. church, was the guest speaker at both Kenyan sites.

Josef Forson, coordinator of the Winneba, Ghana, site, assisted by area ministers and members, "did everything possible to ensure a high

degree of comfort and enjoyment for the site's visitors," reported Jeremy Rapson, a local elder in Birmingham and Gloucester, England, and Llanelli, Wales, churches, who traveled to Ghana as a guest speaker.

A videotape of Mr. Tkach's first day message, taped in Paignton, was shown on the last day of the Feast. A backup generator was used during occasional power cuts, so services were not disrupted.

Mr. Rapson said God's people in Ghana are "currently enjoying relief from the conditions of austerity and hardship, which prevailed until quite recently."

The Feast in Blantyre, Malawi, took place in the church's new building for the first time. "The facilities were such that the Feast abounded in family spirit and was truly representative of the Millennium," according to Kenneth Buck, resident associate pastor.

Family day included a barbecue of steak and Malawi's special fish—the chambo. Activities were bus trips, singles outings and youth activities.

Guest speaker was Jonathan Buck, pastor of the Brandon, Man., and Moosomin, Sask., churches, son of Kenneth Buck.

Mr. Brown said English and African brethren as well as visitors praised the organization, preaching, atmosphere and overall inspiration at Feast sites administered by the British Office.

Camber Sands, England	831
Paignton, England	1,319
Southport, England	1,116
St. Helier, Jersey	735
Bredsten, Denmark	288
Trabolgan, Irish Republic	618
Winneba, Ghana	444
Okada Estate, Nigeria	521
Mombasa, Kenya	151
Naro Moru, Kenya	125
Blantyre, Malawi	189



Mombasa, Kenya

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freeze and devaluation of the Argentinean austral.

Gunmen in Haiti assassinated presidential candidate Yves Volé as he delivered a speech in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince. Brethren met for the Feast in Jacmel, about a three-hour drive away.

Hurricane Floyd

Hurricane Floyd threatened to strike the St. Petersburg, Fla., site Oct. 12.

"There were warnings that it could have headed right up the coast, hitting St. Petersburg head-on," said Mark McCulley, Festival Office coordinator, who attended in Daytona Beach, Fla.

As the hurricane gained strength, a YOU activity in St. Petersburg was canceled.

At the beginning of services Oct. 12, Ronald Howe, coordinator of the St. Petersburg site, asked Feastgoers to pray, and then he gave instructions about what to do if the hurricane struck.

Before the closing hymn, Clyde Kilough, pastor of the Jonesboro, Ark., and Poplar Bluff, Mo., churches and songleader, announced that the hurricane "had

turned away and was headed toward the Florida Keys."

Floyd passed over Key West, Fla., and headed toward the Bahamas.

The Tribune, a newspaper published in the Bahamas, reported that Floyd "passed over the northern islands of Bimini, Abaco and Grand Bahama . . . without the severe winds of 80 miles per hour as was earlier forecast."

Following the hurricane-force storm that hit England the evening of Oct. 15 (see article, page 7), torrential rain fell the next week, disrupting roads and railways in southern and central England and Wales.

Troubled times

Other news events included the 508-point plummet of the U.S. stock market Oct. 19; the sinking of three Iranian patrol boats in the Persian Gulf by U.S. helicopters Oct. 8; a military coup Oct. 15 in Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta); and two trains colliding outside Jakarta, Indonesia.

In the words of evangelist Frank Brown, British regional director, commenting on the Feast in the British Isles: "If it is true that Satan expresses his anger in proportion to how well the Feast went, then he was certainly irate!"

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Unity characterizes Philippine sites

MANILA, Philippines—"A spirit of unity, closeness and dedication to the work God has given us to do characterized the Feast of Tabernacles at the four Philippine sites," said regional director Rodney Matthews.

Abner Washington, pastor of the Los Angeles, Calif., church, was guest speaker.

"Over 50 international guests braved adverse press reports overseas to come and savor the warmth, enthusiasm and friendliness of the Filipino brethren," Mr. Matthews said.

The political situation remained generally quiet and peaceful. Although several bridges on the main roads from the southern Luzon (Bicol) provinces were destroyed by insurgents, the brethren from those areas reached the Manila Feast site.

A bomb exploded at the side entrance of a Manila hotel where several members were staying, including the members from Guam and Yap.

"However, God protected the members. That day the services were unavoidably delayed and did not end until after the explosion at 12:15 p.m.," a time when some members would normally have been in that area having lunch.

The Feast took place for the 20th time in Baguio. A Festival show featured Filipino songs and dances. The YOU provided an escort ser-

vice for senior citizens and the disabled.

Alex Sobejana, an elderly member who attended the Quezon City, Philippines, church, died at midnight after the Last Great Day. Mr. Sobejana arrived at the Baguio site with severe abdominal pains.

The hospital could not operate because it did not have enough type O blood. An announcement was made, and so many brethren offered to donate blood that the hospital had to turn away prospective donors. Some hospital staff said they had not seen such an outpouring of the spirit of give.

In Manila a spirit of unity and service prevailed, according to Jose Raduban, coordinator. Members with vehicles transported brethren to services.

Edmundo Protacio, a member who attends the Marikina, Philippines, church, received a telegram that his aged mother was seriously ill. He prayed to God and told Him that he would like to keep the Feast and asked God to intervene in his mother's behalf. The next day he received word that his mother had revived, and he kept

the Feast for the entire eight days.

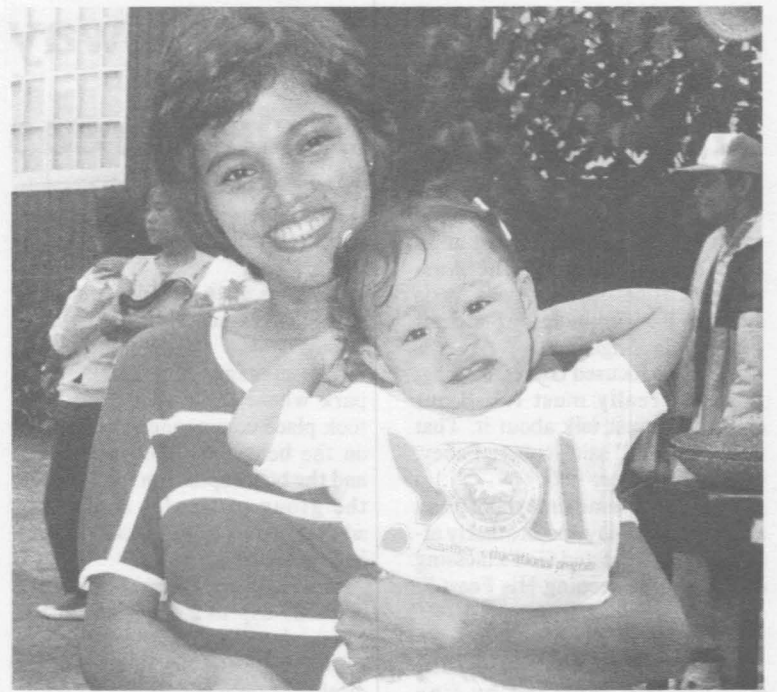
The site in Cebu was changed several weeks before the Feast because of an industrial dispute. The manager at the new site, noting how members prepared the hall and stage before the Feast, said, "I wish your group could use this hall not just for this week but throughout the year."

In Cagayan de Oro about 200 brethren and prospective members who do not speak English listened to simultaneous translations of services into the Cebuano dialect by Church pastors Felipe Casing and Patrocinio Matas.

Several brethren helped Church youths and singles pay for dinners arranged for them. For many, this was their only opportunity during the year to eat in a formal restaurant.

Brethren treated some members from Mindanao to private parties and tours. Some had not seen the interior of a hotel or department store. Some youths were thrilled to see for the first time how a jet takes off and lands.

Members prepared the meeting hall facilities by repainting the inte-



Baguio, Philippines

rior and scrubbing the restrooms, floors and chairs. The facilities administrator appreciated their efforts because the gymnasium belongs to a public school that cannot afford to maintain its facilities.

Brethren commented on the family atmosphere and harmony that prevailed at the Philippine Feast

sites, in a country beset with division and dissent, Mr. Matthews said.

Baguio, Philippines	1,604
Cagayan de Oro, Philippines	1,178
Cebu, Philippines	828
Manila, Philippines	1,286

20 countries represented in Jordan



Amman, Jordan

AMMAN, Jordan—Four hundred ninety-three brethren from 20 countries attended Festival services at the Philadelphia Theatre here, according to Richard Frankel, Festival coordinator.

The group visited the schools for the physically and mentally disabled where Ambassador College students work on Ambassador Foundation projects. Teams of physically disabled players from the Jordan Sports Federation for the Handicapped played wheelchair basketball against Church teams.

The Ambassador Foundation presented two benefit concerts by pianist David Bilowus for the Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped. Prince Ra'ad and Princess Majda attended the first evening, and Princess Majda returned with their son the second evening.

Brethren traveling from Los Angeles, Calif., and Chicago, Ill., maintained positive attitudes when a baggage cart ran into their plane, causing damage and delaying them for almost 24 hours. The same group suffered one bus breakdown and two tire blowouts while touring in Jordan.

Britain suffers worst storm since 1703

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Hurricane-force winds gusting more than 100 miles an hour blasted Festival sites in Camber Sands, England, and St. Helier, Jersey, in the Channel Islands during the evening after the Last Great Day, Oct. 15.

The storm killed 18, injured hundreds and cut electricity to millions of homes, reported the Oct. 17 *Times* of London.

Douglas Hurd, British home secretary, said the storms were responsible for "the most widespread night of disaster in the southeast of England since 1945," near the end of World War II.

Camber Sands site

Camber Sands and Romney Sands leisure parks, used by 1,000 brethren during the Feast, "were devastated," according to John Meakin, Feast coordinator. Some members were injured.

"Departure plans were disrupted due to blocked roads and closed airports," Mr. Meakin said. "Eventually most Feastgoers had departed the area by late Friday, but 27 people had to remain an extra night due to transport difficulties."

Mr. Meakin said members in southeast England suffered damage to roofs, gardens, fences or trees. "It

was the worst storm to hit Britain in [nearly] 300 years."

(Britain's worst gale was the great channel storm of 1703 that was estimated to have killed 8,000 people, said the *Times*.)

"Romney and Camber lay in the direct path of the gales," Mr. Meakin continued.

As the storm moved inland uprooting thousands of trees and disrupting power supplies, roads were blocked and rail transport was brought to a halt, he said.

One caravan (trailer) at Camber Sands "was flung violently through the air, totally demolishing a car and finally bursting into a thousand fragments, upended, leaning precariously against other caravans."

David Edwards and Kerin Webb, Church members, awoke in the midst of the wreckage. "Miraculously they suffered only minor lacerations, and after treatment in a hospital with several stitches to head and body wounds, they were released," said Mr. Meakin.

Three wooden units were also demolished, one occupied by member Joe Donchek and his family. They returned home before the storm.

While still dark the leisure park staff and Church personnel evacuated caravans and moved members into the main auditorium, where

without heat or light, they waited.

When the auditorium roof began to strip off, members were moved to a smaller restaurant area.

"The leisure park finally ceased to function: no water, no sewage disposal and no power," Mr. Meakin said.

At Silver Sands Holiday Park, where several members were staying, damage was "overwhelming."

Out of 160 caravans, 120 were destroyed. "Some caravans were not chained down and consequently were overturned and somersaulted like matchsticks, coming to rest in chaotic heaps of fragmented and shattered remains, resting at grotesque angles," said Mr. Meakin.

No members were injured there. At Romney Sands, where members occupied more than 100 units, 17 caravans were overturned.

Eileen Schofield, a member who attends the Aptos, Calif., church, and her husband, Thornton ("Sko"), were asleep in their caravan when it was lifted by the wind and somersaulted twice.

"Mrs. Schofield was thrown clear without any injury, but her husband suffered a severe concussion," said Mr. Meakin. An arriving ambulance was struck by another caravan that had broken loose. A second ambulance took Mr. Schofield to Ashford Hospital, where he was kept overnight for observation.

Damage in Channel Islands

Gales "struck with ferocious violence unknown in the Channel Islands and southern England," said David House, Feast coordinator.

"Many roads quickly became impassable through fallen trees," said Mr. House. "A dozen or so young people had to take refuge in a farmhouse for the night, and many others, including Mr. Dexter Faulkner [editor of Church publications, who attended the Feast in Jersey], had to find temporary refuge."

In all the destruction only one member was injured, Mr. House continued. A woman fractured her arm and nose when she was "literally blown into the air by the wind."

Thursday evening, Oct. 15, 23 adults and five children who left Jersey in a car ferry for Portsmouth, England, "had a very violent crossing," Mr. House reported. "Twice the ship had to heave to [remain stationary] to cope with the seas."

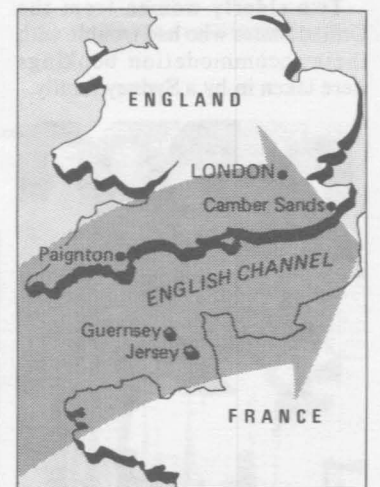
David Jardine, a member who at-

tends the Dunstable, England, church, who was aboard with his wife, Jill, said the ferry listed more than 45 degrees, overturning a truck and damaging cars. Mr. Jardine said it felt like the boat would not come upright again.

Back on Jersey, "dawn revealed the extent of the damage to buildings, structures and trees," Mr. House told *The Worldwide News*. "So many roads were blocked it took quite a time for people to reach the airport. Most people got away, although a few were delayed till the following day."

Other areas

Elsewhere, as England awoke to the full extent of the damage, virtually the whole of southeast England lay marooned, according to Mr. Meakin. Many parts of London



STORM—Map shows path of hurricane-force storm that lashed the Channel Islands and southern England on the evening after the Last Great Day. [Map by Ronald Grove]

were without electricity.

Outside London, Gatwick Airport was closed by 90 mile-an-hour crosswinds, and Heathrow Airport was severely disrupted.

"Weather experts knew that a severe storm was building in the Bay of Biscay from the Sunday during the Feast," Mr. Meakin said. "They cannot understand, however, why it intensified so explosively and then moved so incredibly quickly from its forecast path."

He concluded: "Once more Satan's destructive power has been displayed. We can certainly rejoice in God's protection."



UPENDED CARAVAN—Brethren clean up the demolished caravan (trailer) of David Edwards and Kerin Webb, single men in Britain, after a hurricane-force storm hit Camber Sands, England, on the evening of Oct. 15. [Photo by Rick Shallenberger]

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Feast points to God's way in Australian, Asian areas

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—The Feast took place at 14 sites administered by the Australian Office—in Australia, Asia and the Pacific, including a first-time site in Singapore.

Sermons focused on overcoming, that "we really must fulfill our calling, not just talk about it. That was sobering," said Robert Fahey, regional director.

"Yet at the same time there was a strong spirit of joy and brotherly affection that reflected God's blessing on His people keeping His Feast."

Australia

In Warrnambool cool and rainy weather was replaced by fine weather for outdoor activities whenever needed.

Services took place in the Warrnambool Regional Performing Arts Centre, where sermons stressed the need to practically apply God's way of life.

Family day in Ulladulla offered activities for all age groups, and youths served and entertained the over-50s group one afternoon. On the last evening of the Feast many of the singles got together and took out the elderly members.

This year the Feast took place in Brisbane, where family day activities included a picnic. Four hundred fifty took a dinner cruise.

Brethren showed love and concern for David Parncutt, who was involved in a serious accident on his way to church. His vehicle was hit from the side and slammed into a pole. Mr. Parncutt was cut out of the wreckage, and police said he was lucky to be alive. He was released from the hospital that afternoon and recovered in his Feast accommodation.

In Gosford youths assisted disabled brethren and families to and from the auditorium daily. Overall involvement in services and activities was higher than in previous years, according to coordinator Terence Villiers.

A family bush dance (akin to country dancing) featured professional callers and a live band.

Two elderly women from the United States who had trouble with their accommodation bookings were taken in by a Sydney family.

On the western side of the country, brethren attended services in Perth.

Teenage girls served as mothers' aides and helped with young children.

The manager of a kiosk at the park where family day activities took place commended the parents on the behavior of their children, and the boat captain on a cruise said the group of singles and young adults was the tidiest group he ever had on board.

Singles provided assistance at an over-50s trip to a deer park at the Caloundra site. A valet service was provided by the parking crew for disabled brethren.

A large number of overseas brethren attended this site, and it was "heartwarming to see how all the brethren mixed together in a family atmosphere," according to coordinator William Sidney.

A woman who works for the Caloundra Civic Centre was so impressed with the brethren and messages that when the offering was taken up on the Last Great Day she insisted on giving an offering herself.

A large group of visitors from the United States attended the Feast in Merimbula. "In light of the emphasis on the Church being an international family" it was good that the visitors provided much of the special music for services, said coordinator Kenneth Lewis.

The Merimbula Fishing Club provided electric power for the family day barbecue. The officer involved said area residents were impressed with the Church youths. He quoted another club member as saying, "Your presence here lifts the tone of the whole town."

Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration, and David Albert, one of the presenters of the *World Tomorrow* telecast, were guest speakers at several Australian sites.

Asia and Pacific

Festival services in Honiara, Solomon Islands, took place in the home of Tapualiki Samasoni. Fifty attended.

Because of the size and location of the site there were service opportunities for everyone. The Samasoni family housed and fed several brethren from outlying islands. All meals were catered by the Church in the homes of various members.



Hobart, Australia



Singapore



Ahungalla, Sri Lanka



Merimbula, Australia

The Holy Days and Sabbaths were potluck occasions.

People with extra second tittle supported those who would not otherwise have been able to attend the Feast. Except for Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's videos, all the song services, sermonettes and sermons were given by one speaker.

Raymond Ginns, a *Plain Truth* subscriber for almost 30 years, who lives on a remote island in the Solomons, attended services for the first time and was baptized on the Last Great Day.

Teenagers attending the Feast in Lonauli, India, took part in a swimming pool party. Many of the Indian teens could not swim, and several overseas visitors gave swimming lessons.

Feastgoers visited caves that contain a Buddhist temple more than 2,000 years old.

In Singapore, an island nation off the tip of southern Malaysia, services took place in the Amara Hotel, where most of the brethren stayed.

The site in Singapore was arranged on short notice when the original site in Malaysia was canceled. The necessary permit for conducting the Feast in Singapore was not granted until two days before the Feast began.

Guest speakers were Gene Hoberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, and Colin Kelly of the Australian regional office.

Members presented a spectacular cultural evening, which featured colorful costumed dances from Singapore, Malaysia, Africa and Tibet, along with instrumental solos and duets.

In Ahungalla, Sri Lanka, a family day beach activity featured elephant rides and a tug of peace with the elephant pitted against the whole group. Five baptisms took place during the Feast.

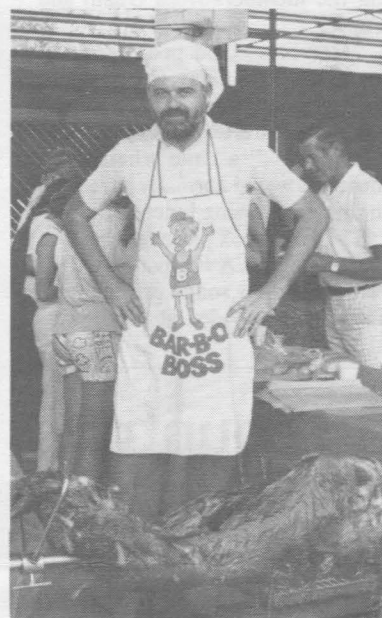
Ambassador College students working on Ambassador Foundation projects in Sri Lanka gave "an exceptional amount of service to the elderly and Church youths," according to Colombo pastor Mohan Jayasekera.



Gosford, Australia



Singapore



Brisbane, Australia



Caloundra, Australia



Singapore



Perth, Australia

Attitudes 'best ever' at sites in New Zealand, South Pacific

AUCKLAND, New Zealand—The Festival was conducted at three sites in New Zealand and the South Pacific.

"Many Feastgoers to Fiji were apprehensive of the effects of the recent military coup. Numerous transfers found that they had to do battle with their travel agents—not the Fiji military—just to get there," said Peter Nathan, regional director for New Zealand and the South Pacific.

"Their persistence was well rewarded. Those who attended enjoyed a Feast in which peace and harmony were undisturbed," Mr. Nathan said.

Overseas brethren shared their time and hospitality with the Fiji brethren by paying for their meals at group lunches on the Holy Days

and putting on a special barbecue for them one night.

Festival services in Mu'a, Tonga, took place in the Church's tabernacle building there.

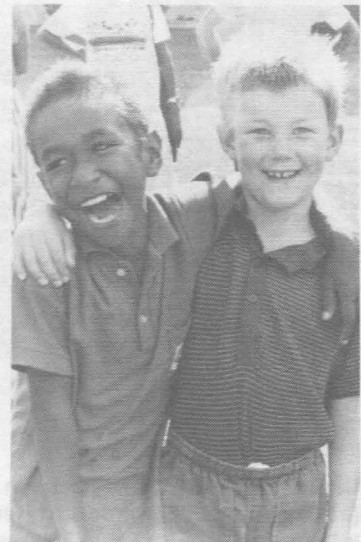
The Tonga brethren were hosts to a number of visitors this year. The visitors treated the Tongans to lunch on the Last Great Day, "an event greatly appreciated by the brethren of the 'Friendly Isles,' who are accustomed to being the givers of hospitality—not the receivers," Mr. Nathan said.

Tonga suffered a drought for five months before the Feast. A week before the Feast brethren were asked to pray and fast about the situation, and rain fell. There was no rain during the Feast, but just after the Feast heavy rains fell again.

Evangelist Colin Adair, Canadian regional director, and his family were guests at the Rotorua, New Zealand, site.

Family afternoon activities took place at the Rotorua International Stadium. Participants were placed into families of about 30 people and went through the activities, which included trampolining, going through an obstacle course, answering Bible questions and singing hymns, as a family. There were 38 family groups.

Coordinator Don Engle rated the "overall attitude, response and cooperation of the brethren" as the best ever.



Korolevu, Fiji

Caloundra, Australia	1,223
Brisbane, Australia	1,255
Gosford, Australia	1,107
Hobart, Australia	385
Merimbula, Australia	499
Perth, Australia	645
Ulladulla, Australia	704
Warrnambool, Australia	446
Ahungalla, Sri Lanka	147
Honiara, Solomon Islands	50
Kya In, Burma	80*
Lonauli, India	240
Sa Khan Gyi, Burma	40*
Singapore	434
* Estimated attendance	

Rotorua, New Zealand	1,363
Mu'a, Tonga	51
Korolevu, Fiji	251

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Spanish sites espouse family focus

PASADENA—The Feast of Tabernacles was kept at 10 Spanish-speaking sites with an attendance of more than 4,300. Services were conducted in Spanish at seven sites, and English translations were provided in Mexico, Puerto Rico and, for the first time, Argentina.

Activities were arranged to involve whole families, not just portions of them, said evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas. "Sermons also emphasized family unity and cooperation. Even the entertainment in some areas incorporated this theme."

In areas where English-speaking members attended, arrangements

were made for them to have a meal with Spanish-speaking members. Bilingual members translated.

In Cullera, Spain, 12 adults and two children in the group of 134 were attending the Feast for the first time. Four baptisms took place.

A Portuguese member was denied a visa by an employee of the Spanish Embassy. He returned to the embassy and was granted a visa by another employee. He arrived one day late.

Mr. Walker gave a sermon in Spanish on order and discipline. He attended the second half of the Feast in Venezuela.

In Maitencillo, Chile, 30 percent of the 319 attending were new

members or prospective members.

Two members from Bolivia traveled by train and bus from about 12,000 feet above sea level in La Paz, Bolivia, to the Pacific Ocean and then crossed the Atacama Desert by bus. The trip took more than 50 hours. Six Bolivians and six Chileans were baptized at the Feast.

Messages in Melgar, Colombia, focused on children's education and Christian living.

In Antigua, Guatemala, 20 were baptized: three from Honduras, nine from Guatemala and eight from El Salvador.

One day the young men invited elderly women to lunch and the young women invited the elderly men.

One hundred twelve brethren attended services in San Isidro de el General, Costa Rica. "Like in a big home nobody complained—everybody understood, shared and helped," said coordinator Mauricio Perez.

In Acapulco, Mexico, half of the Feastgoers spoke English and half spoke Spanish. The Mexican churches presented *La Noche Mexicana* (Mexican Night), a show of Mexican folkloric dances and songs.

The English-speaking brethren reciprocated by inviting Mexican families out for lunch or dinner.

Activities in San Juan, Puerto Rico, included an afternoon get-together at the beach where brethren sampled fresh area fruits, and tours through the island's rain forest and Spanish fortifications in Old San Juan.

Six countries were represented at the Feast in Villa Gesell, Argentina. More than 100 brethren participated in a five-kilometer race.



Villa Gesell, Argentina



Cullera, Spain



Antigua, Guatemala



Maitencillo, Chile

Acapulco, Mexico	2,070
Antigua, Guatemala	437
Barquisimeto, Venezuela	112
Cullera, Spain	134
San Juan, Puerto Rico	280
San Isidro, Costa Rica	112
Maitencillo, Chile	319
Melgar, Colombia	268
Trujillo, Peru	321
Villa Gesell, Argentina	320

Brethren from Mexico, Colombia, the United States, El Salvador, Ecuador and the Philippines traveled to Trujillo, Peru, for the Feast. Attendance was 321.

In Barquisimeto, Venezuela, a barbecue lunch was served for the whole group on the second day of the Feast, and everyone was invited to a dinner in honor of the Walkers at the beginning of the Last Great Day.

Caribbean brethren exhibit warmth, positive perspective

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—More than 3,800 brethren kept the Feast at eight English-speaking sites in the Caribbean.

Hurricane Floyd threatened but did not adversely affect the Feast in the Bahamas. However, regional director Stan Bass and his wife, Millicent, were stranded for two days in Miami, Fla., when the airport there was closed.

The sites in Bermuda, Bahamas, Jamaica, Barbados and Tobago received Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's satellite transmission. Other sites received videotapes of the message.

In Barbados a member was struck by a car and suffered a mild concussion. She was able to attend services by the middle of the Feast.

Overseas brethren at Gros Islet, St. Lucia, showed exceptional love to blind member M. Louisy. "It seemed that each individual was patiently awaiting his or her turn daily, either to fellowship with him or more often lead him across the street to a restaurant for a meal," said Victor Simpson, Feast coordinator.

Feastgoers in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, experienced sunny mornings and overcast afternoons with light showers on some days, while other parts of the island had rains that caused flooding.

In Christ Church, Barbados, the location of the Festival was changed just before the Feast, which gave many a chance to help transport others.

Rain fell before and after the Feast in Roseau, Dominica, but stopped during the Feast whenever a major outdoor activity took place.

The convention center accidentally canceled the Church's booking, but the problem was solved, and services took place as scheduled.

A piano bought for brethren in Dominica was found after it had been missing for about a week.

However, there was no pianist and, at first, tapes were used. A visiting member then volunteered to play for the remainder of the Feast.

Overseas brethren attending the Feast in Store Bay, Tobago, donated 5,419 Trinidad and Tobago dollars to the Summer Educational Program.

In Bermuda the 7-year-old son of one member said after receiving Feast gifts from friends: "Wow! I must be the most blessed kid in the world!" This same young man had given a large offering on the Day of Atonement, and when his father asked if he meant to put in that much, he said: "That's OK. I know God will bless me."

At the Nassau, Bahamas, site planned family day beach activities were rained out, but spur-of-the-moment activities were organized in the meeting hall.

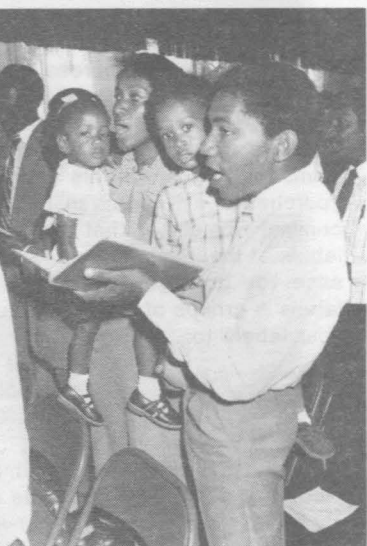
Brethren in Georgetown, Guyana, were saddened that a number of brethren from the interior of Guyana were unable to make it to the Feast because of transportation difficulties, according to coordinator Paul Krautmann. "But we rejoiced when one family was able to get here by helicopter."

Rachel James, who lives near the Brazil border, was unable to attend the Feast for three years. There are no roads to her area and few flights. When a helicopter dropped into her village she and her children just had time to grab one or two items of clothing and make the trip to Georgetown. Brethren provided for them during the Feast.

Gros Islet, St. Lucia	169
Christ Church, Barbados	633
Georgetown, Guyana	221
Hamilton, Bermuda	402
Ocho Rios, Jamaica	843
Nassau, Bahamas	745
Roseau, Dominica	141
Store Bay, Tobago	716



Georgetown, Guyana



Store Bay, Tobago

Southern Africa: 'excellent spirits'

CAPE TOWN, South Africa— "In a hectic pre-Feast period a number of incidents occurred that threatened to mar the event," said evangelist Leslie McCullough, regional director.

"It seemed the Adversary was making every attempt to spoil the occasion for God's people . . . Despite the problems (or maybe because of them) the Feast got away to a wonderful start with the brethren in excellent spirits at all sites," Mr. McCullough said.

In Mauritius a hotel manager double-booked accommodations and absconded with the deposits. However, the problem was quickly resolved and caused no inconvenience for the 85 Mauritians, five Swiss, one German and 36 South Africans who kept the Feast there.

In Zimbabwe currency restrictions imposed a week before the Feast threatened to make payment of hotel bills difficult.

In Durban, South Africa, the worst floods in memory left the city without a water supply, washed away bridges and isolated several inland districts. Bodies were washed up on beaches during the Feast. More than 400 were killed or are missing, but God's Feast went ahead on schedule.

The magnitude of damages "demonstrates the ferocity with which Satan tried to wreck the largest site in Africa hosting God's Feast," said coordinator John Bartholomew.

Mild temperatures and average humidity made the hall where services took place more comfortable, despite water restrictions that meant not using air conditioners.

The sound engineer, who is not a member, mentioned that his infant son was desperately ill and was not responding to medical treatment.

The congregation was asked to pray for the child, and the next day, much to the man's astonishment and delight, the child was healed.

In George, South Africa, Feast coordinator Andre van Belkum noted that Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's efforts to unite the Church as one family are being blessed by God as evidenced by the concern shown by members for one another.

A number of George residents commented that the weather always changes for the good when the Church convention starts. George had cold and rainy weather for 10 days, which cleared up three days before the Feast. And true to form, it rained the second day after the Feast ended.

Evangelist Ronald Kelly spoke at three sites, and Roy Holladay, pastor of the Bethlehem A.M. and

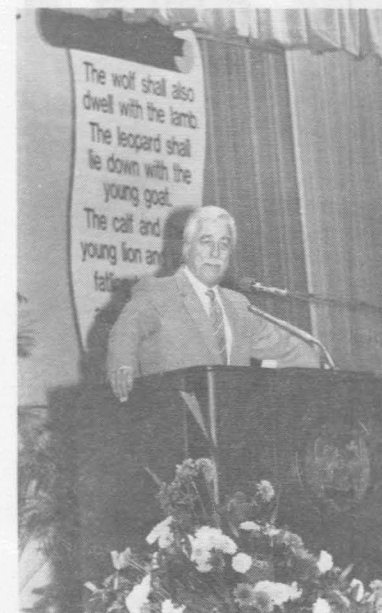
P.M. and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., churches, spoke at two sites.

In Livingstone, Zambia, brethren enjoyed a cruise up the Zambezi River. They saw elephants browsing on an island and hippopotamuses in midstream.

The variety show brought brethren from Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana into "joyful contact and new friendships," according to coordinator William Bentley.

Senior citizens attended a luncheon, and Church youths viewed animals at a game park and had a *braai* (barbecue) afterward.

Durban, South Africa	1,494
George, South Africa	848
Hawston, South Africa	248
Black River, Mauritius	127
Livingstone, Zambia	151
Mutare, Zimbabwe	478



Durban, South Africa



Mutare, Zimbabwe



Mutare, Zimbabwe

Staff shares Festival experiences, memories

PASADENA—Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications, encourages his staff to travel to various Feast sites around the world. This travel helps the writers to have a better understanding of you, the readers.

In this article Editorial staff members share some of their experiences at the 1987 Feast of Tabernacles.

Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, was a guest speaker at the Feast in Singapore and Thailand. A woman in Singapore asked if Mr. Hogberg and his wife, Barbara, would mind if those who wanted to meet them came to their room for a few minutes after a service. The Hogbergs agreed.

"Our room was quickly filled with at least 60 brethren, standing three deep by the windows and kneeling and sitting on the floor. Others stood in the hallway of the room, while additional members waited outside.

"After a while, after answering numerous questions about headquarters, the publications, news and prophecy, my personal history, etc., I requested that some might rotate out so that others might join us. In came new smiling, eager faces. All in all, it was a wonderful way to break the ice and to meet many of the brethren."

Kerri Miles, *Worldwide News* associate editor, also in Singapore, met brethren who lived through the Japanese occupation at the end of World War II and scattered brethren who can only fellowship with other members once a year.

Some single Indian men told her that it is extremely uncommon for single Indian women to come into the Church.

"These people face a whole different and more difficult set of problems than I am used to hearing of, and yet they are some of the most cheerful and generous people I've ever met," Miss Miles said.

"On the Last Great Day three sisters took 11 of us to a 10-course Chinese meal. I ate things I'd never seen or heard of before."

Maryann Pirog, a *PT* editorial assistant, told about traveling from

Los Angeles, Calif., to keep the Feast in Jordan: "Leaving earthquakes behind we flew to Chicago [Ill.] to pick up more brethren."

In Chicago a baggage car hit the plane and the group was unable to leave until the next day.

"Quickly we learned that this Feast would be one to learn much patience," she said. "We arrived in Amman a day late but still in one piece. On the way to our hotel... our bus stalled—more mechanical problems."

The next day the group traveled to Petra. On the way back one of the buses with the Los Angeles and Chicago group aboard had a flat tire, and later, another flat.

"Mr. [Richard] Frankel started a debate about the Los Angeles and Chicago group: Were we the righteous with trials, or were we the sinners whose sins were finding them out?"

A Yugoslavian family living in West Germany invited an English family and four American families, including Monte Wolverton, *Plain Truth* art director, and his family, over for a fish goulash dinner.

"Afterward we sang hymns and other songs in three different languages for two hours. It was an experience which brought home to us the concept of our worldwide family," Mr. Wolverton said.

Tom Hanson, managing editor of *The Worldwide News*, came back from Bredsten, Denmark, with a greater understanding of what scattered brethren have to face. Some of the Scandinavian members are only able to fellowship once a year at the Feast.

"It was quite lonely for me leaving the Feast site and spending most of the day on a train to Frankfurt, West Germany, with no other members," Mr. Hanson said.

"For me that loneliness was cured by seeing brethren at services in Darmstadt, West Germany, the next day. For some of our family members in Scandinavia the cure won't come till next Feast."

Micheal Bennett, managing editor of *Youth 87*, and his wife, Becky, spent the Feast in Rotorua, New Zealand.

"We... met a longtime member who had been a captive of the Japanese during World War II in what is now Indonesia. She told of the anxiety of not knowing whether her husband, held in a different part of the camp, was even alive. Listening to her experiences made us look forward to the time the Feast pictures even more," Mr. Bennett said.

One member of the Editorial Services staff said that he and his wife try to find "sneaky" ways to do nice things for other members at the Feast. "Sometimes we'll send flowers to the hotel rooms of widows or a bottle of champagne to a married couple.

"This year we ran into trouble finding people to surprise since we were at a site where we knew only a few people."

He said they solved this problem by picking out groups of Church members in restaurants, finding their waitresses, paying their bills and leaving before the waitresses told them their bills were paid.

"Part of the fun we got out of it was hearing the waitresses' glowing words about 'that church.' Part of it was also imagining how the members reacted. But the biggest reward came through being able to share a part of our celebration of the Feast even at a site where we knew only a few people."

Brian Kritzell, an editorial assistant, related his 5-year-old daughter's morning prayers on the third day of the Feast: "Please help everyone in the neighborhood, please help everyone in the world to be one family, please help all the dogs and cats so they don't get runned over, please help Barbara 'cause she's blind, and please not let it be so hot today because I've got to wear my stockings, and it's just too sweaty for me. Jesus Christ. Amen. It's Lisa's turn now, OK, God?"

"After three very hot days it was overcast that day, and it rained the next," Mr. Kritzell said.

"I was beginning to think my family and I attracted natural disasters," said Jeff Zhorne, news editor for *The Worldwide News*. "Before we left we had the earthquakes in Pasadena—the worst since 1971. After the Feast, on the British island of Jersey, hurricane-force winds struck—the worst in memory. Someone suggested that I not go to Hawaii lest a volcano erupt."

Sheila Graham, *Worldwide News* senior editor, attended the Feast in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where she said each day was more memorable than the last. Meeting and getting to know the brethren in Thailand attending their first Feast with other Church members was what stood out most in her mind.

"Around on the other side of the world we have brethren who are struggling to live God's way of life against some pretty severe odds. These few families have waited faithfully for years to be able to meet with their brethren for a Feast. This year their prayers were answered," Mrs. Graham said.

"It wasn't difficult for me to leave Thailand after the Feast, but it was difficult to leave our brethren. Part of me is still back there in Thailand."

After the Feast in Camber Sands, England, Eileen Wendling, administrative assistant to Mr. Faulkner,

along with her husband, Scott, sister, Shara, brother-in-law, Alan Guss, and two nephews, Britt and Brad, loaded their rental car and left their chalet for London's Gatwick Airport.

The night before, hurricane-force winds swept through this area. "The winds were still strong and flying debris—sheet metal, bricks, tree limbs, roof shingles—filled the air. Trying to think of something positive to say to the children, I said, 'Boys, this is a real adventure, isn't it!'"

"With no hesitation, 5-year-old Britt Guss said, 'Aunt Eileen, this isn't an adventure; this is a trial!'"

In Denmark we had the opportunity to meet possibly the northernmost Church member, said researcher Michael Morrison, referring to Olav Johansen. Mr. Johansen lives north of the Arctic Circle in northern Norway, where it is light around the clock in the summer and dark around the clock in the winter.

"He attends church regularly—twice a year," Mr. Morrison said.

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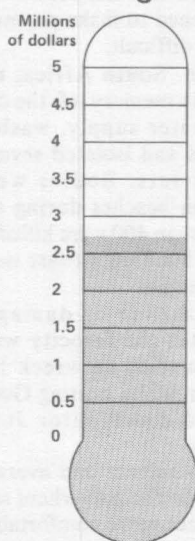
Page 9: Antigua, Guatemala—Roberto Arguello; Cullera, Spain—Joseph Pons; Durban, South Africa—Geoffrey Neilson; Georgetown, Guyana—Jon Snyder; Maitencillo, Chile—Keith Speaks; Mutare, Zimbabwe—Rolf Varga (group); Mutare—Frank Nelte; Store Bay, Tobago—Robin Sirjoosingh; Villa Gesell, Argentina—Greg S. Smith.



UNITED VOICES—Ross Jutsum, chairman of the Music Department in Pasadena, leads a combined Festival and children's choir during the satellite transmission on the first Holy Day, Oct. 8. [Photo by Robert Taylor]



Office Facilities Building Fund



STILL CLIMBING—As of Nov. 4 individuals and church areas donated \$2,704,191.93 to the Office Facilities Building fund.



Keep the Labels Coming

PASADENA—Imperial Schools wishes to thank the many brethren who have so diligently saved and sent labels to Imperial Schools for its participation in Campbell's Labels for Education program, according to Joseph Locke, superintendent. The enthusiastic support of this ongoing program by the brethren in the United States and Canada saves the work thousands of dollars in equipment each year.

God's apostle, Joseph W. Tkach, admonishes us to be wise stewards of the resources God provides us to do His work, according to Mr. Locke. Saving these labels and sending them in to Imperial Schools is one way in which you can assist Mr. Tkach in making those resources stretch even farther.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AMARELO, Gualter and Betty (Petisca), of Providence, R.I., boy, Joshua Paul, Aug. 8, 11:45 a.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

ANDERSON, Glen and Karin (Hillman), of Olympia, Wash., girl, Ashley Rose, Aug. 12, 2:40 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ATKINSON, Stephen and Carla (Boyer), of Warsaw, Ind., girl, Ruth Anne, Sept. 3, 10:24 p.m., now 2 girls.

BAWN, Dale and Gennie (Matthews), of Brampton, Ont., girl, Sarah Kathaleen, July 7, 7:30 a.m., 8 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 3 girls.

BELCHER, Lagarette and Faye (Duncan), of Seaford, Del., girl, Hannah Rebecca Ruth, Aug. 29, 2:10 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 4 boys, 3 girls.

BLAKELY, David and Terri (Feltman), of San Diego, Calif., boy, Kevin David, Aug. 27, 10:06 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BONIELLO, Stephen and Theresa (Dziadzio), of Westchester, N.Y., boy, Stephen Fredrick, July 23, 11:20 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

BOYD, Neil and Claire (Shaw), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Shelley Joyce, Aug. 20, 2:10 p.m., 8 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, first child.

BREGEL, William and Lynette (Lindholm), of Willmar, Minn., boy, Michael Frederick, Aug. 29, 9:30 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BRIDGEWATER, Carl and Gertrude (Grimes), of New Orleans, La., boy, Carl Evans, Aug. 16, 6 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

BROWNLIE, Michael and Eileen (Clark), of Jacksonville, Fla., girl, Sylenea Monique, June 9, 1:53 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BURNS, Lawrence and Dana (Schmuck), of Lorain, Ohio, boy, Anthony Joseph, June 17, 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

BUTLER, Frank and Renee (Smith), of Gadsden, Ala., girl, Amanda Suzanne, July 26, 2:29 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

CARY, Bob and Deborah (Grandy), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Laura Leeanne, Sept. 4, 4:40 a.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CELMER, Joseph and Lucinda (Daniels), of Neenah, Wis., girl, Victoria Anne, Aug. 8, 12:57 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

COOK, Rodney and Tammy (Smith), of Winston-Salem, N.C., boy, Marc Brandon, Aug. 27, 8:43 a.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

CREWS, Mike and Virginia (Dawson), of Thomaston, Ga., girl, Katherine Elizabeth, Aug. 15, 6:18 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DEKU, John K. and Jacqueline (Amartei), of Montreal, Que., boy, David Jonathan, July 5, 6:39 p.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

DEMPSEY, Paul and Carol (Bargar), of Baltimore, Md., girl, Kathryn Elizabeth, Sept. 3, 10:32 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DENSMORE, Gary and Lisa (Prince), of Concord, N.H., boy, Caleb Kent, July 9, 8:50 a.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

DODGEN, Ron and Levonia, of Pismo Beach, Calif., boy, Ethan Michael, Aug. 8, 8:30 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DOUGHER, Don and Susan (Scher), of Santa Rosa, Calif., boy, Michael Joseph, July 14, 3:30 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

DUNN, Robert and Lisa (Hege), of Winston-Salem, N.C., girl, Lauren Marie, Aug. 30, 1:48 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

ELMENDORF, Robert and Sharon (Bell), of Hixson, Tenn., girl, Lindsey Ann, June 23, 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 4 girls.

ENDERSON, William and Cindy (Henry), of Denver, Colo., boy, Reece Hunter, May 24, 5 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

FEITH, Richard and Kimberly (Vermillion), of Glendora, Calif., girl, Brittany Danielle, July 30, 11:16 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

FRANCIS, Danny and Nancy (Schmidt), of Big Sandy, boy, Colton Brook, Sept. 3, 4:09 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

FRIESTAD, Mark and Verna (Steimack), of Minot, N.D., girl, Melissa Gail, Sept. 4, 1:40 a.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

GAGNE, Fran and Marsha (Dow), of Providence, R.I., girl, Gabrielle Elizabeth, July 25, 10:43 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

GARRIGUES, Raymond and Mary (Henry), of San Bernardino, Calif., boy, Samuel Henry, July 21, 5:07 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GLATZ, Dana and Sandra (Hale), of Helena, Mont., girl, Patricia Bernice, Aug. 9, 6:45 a.m., 9 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

GLOVER, Stephen and Tracy (Downer), of Pasadena, boy, Jared Nathaniel, Aug. 22, 2:28 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

GRIFFITHS, Roger and Diane (Faichney), of Gold Coast, Australia, boy, Ryan James, Aug. 22, 8:10 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GRIMES, David and Kim (Yeager), of Beaver Valley, Pa., girl, Samantha Jane, Sept. 8, 8 a.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

GROVAK, Michael and Tamara (Steensma), of Manhattan, N.Y., boy, Bernard Lawrence, Aug. 13, 3:22 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HERRBOLDT, Todd and Deborah (Conrad), of Sioux Falls, S.D., girl, Carrie Rea, Aug. 25, 12:15 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

HOUGH, Thomas and Peggy (Rimel), of Scottsdale, Pa., girl, Tabitha Rose, Sept. 15, 2:34 p.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

JOHNSON, Glen and Carleen (Beck), of

Albany, N.Y., boy, Logan McKenzie, Aug. 8, 10:19 a.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KAMBAI, Andrew and Naomi (Kankani), of Nigeria, boy, Joseph Tagang Andrew, May 31, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

KANNA, Scott and Dena (Heintzelman), of Portland, Ore., girl, Lindsay Michelle, Sept. 8, 4:40 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LEACH, David and Norma (Arguelles), of Salt Lake City, Utah, girl, Sabel Cassandra, July 28, 1:47 p.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

LONG, Randy and Vickie (Smith), of Nashville, Tenn., twin boys, Jeremy Thomas and Justin Michael, Sept. 4, 11:34 and 11:44 a.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces and 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

LOWERY, Jeff and Anna-Marie (Layon), of Pasadena, girl, Julianne Marie, July 30, 5:03 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

MARIOL, John and Rebecca (Hobbs), of Canton, Ohio, boy, John Joseph, July 29, 7:48 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

McGORLICK, Brian and Karen (Battye), of Wodonga, Australia, girl, Eve, Aug. 20, 1 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

McKEAN, Dan and Mary (Yoder), of Columbus, Ohio, boy, Colin Scott, Aug. 17, 4:51 a.m., 5 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

MILLS, Clay and Renee (Granter), of El Paso, Tex., boy, Charles Edward, July 25, 3:04 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

MOODY, Jack and Patricia (Kippen), of Sedro-Woolley, Wash., girl, Laura Elizabeth, Aug. 27, 1:14 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MORRIS, David and Meloney (Vining), of West Blocton, Ala., girl, Brittney Leigh, April 26, 10:18 a.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MYERS, Steve and Kathe (Steele), of Pasadena, boy, Paul Steven, July 1, 3:57 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

NELSON, David and Carol (Brooks), of Atlanta, Ga., girl, Cynthia Lorraine, July 1, 10 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, first child.

ORRANGE, Steven and Flicia (Forshee), of Austin, Tex., boy, Britton James, Aug. 16, 12:45 p.m., 10 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

PARKS, Dale and Cindy (Massey), of Eugene, Ore., boy, Wilson Taylor, July 29, 2:03 a.m., 10 pounds, now 2 boys.

PELFREY, Steven and Terry (Dozier), of Belleville, Ill., girl, Elizabeth Anne, Sept. 9, 12:23 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

PLUM, Dean and Sheri (Bielfelt), of Pasadena, girl, Andrea Lynn, Aug. 16, 8:34 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

PORTER, Peter and Hester (De Beer), of Johannesburg, South Africa, girl, Lizelle, Aug. 16, 1:45 p.m., 2.5 kilograms, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

PULIAFICO, James and Kathaleen (Donahue), of Denver, Colo., girl, Sarah Beth, Sept. 5, 4:47 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

RIGDON, Steve and Charlene (Jones), of Waco, Tex., girl, Rachel Michelle, Aug. 20, 12:06 p.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

ROBSON, Stephen and Holly (Cokes), of Basildon, England, girl, Anna Violet, Aug. 27, 10:53 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

RONISH, Edward and Marty (Ilfeld), of Albuquerque, N.M., girl, Bonnie Elise, Aug. 12, 8:26 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ROSENZWEIG, Phill and Kim (Butz), of San Antonio, Tex., boy, Benjamin Phillip, Aug. 27, 8:41 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

SARAZEN, Tom and Jodi (Burke), of Columbus, Ohio, girl, Heidi Kristina, Aug. 13, 2:19 p.m., 11 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

SCHMIDT, David and Debbie (Kratz), of Pittsburgh, Pa., girl, Amy Beth, Aug. 13, 8:37 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SCHWARTZ, William and Patrice (Jensen), of Fremont, Calif., girl, Tamara Elizabeth, Aug. 18, 7:45 p.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

SIMS, Norvall and Tracy (Pribbenow), of Wichita, Kan., boy, David Paul, Aug. 11, 8:02 a.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

SIMULAMBO, Jani and Victoria (Tembo), of Swaziland, boy, Obadiah Sive, Sept. 10, 6 a.m., 2.75 kilograms, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

SONNENBERG, Fritz and Eva (Elfert), of Alberta Beach, Alta., girl, Amber Michelle, Sept. 10, 12:15 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

SPITALE, Duane and Valerie (Hauch), of Michigan City, Ind., girl, Sarah Jean, Sept. 11, 2:11 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

STEIN, Rick and Nickie, of Glendora, Calif., boy, Trevor Joseph, July 2, 1:55 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

STEVENSON, Don and Sherry (Fertig), of Minot, N.D., girl, Aashli Larayne, July 1, 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

SULLIVAN, John and Denise (Dion), of Queens, N.Y., boy, John Aloysius IV, July 22, 11:50 a.m., 10 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

SWENSON, Guy and Jennifer (Osborn), of Beckley, W.Va., boy, Jonathan Guy, June 17, 1:55 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

TANDINGAN, Manuel and Blessy (Lacson), of Baguio, Philippines, boy, Joseph Herbert, Sept. 1, 7:37 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

VAN HATTEM, Robert and Leona (Mundy), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Micheal John Robert, July 25, 10:29 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

VAN PELT, Leo and Jane (Patterson), of Sudbury, Ont., boy, Andrew Bryan, July 27, 6:03 p.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WALKER, Bruce and Elizabeth (Jones), of Oklahoma City, Okla., girl, Charna Elizabeth Anne, Aug. 20, 2 a.m., 7 pounds, first child.

WALKER, DeForest and Beverly (McDowell), of Wichita, Kan., girl, Brittney Krysten, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

WARREN, Todd and Melissa (Ivey), of Lloydminster, Sask., girl, Julianna Elizabeth, Aug. 4, 1:18 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

WEIS, Perry and DeAnn (Snyder), of Long Beach, Calif., boy, Derek Dylan, Aug. 18, 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

WENDT, David and Michelle (Homsley), of Pasadena, boy, Brandon Allen, July 28, 11 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

WHITED, Eddie and Anita (Gilbert), of Cumming, Ga., girl, Kayla Marie, Aug. 1, 6:10 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

WHITNEY, David and Yvonne (Brodeur), of Concord, N.H., girl, Jessica Marie, June 20, 10 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WILLARD, Dave and Fern (McBride), of Kingston, Ont., boy, Morgan Owen, April 9, 3:12 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

YATES, Dale and Twila (Fike), of Tampa, Fla., girl, Stefanie Ruth, Aug. 15, 1:34 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Broughman of Coldwater, Mich., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jeanine Marie to Robert L. Berrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Berrie of San Angelo, Tex. A Jan. 3, 1988, wedding in Michigan is planned.

Cathy Benayce, daughter of Ruby Skinner, and Michael Styer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Styer, are happy to announce their engagement. A Nov. 28 wedding in Nashville, Tenn., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Randall are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tina to Donald Hornsby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hamilton of Lancaster, Ohio. A Nov. 29 wedding in Allentown, Pa., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Gunders of Caloundra, Australia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Sharon Joy, to Scott Webster, only son of Ted Webster of Caloundra and Jane Green of Solihull, England. An early January, 1988, wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. S. Schwanke
Susan Hildebrandt, daughter of Sara Coull, and Stephen Schwanke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horst Schwanke, were united in marriage July 11 in Calgary, Alta. The ceremony was performed by John Borax, associate pastor of the Calgary North and South churches. Ruth Kozma was maid of honor, and Thomas Schwanke, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dickamore
Doris Ann Budda and Dale Lee Dickamore were united in marriage June 28. Carl McNair, pastor of the Sierra Vista and Tucson, Ariz., churches, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in Huachuca City, Ariz.

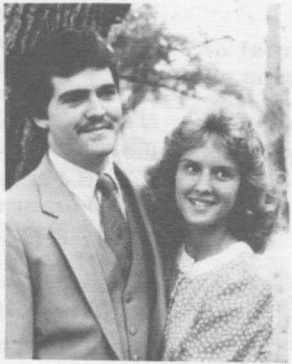
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Driver
Raymond F. Driver of Chehalis, Wash., and Mildred J. Chappell of Calgary, Alta., were married July 31. Paul Shumway, associate pastor of the Tacoma and Olympia, Wash., churches, performed the ceremony. Cassie Kiser was matron of honor, and Eugene Hughes was best man. The couple reside in Chehalis, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ditto
Nanette Alexa Leslie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Leslie of Kingston, Tenn., and James Franklin Ditto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Ditto of Winooski, Vt., were united in marriage June 10 on the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus. The ceremony was performed by Kenneth Treybig, associate pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches. Claire Elaine Leslie, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Ron Stahr was best man. The couple reside in Winooski.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID ROTHWELL

Debra Jo Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Woods, and David Brent Rothwell, son of Cathy Rothwell, were united in marriage May 24. The ceremony was performed by evangelist David Hulme on the Ambassador College campus. Stacie Woods was maid of honor, and Greg Williams was best man. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, reside in Mableton, Ga.



MR. AND MRS. STACY BLACK

Stacy Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Black Jr. of Alto, Tex., and Leigh Ann Cleveland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cleveland of Bartlesville, Okla., were united in marriage June 1. The ceremony was performed by Robert Peoples, pastor of the Longview and Lufkin, Tex., churches. The couple reside in Tyler, Tex.



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MR. AND MRS. K. ARMSTRONG

Shirley Nancy Cheperdak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cheperdak of Victoria, B.C., and Kevin J. Armstrong, son of Murray Armstrong of Regina, Sask., were united in marriage May 24. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, a minister in the Victoria and Courtenay, B.C., churches. Sharon Hunter was maid of honor, and Edwin Stepp was best man. The couple, both 1987 Pasadena Ambassador College graduates, reside in Ottawa, Ont.



MR. AND MRS. HARRY STONE

Harry and Lena Stone of Eugene, Ore., celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary June 27. The Stones were married in 1931 in Jay, Okla. They have four daughters, three sons, 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Stone was baptized in 1953, and Mr. Stone was baptized in 1962.



MR. AND MRS. C. TURNEWITSCH

Alisa Lorraine Ulman and Christian Gustav Turnewitsch were united in marriage March 8. The ceremony was performed by Reinhold "Shorty" Fuessel, pastor of the Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Geneva, Ala., churches. Melinda Kane, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Richard Bredo was best man. The couple reside in Hamilton, Ont.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN NUNNALLY

John and Lena Nunnally celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 22. The Richmond, Va., church honored them with a set of patio furniture and a potluck after Sabbath services Aug. 29. The Nunnallys were baptized in 1982. They have one son, three grandsons and three great-grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE JORZA

George and Mary Jorza celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary May 9 with a surprise party given by their children. Youngstown, Ohio, brethren also recognized them with a celebration after Sabbath services May 30. Mr. Jorza was baptized in 1958 and serves as a deacon. Mrs. Jorza was baptized in 1963. The couple have seven children, 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. GREGORY CARDEN

Jill Louise Harper, daughter of Martha Harper and the late Roy Harper, and Gregory Todd Carden, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Carden, were united in marriage June 28 in Parkersburg, W. Va. The ceremony was performed by Steven Botha, pastor of the Manhattan and Westchester, N.Y., churches. Kelly Wagner was matron of honor, and Jeff Harper was best man. The couple reside in Parkersburg.



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OBITUARIES

MATLACK, William, 71, of Vineland, N.J., died July 28 after an extended illness. He has been a Church member since 1974. Mr. Matlack is survived by his wife of 50 years, Helen; four sons, William, Frank, Russell and Dennis; one daughter, Helen-Ann; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Arthur Dyer, pastor of the Philadelphia, Pa., and Vineland churches.

FALARDEAU, Daniel and Gabriel, were still-born Aug. 18 in Danville, Ill. The twin boys are survived by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michel Falardeau, both Church members; two brothers, Nate and Joel; and three sisters, Danielle, Chantelle and Arielle. Randy Holm, pastor of the Champaign and Springfield, Ill., churches, conducted funeral services.

NEAL, Horace, 33, of Columbus, Ga., died Aug. 25. He has been a Church member since 1972. David Mills, pastor of the Columbus and Macon, Ga., churches, conducted funeral services.

SINGLETON, Walter, 65, of Manchester, England, died May 14. He has been a Church member for 26 years.

HOLLOWELL, Harold D., 70, of Brocton, Ill., died June 23 of cancer. He has been a Church member for 21 years. Mr. Hollowell is survived by his wife, Margy; two daughters, Kathy Bradbury and Linda Crawford, both Church members; and two sons, Douglas and Rick, also a Church member. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were conducted by Randy Holm, pastor of the Champaign and Springfield, Ill., churches.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. GLYN ALBERTSON

Glyn and Marjorie Albertson of Wichita, Kan., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 23 at an open house given by their children and grandchildren. Church members and relatives attended. Mr. and Mrs. Albertson were married Aug. 25, 1937, and were baptized in 1964. They have five children, 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—The July Arbitron ratings showed that the *World Tomorrow* telecast moved up to the No. 3 position in total viewing audience for religious programming in the United States, according to Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs.

"It is interesting to note that all of the top 10 religious programs lost viewers, except for *The World Tomorrow*, which made significant gains in the 18 to 49 age bracket," Mr. Snyder said.

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PASADENA—Publishing Services mailed about 550,000 direct-mail packages offering *The Plain Truth* during the last week of August and the first week of September. Names came from 62 mailing lists rented by the Church.

"We tested 10 different packages, and the overall response is running 8 to 10 percent," said Boyd Leeson, *Plain Truth* circulation manager.

The control package has produced a 9.8 percent response, and it will be mailed to five million people in January. On the outside envelope are the words, "Money can't buy

this magazine, but we'll send it to you . . . FREE." The word *free* is a punch-out circle that shows through a cellophane cut-out on the envelope.

The direct-mail program is designed to "reach a different audience—people we wouldn't necessarily reach through television," Mr. Leeson said.

He added that Church members may receive direct-mail packages even though they are already *Plain Truth* subscribers because their names are on the rented lists.

"We've been sending direct-mail packages since 1977 with excellent results," Mr. Leeson said.

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PASADENA—A total of 48,628 calls were received in response to the *World Tomorrow* telecast titled "Dance With the Devil." Evangelist David Hulme presented the telecast, which aired the weekend of Oct. 24 and 25.

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PASADENA—WPIX, a cable station in the New York, N.Y., area, began airing *The World Tomorrow* Oct. 4. During the first

three weekends, more than 1,900 calls were received from viewers who saw the telecast on WPIX.

"The station is already among the top 10," said evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center.

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PASADENA—Dale Schurter, pastor of the Nassau, N.Y., church, demonstrated a composter to Ambassador College Landscaping personnel Sept. 2. The composter, called the Compostumbler, was donated to the college by Nassau brethren.

Mr. Schurter also serves as soil consultant for the college. He mentioned the need for the composter to Nassau brethren after a trip to Pasadena. "Several people suggested that the church buy it for the college, so we decided to do it," Mr. Schurter said.

Members sold fruit to raise the funds.

The composter, with a capacity of 18 bushels, takes organic matter and recycles it as humus. Mr. Schurter showed the right mixture of materials and how to blend the mixture to get the best product.

"It is a cylindrical object," said Ronald Grassmann, manager of the Landscaping Department. "You put the grass clippings, leaves, flower tops and other debris into it, turn it once each day, and in two to three weeks it makes compost that we can put out on the lawns and any-

where else we need it."

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PASADENA—David Albert, one of the presenters of the *World Tomorrow* telecast, filmed segments at the Sydney, Australia, Harbour Bridge Oct. 22 and 23 for a program to air in March.

John Halford was on-site director.

United States

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than two pounds, and an opening in the heart had not closed. Doctors planned to give three hormone injections. Prayer was requested from members.

"Doctors gave the first injection only, and the opening closed. Doctors stated this was unheard of after one injection," said Mr. Meyer. The infant gained three ounces in the first week after birth.

Brethren at the Mount Pocono, Pa., site experienced "quite an emotional tug" as one member died of a heart attack and a child was healed during the Feast, said Dale Schurter, assistant Feast coordinator.

A woman from the St. Louis, Mo., church, had a heart attack during the Feast and was taken to the hospital. Prayers were requested, but she died from another heart attack before her scheduled surgery.

Dr. Albert said the show is targeted at Australia's bicentennial in 1988. The program will focus on what the future holds for Australia.

"It will be partly descriptive, partly analytical and partly prophetic," he said. "It'll be a different and very interesting way of presenting the truth of the United States and Britain in prophecy outside the United States and Britain."

Prayers were requested for a child who was diagnosed as having meningitis. She was taken to the hospital for tests, but no signs of the meningitis were found.

The results were announced in services. This "caused the entire group to really pull together," said Mr. Schurter.

Community compliments

Brethren at Daytona Beach told Mr. Dick about a conversation they had with a restaurant hostess:

"She said the merchants have been discussing our people . . .

"She asked, 'What goes on at your meetings to make you so happy?' She wanted to know if she could get tickets to attend. She said that they've had other church groups here, but they preach and try to give them literature."

An article titled "Daytona Prays That Church Will Enjoy Its Stay, Return," in the Orlando, Fla., *Sentinel*, said the Feast was "a dream come true" for tourism leaders. "For months [leaders] have preached incessantly about the need for Daytona Beach to attract more families and change its tarnished image as a haven for bikers and beer-drinking college students."

Shining through the darkness

Feastgoers in Tulsa, Okla., were in the dark for a few hours before the afternoon service on the Last Great Day, according to Earl Roemer, site coordinator.

"Shortly before services were to begin a major fire erupted immediately across the street from the convention center," he said. "Power to a good portion of downtown Tulsa was lost."

The choir, which was on stage practicing when the outage occurred, sang hymns for 45 minutes while the congregation sang along.

"With an auxiliary generator, we powered up our own public address system and a light on the speaker—Mr. [Richard] Ames," said Mr. Roemer.

A strong south wind kept smoke away from the auditorium. "God's people shone brilliantly through the darkness," he added.

Quake shakes L.A., rattles AC campus

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—The Ambassador College campus suffered only minor structural damage when an earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale rocked Southern California at 7:42 a.m., Oct. 1.

The quake, first reported as 6.1 in magnitude, was downgraded to 5.9 when photographic data from seismometers in Southern California were collected and processed.

The Television Mobile Operations building on Dayton Street suffered the most structural damage. "Portions of the parapet wall were displaced with horizontal cracks," said William Scott, campus architect.

Other damage included the chimneys of Ambassador Hall and the Terrace Villa, Grove Manor and Manor Del Mar dormitories, which broke or cracked at the roof line. There were also "severe stresses on some of the columns in the underground parking structure," Mr. Scott said.

James Peoples, operation manager of Computer Information Services (CIS), who toured the campus with Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, noted other damage: "We lost some of the glass in the natatorium; a lot of small items on desks were broken; books fell; pictures toppled over; and a few lamps were broken" in some offices.

A decorative ceiling rod from the Auditorium fell and pierced the back of one of the seats. "It possibly could have caused an injury," said James Snook, director of the campus Security & Safety Departments. He said the rods have been tightened since the quake.

The epicenter of the quake, first thought to be in or near Pasadena, was later said to be in Rosemead, Calif., about 6¼ miles from campus. It was Southern California's worst quake since 1971, and it caused seven deaths.

Evangelist Dennis Luker, pastor of the Garden Grove, Calif., church, where some brethren near the epicenter attend services, said that a number of members suffered damage to their homes.

One member in Whittier, Calif., has such severe structural damage to her home that she and her hus-

band are unable to move back in. They are living in an apartment and plan to sell the land.

"There were no injuries; that's the good news," Mr. Luker said.

Campus buildings evacuated

Campus buildings, including dormitories, were evacuated. Mr. Tkach addressed students gathered in the Auditorium mall area. He encouraged them and told them a precautionary survey for structural damage would be conducted on the campus, according to Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs.

The Hall of Administration and the student center were the first to be checked, according to Gregory Albrecht, dean of students.

"The student center was then reopened to allow the students an air-conditioned place to gather and to make the students available as a general work party," Mr. Albrecht said. Classes were canceled.

Students form work force

"The student center reopened at about 10 a.m.," said Michael Kuykendall, student body president, "and work party requests immediately began coming in from the various departments. The students responded to the requests in a vol-

unteer manner—usually more than was necessary."

Classes were also canceled Oct. 2 so students could give a full day's work to their employers to help with final Feast preparations and cleanup from the earthquake.

In Mr. Albrecht's office a bookcase fell over. "It could have been very serious if someone had been working at the desk," Mr. Peoples said.

Other cosmetic damage included fallen ceiling tiles in several campus departments, minor damage to the Auditorium's acoustical ceiling and fallen plaster.

"Our [computer] hardware wasn't affected at all," said Mr. Peoples about CIS offices. "In our programing room we had extensive damage to the ceiling. It was probably one of the hardest hit areas of the work and will require considerable repair."

He added that CIS receptionist Janine Summers, who was just coming to work, sustained some injuries when she fell down the stairs. "She's the only one I know of that was injured," but it wasn't serious.

On the Day of Atonement Mr. Tkach told brethren at services in the Auditorium: "We certainly don't ever want to take for granted that God is near and He is con-

cerned about the welfare and the protection of His people, and I believe an absolute miracle was performed over the campus . . . Hopefully, it brought us to our senses to realize that circumstances aren't what they appear to be sometimes as we look about us and see the conditions of this world."



"We're closer to the end times than we realize. This is only the beginning."

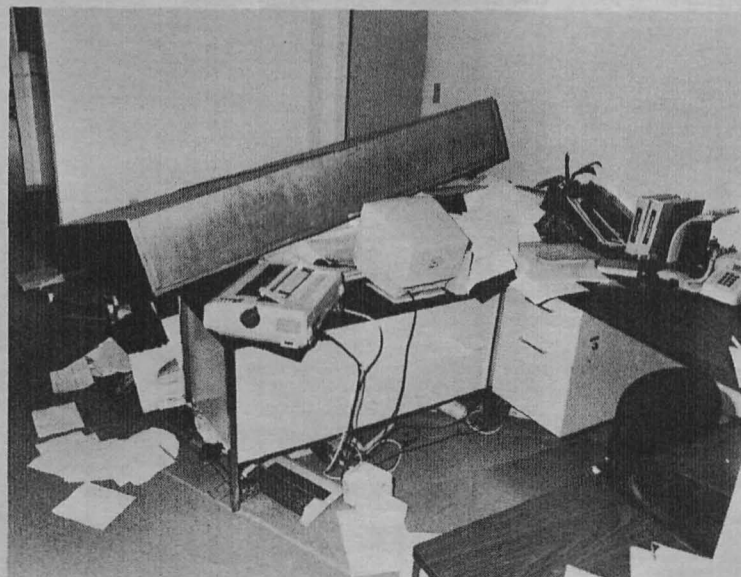
Mr. Tkach and his son, Joseph Jr., were on the second floor of the Hall of Administration when they heard the sounds that preceded the quake.

Mr. Tkach related his experience: "I said, 'What on earth is that noise? It sounds like a railroad train coming right through the building.' And then all of the sudden I realized what it was; it was an earthquake. We immediately got under a door frame and stood there and rode out the shaking. And believe me, that Hall of Administration really reeled and rolled and rattled all around."

"That was only a 6.1," he said. "Can you imagine what a 7.1 or an 8.1 or a 9.1 is going to be like?"

"We can expect those things, and we shouldn't take it for granted that we're going to constantly have these things just pass by us."

An aftershock measuring 5.3, first reported as 5.5, on the Richter scale occurred at 3:59 a.m., Oct. 4. It was the strongest of the hundreds of aftershocks that followed the initial earthquake.



QUAKE DAMAGE—Southern California's Oct. 1 earthquake leaves a Student Services office on the third floor of the Hall of Administration in shambles. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

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